



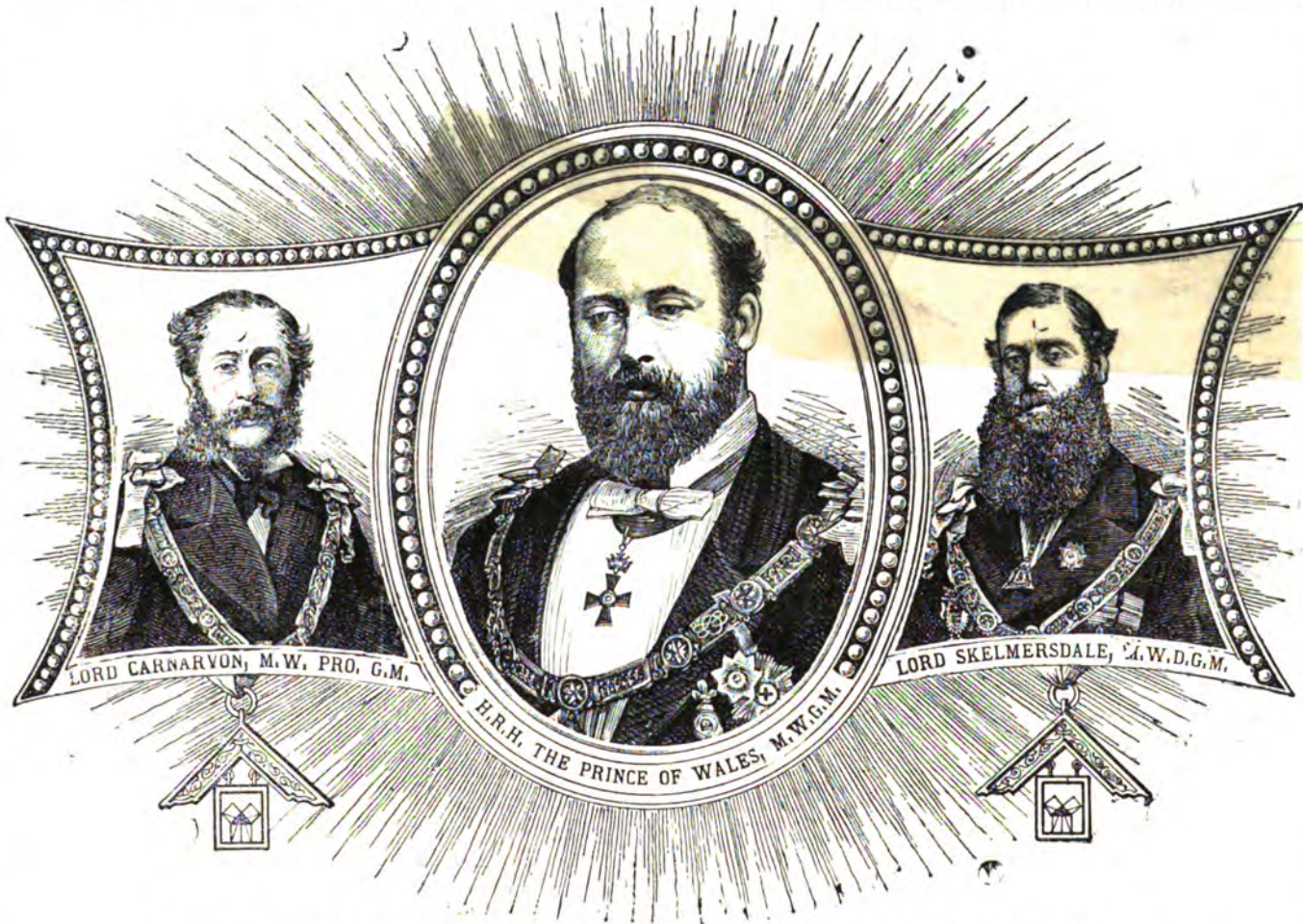
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## ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

An especial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, to receive and consider the report of the Special Committee appointed by Grand Lodge on the 6th September last, on the most appropriate mode of commemorating the thankfulness of the Craft for the safe return from India of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided; the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W.; Bro. F. Pattison, as J.G.W.; the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire, as D.G.M.; Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire, as Past G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick; Herr Wilhelm Ganz, as G. Org.; General Brownrigg; Dr. W. Rhys Williams; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Samuel Tomkins, G.Treas.; John Hervey, G.S.; A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Capt. Platt, P.G.D.; H. Grissell, P.G.D.; Rev. A. B. Frazer, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. Suffolk; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C.; Rev. J. Stucholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G. Master, Bengal; Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; J. M. Clabon P.G.D.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D.; T. W. Boord, M.P., G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.A.D.C., P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Brackstone Baker, W. S. Whitaker, S. Rosenthal, E. P. Albert, Thos. Cubitt, Joseph Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, Joseph Wright, H. G. Buss, W. Dodd, Raynham W. Stewart, John Constable, Dr. Baxter Langley, Dr. Carpenter, Rev. G. R. Portal, R. J. Spiers, J. Lewis Thomas, W. F. C. Moutrie, Israel Abrahams, Griffiths Smith, F. Davison, W. Smith, C.E.; Thomas W. White, W. Clifton Crick, J. Bingenmann, J. Tickell, Geo. Snow, W. J. Murlis, Geo. Everett, Robert J. Chappell, C. F. Hogard, Samuel Poynter, and Massey (*Freemason*) were among the other brethren who were present, who numbered altogether above 600.

Grand Secretary, after lodge was opened, read the circular convening the lodge.

Lord Carnarvon then directed Grand Secretary to read the report of the Special Committee.

Grand Secretary thereupon read the following report:—

The Committee have carefully considered the matters submitted to them, and beg to report as follows:—

1st. That the sum of £4000 be voted for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the purpose of founding two lifeboat stations in perpetuity, and in such localities on the English coast as the sub-committee hereafter mentioned shall decide.

2nd. That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Worshipful the Dep. Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful the Senior Grand Warden, be appointed to wait on the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, detail, &c.

3rd. That a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event.

The Earl of Carnarvon then rose, and was received with loud and long-continued applause. He said, Brethren—as you all know well, my general duty in this chair, and my general desire when I am there, is to discharge simply the duty of a speaker, so to say, in this Grand Lodge. I desire as a rule to offer no personal opinion and to influence in no degree the resolutions to which you may ultimately come. My general duty, to which I desire to confine myself is, so to regulate the order of your proceedings that they may be conducted with that propriety and that dignity which befits this, the general and the great meeting in which the whole of Freemasonry in England is represented and finds its voice. (Hear, hear.) This evening, under very exceptional circumstances, I pass beyond that limit, and take upon myself, as the Chairman of a Special Committee appointed by you, to make a special and exceptional recommendation to this Grand Lodge. And I am quite certain, from my long experience in Grand Lodge, that I shall not—that I need not ask you to give me, under these exceptional circumstances, all that cordial support which I have invariably met with at your hands, and which on such an occasion as this I am entitled I think, to ask for. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, you appointed at the last Grand Lodge a Special Committee to consider a difficult, and I may even add a delicate question, which you referred to it. That committee met. I was naturally in the chair; and I wish in the first instance to do simple justice to that committee when I say that no enquiries could have been fuller, no discussions could have been more exhaustive, no attention could have been more patient, than that which the committee gave to this question. No doubt they were a committee which represented, I think, very fully the opinions of the Craft. Each separate question was raised by them; each separate opinion that could find favour with the Craft, either in its general body or in its individual sections, was fully brought forward and discussed; and I have now, as the Chairman of that committee, to present you with the resolutions which embody, in fact, the report which you have heard read by the Grand Secretary. And first let me state, brethren, that the cause of your attendance here together is due simply and solely to myself. I felt, and felt strongly, that in a matter of this sort, of this importance, and where, as I am free to confess, a course exceptional and unusual is proposed—I felt that it was due to the Craft that every conceivable opportunity of discussion should be afforded—that the fullest publicity should be granted, and that no one should have a right hereafter to say that that course which was unusual in itself was adopted without the full knowledge and the full sanction of the Craft as represented here in Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear, and applause.) And this has been the reason, and this must be my excuse, why I have put you to the inconvenience and trouble of meeting me here in an especial Grand Lodge for you will see that the resolution which you will adopt to-night is simply a resolution recommending this matter to the next Grand Lodge, and further, after and beyond that Grand Lodge, affording still an opportunity of a confirmation of the minutes for any subsequent reconsideration. I sincerely hope that there will be no division of opinion on this subject. (Hear, hear.) I do not ask it for myself, though I am entitled to look for your support (cheers), but I ask it in consideration of the importance of this question, and, above all, of the illustrious person in whose name and for whose sake we are now proposing it. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, it is not so long since His Royal Highness made that most remarkable progress through India that I need recal any of its special incidents to you; it is doubtless fresh in your minds how His Royal Highness passed through the length and breadth of that wonderful—I might almost say that fabulous—Empire which it is the boast and the glory of the English crown to hold as its own. You will remember how he passed from one native State to another; how the whole pageantry, so to speak, of Indian pomp was unrolled before him; and how he, the first of English Princes, became acquainted, as it were, both with the public and

the private life of the great chiefs of that vast dependency. (Great applause.) It was not merely a matter of private interest, and of legitimate curiosity; he fulfilled, from my point of view, a great public duty (hear, hear); he learned a lesson that no books, that no public offices, that no documents, could possibly have taught him; he saw the inner life of India; and he returned more fitted to advise, more fitted to govern, than when he left these shores. (Hear, hear.) He discharged a great public duty, and he discharged it well. And when he returned to this country he met with a welcome and a reception such as no Prince of Wales ever met with before. (Cheers.) From one end of the country to the other there ran a thrill of congratulation that he had been preserved through all the difficulties and the perils of that long journey, and that he had been restored to us, as we truly hope, for the good and the welfare of this country. And if that was the welcome throughout the length and breadth of the land, nowhere was it more strongly felt, nowhere was it more heartily expressed, than it was among the Freemasons of England. (Hear, hear, and great cheering.) Brethren, our object to-night is to find some means by which we can, so far as we are concerned, erect a memorial of that successful progress of our illustrious Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and at the same time record our thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe that it has pleased Him to preserve H.R.H. through all those perils and difficulties and restore him back to us in England. (Hear, hear.) Now, brethren, there is no difficulty, I venture to think, so far as the mere question of finance is concerned. (Hear, hear.) Happily for us, unlike almost every other society—happily for us, this difficulty does not exist. Our funded property affords us the means of being just and even generous. (Hear, hear.) Our annual surplus is not less than £3000 a year; on this head, therefore, there is no difficulty. The difficulty rather is, according to a French proverb, the embarrassment that proceeds from an excess of wealth. Our difficulty is to select the object to which our money should be appropriated. Well, brethren, all of you who were present at the Grand Lodge when this question was discussed will remember that there was considerable division of opinion. Those who were members of the committee over which I had the honour to preside will remember also that there was much division of opinion among us in the first instance—though I wish to record emphatically here, this remark, that ultimately we were unanimous in our opinion. (Hear, hear, and great cheering.) Brethren, there are many different schemes, all of them admirable in themselves, which might be proposed for this object: It was proposed here in Grand Lodge to devote a certain sum to the restoration and decoration of certain old churches that were more or less connected with Masonry. It was proposed at another time to devote a certain portion to the foundation of scholarships. (Hear, hear.) It was proposed also—and I own that the proposition found for a long time great weight with me—it was proposed to appropriate it to the Charities. (Hear, hear, and general applause.) Brethren, I perfectly understand that cheer, and I heartily sympathise with it. Had I seen my way to propose to you to devote this money to the Charities I should have been the first to have come forward and give my voice in favour of it. (Hear, hear.) But it was not from want of consideration, it was not from want of predilection for that course that I have come to a different conclusion. You will observe that if you were to appropriate this money to the Charities you must appropriate it at least in one of three ways:—either you must create a new Charity—(cries of "No, no")—which found, let me say, a great many, and many zealous, and many able advocates—or you must appropriate it to one of the old Charities exclusively—("No, no")—or you must divide it among the three old Charities. (Cheers.) And I venture to observe that those are the only three courses which were possible if you dealt with it for the Charities. Well, so far as the foundation of a new Charity is concerned, I see already that Grand Lodge feels how great would be the difficulty. (Hear, hear.) I



need not go into that argument. Again, I feel equally certain that Grand Lodge would not be prepared to devote this sum of money, whatever it may be, exclusively to one single Charity. (Hear, hear.) That I see equally. Then there remains only the last course, which is to divide it amongst all three equally. Now, brethren, observe what would be the consequence of that. It could be but a small—I will even say a paltry—sum that you could distribute to each. You would fritter away that which may be a grand and lasting memorial—(hear, hear)—amongst the Charities. (Great cheering.) There could be nothing permanent, there could be nothing special in that. And, brethren, I would go further, and entreat you, in the name of and for the sake of those Charities, not to adopt what I should think so fatal a course as that. (Loud applause.) Brethren, the charities of this great Order are among the highest honours that we can show in our Masonic Crown. (Hear, hear.) When any one of those charities needs money, what is done? We appeal to the Craft, and we get what we want. (Cheers.) Brethren, I would venture to state my own personal case. Two years ago, I filled the chair at the festival of the Boys' School. I believe on that occasion over £13,000 was realised. (Hear, hear.) Do you mean to tell me, or to tell anyone else, that the Boys' School needs the paltry addition of £1500 or £2000? (Hear, hear) scraped together out of another circumstance and another occasion, with which it has no definite connection, in order to give it funds? Why, I know perfectly well, if the Boys' School needs funds we have nothing to do, but, as I did on that occasion, to appeal to the Craft at large for what we want. (Great applause.) Brethren, I therefore say, in the name of these great charities, do not do them the wrong and the injustice of applying this money to them or in any way stopping the fountain, the free-flowing fountain, which runs in their behalf. (Cheers.) Brethren, I cannot sufficiently remind you on this particular point, that our object to-night is not to find money for any one of our great Masonic Charities, but it is to record a particular event in the history of this country and in the history of Masonry, in which our Grand Master went out to India, discharged a great public duty, and returned here to the hearty and full satisfaction and amongst the unanimous welcome of the whole Craft. (Loud and long continued cheering.) Well, then, brethren, if that be so (and I think you have gone along with me so far), let me ask you what are the objects to which we should look in this particular case? They are, to put them very briefly, first of all, that any memorial which we create, so to speak, on this occasion, should be special and definite; secondly, that it should be lasting, and more than lasting, that it should be permanent; thirdly, that it should be somehow inseparably connected and bound up with some great object of charity; fourthly, that it should range even beyond the limits of the Craft, and it should for once in a way embrace in its great compass the whole nation (cheers); and, lastly, I would ask, as quite supplementary, but which still I think comes from us gracefully, that it should be such an object as that in which His Royal Highness has been known to take a lively interest, and in which he has himself taken an active part. Brethren, if you can find any one object which comprises all these different conditions, I think you will not have done amiss, you will not have gone far astray, you may be satisfied that you have, so far as it is given to human knowledge and human wisdom to do so, solved a problem which was not before solved. Well, now, the proposal I have to make to you on behalf of the committee is simply this: it is that we should establish—not for a few years, not at the mere sport of the wind and waves, to be worn and torn away, and to disappear after a time, even after a brief career, but to last in perpetuity, and to record so long as the waters wash the shores of Great Britain, the intention and the purpose of this Grand Lodge—that we should establish two lifeboats in honour of the return of the Prince of Wales. Brethren, I have gone carefully into the matter, and I find that by an arrangement with that most admirable and patriotic Institution, the Life Boat Association, it is in the power of this Grand Lodge to found

no less than two life-boats in absolute perpetuity. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.) The cost of a lifeboat will interest Grand Lodge, and therefore I will give them the figures. The cost of a lifeboat is assumed to be £550. The transport of it, with certain other incidents, to the place where it is to be maintained, is set down at £150. There are contingencies. It is then necessary to erect for it buildings so that it may be permanently housed from decay. That represents the sum of £350 more. In all, £1000. But there then comes the question of maintenance; and the maintenance cannot be put at much less than £70 a year; in other words about £2000 additional, assuming money at 3½ per cent. You perceive therefore that at that rate two lifeboats would cost no less than £6000. But if you adopt those figures it is clear that the cost of two lifeboats would amount to no less than £6000. But, by private communications which I have had with the Lifeboat Institution, they, whose operations of course extend over a very much larger area, can afford it at a cheaper rate than we could if we undertook to supply two lifeboats for ourselves. They are therefore willing to pledge themselves on the strength of their whole funds for £1000 to maintain each lifeboat. Therefore the cost of one lifeboat being assumed to be £1000, and the maintenance in perpetuity being another £1000, it will be possible if Grand Lodge agrees to this vote of £4000, for the two lifeboats to be maintained for ever and a day, in honour of the Prince of Wales' return from India. (Great cheering.) Brethren, I am not at all surprised at the liberality of the Life Boat Institution in this matter. At the same time I venture to say to Grand Lodge, it is a very satisfactory bargain for us to have made, and one which I, for my part, cordially recommend to Grand Lodge. Now, brethren, I am quite aware, as every one must be, that as regards this memorial of the safe journey and return of His Royal Highness, there may be—there are perhaps—many opinions (hear, hear). One person would like one thing; another person would like another. I would merely put it to them, that each person be content in this matter to forego to a certain degree his own individual opinion. (Hear, hear.) We are met together for a great purpose; we have no private and no selfish interests or objects in it. Let us endeavour for once to act with absolute and entire unanimity. (Loud and prolonged applause.) I think that the foundation in perpetuity of these two lifeboats does satisfy all the conditions at least which I mentioned to you. It is something special and definite; it is something lasting and permanent; it is unquestionably charitable (hear, hear, and applause); it is national as well as Masonic; and no one can doubt that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has taken the liveliest interest in it, because, on one occasion at least, he presided at the great anniversary of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, it is possible that it may be said that in this recommendation we are venturing out of the beaten track, and that we should confine ourselves exclusively to something Masonic. Well, let me remind those who think so that even on board of many a ship, labouring in many a gale, there may be many a brother Mason. (Hear, hear, and cheers,—which lasted for some time.) Those who have heard the howling of the wind during this last week, while we have been enjoying the festive season; those who still more have listened to the touching service in many of our churches, "For those who are in peril at sea,"—still more, those who under such circumstances have had father or mother, brother or sister, relation or friend, on board those ships, will feel that such a grant as I now ask you to make does not really fall beyond the circle of Masonry. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, it is true that in a certain sense such a vote as this appeals beyond Masonry to the whole outward world; and I for one rejoice when, once in a way, exceptional as it is in this case, we can put forth a hand to the outer world—that we can show that we are united to it by common ties of humanity and sympathy; that we can give the lie to the calumnies which have been so often urged against our Order, that it is a mere selfish body, actuated by selfish motives and selfish feelings. Brethren, I rejoice to give a practical proof in

refutation of such a vile calumny as that. (Hear, hear.) It is said sometimes that Masonry is a mere benefit society. We who know its principles better; we who see its workings more intimately, know that there is no truth whatever in such a representation; and I venture to think those who to-night record by their vote their assent to this proposal will have done a great and signal service to English Freemasonry throughout the whole of the world. (Cheers.) Brethren, I have but one more word to say, and it is this: this proposal may be better, may be worse; I believe it to be one of the very few proposals which could be made that on the whole comprises all the conditions that I have mentioned, and which recommends it alike to Freemasonry and to the objects which it has in view. But I venture to put it to this Grand Lodge that this vote should be absolutely unanimous. (Hear, hear.) I trust sincerely that there will be no one single voice raised in opposition at least to this. Under ordinary circumstances I court criticism; I rejoice in criticism; but I will ask you, having remitted this in a certain sense to a committee, that committee having given the fairest, the fullest, the most impartial consideration they can to it, I would ask you to forego as far as you conscientiously can the individual desire, which I admit is perfectly legitimate in every one, and if possible give it a cordial and unanimous approval. Brethren, I ask this not for the sake of the committee, not for the sake of the chair from which I now address you, but specially for the sake of the particular object we have in view, and for the illustrious person, our Grand Master, with whom that object is indissolubly connected, and for whose sake I would not have, if it was possible, the slightest difference of opinion on the subject.

(The noble lord was greeted with loud and prolonged applause on resuming his seat.)

Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire in seconding the motion said he had not the slightest idea when he came to the hall that evening from the country, that he should have had the honour to do so, but owing to the absence of the Dep. G.M., which they all regretted very much, the duty was placed in his hands. The resolution had been proposed so ably, so feelingly, and so exhaustively by the Pro Grand Master that he confessed he was pleased to have the honour. His task was an easy one; the Pro Grand Master having so fully, ably and feelingly gone into the whole subject. Although he would have to say but very few words the brethren must permit him on his own part, and on behalf of the province over which he had the extreme honour of presiding for some 26 years past. (Cheers.) To express the great pleasure it had given him to hear the resolution that had been proposed, and which emanated from the committee which was formed to take into consideration this very important subject. He entirely and completely agreed with the remark that the Pro Grand Master had made towards the end of his admirable address when he said he rejoiced to think the Freemasons stepped beyond Masonry in the proposed memorial in honour of the return of their illustrious Grand Master to this country after his long voyage. He rejoiced with the P.G.M. that the proposition went a little beyond Masonry. He quite agreed with the Pro Grand Master that this was an unusual subject and that they ought to show the great world beyond Freemasonry that they were capable of stepping out of Masonry, and associating their great body with the outer world. The three great Masonic Charities were ably supported, and if they wanted more support they did not require a paltry £3000 or £4000. He also entirely and completely agreed with the Pro G.M. when he said that there were some Masons on the ships at sea: but he went beyond the Pro Grand Master, and said there were thousands and tens of thousands of our brethren on the broad seas, that required their assistance, and therefore he appealed to the brethren to support most cordially the proposition of the Pro G.M., as he could not conceive a more English mode of assisting charity, than for the Masons of a great maritime country like England to assist their brethren on the seas. He might add, on behalf of himself, and he might say on the part of his own province, which comprised a very large



number of Freemasons, that he believed they all most cordially agreed with the proposition that had been made. (Loud applause.)

Bro. W. R. Marsh here rose to speak, but was met with general cries of "Vote." The Pro Grand Master appealed to the brethren to hear Bro. Marsh, but trusted that in anything that brother might say he would have the good feeling to say nothing which would lead to any discussion. Bro. Marsh then proceeded, expressing his surprise that after what had taken place in the Grand Lodge in September, the present resolution should have been proposed. He objected to it, and would move at once, as an amendment, that £1500—

Bro. A. E. J. McIntyre, G.R., said this could not be done, as notice of motion must be given at the Board of Masters. Bro. Marsh might move a direct negative, that the motion be not affirmed, or that it be referred to the Special Committee to re-consider their report.

Bro. Marsh, after some few remarks, moved that this matter be referred back.

Bro. Baxter Langley, amidst strong marks of dissent, seconded the amendment, and after passing a high compliment to the Earl of Carnarvon for the way in which he had introduced the original motion, and the eloquence with which he had supported it, stated that the brethren knew nothing of this motion before they came into the hall. He had not met with a single brother with whom he had conversed who did not condemn the proposition of the committee. He then advocated the cause of the charities, and said that schemes had been suggested for benefitting them. He thought that a permanent memorial would be a scholarship for the Boys' School, a new wing for the Girls' School, or a new wing for the Benevolent Institution. He then explained that although he was a member of the Special Committee he knew nothing about the recommendation, because he was not able to attend. (Laughter.)

After some remarks from Grand Registrar, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and the Rev. J. E. Cox, Bro. Marsh withdrew his amendment, and Bro. Baxter Langley withdrew his seconding of it.

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, I shall make of course no comment on what has passed, but I shall fitly, I think, express the feeling of this Grand Lodge, when I say that they appreciate the good feeling which induces both the worthy brethren who have lately spoken to withdraw from moving this amendment. It is, therefore, my duty to submit to the Grand Lodge the following resolution, which I trust may be recorded as having been unanimously passed,—“That this report be now received and adopted, and that the scheme which it proposes be recommended for adoption to the next Quarterly Communication.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: I have to state that I request the Grand Secretary to take formal note of it, that this resolution has been accepted unanimously.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**OLD CONCORD LODGE (No. 172).**—The installation meeting of the Old Concord Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. George Hockley, W.M., presided. He was supported by all his officers and a very large body of Freemasons. Bro. Harris was first raised to the Third Degree; after which Messrs. Thomas John Lewis, John Richard Doubleday, and E. Richmond Farrow were separately initiated. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M., who, with all his officers, discharged the duties most admirably. The ceremonies had the assistance of musical brethren, who gave great impressiveness and grace to them. Bro. John Emmens, P.M., P.G.P., then ascended the chair and installed Bro. Ward, W.M., elect, as Master of the lodge. After his installation, Bro. Ward, in investing Bro. George Hockley as I.P.M., addressed that brother, and said that though he felt the high honour of being Master of the lodge very much, he nevertheless regretted that the lodge would be deprived of having such an excellent W.M. as Bro. Hockley had proved himself to be. It was, however, a satisfaction to him to know that in the performance of his duties he would have on his left hand so able a brother to assist him when he wanted that assistance as the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Hockley thanked the W.M., and said that whatever assistance he could render to the W.M. he should give with the greatest

pleasure. The officers were afterwards appointed: Bros. Alfred Dottridge, S.W.; W. P. Goosey, J.W.; Hancock, Treas.; John Emmens, Sec.; Gaubert, S.D.; Hoadley, J.D.; Gladwell, I.G.; George King, P.M., D.C.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. presented a splendid Past Master's jewel to Bro. George Hockley, and in doing so said it was one of the first duties that devolved upon a Master who was newly appointed like himself, and one of the most pleasing duties he had to perform during his year of office, to present in the name of the lodge to their I.P.M. the jewel which had been awarded to him for the services he had rendered to the lodge during that year of office. He was quite sure that no remarks on his part could increase the pride which all the brethren felt in their I.P.M. They would all agree that the zeal, the assiduity, the courtesy and the gentlemanly demeanour that Bro. Hockley had shown during his year of office had been a pleasure not only to themselves, but to every visitor who had come to that lodge. Bro. Hockley had carried out his year of office in a most satisfactory manner to the brethren; and it must be a proud moment to himself when in the name of the Old Concord Lodge Bro. Hockley was invested by the W.M. with that jewel he now placed on his breast. He trusted Bro. Hockley would keep it in remembrance of his having successfully worked the lodge for the past year, and that he would not feel greater pride in any other jewel he might wear. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Hockley in acknowledging the gift said he could assure the brethren that it was no mere figure of speech on his part when he said that he could scarcely find words (in fact, he could not find words) sufficient to express his gratitude for this last and crowning mark of the brethren's favour. He felt like a man who had undertaken a journey, and who at last had arrived at his destination, only with this difference, that some men undertook journeys under very arduous and difficult circumstances; but he could say that his journey, if they would allow him to use the simile, in that lodge from the time that he was Inner Guard to the present moment had not been of a difficult kind, for it had been one of the most pleasing description, indeed, it had been so from the time he was initiated six years ago! for he had enjoyed—and he believed he enjoyed now—the confidence and esteem also as he went on of every brother in that lodge. They had given him repeated proofs of it. He had in his turn to the best of his ability, and with their kind consideration in overlooking a little fault in the first instance—he had been enabled to accomplish the height of his ambition—to occupy the chair of his mother lodge. As the W.M. had said he hoped he would not feel greater pride in any other jewel he might wear, he could only say that he possessed no other jewel than this, and he desired to possess no other. He should transmit it to his posterity in the hope that they would attempt to become in due course what he considered every man might be or should be—a good Mason. Although he had passed the chair of this lodge he should in no way, if the Great Architect of the Universe gave him health and strength, dissociate himself from it. During the next year he should endeavour to the utmost of his ability to give the W.M. every assistance that lay in his power. He knew perfectly well that there were times when, however capable a Master was of performing his duties, a word, or some little assistance thrown in, might be gratefully received by the W.M. Such would be his place. He would always, on every occasion he possibly could, be on the W.M.'s left hand, and anything else he could do to advance the interests of this lodge he would do to the utmost of his ability. For this last mark of the brethren's favour, and every other they had shown him during his Mastership of the lodge, and in every office he had filled, he returned them his hearty and sincere thanks. (Cheers.) The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Dawkins, manager of the Freemasons' Tavern. The toasts were subsequently proposed. Bro. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. of China, responded for the Grand Officers, and in the course of his speech stated that in his many years' experience he had never seen the Entered Apprentice's Degree worked with more effect by all the officers, from the I.G. up to the W.M. He would like to pay a compliment to one officer in particular. He had never in his life seen the office of Junior Deacon more beautifully performed than it had been by Bro. Gaubert, Bro. Cooper Smith, P.J.G.D. for the province of Oxford, replied for "The Visitors," and the other toasts were afterwards duly honoured. In the course of the evening a beautiful musical entertainment was given, the artistes being Miss Jessie Royd, and Bros. Henry Parker, Stedman, and Thurlay Beale. Among the brethren present during the evening were Past Masters Bros. Gurton, Holland, Jackson, Dixon, Silk, Morrin, Vorley, Geo. King, Emmens, Hockley; and visitors Bros. Cooper Smith, Prov. G.J.W. Oxford; Walker, 862; Gallant, W.M. 813; Crauford, W.M. Union Lodge, Margate; H. Massey (Freemason), besides a very large company of other visitors.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. The W.M., Bro. Blum, presided, and initiated Messrs. Sampson, Samuel and Aaron Marks. The J.W., having undertaken the office of Steward of this lodge for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the lodge voted the sum of fifteen guineas to be placed, in the name of the lodge, on his list. The lodge was then called off, and on its resumption, Bro. S. V. Abrahams, P.M., installed Bro. Victor M. Myers, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the year ensuing. The officers appointed were Bros. Blum, I.P.M.; Gulliford, S.W.; J. Lazarus, J.W.; Salomons, S.D.; Hochfeld, J.D.; Lewis Jacobs, Treas.; E. P. Albert, G.P., P.M., Sec.; Ellis, I.G.; Matthias Levy, D.C.; Davis, Steward; Simmons, Wine Steward; and George Smith, Tyler. Before the business of the

lodge was concluded, Bro. S. V. Abrahams, P.M., rose and said that he had a very pleasing task to perform. He had been requested, in the name of the lodge, to acknowledge the admirable manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the duties of his office for the past year. He had every satisfaction in making that acknowledgment, because he knew that it was not his own words only that he expressed, but that they were endorsed by the sincere feelings of all the brethren of the lodge. The brethren, anxious to evince to the I.P.M. the regard they had for himself personally, and the manner in which he had discharged his duties, had asked him (Bro. Abrahams) to present to him a jewel as a token of their esteem, which he might wear as a reminder of the efficient performance of his duties. The jewel did not represent in value the feelings which the lodge entertained towards the I.P.M., because it would have been a difficult matter to have a jewel which would properly express it; but, as he knew, Bro. Blum valued the sentiments of the lodge not by the weight of gold or the number of diamonds, but rather for the good fellowship which was evinced by asking his acceptance of the jewel. He knew Bro. Blum would receive it in the true and Masonic manner in which it was given, as a slight acknowledgment of the way in which he had conducted the business of the chair. He (Bro. Abrahams) had been asked to make the presentation, and he could not but congratulate Bro. Blum on having passed through a year highly successfully, particularly so, in more ways than one. They had had the opportunity of initiating into the Order many highly worthy men, who hereafter would shine in the Craft and be truly deserving of any high position they might attain to. In addition to this he might be permitted to say that Bro. Blum's entrance into the chair was marked by an act of charity on the part of the lodge, by giving, as far as it could, assistance to the institutions of the Order. On his leaving the chair the brethren had the happiness of saying they could again assist the Masonic institution; and this was a result most satisfactory to the brethren. Words of flattery and adulation would be unpalatable to Bro. Blum, but if he (Bro. Abrahams) was wanting in any way in expressing what ought to be done on an occasion like the present, Bro. Blum would not attribute it to a want of intention but to a want of ability. The brethren had expressed in presenting that jewel much more than he (Bro. Abrahams) could say, and more than the most eloquent man could express, but he requested to be allowed to say that he hoped the brethren would have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Blum for many years to come. In placing the jewel on the breast of the recipient he felt that, although the jewel might shine itself, there was, a jewel beneath, which shone much brighter—a truly Masonic breast. (Cheers.) Bro. Blum in replying said: I fully appreciate the honour you have conferred upon me to-night; and really I do not think I am able to express my feelings at this moment; but be assured that whatever I have done towards this lodge I have done with a true heart and with the fullest intention to give every satisfaction to you. When I first accepted the office—the high office I may say—you so generously conferred upon me, I promised that I should do my best according to my ability to satisfy you; and I am sure if I have succeeded in that I am retiring with the utmost pleasure. The honour and the good fellowship which you have shown me to-night, expressed by our Past Master Abrahams so ably, really overpowered me; and though this might be the proper place I am not fit to respond to those able words in proper form at this moment, but I am sure were I to speak for hours I could not express more than I shall in these few words—brethren, I fully acknowledge the honour you have done me, and I thank you. (Hearty applause.) The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Restaurant Royal. The customary toasts followed. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., and Bro. E. P. Albert, G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers." The W.M. in proposing "The Initiates," said that those brethren had already evinced their practical feeling of Freemasonry by contributing handsomely to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. Bros. Marks and Samuel replied, and Bro. Blum proposed "The W.M.," and stated with what pleasure he had seen that brother gradually go up the ladder of promotion till he reached the highest honour the lodge could bestow on any of its members. The W.M. having replied, Bro. Blum's health was proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Blum in replying observed: I said before in the lodge that I was somewhat at a loss to respond to the words which P.M. Abrahams spoke in my favour. I am afraid I am in a somewhat similar position at this moment, for you, brethren, have almost excelled him in flattering me. I have done no better than others. I am sure I have done nothing else but my duty. You, brethren, appointed me to that elevated position which I have occupied for twelve months, and I am sure no man ever felt more proud of that position than I did during the time I occupied the chair. But at this present moment, when I have passed it, I feel that though it was somewhat of a trouble, that trouble was a pleasure to me, because I knew that every brother would forgive any shortcomings, as they promised me the first night. If it had not been for the very judicious selection of my officers and the very eminent assistance which I have received from my immediate and other Past Masters I could never have fulfilled the duties as ably as I have done. This is an occasion when I may publicly announce to them my grateful thanks for their able assistance rendered to me during my year of office; and I know that whatever I may say now is not sufficient to express what I feel. You have evinced your good will towards me by presenting me with a beautiful jewel. Believe me, this will be a sweet recollection to me as long as I shall live. I shall always, if I am in this or any other country, remember that this has been presented by the members of the Montefiore Lodge from their esteem and good will towards me. And let me assure you, once



and for all, that I shall always do my best to maintain and uphold the dignity of the Montefiore Lodge. Allow me to resume my seat by returning you my most sincere thanks, W.M., for proposing in such an eloquent manner my health, and you, brethren, for responding to the same in such a cheerful manner as you have done, one and all. (Cheers.) The other toasts were then proposed and responded to, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. An excellent selection of music was given in the course of the evening by Bro. Grove Ellis, Bro. Grove Ellis, jun., Mr. Field, and the Misses Fanny and Clara Perfit.

**GUERNSEY.**—Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship (No. 84).—The usual meeting for the installation of the W.M. for the coming year was held at the Masonic Hall, Guernsey, on the 27th ult. The members having at a former meeting decided that they could not entrust the management of this lodge to a more courteous or more capable director than their present excellent W.M., Bro. Captain Highton Wilkins, a re-election resulted, and necessarily therefore the installation ceremony of the 27th ult. was of a purely formal character. After a few appropriate remarks from the W.M., Bro. Captain Highton Wilkins proceeded to name his officers. The selection was a very judicious one, and the well-known character and utility of the brethren so chosen is a guarantee for the successful working of the lodge for the next year. Bro. C. K. Corbin was named S.W.; Bros. Captain Corbin, J.W.; Lieut.-Col. W. M. Jones, S.D.; J. W. Ozanne, J.D.; and Bucktrout, I.G. The appointments of Treasurer and Secretary continue in the hands of our long and steady supporters of the interests of this lodge, namely, Past Masters Bros. J. Guilbert and F. Clarke. After the lodge was closed the brethren repaired to Bro. Gardner's Hotel on the Esplanade, where a splendid banquet was served, to which some forty of the brethren did ample justice. Amongst the brethren present at lodge and banquet we noticed Bros. James Galliene, P.D.P.G.M.; G. F. La Serre, P.D.G.M. Central District of Canada, and Past Grand H. of Canada; Balfour Cockburn, 31°, and P.D. G.S.W. of Gibraltar; Past Masters Stickland, Randall, Martin, Colonel Guerin, Inman, &c.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, 28th December, when their Senior Warden for the past year, Bro. Robert Sharpe, Past Provincial Grand Organist, was installed the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Despite the exceptionally wet weather and the Christmas holidays, a goodly number of the brethren attended, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twelve, and including two of the oldest Past Masters of this ancient and influential lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed in the most impressive manner by the Grand Secretary of the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and one of the Past Masters of the lodge, Bro. Le Feuvre, who at the close received the cordial thanks of the brethren for his very efficient and skilful working. Bro. Sharpe invested his officers as follows:—Bros. C. J. Phillips, S.W.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, J.W.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, Chaplain; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; J. Cole, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; H. M. Pike, Organist; Robertson and Obree, Stewards; Biggs, Tyler; and Headland and Vare, Assistant Tylers. In thanking the lodge for their confidence, the W.M. said: In placing me in the very proud position of W.M. of this old and flourishing lodge you have conferred upon me an honour which I esteem and value most highly. To-day, I may say, I have attained through your kindness the summit of my Masonic ambition, for I cannot conceive any position in the Masonic world on which a brother can look with more longing eyes or greater pride than that of W.M. of a lodge with such a past history and present influence as that of the Royal Gloucester. I am not unmindful of the very great and grave responsibilities incurred by me in undertaking the duties of this chair; at the same time, with the assistance and support which has been so kindly promised me on every hand, I am hopeful of being able to carry out those duties in such a manner as not to forfeit your confidence and esteem. My earnest desire shall be to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the comfort of its members, and if I fail in any particular—believe me, failure shall only emanate from the head and not the heart—I have confidence in the belief that I shall not appeal in vain to your forbearance and consideration. The lodge subsequently voted £10 to one of the Masonic Charities, and a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. Hickman (son of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) in recognition of his services as W.M. of the lodge during the year just closed. At the banquet, which was served later in the evening by Bro. Dartnall, the customary toasts were given. Bro. Ogden, of the Beaureper Lodge, Belper, 787, and Bro. Geo. Passenger, jun., S.W. of the Southampton Lodge, 394, responding to that of "The Visitors;" Bro. C. A. Dyer, the W.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359, acknowledging "Sister Lodges;" and P.M. Abraham, the Mayor of Southampton, responding for "The Past Masters." In acknowledging the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Sharpe said, the duty before him was one of such great responsibility that he failed to think of words which would adequately convey his gratitude to Bro. Hickman, the I.P.M., for the kindness which had prompted him to speak so generously of him, the W.M., and to all the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. There was one thing for which at the outset of his year of office he asked them to pardon him for not doing, viz., the perpetuation of those flights of oratory with which the lodge had been favoured from the chair during the past few years. He was painfully conscious of his own utter weakness and inability as an orator, and he hoped they would in this respect accept deeds in lieu of words. If the same unani-

mous goodwill and brotherly kindness was manifested towards him in the future as at the present, he had no doubt they would have a fairly prosperous and withal a happy year, which he heartily wished them one and all. During the evening several songs were sung, including, by Bro. Senior Warden, a Masonic song, composed on the occasion of the centenary of the lodge several years since by the Worshipful Master, to words by his father-in-law, Past Master G. M. Passenger, P. Prov. G.S.W.; nor must the masterly performances of the W.M. on the fine harmonium of the lodge be forgotten, as among some of the pleasanter memories both at this and other Royal Gloucester gatherings now through some years.

**HANLEY.**—Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—The St. John's Festival of this lodge was held on the 17th ult. Lodge was opened in due form, in the lodge-room at the Mechanics' Hall, by Bro. Pitchford, the retiring W.M., and that brother, with the assistance of Bro. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. Montford, installed, with the ancient ceremonies Bro. James Wain as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The newly elected W.M. afterwards appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. Thomas Ashworth, S.W.; John Beardmore, J.W.; Spencer Lawton, S.D.; Titus Jones, J.D.; W. J. Carr, I.G.; John Bromley, Steward; the Rev. Joseph Westbury, Chaplain; Stringer, Organist; Thomas Bickley, P.M., P.G.J.D., Treasurer; Fred Brandon, Secretary; James Montford, P.M., D.C. The banquet was served at the Queen's Hotel, in Bro. Gofton's exquisite style. After the banquet, the loyal toasts were given from the chair, and were musically supplemented, Bro. Taylor singing the solos. The principal Masonic toasts were also given from the chair. Bro. Rogers (Birmingham), who was received with considerable applause, proposed "The R.W. the Earl of Shrewsbury, P.G.M.," mentioning that on the occasion of the installing of Bro. the Prince of Wales, the Earl had placed his house in Dover-street at the service of the Staffordshire brethren. At the *dejeuner* a table was allotted to each lodge in the province, and vehicles were provided to convey the Staffordshire brethren to the scene of the great ceremony. The toast was given with Masonic honours, vigorously led by Bro. Rodgers, as father of the lodge. The song, "The fine Masonic Brother," was sung by Bro. Greatbach. Bro. Montford proposed "The R.W.D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present," several of whom, he observed, were present. At this stage, Bro. Rodgers, being forced to leave to catch a train, was treated to a hearty round of cheering, which he feelingly acknowledged, congratulating the lodge on its present evident vitality as compared with its state in the far away past. The glee "Mynheer Van Dunk" was capably sung by Bros. Taylor, Montford, Brandon, and Wain on the brother's departure. Bro. Bickley acknowledged the toast of "The P.G. Officers." Bro. Marsh also responded. Bro. Pitchford, the Past W.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom it had been a satisfaction to him to install, and who he was quite sure would maintain the dignity of the office. Bro. Wain, in responding, said he hoped to maintain the dignity of the lodge and its prestige, and at the end of his year of office to resign the office as untarnished as he found it. Bro. Crapper proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which several brethren responded. Bro. Bradford proposed "The Host, Bro. Gofton," alluding in congratulatory terms to Bro. Gofton's recent marriage. Bro. Gofton, in responding, said he had recently entered another lodge, the lodge of matrimony, and had just returned from a short consequent holiday, but he could assure the brethren that nearly the whole time he had been absent he had had that day's banquet on the brain, and was gratified to learn that it had given satisfaction. Bro. Hales, proposing "The I.P.M.," said the thanks of the lodge were due to Bro. Pitchford for the exertions he had put forth during his year of office. Bro. Pitchford, responding, said he had as Master discharged the duties to the best of his ability, and though he was conscious of many failures, he carried out of office many pleasant reminiscences of his official year. Bro. Hamshaw proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and the toast was acknowledged by the S.W. Bro. Piercy proposed "The Masonic Charities," observing that Menturia stood second to no lodge in the province in respect of support of the charities. Bro. Taylor, in responding, said that the lodge numbered something like a score of life subscriberships, and whoever had been instrumental in securing this result might feel proud, for their charities stood first and foremost of charities in the world. Some complained that too good an education was imparted in their schools; they, however, did not regard the children as waifs and strays, but as children of gentlemen, and treated them accordingly, the education given being above that of any other charity. But in this province, besides supporting the school and other general charities of the Order, they were now supporting and educating at home thirteen fatherless children of the province, besides otherwise assisting the widowed mothers. The Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. Palmer, closed the programme. In the course of the evening, songs were contributed by Bros. Brandon, Mountford, Taylor, and White.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The Christmas meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Dec. 27th, when there were present Bros. Col. Stuart, P.G.S.W. England, W.M.; Wilkinson Finlinson, P.M., S.W.; Capt. Colburn, J.W.; Coombs, S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Thody, I.G.; Reynolds, Tyler; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, Treas.; Alderman Bull, Steward; Rev. C. Brereton, B.C.L., R.D., Chap.; Capt. Green, I.P.M.; and other brethren to the number of nineteen; seventeen of whom sat down after labour to a very good supper. The routine business having been disposed of, the I.P.M. read a communication that he had received when W.M. from the Luton, Leighton-Buzzard, and

Dunstable Lodges, stating that those three lodges had passed a resolution in favour of petitioning Grand Lodge to create Bedfordshire a province, and asking the Stuart (Bedford) Lodge to co-operate with them in this object. After some discussion it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the question should be referred to a committee, consisting of the P.M.'s and officers of the lodge, which should report upon the whole subject to the lodge at some future meeting. The general feeling seemed opposed to the measure, but the brethren deemed it better to obtain more information before coming to a definite conclusion upon so important a subject.

### Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—The January meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Little Britain. Present: Bro. Charles Hursley, W.M.; E. H. Thielley, S.W.; Thomas Cubitt, P.M.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; T. Burdett Yeoman, P.M.; George Newnham, W. E. Newton, and John Gilbert, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidate for advancement was unable to be present. There being no other business, the lodge was closed in due form.

### Scotland.

**AUCHTERADER.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 46).—This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, 27th ult. In the evening the brethren met in their lodge, where they formed themselves into a procession, and headed by the band of the 15th Perth Rifles and a number of torch-bearers, marched through the town. There having been no procession by the Masons for a long number of years, their turn-out on Tuesday night attracted much attention. It was no easy task for the processionists to march through the "lang town" amongst deep snow. Lately a large number of new members joined the society. A business meeting was afterwards held, and the following appointed office-bearers:—Messrs. P. Malcolm, P.W.M.; Josiah Smitton, P.M.; John Sinclair, D.M.; Andrew Miller, G.M.; Dr. M'Fec, G.W.; T. Caw, J.W.; Robert Miller and David M'Ewen, Stewards; A. G. Reid, Secretary; James Smitton, Treasurer; George Mailer, jun., J.W.; George Mailer, sen., Chaplain; David Martin, Tyler; and James M'Culloch, Hall-keeper. The brethren afterwards dined together.

**BEITH.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 157).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on the evening of Wednesday, 27th ult. Bro. Wm. Grey, W.M., occupied the chair. The brethren were pleased to receive a deputation of the Royal Blues, from Kilbirnie, headed by Bro. M'Queen; a deputation from Blair Dalry, headed by Bro. Thorburn; and a deputation from the Mother Kilwinning, headed by Bro. Wylie. The brethren, with a display of lighted torches, preceded by the instrumental band, escorted the W.M. from his residence to the lodge-room. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the evening was spent in toast, song, and sentiment, and selections by the band were given at intervals.

**JOHNSTONE.**—Houston St. Johnstone Lodge (No. 242).—This lodge celebrated the anniversary of St. John on the 27th ult., in the Cross Keys Hotel, which belongs to Mr. David Stevenson. There was no public promenade with music. The weather was very inauspicious. The brethren spent the evening very felicitously.

**GRANGEMOUTH.**—Zetland Lodge (No. 391).—The annual festival of St. John was celebrated by this lodge on Wednesday night, the 27th ult., in the Royal Hotel. Previous to the banquet the following office-bearers were installed:—Bros. James Kennedy, W.M.; James Baxter, P.M.; Andrew Taylor, S.M.; Eml. Christensen, D.M.; William Peddie, S.W.; E. Voigt, J.W.; James Walls, Sec.; George Young, Treas.; Thomas Osborne, S.D.; John Houston, J.D.; Theo. Dunkel, S.S.; George Palmer, J.S.; Peter Buchanan, B.B.; Rev. A. Falconer, Hon. Chap.; John Gibson, Bard; John Lawson, Architect; Iver J. Klovberg, Foreign Correspondent; S. Selstrim, I.G.; George Wilson, Tyler. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts followed, and also songs from several of the brethren. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**EDINBURGH.**—Lodge Caledonian (No. 392).—The brethren of this lodge met in the Albert Street Hotel, Hanover-street, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, 27th December, 1876, for the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, and all the Past Masters were present, except one. The lodge was opened by Past Master Bro. Donald Swanson, and, after the office-bearers who had been previously nominated had been elected, he conducted the installation of the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Bryce. The newly elected and installed W.M. then proceeded to install the remainder of the office-bearers in the following order:—Bros. A. D. Cairns, P.M. and Treas.; Donald Swanson, D.M.; Geddes Calder, S.W.; William Archibald, J.W.; Robert Lumsden, Sec.; Rev. A. Stewart Muir, Chaplain; John Macpherson, S.D.; Robert Steele, J.D.; W. B. Brodie, Architect; Jas. Gray, 1st Std. Br.; Wm. Donaldson, 2nd Std. Br.; John Gray, G.S.; J. Breckenridge and J. Kirk, Stewards; Charles Robertson, Bard; Alexander Peacock, B.B.; R. M. Kerr, Physician; A. Burnet Reid, I.G.; David Young, Tyler. Committee—Bros. W. W. Wotherspoon, P. R. Haddow, David Sang, Robert Cumming, C. J. Paton, William Marshall, A. R. Macqueen, John Fletcher. The installation ceremonial having been concluded, the



lodge was closed, and the brethren having unclothed, repaired to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous dinner was in waiting for them. Justice having been done to the good things, they proceeded to the robing-room, and being again duly clothed, re-assembled in the lodge room, when the lodge was again opened by the W.M. for the purpose of receiving deputations, and of sending deputations to the various lodges of the city, as is usual on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The usual routine toasts having been disposed of, deputations were sent out, and those from other lodges received, the brethren at the head of which gave brief congratulatory addresses. At a later period of the evening a deputation appeared, headed by Bro. Donald Macgregor, M.P. for the Leith Burghs; and it was proposed by the R.W. Master, Bro. Bryce, that as Bro. Macgregor had done good service in the Craft he should be affiliated a member of the Lodge Caledonian, which motion, having been seconded by Bro. Chalmers J. Paton, Past Master, was unanimously agreed to. The lodge being called from refreshment to labour, Bro. Macgregor advanced to the altar and was duly affiliated. During the evening a number of very pleasant songs were sung and recitations given. The lodge was closed in due form by the W.M.

**ROTHESAY.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 392).—This lodge celebrated their anniversary on Wednesday, 27th ult., by a supper in the Victoria Hotel, Bro. Alexander Duncan, W.M., presiding. About 50 brethren were present, and a very harmonious evening was spent.

**MILLPORT.**—Lodge Kelburne (No. 459).—At the meeting of this lodge on St. John's-night, the following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year, namely:—Wm. Wishart, W.M.; Matthew Swan, P.M.; Rev. H. H. Richardson, D.M.; Dr. McGowan, S.M.; John Cunningham, S.W.; James McConnochie, J.W.; William McGraw, D.C.; James Ross, Treas.; John Jowill, Sec.; Alex. Gibb, S.D.; James Paterson, J.D.; Wm. Orr, B.B.; John McLaughlin, S.B.; Wm. McLaughlin, I.G.; Thos. Hunter, Tyler; Alex. Houston, J. Montgomery, J. Pattison, and Wm. Dickson, Stewards. The installation was unavoidably postponed, on account of the indisposition of Bro. Wm. Wishart, the new W.M., who was seriously injured by being blown off the roof of his house during a severe storm which occurred about a month ago. The lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. It was intimated that the lodge would shortly receive an official visit from Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., and other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for giving them a hearty reception. It may be mentioned that the Rev. H. H. Richardson has been elected P.G. Chaplain, and Alexander Hunter, P.G.J.D. Both are members of the Lodge Kelburne.

## Ireland.

### DUBLIN.

On Saturday last, previous to the meeting of the corporation, the Liberal members held a meeting, pursuant to a circular which had been issued, to consider what steps should be taken to censure the Lord Mayor for having recently entertained in the Mansion House sixty gentlemen at a private dinner, to which a Masonic character has been attributed. The circular represented the question to be one of vital importance to the Liberal interests. After prolonged deliberation, the meeting determined to permit the Lord Mayor to leave the Mansion House uncensured. Among those present were at least three brethren.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual new year's entertainment to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon was given on Wednesday last, and, in spite of the very bad weather, several of the friends and supporters of the Institution made the journey, in order to assist in giving the old folks a day's enjoyment. Among the ladies and brethren who attended were Bro. Dr. Strong, honorary surgeon of the Institution; Mrs. Strong; Bro. James Terry, P.M., Prov. G. Dir of Cers. Herts., Secretary of the Institution; Mrs. Terry, Master J. E. Terry, Miss Terry, Bro. John Newton, W.M. 1607; Bro. Wallington, P.M. 860; Bro. W. Cook, J. Killick, C. Gibson, E. G. Legge, Treasurer 1607; C. H. Webb, 174; Baldwin, Mrs. Baldwin, Bro. W. Lane (Collector), Mrs. Lane, Bro. W. H. Main, P.M. 860, and Mrs. Main; Bro. R. H. Halford, J.D. 228; Mrs. Halford; Bro. R. Pearcey, 228; Miss Pearcey; Bro. C. Reepe, Bro. H. Massey (Freemason), Mrs. Massey, Bro. J. Stock, S.D. 1178, Mrs. Stock, Mr. Robinson, and Mrs. Cooksey.

The proceedings commenced at two o'clock, when the whole party of visitors and inmates sat down to a splendid repast, consisting of Christmas cheer. The hall was beautifully decorated with emblems of the season, among which where the "Merry Christmas," "A Happy New Year," and "Welcome." There were also some Masonic devices on the walls, and wreaths of artificial flowers. The flowers and choice plants on the table were lent by Dr. Strong, who took the head of the table, having on his left Mrs. Terry. Bro. Terry took the vice-chair, and the visitors assisted in ministering to the comforts of the old people. All the provisions were presented by some of the visitors. Mrs. Strong presented the plum puddings, Mrs. Terry the mince pies, and Bro. Terry the turkeys and fowls.

After the dinner, the inmates of the asylum were presented with packets of tea and tobacco, given by Bro. W. Hale, of Drury Lane; and Bros. Legge and Webb presented each inmate with a quart bottle of fine whiskey.

Bro. Fowler, 754, sent a case of Lorne whiskey, and Bro. James Hill, S.W. 228, a case of cherry brandy.

After dinner the ladies paid a series of visits to the annuitants' residences, took tea with them, and kept them cheerful till the entertainment of the evening commenced.

At seven o'clock they all assembled in the hall, where the company were treated to a display of dissolving views, the expense of which exhibition was defrayed by Bros. Halford, Pearcey, Reepe, and Stock.

During the interval between the two parts of the exhibition the company were regaled with cake and wine. The whole of the arrangements, which gave general satisfaction both to the annuitants and visitors, were ably conducted from beginning to end.

Mrs. Cooksey presided at the piano, which was played at intervals during the evening, and Miss Terry as she always does on these occasions, delighted the company with some choice performances of vocal music.

The dissolving views showed different scenes in old and new London, and were wonderfully faithful productions. After having been shown old and new London, the visitors were taken by surprise by an exact representation of the asylum in which they were then sitting, and the closing piece was a likeness of Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, on the appearance of which the company immediately struck up, "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow."

In the course of the evening Bro. Norris, the Warden of the Asylum, presented to Dr. Strong, in the name of the inmates, a handsome gold lever hunting watch, which had been subscribed for by the annuitants. The following inscription in the case of the watch explains the presentation: "Presented by the residents in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, to Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., in grateful appreciation of many acts of loving kindness evinced by him as honorary surgeon for thirteen years, during which time he faithfully and assiduously ministered to their comforts and alleviated their sufferings in every way. 3rd January, 1877." The presentation was accompanied by a neat little speech, in which Bro. Norris set forth the many particulars in which the annuitants were indebted to Dr. Strong. There was also presented to the Doctor a handsome mahogany case for microscopical objects, with a somewhat similar inscription to that on the watch. There was also presented to Mrs. Strong a beautiful gold locket, with her monogram on it in burnished gold. Both Dr. Strong and Mrs. Strong acknowledged the gifts in appropriate terms. A vote of thanks was awarded to the founders of the feast, and Bro. Terry's services were acknowledged by a vote of thanks. In the course of his reply Bro. Terry informed the company that he had received from the province of West Lancashire a very handsome donation to defray the expenses of the entertainment of that day; and he was informed that Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., was amongst the contributors to this donation.

The brethren and ladies returned to town late in the evening, after wishing all the inmates of the Asylum a 'Happy New Year.'

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming festival of 12th February, was held on Thursday, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, Geo. Lambert, W. Hale, G. Verry, G. M. E. Snow, S. Rosenthal, Joseph Tanner, J. M. Case, Rev. R. J. Simpson, H. R. Cooper Smith, Rev. W. Taylor Jones, S. G. Foxall, J. W. Baldwin, Jas. Faulkner, W. J. Ferguson, G. H. Wright, C. W. Gray, Geo. Roper, James Shilcock, Walter Wellsman, W. Hicks, S. H. Webb, C. J. Livett, A. Durrant, J. M. Lockwood, John P. Probert, Geo. Corble, Chas. H. Turner, F. Pendred, John S. Merick, J. Knight, J. Hassock, Chas. Daniel, Col. H. Somerville Burney, C. Creedy, Chas. W. Clark, Joseph Clever, Robt. Grigg, Nelson Reed, J. Hutchinson, Robert E. Stevenson, W. Knight, J. T. Robertson, H. Higgins, Thos. Smith, Thos. Hastings, Samuel H. Rawley, W. S. Cantrell, W. Toye, Robt. Secker, Geo. J. Row, E. H. Thielay, B. Carter, Capt. W. Reg. W. Williams, H. A. Stacey, Geo. R. Saper, and S. R. Lambie.

Bro. Terry announced that the 14th of February, which day the Prince of Wales had appointed for the festival, being Ash Wednesday, that was pointed out to Prince Leopold, who had consented to take the chair, and His Royal Highness altered the day for the festival to Monday, the 12th.

Bro. J. M. Case, J.G.D., was elected president of the Board; S. Tomkins, G.T., Treas.; and James Terry, Sec. Bro. Terry said he had already 220 stewards. The board then settled the bill of fare for the festival with Bro. Dawkins, the manager of Freemasons' Tavern. The price of the ladies' tickets was fixed at 10s. 6d. each; the gentlemen's tickets one guinea. Authority was given for printing 750 tickets; to be sent to each steward. Twenty complimentary tickets were authorised. Directions were given for applying to the Board of General Purposes for the use of the Temple. The Steward's fee was fixed at two guineas. Thirty guineas were authorised to be disbursed for music. The Musical Committee was appointed, Bros. H. M. Levy, S. Rosenthal, C. J. Livett, and Martyn being elected, Bro. Case being president of that committee. The toasts of last festival were arranged to be on the programme for this year. The board then adjourned to the 29th inst. at 4 p.m.

"Twenty years of the Life of a City Buyer," which will be full of home and continental incidents, is in the press.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Grand Cross of the Star of India on Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn.

A presentation was made at Sandringham on Monday, the 1st inst., to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by the clergy and tenantry of the estate, "in commemoration of his safe and happy return to his country home, after a most successful visit to British India." The casket, specially designed and manufactured by Bro. Emanuel, of the Hard, Portsea, is in the *repoussé* style, and of oriental character, depicting scenes connected with the Prince's visit, and bears his portrait. The presentation, which took place at the hall, was made by the Rev. Wm. Lake Onslow on behalf of the donors, who were present on the occasion.

The Archbishop of Canterbury proposes to leave Addington Park for three weeks. Letters for his Grace to be addressed to the Chaplain, Lambeth Palace. All communications respecting the vacant diocese of Truro to be addressed to the Vicar-General's Office, Doctors'-commons.

The Town Council of Southampton have resolved to support the memorial to the Government for the establishment of the India Museum upon the Thames Embankment.

We are given to understand that a prose work will shortly be published with the somewhat strange title of "Peregrinations in Hell." Two D.D.'s of the Church of England will write the preface.

We understand that Bro. T. Burdett (Yeoman) is about to publish his Masonic and other poems, by the request of many brethren. It is his intention to devote the profits to the Masonic Charities. We wish him success.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held in the Masonic Hall, Leeds, on Wednesday, the 10th January.

We think it right to state that the translation of the "Symbol Tafel," which appeared in our Christmas number, is taken from a paper in the Bauhütte by Bro. Dr. R. Schoener.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, meets every Friday evening, at 25, King Edward-street, Liverpool-road, N., at half-past seven. Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M. 975, P.M. 1524, has been elected Preceptor.

The first meeting of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, was held on Thursday evening, at the Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-street, and was well attended. The new lodge will meet regularly every Thursday evening, at eight o'clock.

**BELGRAVE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—In our late notice of the removal of this lodge from the Lyceum Tavern, 354, Strand, and the consequent opportunity afforded brethren for establishing one or more lodges in this central locality, the name of the Proprietor was inadvertently misspelt. Our attention having been called, we correct same by stating that Bro. Charles Cann, 192, is the Proprietor.

**WALTERS TESTIMONIAL.**—A final meeting of the committee took place on Saturday last, at the offices of Dr. Baxter Langley, and we are happy in being able to state that the amount subscribed has already reached the handsome sum of £170. The testimonial will assume the form of a purse, and the presentation will take place at Anderton's Hotel on Saturday, the 27th inst.

**CIVILIZATION OF AFRICA.**—We learn that the Prince of Wales has declined, on advice, to accept the presidency of the British committee intended to co-operate with the association formed under the presidency of the King of the Belgians for the purpose of promoting the exploration and improvement of Africa.

Mrs. Brassey, relict of the late Mr. Brassey, the railway contractor, and mother of Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P. for Hastings, died at the Victoria Hotel, St. Leonards, on Wednesday afternoon.

A special meeting of the members of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction will be held on the 15th inst., to determine on the future of the lodge.

**EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.**—One of those gatherings, marking the interest taken by some of our large firms, in catering for the amusement and instruction of their employes, took place on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., at Messrs. Oetzmann & Co.'s, the well-known house furnishers, of Hampstead-road, in connection with the mutual improvement society and library established on the premises, when a lecture was delivered to an audience of about five hundred, in one of their large show-rooms, by the Rev. Jackson Wray, entitled, "The Wisdom of Aesop." The lecture, which is one of the course delivered to the Young Men's Christian Association at Exeter Hall, is full of the mirth and wisdom of the old fabulist, and well adapted to the occasion and the present season.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances or so fortified by nature as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrh, coughs, and influenza everywhere abounding, the ointment, diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies and securely wards off more grave and dangerous diseases of the throat and lungs. The truth of this assertion must remain unquestioned in the face of thousands of unimpeachable living attestors, who have personally derived the utmost possible benefit from this simple treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their prospects most disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.—ADVT.



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	£	s.	d.
Allen, M. Canada, (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
Baker, H. T., Trinidad (P.O.O.)	0	12	0
Braithwaite, H., West Indies (P.O.O.)	0	17	0
Bunting, W. F., New Brunswick (P.O.O.)	5	0	0
Bushell, J., New South Wales (P.O.O.)	2	0	0
Cox, F., India (P.O.O.)	0	12	0
Francis, W. H., San Francisco (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
Hendry, H., New Zealand (P.O.O.)	0	3	6
Hill, W., New Zealand (P.O.O.)	0	12	0
Jackson, G., New York (P.O.O.)	1	4	0
May, J. J., New York (P.O.O.)	0	15	0
St. John's Lodge, Araduen (P.O.O.)	2	3	0
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Wilkinson, B.G., Japan (Draft)	1	8	0

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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following reports and other communications stand over.

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Report of Stockport Lodge is too long for our now crowded columns.

Conservation of the Starkie Lodge, No. 1636, next week. Masonic: Queris.—"A. T." next week.

Reports of the following Scotch Lodges to hand:—9, 34, 7, 20, 30, 50, 76, 129, 581, 592.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

HARKNESS.—On Nov. 28, the wife of F. Harkness, Deputy-Commissioner, 174, Bengal, of a son.

RAYNER.—On the 2nd inst., at Abbot's-road, Kilburn, the wife of W. S. G. Rayner, Esq., of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

WEST—JUKES.—On the 1st inst., at Christ Church, Crouch-end, Frederick West, of North-hill, to Caroline Augusta, daughter of the Rev. A. Jukes, of Highgate.

## DEATHS.

BRASSEY.—On the 3rd inst., Mrs. Brassey, mother of Bro. T. Brassey, M.P.

FRANCIS.—On the 27th ult., Bro. W. H. Francis, Treas. Lodge 1276, at Liscaud.

HUGO.—On the 31st ult., at the Rectory, West Hackney, Thomas Hugo, M.A., priest and rector, aged 57.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JAN. 6, 1877.

## THE NEW YEAR.

With the new year we beg to offer to our many readers, in all parts of the known world, our hearty good wishes for a happy new year and as they say, "many of them." The passage of time has ever been a favourite theme for the moralist and the sentimentalist, as well as for the serious philosopher, or the impressive teacher. Indeed it is, we think, almost impossible for any one, unless entirely deadened to every sense of general or personal teaching, of external or internal impressions, not but to feel often much moved by the remembrance of the flight of time, the departure of an old year, the advent of a new one. For time has a deep and abiding interest for us all alike, inasmuch as it constitutes the span and the limit of our own little evanescent life. As we look back to-day in our minds on the "years that are past," as we count each yearly calendar which makes up our own humble chronicle, as we survey the onward march of events, and the changes and perturbations of the world in which we live, we see how swiftly time has sped away, amid those hurrying years which we have called our own. We were young and active, and hale and strong, but yesterday, as it were, in the panorama of life, and now we are weak and weary, tempest-tossed and time-tried old men to-day. Youth and maturity have yielded to the tottering steps of age, and our sands are running out apace. For us the change from the old to the new year must have many awakening considerations, may have some special and lasting concern. And even those of us on whom no signs of decrepitude or decadence as yet appear, to whom life is still given in ample measure, and in happy powers, even they must feel, we think, that every new year has a personal message full voiced if loving for them. We do not propose to preach a sermon, and therefore we will merely add, without too much of sentimentality, that each new year reminds us necessarily of the old—of old friends, old days, old scenes, old dreams. It is a very curious fact, alike in our human physiology and our human psychology, that we are none of us the same as the years pass over our heads. We seem to be so; we go about our wonted duties; we eat, sleep, speak, move, act like other men, and yet for us all a change, often imperceptible, is coming on us year by year. But amidst all this tendency to physical and moral change, remember, one thing ever clings to us all—the humanity of our being. For us, unless we are hopeless unbelievers, or dreary materialists, this world has ever a two-fold interest, in that it calls us for a time to a passing present, in that it is the pathway to another and a better, and an eternal existence. The friends we love, the hopes we cherish, the affections we prize, the home we count so dear, the pleasant attractions which surround our pathway, and make life so welcome and so enjoyable to us all, in its purest aspects—in all these things we have a most living interest and concern, even though we know that they are at the best but "passing shadows" which fall upon "this fitful scene." Still, without them life would not be life. Wanting them, man would know neither happiness nor hope, neither refreshment nor rest here. And within due bounds, not only is our regard for these earthly ties and sympathies allowable, most allowable, but some of the best emotions of man's nature come from this full play of the tidal waves of love, tenderness, devotion, reverence, affection. And if, as we said before, they, alas! "perish with the using," if they still are earthly and decaying, yes, and dying all, yet there lingers with them the breath of primeval innocence, there resides in them a germ of eternal growth and fruition. Yes, Hope, like a meteor star, and with uplifted hand, points ever through this world to the next, from time to eternity, amid blighted hopes and faded hours, and broken hearts, and haunting sorrows, to that far off land, where the "wicked cease from troubling," where the "weary are at rest," and where all that was good and true, and beautiful

here, is destined to adorn and beatify we humbly hope and believe the eternal destiny of our moral being. What a wonderful thing, then, is Time, how full of temporal responsibilities, how pregnant with immortal aspirations. If to-day we look back on past hours with a sigh, remembering faded years, and parted friends, if we regard the new year with mingled feelings of doubt and fear, as ignorant of what remains for us behind Time's mysterious veil, we still can learn, in faith and trust, to look on, through all these outer signs and things, to that greater future, when all shall be made plain and enduring for evermore. Each new year tells us that we have reached another milestone on our journey, another turning on our road. How much longer we shall travel on who of us all can say? Leave, then, we must, and leave we will, the future pathway of our feet to the infinite goodness and wisdom of the G.A.O.T.U., and amid the tumults of time, the revolutions of the world, the progress of years, the passing away of those we love, amid the inevitable changes and chances of this most mortal state, we as faithful Craftsmen can commit, without a fear or hesitation, all our plans and hopes and joys and longings, and our future and present life to the good Providence of an Eternal God.

## TIME AND CHANGE.

It is impossible, though we be purely Freemasons, and in no sense of the word, however remote, politicians, that we cannot but feel deeply interested in those general events of public life which the old and new year bring before us all. Without expressing opinions, we still can deal with facts, and these facts, in our view, are very weighty ones, indeed! We leave 1876, and enter on 1877, in the midst of anxious solicitude for the peace of Europe. A cruel war has devastated some fair provinces, and deeds of license and barbarism, always evoked by the ruthless genius of war, have made humanity shudder, and left us a tale of horror which other generations will denounce and deplore. In the interest of Peace, all Europe seems at last agreed, and we can only trust that by some well-adjusted measures the Conference at Constantinople will secure the pacification and good government of Bulgaria and the Herzegovina, and the tranquil progress of Servia and Roumania. Not only this, but we, who that in Turkey itself identical rights may be meted out to all creeds and classes, and that good government and uncorrupt legislation may be the heritage of Mussulmans and Christian and Hebrew equally. It is impossible but as Freemasons we should desiderate the prevalence of peace, and fervently pray that in the great cause of civilization and humanity, the sword will be sheathed which has wrought such havoc amid an innocent and suffering people, and that for the future any repetition of the dreadful atrocities which have afflicted us all alike so greatly, may become an utter impossibility in the history of man. May our hopes and wishes all be realised, alike humanitarian and Masonic in the New Year, now before us, and may Peace, with its benign blessings and brighter progress, efface the sad memories of the past year, and restore hope and safety to now desolated and ravaged regions, and give relief to Europe, and spread good will amongst mankind.

## BRO. CAUBET'S REMARKS ABOUT BRO. HERVEY.

In the *Monde Maconique* for December occur the following, in our opinion, very foolish remarks of Bro. Caubet at page 346. Having given the able and seasonable speech of our distinguished brother the Grand Secretary in extenso, Bro. Caubet says, after a good deal very little to the purpose:—"Thus we are warned. If the French Masons do not get rid of the unbelievers who are among them, if they do not make a sufficient provision of Bibles, (there exists in England a society which will furnish them at the cheapest price), they must expect to be excommunicated by English Masonry, and the United Grand Lodge of England will have nothing for them but contempt, perhaps worse, so long as Bro. Hervey is the all-



powerful Grand Secretary." Now, we wish to say at once, that Bro. Caubet, in writing in this way, commits a grave "betise," to use a French expression, and shows alike bad manners and an un-Masonic temper. It is this overhand bullying position, assumed by a bellicose party in the Grand Orient, that all Anglo-Saxon Masons object to and protest against. Let Bro. Caubet rest assured that Bro. Hervey represents the unanimous feeling of all Freemasons in this country, for it is quite clear that Bro. Caubet is little aware how very much the unwise proceedings of the Grand Orient of France have alarmed all sincere Masons, who are zealously attached to their good old Order. These proceedings, let him bear in mind, are regarded by all thinking Masons as a miserable playing into the hands of the Ultramontane faction, by the folly and restlessness of an able but advanced party, which is resolutely bent on fulfilling Bishop Dupanloup's prophecy, and declaring French Freemasonry before the world "Sans Dieu." We have heard lately of the "Morale sans Dieu," now we are to have "La Maçonnerie Sans Dieu," severed, from that profession of faith in the G.A.O.T.U. which is an universal formula of Freemasons, and a necessary pre-requisite of admission all through the world into our religious and Masonic brotherhood. We would earnestly advise Bro. Caubet, in all good will, to change his tone when he speaks again of one so highly respected as Bro. Hervey is amongst us, and to listen to his warning words while there is yet time. The English Grand Lodge is not at all likely to excommunicate French Freemasons or any one else, and no one has a right to speak in its name, or say what it will do, or what it will not do, until it acts "proprio motu," and "proprio vigore." Bro. Hervey, who is not only the most clear but the most cautious of speakers, did not profess to address his brethren officially, but only as Bro. John Hervey. It is needless to add, not only how weighty always are his words, replete with sound good common sense and Masonic teaching, but how much they are valued by his brethren all. We who doubt, as does Bro. Hervey, if the Grand Orient deliberately removes the words relating to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, from its formulæ, whether English, Scotch, Irish, Canadian, or American Freemason will enter its lodges. The isolation spoken of by Bro. Behr and others, in the Grand Orient will become assuredly a "fait accompli," for French Freemasonry, and we therefore hope, that, before it is "trop tard," the dominant party in the French Grand Orient will see the great unwisdom of the step they have taken. We thank Bro. Hervey for his courageous and seasonable observations, and we feel sure that there will be but one sentiment of approval of and agreement with Bro. Hervey by all who heard them, by all who have perused them, by any who now read these humble remarks of ours.

#### THE STATISTICS OF MASONRY.

The statistics of Freemasonry are very interesting to the Masonic student, and though it has been said that you can prove anything by statistics, yet despite the sarcasm of some, and the objections of others, they are very important adjuncts to all proper studies of civilized life, just as they point out to us, to a great extent at any rate, the true condition of peoples and the onward progress of the world. It has occurred to us that it would not be an uninteresting topic on this our first issue of the New Year, if we called attention to the desirability of Masonic statistics generally. It would be a very good thing, we shall all agree, if we could have a synoptical view of the statistics of our great Masonic family. We are not aware, however, of any authoritative list of the number of English, Scotch, or Irish Masons, or of our dependencies, and therefore all that we can put forward at present is but a quite approximate calculation at the best. It is just possible that we might from the provincial returns obtain an account of all our brethren in the provinces, but we are not aware of any metropolitan returns, nor do we know of any Scotch or Irish returns, or Colonial returns. In

West Yorkshire, indeed, we know that there are 63 lodges and 3047 brethren, and, as we said before, we might no doubt easily multiply these returns. If the West Yorkshire returns may be taken as an average representation of lodge strength amongst us that would give us a little under 50 members per lodge. Whether this average is a little too high or a little too low is, we think, an open question. As at this moment we are well forward to 1700 lodges, under the English Constitution, we fancy that we are not far wrong if we consider 100,000 to represent the members of our English Constitution. Some, however, say that the numbers range much higher. We doubt it. In Scotland there are 506 lodges nominally, (not all, we fear, in Masonic life), and in Ireland 1014 is the last on the list, though many intervening lodges are dormant and wanting. It is therefore difficult to speak positively, but we fancy that about 20,000 in each country will represent the actual Masonic members. Some think this estimate too high. We shall be glad to have, therefore, correct returns. In India, for instance, as a proof of the difficulty of the question, we believe that there are lodges under the three Constitutions, though the exact number is not so far accurately made out. As an approximate numeration, we understand that there are between 90 and 100 warranted lodges in India proper, and the adjacent eastern countries. In the United States and Canada the following seem to be reliable statistical returns.—

	LODGES.	MEMBERS.
Alabama .....	300	8,805
Arkansas .....	300	9,413
British Columbia .....	10	275
California .....	201	11,463
Canada .....	313	15,934
Colorado .....	27	1,204
Connecticut .....	120	15,131
Dakota .....	6	...
Delaware .....	27	1,167
District of Columbia .....	24	2,764
Florida .....	54	2,164
Georgia .....	300	15,168
Idaho .....	10	285
Illinois .....	735	40,468
Indiana .....	447	27,584
Indian Territory .....	4	131
Iowa .....	306	17,214
Kansas .....	124	6,146
Kentucky .....	586	21,594
Louisiana .....	155	6,991
Maine .....	178	19,139
Manitoba .....	8	...
Maryland .....	172	5,575
Massachusetts .....	210	26,107
Michigan .....	331	26,051
Minnesota .....	104	5,967
Mississippi .....	307	11,205
Missouri .....	445	22,822
Montana .....	20	656
Nebraska .....	40	2,268
Nevada .....	18	1,345
New Brunswick .....	30	2,209
New Hampshire .....	89	7,712
New Jersey .....	138	12,013
New York .....	740	80,701
North Carolina .....	350	12,069
Nova Scotia .....	70	3,295
Ohio .....	498	30,698
Oregon .....	66	2,071
Pennsylvania .....	501	38,137
Prince Edward Island .....	8	...
Quebec .....	37	2,704
Rhode Island .....	30	4,069
South Carolina .....	175	7,435
Tennessee .....	485	17,994
Texas .....	215	17,959
Utah .....	10	365
Vermont .....	100	8,396
Virginia State .....	233	9,306
Washington Territory .....	25	713
West Virginia .....	119	2,236
Wisconsin .....	200	10,153
Wyoming .....	4	232
Totals .....	10,215	595,108

In France there are 298 lodges under the Grand Orient, and in all probability about from 20,000 to 30,000 Masons. There

is also the Grand Lodge of Misraim and the A. and A. Rite, so that it has been said that there are in France from 50,000 to 60,000 Masons of all categories. We think the number exaggerated. In Belgium the lodges only number 7, and there are about 1200 brethren. In Holland there are about 80 lodges, and it is said from 6000 to 9000 brethren. In Germany there are, we believe, under the 8 Grand Lodges and 5 independent lodges, in round numbers altogether about 330 lodges and about 37,000 brethren, but when we come to consider the Grand Lodges of "Alpina," Hungary (2), Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Spain, Portugal, Greece, the Grand Orient of Egypt, Peru and Brazil, Venezuela, Liberia, the several bodies in Italy, the Argentine Republic, Columbia, South Africa, Hayti, Mexico, New Grenada, we see the need of reliable statistical returns. We shall be most happy, then, to receive any returns that our readers and brethren are kind enough to send us, and to publish them carefully in the *Freemason*. We think all will agree with us that the time has come when we should be able, without exaggeration or error, to point with just confidence to the correct "numbering" of our great Masonic family in all parts of the known world.

#### ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

We are unable to do more than record in another page the proceedings of the Special Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening. We shall devote a leader to the important subject next week.

#### RETURNS OF OUR CHARITIES.

We call attention in another column to an "outside" article representative of the result of our Masonic charitable exertions for 1876, and, though we have alluded to the subject before, we deem it so important and interesting to the brethren that we shall advert to it again next week.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual Twelfth-Night entertainment to the children who remain in the school during the Christmas holidays, was given on Friday evening. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue, as they took place too late for the present number of the *Freemason*.

#### Reviews.

THE HISTORY OF THE PIANOFORTE. By EDGAR BRINSMEAD.—Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

We have perused this little book with much pleasure. It gives us a great deal of interesting information on a subject about which few of us know much. Remembering to what a pitch of excellence the pianoforte has reached among us, will it surprise some of our readers to hear that it is a very modern invention? But we recommend our brethren to purchase the little book for themselves; we can guarantee them a pleasant hour of reading, a good deal of information, kindly told, about what "a fellow ought to know."

DIGEST OF THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT. By BRO. H. MARTIN GREEN.—Shaw and Sons.

We can conscientiously recommend this carefully compiled Digest of the Elementary Education Act, by Bro. Green to the notice of all who are interested in that most important question. It contains a great deal of valuable information in a very little space, and will be a great help to all who dislike to wade through the sections of an Act of Parliament, and rather distrust their own power to understand the technicalities of our legislative English. As these sometimes puzzle our judges, they may well alarm those who are not lawyers, and we therefore thank Bro. Green for his useful manual, which we commend to the notice of all who have anything to do with school-boards in particular or education in general.

EAST ANGLIAN HAND-BOOK. Argus Office, Norwich.

We received this annual hand-book last year, and can repeat our favourable opinion and commendation of it. It will be especially interesting and useful to agriculturists, and we think we can fairly predict for it a large circulation. We wish it all success.

SCOTTISH MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1877.

Our publisher has put out this useful little Calendar, price 3d., by post 4d., for our brethren in the "Land o' Cakes." It is very well arranged and printed. It ought to have a large sale, and every member of the fraternity in Scotland ought to buy one at once. "Verbum sat sapienti latomo."



## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am almost afraid that the report I forward [in another column] may be rather late, but still I shall be much pleased to have it inserted in your next issue, if possible. Our association has now been established six and a half years, and the success it has met with may, if reported in your valuable paper, be the means of similar ones being formed. When we established it we numbered five members, and our anticipations led us to hope we might ultimately reach fifty members, and we now number over three hundred, and we are still increasing, and we are now making from fifty to sixty life subscribers per annum to the various Charities in London; besides which we are now partially educating thirteen children at home with their mothers, who we cannot hope to get into the schools in London. This we do from a separate fund, called the Benevolent Fund, which is nearly all subscribed by the lodges and chapters of the province. As Vice-President, I shall be pleased at any time to give any information as to our method and rules to any brethren who are anxious to form a similar association.

Yours fraternally,

T. TAYLOR.

## WASHINGTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to say that in 1859, when President of the Mess Committee of Her Majesty's 46th Regiment of Foot, then stationed at Mooltan, in the Punjab, I had charge of an old Bible, part of the property of the officers of the regiment, in which it was recorded that it was the identical book on which Washington was made a Mason.

I understood that there was formerly a lodge in the regiment; that all the lodge paraphernalia had been captured in the American war, but restored to the regiment by the commander of the enemy's forces; that they were again captured by the French in the West Indies, and that this Bible only escaped.

Some years ago, when the 46th Regiment was stationed at Everton, this Bible was carried in a Masonic procession in Liverpool, and much veneration paid to it on account of its reputed connection with Washington.

An old officer of the regiment has written an account of the Bible, and I believe that a copy is in the library of the A. and A.R., at Golden Square.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

## MASONIC TOKENS, BY BRO. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Masonic Magazine* for January, 1877 (the New Year number) I have, as you know, an article on Masonic Tokens, with several capital illustrations. Would you kindly have it reprinted in the *Freemason*, as a fitting supplement to the correspondence on the subject, which occurred some months since. I am quite certain it would interest many of your readers.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

[We should like to do so much, but at present the overwhelming mass of current Masonic news forbids us the hope of doing so.—Ed.]

## THE GRAND MASONIC INSTALLATION PICTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Doubtless the subscribers to the grand historical and Masonic picture now in preparation by our esteemed Bro. Hart, W.M. 1201, will be satisfied, as I am, with the explanation as to the delay afforded by the artist and engraver, but inasmuch as some of the subscribers will not see the *Freemason*, and as several even of your readers might overlook the letters from Bro. Hart on the subject, may I suggest that he either sends a marked copy of the *Freemason*, or a reprint of the letters in question, to every subscriber, so that all may know why the picture cannot be finished as early as was originally intended and promised. We are all anxious to see it, but are ready to make all allowances for a work of such magnitude.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND THE PROVINCE OF DEVON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Observing in your issue of the 23rd ult. a letter from Bro. Charles Godtschalk, relative to some remarks that had been made at a meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution concerning the support given by our Provincial Grand Master and the Province of Devon to that noble institution,

I can fully bear out the letter of Bro. Godtschalk, that the Freemasons of Devon, as well as its esteemed Provincial Master, are alive to the wants of our aged brethren. I will just state what the Sun Lodge, No. 106, Exmouth, has done. At the festival in 1873, Bro. W. H. Peters attended from this lodge as Steward, subscribing £10 himself; two other subscriptions of £10 each were entered on his list. The Sun Lodge being an annual subscriber of £1 to the Male Fund, and £1 to the Female Fund, remitted this year £5 to the Male Fund as a first instalment for a governorship, and £1 to the Female Fund. In 1874 the second instalment of £6 was paid, and the annual subscription of £1 to each fund. I likewise for-

warded the sum of £39 as subscriptions from members and friends of the Sun Lodge, one brother—A. B. Webber—paying £5 in addition for a life governorship. In 1875 the lodge subscription of £2 was paid. In 1876 I forwarded £18 from members and friends, and the usual £2 from the lodge, thus making together in four years the sum of £104, for which we had an annuitant two quarters, £18, and the widows, nine quarters, £40 10s., together £58 10s. The present year 1877 we shall follow in the same way, for at our installation on the 10th instant we intend to subscribe for another life governorship, after which the Sun Lodge will have three life governors to the Male and Female Fund, and three life governors to the Male Fund only amongst its members, which I think must show that although the Freemasons of Devon draw largely, they are also liberal supporters of the Institution.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALFRED A. CARTER,  
P.M. and Secretary 106.

Exmouth, Jan. 1, 1877.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that the Grand Conclave, after deep thought and consideration, have decided that they are a Masonic body, or, as I take it, an imitation got up by Masons who have been practising an imposture for above a century, I should like to ask the energetic body who have obtained this decision what they have to do with the Order of Malta, who have a branch here? I merely ask the brethren, as an historical student, to consider the anomalous position in which they are placed, for I wish no quarrel with the Order since they have abrogated the un-Masonic and triply unjust Tripartite Treaty.

JOHN YARKER.

## FREEMASONRY IN AMERICA.

To the Editor of the "Northern Echo."

Dear Sir,—

I notice that some remarks which I made at the Druids' dinner the other evening, relative to Freemasonry in America, have been commented upon by a correspondent in your paper, and, as I also hear, by other Freemasons of this town. I wish, therefore, to repeat what I said on that occasion, viz., that I have no wish to say a word against any kindred society, besides which I had no opportunity whatever of judging how far certain accusations brought forward by those with whom I conversed were capable of proof, but what I wished to show was that such a society as that of the Druids would keep itself above suspicion by having nothing whatever to do with politics or any matters foreign to the legitimate business of a friendly society. As I before remarked, I know not what faults may be fairly attributed to American Freemasons, but I think no one will doubt but that in this country they are worthy of all respect, and perform their important duties in a manner most creditable to themselves as a body; and, although those who accuse them appear sincere in their own views, it is highly probable a want of knowledge leads to incorrect assumptions. In conclusion, I desire to apologize to the Freemasons if I have said anything tending to annoy them, and thanking you in advance for giving me space for this letter.

I remain, yours truly,

HENRY FELL PEASE.

Brinkburn, Darlington, Dec. 28th, 1876.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—No. 1.  
ELECTION OF W.M.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The election of W.M.'s of lodges is so often conducted contrary to the Book of Constitutions that I have taken that subject as No. 1 of the series on Masonic Jurisprudence. Nominations are clearly illegal, although very many by-laws provide accordingly. The laws of the Grand Lodge are quite clear and distinct respecting the mode of procedure, namely, that the Master is to be elected at the one meeting and (provided the minutes be confirmed in respect thereof) installed at the next assembly of the lodge, according to the bye-laws of the lodge. Nominations of Masters are never alluded to in any way, and for the sufficient reason that they are not only unnecessary, but positively opposed to the instructions laid down for our guidance. I know of several lodges, whose bye-laws provide for the nomination of a Master (say) in November, the election in December, and the installation at the third meeting, making thus three meetings before the installation has been completed.

Now, as all the Past Masters and Past Wardens, as well as the W.M. and Wardens, are eligible for election as Master, evidently to nominate one or more brethren at the meeting (say) in November, and in December to proceed only to ballot for those so nominated, to the exclusion of all others, is illegal, because in direct opposition to the laws of the Grand Lodge, which plainly declare that all are equally eligible.

I have the highest authority for stating that the nomination of brethren for the office of W.M. before the meeting of the lodge at which the election of W.M. is to take place, and then at such period of election only submitting the names of the nominated brethren for election, is illegal. At the time of election every member of the lodge has a right to vote for any brother who is duly qualified to serve the office of Master in that lodge. Every member of the lodge who is a P.M. or Past Warden who has served the office of Warden for one year in an English lodge, is eligible for the office of Master.

I fraternally invite the attention of Provincial Grand

Masters, and Provincial Grand Secretaries especially, to this important subject, as should the nominations be persisted in after any member of a lodge has given notice of their illegality, it will be competent for such brother or brethren to object to the election of the W.M. so nominated, and undoubtedly his protest would be supported at head-quarters. The bye-laws being approved by a Prov. Grand Master cannot set aside the rights conferred by the Book of Constitutions in any respect whatever. I suggest the following as the method of election, so as to secure simplicity and certainty.

## ELECTION OF W.M.

The W.M. shall be elected on the regular lodge night in accordance with the mode of electing the W.M. shall be as follows:—The Secretary shall supply every member present qualified to vote with a printed or written list of all the brethren eligible for the office of Master. Each member so qualified shall place a X or other distinctive mark opposite the name of the brother for whom he desires to vote, and drop the paper (when folded) in the balloting box, and the member having the greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected. An absolute majority of those voting is not essential, the first ballot being final unless the votes are equal, when should the presiding officer decline to give a casting vote the ballot must be again taken.

## STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The sixth annual meeting of this association was held on Dec. 12th at the Queen's Hotel, Hanley, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury. The majority of the lodges in the provinces were represented, and this was regarded by the Committee as an indication that the brethren are zealous in support of the Masonic Charities, nearly half the brethren in the province being subscribers to one or other of the excellent institutions supported by the Order. A ballot was taken for twenty-five subscriptions, in accordance with rule, and some routine business followed. The dinner was of the "Queen's" type, the R.W.P.G.M. presiding. After the loyal observances, "The Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association" was given and warmly honoured. Bro. F. Derry (Handsworth), in proposing "The Masonic Charities," met the argument for Masonic charities stopping at home, the support of that argument being that the general Masonic charities were expensively managed. By the frequency of this accusation, he had been led to make close inquiry. He had heard it said that 60 and even 70 per cent. had been expended in managerial cost, but, after inquiry, he did not hesitate to contradict the charge of excessive managerial expenditure. He had taken steps to ascertain the exact per centage of cost of management as compared with the total income, and he was pleased to be able to assure the brethren that the Benevolent Institution, which was divided into two parts—one for old men, the other for old women—only cost five and a fraction per cent. for management, and when it was recollected that there was a "must" in connection with the payment of certain officers, he regarded that as by no means an extravagant rate. Then, again, in the Girls' School, the rate was 8 or 8½ per cent. Before complaining, brethren should obtain data, and make allowance for the circumstance that there was no fundal property to rely on. As to the schools, he could challenge comparison with similar institutions. In the Girls' School, the cost for lodging, clothing, maintenance, and superior education was only £36 per head per annum. The cost per head per annum in the Boys' School was something higher—the total cost being about £43 per head. His hope was that the brethren would take more interest in their institutions, so that they might be sure—as they would be—that every penny was advantageously expended. Bro. Thomas Taylor (Hanley) asked permission to supplement the remarks of the proposer of the toast by referring to the class of education in the Masonic schools. His own knowledge of this—derived from personal observation—was that the education was superior. English, French, Italian, German, and music were taught, and it had been a positive treat to him at one festival to listen to the music contributed by boys of the school. Bro. Bromley (Hanley) responded. Bro. Hales (Hanley), proposing "The Vice-Presidents," said there was a feeling in the minds of many that £43 per head was a higher rate than generally they could afford to expend on the education of their own children. He associated with the toast the name of one who had displayed much of patience and energy on behalf of the Masonic Charities—Bro. Taylor. Bro. Taylor responded, assuring the company that he was proud of the success that had followed his efforts. Bro. Marsh, P.P.S.G.W., proposed "The Committee," which was acknowledged by Bro. Huet, of Manchester.

## THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

During the year just closed the total receipts of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions amounted to £39,335 7s. 6d. Of this sum £15,359 5s. 4d. was received by the Boys' School; £12,540 15s. 7d. by the Benevolent Institution; and £11,435 6s. 7d. by the Girls' School. These are the largest totals ever yet reached, and the aggregate amount exceeds that of former years by some £7,000. Great efforts are being made by the Secretaries of the Institutions to obtain in the present year even a larger total, and they come before the Craft with an excellent plea that the claims on their Institutions are daily increasing. The Benevolent Institution in the past year paid £8,972 in annuities to aged Masons and widows; the Boys' School maintains, clothes, and educates 189 boys; and the Girls' School 162 girls. These figures, however, do not represent a fixed maximum, but are constantly increasing.



## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 12, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.  
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1118, University, F.M.H.  
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
R.C. Con., 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.  
" 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1604, Wanderers', F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.  
Lodge 9, Albion, Regent M.H., Regent-st.  
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart., College-st., Lambeth.  
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.  
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood  
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.  
" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.  
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

Lodge 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 140, St. George's, Globe Hot. Greenwich.  
Rose Croix Chap. St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.  
Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd. Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor., Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 13, 1877.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, H.M., C.H.B., B.-in-Furness.  
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Con. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants', M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Vic., Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
" 447, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 1239, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 13, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 204, St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.  
" 205, Garthland, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.  
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.  
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.  
" 384, Athole, Washington Hot., Kirkintilloch.  
" 503, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.  
" 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.  
Chap. 76, Abbey, 8, High-st., Paisley.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., Old Cumnock.  
" 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
" 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.  
" 441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.  
" 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmuir.

Lodge 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
" 579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingston.  
Chap. 17, Greenock, M.H., Cathcart-st. Greenock.  
" 69, St. Andrew, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 178, Scotia, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.  
Chap. 113, Partick, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11.

Prov. G.L. of Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st. (for election).  
Lodge 109, St. Marnock, Crown Hot., Kilmarnock.  
" 203, St. John Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.  
" 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.  
" 557, Blantyre Kilg., Craig's Hall, High Blantyre.  
" 570, Kenmuir, Balgray Hall, Springburn.  
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Church-st., Dumbarton.  
" 147, Cadder Argyle, M.H., Chryston.  
" 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Cogan-st., Pollokshaws.  
" 170, Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.  
" 427, St. Clair, M.H., Cambusnethan.  
Chap. 144, St. Rollox, 69, Gamgad-rd., Glasgow.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 13, 1877.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers-court.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 1, Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hot.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 2, Canongate Kilwinning, M.H., St. John-st.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 8, Journeyman, M.H., Blackfriars-st.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, 1st inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate street, Bro. A. G. Dodson, W.M., Messrs. Althorp and Banks were initiated into the Order; after which Bro. Dodson installed Bro. L. Lazarus as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The officers appointed were Bros. Dodson, I.P.M.; Miller, S.W.; M. Speigel, J.W.; L. Auerhaan, Treasurer; E. P. Albert, P.M.; G.P., Secretary; H. Berkowitz, Chaplain; H. Hyman, S.D.; Campion, J.D.; P. Baker, I.G.; E. P. Van Voorden, Organist; H. P. Isaac, D.C.; S. Genese, Steward; Snelling, Steward; and Bro. Woodstock, T. The petition for the relief of a brother was read by the Secretary, and a sum of money was voted for his relief. Several communications having been read by the Secretary, Bro. Davis gave notice of motion for next meeting of the lodge that a testimonial be presented to Bro. Auerhaan, who for 18 years has discharged the duties of Treasurer of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an elegant repast was prepared for them by Bro. Silver, the lodge cook, and Bro. W. G. Jennings, the manager of the Albion. About 130 brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. L. Lazarus, W.M., who was supported on his right by visitors, Bro. J. Wright, P.G.P.; Friedrich, 1017; J. Austin, P.M. 933; E. Williams, 933; J. Anshell, 1404; J. S. Sweasy, jun., 1423; Victor Myers, W.M. 1017; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; Ridler, 219; S. M. Lazarus, P.M., late 188; S. Gompertz, 205; Asher Myers, 185; J. Lawrence; S. Webb, P.M. 193 and 1287; A. Melhuish, 55; J. Davis, 205; G. J. Baker, 869; Partridge, 1445; J. D. Barwell, W.M. 185; A. La Room, 1365; Brooke, 1381; Fletcher, 180; W. Tait, 534; Yeakin, P.M. 1139; Barton, 1538; J. Botibol, 1201; E. Willie, 1305; Emanuel, 156; B. Grover, 1613; S. Genese, P.M., late 205; Capt. Evens, late 1017; Walter Joyce, Southern Star; and on his left by Past Masters Bros. L. Alexander, S. Hickman, H. Berkowitz, M. Levy, Obed Roberts, Isaac Abrahams, M. Alexander, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). After grace had been said the cloth was cleared, while the brethren adjourned for a short period, during which dessert was laid. On the return of the brethren the toasts were proposed, and in the interval between them some interesting music, vocal and instrumental, was performed by Miss Alma York, Madame Veney, Bro. A. Thomas, Bro. H. Brearton, Bro. Benyon, and Herr Heino Hugo, under the able direction of Bro. P. E. Van Voorden. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. G.M.," had been proposed and honoured, the W.M. gave that of the "Pro Grand Master, the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," to which Bros. E. P. Albert and Joseph Wright responded. Bro. Albert in the course of his reply, said that the Grand Officers honestly and faithfully discharged their duties, and while unanimity and concord of feeling prevailed in the Lodge of Joppa, Grand Lodge of England would have no cause to regret any of the brethren of this lodge being Grand Officers. Bro. J. Wright said that it was no light task now to be a Grand Pursuivant, and to perform that officer's duties properly, for unless Grand Pursuivants got other brethren to assist them as scrutineers, the work could not be executed satisfactorily. When he went into office he thought it was a nice comfortable position; but the brethren who attended Grand Lodge soon became so numerous that the duties of scrutineer became onerous. There used to be about 150 brethren at Grand Lodge, and then the task was not difficult. They rapidly went up to 600 or 800, and as every one of these brethren had to be ascertained as entitled to attend, and as there was only one book to refer to the labour was arduous. Next Wednesday evening, when the Special Grand Lodge would be held, no doubt the number of brethren attending would be enormous; and there were so many country members who now came up, that it required most of the Past Grand Officers to be present to recognise them. The Grand Officers, however, worked with a will, and they were amply repaid for the duties they performed when they had such a cordial reception as they met with in the Lodge of Joppa. (Hear, hear.) The next toast was "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Joppa," to which Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., President of the Fund, responded. He said that as far as his humble judgment went, the Committee and Vice-Presidents of this fund thoroughly deserved the honour which they had just received, for no body of men

could possibly pay more attention to any matter that could be entrusted to them than they did. Perhaps he ought to dilate to a certain extent upon the origin and progress of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, for the benefit of those brethren who had recently been initiated, although it might appear somewhat unnecessary to say anything about it to those brethren who had belonged to the lodge for some time. The fund was instituted in 1849, by Bro. Garnstead, and he might say of it that, though God forbid, none of the brethren present might ever have to apply for relief from it, no one had ever done so in vain, and in no case had the applicant's name been disclosed. So that the initiates must bear in mind it was never made public, whoever might apply: it was kept simply within the committee. In the past year, he had the melancholy pleasure to say, two applicants had been relieved from the fund, and in both cases they received a larger sum than they expected. The fund was as much for widows as for brethren, and the widow who had been relieved in the past year had in expressing her thanks, also given the committee reason to believe that what they had awarded her would be a lasting service to her. The Committee always, while being very careful of the funds entrusted to them, gave liberal sums, sometimes as much as £100. But they always saw that the money was well laid out. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. said the fund now amounted to £1269 4s.; which showed a steady increase in the fund, after deducting £80 given in relief. They had not entrenched on the funded property. A list of contributions was then read out by Bro. Albert, the total of which amounted to £17 1s. 6d. Bro. Dodson, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." It afforded him great pleasure to have the honour of doing so, for he was delighted to find him on his right hand that evening. For many years they had been working together to get from the bottom of the tree to the top; and he hoped the W.M. would have health and strength to carry him through his year of office, and that the brethren might have many opportunities of passing an evening in his company. He felt satisfied that the Lodge of Joppa would not find they had been out of order in electing him to the chair. (Cheers.) The W.M. replied. The brethren might imagine what a pleasure it was to him when some six years ago he had to respond to the toast of the only initiate. When he came to look back upon that short period and found that he was now in the proud and honourable position of W.M. it was a still prouder moment; and he felt it a great gratification to have been supported so well by his friends, many of whom had been his associates from childhood. He begged that the brethren would accept his assurance that it was his earnest desire and wish to endeavour to discharge the duties of his honourable position to the best of his ability. Nothing should be wanting on his part to give the brethren every satisfaction, and he hoped that at the end of his term of office they would say that he had fulfilled their highest expectations. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M., Bro. Dodson," a brother whom all the members of the lodge had been pleased to see in the position which he had occupied during the past year. Of the manner in which he had filled the office of Master it was unnecessary to speak, further than to say that he had satisfied the brethren, and that they had evinced this feeling by presenting him with a massive and valuable Past Master's jewel. Bro. Dodson replied. He took that opportunity of thanking the brethren personally for their kind consideration towards him all the time he had been in the chair of the lodge. Whatever he had done during that time had been done with the best intention; and by the testimonial the brethren had just presented to him, he felt that his endeavours to please them had not been entirely unsuccessful. A proverb said, "We should live twice to know how to live." Were it possible for his year of office to come over again, he might do something that would please them more. He was rather full in the throat just now, and could scarcely express his feelings, but he could assure them that he thanked them very much for their kindness and also for their testimonial. Bro. Victor M. Myers, W.M. Montefiore, 1017, replied to the toast of "The Visitors" in a short pithy speech. Bro. Morris Alexander, P.M., replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and said it was just six years ago that he had the pleasure of initiating the present W.M., and it was with feelings of very great gratification that he now saw him in the distinguished position of Master of the Lodge of Joppa. Bros. Miller and Speigel responded to the toast of "The Principal Officers." Bro. H. Massey (*Freemason*), who was specially called upon by the W.M. to reply for "The Press," expressed his gratification that the journal he represented had so exerted itself for the good of the Order as to have won the high encomiums which the W.M. had passed on it, and which the whole body of the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa had endorsed by their warm reception of the toast. Bro. Auerhaan, Treasurer, and Bro. Albert, P.M., Secretary, responded to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary." The other officers responded to the toast, drank in their honour, and the brethren, after partaking of tea and coffee, separated. The proceedings of the evening fully sustained the well-known character of this lodge for cheerful and hearty enjoyment.

**POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 534).**—At the annual meeting of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 14th ult. Bro. F. Rath, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. There were over 40 brethren and visitors present. The following brethren were appointed and invested by the W.M., Bro. F. Rath, viz:—Bros. L. H. Cumming, S.W.; I. E. Ebner, J.W.; J. Aspinall, S.D.; J. F. Taylor, J.D.; G. E. Jackson, M.C.; A. F. Jagielski, I.G. Business over the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. on placing the jewel of the lodge on the breast of the initiates said: Brethren, in addressing you, which I do with a pleasure only known to those who can feel like a Pole, and the brethren of the Polish National Lodge, in giving into your custody the

"jewel" of our lodge, and by placing the same on your breast, I am conferring on you an honour of which you may be justly proud. There are not many lodges in England (in short, I do not know of another) or elsewhere which are so distinguished, and the "Jewel of the snow-white Eagle," with wings spread out heavenwards, is a token of so exceptional character, also a favour, that when you come to understand its real meaning you will be doubly proud to wear it. A "White Eagle" is but an heraldic symbol, but through its being the "Polish National Eagle" must in your hearts signify the token of honour, for steady resistance unto death and to all oppressors of liberty, witness our brotherhood. Let its "symbolic wings," always remind you of the undying spirit of Freedom, Love, and Charity, for all men of whatever nationality, or creed; let its "silvery white colour" be a mark of singleness of purpose, disinterestedness of aim and purity of motives. Let the fact of its being an eagle remind you that it is the "kingly bird" which was privileged to stand by the side of "Jupiter," and to carry the "thunder," and whilst it is strong and mighty, it soars superior of low passions and narrow-minded motives; let it be the emblem of the purest motives to your actions, for the eagle is above meanness and paltriness of motives. If any one asks you the meaning of it, you will tell them to look at it, and if they have understanding they will read its signification from its shape. Brethren, I shall not walk in the beaten track of toast-giving, but follow my own convictions to-night. I cannot be an imitator. I give you "The Queen." Listen to my toast. If I were an Englishman I should feel on this occasion simply justified in saying the "Queen," and all would know that that expression includes everything that it is useful to say. Many who, like myself, find themselves in a position, give loyal toasts, as "a very clever variation" on customary perorations but I, not being an Englishman born, and being apprehensive lest my brevity might be construed into indifference, I do not state that here I shall make a clean variation, but state with all my heart and in all the sincerity with which my earnestness is capable of. I call upon you to show your loyal devotion to the Queen, whom I call the sublime standard of peace, progress, humanity, and a supporter of our brotherhood, a surety for the security and liberty of the world, by being a barrier against barbarous aggressions. By the side of the Queen, Freemasons are sometimes said to be the vanguard of humanity; if this is so this is the time to show it. With us there should be no wavering, no more than there should be amongst the people of these realms who are united in loyalty to Her Majesty, who now bears the destinies and freedom, not only of England, but of the whole world on her hands, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless her and her noble and lofty endeavours. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours, enthusiastically given. The W.M. then said: I give you "The Health of the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." I feel as if my thoughts were like wings expanding, for he is the worthy Son of a most worthy Queen, and whilst we bless the Queen for past favours and present security, we cannot but concentrate all our hopes in him as belonging to the future. The rest of the Royal Family are more or less engaged in the service of the country, and which is not a lazy one at this moment; thus they justify their worthiness (by their readiness) for the lofty station which they occupy in the first ranks of this noble country. Brethren, "The Health of all the Royal Family." The toast was received with Masonic honours. Brethren,—The next toast is that of "Our Most Worshipful Grand Master." You all know my great partiality for the administration of our M.W.G.M., who on several occasions has given us cause for believing him worthy of the trust we have reposed in him. I look upon him as a shining light in darkness. He is to me, and I trust also for all of us, the personification of a lofty principle and a firm leader, in whose steps we delight to follow. Young though he may seem to be for holding the lofty position, the Masonic throne, we are all witnesses of his happy qualifications and gracious tact. He leaped, as it were, like a British lion with one bound to this pinnacle of greatness, in which he is firmly seated, and, like "Kaiser" Barbarossa, he seems to have been seated there for centuries past; may he long continue to do so. The next toast is "The M.W. Pro Grand Master." Brethren, as we descend in our toasts from the higher regions we get into the sphere of representative men, so we come to a pleasant and agreeable resting place, whereby we can see and appreciate the high merits of our Pro Grand Master. He is like one of those mighty lieutenants of the wars of history who had to bear the brunt of battle. Personally I am of a progressive turn of mind, consequently I may not agree in all things the Earl of Carnarvon approves, but I am proud to have the pleasure to give expression to my feelings for his practically upholding the principles of Freemasonry, in his efforts to drive out darkness and slavery, which otherwise might have settled down for years to come. It is a great pleasure to find that with all his national duties he can find time to do honour to an old and most devoted servant of Freemasonry, it is made more honourable by the gracefulness of his own personal presence. In presenting the testimonial to our worthy and illustrious Bro. Hervey, our universally beloved Grand Secretary, I am certain that every one here believes that it was a mark of the very highest respect, and an acknowledgment that for 30 years he has worked for the well-being of humanity. The W.M. then gave "The Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers." This is our next toast in the scale of descending, and the resting-place reminds me very much of paradise, since we are going to speak of the exalted regions of Freemasonry, viz., the Grand Lodge and its officers, one of whom is a very giant, a colossus, or he could not hold his position which is as much as to say one foot in paradise and another heaven knows where. Thus think the brethren of the Polish National: we have every confidence in this particular giant and in his ability and strength, in



much that whilst we of the lower strata are condemned to wander about the outside regions, through imperfections; and before we can be admitted into the inner court of secrets, and the pure atmosphere of Masonic wisdom of Grand Lodge, without further laudatory remarks, I shall call upon Bro. John Boyd, belonging to this superior assembly, to tell us in responding how far we are indebted to the M.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, with the rest of the Grand Officers, for upholding the ancient land marks of our Craft to an admiring brotherhood. Bro. John Boyd, in a speech replete with common sense, said, that no position was gained as a rule unless worked for; he himself might be a slight exception to the general rule, simply from his connections with Grand Lodge through the Grand Secretary's office. It is a position any one might be proud, and especially so to that man being a Mason. The whole atmosphere there was made up of good will, and through every invisible yet visible particle of which this atmosphere is composed of you breathe nothing but order, through which shines the highest of all virtues, charity towards the brethren in acts, in words, in sympathy. In conclusion he believed that the safest road to high honours was that of always doing your duty (applause). He begged to thank them for the hearty manner they had drank the health of the Grand Officers. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very glowing terms, and said his language would fail to convey what he should in respect wish to say of the genuineness of the W.M. He trusted that good health and prosperity would ever wait upon him. A good "fire" was given—all splendid. The W.M. replied as follows:—Brethren, I am very sensible of the honour you have done me in noticing aught that I have done in connection with this lodge, and I am delighted that it meets with your approbation. The most excellent brother whom you have entrusted as your minister extraordinary to convey to me your kindly sentiments has done so heartily; so much so as to move my heart to sincere thanks. Let me say that when I entered upon the duties involved in this chair I had some misgivings as to being able to perform satisfactorily the power given to me. I am by nature warm and impulsive in disposition, but your encouraging suffrages imbued me with courage, which regard as an acknowledgment of past labours. I always was of opinion that the government of a body of highly principled and educated persons required something more than a visible agency, and that there must be a mutual sympathy between the governed and the ruler; there must be the electrical current of understanding both with head and heart, and if these are supported by the feelings of love, mirth, and evenness of temper, the visible result will be happiness—a beautiful word with a beautiful ending. The illustration is that in this lodge we are thoroughly happy with one another. Brethren, I thank you for your generous sentiments towards me. In giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. said: Gratitude is one amongst the phalanx of virtues, therefore it would ill become me if I did not pay that tribute of respect due to the Immediate Past Master. His brotherly aid has never failed me, and his excellences are well-known to you all. Let me therefore do honour to him to whom honour is due, therefore I will thank you to charge your glasses and drink "The Health of our I.P.M. and Masters." This toast was drunk with Masonic honours. In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. said: Whenever I am called upon to draw your attention to this toast I feel that I am trenching upon the foundation and threshold of our Grand Order; the future of its continuation depends upon our initiates, to whom be all due respect and honour. You may depend upon it, that the unsurpassed principles which are written in flaming letters upon our standard can never be translated into the flesh and blood of nations unless they are bodily practised both by princes and people, and we of this lodge, with all others, must ever be the standard bearers of these soul-minded views by practice. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors" in the following terms: To bid welcome to those who come from far and near to see us, is a pleasure, which is nowhere more deeply felt than in the Polish National Lodge, for it is a true "Temple of Solomon," and if they are not all imbued with the wisdom of this monarch, they all do their utmost by example and precept, to get nearer to the Highest. Brother visitors, I particularly call upon our brother T. Burdett Yeoman, to respond to this toast. Why? because he certainly is distinguished as a poet amongst us, and I think he ought to be our laureate. Have you not read his "Song of Triumph" of our Grand Master's visit to India? If not I should advise you to get the *Masonic Magazine* for October. Who has not seen his songs of every degree and grade in connection with our Holy Order. Bro. Burdett Yeoman in reply said: W.M. and brethren,—Permit me to say that I am not worth a tithe of the encomiums heaped upon me, at the same time I should like to launch out upon the ocean of Masonic beatitudes, but I will not do so; although I must think that our beautiful themes cannot be too prominently kept before our eyes and in our minds. In my humble opinion I know of no creed, exceptionally, none that can approach it, I know of nothing loftier, save the ethics which are taught from the Book upon which our foundation is built, there is no institution on the face of the earth so pregnant for doing good as ours. Witness our Boys', Girls', and Benevolent Institutions, well backed up by the Grand Lodge of Benevolence; regard these, and the small number in proportion of subscribers as per contra against some of the boasted communities of this land or any other land. Brethren take courage, and look at our Order full in the face, and you will see beauties in it that you have never seen before. God speed the Craft, and make it if possible more universally known than it at present is. W.M. and brethren, my thanks individually. Several others of the visiting brethren also spoke, warmly and enthusiastically. The

healths of the Secretary and Treasurer were then proposed and responded to, with the usual amount of complete satisfaction, when the names of the brethren are mentioned comment is useless on their behalf, viz., Bros. John Boyd and W. Pass. The next toast, "The Officers of the Lodge," was warmly responded to, and eulogy was duly and properly awarded. Each officer answered for himself. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of those enjoyable evenings that can only be found amongst Freemasons.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, December 27th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. J. C. Wilson, W.M., presided. He in an efficient manner raised Bro. W. Carter, passed Bro. H. Ward, and initiated Mr. John Simpson into Masonry. One gentleman was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next lodge meeting. The summons calling the Especial Grand Lodge on 3rd January was read. Business ended, the lodge was closed. Slight refreshment followed labour. There were present besides W.M. Bros. E. S. Slide, jun., S.W.; W. G. Kemp, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M.; Sec.; C. W. Hudson, S.D.; H. Faija, J.D.; A. J. Hawkes, I.G.; C. Graham, G.S.; W. M. Phillips, Harding, C. Winstanley, and some others. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, &c.; J. W. George, S.W. 1309; T. W. Adams, S.W. 1123; F. Knight, 1326, and others.

**NORWICH.**—Union Lodge (No. 52).—The senior lodge in the province held its anniversary meeting at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, on Tuesday, 2nd January, when Bro. W. A. Tyssen Amherst was installed W.M. for ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Penrice. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. G. B. Kennet, I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. Boileau, S.W.; J. Bond Cabbell, J.W.; G. S. Stevens, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. W. Cholmeley, Chaplain; G. Cubitt, S.D.; G. Patman, J.D.; and J. Sainty, I.G. Amongst the brethren present were Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., R. T. Gurdon, Cecil Montgomerie, Lieut.-Col. Bignold, Captain Boileau, R.N.; G. Marsham, H. Barwell, Prov. G.S.; C. R. Gilman, J. B. Pitt, G. L. Coleman, J. B. Aldis, J. B. Pearce, M. Walker, J. Marshall, &c. The Hon. H. Manners Sutton was initiated by the W.M. The "working" was succeeded by a banquet.

**IPSWICH.**—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The regular meeting of that old established lodge, the British Union, and Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was held at the elegant little Masonic Hall, Brook-street, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 28th, Dec., 1876, when there was a large attendance of the brethren, some forty being present. Amongst others were V.W. Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; V.W. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and D.P.G.M. Designate of Suffolk; the Rev. J. J. Burton, W.M., P.P.G.D.C. Cambs.; Rev. J. B. Tweed, S.W., W.M. elect, P.G. Chap. Suffolk; Bros. W. Spalding, P.M., Sec.; Peter de Lande Long, P.M., Vice-President Board of General Purposes; W. Elliston, M.D., P.M.; W. Boby, P.P.S.G.W.; P. Cornell, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Barber, P.P.G.O.; Emma Holmes, P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; C. Cobbold, M.P. for Ipswich; Capt. Parsons, R.N., commander of H.M.S. Porcupine; Dr. Meadows, P.G.S.; Rev. T. G. Beaumont, P.P.G.C.; Rev. Nelson Godwin, H. D. George, P.G.R.; H. Ribbans, R. Butter, and others. Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. Dr. Muir, P.M. 593; Dr. Fleming, P.P.G.S.W.; W. D. Paine, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Cresswell, P.M. 959; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Staddon, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Daking, W.M. 225; T. R. Elkington; H. Bevan, P.G.S.W.; and others. Bro. W. Clark, P.G. D.C., who is W.M. of Lodge Prince of Wales, 959, and also a member of this lodge, very efficiently conducted the proceedings as Master of the Ceremonies. The lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and all the brethren below the chair having retired, a lodge of Installed Masters was opened, when no less a number than twenty-three Past Masters were present, the largest number we have ever seen in a provincial lodge on such an occasion. The W.M. having resigned the gavel into the hands of the Grand Secretary, that eminent brother proceeded with the impressive ceremony of installation, and inducted Bro. J. B. Tweed, rector of Chapel St. Mary, Suffolk, into the time-honoured chair of K.S., with all the formalities incident thereto. The brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. was saluted in ancient form, and the customary addresses to the Wardens and brethren were delivered very ably by the Grand Secretary. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was voted to that distinguished brother for his services. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Rev. J. J. Burton, I.P.M.; Bro. Boby being invested as proxy, in the absence of H. Miller, as S.W.; C. Casley, J.W.; C. Schuler, Treas.; W. Spalding, Sec.; G. S. Elliston, S.D.; S. Shortridge, J.D.; S. W. Butter, I.G.; Rev. J. G. Beaumont, Chap. Bro. P. de Lande Long, P.M., in a short speech, asked the lodge to accept a handsome plumb-rule, which had been presented to him in his capacity as Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes in connection with the Masonic Institution for Girls. Lodge having been closed in ancient form, and the customary hearty good wishes of the visitors having been proffered the British Union from the different lodges represented on the occasion, the brethren retired for the banquet, which was served in the adjacent dining-hall. Bro. G. Spalding was as usual the caterer, and provided very well for the guests, who did ample justice to the viands. The W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M.; the V.W. the Grand Secretary, and Dr. Alfred Meadows, P.G.S.; and on his left by Bro. P. de L. Long, V.P. B. of

G.P.; Rev. J. J. Burton, I.P.M.; and C. Cobbold, M.P. Nearly the whole of the brethren present in lodge attended the banquet. The usual toast list was gone through, Bro. Tweed making a very genial chairman, Bro. C. J. Martyn, who was very cordially received, responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," as also to that of "The D.P.G.M. Designate." Bro. Martyn, in thanking the brethren for their flattering reception, said that he was at one time a member of the British Union Lodge, but living at the other side of the county, and being so seldom able to attend, he was compelled to resign membership, especially as he was a member of some twelve other lodges. He felt it very hard to come after their late venerated D.P.G.M. (Bro. Rev. E. I. Lockwood), but if the brethren would only bear with him he would do his utmost to prove himself worthy of the office which the P.G.M. had asked him to fill. Bro. Martyn made some very sensible remarks about visiting the lodges in the province, and said he intended making a point of doing so, and he hoped the P.G. Officers would accompany him, as he thought such visits were very desirable, and tended to produce confidence in the P.G. Officers, and to promote a feeling of cordiality amongst the brethren. He had received so many letters of congratulation from the various lodges that he could not but be pleased to feel that his appointment had been so popular with the brethren as it was agreeable to the P.G.M. In responding to the toast of the evening, that of "The Very Worshipful the Installing Master," Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, (who, on rising, received quite an ovation, said it gave him great pleasure to visit so distinguished a lodge as the British Union. He had never visited a Suffolk Lodge before, and he could not but be gratified with the cordial reception he had met with that evening. He was particularly pleased to instal the W.M. that evening because he was a clergyman. He thought that the connection between Masonry and religion should be kept up. He had been called upon to account for sundry remarks he had made on the subject elsewhere, but he felt so strongly on the subject he must speak. It was feared that the Grand Orient of France had practically divorced religion and Masonry, and it was a very grave question as to whether the Grand Lodge of England would not have to refuse to admit as visitors brethren under that jurisdiction, whose opinions would prevent their being admitted as candidates for initiation. Indeed, the youngest Grand Lodge recently formed, the Grand Orient of Egypt, had already taken the initiative in this matter. It had sought recognition by the Grand Orient of France, but had now withdrawn its application, and disowned the Grand Orient. Our popular and urbane brother spoke with great earnestness upon this dallying with atheism on the part of France, and his remarks were listened to with great attention, and applauded as they deserved to be. Bro. Rev. J. B. Tweed, in responding to the toast of "The W. Master" spoke with great modesty of his qualifications, but assured the brethren he would do his utmost to maintain the dignity of the chair. Bro. Boby replied to the toast of "The Charities," and descended with his usual fervid eloquence on those great Masonic institutions, reminding the brethren of the obligations they were under to support them adequately, remembering that they got a good deal more from them in Suffolk than the lodges contributed to the funds. Bro. C. Cooke presided at the pianoforte, and played admirably. Bros. A. D. George, Dr. Muir, P. Cornell, Emma Holmes, and Clarke contributed to the harmony of the evening, and we were particularly delighted with the singing by Dr. Muir of Sullivan's charming song "Sweethearts," and Ascher's beautiful "Alice, where art thou?" An original song by Bro. Clarke, called "Merry Words," containing some apposite Masonic allusions, was well given by that brother. Altogether the evening was one not likely to be soon forgotten by those who were privileged to be present, and all we say is, when next Bro. John Hervey comes down to instal the W.M. of the British Union "may we be there to see."

**WARRINGTON.**—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—On Thursday, December 28th, the brethren of this lodge met in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, to celebrate their one hundred and eleventh anniversary, and to instal in the chair of K.S. Bro. Thos. Tunstall, Past S.W. A large number of members and visitors assembled to do honour to the new Master, who, though the youngest Mason who has filled that office for many years, gives great promise of being a most efficient Master, and one in whom the brethren have great confidence that the prestige and usefulness of the lodge will not deteriorate under his supervision. The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock p.m. by Bro. Wm. Robinson, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. Henry Poynter, W.M. 948, P.M. 1087, P.P.G.P., Prov. G. Reg. Berks and Bucks, Z. 948, &c., as S.W., and Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M. 148, P.M. 1250, P.Z. 148, &c., as J.W. The Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form, and the ceremony of installation was most efficiently performed by Bro. Robinson, who is the first retiring Master that has exercised his privilege in this respect for very many years. Bro. Jno. Bowes, P.M. 148, P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, assisted Bro. Robinson, and gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in that emphatic and perfect style for which Bro. Bowes is so widely known and so deservedly famous. Before the lodge was closed, the Treasurer's accounts for the past year were read and passed, and ordered to be printed and circulated, and we were pleased to notice that although large sums had been voted to the central and provincial charities a good balance was left in the hands of the bankers. The brethren passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. Robinson, and a Past Master's jewel was cordially voted to him for his able conduct while in the chair. Bro. Hannah, who had faithfully filled the office of Tyler for about ten years, now resigned that posi-



tion, and was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated in harmony. Among the members present were Bros. T. Tunstall, W.M.; W. Robinson, I.P.M.; J. Pickthall, S.W.; Jno. R. Young, J.W.; J. Armstrong, Treas.; Jno. Bowes, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Alfred H. Young, S.D.; Jas. Paterson, J.D.; T. M. Pattison, Org.; G. W. Joseph, I.G.; Thos. Domville, Tyler; Jas. Hepherd, P.M.; Jno. Harding, P.M.; C. E. Hindley, T. Grime, T. W. Thorpe, E. Edwardson, Chas. Skinner, Jno. Laithwaite, A. Peake, J. Dimmelow, J. Jones, H. Ferguson, C. Savage, C. Ekkert, E. P. Sherwood, Jno. Pierpoint, Robt. Gibbons, Jas. Hannah. Visiting brethren:—Bros. R. Brierley, P.M. 1250; J. Kenworthy, 1565; W. S. Hawkins, P.M. 1250; D. W. Finney, P.M. 148, P.M. 1250, P.Z. 148; H. Poynter, W.M. 948, Z. 948, Prov. G. Reg., &c.; F. C. Hunt, P.M. 43; L. R. Barnes, P.M. 113; W. Richardson, P.M. 1250; and others. At five o'clock p.m. the brethren re-assembled at the Lion Hotel for their annual banquet, which was of the most recherché description, and served by Bro. and Mrs. Pratt in their best style. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen." The next toast was that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The W.M. then entrusted his gavel to Bro. Hepherd, P.M., who proposed, in the most glowing terms, "The Health of the M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." In the course of his remarks Bro. Hepherd alluded to the great gratification it had afforded him in being present at the installation of H.R.H., and his efficient conduct in the Grand Master's chair on that occasion, and impressed on the brethren the fact that the Craft generally did not want patronage, yet was glad to receive support from those who were high in authority and position. The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," was proposed in suitable terms by Bro. Robinson, who afterwards proposed "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M., the Hon. F. A. Stanley, R.W.D.P. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Pickthall, S.W., proposed in most laudatory terms "The Health of the Prov. Grand Masters of East Lancashire, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, Cheshire, and other neighbouring Provinces," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Bowes, P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Poynter, Prov. G. Reg. Berks and Bucks. Bro. Bowes, in response, thanked the brethren for the uniform kindness he received from the lodge, and said he felt no little pride in being a member of so old and distinguished a lodge as 148, and of the training he had received in that lodge. He had filled all the offices and done all the ceremonies, and felt inward satisfaction that his services had been so highly appreciated by the officers and brethren, and that he should always feel happy in placing his services at the command of the W.M. Bro. Poynter, who upon rising was greeted with applause, thanked the brethren both on behalf of himself individually for the kindness he always received when he came amongst them, on behalf of the Lodge 948, of which he was the present Master, for the post of honour they had accorded to him in the lodge that afternoon, and on behalf of the Province of Berks and Bucks, which he represented. He remarked that Sir Daniel Gooch, Prov. G.M., and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Dep. Prov. G.M., were good men and true Masons. They had the good of Freemasonry at heart, and worked hard to further the interest of the lodges which were under their supervision, and who dispensed honours to the different lodges in the province without fear or favour. With regard to Lodge 948, it was one that was doing its work faithfully and well, but was greatly indebted to this Lodge 148 for the very able and efficient Installing Master, Bro. Bowes, of whose services in that capacity the Lodge of St. Barnabas was glad to avail itself at the last annual meeting, and who has promised to repeat his visit for a similar purpose next year. The toast of the evening was "The Health of the New W.M., Bro. Thos. Tunstall," proposed by Bro. Robinson, I.P.M., who complimented him on his accession to the chair, which had hitherto been filled by Masters much older both in years and in Masonry. But the efficient discharge of his duties in the minor offices was a guarantee that the office of W.M. would be well and ably filled during the next twelve months. Bro. Tunstall, who on rising to respond was greeted with several rounds of applause, said that though young in years he was not deficient in Masonic zeal. He should endeavour to hand down the office of W.M. to his successor with the same lustre as he had received it. He hoped the brethren would not expect too much from him, but would render him all the assistance they could in his new office, and it would be his constant aim and pleasure to enhance the interests of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren while he presided over them in the capacity of W.M. Before sitting down he proposed "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge of Lights, 148," which was suitably replied to by Bro. Robinson. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., which was responded to by each visiting brother respectively. "The Success of the Masonic Charities" was given by Bro. Bowes, P.M., &c., and responded to by Bro. Gibbons, who remarked that next to the Gospel Freemasonry taught the grandest principles under the sun. He felt thankful that the Craft so well looked after the aged, and took such care of the sons and daughters of deceased brethren, and concluded by recommending the Masonic Charities to the increased support of the members of the Craft. The Tyler's toast brought this very pleasant gathering to a close.

**NEWPORT.—Albany Lodge (No. 151).**—On Thursday the 28th ult., the brethren of this lodge held a meeting at their Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John Parkes, P.P.G.S.B., the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. Charles Thomas Allée, P.M., presiding as Installing Master. When intro-

ducing the W.M. elect, Bro. George Wyatt, P.M., expressed the very great pleasure he felt in presenting a young member so much respected by the brethren of the Albany Lodge. The old friend whom Bro. Allée had proposed, initiated, passed and raised, and was now about to install as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, who from his punctual attendance and the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the lodge during the years of his Wardenship, there could be no doubt that his Mastership would also be marked by the same punctuality and steady efficient working which he had hitherto evinced. The Installing Master remarked that it was most gratifying to have the privilege of installing his old and valued friend, whom he had initiated, and who had so zealously worked up to the position in which he stood as W.M. elect, and would shortly be enrolled amongst the rulers of the Craft, and the eighth W.M. he (Bro. Allée) had installed in the chair of the Albany Lodge, and as Installing Master he felt sure that he should place in the chair one who would diligently attend to the interests of the lodge, and emulate the good working of his predecessors. The W.M. invested Bro. D. S. Pring as S. W.; the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. E. M. Hughes, M.A., J. W.; Bro. Isaac Golden, S.D.; Bro. W. Tilley, J.D.; Bro. C. O. Harriss, I.G.; Bro. Thos. Kentfield, Junr., Organist. Bro. Treasurer, George Wyatt, P.P.G.S.W.; and Bro. H. F. Dashwood, P.P.G.T., as Tyler, were re-installed for their seventeenth year of office. The visitors were Bros. Captain G. M. Burt, W.M. of the recently resuscitated Yarrow Lodge, 551, Ventnor, I.W.; Mark Linfield, P.M. 551; T. N. J. Petherick, Org. 551 (officiating on the occasion); J. Cabell, 551; Captain F. Newman, P.M. 175 and 608; George Pack, S.W. 175; J. Gentiffe, 35; F. P. Patet, 35; H. Fox, 35; J. Alford, 918; H. T. Way, P.M. Economy, 76. After the ancient ceremonial, the usual banquet took place at the Star Hotel, the residence of Bro. A. E. King, where thirty-four brethren re-assembled.

**WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 2nd inst. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Denne, was unavoidably absent during the early part of the meeting, whereupon the lodge was opened by Bro. Dixon, P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. Wilson, Treasurer (acting) S.W.; C. D. Hume, J.W.; The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. of the Province, Chaplain; J. G. Carter, I.P.M., P.G.D.C., Sec.; Roberts, S. D.; Schiemann, J.D.; Nicholes, I.G.; Strange, P.M.; P.P.G.D., Dir. of Cer.; Pullin, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Hopwood, P.M.; Long, P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Evans, Radclyffe, Larkin, Cousins, Pitts, Robinson, Blizard, Prince, Mitchener, Wilkins, Duffield, Hamper, Hiscock, Willoby, and others. Visitors:—Major General Brownrigg, P.G.M. of the Province of Surrey; W. Biggs, Prov. G. Sec.; Scott, P.M. 101; Hartleton, P.M. 101; Thompson, P.M. 742; Cox, P.M. 742; Land, P.M. 642; Blundell, 742; Berry, P.M. 179; Stokes, 60 (Canada); Cutler, W.M. 771; Powell, P.M. 771; Bingham, 771; Tolley, P.M. 771; Cantrell, W.M. 1501; Nash, P.M. 865; Cockburn, P.M. 820; Worthington P.M. 834 and 858; Chorley, W.M. 865, and others. Bros. Robinson and Larkin were passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Dixon, P.M. Bro. J. G. Carter, I.P.M., then assumed the collar of the W.M., and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. C. D. Hume, J.W. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of twenty-five W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. Roberts, S.W.; Schiemann, J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Chaplain (re-invested); Wilson, P.M., Treas. (re-invested); Carter, P.M., Sec. (re-invested); Nicholes, S.D.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Strange, P.M., Dir. of Cer. (re-invested); Evans, Steward; Kent, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were given by Bro. Wilson, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Carter, P.M. The first official act of the new Master was to invest his predecessor, Bro. Denne, with the usual P.M.'s jewel. A candidate for initiation, and one as a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed in due form. The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, and gave universal satisfaction. The usual toasts were proposed in eloquent terms by the W.M. A special toast was introduced, viz., that of Major General Brownrigg, as Prov. G.M. of the Province of Surrey, who in responding spoke of the great pleasure it afforded him to attend the Etonian Lodge, not only on account of the connection of his son with the lodge as Chaplain, but the very name of the lodge brought back to his recollection many happy days at Eton. He warmly praised the "working" of the lodge, and said he looked forward with pleasure to another visit. The musical brethren (Bro. Large from Westminster Abbey, Briggs and Tolley from St. George's Chapel) added considerably to the pleasure of the evening by singing a capital selection of songs and glees in an admirable manner. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Bro. Dick Radclyffe for his splendid table decorations, which he presented to the lodge, he having personally conducted the arrangement of several elegantly filled epergnes &c., and created an effect impossible to describe. The Prov. G.M. Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., and the Prov. G.M. of the Province of Middlesex, Bro. Colonel Burdett were unavoidably absent.

**NEWPORT.—Silurian Lodge (No. 471).**—The brethren of this lodge met on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newport, to instal Bro. Gibbs as W.M. There was an excellent attendance of P.M.'s and brethren, amongst whom were Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G. D.C. and D.P.G.M. of the province; Bros. W. Pickford, P.G.S.W.; H. J. Grate, P.G.J.W.; C. Rowe, P.G. Sec., and other distinguished visitors. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Chas. Lyne, son of the P.G.M., who distinguished himself in this, as he has done in every ceremony during his year of office. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to support

the worthy D.P.G.M., Steward for the Benevolent Institution on 12th February next. The lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

**STOKESLEY.—Cleveland Lodge (No. 543).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge-room, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley, on Monday evening last, when there was a good attendance, most of the members having travelled for several miles to be present. The W.M. elect, Bro. Coulson, was duly installed by Bro. Richardson, P.M.; after which the following officers were invested, viz., Bros. W. S. Dixon, S.W.; D. Dixon, J.W.; W. Sharp, S.D.; Hanson, J.D.; J. H. Handyside, P. Prov. G.J.W., Sec.; R. Watson, P.M., Treas.; John White, I.G.; H. Fawcett, P.M., Org.; and W. Harrison, Tyler. The banquet was fixed for Thursday the 25th inst. The newly-installed Master then initiated Mr. Thomas Fenney into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and a Cleveland vicar was proposed as a candidate, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren all expressed themselves much pleased with the manner in which the new W.M. had gone through the ceremony of initiation for the first time.

**NEWPORT.—Isca Lodge (No. 688).**—On Thursday, 4th January, a lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, by the brethren of this lodge to initiate Samuel George Homfray, the son of the D.P.G.M., who had to return to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he now resides. The brethren assembled in goodly numbers to support their worthy D.P.G.M., Bro. Captain S. George Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., who performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. He then thanked the W.M. for having entrusted him with his gavel, and afforded him the privilege of initiating his son in his mother lodge, and he felt confident that he would become an ornament to the Craft.

**LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 824).**—A specially interesting meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a very large gathering of brethren. Bro. Wm. Wilson, W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. J. Houlding, S.W.; H. Ashmore, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; G. Turner, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Holland, P.M., DD.; W. Boulton, P.M.; W. Cottle, P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; with about sixty brethren. The visitors were Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; W. Shortis, P.M. 724; W. Pugh, P.M. 1182; W. Wood, W.M. 1620; F. H. Evans, P.M. 1393; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; and others. The business included the Second Degree, after which Bro. W. Wilson, W.M., gave a highly interesting lecture on geometry, with special reference to architecture, founded as a science in Egypt. He gave a vivid and lucid explanation of the 47th problem in Euclid, deducing therefrom many valuable and pointed moral lessons and deductions. The lecture was listened to with marked attention by all the brethren present, and the peculiarly talented manner in which Bro. Wilson had framed his lecture elicited the admiration and commendation of every one. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren separated after a true intellectually Masonic treat.

**DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday evening, January 3rd. The lodge was opened at 7 p.m. The circular having been read and the minutes of the past lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Heathcote, S.W., was unanimously elected. The next business was to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. W. H. Bobart was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Bobart, having held the office of Treasurer to this lodge for a number of years was greeted in a very warm manner by the brethren generally. Bro. Slinn was re-elected as Tyler. Mr. Alfred George Sayer was initiated into Freemasonry in ancient and solemn form. Bro. Walters was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in a very impressive manner by the W.M. Lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bros. Worsnop and Mantou were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts to the 30th December, 1876. The W.M. having received the hearty good wishes from a number of the brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, when the majority of the brethren adjourned to supper; after which followed the usual Masonic toasts, which were given and duly honoured. The musical talent of several of the brethren enhanced very considerably the evening's enjoyment. The brethren present were as follows:—Bros. S. Pipes, W.M.; Wm. Heathcote, S.W.; J. O. Mantou, as J.W.; J. H. Biggs, as S.D.; Josh. Heathcote, J.D.; M. H. Bobart, Treas.; Geo. Pipes, Sec., as Org.; Wm. Butterfield, as I.G.; Thos. Slinn, Tyler. Bros. Pakeman, Russell, Mills, Pragnell, Geo. Hill, Steele, Parkins, Walters, Gore. Visitors: Bros. R. Bennett, W.M. 731. Frazer, 731.

**WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).**—On Monday, 18th ult., Bro. F. A. Rosoman was installed the W.M. for the year ensuing of the Clausentum Lodge by the Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., assisted by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. W. Hickman. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Captain Martin, R.N., I.P.M.; Geo. G. Tilling, S.W.; R. R. L. Rosoman, J.W.; Capt. R. W. Evans, Treas.; H. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Andrews, S.D.; W. H. Chapman, J.D.; J. Methven, I.G.; E. Waters, D.G.; and Vare, Tyler. After the installation the brethren adjourned to the Woolston College (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Methven), and sat down to a banquet supplied by Bro. Dartnall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The room was very handsomely decorated with flags, &c., and the table with a very choice array of flowers, ferns, &c., from the Hazelkirk conservatories. The whole proceedings were carried out in a most successful manner, and the number of brethren present showed how flourishing this young lodge has become.



## Scotland.

**DUNNING.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 174).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held by this lodge on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday the 27th ult. About 2 p.m., a double sleigh, gaily decorated with evergreens, and containing a deputation of the brethren of the lodge, arrived at the Forteviot Station, there to await the arrival from Perth, per 1.55 train, of the Installing Officer, Bro. Dr. Cowan, Past Master of Eastern Bengal Railway Lodge No. 444, of Calcutta, and of Great Western Lodge, No. 47 of Canada, and Past Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire (East), who had volunteered his services on this occasion, as well as at other times, to aid in restoring to good working order an old and respected lodge. On arriving at Dunning a good muster of brethren was found ready to greet them at the old Kirkstyle Hotel, where ample provision had been provided for the wants of the brethren, by their Steward, Bro. Stewart. At 3.30 p.m., by request of the Right Worshipful Master, Bro. Henry Menzies Bro. Dr. Cowan opened lodge in due and ancient form. The work on the trestle-board was the annual election and installation of officers. This was at once proceeded with, by open vote, when the following brethren were declared to be duly and unanimously elected to fill the respective offices during the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. James Holmes Morrison, M.D., R.W.M.; Henry Menzies, P.M.; John Taylor, sen., D.M.; John Morton Buchanan, M.B., S.B.; James Wilson, S.W.; William Bruce, S.W.; John Pollock, Treas.; Andrew Matthew, Sec.; James Rae, Chap.; Andrew Chalmers, S.D.; James Whyte, J.D.; John Taylor, jun., Jeweller; William Jones, Bible Bearer; John Stirling, Sword Bearer; David Fenton, Marshal; Alex. Stewart, Steward; Andrew Mailer, I.G.; Robert Cunningham, Tyler. Immediately after the election, the Installing Officer administered the usual obligations to the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Morrison, after which, he was inducted into the chair in the presence of the brethren, and duly proclaimed Master of the Lodge with all the usual rites and ceremonies. The remaining officers were then obligated and installed seriatim into their respective offices. The whole ceremony was performed by Bro. Dr. Cowan in an imposing, impressive, and correct manner, and was calculated to make a deep and lasting impression upon the minds of the brethren present, from the many and valuable instructions conveyed. As soon as the ceremony (which occupied altogether over an hour) was over, the lodge was adjourned. The brethren were then formed, under direction of the Marshal, Bro. Fenton, into Masonic Order of Procession, and, headed by an excellent new fife and drum band, under the able leadership of Mr. Peter Flockhart, and lighted on their way by a great number of torches, by boy torch-bearers, marched away from the Hotel, and paraded the principal streets of the ancient town, creating a great sensation in the otherwise usually quiet place, where such a sight had not been witnessed for very many years. Unfortunately, the weather was very unfavourable, rain falling in torrents. After the return of the procession to the hotel they adjourned to the dining-room, and, after grace had been said by the officiating Chaplain, sat down to a most excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Stewart. The Steward of the lodge, whose kindness and attention to all was much appreciated. Then followed about two hours of pleasant sociality, including speeches, songs and sentiments. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Morrison, who occupied the chair, was assisted by his S.W., Bro. James Wilson, and J.W., Bro. William Bruce, who acted as croupiers. After the usual loyal toasts had been given, the Chairman rose and proposed "The Health of Bro. Dr. Cowan," the guest of the evening, paying that brother a handsome compliment for coming forward on so many occasions to assist the lodge in its work, and stated that it was greatly due to his efforts on their behalf that St. John, No. 174, was now in so flourishing a condition. The W.M. concluded by calling upon his officers and brethren to dedicate with him a bumper to the long life, health, and happiness of the "King of Masons," Worshipful Bro. Dr. Cowan, which was responded to with full Masonic honours and deafening cheers. Bro. Dr. Cowan, in reply, said that it always gave him great pleasure to forward the course of Masonry. He believed in so doing he was doing a great, good, and useful work. He had seen much of Masonry in every country and clime, and wherever he had been he had seen nothing which more tended than it did to bind good men together. He had always, ever since he became acquainted with their worthy P.M., Bro. Menzies, and with themselves, had the greatest pleasure in coming to Dunning to aid the good work. Bro. Menzies, though old in years, was yet young in energy, and young in heart, and was a good and worthy citizen and Mason, and he (Dr. Cowan) thought they ought to be proud of having such a man in their midst, and from what he had seen of his and their working so well and so amicably together, he had no doubt they would work equally amicably and well with their new Master and Ruler, Bro. Dr. Morrison. He was pleased to see on a late occasion when he visited their Lodge, No. 174, that they were on such friendly terms with their nearest Sister Lodge, No. 46, St. John of Auchterarder. On that occasion there was a deputation from that lodge consisting of seven members, headed by their present W.M., Bro. Malcom, and Bro. Dr. Macfar, S.W. He was always pleased to see brethren of different lodges working amicably together, and being on close terms of intimacy and friendship, and thus showing to the external world that there is the amount of love and harmony in Masonry which we all profess. These reunions and visitations did great good. He begged to return to the R.W. Master, Bro. Dr. Morrison, his most hearty thanks for the very kind, even magnificent, reception he and his lodge had given him, and for the masterly and very kind manner in which he

had spoken of his humble efforts on their behalf, and also for the very hearty way in which they had responded to the toast of his health. Bro. Cowan then asked permission from the R.W. Master to propose the next toast, which was granted. He said: R.W. Master, Wardens, and brethren, the toast which I have to offer for your acceptance is that of a very old, very worthy and distinguished member of your lodge, your Immediate Past Master, Bro. Henry Menzies. I need not say how well he is beloved by you all, nor how well he deserves it. Suffice it to say, that even for the very short time which I have known him, which is barely twelve months, I have learned to appreciate his worth, his kindness and courtesy to all men, and his energy, zeal, and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry, which are truly wonderful at his years, which are now over threescore and ten. You, R.W. sir, have been pleased to allude to my efforts on behalf of this lodge, and even to say that it is chiefly due to me that the lodge is now beginning to prosper and "flourish as a green bay tree;" but allow me to correct you, and to say that no effort of mine, and no efforts of any one outside of your own lodge, could have again raised it from its long dormant state. The wonderful vitality into which your lodge has sprung from a state of almost hopeless torpor, is due chiefly, I may say almost entirely, to the energy and zeal of your new members, encouraged by the great kindness, largeness of heart, and hospitality of your Past Master, Bro. Menzies. He has not only given you his own services, his time, and his money to awaken you, but he has done what very few men, even in our large-hearted and liberal Craft, would have done; he has placed his own private residence at your disposal, to enable you to instruct yourselves in Masonry, and to render yourselves perfect in the rites and ceremonies of an ancient and honourable Craft. To such a man and such a brother you owe a very high debt of gratitude far such great and unvaried love as he has displayed for our Order and for you, and he deserves from all of us our warmest affection and love, and our most grateful and heartfelt thanks. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and all the honours. Bro. Menzies made a brief but pertinent reply. Bro. Menzies then proposed "The Health of their present R.W.M., Bro. Dr. Morrison." He asked them to drink "The Health of their Newly-installed Master," and this with all the Masonic honours. The W.M. made a neat and appropriate reply, thanking the brethren kindly for their good wishes, and hoped by-and-by to be more fully deserving of them. The Past Officers' healths, and thanks for their services, were then proposed from the chair, and duly responded to by Bro. William Bruce. After this there followed other toasts, and songs, and sentiments. A most agreeable social evening was spent until about 11 p.m., when the party adjourned downstairs to the ball-room, where the wives, sweethearts, and friends of the brethren had gathered in goodly numbers. The ball was very much enjoyed by all, and kept up with spirit to the excellent music of the band until nearly a p.m., when all retired to their respective homes highly delighted. In the course of the evening, a telegram was despatched to the sister Lodge of Auchterarder, and duly acknowledged.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided. The other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, H. Muggeridge, William Hale, Henry G. Warren, John Constable, Thos. Cubitt, J. Newton, John G. Stevens, J. A. Farnfield, James Brett, W. Stevens, C. A. Cottebrune, Frederick Adlard, G. Bolton, W. Hilton, Charles Lacy, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, and Terry.

The death of one annuitant was reported, after having received £242. The Wardens report for the past month was read, expressing the gratitude of the residents at the Asylum at Croydon for an extra sack of coals delivered at Christmas time. The Wardens report also referred to the entertainment given last week at the Institution, and conveyed the old peoples' expression of pleasure at the amusements of the evening. The report also recorded the presentation of the gold watch to Dr. Strong and the gold locket to Mrs. Strong.

Bro. Terry read the report of the Finance Committee, which showed that during last year the gross receipts of the Institution amounted to £12,540 15s. 7d. The report was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Terry then brought up the Special Report of the House Committee, which recommended that the field in front of the building should be rented. This was agreed to.

25 petitions were read and considered, and 23 were received. The remaining two were deferred to next month for further information.

Dr. Erasmus Wilson gave notice of motion for the annual meeting in May to alter the amount hitherto paid for the qualification of individuals and lodges as Life Governors of the Institution from pounds to guineas; the other subscriptions of 5s., 10s., and 15s. to remain as hitherto.

Bro. Terry mentioned to the committee that for the next election there were 35 male candidates, and only 8 vacancies; and 35 female candidates, and only 2 vacancies.

The committee adjourned, after sitting an hour and a-half.

We notice that Bro. Edgar Towell's (professionally known as Edgar Anderson) Variety Company, will open at the Town Hall, Walthamstow, on Monday next. The entertainment will consist of operatta, comedy, and tragedy.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

We draw the attention of the Craft to the fact that for the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution there are 35 male and 35 female candidates. For the former there are but 10 vacancies, the latter but 2.

By the Queen's command the sum of £250 has been forwarded to the Lord Mayor from the Royal Bounty Fund in aid of the distress caused by the recent inundations. Her Majesty has also Contributed £50 towards the relief of the suffering which has been caused in Windsor through the overflowing of the Thames.

On Tuesday, by the request of her Majesty, a number of the members of the Royal Household were vaccinated at Windsor Castle by Dr. Fairbank, the Queen's surgeon. Those who had had small-pox, or who had been vaccinated within the last seven years, were exempted.

The memorial church to the late Bishop Summer has been consecrated at Farnham. The Bishop of Winchester, the Bishop of Guildford, and the Venerable Archdeacon Jacob took part in the proceedings.

The total rainfall measured at Greenwich Observatory last week was 1.34 inch.

At a meeting of Churchmen held on Monday last at Sheffield, the Archbishop of York presiding, it was resolved to erect one additional church each year for five years. A fund of £50,000 is to be raised, of which £22,003 was announced at the meeting.

The marriage of Lieutenant-Colonel E. Chaplin, M.P., and Lady Gwendolen Talbot is fixed to take place at Ingestre on the 18th January.

It is officially announced that the Address in the House of Commons in answer to the Queen's Speech will be moved by Lord Galway, M.P. for North Nottinghamshire, and seconded by Mr. Torr, M.P. for Liverpool.

We have much pleasure in recording the fact that on Christmas-day Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, with a few young ladies and young gentlemen, provided a real English Christmas dinner for 297 necessitous poor. The joints consisted of sirloins of beef, legs of mutton, shoulders of mutton, and legs of pork, with boiled and baked potatoes, plum puddings, and stout. "If ye love me feed the hungry." The above is worthy of all Masons.

Bro. D. Murray Lyon is now editing "Ayr in the Olden Time," to be shortly published by John Tweed, 16, South Portland-street, Glasgow. We recommend the work to all archaeologists.

The infant daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh was christened at the Palace of St. Antonio, at Malta, on Jan. 1, and received the names Victoria Melita. The Queen was one of the sponsors.

The Jubilee Ball of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, which consists of 170 houses, chapel, chaplain's residence, &c., will take place at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst.

The Mansion House Inundation Relief Fund now exceeds £2500. The Premier has declined to receive a deputation on the subject of the floods in Lambeth, and has referred the memorialists in that borough to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Bishop of Exeter is to be presented with a pastoral staff, in recognition of his generosity in diverting £800 a year from his income to the see of Truro.

The Duke of Marlborough made his public entry into Dublin on Wednesday, as Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, in succession to the Duke of Abercorn.

**LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.**—This enjoyable and largely patronised festive gathering of "the Craft" and their friends in and around Liverpool took place at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., the proceeds being again intended for the benefit of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. A full report of the ball will appear in our next issue.

A meeting of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, was held on Monday, 8th inst., for the purpose of electing a President for the ensuing year, when Bro. Lewis Alexander, Senior P.M., was re-elected.

**COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.**—The ever-popular hero of Defoe's well-known story, "Robinson Crusoe," gives many opportunities to playwrights for supplying a thoroughly good Christmas pantomime. The version given at this noble theatre is very amusing and enjoyable. The scenery is magnificent, and the accessories most brilliant. Bro. Charles Rice, the energetic manager, deserves very great praise for the liberal manner in which he has placed this gorgeous annual upon the stage, and also for the very efficient company engaged to portray each character. We may safely predict a most successful run for this pantomime, for the magnificent scenery, splendid costumes, good music, dancing, and clever artists will certainly draw thousands of all ages to witness the adventures of their great hero of fiction, "Robinson Crusoe."

The installation meeting of the St. James's Lodge, No. 448, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on the 2nd inst. A report of the proceedings is unavoidably postponed, through pressure on our columns, until next week.

**LINCOLNSHIRE PORK PIES.**—These celebrated pies are really very excellent, fresh, tasty, and well-made. Heads of families will find them a serviceable addition to the luncheon or supper table. They are equal to, if they do not excel others, and certainly deserve a trial. Bro. George Broadway, of 24, Steep Hill, Lincoln, is the manufacturer.



## CONSECRATION OF THE STARKIE LODGE, No. 1634.

On Wednesday, 20th ult., the anniversary of the festival of St. John, a new lodge was consecrated and constituted at the Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom. Hitherto there had been no Masonic lodge in Ramsbottom, and brethren resident there had to travel a number of miles, either to Bury on the one hand, or Haslingden on the other, in order to participate in the proceedings incident to the mystic Craft. Wednesday's ceremony was numerously attended, and passed off with great *ac/ai*. About ninety of the brethren were present from different parts of the province of East Lancashire, including the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M.; William Harrison, S.G.W.; Thomas Chorlton, G.Reg., Manchester; John Tannah, Grand Sec., Bolton; W.O. Walker, S.G.D., Bury; John Pelling, G. Superintendent of Works, Bacup; C. M. Jones, G. Dir. of Cers., Rochdale; J. H. Sillitoe, Assiat. ditto, Manchester; James Mills, G.S.B., Heywood; Thomas Hargreaves, G. Org., Haslingden; Westray Benn, Assiat. G. Pursuivant Bacup; Rawdon Ashworth, P.G.S.; Joseph Handley, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Henry Maiden, P. Prov. G.S.B., Bury.

The proceedings commenced about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon. Bro. S. Porritt, P.M., opened a Craft lodge to the Third Degree, after which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and his officers were admitted in procession, and Bro. Le Gendre Starkie having taken his seat in the W.M.'s chair, the ceremony commenced, and was performed in a most impressive manner.

Bros. A. Wroe, S. Bailey, J. Simpson, and Kershaw, of Bury, sang the anthems and musical responses most effectively, Bro. J. R. Fletcher, of Bury, officiating as accompanist. The petition and warrant of the new lodge—which bears the name "Starkie," No. 1634—having been read, and the petitioning brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant,

The Prov. Grand Master delivered a short oration on the nature and design of Freemasonry. In the course of his remarks he said he hoped that the brethren composing this new lodge would maintain the dignity and unity which were so essential in Masonry, and which would not only be a credit to themselves, but would show to the outer world that there was something more than mere banquets. Far be it from him to say they should not have their banquets and convivial meetings. He did not see, in their own precepts, nor yet in any system of morality, why men should not meet together to enjoy themselves; but when they had certain rules laid down, as they had in Freemasonry, that those enjoyments should be fraternal and rational, a Mason who outstepped them and traduced his obligations was much more culpable than the man who had never been taught them or had the principle brought before him. He wished them to be very careful concerning character and antecedents, as to who they elected into this lodge, so that no trouble need be experienced by having among them persons who joined Masonry for ultimate ends of their own and not for the good of society. This Christmas of 1876 had brought to them the nativity of their lodge, and he hoped it would be a Christmas hereafter which to the poor might be a benefit, to the oppressed a solace, and to the well-doing a source of brotherly association, whereby they might receive benefit.

The remaining portion of the ceremony was then proceeded with, and the consecration being completed, the Prov. Grand Master vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. W. O. Walker, who installed Bro. Henry Heys as the W.M. of the lodge, following which Bro. Jos. Handley invested the W.M.'s officers, viz., Bros. Thomas Peak, S.W.; Samuel Porritt, J.W.; George J. Cottrill, S.D.; Samuel Wilson, J.D.; Samuel Horrocks, I.G.; Lawrence Stead, C.; John Spencer, D. of C.; George Thorpe, Treasurer; Hazell Ineson, Secretary; Henry Lees Sladin, Organist; John Schofield and Thomas Smith, Stwds.; Abel Booth, Tyler.

This being completed, the Prov. Grand Master returned his hearty thanks to the Provincial Grand Officers for the assistance they had given

him, and especially acknowledged his obligation to Bros. W. O. Walker and Jos. Handley for the admirable manner in which they had performed the installation and investiture respectively. They were not, he was happy to say, under the necessity of procuring extraneous aid from other provinces. It was an honour and credit to the province to have brethren who could perform the ceremony as it had been performed that day, and it was no small gratification to him to know that he had officers under him who were capable of doing their duty, and ever willing to do it, in a manner that could not be beaten by the officers in any other province.

The Prov. Grand Master and his officers then retired, and the W.M. closed the lodge in due form, announcing that the regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday in every month. It may be stated that the lodge furniture, &c., was of an unusually rich and costly description, and excited much admiration on the part of the visitors.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to St. Paul's School-room, which had been appropriately adorned with a variety of festoons, mottoes, &c., and where a most substantial banquet was served to a company of 93 by Bro. John Rostron, of Bolton. The chair was occupied by Bro. Heys, who was supported by the Prov. Grand Master and his officers. In the course of the evening a number of choice songs, duets, and glees were given by the vocalists already named as sustaining the musical part of the consecration ceremony, a song of Bro. J. R. Fletcher's, sung by Bro. Ware—"Here's to his Health"—being enthusiastically encored.

The W.M. proposed in succession "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present," and "Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master." In giving the latter toast he referred in terms of high praise to the good qualities of Bro. Starkie, and said that they must all feel that the lodge No. 1634 had not been misnamed in being styled after him. (Cheers.)

The Prov. Grand Master, in rising to respond, met with a perfect ovation. After some preliminary observations, he said Masonry was a system which, if properly and duly studied, would elevate a man in his social position—would elevate his thoughts and inspire him with ideas whereby he could not only ameliorate himself but also be of great advantage to his brother citizens. Freemasonry was open to the world—to all who believe in Him who is the Great Architect of the Universe. An atheist or deist could not conscientiously enter within the precincts of their Order, but a man was allowed that grand liberty of conscience whereby he could make himself known to be a good citizen, a moral man—and there was no morality without a certain amount of religious feeling—and an obedient citizen to the civil law. Everything noble, generous, and sublime that a man could wish constituted the elements of the great cardinal virtues, the basis and bulwarks of their orders faith, hope, and charity. Would anyone tell him that in this large province of East Lancashire over which he ruled—with its muster roll of 3,880 to 4,000 brethren—Freemasonry had not done good? As this was the christening day of one of the junior members of his provincial family of 84, he thought it would not be inopportune if he gave them a few statistics relative to their numerical position. There were 41 Provincial Grand Lodges in England and Wales, and 37 District Grand Lodges in the colonies and foreign parts, giving a total of 78 under the Grand Lodge of England. There were on the register of the Grand Lodge of England 1648 lodges, dividing which by the 78 Provincial or District Grand Lodges they had an average of 21 lodges to each province or district. How did they stand in the province of East Lancashire? Why they had 84 lodges, or nearly one-twentieth of the whole of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. Taking Lancashire as a whole—84 in the East, and 74 in the West province, or a total of 158 lodges—they had nearly

one tenth of the whole of the lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He did not think the accusation had ever been made of Lancashire people that they were wanting either in enterprise or acumen; they did not take things up with a futile notion. It was with great pride when he came through those valleys to see how his friends had made fortunes for themselves by their industry and enterprise and knowledge of commerce; and when he found those men likewise great advocates of Freemasonry, it was still more gratifying to him that he held the high and honourable position which he had among them, because they must have taken up Masonry in a very earnest and proper sense, or he should not have found their lodges so strong and flourishing. This portion of Christmastide had been one of the happiest days he ever spent in his life, and he thought that if Dickens, the great master of Christmas literature, had been a Freemason, and could have been with them that day, and have described the proceedings of that day, it would have formed a chapter that would have been eagerly perused by the Masons of Lancashire, and never have been forgotten. It was likewise the festival of St. John, and he had never spent a happier St. John's festival than this one. He congratulated Bro. Heys upon being the first Master of this new lodge, and he must also congratulate them upon the lodge furniture. He was a sort of provincial octogenarian, and he trusted that his family of 84 lodges might thrive apace, and that his rule over them might be long. He trusted they might steer clear of all shoals, and that they would keep their charities well supplied with funds, remembering that charity should begin at home. Let not the outer world have to accuse them of indifference or neglect in respect to poor and distressed Masons or their children. They had to be judged by the world, and the world judged very fairly by men's actions. Let them show an example to others, proving by their actions that they wished to enhance the value of morality, pay respect to religion, obey the civil law, and, whatever their political or religious opinions, prove themselves loyal and true to those who were above them; so that as they passed away they might be remembered as men who worked for the good of their country, their neighbours, and the Almighty. (Cheers.)

Bro. Peak proposed "The Health of George Mellor, Esq., W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and Bro. Harrison responded. Bro. Hargreaves proposed "The New Lodge," and Bro. L. Stead responded. The Prov. G.M. gave the next toast, "The Newly-installed Master," and expressed much pleasure at the selection which had been made, and the W.M. responded in appropriate terms. "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Geo. O'Neil, P.M. 191, Bury, and responded to by Bro. Peak; "Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Heywood, of Clayton-le-Moors, and responded to by Bro. Spencer; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Porritt, and responded to by Bro. Smethurst; and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following reports and other communications stand over.—

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A correction by Bro. R. W. Little, too late for this week, in our next.

E. Hopwood—Yes; most certainly.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

BELL.—On the 5th inst., at Laurel-villa, Brixton-rise, the wife of R. E. Bell, of a daughter.  
CAMPELL.—On the 3rd inst., at Poona, the wife of Major Sir W. Campbell, Bart., R.A., of a son.  
JONES.—On the 19th ult., at Christiania, the wife of Capt. Jones, H.M.'s Consul-General, of a son.  
PORTER.—On the 7th inst., at Clifton-villa, Lower Strat-ham, the wife of H. Porter, of a daughter.  
WHYTE.—On the 8th inst., at King Henry's-road, Primrose-hill, the wife of R. Whyte, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

LOCKE—PRIOR.—On the 1th inst., at St. Mark's, Bangalore, Madras, S. A. Locke, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-law, to Susan D. Prior, daughter of the late Capt. G. B. Prior.  
SAMUEL—DUTCH.—On the 9th inst., at 103, St. Stephen's-green, Dublin, Albert Samuel, Esq., of 10, Ludgate-hill, London, to Miss Fanny Dutch, daughter of the late S. Dutch, Esq., of London.

## DEATHS.

GRAY.—On the 5th inst., at Bowerswell, Perth, N.B., George Gray, Esq., in his 79th year.  
RICHARDSON.—On the 8th inst., Thomas Richardson, Esq., of The Briary, Shotley Bridge, Durham, in his 45th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 1877.

## THE ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

The proceedings of the last Especial Grand Lodge, if they do not altogether accord with the individual wishes of many, must be admitted by all impartial persons to be alike most interesting, and dignified, and creditable in the extreme to our great Order. He must be a very narrow-minded or very perverse person who does not enter into all that is involved in the elevated truth and judicial fairness of Lord Carnarvon's eloquent address. As we follow that distinguished brother and able statesman through his lucid utterances, we see, perforce, how difficult was the problem which the Special Committee had to solve. We rejoice to think that some humble remarks of ours at the time when the Grand Lodge committed the great mistake of rejecting Bro. Havers' befitting motion, have received practically, in his own more eloquent language, the approval and enforcement of our Pro Grand Master. We ventured then to point out that as Freemasons we had to avoid the opposing dangers of making a bad precedent by an unfitting grant, and the popular imputation of selfishness by limiting our "grant of recognition" to our own Charities. We were, however, told by some wiseacres, if we remember rightly, that such remarks were "nonsense," "twaddle"—anything you like—and we were all but denied the exercise either of common sense or a Masonic mind, in putting forward such a theory and such a proposition. Well "Time," they say, always brings its "revenges," and here to-day we are glad to record, that the humble arguments we ventured to shadow out, so to say, have procured the approval and support of one of our most distinguished and respected leaders; above all, the concurrence of Grand Lodge itself. That something might be said in favour of a grant to our Charities, as an appeal "ad Latomos," we never denied; and that a proposal which suggested a special grant, under special conditions, to all our Charities, might commend itself to many minds, we never sought to deny or dispute. But we preferred then, as we prefer still, the more public and national expression of our gratitude as a body corporate, than any effort simply to record it even by specific grants to our noble Charities. For that, at any rate, was the only legitimate form such a suggestion could take, as any resolution to vote simply so much to each charity, was condemned, as Lord Carnarvon's argument will show, by the very facts of the case, inasmuch as during the past twelve months the Charities have received from a generous and open-handed Craft a larger amount than they have ever received before. It might have been possible to create special scholarships for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and to contribute to a special wing for the Benevolent Asylum, or create special annuities, but none of these proposals are without difficulties, to which we need not now allude. The Grand Lodge had condemned the desire of many to perpetuate the old historical landmarks of the operative and speculative brotherhood, and to assist in two great works, which, though in one sense no doubt sectarian, were in another national, as bound up with the history of religion, art, and Freemasonry in this country. And, therefore, in our opinion, the special committee did perfectly right, and Grand Lodge most properly supported them, in putting forward a grant which was both national and humanitarian, a credit to our Grand Master and Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it conclusively evidenced to all within and without Freemasonry, that as Freemasons, we are neither swayed by selfish motives nor mere beneficiary aims, but raising ourselves above any claims of sectarian influence, devoted a large sum of money to the best interests of humanity. We may all then, as it appears to us, feel very proud of the position which our Grand Lodge has taken, and specially grateful for those wise counsels that have led up to a result creditable to all alike. To Lord Carnarvon we all must feel that we owe a debt of abounding gratitude,

in that leaving the absorbing duties of his high office for a time, he has shared our difficulties and aided our deliberations. We who have ever spoken honestly and bonâ fide, in the pages of the *Freemason*, rejoice to think that 1877 has opened for us all as Masons with this striking proof of the large-heartedness, and unselfishness of our Order, of its sympathy with the necessary wants and daily dangers of a suffering humanity. In loyalty to its royal chief, in charity with all men, our good old brotherhood commences another year of Masonic work and sympathy, and moves on undaunted and unruffled by denunciation or anathema, honestly and humbly seeking to fulfil in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. its sacred mission for the peaceful union and humanitarian relief of our brethren and sisters of the dust.

## OUR CHARITABLE RETURNS FOR 1876.

A modest paragraph in our last *Freemason* (at page 6) gives us a very striking and synoptical view of the charitable efforts of our great Fraternity in 1876, as connected with our metropolitan charities, though these are, as we have often had occasion to notice before, but a part of what Freemasons give to those who need. By that summing up, it would appear that the Boys' School had received £15,359 5s. 4d.; the Girls' School, £11,435 6s. 7d.; and the Benevolent Institution, £12,540 15s. 7d.; in all, £39,335 7s. 6d. This is the largest sum that has ever been collected for our charities, and tells its own tale, and points its own moral for all who will take the trouble to think over the reality of beneficence thus presented to their notice. In the first place, at 3 per cent. this amount represents the interest of considerably over a million of money, and reflects, we venture to think, the greatest credit, not only on our benevolent brotherhood in general, but on those energetic officers of the Institution, like our good brothers the three able and indomitable Secretaries, the Committees of the Institutions, the Stewards and numerous kind friends of the charities themselves, alike in the provinces and in the metropolis. When we remember that within 25 years a few hundreds were considered "liberal returns," not only do we and must we feel how great and how successful has been the charity movement in our midst, but how very remarkably our brethren realize what is, after all, the true end of Freemasonry. We are not going to day in a cynical or morbid spirit to denounce the "social theory," or to lay down a too ascetic and exalted view of what Freemasonry is and ought to be, for we are quite aware that in estimating earthly affairs aright, we should always make allowance for the inevitable wants and harmless conditions of human nature itself. Men will be men, and Masonry will be Masonry to the end of time. Nay we will say more. Hyper-asceticism, and hyper-profession have never done any good in the world, and Freemasonry, like religion, would teach us a lesson of moderation in all things, not of despotism negation of the wishes and wants of some, not of intolerant interference with the liberty of the individual, or the rights of the personal judgment. To denounce Masonic social gatherings is alike an act of fanaticism and illiberalism, to declare dogmatically against all allowable and innocent recreation, is either a proof of a shallow mind, or of an unsound judgment. But still, making every allowance you like, giving the fullest margin you can for the requisite conditions of social assembly and befitting entertainment we fear it cannot be denied that there are still "spots" in our "feasts of charity," which require alteration and removal. Many of our lodges are in debt to the Treasurer; many of our lodges "outrun the constable;" many of our lodges have no available balance at the close of the year, and shuffle on, so to say, as well as they can. Large bills for comestibles and drinkables have to be paid, and when that is done the balance is so small that the lodge can vote nothing away. How then are all the wonderful figures of our charitable returns brought about? To the last- ing credit of our fraternity, by the zealous



labours and liberal sacrifices of individual brethren in London and our provinces, and our dependencies alone. But then this evil, which is a growing one, supervenes. The burden is laid upon the willing horse, and year after year, as our good Secretaries know, the same warm-hearted brother hands over his kindly subscription to this charity or that. Now we have often said before, and we repeat it to-day, that our lodges and chapters ought, quâ lodges and chapters, to do more than they yearly have done in the past, or do at the present. Every lodge and chapter ought at least to be a life governor of all our institutions—nay a Vice-President. It is impossible to say off hand, what an amount of increased power and usefulness might be given to the charities, if lodges and chapters would qualify according to the rules, or add also according to the rules, to the amount they have already subscribed. For we must bear in mind, that with each year more petitions appear for our charities, and that with our wonderful material prosperity, we have necessarily concomitant claims for relief and aid. We must then look out for the future, and we have no hesitation in saying, (as the result of our own Masonic growth remember alone), that our charities, despite the apparent greatness of last year's return, will require even increased, yes increased returns in the years which are to come. And yet we have ourselves personally no fear as to the issue, humanly speaking. So great is the liberality and so fervent the warm-heartedness of our excellent brotherhood, that they will rise equal, we feel persuaded, to the emergency, and so far from slackening their zeal or holding their hands, they will still pour into the treasury of our Masonic charities, the offerings of sympathy, the fraternal donations of true Masonic hearts. And so let them say of us what they like. Let them abuse us as they will, denounce, curse, condemn, as they please. In the year of grace 1876, we poor benighted, disloyal, irreligious, English Freemasons, Masonic "Goose Clubs," as we are, according to Monsignore Nardi, sent up to our Metropolitan charities the goodly charitable gift of £39,335 7s. 6d. and we fully expect that 1877 will exhibit another proof to the gain-sayer and to the profane world, of the zeal and truth, the brotherly love, and sympathetic benevolence, which so strikingly distinguish our kindly and compassionate Craft.

### MIGHTY KIND.

A little bit of information from Ireland, published in our last impression, will, we think, suggest some serious, some amusing, considerations to all our readers. Serious, indeed, will some be, inasmuch as the trifling tale serves to show how strong and vital is the power of intolerance. It appears that the Lord Mayor had invited 60 "gentlemen" to dinner at the Mansion House, to which private assembly "a Masonic character had been attributed" by somebody or other, whereupon we are told, (we would fain hope that the statement is incorrect), the "liberal members," beaded, of the corporation "held a meeting, pursuant to a circular which had been issued, to consider what steps should be taken to censure the Lord Mayor." What for? For such an act of distinct impropriety? Whether this impropriety consisted in giving a dinner, (which we do not suppose), or that certain persons were not asked, which is much more likely, we are not told. Of course, there can and could be no offence in giving a dinner, a good dinner, but it was truly shocking that Masons should be invited to partake of it. And so these liberal and sapient persons met in "caucus," to censure the hospitable Lord Mayor. Liberals indeed! why their act is the worst representation of illiberalism and intolerance which we have ever heard of. And this in Ireland too, where, whatever their faults may be, Irishmen are "gregarious animals," always social and hospitable in the extreme, and particularly fond of a good dinner. But these little "straws," show us how the Ultramontane wind is blowing, and that in the depth of their childish animosity, in the fervour of their mistaken partizanships, there are no lengths which bigotry will not lead some, or loud-voiced, dark-

minded fanaticism will not conduct others. And here comes in the amusing side of the story, not so much, that this assembly of so-called liberals made geese of themselves, but that they thought "discretion was the better part of valour," and that they did not censure the kindly and pleasant entertainer of "hungry and thirsty souls." The report says, further on this important topic, they "permitted him to leave the Civic Chair uncensured." Now is it not "mighty kind" of that august body of men not to fulminate a vote of disapproval against the Lord Mayor, who had given a dinner, some Masons being among the guests, and who were observed to enjoy their entertainment very much, as Masons are wont to do. Must we not all admit that this judicious reticence of anathema, this wise hesitation to condemn a friendly host, does infinite credit to the discernment and the discretion of these far-seeing and truly liberal-minded men. Can any Irish brethren throw any light on this interesting little episode? We should positively rejoice to hear that it was a nice little "canard," and say so in our pages. As it is, we wish these "liberal members" of the Dublin Town Council, who met to denounce a Lord Mayor because he had given a good dinner to some harmless Freemasons, a little more common sense for the future, a little more real liberalism in their dealings with their fellow men, and above all, the exercise of that great moral virtue in which Ultramontanes just now are sadly deficient—Toleration.

### THE COLOURED QUESTION IN OHIO.

By the official report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the session beginning October, 17, 1876, at Columbus, it seems that this "vexata quæstio" is for the moment apparently shelved. Bro. E. Carson brought in the report of the Special Committee, and Bro. Waters a resolution of recognition, which was met by an amendment by Bro. Cunningham, D.G.M., regarding, as a point of order, the proposal as an amendment of the constitution, which would require notice, &c. The G.M., Bro. C. A. Woodward overruled the constitutionality of the amendment on the point of order. On appeal to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master's ruling was not sustained by 389 votes to 329. In consequence, the movement has to begin "de novo" in the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

### EARLY HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

We beg to call the attention of our brethren to a most interesting collection of "excerpts" from the London papers relative to this important subject, and contained in a letter of Bro. W. J. Hughan to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and now in course of publication in the *Masonic Magazine* for February. We wish that we could make room for them in the *Freemason*.

### ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

The name of our esteemed Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, P.S.G.W., and Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was inadvertently omitted in our report of the proceedings at the Especial Grand Lodge, which appeared in our last.

**BOULINIKON.**—From the samples submitted for our approval, adapted to the use of Masonic Halls, Clubs, Lodges, Hotels, etc., we have little hesitation in saying, that the Boulinikon or Buffalo Hide Floor Cloth, is one of the best and most durable, that we have inspected; and for general excellence and design cannot be surpassed. Warm, noiseless, and thoroughly damp proof, we can readily understand that at manufacturing centres like Manchester and Leeds such qualities would be appreciated by prize awards; and we note also, that at the Philadelphia Exhibition special award was made for design, general excellence, and durability. We commend this Buffalo Hide Floor Cloth to the attention of our readers, and suggest a visit to the London Warehouse, 76, Queen-street, Cheap-side; where the Floor Cloth, in every variety of design and finish, can be seen and valued.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to W. M. C. N. I beg to state—

1. This question is partly answered by the Constitutions under the head of "Masters and Wardens," par. 9. There seems no reason why death and resignation should not be added to dismissal.
2. It is certainly customary in many lodges (some of them old ones), to appoint to vacant offices at any time, from the Senior Warden downwards.
3. A Tyler may be elected at any time, should the office be vacant. This is evidently implied in "Of Tylers," par. 1.
4. The regulations say that Masters and P.M.'s of lodges shall wear on their aprons "perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles." They are therefore worn by design. The ignorance rests with W. M. C. N.
5. This part of the ritual differs in different lodges more than any other part, so much so, as hardly to be recognized as the same form, it is difficult therefore to give a date to its origin.

A. T.

#### AN OLD MASONIC SPEECH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue of the *Freemason* I observe the brethren of York Lodge No. 236, are on the Eve of their centenary, and having in my possession a speech delivered by the Junior Grand Warden at a Grand Lodge held at Merchants Hall, in the City of York, on St. John's day, Dec. 27th, 1726, just one hundred and fifty years ago I think a reprint of that speech at the present time might be interesting, not only to the brethren of No. 236, but to your readers in general.

If you should think it worth while, I will write it out and send it you.

Yours fraternally

M.M., No. 1089.

[Many thanks, but the speech is well-known to Masonic students.—Ed.]

#### LORD CHESTERFIELD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the "Memoirs of Lord Chesterfield," under date of 1732, I find the following:—

"During Lord Chesterfield's residence at the Hague, the Duke of Lorraine, the intended husband to the Emperor's eldest daughter, and afterwards emperor himself, made a tour through England and Holland. This young prince treated our ambassador with particular marks of distinction and friendship, on account of his warm solicitations in favour of the house of Austria. This attachment extended even to his social hours, so far, that he chose to be made a Freemason by Lord Chesterfield, in a lodge composed of his excellency, Mr. John Stanhope his brother, Mr. Strickland nephew to the Bishop of Hamur, Dr. Desaguliers, and one of his friends."

And in a note,

"The doctor received on this occasion the present of a gold snuff-box from the grand Duke."

Lord Chesterfield was ambassador to the United Provinces in 1732.

Was the lodge worked under the English Constitution, and is anything further known about it?

I am, yours fraternally,

LIMERICK.

#### STATISTICS OF THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you have asked for the actual numbers of Masonic members, I have much pleasure in giving below the numbers of the subscribing members of the Province of Dorset, as made out by me from the latest official returns in September last.

The numbers given are those of the actual brethren, although many are subscribing members to two or more lodges, and is exclusive of honorary members.

PROVINCE OF DORSET, 13 Lodges; Total Subscribing Members 509.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROBERT CASE, W.M., 417,  
P.P.G. Sec., Dorset.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our worthy Vice-President, Bro. T. Taylor in his letter in your columns last week, has fallen into a slight error, unimportant in itself, but which, enshrined in the *Freemason*, becomes history, and history should be accurate. The number of members enrolled at the formation of this Association was fifteen and not five, and eight of these (including among them our other Vice-President Bro. E. Starey) were present at the first meeting in June, 1871. It is quite true that success followed more rapidly than the original founders ventured to hope, for at the meeting of December, 1872, when Bro. Taylor joined, the numbers had risen to ninety-three and since that time have been steadily increased, thanks chiefly to our worthy and zealous brethren in the Potteries district. Had the cause been as warmly espoused in South Staffordshire a very



much greater return would have occurred. I think, too, it ought to be stated that in the local advantages, the worthy example has been followed of the neighbouring province of Cheshire whose Educational Association has long been doing an excellent work. I am happy to be able to add that North Wales and Shropshire this year inaugurated successfully an association in emulation of her neighbours' efforts in both these directions—central and local.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. BODENHAM,  
Treasurer.

#### THE INSTALLATION PICTURE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to join Bro. Hughan in claiming grace for Bro. Hart in his arduous undertaking.

If any brother will just glance at a little sketch history the Art Union of London, just issued, he will find that their two engravings of Wellington and Nelson, after the Westminister wall-paintings, took five years each; knowing this, surely no brother will urge Bro. Hart to a haste, which may perhaps prove detrimental to the success of the picture, and therefore the best interests of the subscribers.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

WILLIAM TREBS.

#### THE LANCASHIRE FREEMASONS AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.

After the ceremony of installing to the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Unanimity, in the province of West Lancashire,

Bro. Wm. Harrison, F.S.A., of Samlesbury Hall, one of the Grand Officers for East Lancashire, said that some time ago he had the pleasure of offering for the acceptance of that lodge a portrait of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. They did him the honour of accepting that offer, and now he appeared to make the formal presentation complete. They would have had the portrait long ago but for the difficulties which they had encountered in not having a really good room of their own to meet in. He had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the portrait of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, as he was on the memorable occasion in London, when he was installed, an installation which no one who was present would ever forget. They were now living in the golden days of Freemasonry, when they had the benefit of a Prince of the blood royal ruling over them, and that Prince the future King of England. It was true that some old Masons might remember that in former times there was a Prince of the blood ruling over the destinies of Freemasonry in the person of the Duke of Sussex, but though a Prince of the blood he was not the future King of England. They, however, now had the future monarch of these realms at their head, and they felt the benefit of having such a ruler in the amount of prosperity they had attained as Freemasons. He mentioned this because most of the older Masons had not the advantage of such countenance, and he hoped they would really exult in the fact of their living in such halcyon days. He hoped the presentation of that portrait would lead to some of the brethren putting their heads together, and striving to get a Masonic Hall in the town of Preston. He did not see why it could not be done. He was perfectly sure that if Bros. Fryer, Johnston, and Nevett would consult on the subject, and get three good trusty men and brethren from each of the other lodges in Preston, the thing could be effectually done. He believed that great province of East Lancashire was the second on the list of all England. East Lancashire stood at the very top of the list with 87 lodges, whilst West Lancashire had 74 lodges. They had as many lodges in one of the provinces of Lancashire as there were together in the great county of York, North, East, and West Ridings. That was a fact of which Lancashire men might well feel proud, and he was certainly proud to be able to say it. Uniting West and East Lancashire, and comparing them with the number of lodges in Great Britain, the colonies, and in foreign countries, he found that those two provinces numbered one-ninth of the whole. The time could not be far distant when, as regarded both West and East Lancashire, there would have to be another division, and the provinces called North-East and East, or North-West and West, for there were 30 lodges in the neighbourhood of Liverpool alone, whereas in Bristol, where they had the Earl of Limerick at their head, they had had only eight lodges, and the number had dwindled down to three. Considering the 87 and 74 lodges in East and West Lancashire, the time could not be far distant when there would have to be another separation; and looking to the future in that respect, he thought they would see the necessity for taking steps to erect a Masonic Hall in Preston. He knew what it was to wait for Provincial Grand rank. It took him sixteen years to become a Provincial Grand Officer, and twenty-three years before he attained the position he now held as Grand Senior Warden for the Province of East Lancashire. If they had to wait so long in attaining such provincial offices, they must all appreciate the dignity and importance of the offices held in the Grand Lodge of England, over which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the portrait of His Royal Highness to the Lodge of Unanimity, 113.

The portrait represents the Prince of Wales in Masonic costume, with all the jewels appertaining to his office in the Grand Lodge, painted in oil. The frame is surmounted by His Royal Highness's plumes, and further adorned by Masonic emblems. The whole is enclosed in an elaborate oak case.

Bro. Colonel Birchall, Senior Grand Deacon of England, P.M. of 113, said he had the grateful duty of accepting Bro. Harrison's very handsome, liberal, and appropriate present in the name of the officers and members of the Lodge. He regretted with Bro. Harrison that that handsome and truly Masonic decoration could not be placed on the walls of a hall specially devoted to Masonic purposes. He did think that in a large and important town like Preston, possessing four lodges, as well as other Masonic Orders, if they put their shoulders to the wheel they might raise a proper Masonic hall and institution. They had often heard of the great want of public spirit which there was in Preston. He would not call it want of spirit, but rather a sluggishness in putting a thing in motion, because he believed that when a movement was fairly launched by influential parties, there was no town in which any great and important work was more liberally and effectually carried on than in Preston. They had had numerous instances of it in the large sums which had been raised for public institutions, and in other ways. If interested parties and judicious managers were to take the matter in hand they might raise funds for a Masonic hall. He considered it a disgrace when he saw that other towns not so large as Preston could boast of a Masonic hall, whilst Preston had none. Lancaster, which was a much smaller place than Preston, and not containing the same number of lodges, had a very nice, not a very large, but still an exclusively Masonic hall. He was reading the *Freemason* on Saturday, and was very much struck with the fact that at a very small place in the remote and distant county of Cornwall—Redruth—they had just laid the foundation stone, and were engaged in building a Masonic hall. In these small towns Masons had succeeded in making themselves a home, and if the Masons of Preston were united and combined they could succeed in raising a structure worthy of the Craft, and of the large, important, and respectable character of the members of the Order in that town. His duty now was to accept, which he was sure they all did with the utmost pleasure, the portrait of their Most Worshipful Master, and also to return their cordial and heartfelt thanks to Bro. Harrison for his judicious liberality. He was sure that that liberality sprung from the hearty interest he took in the Order, and of the Craft. He trusted they would more often have the pleasure of meeting him. He only regretted that the portrait of His Royal Highness did not hang in a hall more exclusively devoted to Masonic purposes, and where it could remain uncovered, and always be accessible for the inspection of the brethren. However, as it was, he hoped that on all Masonic occasions they would never fail to have it open. It would be a great pleasure to him if he found that Bro. Harrison's commencement was followed by other liberal and influential brethren.

Bro. H. Johnston moved that a record be entered upon the books of the lodge conveying the thanks of the officers and members of Lodge Unanimity, No. 113, to Bro. Wm. Harrison, Prov. Senior Grand Warden for East Lancashire, for his gift of a portrait of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Order, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. Nevett and agreed to.

Bro. Harrison, reverting to the subject of a Masonic hall, said that if they were determined to proceed in the matter he would take up 100 shares of £5 each.

At the succeeding banquet the newly-installed Master, Bro. Coltam, proposed "The Health of the Queen." In all assemblages of Englishmen, and particularly of Freemasons, the toast was heartily received, and he now submitted it with double force, because Her Majesty had just been proclaimed Empress of India.

In proposing other toasts, the Worshipful Master said they all knew and esteemed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and he grew in favour with the people daily. The Princess of Wales was beloved by every one; she had engrafted her kindly nature into their hearts. Long might they continue to live and enjoy that esteem. In the accession of the Prince of Wales as their Grand Master, Masonry had received a grand and glorious impetus, and His Royal Highness's Grand Officers had been wisely and judiciously selected.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this institution was held on Saturday last in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds presided. The other brethren present were Jesse Turner, John Boyd, William Mason, Robt. B. Webster, George Bolton, Henry Bartlett, W. F. Collard Moutrie, George M. E. Snow, G. J. Row, S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, F. Adlard, J. G. Chancellor, William Roebuck, H. Massey (*Freemason*), J. W. M. Doseil, the Rev. S. Morris, A. Durrant, John W. Dennison, W. Hyde Pullen, George Free, Charles Horsley, William Lane, George J. Palmer, H. C. Levander, and F. Binckes, (Secretary).

On Bro. Binckes reading the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee it was observed that there had been a misunderstanding as to the conclusion come to on the office of Collector of the institution. Bro. Binckes had recorded as the committee's decision that the office of Collector was abolished. This was not so; the office of Collector as a separate office was abolished; but the Secretary having expressed his willingness to undertake the collection of all subscriptions he was to be the Collector, the offices of Secretary and Collector being combined in him. Bro. Symonds pointed out to the committee that it had been shown that the Secretary really had received the greater part of the subscriptions during the year. The

minutes were then altered in accordance with the actual circumstances.

Seven petitions for as many boys to be placed on the list for election in April were then read and passed, and in the course of the reading the Chairman suggested that there should be some modification of the requirements of the certificate as to the candidate's capacity to read. He thought the form of the requirements should be assimilated to those of the School Board code. At present, when candidates were provincial candidates, the committee were never quite sure that the certificate granted by the clergyman or schoolmaster of the neighbourhood was accurate.

Bro. George Snow gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Court, on Monday, the 15th inst., that the buildings surrounding the playground at the Institution at Wood Green be raised one storey, for the purpose of providing thereon sleeping accommodation for 50 boys extra to those at present in the school. He also gave notice of motion for the same Court, "That at the October election we proceed to elect 50 boys for admission to our school extra to those now in the building." He said that the boys now educated there cost £90 per annum. (Laughter.)

Bro. Binckes: No, no.

Bro. Snow said that must be so, if they had received £15,000 last year and had 189 boys in the school.

It was explained to Bro. Snow that the £15,000 had not been spent.

Bro. Snow, however, insisted that his figures were correct, and his deduction a proper one.

Bro. A. Durrant afterwards said that he should at next committee meeting move, in conformity with Rule 70, that £20 be granted to one of the ex-pupils who had just left the school and proceeded to the university, for the purpose of enabling him to carry on his university education.

Bro. Binckes said that in the case of a lad from the institution obtaining a situation and asking for a grant, it was usual to obtain from his employers a certificate of his good conduct before the grant was made; and he apprehended that it would be requisite in this case to obtain some certificate of the necessity for the grant.

The Chairman remarked that it would be desirable to follow the usual course; and perhaps in the present instance a letter should be laid before the committee stating the circumstances. The committee would then deal with it, and the letter would be preserved to show the circumstances under which the grant was made.

Bro. Durrant said he would be prepared with the requisite letter.

The subject then dropped.

Bro. Binckes next said that as the committee were now about to settle a list of candidates for next election he might observe that at the last election there were forty-two unsuccessful candidates. Of these there were two now disqualified on account of their having attained eleven years of age. This left forty; and there had been since the last election eleven petitioners placed on the list. To-day there had been absolutely seven more, making the whole number fifty-eight.

It was then arranged that there should be ten vacancies, and ten vacancies were thereupon declared for the April election.

Bro. Binckes afterwards informed the committee that the total amount of subscriptions and donations actually received by this institution during the last year was £13,231 4s. 10d. The receipts from other sources amounted to £3128 0s. 6d. The total amount was therefore £15,359 5s. 4d. £400 was still outstanding on the Stewards' lists of the last festival. The balance in hand was £2554 14s. 9d. on the 5th January. £5000 was invested. Kent House had been purchased during the last year; the money had been paid for it, and all the costs of improvements in it had been discharged. (Cheers.)

The committee adjourned, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### TWELFTH NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Twelfth Night was celebrated here on Friday, the 5th inst., in lieu of Saturday, for the general convenience of the visitors, as well as of those in and about the school. The bad weather made no difference in the number of visitors, the same ladies and brethren defying the elements, who have so often exhibited this courage on other similar occasions. Among those who attended were Bros. Col. Burdett, Joshua Nunn and Mrs. Nunn, Benj. Head, Louis and Mrs. Hirsch, J. A. Rucker, W. Rucker, A. H. Tattershall, R. B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie and Miss Moutrie, Thos. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston, Edward Cox and Mrs. Cox, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Mrs. and two Misses Massey, H. Levy, Thomas Massa and Mrs. Massa, Major Finney, John George Marsh, John Boyd, J. Faulkner, R. W. Little (Secretary) and Mrs. Little, Mrs. Binckes and two Misses Binckes, William Lane and Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Pepper, H. Muggeridge and two Misses Muggeridge, Thomas W. White, H. A. Dubois, Herbert Dicketts and two Masters Dicketts, and F. J. Cox. The company began to arrive at four o'clock, at which time the building was lighted up, and presented a most cheerful and pleasing appearance. The different apartments, including the school-room, the dining-hall, the exercise-room, the matron's, head governess's, and committee rooms, with the long halls and passages leading thereto, were gracefully decorated, and had on them an abundance of coloured festoons, and here and there the Christmas emblems of "Welcome," "A Happy New Year," and "A Merry Christmas." All these decorations had been designed and executed by the little girls, numbering in all 34, who had not gone home to their friends and relatives to spend their Christmas holi-



days. On arrival the visitors met with a cordial reception from the children, as well as from Miss Jarwood, the matron, Miss Sheppard, the matron's assistant, and the assistant governesses, Miss Jane Rumbow, Miss Triggs, and Miss Buck. All the visitors are very well known at the school, as they seldom allow an opportunity to pass which affords them the pleasure of looking on the bright, happy faces of the children, and witnessing the admirable arrangements which have grown up from time to time to perfection for the health, happiness, education, and comfort of these Masons' daughters. It was not long before tea was served, and at five o'clock the visitors sat down together in the House Committee room, where the chief table was presided over by Miss Jarwood, who had Mrs. Joshua Nunn on her left hand, and Mrs. Massey on her right. The other tables were superintended by Miss Sheppard, Miss Rumbow, Miss Triggs, and Miss Buck, who were assisted in the discharge of their functions by Bros. Edward Cox and Joshua Nunn, most of the other brethren also lending a helping hand. After tea the children in the school and the visitors were entertained with some excellent dissolving views, which had been kindly provided by Bro. F. J. Cox, the optician, of Ludgate Hill. These represented a very large variety of scenes of home, continental, Indian, Chinese, and American travel, interspersed with some of those lively slides of magic lantern notoriety, which, while supremely ridiculous, are on that account the more amusing. Some of the most beautiful of the series—the serious scenes—were those moonlight sketches which showed Winchester Cathedral lighted up, the country village covered with snow, the Matterhorn, and a splendid development of the fog bow witnessed in that dangerous region. As the Grand Master of Freemasons has been so lately in India, sketches of Indian life were also exhibited, and the children had the pleasure of seeing the modes of travelling in high life, on the backs of elephants, which are adopted in that vast dependency. The story of "Lord Bateman" was highly amusing, if we might judge from the hearty laughter which succeeded each little scene in the career of that intelligent nobleman. After the dissolving views, the children partook of cake and wine, both of which refreshments, however, seemed to have for them not half the attraction possessed by the bon-bons, with their mottoes and the amusing head dresses with which every girl was very soon equipped. Extraordinary as some of these were, they nevertheless were very becoming to most of the pupils. All the visitors cracked bon-bons with the children, and assisted most heartily in making the evening a children's evening. While the children were partaking of their refreshments, Master Dicketts, as the only gentleman sitting down with the pupils, drank to the health of all the little ladies, a feat which was received with hearty cheers and laughter by the visitors, and gracefully bowed to by the subjects of the toast. Dancing followed refreshment, and in the interval between the quadrilles, polkas, valse, &c., some of the visitors became entertainers. Bro. John Boyd, who had sent a large box of oranges for the children, produced the little figures made of pasteboard, representing the "Cure," "Harlequin," and "Dancing Sailor," which he made to perform in first rate style, both to the amusement and astonishment of even older people than the scholars. Bro. J. G. Marsh sang, Bro. Levy improvised "Mrs. Brown's visit on Twelfth Night to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and Bro. Edw. Cox sang "Simon the Cellarer." The pupils played the piano; and music and dancing left no space of time unoccupied. It is doubtful whether the children or the visitors were the happiest; but we may safely say that the visitors spent a few hours of unalloyed pleasure, and the children, on the visitors' departure, regretted the parting moment as much as the visitors themselves.

#### HOW OUR V.P.C.\* RAN UP AGAINST HIMSELF, AND HIS AFTER REFLECTIONS THEREUPON.

"Moley's the only wear."—Such were my reflections the other night at Grand Lodge; but I must not begin in the middle of my story, or I shall leave out the point of the whole, although the whole might well be pointed in more senses than one by my opening remark, which, by the way, when I come to think of it, is not mine at all, but that of one of whom a "melancholy gentleman did much remind me" in the course of the evening, one of whom it might have well been said, as of that his other self, that—

"They that were most galled with his folly,  
They most did laugh."

It was not only a Grand Lodge, but also a Special Grand Lodge, and as I look upon myself as a "Special" as well as a "V.P." correspondent, I considered it my duty to be there to supply that special information which might perhaps escape the quick-running pen of the ordinary reporter.

Taking warning by the discomfort of a somewhat late arrival on a former occasion, and having been kindly recommended by an "Under-Bow-Bells" brother to secure a seat in advance, I dropped in at the Hall early in the day. My London brother must have been mistaken, for I found that the courteous attendant would not book my seat. He recommended me, however, to "come early."

Meanwhile, the intervening time, which I had fondly hoped to have spent either in my place in Grand Lodge or at least in the conscious security that one was in waiting for me, must be got through somehow, and so I thought I would do "one of the sights of London;" but at the same time an inward monitor warning me that there were duties which must on no account be neglected, I was led to combine "one of the comforts" of the town

with one of its lions. Now, as I am an implicit believer in the statements of those who forestall my every want in those columns of the public prints which, as I take it, are the most interesting reading, I determined to pass at least some part of this spare time in a place close to the Hall, which is declared by its proprietor to combine the before-mentioned advantages.

Accordingly, I turned into "the Holborn" for my luncheon, and then met with the little adventure, a succinct description of which forms the heading of this, my communication. Turning into the passage to the restaurant, which leads from Little Queen-street, I first nearly stumbled down the steps into the stand-up-and-eat department, but as this is opposed to my most cherished notions of "comfort," I turned sharply to the right, intending to take the passage which skirts the handsome central hall. The corner here was somewhat dark, and I had only just time, by stepping aside, to avoid a collision with an individual coming rapidly in the opposite direction; a quick step to the right, another equally rapid to the left, then straight forward—an "I beg your pardon"—a bump—a wondering exclamation, "How very like me that person is,"—a flash of light (metaphorical of course), and then the consciousness of the absurd position that your "V.P.C." had (of course in a mirror) run up against himself.

A capital luncheon, well served, in a beautiful room, with every appliance to gratify the eye, secured your correspondent's comfort, and made entire amends for the loss of self-respect entailed upon him, at least in his own eyes, by his want of acumen in having thus let a mere mirror, and that a London one, thus play him a practical joke. After having been thus gratified in both purse and person, I hid me back to the Hall, determined to be in good time, and so I was—5 o'clock sharp, Grand Lodge being summoned for 6.

I had no idea that I should have been so well known as to be, as I found myself, quite an object of interest to those brethren who act as Scrutineers and take care of our hats and coats.

The time seemed long, but passed at length, "For all things here must have an end," and so had my period of waiting. Of the opening of Grand Lodge I need say nothing, nor of the affection with which our worthy chief was greeted. To his speech, replete with the true spirit of Masonry and humanity, and full of loyalty and nationality, I can add no lustre of praise, nor shall I dwell upon the next, which was as brim-full of hearty good will to all mankind as is the thoroughly jolly English utterer. But upon that which followed it, in defiance of the wishes of all (or within two or three of it) of the brethren present, I must say that I think it was not only uncalled for, but in exceedingly bad taste, as it was forced upon an evidently unwilling body of listeners. However, it was like "the brook"—

"Men may shout, and men may vote,  
But I go on for ever."

and so I believe the speaker would have done, only that he unexpectedly hit upon a thing so evidently true and practical that the brethren thought it unnecessary to trouble him further, which practical utterance was that "we had come there to vote." This worthy brother having at last sat down, another, equally irrepressible, arose, but although he talked an interminable time there were but few things he said with which I could agree, one of these, however, was that his course of proceeding in thus speaking to our Pro Grand Master's proposition was "uncourteous and rude." With the necessity for it I could not sympathise, although it was, the speaker assured, as essential to vindicate his honesty, which I really should not have known was in such sore need of a defender if he had not so urgently pressed the notice of the fact upon us more than once. Anyhow, the speaker seemed determined to let us know that he had discovered, and that we had before us, that rarity of rarities—an honest man. If only the brethren present had taken the same view, what an opportunity of spending a little of our surplus cash, there might have been, in buying a glass case for this unique specimen, bearing of course, the inscription of the poetess so friendly to our order:—

"Honesty  
Is like the phantom sprites in grandam's tales—  
Much oftener prated of than seen."

A little bird sitting by me—if not the one to "make a summer," it must at least have told a "hummer,"—here whispered in my ear the startling words—"The Purple."

One thing more I could agree with in the concluding words of the speaker, which was that scholarships, new wings, &c., would be a "permanent memorial." Indeed they would, but a permanent memorial of such unmitigated selfishness that no "honest" Craftsman would ever afterwards reflect, but with the deepest regret and self-loathing, upon our Thankoffering, whilst the outside world, eager to see what would be the outcome of our lofty utterances, would smile at our *fiasco*, and write as its epitaph—

"Parturient Masons,  
Nascitur ridiculus fust!"

And here I reflected, if there could be but a mirror provided in this dark corner in which we were groping, we might see how selfish we were in danger of becoming in thus bowing to ourselves, and what was more, see how wofully we should be running up against ourselves, by which I mean, depriving ourselves of just the one opportunity that this generation may afford us of showing ourselves not to be the selfish, narrow-minded people that our enemies would fain have the outside world regard us.

I was going on to think—when, somehow, here our respected Registrar came down upon the bold orator, scattering all his eloquence to the winds by pointing out that the member now impugning the action of the Committee was himself a member of that Committee, but had not chosen to attend its meetings.

Those who represented themselves having been thus far

patiently borne with, those who represented the Craft proceeded to register a vote which in your "V.P.C.'s" humble opinion will show them to be truly thankful to the Great Architect for his merciful preservation to them of their Royal Grand Master and as truly unselfish in their national mode of shewing it.

#### THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AND FREE-MASONRY.

We learn from the first Roman Catholic authority that Archbishop Vaughan has delivered an important lecture on "Masonry," under the title of "Hidden Springs," at Sydney. It is said that the lecture "has created quite a sensation in New South Wales." The lecture has since been published, and occupies eighty pages, and from it we learn that the governing principles of the past, the present, and the future may be summed up in three words—Paganism, Supernaturalism and Materialism. He dwells at considerable length on Materialism, which he calls the hidden spring of the future, and whose prime movers are the members of the International Society of Masonry. We who are innocent of the mysteries of the Craft have thought that Masonry is a cosmopolitan combination of men animated with good intentions towards each other in particular, and towards the human family in general. If what Archbishop Vaughan says be true, we have been labouring under an extraordinary delusion. He tells us that the field of operations of the International Society, from which flows the hidden spring of the Materialism of the future, "is as wide as the human family itself. It adopts many instruments to promote its end. Its ambition soars to the highest class and the foremost intellects, and embraces all ages and conditions, from the philosopher to the artisan, from the statesman and civil ruler to the roughs in a country town. The pen and tongue are its two main engines, and it strives with sleepless energy to enlist in its service those who can work them with the most powerful effect." Whether this is a correct representation of the Freemasons we must leave them to say, provided they think it worth while to say anything on the subject. We should consider it simply a silly exaggeration. Why are Roman Catholics so easily scared? Why do they see a hobgoblin in every bush? In Italy they attribute all the evils which offend modern Society to that sleepless foe of the Church—the Revolution. And now a voice comes from Australia saying that the prime movers of the hidden spring of the Materialistic future is the "International Society," not the European International Society of Working Men, but another society which wields all other societies for malignant ends.—*Echo*.

#### JUVENILE FETE AND BALL.

It was a "happy thought" that suggested itself to some of the gentlemen who are interested in the success of the Surrey Masonic Hall, to devote an evening at this time of the year for the amusement of the young folks. Such a one was held on Thursday evening, when a large party of juveniles, accompanied by their parents or friends, were assembled. The hall was very handsomely and elaborately decorated with evergreen, mottoes, &c. The children also participated in the healthful recreation of dancing, which was kept up with much spirit during intervals of the evening. The Kentucky troupe of minstrels also appeared, and this evening to a much larger audience than on the night previously. The laughter of the audience was excited by the droll performance of the troupe, and old and young were alike delighted. Some very comic business is introduced by this company, and this was fully appreciated. Refreshments, tea, coffee, orange, sweets, &c., were liberally provided, and this, of course, kept the little ones busy during the evening. A magic lantern was exhibited, which represented the hard lot that befel Cinderella. The reader who described the history of our unfortunate little friend explained that he understood it was essentially a child's party, and he did not expect the elder ones would find much amusement in the representation; but the adults evidently enjoyed it as much as any one. The galvanic battery had its fair share of customers, and the contortions of some who were operated on were ludicrous in the extreme. The evening's amusements were prolonged till nearly eleven o'clock, when the "National Anthem" brought the proceedings to a close, and by the happy faces of those for whom this treat was organised, we are satisfied that they were highly delighted.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. THOMAS WILLIAMS.

Much interest was excited on Thursday, the 14th ult., by the attendance of the brethren at the funeral of the late Bro. Thomas Williams, foreman in the shop of Mr. Lewis Lewis, draper, Bridge-street, Carnarvon. He died suddenly, after a very brief illness, and being highly esteemed by the brethren of the Segontium Lodge, in which he was a junior officer, a large number of the fraternity assembled to pay him the last mark of respect in their power. The lodge having been duly opened in the Castle, the brethren marched two-and-two to Bridge-street, the van being led by two officers, with drawn swords, while the rear was brought up by four Past Masters, bearing the Holy Bible on a cushion, with the W.M. in close attendance behind. In this order they headed the long procession through the town to the cemetery at Llanllyfni, where the W.M., standing at the head of the grave as chief mourner, was permitted, by the kind courtesy of the authorities, to recite the special Masonic office customarily used at the interment of a deceased brother. The ceremony being concluded, the brethren returned in the same order, when the lodge, was closed in due form.

\* Our "Very Provincial Correspondent."



## CAPITULAR MASONRY IN CANADA.

On the 12th ult., in the Royal Albert Chapter Rooms, Montreal, a duly assembled convention of representative Royal Arch Masons harmoniously united in forming a Supreme Royal Arch Chapter for the province of Quebec. This important action was taken with the hearty fraternal concurrence of the newly organised Grand Chapter of Quebec: whose exclusive jurisdiction will hereafter be over the flourishing province of Ontario. The following are the first principal officers of the newly organised Grand Chapter of Quebec: John H. Graham, LL.D., &c., Richmond, Most Excellent First Principal, Z.; George H. Borlase, Q.C., Montreal, Right Excellent Second Principal, H.; James Dunbar, Q.C., Quebec, Right Excellent Third Principal, J.; R.E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Supt. Montreal District; R.E. Comp. Christopher Staveland, Quebec District; R.E. Comp. H. W. Wood, M.D., E. T. District; R.E. Comp. T. J. McMinn, Montreal, Scribe E.; R.E. Comp. John McLean, Scribe N.; R.E. Comp. Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Grand Treas.; R.E. Comp. C. W. Woodford, Grand Reg.; R.E. Comp. James Gibson, G. Principal Sojourner. The Montreal companions manifested a most commendable interest in this new movement. The Grand Chapter of Quebec has been inaugurated under most favourable auspices.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 19, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13.

Quart. Gen. Court, Girls' School, at 12.  
Lodge 101, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15.

Quart. Gen. Court, Boys' School, at 12.—See Advt.  
Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-bdg.  
" 93, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 165, Honour and Generosity.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Finchchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter.  
Lodge Grand Stewards.  
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inn's of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

Lodge 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.

House Com., Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Ct. Hot., Lincoln's-inn.  
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-road.  
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Burners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19.

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
Encamp. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd. Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Bald-faced Stag Hot., Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 20, 1877.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

Harmonic L. of I., Mona Hot., James-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 425, Cestian, M.H., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
Chap. 249, Mariners', M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Con., 55, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Encamp. Jacques de Molay, M.H. Liverpool.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 20, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.  
" 312, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
Encamp. St. Mungo, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glsgw.  
" 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.  
" 437, Govandale, M.H., Portland Buildings, Govan.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
Chap. 150, Shetleston, M.H., Shetleston.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.  
" 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.  
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19.

Lodge 31, St. Mary Coltness, Com. Hot., Wishaw.  
" 321, St. Andrew, R.A., Pub. Hall, Alexandria.  
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.  
" 496, St. Munn, Ardnadam, Kilmuir.  
" 551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Lanark.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20.

Lodge 512, Thumtree, School House, Thornliebank.  
" 524, St. Andrew, M.H., East Kilbride.  
" 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 20, 1877.\*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.  
" 405, Rifle, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, Iona Hot.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.

Lodge 48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.  
" 226, Portobello, Royal Hot., Bath-st.  
Chap. 152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-st., Leith.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19.

Chap. 83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

## THIRD APPLICATION.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).—**This lodge has entered upon a new career, and has made a change which brings it within the lines of true fellowship with the brethren of our social Order. The Eclectic was founded by certain brethren who vainly imagined they could improve upon our ancient institution by forming a lodge in which there should be no social enjoyment, in which there should be only "work" and no refreshment. The thing worked only for a little time, and was soon found to be out of harmony with the principles of the Craft, and on the 12th January the installation of its new Master, our respected Bro. Edward J. Harty, saw a new order of things begun, with the warm approval of all the brethren. The lodge is held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was opened in the largest room (which was thronged) by Bro. J. H. Watts, the W.M., the Senior Warden's chair being filled by the W.M. elect, and Bro. A. E. Taylor in the Junior Warden's, with Bros. Saul and Lee as Deacons. After the unanimous confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. initiated Dr. C. T. Pearce, M.R.C.S., a ceremony which was greatly enhanced by the excellent working of all, and by the splendid music of the Organist, Bro. P. M. Higgs. The newly-made brother, later in the evening, made it evident to all that the beauty of the ceremonial was fully appreciated by him, as it was by all who witnessed it. Among those present, and there were nearly fifty visitors, was a deputation from Ireland, who had come to see a countryman installed, including Bros. Spence, P.M. 75, of the Irish Constitution; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C. of Herts; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Haigh, P.G.S.; Kelly, P.G.S., P.M. 46; Smallpeice, Sec. of Lodge of Emulation; J. Stevens, P.M. The Great City Lodge, 126; Scott, P.M. of the Belgrave; Burrell, P.M. of Mount Edgcombe; Wright, W.M. of the Royal Standard; Dr. Norton, W.M. elect of the Maybury; While, P.M. of United Strength (Freemason); Hilton, Ancient Union, 203, Liverpool; Gardner, S.D. 749; John Constable, P.M. 185; G. Brooke, S.W. 23; E. W. Brain, J.W. 1471; C. Whewell, 1287; W. C. Clarke, 3; J. Perry Godfrey, W.M. elect, 1261; T. E. Tallant, P.M. 186; J. C. Adams, 811; H. Purdue, 834; Taylor, 1273; A. Stewart, J.D., 1158; W. H. Baswell, 1339; G. Davies, I.G. 167; A. Botbol, 188; N. M. Lomberg, 188; H. Beadle, 65; E. Hemman, 1423; Reid, 186; Fletcher, J.W. 190; Papprile, 180; B. J. Tolmie, S.D. 861; H. D. Blackman, Alexandra Palace, and others. Assisted by Bro. P.M. Manders, the W.M. proceeded with the installation of the worthy and distinguished brother in due form, and the ceremony was excellently performed, the brethren evincing the utmost satisfaction that the retiring Master was thus able to complete the work of his year by placing his successor in the chair. The officers appointed were: A. E. Taylor, S.W.; G. W. Saul, J.W.; J. Mander, P.M.; Treas. W. H. Barber, Sec.; W. S. Lea, S.D.; F. Dobbing, J.D.; Higgs, P.M.; Organist; G. Moss, I.G.; C. Pochin, D.C.; S. Lloyd, W.S.; T. Davis, A.W.S. The lodge was closed, and then the brethren retired to the Prince's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, where an excellently served banquet rewarded the brethren after their arduous labours. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was prefaced by the W.M. with the remark that Her Majesty was the mother of a Grand Master, daughter of a Grand Master, and the niece of a Grand Master, and the fervent wish was expressed that she might long live to reign over us. The toast was received with all honours, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "His Royal Highness the Grand Master," who had endeared himself to all his fellow countrymen by his open, frank, and generous nature. This toast was honoured in the manner observed among Masons, as were the toasts of "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," to which the name of Bro. T. Fenn was attached, and of that distinguished brother the W.M. said that the name of Bro. Fenn would ever remain connected with the grandest ceremony the world had ever seen—the Royal Installation in the Albert Hall. Bro. Fenn's services were mainly instrumental in rendering that day so completely successful. Bro. Fenn, who was received with warm cheers, thanked the W.M. and brethren on the part of the Grand Officers for the toast, and on his own part for the very flattering manner in which his name had been coupled with it. By the way in which it had been received he hoped the lodge appreciated the efforts of the Grand Officers, whose services were always, he said, at the disposal of the Craft. Perhaps, he added, some present

might not be aware that he was an honorary member of the Eclectic Lodge. He consecrated the lodge and installed the first Master, and though the circumstances connected with some of the many occasions upon which he had discharged this duty had been effaced from his memory, yet he should long remember the circumstances surrounding the birthday of the Eclectic. He remembered that after performing the very exhaustive ceremony he felt thirsty, and mentioning this he was told that there was some "water in the next room." (Laughter.) He did not like water under such circumstances, especially London water—(a laugh)—and for his refreshment after labour he proceeded to his own lodge, and spent a very pleasant evening there. It was not from the point of view of his own personal experience of the system upon which the Eclectic was started being unpleasant that he looked at it, and he only mentioned the matter to point out that he considered the original plan of the Eclectic to be a deviation from the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. He thought on the night when he consecrated the Eclectic that the founders had made a great mistake, and the gathering on this occasion of Bro. Harty's installation was a noble correction of this mistake. (Cheers.) Freemasonry was a social institution (cheers), for in an old oration which he had often heard Bro. James Terry give there was a passage which said, "Freemasonry is a moral Order, instituted by virtuous men with the praiseworthy design of keeping in remembrance the most sublime truths in the midst of the most innocent and social enjoyments." (Cheers.) For himself, Bro. Fenn said: Indeed I go so far as to believe that "labour and refreshment" were instituted as inseparable principles in Masonry by our Grand Master, King Solomon himself. For does he not say in the book of Ecclesiastes, "There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hands of God." And how could men thus make their souls rejoice unless they met after labour? How could the members of a lodge who did not meet after labour form friendships any more than could the members of a church? (Hear, hear.) Innocent social intercourse was urged upon Freemasons after the ceremonies, and yet the Eclectic had been founded upon the principle of working the ceremonies and parting without a word. In the course of lodge business discussions would arise, but these discussions, instead of conducing to friendship, too often create differences and asperities, which would be melted like snow before the sun by the convivial dinner and the social glass. (Hear, hear.) It was generally accepted as a truth that no assemblies acted more unbrotherly than boards of guardians and vestries. (Hear, hear, and a laugh.) No bodies of men displayed more anger and personality than these "local authorities," and this probably arose from the circumstance that at some meeting some difference had arisen, and so carried a rankling for weeks. Now, if these gentlemen dined together after their meetings these feelings would not exist, for personal wrongs would in most cases be forgotten and forgiven. (Hear.) The brethren of the Eclectic might depend upon it, that any attempt to improve the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry would prove to be a mistake and end in discomfort; and he was glad to see this lodge return to practice those ancient charges which say, "You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering from going when his occasions may call him . . . for this would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes." (Cheers.) It was pleasant to see the cheerful hospitality the Eclectic displayed on this occasion. He hoped the lodge would have prosperity, and would be always able to afford the means of dispensing that hospitality over which Bro. Harty presided so gracefully. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Initiate, Bro. Pearce," who, in reply, made one of the most eloquent speeches which perhaps ever fell from the lips of a brother placed in a similar position, a speech to which print fails to render complete justice from the fact that it is as impossible to convey the manner of an address as it is for an artist to paint the dying groan. Bro. Pearce said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—Had I been called upon yesterday to address this assemblage, I should have had to speak to you as "fellow citizens," as "gentlemen," or as "friends;" to-day, I am proud to say, that I can address you by the holy name of "brothers." (Cheers.) This will be a memorable day in my existence, short though that may be, and though I may be, as the Worshipful Master says, the youngest Mason in the room, I have seen many years, and I have only one regret—that I have lived until the autumn leaves seem to be gathering around my brow before I have joined an association which does honour to God and to humanity. (Cheers.) I have been deeply impressed by my initiation into this honourable brotherhood, and, I trust, that late in life as I am before I have joined you, I shall not be thought less able to appreciate its beauties, or less able to feel that you have honoured me in initiating me into your mysteries. It is customary, when a child is born of Christian parents, to call it a Christian child. I might in the same way say that I was born a Mason, for my late father, who has been dead 47 years, was a Mason in a Sussex Lodge, therefore he stood at some time in the position in which I stand to-night, and if there are footsteps which it is an honour to follow, I think to-night I am following his footsteps. (Cheers.) To-day is, therefore, in many respects a memorable one to me, and I trust that my future experience of the Craft may be marked by that purity of religion which I have seen—a religion above all priestcraft (cheers), a religion which cultivates the communion between the Almighty Architect of the Universe and Man, and breathes the faith that His grace will always live in our hearts if we seek Him. (Cheers.) I am no stranger to Freemasonry in the points of its history and antiquity. I know that it has outlived races, nations and creeds,

that religionisms have failed, but that Freemasonry has lived, lives because it unites man to his Maker; that it is characterised by a boundless charity, which pours the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted, as I have heard addressed to-night; which forgets not the widow, or the orphan of a brother, though that brother had the only one tie to the fraternity, that he lifted up his heart to the same God we worship. (Cheers.) I feel by my initiation to-night I have entered upon a new crisis in my history. I trust that during the remaining years of my life I shall practice its teachings, knowing no sect, holding brotherhood with all, of whatever clime or country, who are within its circle, or who are bound in the one bond which exemplifies the greatest of all religions, true charity and brotherly love. (Cheers.) Yesterday I was a man, to-day I can clasp my breast and say "Am I not a man and a brother?" (Cheers.) Past Master J. H. Watts then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of Bro. Harty's well-known abilities as an artist, and said that it was an honour for the lodge to have a brother in the chair who was doing the great service to Masonry which Bro. Harty was doing, in perpetuating the great ceremony at the Albert Hall, when our Royal Grand Master was installed. The W.M. replied to the toast, speaking of himself as a bashful Irishman, and stated that "the little change" brought about that night in the usual conduct of the lodge had been mainly carried out by himself after consultation with the Past Masters, and he promised that hospitality should be a prominent feature in the "Eclectic" in the future. The Irish deputation replied with the eloquence natural to the natives of the sister island, to the toast of their health, and Bro. Stevens replied for the visitors. Bro. While (Freemason), responded on behalf of the press. Bros. Terry and Binckes, spoke for the charities. Bro. Terry referred to the forthcoming festival for the R.M.B.I., and said if every brother subscribed 5s. a year, and every lodge gave £1 a year, there would not be so many poor old men and women sent empty away. The W.M., in proposing the Past Masters, presented Bro. Watts, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the toast of the Tyler concluded the evening at a time when it is hard to say whether it was night or morning. Congratulations to the W.M., and apologies for absence were received from the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, from the District Grand Master of China, Bro. S. Rawson, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Bro. W. Spencer, 31<sup>st</sup>, and others.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—**An excellent gathering of the members of this lodge took place on the 2nd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. Amongst those present were Bros. G. Everett, W.M. (P.M. 177); Higgins, S.W.; Reeves, J.W.; Walls, S.D.; Speedy, I.G.; Marston, W.S.; Robinson, A.W.S.; Gardner, I.P.M.; Page, P.M., &c., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; W. Mann, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; and Ellis, Org. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. Bavin and Landan, the ceremony being well performed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. Honnerwell, P.M. Dobie, &c., as a joining member, and declared unanimous. The election of W.M. then followed, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Higgins, S.W., who returned thanks for the honour conferred. Bro. Page, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Robinson, Webster and Stranger having been elected Auditors, and a jewel voted to the outgoing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, well catered for by Bro. F. Trotman. This being an "off night," the customary toasts were given very briefly by the W.M. Bro. Page, P.M., &c., of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, having returned thanks for "The Grand Officers" in a few well-chosen words, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who, in the course of his remarks, stated that Bro. Everett's year of office had passed off with great eclat. He had been well supported by his officers, his working had been admirable, and his manner whilst presiding at the banquet table most urbane. He had been unanimously elected to fill the high position of W.M., and had succeeded in discharging its duties by well ruling and governing the lodge without a single hitch, and had given universal satisfaction. The W.M., in the course of a very humorous reply, said that his year of office had been a most pleasant one, which happy state of affairs was equally due to the attention and assistance he had received from the officers. He was also greatly indebted to the Past Masters, and as that was his last appearance in the character of W.M., which role he had sustained for more than two consecutive years in that and the Domestic Lodge, he took the opportunity of most heartily thanking them all. In conclusion he said that although his business requirements were great, he should endeavour, as far as possible, to attend the meetings of the lodge, and to enhance its prosperity in every way. "The Health of the Joining Member" followed, and having been duly honoured, was acknowledged by Bro. Honnerwell in a very neat speech. The next toast, that of "The W.M. Elect," gave the W.M. an opportunity of paying a very high compliment to the Masonic abilities of Bro. Higgins, who, in his response, stated that he was very proud at having been elected to the position of W.M. in so good a lodge as the Kennington was, and although he could not hope to discharge the duties of the chair so well as Bro. Everett had done, yet he would do his best to please the brethren. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was acknowledged by the I.P.M. The next toast, a most important one, was "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary." In introducing this toast, the W.M. stated that the lodge was very fortunate in having two such worthy brethren and distinguished Past Masters as Bros. Page and Stuart occupying those positions. The manner in which the funds of the lodge were administered by the Treasurer, and the



care and attention displayed by the Secretary in his department were most praiseworthy. Bros. Page and Stuart having briefly replied, "The Health of the Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Higgins, S.W.; Reeves, J.W.; Marston and Robinson, Stewards, upon behalf of themselves and absent colleagues. During the evening Bros. Honnerwell, Reeves, Walls, Sirgood, Stokes, Webb, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren. The Tyler's toast at eleven terminated the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned until the first Tuesday in February, when Bro. Higgins, S.W., will be duly installed into the chair.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, January 4th, at the Masonic Hall. It was attended by Bros. Brown, W.M.; Cooper, as I.P.M.; Carey, P.M.; Capt. Floyd, P.M.; Rubie, P.M.; B. Little, P.M.; Turner, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; Wilton, P.M., and Dir. of Cers.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, S.D.; Robinson, as J.D.; Gummer, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; Hunt, Steward; Styles, as Steward; Mercer, Baldwin, Wheeler, Tanner. As visitors, Major Ramsay, District Grand Master of the Punjab, India; C. Pegler, P.M. 14, 304, 837, West Yorkshire; Collins, 53; Jas. Wilson, 53. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Harris as a candidate for initiation, which was unanimously favourable. Messrs. Albert Holmes and Thomas Ames were introduced, properly prepared, and initiated by the W.M., Bro. Cooper giving the charge, and the S.W. explaining the symbolism of the working tools. Bro. F. Wilkinson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Ashley, P.M., as Treasurer; and Bro. Bigwood, Tyler. By permission of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., read an address recently delivered at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon by Bro. Metham, D.P.G.M., forcibly recommending care and enquiry into the character and motives of candidates for admission into the Order, with illustrations of the result of neglect of such caution drawn from experience. A vote of thanks was passed to the visitors for the sanction of their presence, which was acknowledged by Bros. Ramsay and Pegler, the former especially remarking on the impressive delivery of the charge, and the latter on what was to him a novelty, namely, the working of an old form of ritual which is peculiar to this lodge. Arrangements having been made for the annual festival, the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

**NORTH WALSHAM.—Unanimity Lodge (No. 102).**—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge, for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, was held at the King's Arms, North Walsham, on Monday, Jan. 1st. Lodge was opened in the First Degree by the Acting W.M., Bro. Colonel Duff, M.P., with Bros. R. Wortley, I.P.M.; G. Wilkinson, S.W.; E. Parr, J.W.; B. B. Sapwell, S.D.; F. Clowes, J.D.; and J. R. Dewhurst, I.G. The Rev. H. Lubbock and Mr. G. Walker, two initiates, were admitted. When the lodge had been duly opened in the Third Degree, the Acting W.M. proceeded to instal as W.M., in succession to the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M., Bro. Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B.; Bro. G. Wilkinson, who appointed the following brethren to the several offices:—Bros. J. B. Bond Cabbell, S.W.; B. B. Sapwell, J.W.; G. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer; F. Clowes, S.D.; J. R. Dewhurst, J.D.; and Rev. H. Neville White, I.G. After the "working," which was of the most satisfactory character, the officers being well up in their duties, the brethren adjourned to a handsome banquet, which worthily sustained the reputation of the King's Arms cuisine. The newly-installed W.M. presided, the S.W.'s chair being filled by Bro. R. S. Baker, Bro. Bond Cabbell unfortunately being obliged to leave after the closing of the lodge. All the other lodge officers were present, and also Bros. J. Hales, J. Shepherd, R. Wortley, Rev. H. T. Griffith, E. D. Horsford, Braithwaite (Yorkshire), G. Ives, W. Smith, W. T. Coy, P. Powell, Rev. H. Lubbock, G. Walker, H. J. Martin (Norwich), J. Chapman, &c. After Masonic honour had been paid to "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the G.M. of all England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B." whose absence was much regretted, Bro. R. S. Baker proposed "The W.M.," speaking in high terms of the manner in which Bro. Wilkinson discharged the duties of that office some years since. The toast was drunk with the customary honours. In responding, the W.M. said it was so long since he served the office that he felt somewhat green at the work. The last two or three years had been years of unexampled prosperity for the lodge, and he hoped during the ensuing year it would make further strides in the same direction, and advance the cause of Masonry, so that it would long continue to hold its present high position in the province. For the confidence they had again reposed in him he thanked them. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Colonel Duff, M.P.," to whom the lodge was under considerable obligation for the masterly manner in which for the last two years he had performed the duties of the chair. The toast having been fully honoured Bro. Col. Duff, M.P., returned thanks. He said that it was at considerable inconvenience that he had sometimes attended the meetings of the lodge, but had the trouble to which he had been put been much greater, he should have felt amply repaid by the kindness with which they had always received him. During the two years he had been in office—one year as Master the other as Acting Master—they had been good enough to say that he had done his duty, but he was bound to remark that he should himself have been able to do but little had it not been for the assistance of those brethren who had held office with him. He was particularly pleased to think that the lodge was worked and carried on as well as any in the province, all the

officers knowing their duties and faithfully performing them. He was sorry that the Prov. Grand Master was not able to be with them on this occasion, for had he been they might have heard from him when the Prov. Grand Lodge would be held, and also some information on the subject of the Masonic Charities of England. Lord Suffield's opinion was that the subscriptions sent up from Norfolk were not what they ought to be in comparison with the benefits received by the province, or which it ought and might receive. The income of the Masonic Charities in England last year amounted very nearly to £40,000, showing an increase upon the previous year of upwards of £7000. Of this sum between £8000 and £9000 went in pensions to aged women and men. When they saw the way in which the money was laid out, and the good that was done by the several charities, the county of Norfolk—especially as it was the residence of the M.W. the G.M. of all England—should come forward in a more worthy and liberal spirit. The province, he believed, did give a good deal of money in one way or another, but the amount was nothing like what it should be, and the matter was not only about to be taken up by the Prov. G.M., but he had signified his intention of taking the chair at the festival of one of the charities (the Girls') when he hoped the Masons of Norfolk would give him every possible support. The W.M. having given "The Initiates," for which Bros. the Rev. H. Lubbock and G. Walker responded, proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Brathwaite, of Yorkshire, and H. J. Martin, of Norwich. Both these brethren responded to the toast, which was drunk with honours. Bro. Martin referred to the subject of the charities, mooted by Bro. Colonel Duff. He stated that the part which the province of Norfolk had hitherto played in this great cause was simply disgraceful, as he proposed to show from statistics in his possession. He asked if the brethren of the province could possibly be aware that the gross amount contributed by Norfolk to the several charities during the last three years was only £322 4s. The facts had only to be known, and he felt that this province would not lag behind in a work which was especially dear to all true Masons. During the past three years the contributions from Norfolk had been as follows:—Boys, 1874, £56 14s.; 1875, £38 17s.; 1876, £18 18s.; total, £114 9s. Girls, 1874, £16 16s.; 1875, £28 7s.; 1876, £12 12s. The aged Masons for the three years had received about £100; and the Widows £50. Let the brethren contrast this discreditable record with the advantages derived by the province. There had been three and there were now four boys in the Boys' School, involving an expenditure of £1500; one girl (from this very lodge) was in the Girls' School, involving an outlay of £209; three annuitants (men) were in receipt of £40 a year each, and two annuitants (women), £32 each, making a total under this head of £184 per year. To remedy the existing state of things Bro. E. Baldwin, a subscribing member in 213, was making praiseworthy efforts for the establishment of a Masonic Charitable Association, by which almost every brother would be enabled to obtain a life governorship in one or all three of the charities, and he commended this movement to the earnest consideration and cordial approval and co-operation of the brethren throughout the province. An association having a similar object had been established in Essex, and he believed had worked with marked success and corresponding benefit to the charities. "The Health of Bro. Baker," proposed by Bro. Hales, and "The Secretary's toast" were drunk during the evening, and a general opinion expressed that the subject of the charities demanded the attention of the brethren of the province.

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—The first meeting under the new W.M. was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday, January 8th, by whom the lodge was opened at 8 p.m. The following brethren were present:—Bros. H. Gore, W.M.; Cook, I.P.M.; Cooper, P.M. 41, as Chaplain; Phillips, P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, S.W.; Dickenson, J.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and P.P. S.G.W., as S.D.; Dutton, P.M., as J.D.; Bush, P.M., as Dir. of Cers.; Baldwin, I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler; and others. As visitors, besides those already named, Bros. Pegler, P.M. 14, 304, 837; General Doherty, C.B., P.M. 906; Hunt, 329; Harrington, 37; Aberdeen; Townsend, 1363; Marillier, 53; Reynolds, 41. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of Bro. Cook, Treasurer, was presented. The W.M. read a circular relative to a proposed memorial in honour of the eminent Masonic author, the late Dr. Oliver, consideration of which was postponed. A ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, which proved clear in their favour, of whom, however, only one was present. Bro. Phillips, P.M., then took the chair. Mr. Francis Bell was introduced, properly prepared, and duly admitted as a member of the Order. The charge was given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. A vote of thanks was passed to the visitors for their attendance, which was duly acknowledged. A candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded by the Wardens. The lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

**DORCHESTER.—Lodge of Faith and Unanimity (No. 417).**—This lodge held its annual installation meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., the W.M., Bro. W. Osmond, occupying the chair. Notwithstanding the very wet weather and almost impassable roads, there was a very full attendance of the brethren of lodge 417, as well as several visiting brethren from neighbouring lodges, who had to come "thru' flood and fen" to be present. Bro. Robert Case, P. Prov. G. Sec., Dorset, the W.M. elect, was presented and obligated in due form. Brethren below the chair having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters (nine in number) was opened, and Bro. Robert Case duly placed in the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the brethren below that rank were re-admitted and saluted the W.M. in ancient form. The W.M. then appointed and invested

his officers as follows: Bros. W. Osmond, I.P.M.; T.S. Biggs, S.W.; W. E. Brymer, J.W.; Rev. T. Russell Wright, Chap.; W. Chick, P.M., Treas.; Rev. H. Everett, Sec.; T. Beavis, S.D.; T. M. Dron, J.D.; G. J. G. Gregory, P.M., M.C.; J. Robinson, P.M., Org.; A. H. Lock, I.G.; Charles Parsons, P.M., and W. H. Dean, Stewards; J. Lovelace, Tyler; W. Talbot, Asst. Tyler. The Installing Officer of the evening was Bro. W.S. Gillard, P.M. 1168, and P. Prov. G.J.D. Dorset, who very kindly undertook the office on the sudden indisposition of Bro. W. P. Cockeram, and performed the ceremonies in a most admirable manner. Bro. W. Osmond also assisted in the installation ceremony very satisfactorily. Before the lodge was closed two very interesting events took place to signalise the W.M.'s accession to the chair. Bro. W. E. Brymer, the J.W., having presented the lodge with a very good and powerful harmonium, which was used for the first time this evening, and a letter was read from W. Bro. John Symonds, P.G.A.D.C., regretting his inability to leave town to be present at his lodge, and asking the brethren to accept from him 16 volumes of the *Freemasons' Magazine* as an addition to the lodge library. Cordial votes of thanks to Bros. Brymer and Symonds were carried by acclamation, and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Case, and the usual loyal Masonic toasts were given. During the course of the evening the W.M. alluded to the fact that the Past Masters of the lodge, as well as the Junior Wardens, were either Life Subscribers or Life Governors of one or the other of the Masonic Charities, thus proving that the watch-words of the order, Loyalty and Charity, were in good keeping in Lodge 417. Amongst the visitors present were W. Bros. H. C. Burt, P.P.G.J.W., Dorset; A. J. Budden, W.M. Lodge 622, and Prov. G.S.D., Dorset; J. Whitehead Smith, P.M. Lodge 622, and P.P.G.C., Dorset; John Cook, P.M. Lodge 386, and others.

**HALIFAX.—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).**—The annual installation festival was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, January 2nd, at which an unusually large number of brethren were present. The lodge was opened in due form in the Three Degrees at 3 p.m., and after the ordinary business was concluded Bro. Christopher Tate Rhodes was installed W.M. for the ensuing year in a masterly and impressive manner by Bros. G. Normanton, P.P.G.D., and James Charnock, P.M. 307. The newly installed W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for 1877:—Bros. Thos. Whitaker, P.M. 307, as S.W.; N. W. Scholefield, J.W.; W. F. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; George Taylor, Sec.; William Swale, S.D.; G. H. Radcliffe, J.D.; Councillor J. B. Brierley, M.C.; A. H. Booke, Org.; Walter Walshaw, I.G.; R. Worsick, P.M. 307, J. G. Lee, J. C. Crocker, and T. L. Ogden, Stewards; Jno. Greenwood, P.M. 308, Tyler; Bro. R. Jessop, P.M., being appointed Almoner, and Bro. T. Wheelhouse, Charity Steward. The Rt. W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L., then presented in complimentary terms on behalf of the brethren a very chaste P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Taylor Wheelhouse, as a small token of appreciation of his services in the chair during the past year; after which the lodge was closed by the new W.M. in harmony and due form. The brethren, about sixty in number, adjourned to the large dining hall, which has been recently very tastefully decorated, and also specially prepared for this occasion, to partake of a sumptuous banquet, which reflected the highest credit upon the purveyor, Bro. J. C. Crocker, of the White Swan Hotel. Bro. C. T. Rhodes presided, and was supported by the Rt. W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorks., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L.; Bros. T. W. Tew, J.P., W. Dep. Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Jno. Fisher, P.M. 61, and Prov. G. Prior of West Yorks., &c.; T. Perkinson, P.M. 61, 448, and Prov. G.M.M. of West Yorks., &c.; Councillor F. Whitaker, P.P.J.G.D.; Geo. Normanton, P.P.G.D.; Edwin Walshaw, P.G. Std.; Taylor Wheelhouse, I.P.M.; James Charnock, P.M. 307; W. F. Wilkinson, P.M.; Josh. Gankroger, W.M. 61; Wm. Parker, P.M. Airdale Lodge, Shipley; Jno. Forth, P.M.; Jno. Seed, P.M. 1302; Henry Moseley; Thos. Woodhead; J. Y. Rideal, P.M.; Geo. Battinson, W.M. elect 61; Wm. Gankroger, J.W. 61; T. G. Knowles, P.M.; W. B. Spencer, P.M.; Rev. R. Jessop, P.M.; and numerous other P.M.'s and brethren from Bradford, Huddersfield, &c. The usual loyal toasts having been ably proposed from the chair, and suitably responded to, the W.M. next gave "The M.W. the G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales; the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Dep. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present," remarking that the Craft were exceedingly proud of their Royal Master, and though he was not the only Royal personage who had not thought it derogatory to his dignity to exchange the sceptre for the trowel, to patronise our mysteries and join in our assemblies, still none who had preceded him had been more popular, and it was very gratifying that he had been pleased to become a Freemason and accept the chief position in this our secret society, and thus ascertain for himself that we were not plotters who ought to be excommunicated, but rather the most loyal and patriotic of the Queen's most loving subjects. He (Bro. Rhodes) was present at the never-to-be-forgotten ceremony of the installation at the Albert Hall, performed so nobly by the Earl of Carnarvon, who with Sir Albert Woods as G.D.C., were deserving of the highest praise, the vast assemblage on that occasion being conducted as if by clockwork. Lord Skelmersdale was very popular, more especially amongst the Lancashire brethren, and he well merited the distinction which had been conferred upon him. In proposing the toast of "The Right Worshipful Prov. G. Master of West Yorks, Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., and the Provincial Grand Officers,"



the W.M. said that it was an old stereotyped phrase to say that "the right man was in the right place," but he would ask the brethren present if any man ever filled his position more exactly than did the R.W.P.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had made an excellent choice in selecting Sir H. Edwards, who was one of the most popular men in the county, was extensively known as a thorough English gentleman in every sense of the word, kind and courteous to every one with whom he came in contact, had a large heart and a liberal mind; his popularity and the esteem in which he is held by the Craft in general were shown by his selection as President at the last Girls' School festival. The R.W. Dep. G.M., Bro. Tew, was a very active brother, and wished to do all that he possibly could for the benefit of Freemasonry in the province. He (the W.M.) felt it a great compliment to the lodge that the R.W. Prov. G.M. had become a joining member, and to himself that he, along with the W.D. Prov. G.M. and so many provincial officers, had honoured him with their presence at his installation. The R.W. Prov. G.M. and the W. Dep. P.G.M. both replied in feeling terms at some length, which he condense would be to spoil, and we therefore refrain. The I.P.M., Bro. Taylor Wheelhouse, then rose and gave what he considered as the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M., Bro. C. T. Rhodes," saying he was a brother who well deserved the position he had been so unanimously chosen to occupy; it was a position of great responsibility, but he believed he would discharge the important duties devolving upon him with great credit to himself and honour to the Craft. He was quite sure there was no brother in the lodge better versed in the ritual and ceremonies than Bro. Rhodes. The W.M., who on rising to respond was greeted with loud and long continued applause, said that if anything was calculated to unnerve him at all, it was the very pleasing and flattering reception that had just been accorded him. He thanked them most heartily for the exalted position in which they had placed him, the highest honour which it was possible for the lodge to bestow upon any brother, to elect him as W.M. with an unanimous voice. In a lodge numbering nearly 100 members it was indeed something to be proud of, and were he to repeat his thanks a thousand times he could not impress upon them how he appreciated the honour. It was an honour to be elected President out of 100 of any body of men, but more especially when each one of them had been tried and tested by the tongue of good report. He felt assured that he had the good wishes of the brethren. He candidly expressed that the honour had not come upon him unexpectedly, as he had worked for it steadily and perseveringly, and believed that he had the position in strict accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and not by the kissing which goes by favour. He had commenced when initiated as an Assist. Steward, and at his own wish had not passed over the head of any brother, but had steadily climbed the ladder year by year from the lowest to the uppermost stave, filling every office, having had his eye upon the chair since he first became a Freemason, and to reach it by the unanimous vote of the brethren had been the dream of his Masonic life. As directed by the charge in the First Degree, he had endeavoured to make a practical and daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, that he might be the better enabled to fulfil the serious duties of the position at which he was aiming. Hitherto he had felt comparatively easy and comfortable in the offices he had from time filled, but now feeling the grave responsibility resting upon him he hoped by the help of the G.A.O.T.U., and the generous support and kind consideration of the brethren to discharge the duties satisfactorily to all concerned. If any brother had any complaint or suggestion to make he trusted that he would make them to him direct, when they should at all times have his best consideration. He intended to adhere to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and whilst hoping for plenty of work during the ensuing year, he trusted that the brethren would refrain from recommending any one to a participation of our secrets unless they had strong grounds for believing they would ultimately reflect honour on our choice; he did not mean that they should have none but those rich in this world's good, but good sterling honest men, who were in a fair position in life, so that there was no probability of their preying upon our noble charities. There had been quite a rush of candidates, especially since the Prince of Wales was made Grand Master, and he (the W.M.) was afraid that admissions had been too indiscriminate, and without due enquiry in many cases. Let the outside world know and feel that it is a great honour and privilege to be admitted into the brotherhood. He strongly recommended them to read the *Freemason* and keep themselves posted with what was doing in Masonry around them, and that every one should read the remarks on the election of W.M.'s in the Christmas number, and also the observations of Bro. J. Hervey, G.S., at the Carnarvon Lodge a few weeks ago, on the duties of officers. He had found it a very difficult task to please all in selecting his officers, but by the assistance of the P.M.'s, who advised with him on the subject, he hoped that general satisfaction would be felt, and strongly urged the brethren, and officers especially, to attend the instruction meetings, and post themselves well in the ceremony, for it was a sorry sight to see a candidate conducted by the Deacon to the J.W. or S.W., and then find that neither of them knew what to say, thus making the whole appear a ridiculous farce to the candidate himself. He trusted the lodge would maintain the character it had gained as one of the best working lodges in the province, though he did not think that Freemasonry consisted solely in working the ritual and ceremonies inside the lodge, but that occasions like the present festive scene formed a part of the whole, when they could fraternise and know and understand each other better, be cemented together in one grand bond of brotherhood, and be fitted to uphold and carry out the grand principles of our Order. The other toasts were

"The Past W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.L., and Past Prov. Grand Officers;" "The Visiting Brethren" heartily proposed by the Rt. W.P.G.M., Sir H. Edwards; "The Installing Officers," "The S.W., J.W., and Officers of the St. James's Lodge;" "The P.M.'s of St. James's Lodge and the Officers for the Past Year;" "The Two Sister Lodges in the town;" "The Management Committee of the Freemasons' Hall;" "The various Masonic Charities;" "Lady Edwards and the Ladies," responded to by the Rt. W.P.G.M., and the final toast. During dinner selections of music were given by Mr. C. W. Eastwood's band, and the glees, songs, &c., given during the evening contributed greatly to the enjoyment of what was undoubtedly one of the most successful festivals ever held in connection with the lodge. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. Bentley Shaw, P. Dep. Prov. G.M. of West Yorks.; Isaac Booth, P.G. J.W.; J. Sutcliffe, Rt. W.P.G.M.M. of Lincolnshire; Jack Sutcliffe, Grimsby, and other brethren of eminence in the Craft.

**BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).**—The festival of St. John was duly celebrated by the brethren of this lodge at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 11th inst. There were upwards of 100 members and visitors present, and amongst the latter were Bros. M. McNeerney, W.M. 605; J. Mathews, W.M. 721; James Salmon, P.M. 425; R. C. Mellor, P.M. 304; J. Wilton Patson, W.M. 1289; T. Shaw, S.W. 605; and others. The Installing Officer was Bro. Gracie, P.M. The following is a list of the new officers of the lodge: Bros. W. Pulford, W.M.; J. G. Adams, I.P.M.; R. Gracie, P.M. and Sec.; D. Fraser, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Jones, P.M., Sec.; John Dutton, S.W.; Thomas Brown, J.W.; William Worrall, jun., S.D.; W. Bennett, J.D.; R. Ridyard, I.G.; Geo. Dicken, D.C.; R. Hamilton and J. Woolley, Stewards. In the course of the business it was decided to establish a limited liability company for the erection of a Masonic Hall in Birkenhead, and the lodge agreed to take up 500 shares at £1 each. The members afterwards dined at the Ranelagh Hotel.

**SOUTHPORT.—Lodge of Unity (No. 613).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on St. John's Day, the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Neville-street. At the opening of the lodge, which took place about 3.30 p.m., the chair was taken by the esteemed W.M., Bro. T. S. Cory, there being a good muster of the brethren present. After the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes of the preceding regular meeting confirmed, the auditors' report was read, which showed that the lodge was in a flourishing condition, and that the year 1876 had been the most successful of any since the foundation of the lodge in 1853. Bro. S. Kerrhaw was elected as Treas., and Bro. G. Rockliffe was appointed Tyler for the ensuing year. A ballot was taken for Bro. Rev. R. W. P. Montgomery, who was elected a joining member. The chair was now taken by Bro. J. Bowes, P.M. 148, Prov. G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, &c., and Bro. George Bailey was presented by Bro. Cory as his successor, for the benefit of installation. The ceremony of installation was duly performed in a most solemn and effective manner by Bro. Bowes, who also gave the charges; the whole performance gaining for him the approbation of all present. The following brethren were appointed as officers and invested with their respective insignia by the W.M.:—Bros. T. S. Cory, I.P.M.; J. Hatch, S.W.; J. H. Barrow, J.W.; W. H. Marsden, Chap.; S. Kershaw, Treas.; J. H. T. Cottier, Sec.; J. Sutton, S.D.; J. D. Ainsworth, J.D.; W. H. Johnson, I.G.; J. P. Griffiths, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Gardner, Org.; G. Rockliffe, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Duggan, a vote of thanks was given to Bro. Bowes for the praiseworthy manner in which he had performed his duties as Installing Master. The newly installed W.M. in the name and on behalf of the lodge presented to Bro. Cory, the I.P.M., a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and for the efficient discharge of his duties as W.M. Bro. Bowes was ably assisted by Bros. H. Poynter, W.M. 948, P.P.G. Reg. Berks. and Bucks.; D. W. Finney, P.M. 148, who acted as Wardens. Among other visitors present were Bros. G. W. J. Fowler, P.M. 86, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Robinson, W.M. 148; Phillips, P.M. The festival of St. John was subsequently held at the Scansbrick Arms, when upwards of forty of the brethren sat down to a recherche banquet, provided by Bro. R. Watson, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. The toast of "Prov. G. Officers" was responded to in a telling speech by Bro. J. F. Roberts, P.M. 1313, P.G.D.C. Bro. T. Parker, P.M. 613, responded on behalf of the P.M.'s, and alluded to the work which the W.M. had done in previous years for the lodge, in the various offices he had held. Several brethren performed a choice selection of instrumental music and songs, and this together with the good will and harmony which prevailed enhanced the enjoyment of the evening.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—The wonderful vitality and strength of Masonic feeling and brotherhood in the district was fully exemplified on Thursday, the 4th inst., when the regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. T. Vincent, the large room of Bro. Tucker's house, the "Lord Raglan," Burrage-road, being almost inconveniently filled with the members of the lodge, and visiting brethren from the neighbouring lodges of Woolwich, and other parts of the province of Kent, as will be seen by the following visitors' list: Bros. W. Hicks, P.M. 77, and P.P.G.S.B., Kent; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; T. Butt, W.M. 700; T. Hastings, W.M. 829; T. Ward, P.M. 700; F. J. Dawson, P.M. and Treas. 700; J. Donnelly, J.D. 706; Eugene Sweeney, I.G. 706; W. Murphy, Treas. 1536; W. G. Picken, J.W. 1536; G. Tedder, 11 and 1107; C. Buckland, 700; J. B. Hanson, 700; W. Crane, 907; E. Wilson, 700; G. Pilcher, 1472;

E. W. Fisher, 700; G. W. Kennedy, 1536; W. Harris, 700; and others. The other officers present beside the W.M. were Bros. A. Penfold, I.P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.G.J.W. Kent; J. McDougall, P.M.; T. Smith, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Kent; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec., and P.P.G.P. Kent; H. Butler, S.W.; J. D. Hayes, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Chapman, J.D.; R. J. Cook, I.G.; C. Cooke, Org.; and R. Lester, O.G. The business before the lodge was the balloting for W. T. Beamish, who was unanimously approved of and duly initiated. Bros. W. Rees and F. Johnson, were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Brock, Keeble, Stabback, and Letton, received the benefit of the Sublime Degree. Nothing could exceed the earnest impressiveness with which the esteemed W.M. worked the whole of the ceremonies, or surpass the ability of his officers in their arduous duties. Upon the lodge being resumed, the W.M. drew attention to the wise decision to which Grand Lodge had arrived in memorializing the safe return of our Royal and beloved G.M. from his Indian tour, and hoped the two lifeboats to be devoted to that purpose, would be the means of saving many an unfortunate fellow creature from a watery grave. He then introduced Bros. Smith and Hastings, who would tell them something of the Charities, for which they stood stewards. Bro. Smith thanked the lodge for its gift of ten guineas to each of the charities, and for the munificent sum collected in the lodge on their last monthly meeting, the amount being £45, and he hoped with Bro. Hastings to take up to the next festival a goodly show of the charitable feeling of the Masons of the district. After the appropriation of four guineas to the subscription about to be raised among the lodges and chapters of the district, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the esteemed and reverend Bro. Hill, P.G. Chaplain for Kent, for his kindness in delivering an oration on the occasion of the erection of our late Bro. Graden's Memorial at Wickham Cemetery, and many other acts of brotherly love on his part, not only to that lodge, of which he was the Hon. Chaplain, but throughout the province generally; the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to supper, and upon re-assembling paid the usual loyal and Masonic compliments to all concerned. The speeches were excellent and the toasts as hearty in their geniality as ever.

**SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend. The W.M., Bro. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, Prov. J.G.D., presided. The W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year being elected at this meeting, a good number of brethren were present, amongst whom were the following, viz.: Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, Prov. A.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, G. Chaplain, S.W.; F. D. Grayson, acting J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Chaplin, S.D.; W. P. Belliss, J.D.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.) D.C.; W. J. Chignell, I.G.; Mountain, Tyler; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Briggs, H. Luker, G. G. Jones, B. J. Mackel, W. Waterhouse, G. Berry, P. Benton, jun., G. F. Wood, J. English, W. D. Merritt, F. Cantor, H. Smith, and others. Visitor: Bro. R. Abbott, 318. After the usual preliminary business, Bro. W. R. Marsh, P.M. 9 and 933, was balloted for as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. The brethren then proceeded to the election of the W.M., when Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Grand Chaplain, P.M. and P.Z. 214, P.Z. 1000, was unanimously chosen for that important office. The worthy father of the lodge, Bro. F. Wood, was again unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Mountain re-elected Tyler. The usual Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, presided over by the I.P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The toast of the W.M. elect was very cordially received. Bro. Wigram thanked the brethren for the compliment, and assured them he would endeavour to merit the confidence they had placed in him. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close, and the brethren separated until the installation meeting on the 25th inst.

**LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).**—This prosperous lodge at the north end of Liverpool celebrated its anniversary on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, where there was a large representation of members and visitors. Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M., was the Installing Master, and he placed Bro. A. Willis in the chair of the W.M. in a highly effective manner. The following were the other appointments: Bros. J. W. McWean, S.W.; J. McWean, J.W.; G. Morgan, P.M., Treasurer; R. R. Forshaw, Sec.; W. Donkin, Asst. Sec.; John Whaites, S.D.; J. P. Bryan, J.D.; W. Forrester, I.G.; J. Smith and George, Stewards; Turley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Master of Ceremonies; A. Forshaw, Org.; and Cruce, Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in good style by Bro. Casey. Among those who were present at the installation, most of whom remained, were Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. Grand Secretary; Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B., 1473; Lunt, P.M. 873; Knight, W.M. 1325; Ashmore, P.M. 1325; Jos. Bell, W.M. 1609; Jones, P.M. 220; and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec. responded to the toast of "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale and the Provincial Grand Officers," and congratulated the brethren on the state of the lodge and the good working which he had that day witnessed. He rejoiced to see such a pleasant gathering of brethren, was happy to find that the finances of the lodge were in such a prosperous condition, and wished to bring under their notice the educational institutions of Masonry, as a means of disbursing their surplus funds. He concluded by bearing strong



testimony to the personal and Masonic virtues of both Lord Skelmersdale and the Hon. F. Stanley, R.W.D. Prov. G.M., and wished the Prince of Wales Lodge every prosperity.—"The Health of the Installing Master" was then proposed by Bro. Morgan, P.M., and "The Health of Bro. Bunting," late Treasurer, by Bro. Newell, P.M., who spoke in eulogistic terms of the eight years' service which the Treasurer had rendered. Bro. Bunting replied in feeling terms. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated. The musical talent of the lodge was reinforced by Bros. J. Barlow Foulkes, 1325; J. Queen, 1505; and Hobart, 1505, by whom a capital programme was gone through, under the direction of Bro. J. P. Bryan.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 11th inst. Bros. S. Lyon, W.M.; J. Silverstone, S.W.; B. Lazarus, J.W.; Rev. J. G. Emanuel, B.A., Chap.; J. Harris, S.D.; Paul Roberts, J.D.; H. Wood, I.G.; David Lowenstein, Sec. There was a very large attendance of the members, also several visitors, in consequence of a notice of motion which stood on the circular in the name of their much esteemed Chaplain. Bro. G. S. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain, moved, pursuant of notice, and Bro. B. Lazarus, J.W., seconded, and it was passed unanimously, "That the attention of the Rt. Hon. and R.W. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire, be called to the fact that the 15th Section of the Constitution of the Three Globes, the Grand Lodge of Germany, excludes Jews, as Jews, from membership in any of its affiliated lodges. This proceeding being opposed to the principles of True Masonry and being calculated to limit the privileges of English Masons professing the Jewish faith, the Officers and members of the Lodge of Israel entreat the Rt. Hon. and P.G.M., Lord Leigh, to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of England to the subject, with the view of inducing the Grand Lodge of Germany to abolish this section (165), so illiberal and anti-Masonic, and further appoint the W.M., Wardens, and Chaplain of this great and flourishing Lodge of Birmingham, to forward the resolution to Lord Leigh at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

### Royal Arch.

**BATH.**—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 8 p.m. Among those present were Ex. Comps. Reeves, Z.; George Parfitt, P.Z. 41, as H.; Watts, J.; Phillips, Z. 1000, as I.P.Z.; Dutton, N. As visitors, Ex. Comps. Tompson, Z. 41; Colonel Ford, P.Z. 53; Dr. Hopkins, 41, and P.Z. 328, 586, 710; Walker, P.Z. 53; The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the companions admitted, and the minutes of the previous meetings read and confirmed, the following were elected to office for the ensuing year by ballot: Phillips, Z.; Watts, H.; Dutton, J.; Becket, P.Z., N.; Loder, E.; Davis, P.Z., Treas.; H. Gore, P. Soj. Comp Gazzard was re-elected Janitor. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins then installed each of the three Principals, as he had previously been requested to undertake the duty, and concluded by proclaiming them in the usual form. A cordial vote of thanks to him was proposed and seconded by the Z. and I.P.Z., and carried by acclamation, which was duly acknowledged. A similar vote to the visitors was passed, which was responded to by Col. Ford. Ex. Comp Phillips expressed great pleasure at his appointment as Z. in the chapter in which he had been exalted, and, though now residing at a great distance, promised a regular attendance to perform his duties. Other private business was transacted, and the proceedings were brought to a close at a quarter to ten.

**LIVERPOOL.**—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—A convocation of this young and prosperous chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 27th Dec., at 6 o'clock; the special business for transaction being the installation of Principals for the ensuing year. The chapter was opened by Comps. B. B. Marson, Z.; J. Bell, H.; and R. Brown, J., when the outgoing Z. completed a most successful year by exalting two brethren to this Supreme Degree. Comp. J. W. Baker, Past Z. of Chapter 241, performed the ceremony of installing the chiefs in his usually impressive and efficient manner, viz., Comps. Joseph Bell, as Z.; Richard Brown, as H.; and J. A. Edginton, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following:—Comps. B. B. Marson, P.Z.; J. W. Baker, D.C.; A. Woolrich, Treas. (for the second time); C. Arden, S.E.; A. D. Hesketh, S.N.; W. J. Chapman, P.S.; J. Keet and Lindo Courtenay, Asst. Sojs.; J. L. Houghton and E. George, Stewards; and P. Larsen, Janitor. Twelve worthy companions having been proposed for exaltation, and nothing further appearing for the good of the Order, the chapter was duly closed. The companions, numbering about thirty, then adjourned to the old lodge-room, where a most excellent banquet was served. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, and "The Health of the Newly-installed Chiefs" received with hearty greeting, the M.E.Z., Comp. Bell, in proposing "The Health of Comp. B. B. Marson, P.Z.," in the name of the chapter, presented him with a very handsome P.Z. jewel as a token of esteem and kindly feeling entertained towards him by its members. Comp. Marson, in responding, thanked the companions for their valuable recognition of his services as one of the founders and first Z. of No. 1356. Songs and recitations followed, bringing a most enjoyable evening to an agreeable end, the companions separating at an early hour.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).**—This chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, January 11th, Comp. H. A. Dubois, Z., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were

read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. The bye-laws were read. The elections resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. J. W. Baldwin, being Z.; John Mason, H.; James Cattle Mason, J.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); F. Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected for 13th time); M. D. Loewenstark, S.H.; B. Isaacs, P. S.; W. Y. Laing, Janitor. The bye-laws were altered. The exaltation fee was increased from 3 to 4 guineas, and the subscription from 32s to 42s. The meetings were decreased to three. Notice of motion was given to present the usual five-guinea P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. H. A. Dubois. A splendid banquet followed. The only visitor was Comp. R. P. Tebb, 176.

### Scotland.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The annual meeting of this lodge for the nomination and election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was held on Thursday, 11th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. John Baird, Prov. Grand Substitute Master, presided, supported by the following office-bearers of the Prov. Grand Lodge:—Bros. James Gillies, Treas.; John Morgan, Interim Sec.; George Thallon, S.D.; J. Miller, J.D.; Robert Robb, Marshal and President of Stewards; Alexander Bain, Bible Bearer; Jas. Balfour, Dir. of Cers.; David Reid, I.G.; and George Sinclair, Treasurer and Convener of the Benevolent Fund; John Kinnaird, W.M. 73, was acting S.W., and James Booth, W.M. 87, acting J.W. The lodge having been opened in due form, the Chairman said he had that day received a note, dated the previous day from Queenshill, from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Montgomerie Neilson, asking him (Bro. Baird) to be kind enough to mention at that meeting that he (the Prov. Grand Master) hoped to be able to be with the brethren at their next quarterly communication (Thursday, 25th inst.), and that very likely he might have occasion to call a special meeting before that date. This, the Chairman said, would argue that Bro. Neilson had considerably recovered from his protracted indisposition, which they would all be glad to hear. He then reminded them that this was a special meeting called for a special purpose, and therefore that no business could be brought forward that evening other than the nomination of their office-bearers. He added that he had just had put into his hands a commission from the Prov. Grand Master, appointing to the office of P.G. Secretary Bro. W. H. Bickerton, of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 942 (E.C.), and affiliated member of Lodges No. 34, and No. 360 (S.C.); and, at the request of the acting S.W. he read the same to the meeting. The nomination was then proceeded with, two of the offices being contested, namely, those of P.G. Jeweller and P.G. Inner Guard. For the former, Bro. Robert Jack, W.M. St. John's, Shettleston, 128, was proposed by Bro. W. Phillips, W.M. Clydesdale, 556, and seconded by another brother; while the re-appointment of Bro. A. Allison, who has held the office for a couple of years, was moved by Bro. John Miller, P.G.J.D., and seconded by Bro. J. Gillies, P.G. Treas. On a show of hands being taken, the majority was held up for Bro. Jack. For the office of Inner Guard there were three candidates—namely, Bros. Geo. McDonald, I.P.M. No. 73; James Booth, W.M. No. 87; and William Harper, I.P.M. Clyde, No. 408. The appointment fell to Bro. Booth by the small majority of two over Bro. McDonald. Bro. Rev. Dr. Penney was unanimously re-appointed Asst. Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Dr. Burns, of the Cathedral, being P.G. Chaplain by commission of the Prov. Grand Master. The other offices also in his commission, and which he has yet to fill up, are his Depute and Substitute Masters, and two Wardens. Apart from these, the revised list of P.G. office-bearers is now as follows:—J. Gillies, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec.; John Morgan, S.D.; John Miller, J.D.; James Ritchie, Architect; Robert Robb, Marshal and President of Stewards; Robert Jack, Jeweller; Alexander Bain, B.B.; James Balfour, Dir. of Cer.; Thomas Halkett, Dir. of Music; David Reid, Swd.Br.; James Booth, Inner Guard; John Burton Hardie, Tyler. Bro. George Sinclair was unanimously re-appointed Treasurer and convener of the P.G. Benevolent Fund. The election having been concluded, the Chairman said he had to thank the brethren for the orderly manner in which the business of the evening had been conducted, and the lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Star (No. 219).—The first harmony meeting for the new Masonic year of this lodge was held within their own hall, at No. 12, Trongate, on Monday, 8th inst., and was a completely successful one, there being a numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren. In the latter category were no fewer than five W. Masters of other lodges. Bro. Jasper Martin, W.M. of the lodge, presided, with Bros. James Horn and David Mearns, S.W. and J.W. respectively. Supporting the Master on the dais were Bros. John S. Allan, W.M. 28; John Kinnaird, W.M. 73; James Booth, W.M. 87; William Hart, W.M. 178; David Reid, W.M. 465; John Fraser, P.M. 87; Alexander Bain, P.M. 103, and P.G. Bible Bearer; John Morgan, P.M. 219; John Fyfe, D.M. 465; Garth, S.M. 219; James Annand, S.W. 465; and James Houston, 354. The lodge having been opened in due form, and put under the charge of the J.W., the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," were successively given from the chair, and received with highest honours. The last-mentioned was coupled with the name of Bro. A. Bain, P.G.B.B., and by him duly acknowledged. The toast of "Sister Lodges" was given by Bro. John Morgan, I.P.M., who, in so doing, referred with much pleasure to the large turn-out of W. Masters and Past Masters of sister lodges on the dais who had favoured them with their company on the occasion of their first harmony meeting of the new year, on the suc-

cess of which he thought they might all congratulate themselves. The toast was replied to by Bro. William Hart, W.M. 178, who remarked that he might say for himself—and he thought others would say with him—that there was an undoubted pleasure in visiting Lodge Star, where they found at all times a thorough spirit of friendship and good cheer. The toast of "Health and Prosperity to Lodge Star, No. 219," was proposed by Bro. Bain. There was not, he said, within the Province of Glasgow a more harmonious working lodge than Lodge Star, either in working the degrees or when upon harmony. And perhaps that agreeable state of matters was in no small degree owing to P.M. Bro. Morgan, who, although he had left the chair, seemed to have left the odour of his mairmanship behind him. In replying to the toast Mr. W.M., Bro. Martin, generously endorsed this remark of Bro. Bain. The latter, he said, had spoken the truth as regarded Bro. Morgan, and he, Bro. Martin, declared it would be a long time before they had such another chairman. For himself he thanked them most cordially for the way in which they had coupled his name with the toast of "prosperity" to the lodge. Chief amongst the contributors to the musical element of the evening was Bro. James Houston (No. 354), the well-known Scottish vocal comedian; and, on the motion of Cthe chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him by the brethren for his services in this respect. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Houston said he might tell them plainly that whenever he entered that lodge he felt as happy and welcome as if sitting down at his own fireside, and he could say that was happy enough. He had been asked to come that evening by Bro. Morgan, and when Bro. Morgan asked you to come you could not resist it. He had felt great pleasure in being present, and in seeing round him some old faces, and he hoped to be able to be oftener with them than he had been. Subsequently the brethren were recalled to labour for a short time, when honorary affiliation to the lodge was conferred upon Bro. Houston, on the motion of Bro. Morgan, by whom also the obligation was administered. Bro. Houston having briefly returned thanks for the honour bestowed upon him, the lodge was closed after a memorably agreeable sederunt.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The quarterly meeting of the subscribers to this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon presided, and among the other brethren present were Bros. Colonel Creaton, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, B. Isaacs, H. Massey, (Freemason), T. Bartlett, A. L. Dusek, Raynham W. Stewart, Geo. Free, W. Roebuck, H. W. Hunt, Edward A. Sacré, Dr. Ramsay, G. M. E. Snow, H. Hacker, H. W. Binckes, Dr. Edward Jones, R. B. Webster, Donald M. Dewar, A. Durrant, S. W. Baldwin, Charles Swan, A. D. Loewenstark, W. Mann, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Walter Hopekirk, Thomas Cubitt, Thos. S. Hill, Edwd. Moody, H. Moore, T. J. Sabine, Joseph D. Spencer, H. Browne, Jas. Terry, J. W. Dennison, Thos. Meggy, James Stevens, Isaac Turner, S. A. Wills, Matthew Miles, Geo. Bolton, G. Jewell, Thos. Knott, R. H. Williams, W. R. Lash, Octavius N. Pearce, R. Pawson Hooton, C. Burmeister, M. D. Loewenstark, W. F. Collard Moutrie, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

While Bro. Binckes was reading the minutes of the different Courts and committees, Bro. Symonds enquired whether the preparatory school had yet received the sanction at any special or general court of the Institution.

Bro. Binckes replied that it had been named at the House Committee and General Committee, and had been approved.

Bro. Symonds. But not at the General Court.

Bro. Binckes. No, we cannot do that yet; the money is not in hand.

After the minutes had been read and approved, twelve vacancies were declared for next election, and 59 candidates were stated to be on the list.

Bro. Meggy then brought on his motion for admitting H. P. Wisby to the school, who was the first excluded candidate at the last election.

Bro. Binckes read the letter of Bro. Meggy to the committee, which has already appeared in our columns, stating the circumstances under which he made the motion.

The Chairman stated that the whole of the facts were now before the Court, and Bro. Meggy had called their attention to them and the report of the scrutineers, which showed that if all the votes polled for the candidate had been recorded, there would still have been 17 against him. Without going into that matter he, as Chairman, must say that considering the question of form (and he had considered the case very carefully, for his attention had been previously called to it) while law 58 of the institution remained part of their laws, it was quite impossible that this Court could resolve to put a candidate into the school. That rule stated that the elections should be in April and October, and also that it should be by ballot. If Bro. Meggy's motion was carried it would be a contravention of the law. He based his decision on a case which came before Grand Lodge some time ago, when on a grant being proposed, an objection was taken by the President that the funds were to be administered in a certain manner by the committee of the Lodge of Benevolence. The Grand Master ruled that the motion could not be put, because it was exactly contrary to the rules of the Institution.

Bro. Meggy said he had been informed that the lowest successful candidate would not go into the school, and on that ground he asked if his candidate should take that place.

The Chairman, however, ruled that Bro. Meggy's motion could not be put, and the subject dropped.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall, in the absence of Bro. J. J.



Hooper Wilkins, moved that a pension of £120 a year be granted to Bro. Edward Harris, who, after twenty years' service, had resigned his position of Collector to the Institution. He thought that from Bro. Harris's long service he was entitled to this pension.

Bro. H. B. Webster seconded the motion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart opposed it, and moved, as an amendment, that the pension be £100 a year. He argued that whilst the brethren had regard for the Collector, they must have regard to the brethren who subscribed largely to the Institution. Bro. Harris had not been so long a Collector of this Institution as Bro. Muggeridge had been of the Girls' School; and he also stated that Bro. Harris was in receipt of a pension from the Corn Meters' Society, which increased. Bro. Harris's time had not been exclusively devoted to this Institution, and therefore he did not think he was entitled to so large a pension as was proposed.

Bro. George Free, from his knowledge of the facts, was sure that there was no probability of Bro. Harris obtaining so much as £110 a year from the Corn Meters' Society. It might rise to £80 a year; but at present it was only £73. He would like to ask Bro. Binckes what Bro. Harris had received in the shape of commission.

Bro. Binckes replied from £140 to £160 a year.

Bro. Jesse Turner thought the brethren should be generous. With respect to Bro. Muggeridge, no doubt he was a very popular brother, and had obtained more money than Bro. Harris. The brethren might take that matter into consideration; but he could not but think that the Institution would be acting nobly and generously by paying £100 a year to Bro. Harris. Bro. Binckes had said that Bro. Harris had been receiving £140 to £160 a year, and the brethren should look on the matter as commercial men. If a clerk in the employ of commercial men had been receiving £140 or £160 a year as commission, they would think him liberally pensioned on £100 a year. Let the brethren look at it in this light. The Institution was not so flourishing or so rich that it could afford to pay money broadcast. They were about to seek money for a preparatory school, and they hoped for assistance from the Craft. He thought the case would be fairly met by a grant of £100 a year. A brother had mentioned that Bro. Harris was entitled to a pension in another quarter, but that had really nothing to do with the question. Bro. Harris's labours had been great; he had worked hard; but he had not given the whole of his time to this Institution. Nevertheless, it was not easy work to collect the money, as he himself could testify, having been a Steward on many occasions.

Bro. George M. E. Snow contended that the Collectors had been overpaid. The brethren must remember that before very long Bro. Binckes would be resigning. (Loud Laughter.) His services had been great, and he would be wanting a pension. The matron, Miss Hall, would retire and want a pension (laughter), and so it would be with other officers; and they would all want a pension worth two thirds of their full pay. (Laughter.)

Bro. Walter Hopekirk said that a Collector after 20 years' service should have some respect shown to him. Bro. Binckes had said that Bro. Harris's services had given satisfaction. Of course they had, or the brethren would have exercised their power and removed him. It was but a few years that Bro. Harris could enjoy his pension, and he thought they should recognise his services and reward a faithful servant.

Bro. H. Hacker supported Bro. Stewart's amendment.

Bro. T. J. Sabine spoke in favour of the original proposition. When Bro. Harris was in better health and stronger than he was now his services were very great, and he was then receiving about £200 a year in commission. They had heard a great deal that day to the effect that Bro. Harris did not devote the whole of his time to this Institution. At any rate, he did all that he was required to do in a satisfactory way, and that for a period of twenty years. He had discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and he was entitled to have those services recognised. Bro. Harris would not have resigned his position but for his failing health, and considering the number of stairs he had had to ascend and descend from the basement to the third floor in collecting subscriptions—the single guineas, not the £80 or £100 at a time—his failing health was not to be wondered at. He did not think it would be otherwise than derogatory to a great Institution like this if the brethren did not grant Bro. Harris an ample pension. He (Bro. Sabine) thought Bro. Stewart should withdraw his amendment. Whatever demands might be made on the Boys' School should be fully met.

Bro. A. Durrant thought they ought to consider the age of Bro. Harris, and the number of years he had been Collector, which he understood was not twenty, but fifteen years.

Bro. Binckes said he had been Secretary for sixteen years, and he knew Bro. Harris had been Collector some three or four years before that time. Being asked for a return of Bro. Harris's commission for six years back, Bro. Binckes gave the following figures:—1876, £156 6s. 9d.; 1875, £176 6s. 9d.; 1874, £129 8s. 1d.; 1873, £113 18s. 5d.; 1872, £98 18s. 9d.; and 1871, £147 17s. 10d.

The Chairman then put the amendment, which was lost, and the original motion being put, was carried without a dissentient.

Bro. Clabon, having another engagement, left the chair, and a hearty vote of thanks to him was adopted unanimously.

Bro. John Symonds was called to the chair, and

Bro. George M. E. Snow brought on his motion for raising the buildings round the playground one storey, for the purpose of giving sleeping accommodation to 50 extra boys; and also that such 50 extra boys be elected in October, and argued that on the 9-inch wall

already surrounding the play-ground the Metropolitan Buildings Act would allow an additional 10 feet of building to be erected, as it would only raise the wall to 19 feet, while the Act would allow 30 feet in height to be erected. He knew that he was going to be told that the accommodation was not sufficient for the additional number of boys, but he knew that it was quite sufficient. If it was not quite sufficient to let all the boys dine at once, let the senior boys dine with the junior masters at 5 o'clock (Great laughter), or at some other time that might be selected.

Bro. Binckes remarked that the assistant masters did not dine at 5 o'clock, but between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Bro. Snow went on to observe that there were several rooms at the school which might be utilised, such as the Secretary's room and the Board room.

Bro. A. Durrant seconded the motion. They had been receiving for some years £12,000 to £15,000 a year, and had been going on in the old jog-trot way and doing nothing with it. (Expressions of dissent.) As to the school room and kitchen accommodation, he thought this question deserved much consideration, the brethren should show a disposition to make an increase in the number of boys, as there was increasing support given by the Craft, some additional boys should be taken at the October Election.

The Chairman said that with reference to the subject of the preparatory school, that had not been agreed to by any of the Courts, whether quarterly or special; under the present circumstances all subscriptions for that object were completely unauthorised.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said that though he should like to see an increase in the number of boys, he did not consider that the Court was in a position to accept the proposition of Bro. Snow. No doubt the subject required mature consideration; but these Courts being called for the middle of the day, when brethren wished to be in their businesses, they could not give the time to it that they could desire; he would like the Courts to be called for 4 or 5 o'clock, when they could devote more time to the business of the Institution. That, however, was not the question, but as the question deserved consideration, he would move that it be proposed at that day twelvemonths.

Bro. Jesse Turner seconded the amendment. The Building Act would settle the question in a minute. The District Surveyor would never allow the proposed building to be raised on the 9-inch wall.

Bro. Durrant: I do not think he would. He is a very able individual.

Bro. Jesse Turner insisted that the Building Act was sufficient to stop the proposed works. He spoke as an architect and as a practical builder, and though he should be glad to see the school enlarged in a practicable, reasonable, and proper way, the present idea was Utopian, and should be put on one side.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, wished to say a few words on the subject, which had attracted attention in many parts of England. Bro. Durrant had said the subject should be carefully considered. He (Bro. Woodford) also thought the Committee should take into careful consideration the course they were going to pursue. There was a very grave point, indeed, to be considered, whether it was advisable to commence the preparatory school, supposing such to be in contemplation (which scheme they had heard was not sanctioned at present) before they had filled up the original school to the total number which was intended at the outset. Bro. Binckes would be able to inform them that this number was 300.

Bro. Binckes: No, 200.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford: Well, 200. But in all probability the same provision which was made for 200 would be sufficient for 300, with some little addition of dormitory accommodation. It was the feeling of many brethren (and he expressed the sentiments of a very large number of brethren, he felt sure) when he said that if they had 189 boys in the school, and commenced a building for 100 junior boys, they would put it out of the power of the brethren to increase the original building for the reception of the 200 or 300 boys for whom it was first intended. Let them admit first the 200 or 300 boys, and then afterwards if they found it necessary they could build a preparatory school for 100 boys. That would be the time to commence it; and though he did not speak now in any spirit of opposition to the scheme, he thought that before the Committee put out any official programme for a preparatory school they should bear in mind that they would not be able to increase the number in the original school, and they could not commence a preparatory school. He could not support Bro. Snow's proposition, which Bro. Jesse Turner had truly said was more or less Utopian in its conception. All the brethren wished to see a permanent increase in the number of boys in the school, economically and properly provided for. But before starting a preparatory school he ventured to express the hope that the Committee of this Institution, in whom the brethren had the greatest confidence, would give every consideration to the propriety of filling up the original school before commencing a new one.

Bro. Binckes said he should like to say something with respect to an observation made by Bro. Durrant that they had done nothing with the large amounts they had received. It was only very recently the Institution had released itself from debt. They had formerly borrowed money, and they had had to pay that off. Then there were perpetual presentations from Lancashire and Yorkshire, and more recently one from Cheshire. Those moneys had been invested, and as soon as the Institution had released itself from debt it invested £2000. The last year had been the most successful they had ever had, the receipts having been £15,300 odd. They had relieved the infirmity of the School by the purchase of Kent House for £3000, and they had met the taunts of the brethren

of what had become of the purchase money for the presentations. They found they could not invest it without bringing themselves under the powers of the Charity Commissioners. They had covered the whole of those purchase presentations, and also Bro. Winn's £525 for the prize fund and Bro. Edward Cox's gift; and in addition they had carried forward £2554 to the current year. They did not know what might take place this year. If war broke out, and the income tax was increased, they could not be sure that they would be so fortunate as to obtain large subscriptions. As to the extension of the School he could only assure them that they had been well advised by Bro. Dennison, the architect, that they could not extend it in the way proposed by Bro. Snow, even a square yard, without detriment to light and ventilation. The playrooms were originally only constructed as a shed. Then came a large and lofty gymnasium, which was only lighted by lanterns in the roof; and then there were the urinals. As a matter of health it was utterly impossible to add to the present buildings without going to an enormous expense. They were now in a healthy neighbourhood, and they maintained 187 boys in the School. He hoped no brother would wish to have the buildings raised as proposed by the motion, but the matter might be referred back to the House Committee.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk said he felt sure that if the matter was left in the hands of the committee they would bring forward a scheme that would give satisfaction to the Freemasons throughout England. He was sorry to say that at the elections now, there were many candidates left out in the cold.

Bro. Raynham Stewart would venture to put his amendment in this form—that the whole question of extension or addition be referred to the House Committee.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk seconded the motion in this form.

The Chairman said he was afraid they were getting very irregular with regard to the expenditure upon the building or the increase in the school. He would ask the question of Bro. Binckes whether a circular had gone out to all lodges and chapters asking for the collection of subscriptions on behalf of the preparatory school.

Bro. Binckes: No; and they will not go out after this discussion.

The Chairman remarked that it would place this Institution in an awkward position if funds were collected for that purpose, and the Court should afterwards decide that there should be no such scheme. It was too important a subject to be settled in that way—by a side wind. If the scheme was to be carried out (he expressed no opinion at present) the Court might be of opinion that it should only be after full discussion at the Quarterly or Special Court. Did he understand that Bro. Snow accepted the amendment?

Bro. Snow signified his assent.

The Chairman: Then the question is that the whole question of increased accommodation at the school be referred to the House Committee to report through the General Committee to a Quarterly Court.

The amendment was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## Obituary.

### BRO. W. H. FRANCIS.

We have the melancholy duty of announcing the death of our esteemed Bro. W. H. Francis, of Liskeard, on the 27th ult., who was for some years Treasurer of the Warrior Lodge, 1276, Seacombe, Cheshire. The interment took place at Wallasey Church, at 3 p.m., on the 30th ult. There was a very numerous attendance, he being much beloved, not only by his Masonic brethren, but by a large circle of friends, having been for thirty-two years District Secretary of the I.O.O.F.M.U.. He bore an upright and desirable reputation, as a friend and brother in the moment of sorrow and affliction, his sympathies will be long remembered by many a grateful friend.

THE POPE AND THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.—We learn on good authority from Rome that the young Prince Louis Napoleon has been initiated by Prince Humbert into the mysteries of Italian Freemasonry. The Pope is very dissatisfied with the conduct of the ex-Empress Eugenie and her son. Pius IX. had advised the young Prince to quit Italy as soon as possible. This judicious advice, however, has not been followed; on the contrary, the Empress has been very assiduous in her visits to the Quirinal, and is in constant intercourse with those of the noble families in Rome who are partisans of King Victor Emmanuel. For these reasons the Pope refused to dispense with his own hands the Holy Communion both to the Empress and the Prince. As the Empress Eugenie's request was made to him the Pope said, "Anche, l'altro prese la Santa Comunione a Sant'Anna dorata." By the "other" the Pope meant Napoleon III. The Pope held up as an example to the Empress and the Prince the conduct of Don Carlos, who, on his recent visit to Rome, sought the Apostolic blessing, and on advice at once took his departure from Italy.—*Westminster Gazette*.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

R.E.M.—Have written privately.

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## BIRTHS.

CLARK.—On the 13th inst., at Windsor-road, Ealing, the wife of W. Clark, of a daughter.

JONES.—On the 13th inst., at Brighton Villa, Maidene, the wife of Richard W. Jones, of a daughter.

SMITH.—On the 14th inst., at Mildmay-grove, Mildmay Park, the wife of E. H. B. Smith, of a daughter.

SUTHERLAND.—On the 15th inst., at Lee-road, Blackheath, the wife of C. Sutherland, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BRUCE—WALKER.—On the 11th inst., at St. John's-wood Presbyterian Church, George Barclay, son of G. B. Bruce, Esq., of Boundary-road, to Virginia Emma, daughter of J. Walker, Esq.

TRENCH—CAMPBELL.—On the 10th inst., at Stonefield, William Thomas, son of H. Trench, Esq., of Cangort Park, King's County, to Elizabeth Ida, daughter of C. Campbell, Esq., of Stonefield, Argyllshire.

## DEATHS.

JORDAN.—On the 13th inst., at Oakhurst, Hants, Charlotte Penelope, widow of the late Rev. G. W. Jordan, aged 75.

TEMPLE.—On the 14th inst., at Cathcart-road, West Brompton, Mr. Henry Temple, aged 31.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1877.

## IS FREEMASONRY MATERIALISM?

From the Antipodes comes to us a far-off cry of Ultramontane folly and intolerance. The Roman Catholic Archbishop Vaughan has edified the faithful in New South Wales with a vehement lecture, and has made a notable discovery. So much so, that we are specially informed he has "created quite a sensation in New South Wales" with an "important lecture on Masonry," which he called "Hidden Springs," and which he delivered to a startled audience "at Sydney." He has since, it appears, published this lecture of 80 pages, and from the "precis" of it, for which we are indebted to the *Echo*, if such account be correct, it is indeed a wonderful production, worthy the genius and literary character of a Roman Catholic Archbishop. Archbishop Vaughan's theory is this, that the "governing principles of the past, present, and future" are "Paganism, Supernaturalism, and Materialism." Historically it is quite clear that the Archbishop is utterly wrong in any such dogmatic assertion, and has jumbled up together the annals of the past, like a kaleidoscope, in "beautiful confusion." Let us try and realize the absurdity of any such contention, especially by a Roman Catholic Archbishop, that, looking at the history of the past and present, from our standpoint of to-day, the two great governing principles of the world, have been Paganism and Supernaturalism. What will Cardinal Manning say to such a proposition as this, most startling in its naked simplicity? That Paganism and Supernaturalism, or rather Supernaturalism or Paganism, have played a great part in the past ages and present history of man is true, with some careful limitations; but that the whole of the past and present is to be summed up in those two words, and in such an order of thought and action is the most preposterous contention we have ever listened to, even from a Roman Catholic Archbishop, and is really too ridiculous almost for controversy or consideration. But the truth is, that the Archbishop only uses these high-sounding expressions, this precious bit of abstract and concrete nonsense, to influence the minds of his hearers, already seriously alarmed at such hard words, and to pave the way for a "bonne bouche," as the French say, viz., his pet argument, that Freemasonry is another word for Materialism, and that Materialism is to be the "hidden spring," the controlling law of the future. And so he goes on to say that the "prime movers" in this dreadful materialistic movement are the "members of the International Society of Masonry." As the writer in the *Echo* well says, "We who are ignorant and innocent of the mysteries of the Craft have thought that Masonry is a cosmopolitan combination of men animated with good intentions towards each other in particular, and towards the human family in general. If what Archbishop Vaughan says be true, we have been labouring under an extraordinary delusion." Most true is this remark from a "non-Mason," inasmuch as we who are Masons utterly deny the correctness of the Archbishop's unwise words. But how does he prove such an astounding statement, do you ask? Listen carefully! The Archbishop goes on to prove his little proposition by asserting, first, that the "field of operation" of this "Masonic International Society" is as "wide as the human family itself"—this surely is a very remarkable fact; secondly, that "it adopts many instruments to promote its end;" thirdly, that "its ambition soars to the highest class and foremost intellects, and embraces all ages and conditions, from the philosopher to the artizan, from the statesman and civil ruler to the roughs in a country town" (most correct Archbishop!); fourthly, that the "pen and tongue are its two main engines," and that it "strives with sleepless energy to enlist in its service those who can work them with the most powerful effect." Marvellous fact! Our contemporary leaves us to say "whether this is a correct representation" of our Order, if indeed as Freemasons we "think it worth while

to say anything on the subject." And most certainly we have no hesitation in replying, that a more meaningless and childish attack never was made on Freemasonry. Freemasonry has nothing to do with materialism, and knows nothing about it whatever. Freemasonry, as the Archbishop must perfectly well know, has no concern with the passing affairs or political questions of the world; it is simply a philanthropic sodality, based on reverence to God and love for man. As for interfering with the current course of human matters, the social or political life of nations, it is absolutely neutral as regards everything outside of Freemasonry, even everything in which, as men and citizens of the world, we might naturally take an active interest. As for "wielding the forces of other societies for malignant ends," the charge is as untrue as it is unjust, for we cannot too often repeat, that, as Freemasons, we know absolutely nothing in our lodges, either of the aims of politicians or the contests of party. Such attacks defeat themselves through their own patent absurdity and unfairness. They are, however, a very sad proof not only to what lengths educated and kindly men will go in their desire to malign and to harm their fellow creatures, for the good of a so-called infallible faith, but demonstrate only too surely what rubbish will now best tickle the Ultramontane palate, and what turgid nonsense and untruthful assertions can be palmed off upon the "faithful" as the product of scientific argument and historical truth, as the result of faithful study or profound wisdom. So important is the general subject, however, in its wider aspects, and special bearing on the age in which we live, that we shall conclude our considerations on this topic next week.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

At the Quarterly Court on Monday, the 15th, after the usual routine and other business, Bro. John Symonds in the chair (Bro. Clabon having had to leave for another meeting), Bro. Snow brought on his motion to increase the accommodation at the School for fifty boys, by altering the present playground, etc. It soon became quite clear, however, that our worthy Bro. Snow had not gauged fully the real bearing of his important motion, as there were grave objections "à priori" and "à posteriori," as the schoolmen say, to what Bro. Jesse Turner called Bro. Snow's "Utopian scheme." But though Bro. Snow's proposal could not be supported, Bro. Snow's theory of increase has a good deal to say for itself. And it, moreover, became equally clear, as the discussion progressed, that the necessity and desirability of increase were generally admitted; the only question being, the "how," and "where." As a "set-off," so to say, against any such proposal "in present," allusions were made to a proposed preparatory school for 100 boys, but as Bro. Symonds observed, any such scheme was unofficial, no such proposal having yet been formally made to the House Committee or General Committee. The result of the meeting was unanimously to refer the consideration of the question of increased accommodation to the House Committee to report upon to the General Committee. Thus, then, the whole question will probably now be carefully considered, and in due time submitted to the subscribers. In the meantime, it may be well to bear in mind that these questions are in themselves of grave importance, and must seriously affect in one way or other the future and finances of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. They cannot be lightly dealt with or hastily treated. If £10,000 are to be spent on the accommodation of 100 new boys, as has been said, with staff, &c., we shall have unavoidably an annual increase of at least £5000 per annum, while the great school will only contain 189 boys. The estimate of £10,000 to build a permanent school for 100 boys seems open to animadversion, and every such proposition ought to be supported by detailed information and architectural details. There is indeed, as was said at the meeting, another alternative of increasing the present accommodation at the Boys' School up to 200, or even 300, and then, and not until then, commencing a preparatory school. Of course a great deal must depend on the



possibility of materially increasing the accommodation at the existing Boys' School at all. Bro. Binckes seemed to think that we had already nearly reached the limit of possible accommodation there, and if that fact is made clear to the apprehensions of the brethren, no one will wish to overcrowd the boys. On every ground, sanitary, as well as disciplinary, Freemasons would be the last persons in the world to wish to mar the success of a great Institution by a petty instance of ill-placed economy, but at present the impossibility of increased accommodation at the Boys' School is assumed rather than proved. If nothing can be done at the existing school, the Craft will, we think, readily concur in the proposal to begin a preparatory school. We trust, however, that the House Committee will turn their attention carefully to the subject, and let us have a clear and an official statement as soon as possible. The brethren and the subscribers only ask for legitimate information, and sure are we of this, that if the necessity be proved of the extension somehow and somewhere, of the Boys' School, the Executive will not appeal to a liberal-minded fraternity in vain. The Boys' School is one of the most useful and valuable Institutions of our Order, and deserves alike our sympathetic countenance and our steady support.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

At the next election for this excellent Institution, eight males will be elected out of thirty-five candidates, and only two widows can be received out of thirty-five applicants. Let our brethren note this. We feel sure that we shall but express the wishes of all our brethren, when we add that we earnestly hope that the Committee and Bro. Terry will find some means of reducing this dead-weight of unsuccessful applications, especially among the widows. Thirty-three widows who cannot be elected for another twelve months, when by that time a large additional number of applicants will have come forward, is a sorry sight, an unwelcome reflection for the Masonic philanthropist. Many of these poor sisters of ours are old and infirm, and a proportion of them probably will not be able to apply again, and to many of them practically, this is, humanly speaking, their last chance. We feel persuaded that it will add greatly to the success of Bro. Terry's praiseworthy efforts, and to the prestige even of the Anniversary Festival, to be presided over by our Royal Brother, Prince Leopold, if the Craft could be assured by authority, that a special effort was going to be made, by those in authority, to do something above the ordinary routine, to reduce considerably the list of unsuccessful candidates. The last year's return of the Institution amounted to the noble sum of £12,550 15s. 7d., and 1877 may witness a still larger return. If Bro. Terry then could at once announce, that the Committee, relying on the present, as well as grateful for the past support of the Craft, and in commemoration of H.R.H. Prince Leopold's honoured Presence, added ten to the men and fifteen to the women to be elected, there can, we apprehend, be no room for doubt, but that our Brotherhood would at once respond to such an appeal and such a fact, with increased efforts, and enthusiastic offerings.

### A CORRECTION.

Our esteemed Bro. R. W. Little sends us a correction, as he terms it, which we publish elsewhere to-day, of the statement we reprinted the week before last, and commented on last week, though we do not exactly understand the error to which the zealous and able Secretary of the Girls' School calls attention. Still we fancy that we understand what, to use a common expression, Bro. Little is "driving at." He wishes to point out to the Craft, that though there has been an increase in 1876, it is not so large as might popularly be inferred from the little synoptical view of the returns for the three charities to which we have alluded, inasmuch as the accounts of the Girls' School vary from year to year, and that even though there has been a large increase in the Girls' School returns for 1876,

to be of any real good to the school such increase must be continued, nay, even added to, in 1877. If our good brother means anything else, perhaps he will favour us with another letter on the subject. We have already pointed out, that so far from such returns tending to slacken our zeal, they should serve to augment it in the cause of our metropolitan charities, inasmuch as each successive cycle of twelve months will, in the present state of our Order bring upon us fresh applicants for our fraternal aid. It is idle, then, for brethren to say that we are either giving too much, or that we must at any rate remain in "statu quo." The law of progression affects our Masonic Charities as well as all other human interests, and therefore we feel bound to impress upon our readers that, so far from our charities doing with less, they will require more, if they are to rise to the level of our charitable wants, if they are fitly to respond to the claims of those who have a "fair claim upon our true-hearted Masonic benevolence." Let us dismiss from our minds, then, any petty questions, either of useless doubt or hurtful debate, and let us set ourselves with a "will," and we shall find a "way" to give in 1877 a still more striking proof of our real Masonic unselfishness, in that, by our donations and subscriptions to our charities we shall prove to the world that we are perfectly in earnest, and that Charity, true Charity, is not merely with us a name or a word, but a sustaining axiom, a vital principle, a manifest and practical reality.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### GRAND LODGE OF ROME.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following letter, addressed to me by the Grand Master (Signor Giuseppe Mazzoni) and the Deputy Grand Master (Signor Giorgio Tamajo) of the Grand Orient of Rome, in acknowledgment of the paper I published in the last number of the *Masonic Magazine*, will be of interest to its readers.

I should have mentioned in that paper that the three English brethren who accompanied me on my visit to the Freemasons of Rome were Bro. James Peddie Steele, M.D., an English physician of high culture and wide research, who is settled in Rome; Bro. Rudolph Gustavus Glover, Past Master of the Universal Lodge and Past Provincial Grand Deacon of Middlesex; and Bro. Cobham, of the Accountant and Comptroller General's Department, Somerset House, who is Past Master of a London lodge. These three brethren will, I am sure, endorse, if necessary, my statements respecting the condition of Freemasonry in Rome.

The following is a translation of the original letter received from Signors Mazzoni and Tamajo, which has been forwarded me from Rome by our Bro. Dr. Steele, at the request of the before-named distinguished brethren.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. PARKINSON.

"Rome, 6th January, 1877.  
"Dear and Illustrious Brother,—We have received through Bro. Steele the number of the *Freemason*, in which we read with peculiar gratification the admirable article on our Masonry in Rome. It has given the greatest pleasure, not only to us, but to all the brethren, who still remember your noble words, and your dear presence. The satisfaction felt by an English Mason with the manner in which our Grand Orient of Italy is conducted, and with the respect which it displays towards the ancient and venerable traditions of the Order, will serve as a powerful stimulus to our persevering evermore in the path of goodness and virtue. We most ardently wish that our brethren of the United Kingdom may pay us many visits, in order that reciprocal affection may be evermore cemented, and that their long experience may help to confirm us in the good and accepted observances of the Craft, which cannot properly attain its end, without the unanimous concurrence of all the brethren, to whatever nation they belong.

"It was with the liveliest regret that we learned that this admirable accord of feeling and observance was threatened by a divergence, which we hope may yet be reconciled, confident as we are that the profound sentiment of charity and of Masonic brotherhood will prove stronger than any divergence, arising in a speculative field, which, if it can flatter and satisfy the freethinker, is always barren of good points, and too often the parent of fatal discord.

We still cherish the hope that the Grand Orient of France and Belgium have no wish to act so as to alienate from the Craft the believers in the Supreme Being and in the life beyond the grave. This cannot surely be their intention. In any case, Italian Masonry, while openly affirming its own principles of ample toleration and of philosophical and religious freedom, notably in the assemblies of 1869 and 1872, will remain ever faithful to the ancient and glorious formula, which places the humanitarian laws of liberty, equality, and fraternity under the aegis of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. And to this it will be ever true, because it

believes that in this formula every sound philosophical and religious opinion can, and does, find the synthesis of its own fundamental conception, and that in it stands the largest guarantee of that loving and fraternal toleration which, in the calamitous times of superstition and persecution, made of Masonry the sacred ark of religious, civil, and political freedom.

"The Grand Orient of Italy, anxious for the integrity of the universal Masonic brotherhood, will co-operate with all the means which the most fraternal love can suggest to it to make cease, wherever it may arise, all ground of dissent or difficulty, and its voice will, we hope, gain a hearing, because in it will speak only the unlimited affection for the brethren of nations so dear to it, and the impartial judgment which the profound conviction of the truth will dictate to it.

"Accept, dear and illustrious brother, our most affectionate and most fraternal greetings,

"GIUSEPPE MAZZONI, D.P.G.M. 33.

"GIORGIO TAMAJO, G.C. 33.

"To the Illustrious Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, London."

### THE DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly inform me what the duties of a Steward of a lodge are? The reason I ask is—

I am one of the Stewards of a lodge which has been consecrated during the last twelve months, and at the consecration banquet, and upon another occasion, when some of the Grand Officers were present, I and my brother Steward waited at table, and ourselves dined afterwards.

Upon ordinary occasions, however, we have a tea, then labour, and after that an hour's sociality. Neither I nor my brother Steward have been in the habit of waiting at the tea (except to see that visiting brethren are supplied, &c.), because there are waiters belonging to the establishment in the room, but we have invariably after lodge arranged the festive board, and generally looked after the creature comforts of our brethren. Our not waiting at the tea-table as waiters, however, has, I am sorry to say, been the cause of some very ill-natured public remarks by one of the brethren, as to "neglect of duty," &c. Now, if it be part of our duty we are ready to perform it, but if, as we venture to think, it is not, then, I think the amende honorable will be due to us from our "crusty" brother, and so to you fraternally we leave the question.

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THE STEWARDS.

### BRO. HIGGINS'S "ANACALYPsis."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like to draw the attention of Masonic students and Secretaries of Masonic libraries to the fact that Bro. Higgins's grand work, the "Anacalypsis," is being reprinted by J. Burns, in sixteen parts of half-a-crown each. Each part contains 112 pages (4 parts being already issued) of closely printed matter, and is certainly a credit to both printer and publisher. I understand that the whole of the valuable drawings and plates are to be reproduced in fac simile, and therefore when the volumes are completed subscribers will be in possession of a more handsome edition of the "Anacalypsis" than that originally issued, and certainly in a much handier form.

As a subscriber from the commencement, I have taken great interest in its publication, and I believe that the publisher will avail himself of the columns of the *Freemason* to make known the particulars as to its issue, and the various inducements he offers to immediate subscribers. I feel certain of one fact, that it will be the Masonic body that takes the present edition, but I fear that unless our brethren in Great Britain rapidly send in their subscriptions the impression will go abroad, as with many other Masonic rarities and curios. I have already alluded at length to this learned work by Bro. Higgins, and have not always agreed with the able author in his estimate of some of our Masonic legends and traditions, but I cannot fail to appreciate the great extent of his researches into the origin of languages, nations and religions, and which certainly have made for him a name far in advance of all competitors in his own peculiar department. Several of his contributions to the history of Freemasonry at York are most interesting, and until the visits of Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., and J. G. Findel to that celebrated Masonic city, Bro. Higgins's work was the only available one on the subject. Unfortunately, the author had no confidence in the sale of his work; or, at all events, under-estimated the number of his readers, for only some two hundred copies were printed, the consequence of which has been that whenever a copy occurs for sale quite fabulous prices are given, and I have seen it offered at from twelve to fifteen guineas. Judging from its value, as compared with many other works of its kind, it would not be dear at that, but the "price current" removes it far from the reach of many, hence the publication herein alluded to of the "Anacalypsis" in a cheap (yet really handsome) form is a boon to all Masonic students the "wide world" over, and I hope that the publisher will have no reason to regret his so doing.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

### THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the meeting of the Polish National Lodge on the 14th ult., I am made to say something very extraordinary as to a connection with the Grand Secretary's office, which statement I hasten to correct.



being totally at a loss to understand how so absurd an error could have been made.

In proposing "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. was pleased to couple my name with the toast, and said that he should like to hear from me how Grand Lodge honours were obtained, a question which no doubt presents itself to many of an inquiring turn of mind. In replying to this part of his speech, my words were, as I now remember them, something after the style of the celebrated Mrs. Glasse, "First catch your hare."—&c.

"You must first of all become a Mason, then attend your lodge with the greatest regularity; prepare yourself by hard work for any office, that in the course of time you may be appointed to; always act as a gentleman and a Mason in or out of your lodge. Be ready and willing if called upon to take the duties of a superior officer, if absent or incompetent, and if you are fortunate enough to become Master of your lodge, set a good example to your officers by punctual attendance, and attention to your own duties; then, so far as your means may allow you without injury to yourself, endeavour to find a trifle to give in support of the Masonic Institutions, for every little helps. Then, having gone so far, wait patiently for the arrival of any honours that may be offered, and if by any extraordinary and fortunate circumstance, after twenty or twenty-five years, your name should find its way into the Grand Secretary's Office, as mine did, you will be very lucky, the chances being some thousands to one against it; but never expect to be so fortunate, or so favoured, then you are the less likely to be disappointed."

How the words in italics could be so misconstrued is a marvel and a mystery; they embody in your report an impertinence that, I think, I am not likely to be guilty of, my only connection with the Grand Secretary's Office arising from my visits as Treasurer of different lodges and chapters, to pay dues and rent.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN BOYD.

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The figures quoted in the *Freemason*, from the daily papers, with reference to the receipts of the Masonic Charitable Institutions in 1875 and 1876, are calculated to mislead the Craft. In 1875 the total announced, so far as the Girls' School is concerned, was simply the amount collected in donations and subscriptions from lodges and brethren, viz., £8664 16s., excluding grants from Grand Lodge, &c., dividends, sums paid for purchased admissions (£714 alone), and other miscellaneous receipts amounting to £2086 10s. 3d., in all £10,751 6s. 3d. In 1876 the subscriptions, &c., the only real test of progress, rose to £10,000 17s. 3d., while the miscellaneous receipts, owing to there being no purchase cases, declined to £1434 9s. 4d., making the total quoted £11,435 6s. 7d.

R. W. L.

#### LORD CHESTERFIELD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Lord Limerick, I beg to give an extract from the Constitutions of 1738, page 194.

"Deputations Sent beyond Sea."

"LOVEL Grand Master granted one to noble Brother CHESTERFIELD Lord Ambassador at the Hague, for holding a Lodge there, that made his Royal Highness FRANCIS Duke of Lorraine (now Grand Duke of Tuscany) an Enter'd Prentice and Fellow Craft."

Yours fraternally,

ASTLEY TERRY,  
Captain 60th Rifles,  
W.M. 533.

Park Hill, Congleton,  
14th Jan., 1877.

### Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### LORD CHESTERFIELD AND FREEMASONRY.

In the Rev. Dr. Anderson's Constitutions of 1738 is an account of the initiation and passing of H.R.H. Francis, Duke of Lorraine (Grand Duke of Tuscany), which occurred in 1731, under the Grand Mastership of Lord Lovel. The deputation was granted to the Rev. Dr. Desaguliers, P.G.M., as W.M., and Bros. Stanhope and Holtzendorf, as Wardens, and at the reception, the Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Ambassador, also the nephew of the Bishop of Namur and others were present.

It was not a regular, but only an occasional lodge which was held, and ceased when the purpose for which it was convened had been accomplished. In the list of deputations at the end of Constitutions, 1738, it is stated that the authority to receive H.R.H. into Freemasonry was conveyed to the Earl of Chesterfield, though Dr. Desaguliers acted as Master. The Duke of Lorraine was subsequently raised as a Master Mason, at another occasional lodge held at Sir Robert Walpole's house in Norfolk (with the Duke of Newcastle), the Grand Master, Lord Lovel, being the Master.

In "Illustrations of Masonry" (Spencer's edit., 1861, page 175), Bro. Preston declares the foregoing to have been "the most remarkable event of Lord Lovel's administration," as it was undoubtedly.

Bro. Findel in his "History of Freemasonry" (a really excellent work) has a special chapter on "Masonry in the Netherlands," which seems to favour the opinion that 1734 witnessed the constitution of the first regular lodge in that country. In our list of lodges, A.D. 1734, *Masonic Magazine*, Nov., 1876, will be found a register of 127, French Flanders, but no other for the north. In my "Centennial letter," however, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, I give some excerpts from old newspapers, 1730—50, in which it is stated:—

The Post, Holland, Nov. 4th, 1734.—"Besides the lodge of English Freemasons at Rotterdam, another is erected at the Hague, depending on the Grand Lodge here (London), where six members were admitted on the 19th inst., N.S."

Other extracts I might give, but as the whole are to be reproduced in the *Masonic Magazine* for February, I forbear.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

With reference to Lord Limerick's enquiry respecting the lodge at the Hague, on turning to the *Freemasons' Calendar* for 1778, I find the following entry, at page 34, among the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry":—"Francis, Duke of Lorraine, late Emperor of Germany, initiated at the Hague, and afterwards exalted to the degree of a Master Mason in England, 1731." The lodge in which the Duke was initiated was doubtless one of the "occasional lodges" usually held for the admission of illustrious personages at that time, and for years afterwards. I cannot find any record of his advancement in the minutes of Grand Lodge, which alone possessed the power to pass and raise brethren in 1731, according to a note at page 35 of the same Calendar.

R.W.L.

### GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The Masonic enthusiasm which so largely exists in Liverpool, as the centre of the Craft in the province of W. Lancashire, was again clearly shown in that town on Tuesday, the 9th inst. when the 28th annual festive gathering of the fraternity took place at the Town Hall. The ball was in nearly every respect as enjoyable as any which had preceded it, and fully sustained the well merited prestige which invariably attaches itself to these festive gatherings of the brethren, to which the public are welcomed with cordiality. Of this privilege "outsiders" are not slow to avail themselves, and the general verdict has always been that the "Masonic" is the jolliest and most genial of all the balls of the season. That for '77 formed no exception to the rule, and if it was not quite so largely patronised as some of its predecessors, this slight shortcoming was attributable to various outside causes, which were quite apparent, amongst these being the near approach of various other assemblies. The existence of the Masonic Ball for more than a quarter of a century has given the promoters an amount of experience which they invariably turn to good use, in the direction of admirable arrangements and satisfactory carrying out of details, which go so much to make these gatherings successful and popular, and the result of the labours of the committee entrusted with this year's organization of the ball must have given complete satisfaction to most frequent visitors to these annual pleasant assemblies, as well as to those whose expectations might be more than usually high pitched. Following the example of previous years, the committee again made pleasure go hand-in-hand with charity, which is so dear to every true-hearted Mason, and the chief object in view, apart from the social and brotherly aspect of the gathering, was to add to the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, a charity which stands to the front amongst the like organisations of the Craft, and is most justly looked upon with pride by all the brethren in the province where it has been born, nurtured, and reared, until it has now become so sturdy and well developed. During its existence this institution has done an immense amount of good in giving education to the children of distressed and deceased Masons, and at present more than 100 little ones are reaping the benefits of the charity. The income for the past year amounted to £636, the invested funds realised £515, and after making all necessary payments there had been added to the accumulated capital the sum of £868, making a total invested fund of £12,683 17s. 8d. The continued and increasing demands on the institution, however, still call for the continued cordial support of the brethren in the province, and as it is in contemplation to widen the benefits to the children who receive education, this support is all the more necessary.

The ball enjoyed the following highly distinguished patronage, giving it all the greater weight and significance:—

Lady Patrons: The Mayoress; Right Hon. the Countess Bedvice; Right Hon. Lady Skelmersdale; the Hon. Lady Constance Stanley. Patrons: His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. Alderman Walker; Bro. Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master England; Bro. Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R. W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Bro. Major Starkie, R. W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, P.G.W. England, W.P. Prov. S.G.W. of West Lancashire; Bro. Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; Bro. Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, W.D. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., P.S.G.W. England, and W.P. Prov. S.G.W. of West Lancashire; Bro. Major Horner, W. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. William Sharp, Esq., W. Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Sir James Ramsden, W.P. Prov. G.S.W. West Lancashire; Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Birchall, W.P. Prov. G.J.W.; Bro. John Prescott, Esq., W.P. Prov. G.J.W.; Bro. Earl Bedvice, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; Bro. John Pearson, Esq.; W. Rathbone, Esq., M.P.; Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.; Colonel Ireland Blackburne, M.P.; J. Torr, Esq., M.P.

The committee consisted of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., President; Bro. the Hon. Frederick Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M., Vice-President; Bro. R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D., Chairman; Bro. H. Nelson, P.M., 673 and 1505, Vice-Chairman; and Bro. J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W., Treasurer.

The guests began to arrive shortly before nine o'clock,

and about midnight, when the splendid ball-rooms were crowded with about 700 guests, the effect was very brilliant, especially as all the brethren appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office. The ladies' dresses generally were in exquisite taste, and the general effect of the gathering was striking in the extreme. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Walker) honoured the ball with his presence, and after supper, when his health was proposed by Bro. Wilson, Chairman of Committee, his worship spoke in glowing and eulogistic terms of the many advantages possessed and produced by the noble Order of Freemasonry.

The music was furnished by the quadrille band of Bro. G. W. Philipps; and Bro. H. Molyneux, P.M. 823, again gave his valuable services as Master of the Ceremonies. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M. 220, provided supper and refreshments, and his catering gave general satisfaction. Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, was the Captain of the Stewards; Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., and H. Firth, Sec. 667, Assistant Captains, who were assisted by a strong corps of Stewards.

The badges for this useful body of brethren, who did their work remarkably well, attracted universal admiration by the artistic way in which they were got up. Much of the hard work of the ball fell upon Bro. G. Hutchin, W.M. 241, the Honorary Secretary, and he deserves honourable mention for the really indefatigable way in which he strove to make the 28th annual Masonic ball occupy an honourable place in the long and brilliant list during the past 27 years.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creation, J.P., presided. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, John Symonds, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, Dr. Ramsay, H. Dicketts, Thos. Massa, John Boyd, H. Massey (Freemason), Z. D. Berry, S. Rosenthal, Thos. W. White, Major Finney, and R. W. Little, Sec.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creation proposed, "That the sum of £500 additional be granted to complete the amount required, agreeably to tender, for the new laundry." He said it was not necessary that he should weary the brethren with many words on this matter, because it had been so well considered and gone over often before. He would call their attention to the resolution of the 18th Nov., when it was determined by the Special Court to advertise for tenders for this new building, inviting builders to send in tenders for its erection. That had been done, and five tenders were sent in. Four of those tenders, as they had heard, were very greatly in excess of the amount authorised to be spent; but one by Bro. Fish was within it. Consequently, the Building Committee had, subject to the approval of this Court, given the work to Bro. Fish. It was necessary that they should have £500 in excess of the sum already voted, and he therefore moved that that £500 be now voted.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall had much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Bro. Z. D. Berry said he was very glad that the contract had been given to Bro. Fish, because, as he had said on a former occasion, Bro. Fish must be able to do the work cheaper, as he had his plant already on the premises.

The motion was then carried.

Two petitions of candidates for election were then passed.

The Secretary said he was sorry to report that Mary Nelson, one of the most promising girls in the school, who had received several prizes, had died while on her Christmas holidays, which she was spending with her mother at Scarborough.

The brethren expressed their great regret at the sad occurrence.

The Secretary said there were now 54 candidates for the next election in April, and 13 vacancies, including that caused by the death of the pupil above referred to.

Bro. John Symonds then rose and said he begged to call attention to a subject he raised at the General Committee of the Boys' School, the difficulty that existed of getting a satisfactory certificate from the country of children's ability to read. He ventured to think if they adopted the educational requirement of the Privy Council (not of the School Board, as he had been inaccurately reported to have said), but the Committee of Privy Council, presided over by the Duke of Richmond, where the power to read is made to vary according to age. If they adopted that, they would hardly go wrong. Those were applicable to the very lowest class of elementary schools; but it seemed to him that if a child did not read in the standard required by the elementary schools, she did not read well enough to be admitted to this institution. It was not a matter which the Quarterly Court could deal with, but he ventured to ask the chairman, who was such a regular attendant on the various committees, to request the General Committee to take that into consideration. It would be quite impossible for him (Bro. Symonds) to attend next week at the General Committee, and it was very rarely that he could attend any of these meetings on Thursdays. If the Chairman would take it into consideration, any resolution the committee might come to could be adopted in the form of petition. The difficulty now experienced with the certificates would be got rid of. They now got such certificates as "can read tolerably well for her age," and other uncertain certificates, granted, perhaps, either by the good nature of the person who signed them, for the purpose of letting the candidate down gently, or, it might



be that they were given by persons who did not strictly understand what the words implied. If the institution was able to get a certificate that a child of 9 years of age could read according to the standard of the educational department's code for a child 9 years old, then, following that they could hardly go wrong.

The chairman said this was a very valuable suggestion of Bro. Symonds, and it should not be forgotten at the next General Committee.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

#### ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Boys' School has never been in the rear of the other Masonic Institutions for keeping fresh in the minds of the children that Christmas is the time for mirth and merry-making, and it has been the custom for some years past, to give to the pupils who remain in the school during the holidays, a small entertainment, which they may look forward to with pleasant anticipations, and remember with feelings of joy. These entertainments have been varied as much as possible, and on one occasion our late Bro. Samuel May, with the assistance of some other brethren, provided the requisites for a parlour theatre, and previously drilled the boys for performing the burlesque of "The Maid and the Magpie." The entertainment was very successful, and on that occasion a large party of the brethren were present with their families. But, subsequently less pretentious exhibitions were arranged, and Christmas and Twelfth Night festivities were provided. And very nicely done affairs they have ever been. Mr. Bridgman Smith has at times given some most pleasing evenings with his dissolving views, done in the Polytechnic style, and in no way inferior to the stage amusements at that popular institution. Conjurers too have been a favourite pastime, and Magic lantern has also afforded endless amusement. Mr. Bridgman Smith has been at the Institution during the present season, and, on the 4th inst., gave the boys, to the number of 30, who remained in the school, a charming evening with his well-known views. On Saturday last, M. De Vere, conjuror and humourist, who has been well-known at the Alexandra Palace, the Opera Comique, London; Theatre de la Gaite, Paris; Theatre des Fantaisies, Jardin des Eaux Minerales, St. Petersburg; and the principal English and Continental theatres and places of light entertainment, presented a selection from his repertoire of prestidigitation, entitled "Modern Marvels," and astonished the company by the wonderful deftness with which he performed his sleight of hand tricks. What the entire portfolio contains we are unable to divine, but if what he gave on the occasion referred to was what it professed to be, a selection only, the collection, when given complete, must go far in involving the spectators who are fortunate enough to see it, in a state of bewilderment, from which it would take them a long time to emerge. The professor commenced by displaying some feats with a silk handkerchief, which he made small and large at will; produced a new laid egg in a glass when no one could see how it got there; and after some tricks with a canary bird, showed the boys how to perform a few legerdemain deceptions. Cards, which seem to be a staple commodity with jugglers, were not wanting, and though there was not the three card trick, the audience made their selection and were pointed out the cards they chose. The wondrous hat fell caused immense merriment, more particularly on account of the quantity of babies' clothing that appeared to be stowed away in the crown of the hat, and which were drawn out one article after another, ad libitum. The serpent possessed considerable attraction, the professor having first mentioned to the boys that they had heard of magicians producing such reptiles. Out of a silk handkerchief twisted into a sort of cord, M. de Vere formed a serpent of the same colours as the handkerchief, those of the Belgian flag, and a very good imitation it made. The trick with a black bag consisted of producing a whole basket of eggs, one at a time, and as one of the boys was called on to assist in this and some of the other operations, they of course felt somewhat deeper interest in these tricks. The juvenile co-operator however, though his eyes kept following the professor, left the place of operation no wiser than when he went to it. The flying cage and canaries, however, surpassed all the other feats, for it is, as expressed by our contemporary, the *Era*, "the very best feat of the kind we have yet seen." M. de Vere comes to the footlights holding in his hands a small cage containing a live canary. There is no covering it with a handkerchief, no use of a trick table; one moment we see the cage in the hands of the conjuror, the next, both have vanished. Several of the other papers have spoken with equal favour of this trick, which is a testimony of considerable value to the ability of M. de Vere. But there were a good many other acts of prestidigitation, too numerous to give a detailed account of; but it would be unfair not to notice one in particular, in which he extracted a large number of lighted Chinese lanterns from a hat borrowed from one of the assistant masters. After having taking some score or so of these from the hat, he took another Chinese lantern, unlighted, from the same receptacle. These lanterns measured some yards in length. The amusements of the evening, which were repeatedly and most warmly cheered by the spectators, were concluded about nine o'clock. One of the daughters of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution, accompanied the prestidigitation performances by some choice selections on the pianoforte, which she played with great skill and ability. The performances were witnessed by the whole of the establishment, including Dr. Morris the head master, Mrs. Morris and family, the assistant masters, Miss Hall, matron, Mrs. Walkden, and their assistants, the four daughters of Bro. Binckes, Mr. Frederick Binckes, jun., and Bro. H. Massey (Freemason).

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

The Annual Festival of the Priory Lodge No. 1000 will be held on Thursday next, the 25th inst., when the Ceremony of Installation will be performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., V.W. Deputy Grand Master, Suffolk. V.W. Bro. Spencer Robert Wigram, Grand Chaplain, is the W.M. elect.

The third of Bro. Abbott's series of lectures on the History of the Craft will be given in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, Mason's Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 7 p.m.

Masonry seems to be popular behind the footlights. In a very distinguished dramatic and literary lodge, Mr. Hare has just been received into the mystic Craft, and Mr. Toole is to be balloted for at the next meeting. Mr. B. Webster, Mr. Chatterton, Mr. James, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Henry Neville, Mr. John Clark, Mr. W. H. Kendall, Mr. Charles Harcourt, Mr. Arthur Swanborough, Mr. Edward Terry, Mr. W. H. Stephens, Mr. Charles Warner, Mr. Andrew Halliday, Mr. C. Milward, Mr. H. J. Byron, Mr. James Albery, and Mr. Charles Dickens, are all Masons, and the majority of them belong to the lodge alluded to.—*Mayfair*.

**LIFEBOAT SERVICES.**—During the storms of the past year the National Lifeboat Institution contributed to the saving of 598 lives from various shipwrecks and 19 vessels from destruction. It also expended £32,170 in the same period on its lifeboat establishments, including payments to its lifeboat crews. The institution has now 256 lifeboat stations under its management.

**GENEROUS CITY GIFTS.**—We learn that the British and Foreign Sailors' Society has recently received the following handsome contributions from the Corporation of the City of London:—The Fishmongers' Company, £52 10s.; the Drapers' Company, £21; the Clothworkers' Company (annual subscription), £10 10s.; the Skinners' Company, £10 10s.; the Trinity Board, £10 10s.; the London Dock Company, £10 10s.; the P. and O. Company, £10; and the London Assurance Corporation, £10.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has sanctioned a donation of £50 from the Duchy of Cornwall towards the expenses of the Centenary Exhibition of the Bath and West of England Society next June.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., is suffering from severe bronchitis, but Mr. W. H. Bennett, of St. George's Hospital, who was telegraphed for by Wynn-stay, has returned to London satisfied with his patient's progress.

The Mansion House Inundations Relief Fund now amounts to £7200.

The Brighton Town Council on Wednesday discussed the question of sea defences, on a report brought up by the surveyor, with reference to the effects of the late storm, and it was resolved to build a new concrete groyne, 550 feet long, opposite Paston-place, at an estimated cost of £9000.

**COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK.**—As far as we can pretend to form an opinion from an inspection of the contents of this little pocket book, it fully deserves its title, and merits the praise of being not only a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, but of containing "full particulars of every grand Masonic body throughout the globe."—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

Roan, Gilt Edges, Elastic Band or Tuck, post free 2s. 2d.; Bound in Silk, 3s. 8d.—*ADVT.*

**FISH IN PERFECTION—ALIVE FROM THE OCEAN.**—The difficulty in obtaining fresh fish, of prime quality, at a reasonable price, has long been experienced by residents in inland towns and country districts, and even in London, preservation in ice, and delay in transit, often destroy the original flavour. Messrs. Chas. Watson & Co., Fish Merchants, Folkestone, Kent, have organized a new system of supply, and send by express trains, free to any part of the kingdom, their family package of assorted fish—alive from the ocean—at wholesale price in 5s., 10s., and 20s. parcels, prepaid in stamps or P.O.O. This will be found a great boon to families, schools, hotels, and the public generally.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 26, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20.

Audit Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 22.

Lodge 4, R. Somerset Hot. Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.

Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To. Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rms., St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix Chapter, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 753, Prince Fredk. William, St. John's Wood.  
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
" 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.  
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Pownall-rd., Haggerston.  
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.  
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Dist. B. of W. O., Catford-bg.  
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
Encamp. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.



Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 27, 1877.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22.**  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23.**  
Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleec Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24.**  
Lodge 34, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescot.  
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Wakefield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25.**  
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's A., Whittle-le-Wds.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.  
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 27, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22.**  
Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.  
" 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23.**  
Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—

This distinguished lodge held its monthly meeting at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Bro. A. Lefaux, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. T. Smith, S.W., and A. T. Gladwell, J.W. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was revised and adopted. Bros. Sugden, Cosedge, and Lewis were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being ably performed and the different officers evidently well skilled in their respective duties. Master Masons only having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15; Jesse Turner, P.M. 30; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; G. Smith, P.M. 30; J. Harling, P.M. 30; H. Bethell, P.M. 30; W. Ansell, P.M. 30; W. McDonald, P.M. 30; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; F. Barham, W.M. 754; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; E. S. Parker, P.M. 619; E. M. Davey, P.M. 861; who, according to ancient custom, installed Bro. T. Smith into the chair of the lodge. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren to the offices annexed to their names, viz: Bros. A. T. Gladwell, S.W.; C. Davey, J.W.; J. Clark, S.D.; H. Cosedge, J.D.; Jesse Turner, P.M., Treasurer; R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Hoare, D.C.; A. Coudry, Org.; J. W. Crossley, I.G.; J. Driscoll, P.M., Steward; J. Grant, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved, "That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., for the very efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Installing Master." Bro. A. Lefaux, P.M., having consented to represent the lodge at the ensuing Festival in aid of the Funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the lodge voted the sum of ten guineas, to be placed on his list. Some other business of the lodge having been gone through, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a very excellent banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The W.M., Bro. T. Smith, then proposed "The Visitors," the following being present, viz., Bros. D. F. McGregor, 1056; J. T. Frost, 1000; W. Henderson, 878; E. Hornblower, 1604; C. G. Lee, 104; H. Fowler, 754; C. W. Howard, Leopold Lodge; C. Cartwright, 1226; J. A. Hill, 45, which was responded to by the respective brethren expressing their gratification in visiting this lodge, and the admirable manner the business of the same was conducted. Bro. Lefaux, P.M. in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," about whom he scarcely knew what to say, his amiable qualities having been fully developed to the brethren during the time he had been amongst them; his duties as a subordinate officer had been carried out with that zeal and efficiency which rendered his elevation to the Mastership of the lodge a matter of deep interest, and his conduct in that chair, he felt assured, would realize their fullest expectations, his urbanity and perfect mode of performing the duties of the several offices entitled him to the respect of the brethren. The toast being received with acclamation, Bro. T. Smith, W.M., said he never felt his own deficiency more in his life, in any duty that he was called upon to perform, than now. He could not adequately return thanks to the brethren for the way in which the proposition of his health had been received by the lodge, he felt fully sensible of his own deficiencies in not being able properly to return thanks, on the present occasion, for the unanimous way in which he had been elected as W.M. of that distinguished lodge; he would endeavour to the best of his ability while presiding over the United Mariners Lodge, and if he followed in the steps of his brother Past Masters he thought he could not go very far wrong. Whatever might be wanting in the discharge of his duties he could assure them that there was no one whose heart was warmer than his own towards Freemasonry in general, and to the United Mariners Lodge in particular. He had the welfare of every individual brother at heart, and the only way he could show how sensible he was of their kindness, was by a strict attention to the duties of the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had responded to the toast, and drank long life and happiness to them all. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s, Bros. Harling, Turner, Driscoll, G. J. Smith, Ansell, Bethell, and McDonald." He entertained the highest opinion of the P.M.'s of the lodge, and he was sure the brethren would drink their healths with ecstacy. Bro. Lefaux, P.M., in returning thanks, strongly advised those who aspired to office in the lodge to make themselves acquainted with the ritual of Freemasonry, and apply to the P.M.'s of the lodge, who had the power to give them instruction. Unless they could prove themselves proficient they could never aspire, or if they did, they could never

hope to obtain the position of W.M., which was the highest object of their ambition. Bro. Turner, P.M., thanked the brethren for having elected him as their Treasurer for the 14th time, and was happy to say that their funds were in a very promising condition, and he hoped that when their W.M. retired he would leave them in as good a state as they were left in by his predecessor. It was a most agreeable thing to sit at their banquet table, but he trusted they had higher objects, and by ascending another round of the ladder of Freemasonry become better men, improving their morals, and inculcating those divine principles of doing unto others as they would wish they should do unto them. "The Wardens and Officers" was next proposed and duly honoured. The S.W. returned thanks, and assured the brethren the honour conferred would be a stimulant to future exertions in the cause of Masonry. Bro. R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec., tendered his grateful thanks for the re-appointment of Secretary, which office he had filled for a period of thirty years, and that he had given them satisfaction was shown by the observations of the W.M. in investing him with his collar that evening; and as long as he had health and strength he would perform his duties as he had hitherto done. The United Mariners' Lodge was in a prosperous condition. He begged them to accept his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness he had received at their hands; more especially for their kind and generous sympathy in advocating his cause, being a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, having subscribed to the fund of benevolence for a period of seventy-two years. The W.M. then informed the brethren that he had a most gratifying duty to perform, that of presenting their highly esteemed Bro. A. Lefaux, P.M., some mark of their esteem, viz., a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services rendered for the welfare of the lodge, and the very able manner in which he conducted the onerous duties of Mastership. Bro. P.M. Lefaux, in replying, said he cordially thanked the brethren for this mark of respect to him. As a Mason he could not look on the gift as a reward for his services, but as a strong expression of the regard of the brethren for him, and he sincerely trusted, by constant attendance and assiduity in promoting the welfare of the lodge, to merit a continuance of the esteem already evinced towards him. The evening's pleasure was enhanced by some very suitable melodies from Bros. Harling, T. Smith, and others, with Bro. Coudry presiding at the piano, which gave unequalled gratification. After a delightful meeting, in which each and all vied in exhibiting the most kindly feelings, the brethren separated at an early hour.

**DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).**—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on the 12th inst. Previous to the installation, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., presided, the W.M., Bro. A. Treadwell, being too unwell to perform the ceremonies. This was the first appearance of the W.M. in the lodge since his accident, and he was congratulated by the brethren on his having so far recovered. Bro. Smith raised Bro. Cox to the Third Degree, and passed Bros. Pether, Scattergood, Davies, Brangwin, and Read to the Second Degree. He then installed Bro. James Willing, jun., as Master. The officers appointed were Bros. A. Treadwell, I.P.M.; W. Palmer, S.W.; L. Buscall, J.W.; Joseph Smith, P.M., Treas.; T. Williams, Sec.; E. White, S.D.; H. N. B. Spink, J.D.; W. Harris, I.G.; J. McLean, D.C.; T. Williams, Stwd.; and Daly, Tyler. Among the brethren present, who were very numerous, were Past Masters H. Elmes, J. Tims, T. A. Adams, M. Haydon, J. Brett, Ferguson, J. Smith, A. Treadwell and Massey (*Freemason*). The W.M., immediately after the ceremony of installation had been completed, initiated Messrs. Wm. Cohen and Alfred Piper into the Order. The next business was the consideration of a motion of Bro. Harris to raise the annual subscription, and this having been made, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., and debated, was passed. A vote of thanks was also adopted to Bro. Joseph Smith and Bro. T. Adams, moved by Bro. Ferguson, and seconded by the J.W., for having performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Palmer mentioned to the lodge that as all the other lodges and chapters meeting in that house were contributing to a testimonial to Bro. William Smith, the head waiter, from whom all the brethren and companions had received for many years great attention and courtesy, he thought so famous a lodge as the Domatic should not leave itself out of the list of contributors. This met with the general assent of the brethren, and the subject was reserved for full consideration. After closing the lodge, the brethren, to the number of 133, partook of banquet, and among them were the brethren above named, and Past Masters Foulger, Potter, Walford, and Fred Smith. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Joseph Smith and Bro. Thomas Adams responded to that of "The Grand Officers." Bro. Joseph Smith remarked that he was the father of the lodge, and as such, and as Treasurer too, he felt great interest in its welfare. He took part in all the discussions which came on, and he had that evening felt an interest in the question of raising the subscription. In that discussion mention had been made of charity. The lodge had done a good deal in that way; and it ought to bear a part in that great work. It was quite right; but though they had done much, they should do more. The Past Masters particularly felt this, and one of their number, Bro. Ferguson, was going to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Aged Freemasons. Bro. Ferguson would that evening go round the lodge and put the brethren's principles to the test. It had been said in lodge that they would rather do without one or two banquets in order that they might give to charity; let them prove that principle when the time arrived. An opportunity offered itself then, and though Bro. Ferguson would not ask them for their money, he would be glad if they would give him their names. (Cheers.) After Bro. Adams had said a few words, Bro. Joseph Smith proposed "The Health of the W.M." He

said that Bro. Treadwell, whom they were all much pleased to have among them again, was too much fatigued to propose this toast, the effects of his severe illness not having by any means disappeared. Referring to the W.M., he said although this was the first time he was Master of this lodge, he had been the Master of another distinguished lodge. The brethren of the Domatic had unanimously called him to the chair of their lodge, and, knowing the responsibility which devolved upon him, he would take care during his year of office to give them no cause to regret their selection. His having filled the chair of another lodge was a guarantee that his working for the year would be perfect. Bro. Willing, when in the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge, had not only done his duties while presiding in the lodge, but had also represented it at all the boards he was entitled to beat. He would do the same for the Domatic. The W.M., in responding, said that his experience as acting Secretary of the Domatic Lodge for the last three years had introduced him to the chair. The labours of Secretary had been arduous in so numerous a lodge; but to the best of his ability he had discharged them. He had had no intention of offending any brother. During that time he had experienced so much respect and regard from the brethren, that without knowing how that feeling had been engendered, he felt as they wished him to take the chair he must do so. He had not wished to keep any other brother out of the chair, and he did not seek the chair. He merely consulted the feelings and wishes of the brethren. What he had done for the lodge in the past he trusted would be an earnest of what he would do in the future. When a brother knew the duties and acted up to them he became the servant of the lodge and not its Master; he was anxious for every individual member. After making reference to the P.M.'s of No. 1507, some of whom were members of the Domatic, he said he knew when he became Master of the latter lodge that he was coming among friendly critics, men who knew to the fullest extent what Masonry was, what Masonic working was. The Master was looked upon in this lodge with keen but friendly eyes; but there was no lodge where a heartier reception was given to him by the Past Masters, which was reciprocated by all the other brethren, who united in the grand design of being happy themselves and communicating happiness to others. He promised them his best services for the ensuing year. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the P.M.'s," and he wished the brethren to give this toast a cordial reception, humorously remarking that we never know to what we may ourselves come to some time. In the Domatic Lodge there was quite an array of P.M.'s. He then feelingly alluded to Bro. Treadwell's accident, which had incapacitated him not from working the lodge alone, but from attending, for he had been laid up with a broken kneecap during a great portion of his year of office. During the early portion of his year he had done his work well and completely, and it was in consideration of his services that the brethren presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. The brethren all participated in his great sorrow, for not only had he sustained heavy physical pain by his accident, but in the early stages of his misfortune he was visited by a greater calamity, the loss of his wife. With true Masonic feeling the brethren shared his affliction, and begged him to accept their heartfelt sympathies in his heavy loss during the year. Bro. Treadwell, who was much affected when he rose to reply, said he was exceedingly thankful to the brethren for their sympathy in his trouble and affliction, and for the jewel which they had kindly presented him with. He had been laid up for four months, and during that time his work had been kindly and ably performed by Bros. Joseph Smith and George Everett. If it had not been for them and his esteemed friend, Bro. Willing, he really did not know what he should have done. It was no easy task to be Master of the Domatic Lodge, and if he had not an able Secretary and Treasurer the Master would be nowhere. The only complaint he could find to make was that he could not carry forward a large balance, but he felt sure that when Bro. Willing went out of the chair there would be £100 balance to hand over to his successor. While Secretary Bro. Willing's services had been extraordinary. The brethren had had experience of his indomitable courage and perseverance and tact, and they would expect him to leave the chair to his successor with £100 balance. If he did not, he (Bro. Treadwell) would be very much deceived. A W.M. of the Domatic Lodge ought to be proud of having such officers as Bro. Joseph Smith and Bro. Willing. With respect to the other P.M.'s, for whom he was asked to respond, it was in fact unnecessary for him to speak of their qualities, inasmuch as they ranked amongst them most distinguished members of the Craft, Past Grand Officers and others, who had taught Masons their duties and the ritual; and many of them were Past Masters of other lodges as well. It would be wrong on his part to speak on their behalf, as nature had gifted them with greater eloquence to speak for themselves. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Fisher, Swallow, Levy, and Style replied. Bro. Joseph Smith responded, as Treasurer, to the toast proposed and drunk in favour of that officer. In the course of his observations he said that his advice to every Master was, "Keep within your income." If they followed this advice they would never have cause of complaint. The Treasurer of a lodge was like the Chancellor of the Exchequer. If they were wrong it was the Treasurer's duty to tell them so. He would promise them that so long as he was Treasurer the lodge should never be "scratched" for non-payment of Grand Lodge dues. If they had not the money let them go without their banquets, and he would remind them whenever they were going too far. He had a great horror for Masons getting into debt in Masonry. A great many lodges did so, as he had himself witnessed, but he would not let the Domatic get into debt. "The Initiates" was the next toast, and when these brethren had replied, the toast of "The Secretary and other Officers" was given, to



which Bros. Williams, Palmer, and others replied. The W.M. gave a special toast for the *Freemason*, which he complimented on the faithfulness of its reports, and made several favourable personal references to that paper's representatives. Bro. H. Massey acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the brethren for the very cordial reception he always met with both in the Domestic Lodge and in other Masonic assemblies. Bro. Daly gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren, who had been enlivened with some good music and singing by some of their number, and by Bro. Charles Hudson's representation of the scene between Sir Pertinax MacSycophant and his son, separated early.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—The installation meeting of this old and respected lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 19th inst. under most favourable prospects. The brethren being summoned to meet at three o'clock, shortly after that time lodge business commenced by reading the minutes and considering report of the audit committee, which recommended £10 to be invested, in addition to the benevolent fund in connection with this lodge. These being confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising were very ably gone through by Bro. Peter Wagner, W.M. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Peter Robinson, W.M. and Secretary, proceeded to instal Bro. Elsam, P.M. 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, when the most hearty congratulations were accorded to Bro. Elsam in that high position. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, after which the addresses were given in a very impressive manner, and listened to with marked attention. Bro. Elsam then initiated Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Schwarz into Masonry in a masterly style, giving great promise for future working. A very pleasing duty then devolved on the W.M., that of investing the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and in so doing, highly eulogised Bro. Wagner for his untiring efforts, as also the great attention and ability given to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Wagner warmly expressed his thanks to the lodge for the great kindness shown him, and with feelings of emotion assured his brethren that he would still continue his exertions in promoting the welfare of his mother lodge. Business being now ended, the lodge was duly closed, the brethren and their friends adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, which gave the most unqualified satisfaction to all, and reflected great credit on Bro. Dawkins's new management. Bro. Davage, P.M. and D.C., as is usual, left nothing to be desired to meet the comforts of all. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Veal, 889, P.M., &c.; Hurst, W.M. 1512; Nash, W.M. 865; Garrod, P.M. 1549; Benton, 889, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, as also that of "The Initiates," "Visitors," &c., were given in a feeling manner, and very ably responded to and after a very enjoyable evening all separated, highly pleased, and looking forward to a very propitious year for Old Jordan.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 15th inst., when a large number of members and visitors were present. Amongst others were the W.M., Bro. D. Trusler; C. Burgess, S.W.; H. Payne, P.M., acting as J.W. in consequence of the decease of the late Bro. Withall; Thomas Poore, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. P. McKay, S.D.; Woolfe, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; McMurray, D.C.; Spiegel, Stwd.; W. Steedman, Tyler; Davis, Burton, Sheadd, P.M.; Mitchell, Gunner, Blogg, Holliday, Huntley, King, Sanders, Treves, Lilley, Mills, Willshire; and visitors, Bros. C. H. Porter, 147; W. Howell, 183; John Syer, 1017; J. B. Pillinger, 1339; J. Bain, 360; W. B. Miller, 1420; E. Bye, 141; and P. E. Biddlecome, 720. The business gave practical evidence of the progress of the lodge and of its growing importance, and comprised ceremonial working in the three degrees. Bros. King, Gunner, Treves, and Holliday were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., with separate ceremony by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Stevens, P.M., who delivered the traditional history. Bro. Blogg was passed to the degree of F.C. Ballots having proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. G. Lambert, C. Richardson, and W. Simpson, those gentlemen were introduced and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Spiegel kindly offered to represent the lodge as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a donation from the charity fund of the lodge was voted on his list. Three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at next meeting. The claims of the distressed relatives of a deceased brother were not forgotten, and the necessary steps were taken to afford relief. The lodge having been thus at work for a period of five hours, was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for well-earned refreshment. Time pressing, the usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were given and responded to with consistent brevity, and the brethren separated.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, 11th Jan., 1877. There were present Bros. W. S. Cackett, W.M.; T. Sleaf, S.W.; W. Mitchell, J.W.; W. Snowden, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Dunn, P.M., Sec.; A. Runacres, S.D.; W. Chalk, J.D.; E. W. Boynton, I.G.; C. E. Power, D.C.; T. Taylor, W.S.; J. H. Swan, Org. Also Bros. R. McIlroy, H. Kember, J. Dixon, T. C. Corpe, J. Emms, W. G. Bott, C. Sims, G. E. Beach, J. E. Pentreath, W. Fish, W. Malthouse, J. R. Smith. Also visitors, Bros. W. Mitchell, sen., 51; H. Kember, sen.; G. A. Watkins, Treas. 1585; E. G. Webster, 72; M. S. Larham, P.M. 1539; J. Summers, Ebury, F. Pim, Causton, J. King, P.M. 193; J. Mabey, 689; C. F. T. Strube, 72; H. Hopkins, 1199; C. B. Wright, 1319; N. E. Thompson, 1476; C. E. Thompson, 1158. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Ballots for Messrs. A. Stroud, F. Bardo, T. M. Deacon, and W. Newnam, were unanimous in each case. Messrs. A. Stroud, F. Bardo, and T. M. Deacon being present, were duly initiated. It was proposed

by Bro. T. Sleaf, S.W., that Bro. W. Snowden, I.P.M., Treas., be Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that five guineas be voted from the lodge funds for that purpose. This was seconded by Bro. W. Mitchell, S.W., and carried unanimously. The names of four gentlemen were given and proposed as candidates for initiation at the last lodge meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. All the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. The tone of the speeches made during the evening showed that thorough cordiality existed in the lodge, and also its increasing and well founded prosperity. The W.M. and officers must be congratulated on their present harmonious working.

**GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 153).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-rooms, Engineer's Lane, on the evening of the 1st inst. Bro. E. J. Barker, the W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, supported by Bros. J. J. P. Morgan, P.D.G.S.W.; R. B. Hepper, D.G.S.W.; Jos. F. Francieri, acting D.G. Sec.; L. Beal, P.M. 325, I.G.; and Alex. Ross, W.M. 325, I.G. There were about 50 other brethren present. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Davis, No. 1331, as a joining member, which was unanimous; and the W.M. then vacated the chair to Bro. J. J. P. Morgan, who gave the brethren present a rich treat by the very impressive manner in which he installed Bro. James Cunningham, S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested:—Bros. E. J. Barker, I.P.M.; J. Conroy, S.W.; R. Collins, J.W.; H. Hunt, Treas.; E. Bacon, Sec.; W. Briggs, S.D.; D. Roberts, J.D.; J. Beavon, M.C.; T. Giles, I.G.; M. Nolan, Stwd.; and J. Danino, Tyler. Bro. Morgan then severally addressed the W.M. and his principal officers in his usual effective manner, and the brethren pledged the health of their new W.M., who, in a few appropriate remarks, thanked them for placing him in such a high position, and trusted that at the end of his period of service they would have no occasion to regret the choice they had that night made. Votes of thanks were then unanimously accorded to P.M. Bro. Morgan for his kindness in coming forward, at some personal inconvenience, to perform the duties of Installing Master; as also to Past Masters Beal, Hepper, and Francieri, and Bro. A. Ross, W.M. 325, I.C., for the able assistance they had rendered in the ceremony of installation. After some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form at 9 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room of the Friendship Lodge (kindly lent for the occasion by W.M., Bro. W. Glassford) where a recherché supper was subsequently served, in a style that reflected much credit on the Stewards, and gave unbounded satisfaction. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and other customary toasts followed, all of which were duly honoured and responded to, and the remainder of a most agreeable and very pleasant evening was spent in harmony, in which the W.M., Bros. Nolan, Else, White, Bellion and Leys took a prominent part.

**BARBADOS.—Albion Lodge (No. 196).**—The stated meeting of this lodge took place on the evening of the 6th December, when the following members and visitors were present:—Bros. J. T. Crawford, P.M., and W.M.; T. C. Marshall, P.M.; C. A. Waterman, P.M.; W. J. M. Clarke, P.M.; F. A. Skeete, W.M. 340; G. T. Sampson, P.M.; E. S. Crawford (Master elect), J. D. Field, M. Wilson, W. Graydon, N. R. Fitzpatrick, T. E. King, S. A. Armstrong, W. FitzThomas, J. W. Williams, J. Gerner, H. T. Armstrong, J. W. Potter, E. Poyer, H. B. Phillips, E. M. Gittens, R. J. Clinkett, E. W. Terrey, A. B. Fillan, J. Hare, A. Laurie, J. E. Ince, E. M. Howe, of Crystal Wave Lodge, 338, Brooklyn. After transacting the regular business of the lodge, the installation of Bro. E. S. Crawford as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, after which the several brethren acting as officers were then requested to deliver up the insignia of office, and the brethren appointed as officers for the ensuing term were invested with their badges and insignias of office, with the customary charges to each, viz., Bros. J. D. Field, S.W.; W. Graydon, J.W.; M. Wilson, Sec.; C. A. Waterman, P.M., Treas.; N. R. Fitzpatrick, S.D.; T. E. King, J.D.; H. T. Armstrong, I.G.; P. L. Azevedo, Tyler. P.M. Marshall said it really afforded him much pleasure to see the very business and Masonic like manner in which the working of the old Albion had been conducted during the sitting (two years) of the Master just vacated the chair. He could not help referring also to the many improvements visible in the lodge. He particularly referred to the introduction of gas, and also nice sacred music. He moved that a vote of thanks to Bro. P.M. J. T. Crawford, the retiring Master, be recorded in the minutes of that evening. P.M. J. T. Crawford returned thanks to the lodge for recording a vote of thanks to him for the success which they attributed to his sitting; but if by any exertion of his the Craft had been advanced, he felt he could take no special credit, for it was simply a performance of duty. He was glad to see so many Past Masters present that evening, and particularly did he desire to hand over to the especial care of the lodge W. Bro. G. Sampson, who during his sitting had always rendered him the greatest help. He had been proud to hear the remarks which had fallen from P.M. Marshall, for it was he who had initiated him, and it was he who first showed him the grave responsibility of the Master's chair, and although he could never hope to attain his summit, he thought he might yet strive to emulate his bright example. The lodge could always count on his doing his best to assist them in every way. The Masonic dinner in honour of the retiring Master came off at the Ice Establishment of Messrs. D. P. Cotton & Co. with great success. The customary toasts were duly and heartily drank by all present, of course commencing with "Our Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," then "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master."

**LIVERPOOL.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).**

—On Thursday evening, the 11th inst., the brethren of this lodge held their fixed regular meeting of the year at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the chair being occupied by Bro. Wm. Derryhouse, W.M. The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. John Jones, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. D. S. Davies as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and he afterwards invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. W. Derryhouse, I.P.M.; the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W.; J. G. Bayley, J.W.; Wm. Laidlaw, P.M., Treas.; R. P. Gill, Sec.; D. D. Costine, S.D.; W. Wright, J.D.; J. Jones, P.M., D.C.; Jos. Skeaf, P.M. Org.; E. F. Evans, S.S.; and J. J. Herring, J.S. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler, and duly invested. After the usual business of attending to communications, and other Masonic matters had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Ludlow, the manager of the hotel, and on the cloth being removed, the toast list was proceeded with by the W.M., the proceedings in the intervals being enlivened by several of the musical members of the lodge. The occasional toasts included "The New W.M.," and "The Past Masters of the Lodge," all of which were duly honoured by the brethren and responded to. After the last toast had been proposed the brethren were called from refreshment to labour, and the lodge was duly and solemnly closed by the W.M., according to ancient custom, a most enjoyable evening having been spent.

**WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).**—On Monday afternoon the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, at two o'clock, for the purpose of taking part in the installation of Bro. J. M. Bottomley as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was an imposing assemblage. The Installing Master was Bro. Stevenson, P.M., and the interesting and impressive ceremonial was admirably gone through. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are as follows:—Bros. J. M. Bottomley, W.M.; S. Chadwick, S.W.; W. G. Lockey, J.W.; F. Thornton, S.D.; G. T. Crowther, J.D.; W. E. Wolsey, I.G.; George Elliott, D.C.; James Wood, Tyler; James Maule and Geo. Farrow, Treas., Stewards; J. W. Lawson, P.M.; and J. B. Dale, Sec. The annual banquet was sat down to at the Royal Hotel at 4.30, and was a most sumptuous repast. There was a goodly number of Past Masters, officers, and brethren. The W.M. presided, and the S.W. was in the vice-chair. The usual Masonic toasts were gone through with harmony and good effect.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).**—The installation of Bro. John Clark as W.M. of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 15th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. P. Payne, one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, after the retiring Master (Bro. C. A. Dyer) had passed one brother and raised another, there being about fifty members and visitors present. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of the following:—Bros. T. P. Payne, C. A. Dyer, E. Booth, W. Waters, F. Hare, J. W. Dyson, R. Sharpe, Coles, Burtenshaw, Dusaouty, Barford, J. Adams, Gregory, A. J. Miller, and J. R. Weston; and at the close the new Master invested the officers as follows:—Bros. Geo. Cross, S.W.; H. P. Arthur, J.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; Tilling, S.D.; J. Andrews, J.D.; S. D. Sanby, I.G.; W. Waters, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Westley, Org.; Biggs, Tyler; and Norris and Vane, Assist. Tylers. The subsequent banquet, served by Bro. Dartnall, was attended by about fifty brethren, and passed off in the most successful manner.

**BANGOR.—St. David's Lodge (No. 384).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Josiah Hughes, assisted by his officers. After the circular calling this lodge had been read, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Williams and Mr. John Evans. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Archibald McMillan was presented, obligated, and installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. John Ellis, P.M. 597, and a member of 384. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of W. Bros. John Ellis, P.M.; Wm. Bulky Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M. North Wales and Salop; R.W. Capt. G. Hunter, P.G.M. East Aberdeenshire, P.G.W. of Greece, and P.M. 757; T. Hathaway, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Roden, P.M. 755, P.P.S.G.W. Warwickshire, and P.P.J.G.W. North Wales and Salop; J. Salmon, P.M. 721, and P.J.G.W. North Wales and Salop; J. Hughes, I.P.M.; John Jones, P.M.; Robert Robert, P.M.; Robert Owen, P.M.; Watson Robinson, P.M.; W. Mathews, W.M. 721; J. Cunnah, I.P.M. 721; Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606; A. F. Snelson, W.M. 597; and R. J. Davids, I.P.M. 606. The Board closed, and the lodge resumed business. The following brethren were invested: Josiah Hughes, I.P.M.; W. Jarvis, S.W. (by proxy); D. Wynn Williams, J.W.; Robert Owen, P.M., Treas.; Donald Cameron, S.D.; Ellis Roberts, J.D. and Sec.; J. R. Brown, S.S.; W. E. Thomas, J.S.; Wm. Jones, I.G.; and Wm. Jones, Tyler. During the working of the lodge two candidates were initiated, and Bro. Sheppard raised. Two gentlemen were proposed. The visitors gave hearty good wishes from their respective lodges, viz., W.D.F.G.M., the lodges of the province; the R.W.P.G.M. of East Aberdeenshire, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, his province, and the Grand Lodge of Greece; T. C. Roden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. 755; R. A. Pritchard, S.W.; W. Mathews, W.M. 721; J. Salmon, P.M. 1477; Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606; R. J. Davids, 606; D. W. Davids, 606; W. E. Davies, 606; George Thomas, 606; W. P. Elliott, J.W.; and A. F. Snelson, W.M. 597. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel to a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

**CHESTER.—Cestrian Lodge (No. 425).**—On Thursday, the 18th, the brethren of this excellent



lodge met at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, for the purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John. Bro. J. Taylor was installed W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. M'Hattie, I.P.M.; Rev. S. Darwell, Chap.; F. A. Dickson, S.W.; T. M. Lockwood, J.W.; E. Minshull, Tyler; W. C. Hunt, P.M.; S. J. Knox, S.D.; A. Smith, J.D.; G. Dutton, I.G.; E. Cuzner, P.M.; O. D. Baynes, Tyler. The installing Master was Bro. J. E. Williams, P.P.S.G.D. There was a large attendance of brethren, above 100 being present. Among them were Bros. the Rev. G. H. Hobson, P.P.G.C. 477; J. Brown, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Taylor, P.P.S.B. 1235; A. Potts, S.W. 1477; R. C. Edwards, S.W. 721; J. J. Cunnah, I.P.M. 721; W. Dew, I.G. 755; R. G. Sissons, P.G.R. 1143; W. C. Deeley, P.P.J.G.W.; T. W. Marwood, P.G.J.W.; F. Smith, P.G.S.W.; Dr. Waters, (Kilvenny); and others. A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the W.M.

**MALTON.**—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—The annual installation banquet of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at Malton. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Clough, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Yorkergate, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Samuel King, P.P.G.J.D. and P.M.; and the Worshipful Master appointed the following officers for the ensuing year: Bro. W. King, S.W.; Harold Copperthwaite, J.W.; R. H. Bower, Treas.; A. W. Walker, Sec.; T. B. Smith, S.D.; J. D. Dodsworth, J.D.; Fred. Wand, D.C.; Seth Tinsley, I.G.; Thos. Wilkins and J. Goldie, Stewards; and Kirby Watkins, Steward and Tyler. The banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, where there was a fair gathering of the brethren, including visitors from other lodges in the province.

**DEVIZES.**—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees by the W.M., Bro. T. B. Fox, who then requested Bro. Nott, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wilts., to take the chair. After the necessary preliminaries a Board of Installed Masters, twelve in number, was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly installed by Bro. Nott in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The newly installed Master was duly saluted, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers, to each of whom a short address as to the duties of his office was delivered by Bro. J. H. Chandler, P.M. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was delivered by the Installing Master. The following is the list of officers: Bros. T. B. Fox, I.P.M.; Dr. J. W. Burman, S.W.; W. H. Burt, J.W.; Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., Chap.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; William Nott, P.M., Sec.; H. Howse, S.D.; W. Day, J.D.; J. A. Randell, I.G.; Thos. Waite, P.M., acting M.C.; W. E. Fulford and G. S. A. Waylen, Stewards; J. H. Chandler, P.M., acting Org.; and John Hayter, Tyler. The usual routine of the annual meeting was then proceeded with. The Treasurer's accounts were approved and passed, from which it appeared there had been five initiations and two joining members during the year. Grants were made to each of the Masonic charities, to one of which, the Benevolent, the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, goes up as Steward for the province; a member of this lodge, Bro. Jno. Chandler, filling a similar office for the Girls' School. A brother was proposed as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed. Amongst those present were the following P.M.'s, viz.: members of the lodge, Bros. Fox, Gibbs, Waite, Ward, Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Ch. Eng.; Nott, P.P.G. Reg. Wilts.; J. H. Chandler, P.P.G.O.; O'Reilly, John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. and D.C. Wilts.; and J. H. Chandler; and visitors, Bros. Gauntlett, P.M. 632, P.P.G.S.B. Wilts.; A. Plummer, P.M. 355, as well as several other visitors. Letters of regret at inability to be present, and conveying good wishes to the W.M., were read from the P.G.M., Lord Methuen; the D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Goldney, M.P.; the P.G. Sec., Bro. Tombs, and many others. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Crown Hotel, to which Bro. Watson Taylor, of Eriestoke Park, though unable from ill health to be present himself, contributed a supply of venison and game.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—There is hardly any more popular lodge in the Province of West Lancashire than the "Alliance," as it is called, which attained its majority last week, and the fact that its popularity has increased rather than diminished was shown by an attendance of about 120 brethren at the annual installation meeting, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. This very large attendance of valuable and distinguished brethren further showed the high esteem in which the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. E. Jackson) was held and a general approval of the choice of the brethren of a Masonic head for the coming year in the person of Bro. G. S. Willings, the W.M. elect. Enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed, and the coming-of-age meeting of No. 667 was perhaps the most successful and enjoyable which has ever been held. The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. J. E. Jackson, W.M., and amongst the officers and brethren present were A. Winkup, P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; J. E. Skelliscorn, P.M.; G. S. Willings, S.W.; J. Ellis, J.W.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; H. Firth, Sec.; J. H. Gregory, S.D.; T. Peake, J.D.; D. Lloyd, I.G.; R. Douglas, S.; J. Mellon, T. Wood, I. Levy, J. Francis, J. Leighton, J. Marshall, M. W. Smith, T. Yeatman, J. Carruthers, J. Forster, J. Archdeacon, D. S. Buchanan, R. Ellery, J. Basley, J. Bowyer, R. Black, W. J. Chapman, S.W. 1609; W. E. Birks, G. Mason, G. Spence, H. Jones, R. Wright, J. E. Grant, R. J. Hudson, G. Webster, W. T. Barry, A. Bucknall, E. Carter, and others. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Joseph Bell, W.M. 1609, Dramatic; W. Healing, W.M. 1094; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.;

R. Martin, jun., W.M. 1182; G. Musker, Sec. 1182; S. Jacobs, I.G. 241; A. Wadbridge, Treas. 1609; J. C. Atkinson, 594; S. P. Gore, 1356; H. Stocker, 391; T. Holden, 1182, A. Morrison, S.W. 1570; J. Queen, 1505; R. Hobart, 1505; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; T. Clark, P.M. 673; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1011; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505; R. Dobbie, 1161; W. T. May, P.M. 673; H. Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505; H. Burrows, S.W. 673; H. Jenkinson, 986; A. Cottes, W.M. 1264; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Marshall, S.W. 1547; H. J. Atkinson, 1505; the Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; G. E. Hamner, W.M. 1086; J. Townsend, S.W. 1086; and Thomas Roberts, W.M. 673. After the ceremony of initiation had been performed by the retiring W.M., the ancient charge being most effectively delivered by the S.W., the chair was taken by Bro. W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., one of the P.M.'s of the Alliance Lodge, and he proceeded to instal Bro. George Stanley Willings as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following were the officers invested: Bros. J. E. Jackson, I.P.M.; J. Ellis, S.W.; H. Firth, J.W.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; H. Gregory, Sec.; T. Yeatman, Org.; T. Peake, S.D.; D. Lloyd, J.D.; R. Douglas, I.G.; W. Brittain, S.S.; J. E. Grant, J.S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The brethren after business sat down to an excellent banquet in the large room, under the presidency of the new W.M., who gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a point and vigour which have rarely been shown in Masonic lodges. Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," passed a high encomium upon him, and said they had that evening placed in the chair one whom few could hope to equal, and very few indeed could hope to excel. The W.M., after acknowledging the toast in happy terms, gave "The Health of Bro. Jackson, I.P.M.," and in the name of the members of the lodge, presented him with a very valuable P.M.'s jewel, set with diamonds, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. E. Jackson, as a token of the esteem felt for him by the members of the Alliance lodge, on his retirement from the office of W.M." It should be stated that the entire cost of the jewel was subscribed by the private members, without the slightest encroachment on the funds. Bro. Jackson acknowledged the handsome gift in suitable terms, and during the evening the customary toasts were proposed and cordially acknowledged. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. J. Queen, A. Child, Hobart, and Atkinson, the pianoforte accompaniments being capably played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., whose fantasia, "Sabbath Evening Chimes," and new song, "Dying Embers," formed the leading attractions of the evening.

**NEWPORT.**—Isca Lodge (No. 683).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge, for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 17th January. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Hiscox, as W.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. W. Parfitt as W.M., and did credit to the lodge by the manner in which he performed the ceremony. The following distinguished Masons were present:—Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. of England, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; H. J. Gratte, P.G.J.W.; C. Rowe, P.G. Sec.; J. Pigford, W.M. of Homfray Lodge, 1562; W. Watkins, P.M. of Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge, 1429; C. Lyne, P.M. Silurian, 471; and others. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund to support the worthy and esteemed D.P.G.M. in his Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. The lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Westgate Hotel.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at St. Lawrence's Boys' Schools, Croylands-street, Kirkdale, Liverpool, when a large number of members and visitors assembled. Present: Bros. J. Ellis, W.M.; G. E. Hamner, S.W.; G. J. Townsend, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Sec.; William Walker, S.D.; W. G. Sharpe, J.D.; J. Leese, I.G.; Casey and Riley, Stewards; Past Masters Bros. Jno. Lunt, P. Prov. G.D.C.; Wm. Archer, J. C. Lunt, R. Abraham, J. P. McArthur, and Wm. Sephton. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Jones, P.M. 220 and 1299; Jno. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; F. Knight, W.M. 1325; Willis, W.M. elect 1035; Veale, 594, 1356, etc. The ceremony of installing Bro. Hamner, W.M. elect, was performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. Lunt, P. Prov. G.D.C., which elicited the warm approval of all present. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Townsend, S.W.; Wm. Walker, J.W.; Wm. Archer, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Sec.; Sharpe, S.D.; Leese, J.D.; Casey, I.G.; Copestake and Riley, Stewards; and Williamson, Tyler. A gold Past Master's jewel, of beautiful design, was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Ellis, for his efficient services during the past year. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the Installing Master. The lodge was then closed. The banquet which followed was served in Bro. Casey's best style. The newly-installed W.M. occupied the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Veale, who contributed so much to the enjoyment of the evening by presiding at the pianoforte.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., when in addition to the large muster of the members, the following visitors had the honour of being present: Bros. Dr. Cunningham, P.M. 315, 911, 1110, P.Z., P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; Coleman, P.M. 19 and 40; E. W. Young, W.M. 704, and S.D. 902, London; Terrey, P.M. 570 and 40; Wood, Sec. 40; Glenister, S.D. 40; Lewns, 40; Veness, 40; Gaze, 40; Wells, I.G. 40; G. Weller, P.M. and Treas. 40. The lodge was opened punctually at the hour named, 3.30,

and the W.M. elect (Bro. C. R. Chandler), duly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed in a most thorough manner by Bro. Lambourn, P.P.G.P. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with, and all Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where a really splendid banquet was provided, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, several of the brethren who had travelled many miles to be present having to leave early. A bright future under the presidency of its very able and courteous W.M. and P.M.'s, is, we are sure, in store for the Abbey Lodge.

**LANCASTER.**—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The brethren of this flourishing lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the County Hotel, Lancaster, when forty-one brethren sat down. After the good things were partaken of, and the dessert placed on the table, the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. James Coulon, surrounded both on his right and left by Past Masters of the lodge. The Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Dale and Wolfendall, were in their accustomed places. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and responded to with acclamation. The Healths of "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," "The D.G.M., the M.W. and P.G.M. of West Lancashire, the Earl of Skelmersdale," "The G. Lodge Officers and P.G. Officers" were drank with full Masonic honours, and with the utmost enthusiasm. The S.W., Bro. Dale, proposed "The Masonic Charities," in appropriate terms, which was responded to by Bro. Bell, P.M., who dwelt in a lengthy speech on the great benefit and good those charities were doing, in educating and training both boys and girls, so that they might maintain themselves in after life in respectability, and exhorted the brethren to be liberal in their donations, not only to the schools, but also to the Institution for the relief of aged Freemasons and their Widows. "The Bishop of the Diocese and Clergymen of all Denominations" was proposed by Bro. Bell, P.M., and heartily received. Bro. Acton, I.P.M. proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M." (Bro. Coulon), which was received with the utmost applause. The W.M. (Bro. Coulon), in responding, said he felt great difficulty to discover appropriate words to thank the brethren for the very hearty manner they received his name. He was only too willing to do all that he could to advance the interests of his lodge on true Masonic principles, although he had not done a great deal for the last six months, owing to the peculiar situation he held, having been absent on more than one occasion from the meetings of the lodge, when important business had to be conducted, but there were true and faithful Past Masters of the lodge, who always rendered assistance during his absence, but as they had a large amount of work in hand, he would endeavour to pull up for lost time during the next six months. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Acton," stating that no officer could work harder for his lodge than Bro. Acton had done. He was then performing the double office of Acting Secretary and I.P.M. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Acton in responding said it gave him continued pleasure the harder he worked. He was very fond of Masonic work, and was never tired of its operation. Bro. Heald, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Wardens." Bro. Dale, S.W., and Bro. Wolfendall, J.W., responded, in very appropriate terms. Bro. Scott proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Bell, P.M., and Bro. Acton, I.P.M., responded. Bro. Stewardson, W.M. 950, Hesketh Lodge, Fleetwood, proposed "The Junior Officers," and stated that however well the Master and Wardens worked, it was also essential they should have Deacons who could perform their duties to the lodge with satisfaction, as a great deal of good taste was required by the Deacons in advancing the candidates in a suitable manner for the degrees, and he might venture to say that no lodge could have better Deacons than the Duke had always possessed, Bro. Ellershaw, S.D.; Bro. Parker, I.G.; Bro. Beeby, Tyler; and Bro. Allison, Asst. Tyler, responded. Bro. Heald proposed "Continued Prosperity to the Duke of Lancaster Lodge," and stated that he was proud to see the position the Duke of Lancaster, 1353, had attained. Little more than five years ago he, with five other brothers, deposited money to meet the expenses attending on the consecration of the lodge, and the installation of the first Master (Bro. Hartly); he looked back to that time now with pride, as he could now tell them that in the brief space of five years no less than 100, members were initiated in the Duke of Lancaster Lodge but, from causes which could not be helped, there remain only 80 or 90 members on the roll. The Duke of Lancaster, he believed, was destined to be the first lodge in Lancaster, and he trusted the brethren would persevere until that object was attained. Bro. Bill, P.M., and Bro. Scott responded. Bro. Acton, I.P.M., then proposed "Prosperity to the Lodges of Lancaster and Morecambe" in very suitable terms. Bro. Bond, in responding for the Lodge of Fortitude, was highly pleased and gratified with the evening's entertainment, and eulogised the W.M., Bro. Coulon, in flattering terms for his genial and easy manner in conducting the business while presiding over them that evening, having been present for the first time at any of their banquets, he was extremely delighted, everybody seemed to be at home, and all were imbued with brotherly feeling. He thanked the W.M. for his kindness, and would long remember that evening. Bro. Dale responded on behalf of the Morecambe Lodge, and stated that it was progressing as well as could be expected. Bro. Stewardson, W.M., gave the Tyler's toast, which brought the meeting to a close. The night proved very unpropitious, a snow-storm was raging during the time, or about 60 brethren were expected.

**NEWPORT.**—Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1429).—This young and flourishing lodge held its annual Festival of St. John on Thursday,



the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street. There were present Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire, and several brethren of Provincial Grand Lodge; Bros. C. Rowe, W.M.; F. Orders, W.M. elect, who was well supported by a strong muster of brethren from Cardiff, Pontypool, and the Newport lodges. The business of the day was that of placing Bro. F. Orders in the chair of K.S., the installation ceremony being admirably worked by Bro. C. Rowe in his peculiar and inimitable style. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. Rowe, I.P.M.; J. Horner, S.W.; W. Twist, J.W.; H. Richard, S.D.; J. D. Saunders, J.D.; J. Horner, Treas.; W. M. Locke, Sec.; A. Taylor, I.G.; Thomas and Welsford, Stewards; Fletcher, Tyler. Before closing the lodge cheques were handed over by the Treasurer to the D.P.G.M. for the following Masonic Charities—ten guineas to the Boys' School, the like sum to the Girls' School, ten pounds to the Aged and Decayed Freemasons' Fund, and the like sum to the Widows of Aged and Decayed Freemasons' Fund, still leaving a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Lodge being closed in ancient form the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was placed before the brethren by Mr. G. F. Gretton. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been disposed of, came that which was decidedly the great feature of the evening, viz., the presentation, by the W.M., of a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which he attached to the breast of Bro. C. Rowe, P.M., in the name of the officers and brethren, as a slight token for the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings that it has been the privilege of many to be present at.

**PLUMSTEAD—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The first gathering in the new year of the members and friends of the above flourishing lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine hall on Anglesea Hill, when its popularity, and the esteem in which the W.M., Bro. W. Weston, is held by the brethren around was evinced by the large circle of visitors present, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913 and 706, and P.G.J.D. Kent; T. Butt, W.M. 700; E. W. Young, W.M. 704, and S.D. 902; A. Penfold, I.P.M. 813; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; W. Rushting, S.W. 972; T. Hutton, S.D. 13; W. Cobb, 700; J. Chadwick, 700; C. Beard, 700; J. H. Roberts, 700; W. McCoy, 700; A. Upperton, 913; G. Griffith, 913; W. Loneragan, 913; D. C. Capon, 913; F. C. Lyons, 913 and 700; H. Peyce, 913; A. Jessup, Sec. 913; T. W. Robinson, 13; J. S. Bonu, 569; J. Wilkins, 569; J. Scully, 41; J. A. Milne, 1424; C. Mont, 1331; and C. Jolly, 913. Beside the W.M., the following officers were present:—Bros. Capt. C. Phillips, P.M., and P.M. 13 and 706; R. Croisdale, P.M., and P.M. 706; G. Spinks, S.W.; H. G. Picken, J.W.; J. Murphy, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; J. Shaw, S.D.; J. McCaffery, J.D.; D. Deeves, W.S., and officiating I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; and J. Lackland, O.G. The lodge having been duly opened, Sergeant-Major R. F. Robertson, R.A., was, after approval, initiated into Masonry. Bro. J. Shaw and Bro. R. M. Bell were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hawkins was raised to the Sublime Degree, all three ceremonies being well and impressively worked by the W.M. and his excellent officers. Bro. P. M. Croisdale then gave notice that an evening party would be organized by the officers of the lodge, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the funds of the lodge, so that, as he said, they might be as early as possible in a position to contribute towards the magnificent charities of the Order. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Coupland, whose name had been coupled with that of the P.G. Officers of Kent, said it seemed daily to him becoming of the greatest importance that Bro. Eastes, their D.P.G.M., should visit that part of the district, for in it were large bodies of Masons, and he should see for himself the excellent manner in which the lodges were conducted. He felt proud to visit such a lodge, it was a pleasure as it was a duty to be present, and see the good working done in it, he saw perfect obedience, order, and regularity in all things, and he felt sure of its prosperity. The W.M. in reply to a very flattering reception of his name, said he felt fully alive to the responsibilities of his position, and while he held that office he should never shirk those responsibilities. He trusted in the new year every prosperity would attend them, and in conclusion wished them all "A Happy New Year." After "The Health of the Initiates" had been duly honoured and replied to, that of "The Visitors" was proposed, and in reply Bro. Young said he had never seen better working in any lodge, and wished them every success. Bro. Butt as well replied. Bro. Coupland said he should convey to the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent his great approbation of the good work done in the lodge, it was a pleasure to see the manner in which the Deacons did their work, and if there was one thing he liked to see done well, it was the Deacon's work, and their Senior Deacon, Bro. Shaw, was an officer they might well be proud of. Bro. Shaw had had the great pleasure of assisting to make his own son a Mason, and he could not help thinking, as he saw Bro. Shaw doing his duty that night, assisting to pass his son to the Second Degree, that it must be a proud moment in his life, and he hoped in his heart that the son might be worthy of the sire. Bro. McDougall for the "Pattison," and Bro. Hutton for the "Union Waterloo" Lodges, having replied, Bro. Thomson, who has just arrived from India, spoke of the great impetus the Craft had received through the visit of their Royal Grand Master, and thanked them for their reception of him that night. The Past Master's Health followed, and P.M. Croisdale eloquently replied. Bro. Sparks returned thanks for the officers, and Bro. Harding for a great com-

pliment paid him from the chair as their Organist, which was well deserved. Bro. C. Jolly received an ovation as "our representative," the W.M. thanking him in the name of the lodge for his excellent reports during the past year, to which the brethren responded, and Bro. Jolly, in the course of his remarks, trusted that they would continue to support the *Freemason* as the recognized organ of the Craft, and the proprietor, who laboured so hard for its acknowledged excellence. The Tylers' toast then concluded a most pleasant evening.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—A meeting of this lodge was convened at the Albany Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Amongst the officers present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, I.P.M., &c., acting W.M.; Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Taylor, S.D., acting Sec.; Tomlinson, P.M., &c., Treas.; Vaughan, J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a communication from Bro. Saunders, the W.M., was read, explaining the reason of his absence. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, the interesting ceremony of presenting the I.P.M. with an elegant souvenir of his two years' Mastership, in the shape of a massive claret jug, then took place. The presentation was made upon behalf of the members of the lodge by Bro. Tomlinson, the Treasurer, in a very able and appropriate address. The testimonial bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Francis Burdett, No. 1503, to Brother Wigginton, in recognition of his having founded the lodge." The I.P.M. having acknowledged the gift in very feeling terms, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. Bro. Monckton, Chandos and Buckingham Lodge, was a visitor. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W. G.M.," "The Prp and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Middlesex," "The Deputy P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present" were given from the chair briefly but pertinently. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Saunders," was proposed by Bro. Birchill, P.M., and warmly received. The toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M., followed, and was given by Bro. Knaggs, S.W. Bro. Wigginton, in his reply, expressed his gratification at the manner in which his name had been mentioned by the S.W. in connection with the toast, and also for the very hearty way it had been received by the brethren. He also took occasion to again thank the members of the lodge for the presentation that had taken place that evening, which gift he said he should ever regard as a most cherished memorial of his connection with No. 1503, and in concluding his remarks he stated that he should hand it down to his family as an heirloom. The next toast, that of "The Visitors," gave Bro. Monckton an opportunity of acknowledging the compliment in a few well chosen words. The healths of "The Treasurer," "The Principal Officers," and "The Junior Officers" then followed, and were acknowledged by Bros. Tomlinson, Treasurer; Knaggs, S.W.; and Bro. Vaughan, J.D. The Tyler's toast, at half-past ten o'clock, terminated a very pleasant evening. The next meeting of this lodge will be held on the second Wednesday in February next.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—The first banquet in connection with this lodge, which was consecrated last August, was held at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, on Thursday evening. There was an excellent attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and the banquet was served in first-class style by Bro. H. Churchill, of the Queen's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Cooper, P.M., presided, and was supported by the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. P. Bell, P.S.G. Deacon, England; Bro. Ansell, P.M., 57, Hull; Bro. P. H. Rowland, P.M.; Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., Treas., and other brethren. The other officers of the lodge were:—Bros. T. B. Whythead, S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; M. Cooper, J.D.; G. Simpson, D.C.; C. G. Padel, Org.; J. G. Sells, I.G.; and there were present a number of brethren of the lodge and visitors, including Bros. Toozes, 57, Hull; Kidd, 57, Hull; J. Terry, J. F. Stephenson, J. Morgan, J. Mason, T. Smith, sen., M. Millington, J. F. Taylor, Irving, A. T. B. Turner, T. D. Smith, J. Ward, Prov. G. Pust; J. Blenkins, P. Pearson, W. H. Bland &c. Letters had been received from the Right W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Zetland; from the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Prov. S.G.W.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Hunt, P.M., Kingston, Hull; G. Wilkinson, W.M. Minerva Lodge, Hull; the Rev. W. Valentine, and others, expressing regret at not being able to be present. The usual loyal Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the healths of the Prov. Grand Master and Dep. Prov. Grand Master were enthusiastically received. In replying to the toast of "The W. Bro. J. P. Bell, Esq., M.D., J.P., Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," Dr. Bell spoke in complimentary terms of the progress made by this lodge, as well as the manner in which it had been conducted since its consecration the previous August, and expressed his conviction that its establishment had been a well-judged step in the right direction. In proposing the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," the S.W. alluded to the circumstance of the banquet, having been given specially in honour of the Masters and Wardens of the Humber, Minerva, and Kingston Lodges, several of whom were present, who had supported the petition of the originators of the Eboracum Lodge. A most pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings being enlivened by musical selections, which were contributed by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Organist, the Treasurer, and Bros. T. Smith and J. Shillito.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—This lodge met at No. 111, Cheapside, E.C., on Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. Edward Moody, P.M. 1426, presiding;

Bros. Shaw, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Walmisley, S.D.; Bain, J.D.; Parker, I.G.; Spiegel, acting Sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; Blackie, Blissett, Bain, Blume, and others. The lodge was opened and minutes read. As these raised important questions relating to management and change of place of meeting, a long discussion arose, and it was decided to adjourn further consideration thereof to the evening of Thursday, the 25th inst. We are requested to inform the members that their attendance on that occasion will be much esteemed. The lodge was passed to the Second Degree, and subsequently to the Third Degree, when, Bro. Blissett, acting as candidate, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bro. Blissett, of the Rifle Lodge, Edinburgh, and Bro. J. Bain, of Commercial Lodge, 360, were elected members.

#### Royal Arch.

**WHITEHAVEN—Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, College-street, on the 19th inst., M.E. Comps. Jno. Barr, P.Z., as Z.; Wm. Sandwith, H.; J. R. Sickie, J. There was a large muster of the companions. Comp. Barr, in the absence of Comp. Fearon, performed his duties with his accustomed ability, and considering that this was the first meeting since the election of officers, Comp. Wm. Sandhurst, H.; J. R. Sickie, J.; Jno. Rosling, A.S., who, in the absence of Comp. W. F. Lamondy, acted as P.S., and the other officers went through their work in a very satisfactory manner. There were two brethren to exalt, and nine to ballot for exaltation. The ballot having been taken and proving unanimous, five brethren who were present were exalted to the sublime Degree of R.A. Masons. It was proposed, and unanimously agreed to, that power be given to the committee to purchase a new set of R.A. banners, &c., suitable to the position which the Chapter holds, as the largest and most influential in the province. A proposal for exaltation having been seconded and agreed to, there being no further business before the Chapter, it was closed in form, and the companions adjourned to a slight refreshment provided by the chapter, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

**ABERGAVERN—Philanthropic Chapter (No. 818).**—The members of this chapter met at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, 19th January. Amongst those present were Ex. Comps. W. Williams, as Z.; Crawshaw Bailey, as H.; C. Daniel, as J.; and Captain S. Geo. Homfray, P. Std. Br., as G.C. and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire. Comp. Horsford was then exalted by the M.E.Z., and the lectures were delivered in a masterly and most impressive manner by Ex. Comp. Captain S. G. Homfray, who afterwards installed the following companions as Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. Crawshaw Bailey, as M.E.Z.; C. J. Daniel, as H.; Gorvin, as J. The chapter was then closed in harmony, a vote of thanks having been passed to the P.G.H. for his kindness in attending to perform the ceremony in a manner which few can equal him in.

#### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 34).**—The monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., within their own hall, at 213, Buchanan-street. The W. Master, Bro. William Kyle, jun., presided, supported on the dais, and in their respective places, by Bros. D. M. Nelson, I.P.M.; Thomas Fletcher, P.M.; David Horne, S.M.; Peter Brownlie, S.W.; James Kyle, J.W.; John Ferguson, Treas.; William Cochrane, Sec.; Alex. Peddie, S.D.; Hugh Tennent, J.D. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last regular and one or two special meetings read and approved of, the late Treasurer, Bro. James Dunn, read the financial statement for the past year. The debit of his account showed—To cash on hand received from preceding Treasurer, £8 18. 6d.; to cash in bank, £123 18s. 10d.; 209 test fees, £31 7s. 4d.; 47 initiations at five guineas, £246 15s.; 9 affiliations, £23 13s.; 63 tickets sold for annual festival, £23 12s. 6d.; 84 tickets sold for annual excursion, £56 14s.; one railway ditto, 4s. 2d.; drawn from bank, £110; interest on bank account, £3 3s. 3d.; added 10 bank account during year, 13s. 3d.; total £628 15. 9d. The following is the credit account for the year:—By tradesmen's accounts, £10 7s.; property tax and other assessments, £10 4s. 6d.; interest on bond, £22 6s. 4d.; feu duty, £1 4s. 9d.; insurance, £1 19s.; fees to Grand Lodge for Master and Wardens, £1 5s.; to ditto for diplomas, £26 18s. 6d.; annual contribution to Prov. Grand Lodge, £2; subscription to Royal Infirmary, £2 2s.; to poor brethren, per W.M., £6; to Prov. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, £15 10s.; stock account, £96 12s. 4d.; expenses of festival, £31 9s. 2d.; expenses of excursion, £58 15s. 7d.; salaries, £20 10s.; sundries, £72 2s. 10d.; by bank, £110 13s. 3d.; by cash on hand, £13 10s. 1d.; by cash in bank, £124 11s. 4d.; total £628 15. 9d. The Treasurer added that he might point out, as showing the satisfactory state of the lodge affairs at present, that the amount of cash on hand at the end of the financial year was £6 more than it was at the beginning; and, moreover, that during the year the sum of £67 4s. had been expended in buying up shares of the lodge property. The financial statement was endorsed by the auditors, Bros. Fletcher and M'Millan, Past Masters, as having been found correct, and its approval was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Bro. David Horne, Sub-Master, seconded by Bro. John D. Young, Past Deputy Master. The Chairman remarked that the report showed a very satisfactory state of matters generally, and it was specially gratifying to find that the lodge had been able to buy in so many shares of the property. He thought a hearty vote of thanks was due to Bro. Dunn for the way in which he had managed the Treasurer's department during the past year. The vote was accorded by universal acclamation. Application was



then made for admission into the Order from Mr. Alexander Stevenson, and there being no objections, the candidate was brought in and received the First Degree at the hands of the W.M. The lodge was then called to refreshment, when a specially agreeable hour was spent. Amongst the toasts proposed and duly honoured were "The Three Grand Lodges," "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," and "The Last Laid Stone of Lodge St. John" (Bro. Stevenson). That of "The P.G.L. of Glasgow" was coupled with the name of Bro. W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Sec., who, in thanking the brethren for the compliment, said that having been only appointed to the office which he held about a week ago, he could not be expected to speak of the duties connected therewith from experience. However, he might state that before accepting it he had well considered the matter, and he had only to say that none of the prestige pertaining to it should be lost on his part in keeping its affairs in good working order. The lodge was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.

**PAISLEY.—St. Mirren Lodge (No. 129).**—A meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 17th inst., in the Globe Hotel, for the purpose of entertaining the late W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. Gilmour presided, and Bro. A. Wallace discharged the duties of Croupier. During the evening, in proposing "The Health of the late W.M., Bro. Edmonds," Bro. Wallace referred to the eminent services which he had rendered to the lodge during his term of office, and also to the cause of Masonry in general for a great many years past. In the name of a number of the brethren, Bro. Wallace then presented Bro. Edmonds with a handsome gold watch, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. H. S. Edmonds, I.P.M. No. 129, by a few friends who appreciate his past labours, and esteem him as a brother and a man." Bro. Edmonds appropriately acknowledged the gift. A very happy evening was spent.

**TARBOLTON.—Lodge St. David (No. 133).**—This old lodge, which received its first charter in February, 1773, after being in a state of dormancy for about 32 years, was resuscitated on Monday afternoon, 16th inst., by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Mure, the ceremony was performed by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Wylie, who was supported by Bros. J. G. Halkett, Past S.P.M.; John Caruthers, G.S.W.; Jas. Gibson, G.J.W.; J. A. Ferguson, P.S.W.; John Tweed, P.J.W.; and Bro. Wheeler, of Mother Kilwinning; Bros. Nelson, W.M. 22, and John Mackay, Past Master; Hugh Shaw, W.M. 109; John Pollock, W.M. 51; Sam. A. Clark, W.M. 86; J. S. McIlwraith, W.M. 124; Jas. McCosh, W.M. 135; John Ramsay, W.M. 138; Thos. Harvey, W.M. 179; W. D. Chambers, W.M. 204; and D. Reid, W.M. 549. Letters of apology for absence were read from Sir James Ferguson, Bart., P.P. G.M.; R. W. Cochrane Patrick, of Woodside, D.P.G.M.; W. Ralston Patrick, of Trearne, S.P.G.M.; Roger Montgomerie, M.P., Proxy G.M. Grand Lodge, Edinburgh; J. H. Neilson, G.S. Grand Lodge, Edinburgh; D. Murray Lyon, S.G.W. The interesting ceremony of installing the office-bearers of the Lodge St. David was then proceeded with as follows:—James Wallace Dunlop Adair, of Berchgrove, W.M.; Dr. Faulds, D.M.; John Faulds, S.M.; James Muir, S.W.; James Gibson, J.W.; Dr. Wm. Muir, Secretary; William Rennie, Treasurer; W. R. Gibb, S.D.; W. Davidson, J.D.; Joseph Davidson, S.S.; Hector Alexander, J.S.; John Loudon, I.G.; W. Cowan, Tyler. Considerable interest was attached to the reopening of this lodge, from the fact that it was in the Lodge St. David, Tarbolton, that the immortal bard, Bro. Robert Burns, first saw Masonic light, on 4th July, 1781, and was passed and raised on the 1st October of the same year. The name Burns, however, has always been associated with the St. James's (Kilwinning), Tarbolton, both lodges having held their meetings in Tarbolton. Burns was, at the period of his initiation, 23 years of age, and was raised to the honourable position of Deputy-Master of St. James's, as the minutes of the lodge containing his own signature amply testify, and at this time he seems to have taken a warm interest in everything relating to the Craft.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge St. George (No. 333).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, on Wednesday, 10th inst., Bro. J. Findlay, W.M., President; supported by Bros. Alexander Thomson, I.P.M.; Jas. Forsyth, D.M.; Robt. Anderson, S.W.; R. Fairbairn, J.W.; Andrew Dunn, Treasurer; and Archibald McIntyre, Secretary. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. James Booth W.M. No. 87 (Thistle); John Law, D.M. No. 571 (Dramatic), &c. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last regular and one emergency meeting read and approved of, the application of a candidate for admission into the Order and the lodge was submitted, and he having been balloted for, and the ballot appearing clear, it was sustained accordingly. Previous to the work of initiation, the question of the annual festival of the lodge came up, and a short conversational discussion ensued as to whether it should this year take the form of a soiree or a supper. Ultimately, it was moved by Bro. Archibald McIntyre (Secretary), seconded by Bro. James Miller, and agreed to nem. con., that it be a supper and ball, open to ladies and friends of members, whether in or out of the Order, and to come off as near as possible to the end of next month. The candidate, having been duly prepared, was then admitted, and received the E.A. Degree at the hands of the W.M. Thereafter the lodge was raised to the Degree of Fellow Craft, when a brother, formerly initiated, was passed to that Degree also by the Master. There being no further business the lodge was then closed.

**GLASGOW.—Lodge Caledonian Railway (No. 354).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., within the Masonic Hall, at No. 30 Hope-st.

The W.M., Bro. Adam B. Ferguson, presided, supported by Bros. D. Buchanan, D.M.; John Harley, S.W.; Wm. Anderson, J.W., and other office-bearers. The meeting was more numerously attended than any one of this lodge that has been held for a considerable period, there being in all no fewer than about 120 brethren present, including many visiting brethren. Amongst the latter were Bros. D. M. Nelson, I.P.M., Lodge St. John, No. 34, and Senr. Deacon Grand Lodge of Scotland; Jas. Findlay, W.M. Lodge St. George, No. 333; John McInnes, W.M. Lodge Clyde, No. 408; David Reid, W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, No. 465; William Phillips, W.M. Lodge Clydesdale, No. 556, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, two approved candidates for admission into the order received the E.A. Degree at the hands of the W.M., Bro. Ferguson. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and a pleasant evening ensued. The toast "Prosperity to Lodge Caledonian Railway, No. 354," was proposed by Bro. D. M. Nelson, cordially pledged by the unusually numerous visiting brethren present, and acknowledged by the W.M. Thereafter the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

## Ireland.

**WATERFORD.—Waterford Lodge (No. 5).**—The members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, the Mall, on New Year's Day, for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Calendre was installed W.M. After transacting business, the lodge adjourned.

**WATERFORD.—Royal Shamrock Lodge (No. 32).**—The members of this lodge assembled at their lodge-rooms, Olave's Place, on Thursday evening, for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year, and to celebrate the festival of St. John. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from other lodges present. Bro. E. Brooks was installed W.M. After the transaction of business, the brethren partook of a sumptuous dinner, and having enjoyed a pleasant evening, separated in peace, love, and harmony.

**CLONMEL.—Donoughmore Lodge (No. 44).**—The members of this lodge, met at their lodge rooms, Nelson-street, Clonmel, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Stephen Moore, M.P., Worshipful Master, presided. There was a full attendance of brethren. The lodge opened in E.A. Degree, and after the initiation of a candidate, proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Hugh T. Sayers was installed W.M.; E. Smyth, S.W.; and L. Leachman, J.W. After the ceremony of installation, Bro. C. Ffennell, as Senior P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. S. Moore for his very efficient services and successful efforts to promote the cause of Masonry during his year of office as W.M., and, at the same time, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented him with a golden Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem and approbation. The vote was seconded by Bro. Gerald Fitzgerald, and carried by acclamation. Bro. Moore returned thanks in suitable language, and expressed himself as willing and anxious at all times to do what he could for the welfare of Masonry in general, and Lodge 44 in particular. After the transaction of some further ordinary business, lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**WATERFORD.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 297).** held their first communication in the new year on Monday evening, when there was one of the largest lodge meetings held in Waterford for several years. The Rev. J. DeRenny, W.M., presided. There were about forty brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Rea, S.W.; Nelson, J.W.; Barr, J.D.; Lumsden, J.D.; Stevenson, I.G.; Behm, P.M.; Pearne, P.M.; Moreland, P.M.; Whalley, P.P.G.J.W.; Dart, J.P.M.; Cherry, P.M. 5; McLean, P.M. 32; Davis, P.M.; Smith; Rev. J. W. Bell, Rev. G. Phair, Sinclair, Davidson, Rev. J. Hickson, Carden, Carr, 53; Palmer, P.M. 32; Trigg, Meredith, A. Smith. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and after some routine business had been transacted, another stone was laid in the Masonic Temple, in a superior workmanlike way; after this Bro. Price was duly installed as W.M. for the current year. The newly-installed Master, in the most kind and hearty language, gave expression to the feelings of personal regard and esteem in which the lodge holds its late Master, and on their part thanked him for the able manner in which he presided over them during his year of office, and then presented him from the lodge with a life governorship in the Boys' Masonic Orphan School, for which the I.P.M. heartily thanked his brethren. The whole work of the evening reflected the greatest credit on the new lodge, which promises to be one of the best worked and most popular in the province.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Peters in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, the Rev. Dr. Morris, H. Browne, H. W. Hemsworth, E. H. Finney, Thos. W. White, George Kenning, John Boyd, J. A. Rucker, Collard Moutrie, H. A. Dubois, H. M. Levy, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey (Freemason), J. C. Peacock, W. Stephen, S. Rosenthal, F. Binckes, H. Potter, E. C. Mather (65), and R. W. Little, Secretary.

With respect to the subject mentioned by Bro. Symonds at last meeting, as to the test of the reading of candidates being the same as that of the Educational Department of the Privy Council, it was mentioned that the subject might be remitted to a sub-committee, but Bro. Browne thought that the previous test was sufficient for the Girls' School. The children were nine or ten years of age when admitted, and at that age they ought to read well.

The Secretary informed the brethren that a legacy had been left to the Institution by a Mr. Matthews, who be-

queathed his patent for concentrated liquid lime to this Institution, and two others, to be equally divided between the three.

The Secretary then read the balance sheet of the Institution for the last year, which showed receipts to the amount of over £13,000.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The consecration of this Lodge will take place on Monday next, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at half-past four o'clock. The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. J. Harvey, P.G.D. Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Bro. Hyde-Pollon, P.D. Prov. G.M.I. of W., and P.G.S.B.; and Bro. Henry Gustavus Bess, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, Middlesex. Bro. John Derby-Alcroft, as previously stated, is the W.M. designate. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A Stockholm correspondent of the *Gottenburg Handels-Tidende* states (evidently in error) that the Prince of Wales is expected on the 21st inst. at Stockholm, to assist at the opening of their new Masonic lodge, a ceremony which will take place on that day, which is the birthday of King Oscar II. The new lodge has cost 1,600,000 crowns. Great preparations are being made for the banquet, where more than a thousand brethren are expected to meet; and for the ball which the King gives on the 22nd, and to which 2000 invitations have been sent out.

**ART AND OUR HOSPITALS.**—Dr. J. Lawrence Hamilton writes from 34 Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park:—"Save for a sea of dreary whitewash, dull distemper, or cheerless paint, most of our hospitals are completely bare and destitute of ornament. If a few philanthropists would each send a spare scrap of art now and again, something would be done to lighten the gloom of the sick ward. A hint in your columns ought to be sufficient to stimulate the munificence of many an art collector, as also the liberality of painters in such a direction.—The Times, 23, January, 1877.

On Wednesday morning Eton College opened at the close of the Christmas vacation with the return of the lower boys, the opening of the school having been deferred in consequence of the floods, which even now cover some parts of the grounds near the College.

A report of the Installation Meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, which took place on Thursday last, will appear in our next.

The house No. 25, George Square, Edinburgh, which was occupied by Bro. Sir Walter Scott, has been sold by auction for £2725.

We understand that Mr. Augustus Savile Lumley has been appointed her Majesty's Marshal of the Ceremonies in the room of the Honourable Spencer Lyttelton, who has resigned.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has appointed Bro. Capt. H. C. Norris (Lodge 599), to be Aide-de-Camp.

The Corporation of Belfast, at a special meeting, appointed a deputation to present a congratulatory address to the Duke of Marlborough, on the occasion of his appointment to the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland.

We learn with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. Williams, wife of Bro. Montagu Williams, the eminent barrister, which sad event took place on Wednesday, 24th inst. Much sympathy has been expressed with Bro. Williams by both Bench and Bar at the Middlesex Court on hearing the melancholy intelligence.

At a meeting of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Banbury, on Monday last, Bro. the Rev. J. Spittal, Vicar of Christchurch, South Banbury, the present Senior Warden, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. R. Havers, P.G.O. of England, was again elected to the office of Treasurer, an office he has held with great benefit to the lodge for a long series of years; Bros. Chamberlin and Fowler were elected Stewards, and Bro. T. Moss, Tyler. The installation of the new W.M. will take place on the 26th of February.

We are requested to state that the next three meetings of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, will be held on February 21st, March 21st, and April 18th, at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico. The Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday evening in the Grosvenor Club, (not Hall.)

**FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.**—Lady Guendaline Talbot, second daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury, R.W. Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire, was married on Thursday week at Ingestre Church to Colonel Chaplin, M.P. The Bishop of Lichfield performed the ceremony, and was assisted by the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Talbot and the Hon. Rev. W. Talbot, great uncles of the bride. Amongst the distinguished persons present were the Duchess of Sutherland, the Marchioness of Waterford, Lord and Lady Castle-reagh, Lord and Lady Folkestone, Lord and Lady Hather-ton, Mr. H. Chaplin, M.P., and Lady Florence Chaplin. Attending on the bridegroom was the Hon. Evelyn Bos-cowen; and the bridesmaids were Miss F. Chetwynd, Miss Noth, and the Hon. Marian Thelluson. Lady Guendaline was attired in a cream-coloured dress with Brussels lace trimmings, and the bridesmaids in grey cashmere with scarlet trimmings, and hats to match. After the wedding breakfast at Ingestre Hall, the newly-wedded pair left for Alton Towers.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death of the Countess of Limerick, which took place on Wednesday in London.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Reports of Lodges: St. Mark's Lodge, 857; Globe Lodge, 23; United Lodge of Benevolence, 184; City of London Lodge, 901; West Smithfield Lodge, 1623; Hemming Lodge, 1512; St. Dunstan's Lodge, 1589; Fortescue Mark Lodge, No. 9. A Masonic Ball at Brigg. New Masonic Hall at Bournemouth.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

ATKINS.—On the 23rd inst., at Lordship-road, N., the wife of A. C. Atkins, of a son.  
LEWIS.—On the 23rd inst., at Ashford Lodge, Putney, the wife of F. T. Lewis, of a son.  
MURRAY.—On the 20th inst., at Bournemouth, Lady Keith Murray, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

MOORE—MONTAGUE.—On the 21st ult., at San Francisco, U.S.A., J. Murray Moore, M.D., M.R.C.S., &c., (late of Liverpool), to Elizabeth Boardman Montague, of Hartford, Conn.

## DEATHS.

DYSON.—On the 23rd inst., at Denmark-hill, Wimbledon, Jane Hinde, widow of the late Capt. Dyson, aged 66.  
HUMPHRIES.—On the 12th inst., at his residence, Garston, Lancashire, Bro. Charles Humphries, W.M. 220, P.M. 1015.  
LIMERICK.—On the 24th inst., Caroline Maria, Countess of Limerick, at 36, Queen's-gate-terrace, South Kensington.  
VEAL.—On the 22nd inst., at Stanmore, Eliza, sister of Bro. Veal, in her 41st year.  
WILLIAMS.—On the 24th inst., at 44, Upper Brook-street, aged 42, Louise Annie Montagu Williams, the beloved wife of Bro. Montagu Williams.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 1877.

## IS FREEMASONRY MATERIALISM?

In recurring to this subject, we find that we have a good deal to say upon it. The more we consider Archbishop Vaughan's statement and charge alluded to in our last, the more strongly we feel the importance and depth of the whole subject matter, the more we regret that this Roman Catholic Prelate should have permitted his unreasoning fear of Freemasons, and his burning desire to shoot out his "*epea pteroenta*" to overmaster alike his common sense and his critical perception. And not only this, but in the position he has assumed Archbishop Vaughan is actually laying down the first canon of materialistic infidelity himself as the premise of his entire argument. So let us bring before us the statement he has openly made, "*ad fideles*," and to the public generally. The history of the world, according to him, has been governed by two potential systems in the past and the present, and the future is to be controlled by a third. And these he places in this order:—1, Paganism; 2, Supernaturalism; 3, Materialism. Hence, according to this distinguished member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, the principle involved in each of the two first systems or "*isms*" has successively governed the world; they are pretty much on a level, emanations from the internal and external consciousness of the human psychology, which may be dealt with, and have to be dealt with, philosophically, as fair subjects for human thought and scholastic treatment. Nothing so illogical, so perversely false, or so unhistorical—no position so unreal has ever before been propounded by any but the most destructive of sceptical writers. What will such thinkers as John Henry Newman say to such a specimen of the Roman Catholic teachings of the modern dogmatism of Rome? Have we in this mournful and distorted collocation of historical facts, of religious progress in the world, a scheme of a new alliance between Roman Catholics and material infidelity? It looks very like it, inasmuch as this outburst of positivism is made the "*fulcrum*" to attack Freemasonry. Now we should like to ask Archbishop Vaughan two other questions. Does he accept the Sacred Record? Does he believe in it? If so, how can he venture to say to a startled audience at Sydney that paganism and supernaturalism governed the past? Long before paganism, as he calls it, existed, was supernaturalism; for paganism is but the perversion of the teaching of the "*Theodidaktoi*." All the mysteries originally proclaimed without doubt either the whole or a portion of the primeval truth, but which became distorted and perverted in the lapse of ages, and overlooked and forgotten in the childish inventions of men, while their foolish hearts were darkened and they accepted fables instead of truth. But all this time the world saw and received the religion of supernaturalism, and the history of the Jewish people from the call of Abraham, is nothing but a record of the supernatural. To place paganism and supernaturalism on a level, or to make the latter the sequel to the former, to treat them as coequal or correlative systems in the administration of the general government of the world, is a travesty alike of the history of religion and of man, such as we might have expected to find to proceed from the pen of some materialistic writer, but not from the armory of a Roman Catholic Archbishop. We have never perused any statement with more pain, or greater repugnance. It is about as unscientific and as unfounded as anything we have ever seen, and when this proceeds from a writer, who professes to represent an infallible church, and to be protecting the interests of true religion against the assaults of a materialistic infidelity, we are like the sleepers awakened, we can only rub our eyes, and shrug our shoulders, and wonder where we are, and what it all means. If such is in future to be the "*modus procedendi*" of Roman Catholic historians, professors, philosophers, and critics, then all that Religion can say is, "*Save me from my friends*," as a

more treacherous and unsafe defence of religion itself cannot be made by any who assume to be its defenders and avow themselves its upholders. It has not escaped the notice of the observant and the critical, that in her destructive policy, in order to build up her infallible theory, the Roman Catholic Church has more than once in her history seemed to make an alliance in her propositions and teachings "*ad populum*," with a so-called philosophical unbelief. Romanism is to be the refuge of the weak, the distressed, the weary, the hesitating, the doubting, the depressed; and this coquetting with a pseudo liberalism of thought and declaration, may be made to subserve the cause of a corrective and a victorious infallibility. We write all this in no feeling of denominational controversy, nor with any wish to dilate upon Romanism, quâ Romanism, inasmuch as we are Freemasons, and have nothing to do with the contentions of Christians, or the doubts and debates of churches or sects. But, when a distinguished member of a denominational body, for the purpose mainly of assailing a perfectly peaceful and harmless, and loyal, and religious Order, like our own, proceeds coolly to give us "*history in ruins*," and to rend in pieces the whole framework of the religious witness, of the moral government of T.G.A.O.T.U., we feel it to be our duty calmly to point out the hopeless and illogical nature of his arguments, and the utter fallacy of his baneful conclusions. But in saying what we have said, hastily and imperfectly at the best, we have but fringed, so to speak, the outside of the question, and as it is a very important one per se, and in its relation to us all, we shall proceed to consider in our next what is this materialism of which Archbishop Vaughan speaks so glibly and so dogmatically. The subject has grown, as our readers will note, upon our hands, but such is not our fault, but the fault of the hasty and unsound inductions of, no doubt an honest, but mistaken and irate controversialist.

## THE DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LIFE.

That life is full of disappointments we all of us are well aware. Indeed, if there is one word more than another inscribed on all the edifices of man it is this—disappointment. Our hopes are falsified, our dreams fade away, realization is not anticipation, plans fail, bright visions change into darkness, and too often the joyous hours of youth are clouded over by the sterner experiences of manhood, by the sadder sensibilities of old age. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this world's hopes, and promises, and pursuits, and gifts, is the character of disappointment which clings to them from first to last, never leaves them nor forsakes them, and speaks with full-voiced, if solemn pathos, alike to the inexperienced as well as the experienced, the young as well as the old, the prosperous as well as the unfortunate, the grave as well as the gay. Go where we will, do what we may, whatever, in fact, may be the labour of our hands or of our minds, disappointment lurks, as it were, like a worm beneath the luxuriant foliage, within the grateful fruit, tainting, cankering, destroying all. No station in life, no rank, no calling, no wealth, no power, is exempt from disappointment's chilling grasp, and amidst our highest happiness or greatest success, disappointment confronts us all on the way, often marring noblest plans, breaking fondest hearts, and throwing its gloomy shade over the exulting trust of youth, the calm assurance of maturity, the serene imbecility of old age. Sad often it is as life passes on, and time and we both grow old, to note how disappointment ever interferes with our gentlest aspirations, or turns into nothingness our most faithful strivings. No life is exempt from its withering influence, no lot is free from its deadening powers, from first to last, from our cradles to our graves, we still are doomed to disappointment. The happiness we strive for eludes our grasp, the blessings we enjoy perish with the using, the hopes we entertain come to nothing, the affections we cherish are blighted in the bud, and day by day, and hour by hour, the experience of the past is the experience of the present, "*vanity of vanities, all is vanity*." The houses we build, the homes



we make, the ends we seek, the children we train, the countless sympathies, affections, longings, efforts of our own imperfect nature, all fail us and all fade from us, in some sad hour of earthly trial, and disappointment leaves us often nothing behind but the sad dull decay of morbid suffering years, the wreck of earthly happiness, the crumbling array of our own poor little castle in the air, which we have taken such pains to raise, which to-day is, and to-morrow is not, the hopeless sense of an unfillable void. If we look beneath the surface of things, and note the inner currents of human struggles, we shall find that disappointment is the ceaseless condition of humanity, inseparably attendant on everything of earth, and intended, no doubt in the good providence of God, as a wholesome medicine, a needful corrective, to warn us, control us, restrain us, to lift up our hearts and minds, amid passing and temporal things, to those which are enduring, nay eternal. We have been led into these reflections by the sad intelligence, officially reported in another page, of the death of Lillian Mary Nelson, one of the most promising girls in our noble Institution, and daughter of our late lamented and most zealous Bro. R. R. Nelson, P.G.S. for West Yorkshire. To all Freemasons the premature demise of this young and intelligent pupil will be a subject of deep fraternal regret, but to those of us who knew Bro. R. R. Nelson in the flesh, and appreciated his energy, and shared in his work, the matter will appeal most forcibly and warmly to our hearts as well as to our memories. For we shall recall at once his many years of earnest labour for the Charities, first under our lamented Bro. Dr. Fearnley, and then under our esteemed Bro. Bentley Shaw, in the happier days of Lord Ripon's constitutional rule, and we shall feel deeply for the twice afflicted widow, and truly condole with her, on her irreparable bereavement. It is always saddening to the human mind to realize the passing away of early promise, bright hopes, high excellences, abounding graces; and there are none of us who will not mourn to hear to-day of a happy career thus sadly closed, and of those disappointed hopes, those natural expectations which have ended in time, but not, we will believe, in eternity, both for that widowed mother and that mourning family. The best wishes and hopes of the Craft go with them all.

#### A BIT OF NEWS.

The *Westminster Gazette*, that respectable Roman Catholic paper, is just now greatly moved internally. From "Roma la Santa" comes to that well-informed journal, from its special and accurate correspondent, the startling and ill-timed bit of news that Prince Humbert has received Prince Louis Napoleon into Freemasonry. Thereupon the *Westminster Gazette* waxes virtuously indignant at such a very improper proceeding, and proceeds to point out how very ticklish is the position in which the Empress Eugénie and her son stand in respect of the Sovereign Pontiff, and how displeased he is with their sayings and doings at home, their visits to the Quirinale, their friendly relation above all with the Italian Royal family. Will the editor of the *Westminster Gazette* allow excommunicated Freemasons to tender to him a humble morsel of advice? Will he kindly permit us to suggest that he had far better leave the Empress Eugénie and her son alone? They have both earned for themselves the good will and kindly regards of our English people, and we venture to deem it a great act of impertinence on anybody's part to spy into their movements, either with the hateful malevolence of party, or the baneful slander of cackling geese. Curiously enough, as Freemasons, we do not believe the story. In the first place we are not aware that Prince Humbert is a Freemason, and secondly, we are ignorant of any authority given to him to admit Prince Louis Napoleon into Freemasonry. Had the ceremony been performed, the Grand Lodge of Rome would probably have something to do with it, and our esteemed Bro. J. C. Parkinson would have informed us of it also, and, with his usual kindness towards us, have sent us an account of it. We fancy that the story is a pretty little Roman Catholic Canard, concocted in London, and put forth in that amiable frame of mind by which Roman Catholics just now

seem animated towards Freemasons and Freemasonry everywhere. Anything, however foolish or grotesque, however ludicrous or unlikely, as regards Freemasons, is sufficient to frighten the Ultramontanes into hysterics, and we believe that in their present state of nervousness and agitation, clearly approximating to "delicious trimmings," they will credit anything of our innocent and peaceful fraternity. Happy for us it is that "hard words butter no parsnips and break no bones," otherwise, who can say what the consequences would be to our Masonic Confraternity, in our hours of work, or our moments of refreshment? Luckily for us, there is a limit for abuse, a turning point for slander, and we can only trust that our dear Ultramontane friends and brethren will speedily reach the one and the other. As it is we wish them kindlier sentiments, more reasonable theories, and above all, a more polite and Christian vocabulary.

#### WHAT HAPPENED AT MARPINGEN?

Can any brother tell us? The *Univers*, the well-known Parisian Ultramontane paper, states, it seems, in its issue of the 27th December, 1876, that the entire affairs of Marpingen have turned, to the greatest confusion of the Prussian police, and of the entire Masonic press of the world, "que toute l'affaire de Marpingen a tourné à la plus grande confusion de la police Prussienne et de la presse Maçonnique du monde entier." Bro. Hubert, the editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, declares himself "bien curieux" to know to what affair these words relate, as he sees most Masonic papers, and he has never heard of Marpingen. We can only re-echo Bro. Hubert's words. We see weekly, daily, Masonic papers from almost every country, and in almost every European language, and we have never heard of Marpingen. So perhaps some "bright Mason" will kindly enlighten us; though after all the old adage may be true, "where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise."

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE MASONRY IN SCOTLAND?

##### SEC. I.—GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

PREFATORY.—The first thing for Grand Lodge of Scotland to do in the case before us is "to consolidate its debt," and to devise means for paying off the same within a certain time.

The next is to arrange a workable system, whereby the estimated annual expenditure and receipts can be made to balance, and at the same time pay interest of consolidated debt, and form a sinking fund for the redemption of the same.

When I first looked into this subject I was in great hopes that by a few good measures properly brought forward in Grand Lodge our object might be accomplished, but in going deeper into the matter I found that a partial re-construction at least of Grand Lodge was necessary—that isolated motions would be of little avail—that, in fact, suggestions would be required from the Craft at large, and the whole matter brought before a few good and earnest brethren to be developed into shape.

Why, then, you may say, do I not bring my measures and proposals before Grand Committee? I will give you three reasons. 1st. Grand Committee has enough to do at the present time in arranging the financial and other arrears, and in carrying on the regular work; 2ndly. Members of Grand Committee (as well as executive officers of Grand Lodge) may be required to give evidence, may in fact be on their trial; 3rdly. Because in all cases of like import, and where many points have to be considered appertaining to one subject, or one branch of subjects, we have the precedent of our National Legislature, which appoints "Royal Commissions," "with full powers," to enquire into every detail of the subject in hand, and "to report thereon."

For these reasons, then, I think, in our present condition Grand Lodge should appoint a "Special Committee."

The present average sum per annum paid as interest by Grand Lodge of Scotland is about £700; the interest on £14,000 at 4 per cent. is £560. These few figures speak for themselves.

The incubus, then, that weighs us down, that impedes the action of every executive officer we have had or ever may have, is the Grand Lodge debt and floating balances; till this can be arranged little can be done.

I would propose then to meet this, "that all outstanding balances against Grand Lodge be consolidated into one Debenture Stock (held amongst ourselves, viz., the

Masons of Scotland), issued in bonds of £5 or £10 at par, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, to be redeemable yearly or half-yearly from the sinking fund."

There should be no difficulty in this, if brethren who have money would consider the matter in its proper light. Four per cent. is a good interest, "even at the present time, if properly and safely secured," so that it would be in the power of any brother who had £5 or £10 to invest, to do good to the Craft, and yet be at no loss himself; Grand Lodge now borrows its loans at 4 per cent., 5 per cent., and the existing bank rate of interest. If the loans are consolidated into one at 4 per cent., Grand Lodge would be immeasurably the gainer.

TABLE I.—ACCORDING TO PRESENT SYSTEM.  
Table of Receipts per Annum as it should be without Deducting Arrears.

##### SEC. I.—Annual Payments:

Certificates of 458 Lodges at 5s. each	
Annual Subscription of 450 R.W.M.'s or their Proxies at 5s. each	£458
Annual Subscription 916 Warden's, or their Proxies at 5s. each*	
Liquidation Fund 458 Lodges, at £1 each per annum	£458
	£916
Annual Rent of Shops and other properties in George-street	about 480
Total fixed charges	£1396

##### SEC. II. Variable Incomes:

† Intrans, say 4000 at 4s. 6d.	£900
Diplomas, say 4000 at 5s.	1000
Charities and Prov.G.M.'s Commissions at £10 10s. each, say	105
Rents of Masonic Lodges and other bodies, say...	80
Rents for Grand Hall	150
Miscellaneous receipts, say	50
	£2285
Brought forward Sec. I fixed charges	1396
	£3681

This measure would seem feasible and easily arranged by one motion, but we have to consider the securities, and while assuring this interest, and securing it upon certain proceeds of Grand Lodge, we have to provide also for a sufficiency to maintain our current receipts and cover expenditure, leaving, if possible, a margin in each case, 1st. for the sinking fund for debt, and and, for arrears in general receipts: this leads us then to consider the question of "Reconstruction or re-arrangement of Grand Lodge."

The income of Grand Lodge is derived from various sources, some permanent and annual fixed charges, some variable. 1st. The fixed charges are the annual certificates from every daughter lodge, the annual dues of the representative members of G.L., being the R.W.M.'s, and their Wardens or their respective Proxy Masters and Wardens, the annual sum of £1 chargeable on every daughter lodge towards liquidation of debt, fixed by G.L. three or four years ago, and the rent of the shops and other properties let on lease.

2nd. The variable charges are, intrans' fees, diplomas, charters to daughter lodges, Provincial Grand Masters' commissions, rents payable by Masonic lodges, &c., for holding meetings within Grand Lodge precincts, rents for large Masonic Hall, and miscellaneous receipts.

There are 458 working lodges on the books of Grand Lodge, therefore the annual payment by each lodge, either in itself, its representatives, or proxies, should be £2 each, or a total of £916 per annum. The table above shows what should be the sum of the fixed charges and proper number of members of Grand Lodge under the existing system, but unfortunately the arrears are very great: the last published Grand Lodge Reporter is of November, 1873. I can get no information beyond that period, so must base my figures on previous statements of accounts, but making all reasonable allowance for arrears under this head, a fair sum should be realized if the Constitutions be strictly enforced, but the arrears are vastly in excess of all that could be imagined. Under the head of Liquidation Fund, I am informed there is a deficiency of £1500; again, on referring to the various Reporters in my possession, I find that the average number of subscribing members of Grand Lodge, out of a total of 1374, is considerably under 500: space will not permit me to quote chapters and sections of Constitutions by which these deficiencies could be made good, suffice it for me to say, "that unless Grand Lodge duly enforces its rules, and the brethren and lodges at large respond to the call, no system can be devised to place Grand Lodge on a proper basis; it can only go on from bad to worse."

Let us now consider the 2nd class, or variable income of Grand Lodge. The intrans and diplomas can be considered together, at present the number is pretty high in proportion, and is the mainstay of the general income; but here again I must warn the brethren, that though Masonry is now "fashionable," and sought after, "we cannot depend on increasing prosperity in the same ratio." I would in this case have given a lower average to work upon, but here

\* Giving thus a membership to Grand Lodge of 1374.

† Intrans are here charged 4s. 6d. for enrollment, but I have not included in this table 1s. per head that goes to the Fund of Benevolence, thus making up total enrollment fee 5s. 6d. (see Constitutions).

Total income "due" 1st. .... £3681

Deduct for liquidation fund, ..... 1458

Balance for general uses, ..... £2223



again I must remind our country R.W.M.'s and Secretaries "that the annual return of intrants is very incomplete," so that if due care is taken "to make full returns" and payments to Grand Lodge the numbers of intrants and diplomas, may for long keep up the average: here is another opportunity for making up arrears and helping Grand Lodge in the future.

Charters and Prov. G. Masters' commissions must ever be variable; the same may be said of rents of Masonic lodges, &c., and rents of Grand Hall (save that in this latter case I think I have under-estimated its true value. Miscellaneous receipts speak for themselves. According to Chap. 20, Sec. xxiv., fees for diplomas (minus actual cost of same) and the dues to the liquidation fund are to be set aside to extinguish the debt. [This is taking a large sum—no less than £1458, "if all dues are paid up," but after deducting under this head arrears of liquidation fund and cost of diplomas, this is materially decreased. Again, the Grand Lodge current account is greatly reduced by arrears, &c., as well as increasing expenditure.

Grand Lodge, then, must be strengthened in purse, and while so doing we should strengthen it in deliberative power, and knowledge of the working of the Craft. All Grand Officers who have served their time of office should be qualified thereby to remain members of Grand Lodge so long as they contribute their test fee of membership, viz., 5s. per annum, and are subscribing members of a daughter lodge, and be entitled to all precedence of their past rank, wearing a distinguishing mark on their aprons in lieu of the collar and jewel of office, "which is movable."

This same to apply to Provincial Grand Lodges in their respective districts.

Again, all Masters of lodges "who have served their appointed time in the chair" should, so long as they continue subscribing members of a lodge holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland, be entitled to be kept on the roll of Grand Lodge as "Past Masters," and be entitled to vote and speak therein, and in their several Provincial Grand Lodges, so long as they pay Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge dues.

Both Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge would thus be greatly improved.

Again, I would urge as to Proxy M.'s and Wardens, that they "should be duly qualified" before they can be admitted to Grand Lodge, viz., "that they should be subscribing members of a lodge holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and have been installed in and served (at least) the office of Warden for the appointed time.

It should be made compulsory that every lodge holding of G.L. of Scotland should have an annual subscription from its members, however small that subscription might be. The table of dues to Grand Lodge, Prov. Grand Lodge, &c., as regards intrants, &c., should be revised. (vide next article).

These are matters immediately relating to G.L., and here I shall stop at present, keeping over to my next communication, the questions of "Amended tables of receipts, &c., Fund of Benevolence, Provincial Grand Lodges, and daughter lodges, as well as a more extended view of the question as to Proxies and Past Masters.

Copy of Motion proposed by Bro. G. R. Harriott, P.G.M. Wigton and Kirkcudbright; seconded by Bro. Adam Thomson, S.P.G.M. Peebles and Selkirk; moved before Grand of Scotland Nov., 1876, to be brought up Feb. 1877.

That a "Special Committee" be appointed to consider the two following points in all their bearings:—

1st. The state of the funded debt and "floating balance," amounting to £13,188 4s. 2d., and other items as per Reporter for 1873 "the last published."

2nd. The increasing excess of expenditure per annum over receipts.

Said "Special Committee" to be empowered, 1st to summon witnesses, and collect all evidence as may seem necessary to it; 2nd. To consider the question of the general financial system of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to suggest any improvements thereon which may seem to them to tend to ameliorate the present state of affairs and place Grand Lodge on a "sound financial basis." 3rd. That it be empowered to call accountants and other professional advisers, "when and wherever required," and that it be empowered to demand production of all books, accounts, vouchers, &c., from the executive officers, Grand Committee, or the daughter lodges.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must thank "A.T." for replying to my queries, though his No. 5 does not in any way meet my difficulty, and 4 is needlessly uncourteous.

He seems to imagine that when he has quoted the Constitutions he has settled the matter beyond dispute. And this, perhaps, is true, for that large class of brethren who have neither time nor inclination for inquiry into the reasons of things. To others, however, the mere fact of a particular statement being printed in that august volume is not by any means a conclusive argument or convincing proof that it must therefore of necessity be right, but only a reason for regarding it with respectful consideration, since Grand Lodge is not infallible, and its exponents or publishers may make mistakes like any one else, by way of either omission, commission, or transposition. Of the first of these we have a signal example in Section 9 of "Masters and Wardens," as "A.T." himself acknowledges, and of the last, I believe we have an equally striking instance in his Regalia quotation, where the words, "Horizontal" and "Perpendicular" are misplaced.

My reason for saying so is this. "Masonry is a beautiful system, illustrated by symbols," which hide its mysteries from the outside world, but reveal them to the initiated Craftsman. Unless, therefore, the symbols employed are

of such a significant character as to "illustrate," i.e., elucidate or throw light upon the office, degree, or secret to which they are attached, they not only fail to serve their intended purpose, but become ridiculous in themselves, and the cause of ridicule to those who use them.

Now, the true "Apron Symbol" of a W.M. is undoubtedly the Greek TAU, as representing the cross-handled staff of Patriarch Jacob, the hammer of Saxon Thor, and the gavel of King Solomon, which is the "Master's implement and emblem of power," and I still desire to know why the regulations turn it upside down, so as to convert it into a Level, which, as applied to the W.M., is both meaningless and misleading, inasmuch as it does not "illustrate" his official character and distinctive magisterial duties, but sends him back, as it were, to the S.W., from which he has just emerged.

Perhaps some brother, older and wiser than "A.T.," will be kind enough to tell what he knows about this matter, and also about the date and origin of the ritual of the Board of Installed Masters.

W.M. C.N.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A.T." in his answer to "W.M. C.N., No. 4," quotes from the Constitutions on regalia.

Permit me to call the attention of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Directors of Ceremonies, to the remainder of the Constitution from which "A.T." made his quotation (pp. 125-6, ed. 1873):—"The length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a-half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one each; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold."

In all lodges I have visited this Constitution is more or less violated, and emblems of white metal, plate, or silver, substituted. I think this very general violation arises from a misconception of a previous Constitution on aprons—p. 124—headed "Master Masons," in which occurs the following passage:—"No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron."

The emblem of the W.M.'s office is the Sq.; that of the P.M., the Sq. and 47th prop. 1st Bk. Euclid; S.W., Level; J.W., Plumb; Treas., Key; Sec., Cross Pens; Deacons, Dove; I.G., Cross Swords; Tyler, Sword. And these emblems, typical of office, may be worn by officers and past officers of lodges in the centre of the apron, in the same manner as by Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

There seems no authority whatever for W.M.'s and P.M.'s to wear other than blue levels on their aprons. If there be any authority, I have failed to trace it in the Constitutions.

I am, yours fraternally,

P.P.M.

#### THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of your readers you must excuse me if the interest which I take in your paper and in the cause of Freemasonry prompts me to make some remarks on a meeting of the Polish National Lodge, reported in your number of the 13th inst.

I happened to be a visitor on that occasion, and I must say that seldom if ever was I more agreeably and more pleasantly surprised than I was by the proceedings of that night, both on account of the truly harmonious and brotherly tone that pervaded the atmosphere, as well as by the loftiness of character that elevated and braced the too often stale and commonplace gatherings of the every day performances of this kind. Bro. Rath, the W.M., with a freshness of aim and a thoroughness of purpose, gave us one of those mental feasts ever memorable to those who, like myself, were privileged to partake in it.

I am sure you must feel with me the distressing shallowness and unthinking meaninglessness with which all the best and purest principles and incidents of our Order are too often treated by those whose ennobling office it ought to be, to raise the spirit of the mass of the followers of our standard to something that should be worthy of the grand cause which we uphold, and which ought to be of a nature to shew good cause why we should not be considered merely as "fruges consumere nati." Then, if I begin my letter to you by such a wailing over the degeneracy of the age, it is not because I think that there are not many amongst us who are really worthy of the high trust reposed in them to be the standard-bearers of humanity, or because I thought that your valuable paper, as the organ of such a great brotherhood like ours, does not do its very best to guide the fraternity in the true path of the spirit of our ancient landmarks, but because I think that our best endeavours should certainly always be directed to raise up the sluggish, half-thinking, and half-eating members amongst us to that perfection which is the only "raison d'être" of our society.

Certainly I must say that the brother who took upon himself the responsibility of reporting on the proceedings of the Polish National Lodge of the evening in question cannot possibly have been aware of the gravity of the duties the execution of which he so lightly undertook.

If you had been, like myself, present at that memorable meeting you must have been discouraged in reading the senseless and distorted heap of illogical, unconnected, and thoroughly ungrammatical word-whirlwind, to say nothing of the sad fate that befel the Queen's English—wholly disfigured such a large space of your paper.

I can make every allowance for you, whose manifold duties will not always permit of every communication being thoroughly sifted, particularly when it comes, as it often does, from influential brothers, who are supposed to

know what they assume in bringing matters of this kind before the public. But not being able to address myself to any one but the responsible Editor, I am in that position that what I have to say I must submit to you.

Nothing helps truth better than truth, and, acting on this ever true principle, I trust that you will accept my communication in the spirit in which it is tendered.

Publicity is a well known "nostrum" for all errors, and if you will take my well-meant criticism in that sense you will once more convince me, as I always was, of your love of truth and progress and of your impartiality.

I enclose my card, and remain, Sir and Brother, yours very obediently,

A VISITOR.

[We do not understand to what "A Visitor" refers.—Ed.]

#### BRO. MAJOR BURGESS.

[We have been requested by Bro. Major Burgess to publish the following correspondence; we have done so, suppressing one or two passages which appear to us personal. We express no further opinion on the matter, but think it right to find space for a complaint on the part of a brother, if couched in proper terms.—Ed.]

Office of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters,

2, Red Lion Square,

12th January, 1877.

Sir and Brother,—

Your letter under date and Dec., 1876, addressed "To the Secretary of the Mark Master Masons, London," was read at a meeting of the General Board of this Grand Lodge yesterday, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That the General Board is unable to entertain, or to recommend Grand Lodge to entertain, the communication from Major Burgess, dated and Dec., 1876, the same not being couched in 'proper and respectful language,' as required by Clause 96 of the Book of Constitutions."

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed) FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,

G.S.

16th January, 1877.

Sir,—

I have received your letter of the 12th instant.

In reply I desire that you will inform the General Board of the Mark Master Masons that they cannot expect from other people obedience to the clauses of the Book of Constitutions until they themselves set an example of such obedience. By expelling me they have distinctly freed me from all obedience to those Constitutions; and until they cancel the expulsion which in June, 1875, they caused to be passed against me, in defiance of Clause 13 of the Constitutions ("No brother shall be expelled until he shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced"), they leave me free to express, how and when I please, an opinion of their conduct.

I am, your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHAS. J. BURGESS.

The Secretary of  
the Mark Master Masons, London.

#### DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter of "One of the Stewards" in your last week's issue, upon matters relating to the above, I find you did not accord to him a reply—so usual to your customary courtesy—but possibly you were at a loss to quite understand the drift of his question, and I confess I don't clearly see it, unless it is that he, with others, are told off in turns to perform a menial office by a private rule of the lodge, at which it appears our worthy brother has very naturally, and I think excusably, taken umbrage, for it must be evident to the Craft generally that such a custom—which, by the way, I will venture to think is quite an exception—is a lowering of self-respect, not to say derogatory to a Masonic body. No brother, I feel sure, would object voluntarily to render his personal assistance at tea or banquet table, providing it was a necessity, but to be told off for it as a "duty," to assist in conjunction with the waiters of the establishment, and to partake of the after dinner-viands, amounts, I think, to plebeianism, and a blow to Masonic dignity. And for a brother to make "an ill-natured public remark" completes the picture. I trust our brother will feel it due to withdraw the remark that "One of the Stewards" complains of, and thus show that he has not an entire disregard of Masonic feeling, if he has of its obligations.

It is evidently not a part of a brother's duty to perform the menial office complained of. The latter part of our brother's letter was to the point, and in accordance, I believe, with the custom of the Craft generally.

Yours fraternally,

EXCELSIOR.

#### THE ECLECTIC LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been most pleased to read the account of the installation of Bro. E. J. Harty as W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, and especially because it is a lodge in which I take a special interest. Not because our good friend and Worshipful Bro. Fenn could only procure a glass of water on its constitution, though as a life-long total abstainer I might be excused if such had been the case, but in consequence of my believing its basis is a truly sound and Masonic one.

I presume that the only departure inaugurated by Bro. Harty is the provision for Masonic banquets, and so far as I can see there was no regulation against such under the old regime, so long as the cost thereof did not fall upon



the ordinary funds of the lodge. I think the members of a lodge have a perfect right to do as they think proper with their funds, within certain bounds, but unless banquets are provided for by additional or separate subscriptions, (either exclusive or inclusive as to the usual annual payments), I consider it most unmasonic to use the funds for such purposes. To make my meaning plain it is as follows. If the lodge members subscribe only about a pound annually to meet the current incidental expenses, clearly there are no funds for banqueting purposes, and those who partake should pay. If, however, sufficient additional payments are made for that object, no one has a right to complain. Now many lodges with such a small annual payment have refreshments at every lodge meeting at the expense of the lodge funds, and the consequence is that, unless new members are being made frequently, the financial state is bad, and to provide the means for the feasts the tempting offers of candidates' fees are necessarily often considered before the "moral qualifications." No. 1201, I think, provides for this in a most satisfactory manner. The law virtually says, "Have what you like, brethren, but pay—nothing from the ordinary funds, remember!" Law 1 is as follows: "No part of the moneys received by this lodge can or shall be used or spent in any other manner than the requirements of the lodge, the Order, or charity may permit, and shall not be appropriated for tavern expenses or refreshments in any form; and that this law is irrevocable so long as the charter of said lodge exists and is in force."

I presume that this peculiarity of the lodge is still its distinguishing feature, and to make sure I fraternally invite the respected W.M. to state in the columns of the *Freemason* whether my belief is a correct one or not.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN,  
P.G.D.

Truro, 22nd January, 1877.

#### DEDICATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 492, ANTIGUA.

On Friday afternoon, the 1st ult., the good citizens witnessed a scene which but one generation out of ten might ever hope to witness. At half-past four the brethren of the above lodge met by appointment at the old premises on the Parade, preliminary to the consecration and dedication of their New Temple in Nevis-street.

By five o'clock fifty-three Masons of attained and unattached brethren were assembled in the full regalia of Craft Masonry. The lodge then opened up to the Third Degree, and the W.M. having formally announced the object of the gathering, the brethren, under the direction of Bro. Este, D. of C., formed outside, and moved in Masonic procession up Long-street, through Market-street, down Nevis-street, and in due order entered the building that was ready for consecration and dedication.

Besides the charter and the rest of the paraphernalia of Masonry, carried along, the S.W., J.W., and P.S.W. bore respectively three silver vessels with corn, wine, and oil.

There were numerous spectators from the windows and balconies enjoying the scene; and all along the procession there was the usual crowd—but it was to their credit that nothing on their part transpired to mar the occasion; and the charity of Masonry is sufficiently expansive to excuse the rude eagerness of the sight-loving rabble.

The brethren moved on without the usual noise of file and drum. The quietness and solemnity of the procession was quite in keeping with the mission on which they were bent—the solemn consecration and dedication of their Temple.

And here we beg our readers to pardon the few remarks which we are constrained to make on the subject of Masonry. We deem this a fit opportunity for an attempt at dispelling the illusions which the outer world have of Masonry. Masonry is a society extended over the world; and to those who scoff at its claims to antiquity, let its universality be sufficient presumptive evidence of it. The principles of Masonry are the same wherever professed; its origin must therefore be one and the same. This necessity carries us back, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, to a period when the various branches of the human race had not yet branched off from the centre, but were in close union with each other. Or if that position be untenable, we fall back on this other, that the principles of Masonry were diffused by the Phœnician merchants, whose traffic extended in the remotest antiquity over the whole world, before the learning and refinement of Greece, or the might of Rome, was heard of; or that they were propagated by those Jews who formed a portion of the retinue of Alexander the Great in his career of conquests extending from the Ægean Sea to the Indian Ocean, and from the Granicus to the Indus.

But whatever the antiquity of Masonry, it must be conceded that as a society it must have something to distinguish it from other societies; something to serve as a mark by which the members might discover each other wherever they meet, and as a link to weld the scattered units of the society into one homogeneous whole; and the link that does this is the landmarks, which it follows, as a matter of course, must be known only by Masons. But because those landmarks are jealously guarded by all faithful Masons, and are emphatically the mysteries of the Craft, the outside world puts the worst construction on them, and associates them with diablerie and impiety. But this is the fate of everything mysterious; and the brethren must console themselves with that reflection.

Yet if the outer world would suspend judgment on what is unknown to them, and observe the visible manifestations of Masonry—its works of charity and benevolence—they would conclude that a society with that sublime virtue as its practical feature is incapable of nursing within its

bosom anything subversive of morality or religion. Far from being so, Masonry is the essence of all religion; its mission is—"To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and keep himself unspotted from the world." Hence speaking as a P.M. of the Craft, I have always considered that Masonry has this in its favour, whatever else might be said against it, that it most nearly approaches practical Christianity in theory and spirit. It has the Supreme Being for the object of its worship, mankind without distinction of class, clime, or colour for its subjects, and the universe for its temple. It places all men on the same platform of fraternity and equality, and thus eclipses fashionable and conventional Christianity. For while this seldom surmounts the prejudices of class or race, and, like the Jews, has "no dealings with the Samaritans," that, swayed by the fact that God has made all men of one blood to dwell on the face of the earth, eagerly rushes with Christ-like spirit to give the right hand of fellowship to every brother, whatever his race or station, and solemnly pledged to works of virtue and benevolence is equally pledged to keep itself free from the debilitating effects of immorality. That all Masons are not true to their colours is as little a fault of Masonry as the inconsistencies of professing Christians are the faults of Christianity.

To return to our subject. The new lodge is a three-storeyed building. The entrance is on the second storey by a stone platform at the north door with two flights of steps, east and west respectively. The upper storey is reached by a winding gallery at the south-west corner of the building. Ascending this gallery the brethren arrived on a landing, commanding a fine view of the south. To the east of this landing is an ante-room, which the Building Committee designed the Master's room. Opening before them on the north is the most magnificent hall, the upper storey of the Court-house excepted, in the city. To consecrate and dedicate this hall was the business of the evening.

It is rectangular, and is 35 feet by 29, with a tiny piazza looking towards the rising sun. It is spacious, in thorough repair, nicely ceiled, painted and decorated with the usual Masonic furniture and symbols. The yellow venetian blinds increase its charms within and add to its appearance without. In the centre the ceiling has a fine gilt design by Bro. Thibou, with engravings of some of the tools of the Craft.

Writing as one who, *quorum pars fui*, I still experience the feeling of pride and delight which possessed me, standing with the brethren in their own neat, beautiful, and spacious temple. The spirit which pervaded us all brought to my mind the feeling of the beautiful and sublime which makes poets adorn the fountain, grove, mountain, and sea; on the one hand and on the other minstrelsy, painting, sculpture, and poetry, each with its presiding nymph, muse, or genius. I felt as if some genius was scattering its favours around. Call it if you like, "the Genius of Masonry," as I would have done if asked to define it. But there cannot be the least doubt that it was the tout ensemble of architectural success in the planning, and artistic skill in the furnishing and decorating of the temple, together with the splendid appearance which the brethren presented, calling up to my mind one of those august assemblies of knights that met in the days of yore in their temple at Rhodes or Malta in the interests of Masonry and humanity.

Another interesting feature in the picture was the soft and mellow radiance of moon—or twilight—which the three lesser lights diffused around.

Such then is the temple, the condition in which the brethren found it, and such the feeling that animated all.

While the rest were taking their seats Bros. Halliday and Nibbs, who respectively bore the Charter and Constitutions, proceeded to the centre and there deposited them, while Bros. S.W., J.W., and P.S.W., deposited towards the rising sun the three silver cups with corn, oil, and wine respectively.

Bro. Athill then addressed the W.M., informing him that it was the desire of the brethren that the building should be consecrated and dedicated. Bro. Chaplain then read the scripture for the occasion. The brethren next sung an ode, accompanied by the harmonium, praying for the blessing and protection of the G.A.O.T.U., and other ceremonies were gone through, after the Chaplain delivered an excellent speech on Masonry, embracing, its claims, its principles and its antiquity. A procession round the centre, by the office-bearing brethren, led by the W.M. and Chaplain, then went through the ceremony, sprinkling with corn, wine, and oil, accompanied with music. An ode then followed, and this closed the consecration and dedication. The brethren then retired to refreshment downstairs.

In the course of several speeches we gathered the following facts concerning the origin of the temple. Some time ago the late Bro. Mann, W.M. had occasion to refer to the finances of the lodge, and stated that up to then the brethren had paid £500 for rent, and that to divert such a large amount from works of charity was not carrying out the principles of Masonry. That though the times were difficult and it was rather late in the day to think of getting their own lodge, this scheme should be entertained, if for no other object, for that of preventing so large an expenditure for rent. Bro. Higham then took the matter in hand, and by his own efforts raised £100 as the nucleus of a building fund. By means of a bazaar and concert the brethren soon raised it to £200, and in this manner they soon felt themselves strong enough to negotiate with the attorney of the present premises about its purchase. The negotiation was successful. As soon as the place was purchased the repairs were undertaken under the kind direction of Mr. J. Mathew and the Building Committee. As a result of it all, the brethren now possess a substantial, commodious, and elegant temple, second to none, we are told, in the West Indies. May they all long

remain to occupy it, and when their last trial approaches, may they be cheered by the prospect of leaving an earthly temple for one not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.—*Antigua Journal*.

#### LAMARTINE ON FREEMASONRY.

The Freemasons of Macon, M. De Lamartine's native town, presented him with a list of subscriptions to relieve him from encumbrances. The illustrious poet and statesman thanked them in the following letter, which will be held precious by every Mason in the wide world: "I have the honour to return you the list (so honourable both to you and to me) of subscribers from French and foreign Masonic Lodges. Pray assure all your Brothers of my gratitude. I do not speak the language, and am unacquainted with the rites of your fraternal institution, but through you I know its heart and its works. I see not only in the secrets of the Lodges a veil of modesty thrown upon truth and charity, to heighten their beauty in the eyes of God and man. But for this modesty you would not conceal from men the secret which your actions reveal. You are, in my opinion, the greatest eclectics of the modern world. You cull from all time, all countries, all systems, all philosophies, the evident, eternal and immutable principles of universal morality, and you blend them into an infallible and unanimously accepted dogma of fraternity. You reject everything that divides minds, and profess everything that unites hearts, you are the manufacturers of concord. With your trowels you spread the cement of virtue about the foundation of society. Your symbols are but figures. If I am not mistaken in the interpretation of your dogmas the curtain of your mysteries might be drawn without the fear of revealing anything but services rendered to humanity. The tribute of esteem and sympathy which the Masonic Lodges of France and foreign countries have been kind enough to send to me through you gives me a right of confraternity with them. I did not require this right to esteem them; but this honorary conformity now entitles me to love them as Brothers. Receive and convey to your honorable correspondents of all countries the assurance of my gratitude and respectful consideration."

#### CAPITULAR MASONRY IN CANADA.

On the 12th ult., in the Royal Albert Chapter Rooms, Montreal, a duly assembled convention of representative Royal Arch Masons harmoniously united in forming a Supreme Royal Arch Chapter for the province of Quebec. This important action was taken with the hearty fraternal concurrence of the Grand Chapter of Canada, whose exclusive jurisdiction will hereafter be over the flourishing province of Ontario. The following are the first principal officers of the newly organised Grand Chapter of Quebec: John H. Graham, LL.D., &c., Richmond, Most Excellent First Principal, Z.; George H. Borlase, Q.C., Montreal, Right Excellent Second Principal, H.; James Dunbar, Q.C., Quebec, Right Excellent Third Principal, J.; R.E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Supt. Montreal District; R.E. Comp. Christopher Stavelay, Quebec District; R.E. Comp. H. W. Wood, M.D., E. T. District; R.E. Comp. T. J. McMin, Montreal, Scribe E.; R.E. Comp. John McLean, Scribe N.; R.E. Comp. Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Grand Treas.; R.E. Comp. C. W. Woodford, Grand Reg.; R.E. Comp. James Gibson, G. Principal Sojourner, The Montreal companions manifested a most commendable interest in this new movement. The Grand Chapter of Quebec has been inaugurated under most favourable auspices.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President, occupied the President's chair, and Bro. J. M. Case, G.D., that of Junior Vice President. There were also present, Bros. S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, Thos. Cubitt, S. G. Foxall, Joseph Smith, W. Smith, W. H. Myers, H. Bartlett, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. Garrod, Benj. Head, R. H. Marsh, H. Muggenridge, Griffiths Smith, William Stevens, Herbert Dicketts, John Constable, W. T. Howe, Æ. J. McIntyre, W. J. Marlis, F. Binckes, H. Massey, (Freemason), W. R. Marsh, W. Mann, T. W. Allen, P.M. 733, Ireland, K. Bergmann, Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. B. Heath, P.G.W. Herts; Thos. Moring, T. W. Whitmarsh, John Denton, John Green, John Dyte, James Newell, Richard Shander, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, W. Dodd, W. Lecker, John Herman, Charles B. Bennett, Thomas Butt, George Allen, Frederick B. Pownhall, and C. P. Cobham.

Grants of £180 made at last Lodge of Benevolence were confirmed.

The brethren then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were 31 on the list. Three cases were deferred, and one case was dismissed. The remaining cases were relieved with a total sum of £628, which was made up of the following items: one of £200, one £50, one £40, one £25, eight £20, three £15, ten £10, one £5, and one £3.

After sitting three hours and a half, the brethren closed the lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin, an alternative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommencing the most feeble. When from frequent chills or impure air, the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pain and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—*Advt.*



# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death, on the 3rd inst., of Lillian Mary, third daughter of the late Bro. R. R. Nelson, who was for thirteen years Prov. G. Sec. of West Yorkshire, and held in the highest esteem throughout the whole of that province. The Prov. G. Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Leeds on the 10th inst., in referring to her demise, said he could not allow that opportunity to pass of informing the brethren of the high estimation in which Miss Nelson was held by her fellow pupils, and of the great affection felt for her by them. Sir Henry also stated that on the occasion when he recently presided at the Girls' School Festival, when the prizes were distributed, the pupils awarded her the best beloved prize, and mentioned the many other prizes she had won for her great ability. Miss Nelson won the highest honours in, and was the pride of the school, as well as the delight of the brethren of the province of West Yorkshire.

Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, will work the Fifteen Sections in that lodge this (Saturday) evening, at 7. The lodge meets at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET BOOK is of course almost indispensable for every Freemason who wishes to keep himself properly posted up in the business of the Craft. It contains much valuable information of a special character, and is well arranged.—*Pictorial World*.

HUNT'S PLAYING CARDS.—We have received samples of the new Enamelled-Faced Club Card, of the present season's patterns, which we candidly think are unsurpassed in elegance and variety. They certainly reflect great credit on the artists engaged upon their production. The premises of the original firm of Hunt and Sons were destroyed by fire in 1874, but the valuable designs and electrots were fortunately saved, and ultimately purchased by "Hunt's Playing Card Manufacturing Company, Limited," under which title the business is now successfully carried on, and of which Bro. W. F. Taunton, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, 1385, is the manager.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 2, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27.

Presentation to Bro. Fredk. Walters, P.M., &c., Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-st.  
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon Hot., Aldersgate-st. (Consecration).

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
Chap 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
" 191, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1351, St. Clement's Dances, 265, Strand.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club, Lecture Hall.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H.

Chap. 259, St. James's, F.M.H.

" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Balls-Pond-road, N.  
" 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1877.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 1384, Equity, Com. Hot., Widnes.  
Chap. 731, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1473, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1475, Bootle, Assm. R., Bootle.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Alpass Encampment, 123, M.H., Liverpool.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1877.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29.

Lodge 103, Union and Crown, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 293, St. John, Bishop-st., Rotheray.  
Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.

Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity, 213, Buchanan-st.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.  
" 22, St. John, George H., Kilmarnock.  
" 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

Lodge 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.  
" 157, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Beith.  
" 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.  
" 290, Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.  
" 320, St. John, R.A., M.H., Ardrossan.  
" 370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.  
" 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.  
" 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.

Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, M.H., Hamilton.  
" 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
" 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
" 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.  
" 217, Cumberland Kilw., Old T.H., Port Glasgow.  
" 242, Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.  
" 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsqw.  
" 335, Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.  
" 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 459, Kelburne, Cumbræ Hot., Millport.  
" 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.  
" 557, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkhall.  
" 553, St. Vincent, 221, Dumbarton-rd.

Chap. 112, Paisley, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.

Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby (6 p.m.).

" 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1877.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers'-court.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 291, Celtic of E. and L., E. Register-st.

TO LET.—The upper part of a House in Little Britain (three floors). Address Office of this paper.

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WANTED.—A Good General Servant, plain cooking necessary. A comfortable home with liberal wages to a competent person.—Address M.M., Office of this Paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.

URGENT APPEAL.—A Widow, whose Husband, Father, and Father-in-law were Freemasons, is a Candidate for the Benefits of the "Governments' Benevolent Institution," and takes this method of soliciting the Votes and Interest of those Brethren who may be Subscribers to the above Institution. She is Sixty-four Years of Age, is in great need, and in consequence of a severe accident is unable to earn a maintenance by her own unaided exertions. Reference is kindly allowed to the Rev. John C. K. Saunders, M.A., P.M. 1286, P.P.G.C., Priesthorpe Rectory, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

### THIRD APPLICATION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1877.—The favour of your Votes and Interest are most respectfully and earnestly solicited on behalf of

### ANNIE SUSANNAH CATES,

Aged 8 years, whose father, the late Bro. Henry Cates, P.M. of the "Lion and Lamb" Lodge, No. 192, died September, 1870, leaving a Wife and Three Children unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—  
Bro. George Kenning, Vice Patron, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. and Treasurer, 192, Up. Sydenham.  
Bro. Z. D. Berry, P.M. 179, 10, Buckingham Palace-road.  
Bro. E. Roberts, P.M. 192, 76, Wood-st., E.C.  
Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Secretary 192, 842, Old Kent-road.  
\* Bro. G. T. Smith, 172 and 192, 31, Warwick-st., Pimlico, S.W.  
Bro. W. J. Jones, 145 and 197, 28, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.  
\* Bro. G. de Maid, P.M. 1328, May Cottage, Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W.  
Bro. Scanes, 1257, 37, Sussex-street, S.W.  
Bro. E. L. Price, 619, 193, Ebury-street, S.W.  
Bro. J. W. Hiscock, P.M. and Secretary, 1420, 2, Attenburg Terrace, Lavender Hill, S.W.  
Bro. G. T. Carter, P.M. 382, Heath Villa, Wandsworth Common.  
\* Bro. J. T. Pilditch, 1257, 189, Bridge-road, Battersea.  
Bro. J. J. Williams, 179, Jubilee Place, Chelsea.  
Bro. Kirke, P.M. 144, 2, Montpelier-street, Brompton-road.  
Bro. Thos. D. Tulley, Hervey Lodge, 22, Queen's-square, Battersea Park.  
\* Bro. Elliott, 1257 and 1348, Secretary 1567, 70, Vincent-square, Westminster.  
\* Bro. T. R. Parker, P.M. 185 and 1247, 18, Parliament-street.  
\* Bro. C. J. Pringle, 145, 2, Hilberton Villa, Broderick-road, Upper Tooting.  
\* Bro. H. Smith, 1257, Adrian House, Tregunter Road, Brompton.  
Those marked with an asterisk will be glad to receive Proxies, and also by the Widow, Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead.

### MAY ELECTION, 1877.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.—The generous support and influence of the Governors and Subscribers to the above Institution is earnestly and respectfully solicited at the ensuing Election in May on behalf of

### BRO. RICHARD EDWARD BARNES,

P.M. 15, and P.Z. 13, aged 63 Years, of 58, Hoxton Square. The said Bro. R. E. Barnes was initiated in the Kent Lodge, No. 15, on the 17th day of November, 1835, and has subscribed thereto 41 years; he has also acted as Honorary Secretary to the same for 35 years; served the office of W.M., and is now the Father of the Lodge. He joined the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, on the 4th day of November, 1845; subscribed thereto 31 years; and is also the Father of that Lodge. He was exalted in the Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13, on the 26th day of July, 1843; served the office of M.E.Z.; has acted as Scribe E. for 30 years; and is now the Father of the Chapter. He was for upwards of 30 years Master and Proprietor of Hoxton Educational Institution, Hoxton Square, a profession and position he was gradually compelled to relinquish in consequence of the Erection by Public Subscription, within a few hundred yards of his own Establishment, of a large Middle-class School, capable of accommodating 1200 Boys, with which he was totally unable to compete. Has a family consisting of a wife and three children, entirely dependent upon him for support, and failing sight is a source of great anxiety.  
PAID DUES TO BENEVOLENT FUND 75 YEARS.  
\* Bro. Barnes, being P.M. and P.Z., would be glad to act as Tyler to a Lodge, or Janitor to a Chapter.



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—On Thursday evening, the 25th ult., the brethren of this famous old lodge held their annual installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern. Adopting a practice which now obtains in the Craft, they had no other ceremonial business before them but the installation of the new W.M., having held an emergency meeting some short time previously for conferring degrees on brethren. The convenience of this practice is now generally admitted, as it spares the brethren a long and arduous sitting, and also secures a goodly attendance at the opening of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. A. Partridge, and on presentation made to him of Bro. Edward F. Storr, installed that worthy brother as Master of the Neptune Lodge for the present year. On the completion of the installation ceremony the following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. A. Partridge, I.P.M.; Edward F. Storr, W.M.; George Phythian, S.W.; Wm. Ashwell, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M.; Treas.; Thomas R. Eames, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; John Holman, S.D.; Thos. P. Collings, J.D.; Geo. B. Gates, I.G.; John E. Russell, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Neats, W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Immediately afterwards the W.M. rose and said that he had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Partridge with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge. It had been honestly earned by hard and excellent working, and he himself hoped during his year of office to tread in the footsteps of so worthy a brother. Bro. Partridge in reply, said he could scarcely find words suitable to express his feelings of gratitude and thankfulness for the brethren's kindness. He thanked the brethren, however, sincerely, from the bottom of his heart, for their recognition of his services. He hoped that he might be spared for many years to come to be with the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, with which he had been already many years connected. (Cheers.) The brethren then elected the W.M., Bros. Harcourt, A. Partridge, and Phythian, Trustees of the Neptune Lodge Benevolent Fund. The audit report, which was read by Bro. Eames, showed a very prosperous condition of affairs for the lodge; and on the motion of Bro. Gray, seconded by Bro. Neats, ten guineas were voted to the Boys' School, ten guineas to the Girls' School, and £10 to the Benevolent Institution. £5 was voted to a distressed brother from the Benevolent Fund; and at the request of Bro. Thomas White, P.M., the W.M. granted a warrant for the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, to be held in Cold Harbour Lane, Camberwell. Bro. Gray informed the lodge that he was standing as Steward for this lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when H.R.H. Prince Leopold would preside, and he solicited the assistance of the brethren in adding to his list of subscriptions. He wished to impress upon them particularly that he did not so much ask for their donations as that they should become annual subscribers, for Bro. Terry had told him that it was in the annual subscriptions that the great strength of the Institution lay. The W.M. added to these observations that he was going to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School, and he hoped that the brethren would support him on that occasion, and enable him to take up a list worthy of the Neptune Lodge. The business of the evening being now over, lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, where a splendid repast awaited them. With visitors and members the lodge sat down about sixty; and when they had done ample justice to the good things set before them, grace was sung, and the list of toasts was duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that as there was a beautiful selection of music provided for the brethren's delectation, he should not place himself between them and their enjoyment, and he should therefore make no speeches in proposing the toasts, but simply announce them in their order. The loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, an innovation was made in the ordinary list by the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" being introduced. To this Captain Lathbury responded, and in doing so he said that in 1848 he was in Canada, when he held his first commission under the Queen; and when he said that he had been in the service one way and another, in volunteers and different branches of the service, from that day to this, he thought he had some little right to respond to this toast. He was quite sure of this, that although we had School Boards and different educational schemes springing up, they would not interfere with the old English soldier. They might, to a greater extent than we gave them credit for, interfere with the getting of servants

to work for us; that, however, was not for him to mention. But the heart of England was such that every man was a soldier in the truest sense of the word—a volunteer. We wanted every man to be a soldier, and we should not be afraid to say we were doing our duty; we were capable of doing it as we had done it before. It did not require any remark from him to assure them that as we had done our duty in the past we should do it in the future. (Applause.) Bro. Partridge proposed "The W.M." It was a great many years since they had one so young in Masonry occupying the chair. He (Bro. Partridge) assisted in bringing him into Masonry. It was while he was I.G. that Bro. Storr was initiated. Whenever it happened that a brother followed so closely through all the offices of the lodge the I.G. who introduced him to the lodge as to be W.M. when the I.G. arrived at the post of I.P.M., it proved that he must have had his heart in Masonry. He only hoped that Bro. Storr would have health and strength to perform the duties of his high office with satisfaction to the Neptune Lodge. The W.M., in his reply, said the I.P.M. had referred to his (the W.M.'s) youth in Masonry. Well, this was his sixth anniversary. Six years that night P.M. White (his father in Masonry) initiated him at the old place, Radley's Hotel. P.M. Waterall sat in his chair, and the remark he made to him (Bro. Storr) was that then for the first and last time in his life he would occupy the position on the immediate right of the Master; he might go round and get to the W.M. chair, but he could not again sit in that place. Well, he had gone round, and that night—his sixth anniversary—he was in the exalted position of Master of the Neptune Lodge. He thought when he was initiated that that was the proudest night of his life; but now he thought this night it was prouder still that he so young a Mason should have got to the chair. He could say one thing, that since his initiation he had not missed one regular meeting or one emergency of the lodge, and he trusted that he had fulfilled every duty in his station as an officer of the lodge from I.G. upwards. Certainly he had jumped over two, but he trusted that in the offices he had filled he had performed his duties to the brethren's satisfaction. He felt sure he had, or the brethren would not have elected him unanimously to be their W.M. In return for their confidence, he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to do his duty in the onerous position of Master of the lodge. He felt himself in a somewhat peculiar position in having to follow a brother like Bro. Partridge, who, as the brethren and visitors could testify from what they had seen of his working that night, was a very superior Master. Bro. Partridge had treated him in such a kind and affectionate manner, and had performed his part so nobly and well, that he felt he owed him a debt of gratitude. He hoped that if spared he should prove his gratitude and give up the gavel unsullied to his successor; and that though the past year had been very successful, the present might be even more so. Bro. Saillard responded for "The Joining Member, and Prosperity to the Neptune Lodge." Bro. Partridge, replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," said it had given him great pleasure to install his successor. As he had always said in the Neptune Lodge, when he undertook the different offices he undertook to discharge the duties of those offices to the best of his ability. When he was installed in the chair himself he saw the able manner in which Bro. Gray performed the ceremony, and he felt that he ought to qualify himself to install his successor. He therefore set to work and tried to do it. If the brethren had discovered any want of ability on his part he hoped they would forgive him. Bros. Paviour, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and Davis replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Townsend responded for "The P.M.'s," and explained how he and Bro. Muggeridge, twenty-seven years ago, finding the lodge at a very low ebb, resuscitated it. He felt sure that the junior members of the lodge would emulate those who had preceded them. Bros. Wilcox and Eames responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," both of whom referred with pride to the present prosperous state of the lodge. Bro. Phythian replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. H. Muggeridge for "The Charities," and in the course of his address advocated the cause of the three Masonic Institutions, and urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting them as much as they could. The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Parkinson before the brethren closed the evening, which had been rendered additionally charming by some delightful singing by Bros. Perry, Lathbury, Hubbard and Povey, under the direction of Bro. William C. Greaves, Org. Among the brethren present were the following Past Masters:—Bros. Isaac Wilcox, Treas.; Theophilus Goodwin, Joseph H. Batty, Joseph Ashwell, Alfred Pratt, Clarence Harcourt, James Norman, Augustus Great Rex, James H. Allingham, Charles L. Marshall, George Salter, Thomas White, George Waterall, Henry S. Crawford, Charles W. Gray, John E. Russell, Thomas R. Eames, and Hon. Sec.; Alfred Partridge. The visitors were Bros. F. Mercer, 507; R. E. Barnes, 15; W. Paviour, 442; D. H. Redhead, 442; S. J. Davis, 1208; A. Standage, 241; A. W. Furber, 27; A. Crawford, 738; J. Harris, 657; W. J. Spicer, 569; H. Povey, late of Neptune, 22; H. Leslie, 171; F. Fellowes, 192; J. C. Reynolds, 1329; W. Buszard, 1287; E. Bumpus, 28; J. A. Lathbury, 320; T. Grove, 55; B. Perry, 1185; C. C. Forbes, 548; H. Massey (*Freemason*), 619; A. Whittle, 72; J. Brown, 820.

**GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when a very old member of the Craft (Bro. John Boyd) was installed W.M. The Globe Lodge is one of the few favoured lodges distinguished by the Royal colour, and as there are only eighteen who have the privilege of sending a red collar and apron to Grand Lodge every year, we need scarcely say the honour is not only highly prized, but frequently eagerly sought after. Bro. Boyd being one of the Grand

Stewards for the year, must have been very gratified to find himself also W.M. of his lodge. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Chas. Martin, the retiring W.M., who, though comparatively a young Mason, was quite equal to the occasion, and had evidently been in good hands for instruction. Some slight portions of the ceremony were omitted, Bro. Boyd having already the privilege of wearing the three *taus* (or levels) on his apron. The banquet was all that could be desired—well served, very fair wines in abundance. There was also a magnificent dessert; and here we may record the fact that there is a decidedly marked improvement in the management of the Freemasons' Tavern. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Carter, assisted by several well-known artists, there was also some very good amateur singing, contributed by Bros. G. Gumbleton, J. L. Thomas, Jermyn Boyd, and others. The toasts and speeches, apparently, gave great satisfaction, being short and to the purpose (very desirable where there is plenty of harmony). Altogether, the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening. Besides our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, the visitors comprised a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, one of whom, Bro. George Thompson, had come from Newcastle-on-Tyne to be present. The London lodges were also well represented. We shall conclude our notice with a list of the officers for the year:—Bros. R. Douglas, S.W.; J. Parkins, J.W.; J. Bennett, P.M.; P.G.S., Treas.; H. Dicketts, P.M.; P.G.S., Sec.; E. C. Davies, S.D.; J. Reinhard, J.D.; J. Palmer, I.G.; A. S. Wildy, D.C.; H. Venn, Steward.

**WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 25th January, when a large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom were Bros. W. E. Newton, W.M.; S. D. Ewins, S.W.; Dr. Cutmore, J.W.; Capt. Kain, P.M., Treas.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; E. Kidman, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, I.G.; G. Newman, P.M.; A. Braun, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; A. C. Rees, P.M.; also Bros. G. Castle, J. R. Williams, H. F. Partridge, J. A. S. Mathews, G. Smithers, jun., Dr. Atwood, H. J. Roberts, B. Broomhall, R. Sutcliffe, R. Lyon, A. Le Grand, H. Reissmann, W. J. Collins, W. Johnston, R. Gunner, W. F. Smart, F. G. Barnes, &c. Visitors: Bros. M. M. Irving, 477; J. E. Carpenter, P.M., 284; H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Ledger, 1586; Donald King, P.M. 12, &c. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for Mr. B. Thompson Lowne and Mr. J. H. Brookes, and were unanimous in each case; both those gentlemen being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. J. A. S. Mathews was also raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies in each case being done by Bro. William Worrell, P.M. and Secretary, at the special request of the W.M. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a well served banquet, presided over by the W.M., and during the evening a most excellent selection of music was given by those two distinguished and well-known Freemasons, Bros. Dr. Carpenter and Donald King.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, January 16. There were present Bros. Crouch, W.M.; Adams, S.W.; Goalen, J.W.; Harrison, P.M. Treas.; Frances, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Wynn Williams, M.D., S.D.; H. G. Green, J.D.; W. Newton, I.G.; also Bros. Seaton, M.D., P.M.; King P.M.; Schinck, P.M.; Bilton, Fryer, Harris, Loyd Tatcher, Hamilton, Mellick, Edwards, M.D., Russel, Raven. The visitors were Bros. Renshaw, Himalaya, Nathan, Earl Spencer. The business of the evening was to initiate Mr. Christopher Armstrong, to raise Bros. Raven, Bilton, and Satchell, and to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremonies were admirably performed by Bro. Crouch. The election resulted in the S.W. being unanimously chosen. Bro. Harrison was also re-elected Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Frances, that a jewel be presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Frances took occasion to revert to the excellent manner in which the duties of the chair had been performed during the past year, and the prosperous condition of the lodge, for which they were mainly indebted to the exertions of Bro. Crouch. The jewel was unanimously awarded. The Audit Committee being appointed, the lodge adjourned to banquet.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 15th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry D'Arcy, the W.M. In addition to the large muster of the members there was a goodly number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Francis Buckland, P.M. 205; James Mitchell, J.W. 231; W. G. Kent, 1297; W. J. Haycock, P.M. 901; Geo. Potter, 177; John E. Frede, 193; Charles Arkell, W.M. elect 192; Thomas J. Turner, 193; and Thomas C. Coope, 1558. The lodge minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Smith was passed to the Second Degree and Bro. Micklefield raised to the Third. Messrs. H. Hurst and W. Waller were duly balloted for and initiated. The W.M. next proceeded to install his successor into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. George Porter, appointed his officers as follows:—George D'Arcy, S.W.; W. C. Rubardt, J.W.; A. Parker, S.D.; A. Marshall, J.D.; Henry D'Arcy, I.P.M., Treas.; W. Alder, Sec.; A. Ginger, I.G.; E. Berner, D.C.; T. Wallis, W.S.; and Woodstock, Tyler. The work over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent banquet was served. The cloth cleared, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. During the proceedings Bro. George Porter, the newly-installed W.M., invested Bro. Henry D'Arcy with a Past Master's jewel, the unanimous gift of the lodge, observing that it



afforded him very great pleasure to present the token of the brethren in recognition of the services rendered by the recipient to the lodge during his term of office. The very able and efficient manner in which he had worked made it a difficult matter for his successors to give the same amount of satisfaction to the brethren; but difficulty was a thing to be overcome, and he trusted he should be able to prove himself a not unworthy successor. Bro. Henry D'Arcy, in a few choice sentences, thanked the brethren for the jewel, observing that he should value it not for its intrinsic worth, but as a token of the regard of the brethren generally, and for the kindly expressions with which the W.M. had accompanied the gift. Bro. Lawrence, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The P.M.'s," urged upon the brethren the absolute necessity of attending lodges of instruction if they desired to attain to any degree of eminence in the Craft. A very excellent lodge of instruction had been established at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, worked under the City of London charter, and he trusted that the younger members of the lodge, as well as the present officers, would make a point of attending it every Thursday evening. Bro. James Mitchell thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had been entertained, and said that hospitality was a characteristic of Freemasonry, and it was in no lodge exercised more worthily than in that of the City of London. The pleasure of his visit had been greatly enhanced by the admirable manner in which the whole of the lodge working of the evening (and it had been very heavy) had been conducted. Other speakers and toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**ST. DUNSTON'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—A meeting of this lodge was convened on the 19th ult. at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. Dwarber, P.M., W.M.; Wellsman, P.M., S.W.; Dalwood, P.M., J.W.; Maxwell, P.M., P.G.S., acting I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary; Dodson, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Woodbridge, I.G. The minutes of the November meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Lewis, passed Bro. Pearce, and initiated Messrs. Giscard, Clemow, Benningfield, and Bamber. The three arduous ceremonies were exceedingly well performed. A resolution was unanimously passed that the sum of 10 pounds should be voted from the lodge funds to head the list of Bro. Wellsman, S.W., as Steward to the R.M.B.I. for Aged Women. This being election night, Bro. Wellsman, S.W., was unanimously elected to fill the high position of W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. Praed was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Manners and Bull were elected Auditors. Upon the motion of Bro. Maxwell, P.M., a jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing Master, Bro. Dwarber, who returned thanks. Mr. Tilby, Organist of St. Dunstan's, having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, well catered for by the Bros. Clemow, under the superintendence of Bro. Smith. The visitors were Bros. Senecal, P.M. Dalhousie; T. C. Walls, S.D. Kennington; Dillon, 141, Ireland, and F. Clemow. The customary loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair briefly but to the purpose. Bro. Maxwell, P.G.S., having responded upon behalf of the Grand Officers, immediately proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he, as an old Mason, was delighted with the admirable way in which the W.M. had executed all his duties, and as that was the last night of Bro. Dwarber's presidency, he (Bro. Maxwell) hoped that they would receive the toast with enthusiasm. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M., in the course of a very eloquent reply, said that he was under great obligations to Bro. Maxwell for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health. Masonry, he said, not only conferred great benefits upon its members, but also was the means of doing good to mankind in general. Many of its greatest enemies in the past were now its best friends. Freemasonry of late years had made rapid strides, and was still going forward, but they must not forget what their late brother and Grand Master, Lord Zeland, had often observed, that "quality, not quantity," was the thing to be desired. With regard to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, he was proud at occupying the position of first Master, for more reasons than one. Firstly, because it was founded upon hallowed ground, not only rich in historic and literary lore, but associated with many glorious episodes of the Masonic past; and secondly, by reason of his having spent 44 years in the parish. The very name of the lodge roused in him feelings that he could not trust himself to speak about, but suffice it to say that all his thoughts were centred in it, and in conclusion he thanked them very warmly for the manner that they had always received him, and the recollection of their cheerful countenances, open hands, and kindly hearts, during his year of office would be ever pleasing to him. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," in which he stated that during the fifteen years he had been a Mason he had never once regretted having entered its portals. During his connection with the St. Dunstan's Lodge he had initiated twelve gentlemen, whom he hoped would never disgrace those glorious tenets of Freemasonry, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." In concluding his remarks to the newly-admitted brethren, he forcibly desired them to recollect "that a Mason's charity should know no bounds, save those of prudence." This toast having been duly honoured, and Bro. Tisley having contributed the song of "The Entered Apprentice," the initiates severally replied. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Senecal, Walls, and F. Clemow. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the great services the brethren holding those offices had rendered the lodge. The former occupied a very high social and Masonic position, and consequently the members of 1589 ought to be proud—and he believed that

they all were—of Bro. Praed's connection with the lodge. With regard to the Secretary, who also held the important post of vestry clerk of the parish, every credit was due to him for the zeal and ability he had displayed in enhancing the interests of the lodge, and in conclusion he charged them to receive the toast with all honour. Bro. Tisley, the Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, responded. In the course of his reply he told them that in consequence of many other engagements which pressed upon the Treasurer, they could not hope to see him (Bro. Praed) very often, but the fact of his consenting to act in that capacity was very flattering to the lodge. The W.M. had made some very kind and complimentary allusions to his services as Secretary. He could only repeat what he had said upon former occasions, that he would do his best for the brethren whilst acting in that capacity. In conclusion he mentioned that the lodge mustered forty-seven all told, and that at the end of the financial year there would be a balance in hand of fifty pounds, and further that the voluntary benevolent fund was in a very flourishing condition. The toast of "The Officers" followed. Bro. Wellsman, S.W., W.M. elect, said that he was exceedingly pleased at the manner in which his name had been mentioned in connection with the toast. He was very gratified at having been unanimously elected to fill the chair for the ensuing year, but he should reserve his remarks upon that subject until the next meeting. It was also a source of great delight to him, as well as surprise, to hear from the Secretary that the lodge was in such a prosperous condition, and he hoped that his year of office would be characterised by results equally good. He had chosen a good staff of officers, whom he believed would reflect great credit upon the lodge. Bros. Dallwood, J.W.; Dodson, S.D.; and Turner, J.D., also replied. In the intervals of the toasts and replies, Bros. Platts, Walls, Dodson, Senecal, and others entertained the brethren. The Tyler's toast at half-past ten terminated the proceedings, which were throughout highly successful. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Friday in February.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on the 22nd ult. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., opened the lodge, and presided over the meeting. Punctually at 2.30 p.m. the lodge was opened. Minutes read and unanimously confirmed. In an able manner the W.M. initiated Messrs. W. Smyth, W. C. Watts, and C. Davis; passed Bros. R. Leggett, A. Macfarlane, and F. W. Evans; raised Bros. T. McCluer Butt, W. B. Delafons, and W. Snow. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. W. Sugg, P.M., 452, as a joining member. A brother was proposed as a joining member, and some gentlemen as candidates for initiation. The lodge was closed and adjourned until March. The usual superior banquet followed labour. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable afternoon and evening was happily spent. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. T. W. Adams, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. Howes, P.M., S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., I.G.; A. Black, D.C.; W. Pennefather, P.M., W.S., &c. We noticed amongst the visitors Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P., Middlesex, P.M. 1423; R. P. Hooton, P.M., 765, &c.; F. W. Evans, 1423; A. Macfarlane, 1423, and several others.

**KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).**—The annual meeting of this ancient, flourishing, and well-worked lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate, on Thursday, January 25th, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. C. Grayson, assisted by Bros. Nelson, S.W.; Bell, as J.W.; and Holme, P.M., P.P.G.W.; John Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Joseph Bintley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works; Titus Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Bowes, P.M., Prov. G.J.W.; and so many other brethren, that the room was crowded to inconvenience. The minutes having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to undertake the duty of Installing Master, which he did, and discharged his obligations in a manner that elicited the warmest approval of the brethren. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. J. Nelson, was presented by the W.M., and after he had been installed in ample form, he appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year; and then the Installing Master called upon Bro. John Talbot to deliver the usual addresses. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services, £5 voted to Bro. McKay's list, several candidates proposed, and other routine business transacted, when the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a dinner of a recherché character awaited them. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported on the right and left by Bros. Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Bintley, W. Cartmel, G. Cartmel, John Bintley (London), Tattersal, F. C. Grayson, C. Gardner-Thomson, Medcalf, Cragg, Hunter, J. Otley Atkinson, and others. The Wardens occupied their usual positions. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts received every care. Bro. Bowes responded for the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland. Bro. J. Holme, P.M., P.P.G.W., proposed the W.M.'s health, and in so doing referred to the rapid progress he had made in the art since he had the pleasure of initiating him. Bro. Bowes proposed "The Masonic Charities," and coupled Bro. McKay's name with the toast, and on a collecting card being sent round the tables, it was returned to Bro. McKay, and he found his list augmented by above £5. Bro. Hogg, in responding for "The Older Members of the Lodge," referred to the time when they were indebted to the Carlisle brethren for their existence as a lodge, and contrasted that state of things with the present time, when they had a large body of working members, and their number was constantly increasing. Some excellent songs were admirably rendered during the evening by Bros.

Gooding, Sissons, Nelson, Scales, John Bintley, and others, and the brethren separated in harmony before ten o'clock. One pleasing, though melancholy, feature of the day's proceedings was the unveiling of a memorial portrait of the late Bro. Henry Rauthmel, who had been unexpectedly called to the Grand Lodge above in the prime of life. Bro. Hogg was the artist, and his effort was one of unqualified success.

**CHATHAM.—United Lodge of Benevolence (No. 184).**—The members of this large and flourishing lodge held their annual festival in their commodious lodge-room, at the Assembly rooms, Middle-st., Brompton, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., on which occasion there was a numerous attendance, including a number of the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent, together with brethren from many metropolitan lodges, as well as the lodges in the province. The installation of Bro. Simon Young, who had been unanimously elected the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, was performed in an able manner by Bro. Redman, P.M., P.P.D.C., the Board of Installed Masters being composed, among others, of Bros. Ashdown, P.P.G.P.; Noah Mantin, P.P.G.S.B.; Warne, P.P.G.A.S.; Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; Barley, P.P.G.D.C.; Hicks, P.P.G.S.B.; Neall, P.P.D.C.; Goldfinch, P.P.G.S.D.; and others, who gave the usual salutations on the newly-elected Master being inducted with the usual solemnities in the chair of King Solomon. The following were appointed the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, each of whom were duly invested: Bros. Gorham, P.M.; Rankine, S.W.; the Rev. — Fielding, J.W.; Redman, Treas.; Clarke, Sec.; Middleton, S.D.; Rudd, J.D.; Laren, I.G.; Finnis, D.C.; Challenger, Org.; Hewitt, Chap.; Trice and Wood, Stwds. The customary banquet at the close of the Masonic proceedings took place in the large room of the Mitre Hotel, Chatham, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Masonic and other toasts. The principal feature, and one of a more than usually interesting character, of the proceedings at the termination of the banquet, was the presentation, on the part of the lodge, of a testimonial to Bro. John Michael Strowse, an old and deservedly respected Past Master of the lodge, in recognition of his lengthened connection with the lodge. Bro. Strowse has been a member of the Craft for the long period of fifty-seven years, he having been initiated in the island of Guernsey. He has been a member of the United Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, fifty-four years, during the whole of which time he has never once been absent from the installation of the W.M., while for a great number of years he was the Secretary, and also the Treasurer of the lodge. The presentation of the testimonial, which took the form of a handsomely painted portrait of the worthy brother, was presented, on the part of the lodge, by Bro. Wood, P.P.G.S.W., who alluded, in felicitous terms, to Bro. Strowse's lengthened connection with Freemasonry, and the deservedly high estimation in which he was held throughout the province of Kent. Bro. Strowse, who was deeply affected, briefly acknowledged the high compliment paid him, and the honour conferred on him, in a few forcible expressions, his feelings altogether preventing his replying at any greater length. In a subsequent portion of the evening a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented on the part of the lodge to Bro. Gorham, the Immediate Past Master. In addition to the portrait presented to Bro. Strowse, an excellently painted likeness of that distinguished and venerable brother adorns the lodge-room, and is highly prized.

**LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 3rd ult. Ever since it was first opened, on the 11th November, 1790, until the present date, this old lodge has enjoyed a fair measure of uninterrupted success, and the roll of its members contains the names of many of the mayors, aldermen, and others occupying a prominent position in our municipal history, and also those of many of the nobility and leading men of the county, as the first and second Lord Ranelagh, P.G.M.'s, the eighth Earl Ferrers, for many years P.G.M. for Warwickshire (who presented to the lodge the Luminaries now in use), and our excellent and deeply-regretted Provincial Grand Masters—Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., and the Right Hon. the Earl Howe,—all of whom have in their time passed the chair of the lodge. Many other events of interest are to be found in the minute books of the Lodge which have been recorded in the recently published "History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire," compiled by our Past Prov. Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. S. On this the eighty-fifth festival of the lodge, the attendance of the brethren was both numerous and influential, comprising brethren from the north, east, south, and west, decorated with the insignia of the different grades of office, from the Past Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, Past Grand Steward, Bro. Binckes, to the newly initiated Entered Apprentice, with his badge of innocence and bond of friendship. Among those present were also Bros. Clement Stretton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. W. Smith, P.M.; A. Palmer, P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.G.S.W.; F. J. Baines, P.M.; J. F. Thorp, P.M.; W. B. Smith, P.M., P.G. Treas.; and W. T. Rowlett, W.M. 523; Edwin Mason, W.M., and Geo. Clifton, P.M.; R. A. Barber, P.M.; B. Moore, S.W.; S. Knight and C. McBride, Secs. 1391, Mackay, 97, and W. Stuart McAllister, 21, S.C. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., and the first part of the business, including the voting of considerable sums for various purposes, was dispatched with a unanimity of feeling and action indicative of the perfect harmony and good fellowship which has always been a distinguishing feature of St. John's Lodge. The ceremony of installing Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton, P.G., Supt. of Works, was admirably performed by the veteran Past Master, Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., who has been



present at every festival of the lodge since his initiation in 1838. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers, and invested those present: Bros. J. M. McAllister, I.P.M.; S. Cleaver, S.W.; Dr. W. E. Buck, J.W.; Chief Constable J. Farndale, Secretary; Rev. J. H. Smith, M.A., Chaplain; C. Gurden (unanimously elected), Treasurer; J. O. Law, S.D.; E. Newton, jun., J.D.; J. Jessop, D.C.; Thos. Colman, I.G.; G. H. Stonehall and M. A. Cook, Stewards; C. Bembridge and Thos. Dunn, Tylers. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. M. McAllister for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, and subsequently a sum of money was voted for two P.M. jewels, one to be presented to Bro. McAllister, and one to Bro. J. W. Smith, P.M., for similar services during the year 1875. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., also received a cordial vote of thanks for his eminent services as Installing Master; likewise Bro. Gurden, as Treasurer, and Bro. S. Cleaver, as Steward. About sixty brethren were present at the banquet which followed, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. C. E. Stretton, who, notwithstanding his youth (he being the youngest Master who has held office in the lodge), yet acquitted himself with such dignity and ability as to give entire satisfaction. Bro. McAllister, in giving the toast of "the W.M.," alluded to Bro. Stretton as a brother whose independent position in life enabled him to make the liberal arts and sciences his particular study, and the articles which he contributed to various scientific journals not only proved that Bro. Stretton had carefully availed himself of such opportunities, but also in the spirit of a true Mason he had not withheld the knowledge thus acquired from his less informed brethren and fellow men. As a Mason the W.M. had carefully prepared himself for his present position, by a strict and regular discharge of the duties of the subordinate offices. His amiability and knowledge of the ceremonies, will enable him to earn the reputation of a worthy and intelligent Master, a credit to Masonry, and an honour to the lodge. Bro. Binckes, in an eloquent speech of some length, awakened the generous and benevolent feelings of the brethren in favour of the claims of the Boys' School, which was promptly taken advantage of by Bro. S. S. Partridge, the representative Charity Steward passing round the list for subscriptions. Bros. Mackay, R. Taylor, C. Gerdrn, L. L. Attwood, and others, sang some excellent songs during the evening, and the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable meeting.

**SEACOMBE.**—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, near Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there was a very large gathering of the "mystic tie" representatives. Bro. M. McNeerney, W.M., presided at the opening, and among others present were, Bros. E. Davies, P.M.; Thomas Shaw, S.W. (W.M. elect); E. Jones, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, P.M., Treasurer; T. Leighton, P.M., Secretary; J. Jones, S.D.; T. Gregory, J.D.; H. Roberts, I.G.; H. Williams, P.M. 249; R. Gracie, P.M. 477; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; D. Fraser, P.M. and Treas. 477; J. Dutton, S.W. 477; H. Martin, P.M. 477; W. Jones, S.W. 1276; W. M. Asher, 477; T. Chesworth, W.M. 1576; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., and others. Bro. R. Gracie, P.M. 477, efficiently occupied the position of Installing Master, and during the evening he placed Bro. Thomas Shaw in the chair of W.M. for the coming year. The following brethren were subsequently invested as officers: Bros. McNeerney, I.P.M.; C. Staley, S.W.; J. Jones, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, Lecturer and Treasurer; T. Leighton, Secretary; R. C. Mellor, P.M., D.C.; T. Gregory, S.D.; R. Foulkes, J.D.; A. E. Coveney, I.G.; R. Kettle, S.S.; J. Davis, J.S.; W. Parry, Organist and Steward; Owen Jones, S.; and J. H. Holloway, Tyler. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings passed off with much success. At the banquet which followed, over which Bro. Shaw, W.M., presided, there was also a large attendance, and among the most interesting features of the evening was the presentation of two rings to Bro. Sillitoe and Bro. T. Leighton, in recognition of their excellent services as Treasurer and Secretary; and a Past Master's jewel to Bro. McNeerney, I.P.M., in token of the esteem of the brethren for his many fine Masonic qualities.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual festival of St. John, in connection with this favourite lodge, was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. W. Vaughan, W.M., and amongst the brethren who were present during the more serious business of the lodge were Bros. J. W. Ballard, I.P.M.; W. Shortis, P.M.; R. Cain, P.M.; J. Davison, P.M.; W. Stedford, P.M.; G. Beeken, S.W.; A. Hart, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer; R. Crispe, Sec.; Maurice Hart, W.M. 1502, S.D.; H. Trevitt, J.D.; P. Armstrong, I.G.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. Jacobs, T. Heaton, T. Hunt, A. Emmanuel, J. Sharples, M. Hines, D. Arnett, H. Ellis, J. Pendleton, E. McSwiney, J. Blenkinsop, W. Gatty, F. Groom, E. Ellis, and others. The visitors' list contained the names of Bros. R. P. France, W.M. 594; J. Fox, P.M. 202; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; T. Shaw, I.P.M. 823; T. Dilcock, P.M. 594; J. Lecomber, S.W. 594; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; J. Dutton, S.W. 477; and others. After the minutes had been confirmed, and the retiring W.M. had given several degrees in capital form, he (Bro. Vaughan, as the last act of his official year) proceeded to install Bro. G. Beeken as his successor in the chair in the East. The following brethren were subsequently invested as the next year's officers: Bros. W. Vaughan, I.P.M.; A. Hart, S.W.; R. Crispe, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the ninth time); Maurice Hart, Sec.; H. Trevitt, S.D.; P. Armstrong, J.D.; W. Hawksworth, I.G.; G. Gordon, S.S.; A. R. Large, J.S.; W. J. Naylor, A.S.; H. Ellis, Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. During the business proceedings a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Vaughan, I.P.M., as a token of

the esteem and admiration of the "Derby" members. At the banquet which followed business, where Bro. Beeken, W.M., presided, there was an attendance of about 100. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair with much point, and during the evening the I.P.M. gave "The Health of the W.M.," to whose many excellent qualities he referred in highly eulogistic terms. The W.M., in response, assured the brethren that he felt the responsibility of the position he had taken that day, but he would endeavour to do its duties to the very best of his ability, and try to follow in the footsteps of many worthy brethren who had preceded him in the chair. Harmony, both musical and brotherly, prevailed, and an exceedingly pleasant St. John's Festival came to a close at a seasonable hour.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Doble Lodge (No. 889).—On Wednesday 17th ult., the members of this lodge assembled in strong force at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, to assist at the installation of Bro. F. Buckland, P.M. 205, as W.M. in succession to Bro. J. Bond. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Elsam, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and at its close the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, the company then numbering about fifty. Under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hardy, son of the host, an elegant repast was served, over which the newly elected Master presided. The officers appointed by the W.M. are Bros. Gaunders, S.W.; Porter, J.W.; Cartwright, P.M., Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; Mitton, S.D.; H. Linton, J.D.; A. Nuthall, I.G.; Long, P.M., D.C.; and Honeywell, P.M., Org. Among the visitors were Bros. Bateman, W.M. 820; May, W.M. 1628; Sharpe, P.M.; and Weaver, S.W. 820.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge assembled at private rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, 6th ult., and was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. Batchelder. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Brown and Mr. Richard Holt Robinson, and was in each case declared favourable. The W.M. then received into the "mystic circle" Bro. Brown, and in such a correct manner as not to be surpassed by our veteran Past Masters, who have performed many ceremonies of initiation. Mr. Robinson was unable to present himself on account of a family bereavement. The lodge having been worked into the necessary degree, Bro. Duckworth expressed a desire to be raised to the Degree of Degrees, that of a Master Mason, which wish was complied with, Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., performing the ceremony in a manner creditable to any lodge. The lodge was then reduced, and propositions for initiation were received from Bros. Batchelder, W.M., and Kleinmann, J.S. Bro. J. W. Turner, P.M., also proposed as a joining member Bro. T. H. Hall, of Lodge Boscawen, No. 699, Chacewater, Cornwall, and also proposed, in accordance with notice given, "That the sum of five pounds be given from the Charity Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, such amount being to endow the Worshipful Master's chair in perpetuity." Bro. W. J. Kinder, S.W., seconded the motion, and the same was carried. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., proposed "That hearty good wishes and a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., for the handsome present he gave to the lodge on St. John's Day, December 2nd, 1876, consisting of a choice set of wine and spirit decanters, with the name and number of the lodge engraved thereon." Bro. John Kinder, P.M., seconded the proposition, which received unanimous support, and instructions were given for it to be recorded on the lodge minutes. Charity having been exercised, representations from Lodges 667, 669, 1011, and 1077 tendered their "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, after which the brethren sat down to indulge in "the cup that cheers but not inebriates," followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with vocal element. This being the first meeting after the installation of Bro. Batchelder as W.M., each officer in his turn replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge of Truth, No. 1458." The fact that it possesses good and efficient officers cannot be disputed. Two important offices in a lodge are those of "the Deacons," which, when well filled, reiterate the symbols of true Masonry. Bro. Cox, S.D., substantiated this fact last year, when Junior Deacon, and doubtless he will evince it in the Senior grade, with Bro. Taylor following in his footsteps. We close our report by wishing the "Lodge of Truth" a happy and prosperous new year, but must not omit the fact, that the brethren separated at a seasonable hour, 10 p.m. "Their labour o'er, their rest was won."

**MOLD.**—The Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Mold, on Monday, the 15th January, Bro. Corbett, the W.M., presided, and passed Bro. Howard to the Second Degree, the lecture being delivered by Bro. J. Salmon, P.G.J.W. The installation will take place in March.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A strong muster of the members of this lodge took place at the Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 18th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M., S.W.; S. Hill, P.M., J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., Secretary; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, I.P.M., Treasurer; Fox, S.D.; Jessett, J.D.; I. Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; B. Sharp, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; Güterbock, Phoenix; Lamb, J.D. Lily of Richmond. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, in a careful manner passed Bros. Messenger, Phillips, and Schmitz to the Second Degree. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas should be voted to the Girls' School, and be placed on the list of Bro. Ockenden, I.G., who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the institution in May next. A discussion having taken place upon the necessity of establishing a lodge or club of instruction in connection with the "Hemming,"

the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of a collation, well provided for by Bro. Murphy. As the hour was far advanced before the cloth was cleared, the toasts were but briefly given, and the replies, from the same cause, were necessarily very terse. "The Health of the R.W.D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he complimented him upon the rapid progress he had made in Masonic working. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. replied very neatly, and immediately proposed "The Visitors." Bro. Wilson, P.M. Etonian, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his thanks, and stated that the "Hemming" Lodge was progressing in a manner that left little to be desired, even by its most ardent supporters. Bros. Lamb and Güterbock also responded. "The Health of the Past Masters," Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond, followed, and gave the W.M. an opportunity of thanking those worthy and indefatigable officers for the great support that they had not only given to him, but to the entire lodge. This toast having been very warmly received, Bros. Hopwood, I.P.M., and W. Hammond, P.M., replied by stating that they, as founders, were gratified at witnessing the prosperity and position the lodge had achieved in the short time that had elapsed since its foundation. As long as they held the honourable positions of Treasurer and Secretary to No. 1512, it would always be their pride to further the interests of its members in every conceivable way. "The Officers' toast came next. Bro. John Hammond, P.M., S.W., in the course of his reply, stated that he also endorsed the remarks passed by previous speakers upon the rapid progress made by the lodge. There was one thing, however, which should not be overlooked, and that was the necessity of there being an uniformity of "working." The work was fairly done, but he should like to see it better, and he hoped that the members would occasionally meet for the purpose of mutual instruction, and that any scheme to promote that end would meet with his hearty co-operation. Bros. Hill, J.W., and Fox, S.D., also replied. In proposing the next toast, that of "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. hoped that the members of the lodge would privately supplement the sum voted that day in lodge, to make their Steward's list at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls a good one. Bro. Ockenden made a most powerful appeal on behalf of all the benevolent institutions connected with the Craft. He stated that the year 1876 would be Masonically remembered as a very prosperous one, inasmuch as the large sum of £40,000 had been subscribed for the benefit of the widow, the orphan, and the distressed. This amount was an increase of £7000 over any previous year's contribution, and spoke volumes for the philanthropic principles eliminated by their noble Craft. In conclusion, he stated that he had been very fortunate last year as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but he hoped to be more successful this year in the cause of the Institution for Girls. During the evening vocal contributions were given by Bros. Hurst, Hammond, Hill, Walls, Jessett, Schmitz, Knowles, and others. Previously to the Tyler's toast, "The Health of Bro. B. Sharp, P.M., &c.," was proposed, and having been responded to, the brethren shortly afterwards separated until the third Thursday in February next.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and the very large attendance of officers, members, and visitors demonstrated clearly the great interest which is felt in the "Dramatic," which has rapidly attained an acknowledged eminent position in the Craft. With experienced and intelligent brethren to guide the affairs of No. 1609, it has started on a career of the greatest brilliancy and promise. Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M., was in his place, and was supported by Bros B. B. Marson, P.M.; W. J. Chapman, S.W.; Lindo Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; H. J. Loveday, Sec.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Pyer, S.S.; A. Collinson, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; L. Lablache, G. Martin, F. Wilkinson, Dale, Shrapnell, R. Burgess, J. Hill, Frank Emery, H. Leslie, G. Mears, I. Levy, 667; Dr. Whittle, Sephton, P.M. 1086; J. Capell, Buck, Williams, Stafford, J. F. Cowdell, and others. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Sidney Fritz Smith, of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, which proved unanimously in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Eight brethren presented themselves for the purpose of being raised—Bros. Leslie, Emery, Cowdell, Lablache, Hill, Shrapnell, Dale, and Martin, and the W.M., taking them in two sections of four each, performed the impressive ceremonies in a manner which it would have been difficult to excel. Several propositions for joining and initiation having been made, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room. After the repeat the standard loyal and Craft toasts were proposed; and during the evening Bro. J. Bell, W.M., referred to the early departure of Bro. H. J. Loveday, Sec., to take the stage management of the Lyceum Theatre in London. He alluded to the loss which the lodge would sustain by his absence, spoke of the many genial and brotherly traits of character which he possessed, and asked the brethren to drink his health and prosperity in his metropolitan sphere of professional work. The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, and Bro. Loveday thanked the brethren for their invariable courtesy and kindness, assuring them that he would carry with him to London the liveliest recollections of the Dramatic Lodge, with which he had been identified since its beginning. Various other toasts followed, and the brethren separated shortly after seven o'clock. It may be stated that Bro. Loveday has been connected with the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, for the last seven years, as musical and stage director, where he has gained the esteem and admiration of a large circle of friends, about 100 of whom entertained him at supper at the



Adelphi Hotel last week, and cordially wished him success in his new undertaking. The gathering was the largest musical, dramatic, and literary gathering ever seen in Liverpool; and probably no place out of London could have shown such an assembly.

### Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER** (No. 102).—The companions of this young but rapidly increasing chapter (not only in numbers but prosperity) met at Cannon-street Hotel, on January 17th, 1877. Present:—Comps. Geo. Newman, M.E.Z.; F. D. Copestick, H.; Henry Birdseye, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Francis Fellows, S.E.; Edward Jones, S.N.; Charles Arkell, P.S.; T. C. Chapman, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. P. Hooton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B.; Ed. King, P.Z.; Thos. Cobu, W. E. Newton, G. Phythian, Geo. Potter, G. Bartholomew, Henry Cox, J. Curle, J. Greenway, J. Kent, and other companions. The ballot was taken for Bros. Medwin and Brand. Afterwards Bros. J. Lorkin, Grocott, Medwin, and Brand were exalted to the Supreme Degree of H.R.A.M. A conclave of Installed Principals was then formed, and Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Chapter of England, duly installed Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, M.E.Z.; Henry Birdseye, H.; T. C. Chapman, J. The conclave was then closed, and the following companions inducted into their different offices:—Comps. George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Francis Fellows, S.E.; Charles Arkell, S.N.; George Phythian, P.S. Comp. Geo. Phythian appointed Comps. R. P. Hooton and J. Copestick, 1st and 2nd Assistants. The visitors, as usual in this excellent chapter, mustered strong, viz.: Comps. F. G. White, 22; F. H. Wilson, P.Z. and S.E. 424, D.G.S.E. Herts.; Geo. Row, H. 1185; T. W. Carnell, 1316; R. E. Bright, J. C. H. Bailey, and J. G. Marsh, 954; G. Clarke, 177. The installation ceremony was beautifully rendered by Comp. Henry Muggeridge. It is at all times very pleasing to be present at the working of this great veteran in either Craft or Royal Arch Masonry, and this occasion was the more pleasing inasmuch that an impromptu present was given to the much respected old-Mason (arranged in a few days by members of the chapter). The present consisted of a very handsome clock with suitable inscription. The M.E.Z., Comp. Copestick, in presenting, spoke in a very able manner, referring to Comp. Henry Muggeridge's great services to the Lion and Lamb Chapter, not only in obtaining warrant but in working so excellently for some years, and observed that the present was small, from a few, and was given for special services to the chapter only, but he hoped that Comp. Muggeridge would receive at the hands of the Craft and Royal Arch Masons, including those hundreds that had been taught by him, some greater mark of their esteem for a lifetime devoted so purely to Masonry. The chapter after closing adjourned to the supper-room, where a very happy evening was spent by the companions; supper, songs, jokes, and fraternal exchanges of civilities all good.

### Mark Masonry.

**SOUTH MOLTON.**—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 22nd ult., and in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Wood, Bro. J. T. Shapland, I.P.M. and P.G.J.W., took the chair, assisted by the Wardens, Bros. J. Brewer, P.G.J.O., and Wm. Cole, and the other officers of the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer then produced and read his last year's account, which was very satisfactory. A very worthy brother having been proposed for advancement the lodge was closed in due form. This old lodge in its working is second to none in the province. It was established by our much respected P.G. Master, Lieut.-Col. Tanner Davey, in 1857, who has continued to support it ever since.

### Knights Templar.

**MANCHESTER.**—St. Joseph Encampment.—The annual meeting of this encampment was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 12th ult. The encampment was opened at six o'clock by the Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, Sir Knt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, in due form. Sir Knt. Beswicke-Royds then installed as the Eminent Commander Sir Knt. Thos. David Nelson, and in doing so impressed on him the importance of his attending Convent General and Grand Conclave whenever he could make it convenient, and especially when business of importance is to be considered so that the St. Joseph Encampment might not suffer by not being represented. The Eminent Commander appointed and invested his officers:—Sir Knts. Mestajer, First Captain; Flowers, Second Captain; Brooks, Reg.; Warren, Treas.; Pike, Expert; Taylor, Captain of Lines. The fact that Convent General resolved on the 8th December last to restore Past Rank and return to the old names and privileges enjoyed prior to 1872 has given great and general satisfaction in this province, and was practically evinced in this encampment by the proposal of five companions for installation. The Eminent Commander having received hearty good wishes of visiting Knights from De Tabley, Province of Cheshire; Albert, and Jerusalem, Province of Lancashire, the encampment was closed with solemn prayer, and the Knights adjourned to banquet, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to:—"The Queen, Patron of our Order," "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master," "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Very High and Eminent Grand

Commander of England and the Colonies," "Very Eminent Sir Knt. Albert Hudson Royds, Grand Commander of Lancashire," and "The Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, and the rest of the Officers of this Province." Sir Knt. Ashworth, Prov. Chancellor, in responding, alluded to the serious indisposition of the Provincial Grand Commander, but was pleased to find that his son and deputy was so ably walking in his footsteps—working hard, and making himself useful in every part of the province for the good of the Order. Sir Knt. Ashworth also alluded to his having so frequently asked those who had votes to attend the Convent General and Great Priory, and to the persistent opposition of several Very Eminent Knights to the propositions of Sir Knt. Royds, which were passed and made law at the last Convent General. He knew the great inconvenience it was to the majority of Knights in the province to be called away from business, but hoped if any occasion required the whole 150 P.E.C.'s would make it a point of duty to attend and help the Grand Commander of this and other provinces in preserving the established constitutions and landmarks of the Order. "The Eminent Commander St. Joseph's Encampment." Sir Knt. Nelson, in responding to this toast, said he was very much pleased three months ago when they elected him the Preceptor; but he was much more pleased now they had installed him as the Eminent Commander. He thanked the Deputy Grand Commander for having come from Lytham, a distance of forty miles, to install him, and hoped he should always be found at his post ready to answer the call of duty. "The Visitors" was responded to by Sir Knt. Sykes, E.C., and Sir Knt. Beresford, P.E.C. of De Tabley, and Sir Knt. Dr. Royle, of Jerusalem, each of whom expressed the pleasure he had in being present to witness the installation by Sir Knt. Beswicke-Royds. They rejoiced at his success at last Convent General, and promised him support if he requires it in future, but hoped the Grand Master and the Grand Commander would not be again troubled by any one attempting to alter what had just been done, or again take away rank that had been justly earned and conferred. "The P.E.C." Sir Knt. Bennett, in responding, expressed his regret at not being able to attend all the meetings, being now resident in London. He was pleased at being able to attend Convent General, and take part in passing the propositions of the Provincial Grand Commander, and would at all times do what he could to benefit St. Joseph's Encampment. "The Officers" was responded to by the First Captain, Sir Knt. Mestajer, who preferred that title to being called Constable. The officers appointed would do all they could to support the E.C. and to benefit the St. Joseph's Encampment.

### Scotland.

**CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, POLMADIE, RENFREWSHIRE** (No. 592).—The consecration of a new lodge at Polmadie, named Albert Edward, took place on Thursday, 25th January. Previous to the consecration ceremony the Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, Bro. Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, the office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, and a number of other brethren, were entertained at dinner at Eastfield House by Bro. Robert Nisbet, the W.M. of the new lodge. The Albert Edward Lodge hall is situated at Polmadie-street, Polmadie, and is newly constructed. On the present occasion it was elaborately and tastefully decorated with evergreens, bannerets, &c. Shortly before six o'clock in the evening the lodge was opened in the E.A. Degree, and immediately raised to the Sublime Degree under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Nisbet. The W.M. having requested the P.G. Master to consecrate the lodge, the latter took the chair. The solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was then gone through, the brethren heartily joining in the responses, a choir of the brethren sustaining with considerable ability the musical portions. In the course of the proceedings the P.G. Secretary read the charter of constitution, and the following office-bearers of the Albert Edward Lodge were installed by the P.G. Master: Bros. Robert Nisbet, W.M.; Thos. White, D.M.; Wm. Clark, S.M.; A. C. Killock, S.W.; Jas. Grieg, J.W.; J. C. Shand, Treas.; Robert Wash, Sec.; Walter Gunn, S.D.; Geo. Catto, J.D.; Robt. McMillan, S.S.; Wm. Gourlay, S.B.; Geo. Stein, I.G.; Geo. Reid, Tyler. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the P.G. Master delivered an eloquent oration, in which he pointed out the beauties of Masonry, and particularly the brotherly love that was engendered amongst all those who were initiated into its mysteries. The proceedings were closed by the brethren giving grand honours, and the P.G. Chaplain pronouncing the benediction. The P.G. Master having vacated the chair, the W.M. again presided, and the newly consecrated lodge was placed under the charge of the J.W., the brethren being hospitably entertained by the W.M.

**PAISLEY.**—Lodge St. Mirrens (No. 129).—The meeting of this lodge for the election of office bearers took place on Monday, the 18th ult., in the Masonic Hall, 5, Moss-street. The office bearers present were Bros. H. S. Edmonds, W.M.; T. Bustard, D.M.; A. McLeod, I.P.M.; W. Gemmell, S.W.; G. Fisher, J.W.; P. Blair, Treas.; A. McPherson, Sec.; B. McLeod, S.D.; H. Baxter, J.D.; W. Craig, I.G., and others. The attendance of brethren was the largest that ever assembled in this lodge—over 160 having signed the Sedurant Book. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes read and adopted, the Auditors appointed at last meeting read their report, which showed the funds of the lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, there being a balance this year of £37 to the credit. The election of office bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—G. Fisher, W.M.; H. S. Edmonds, I.P.M.; T. Bustard, D.M.; T. J. Bustard, S.W.;

B. C. McLeod, J.W.; P. Blair, Treas.; B. C. Kilgour, Sec.; Rev. W. F. Mills, Chap.; P. Moir, S.D.; W. Russell, J.D.; A. Morrison, S.S.; W. Wotherspoon, J.S.; J. Barnet, S.S.B.; A. Moffatt, J.S.B.; W. Scott, Jeweller; W. Robin, Architect; C. A. Hardie, D. of M.; W. Craig, I.G.; W. Alexander, Tyler. The installation of the newly-elected office bearers was thereafter proceeded with, Bro. Edmonds, P.M., officiating. The lodge voted unanimously a sum of £10 to the retiring Secretary, Bro. McPherson, in recognition of his highly appreciated services whilst holding that office. Some business of minor importance having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

**GLASGOW.**—Lodge Athole (No. 413).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 23rd January, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The W.M., Bro. Walter Neilson, presided, the other office-bearers present being Bros. James Louttit, P.M.; Andrew Holms, S.M.; George Bennett, S.W.; William O'Brien, J.W.; Peter Agnew, Treas.; George Struthers, Sec.; and David Hodge, S.D. There was a very fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and passed, the subject of the ensuing annual festival of the lodge was brought up and the question as to whether it should take the form of a supper or soiree discussed. Ultimately, it was resolved upon that it should be the former, and that ladies should be eligible to be present. A committee having been appointed to make the necessary arrangements, the lodge proceeded to discuss some private business, after which it was closed in due and ancient form.

**SCOTLAND.**—St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—A meeting of the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge attached to this chapter was held on Monday, 15th ult. The lodge was opened by T. M. Campbell, F.N.; J. McInnes, J.; R. Brand, S. Comp. William H. Stark received the Degree. A Council of Red Cross Knights was opened afterwards, when Comps. John H. Fash, John McInnes, Wm. H. Stark, Robert Brand, Thomas Cowan, and William Pascoe were duly received and dubbed as Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, or Princes of Jerusalem, and Knights of the East and West, by Thomas M. Campbell, King, C. and D., and M.E.C., assisted by Sir Knt. James O. Park. The ceremonies of the several degrees were performed in a very efficient and instructive manner, the Most Excellent Chief being more impressive (if possible) than we have seen him on former occasions. He was kindly granted a dispensation for the Knights by the Deputy Grand Principal Z., Harry Inglis of Torsonce, for the purpose of resuscitating this degree. This chapter has now fixed four regular meetings in the year for working the above degrees, viz., last Fridays in January, April, July, and October. Their first regular meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall, 25, Robertson-street, on 26th inst., at 7.30 p.m., for the election of office-bearers.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MASONIC HALL AT BOURNEMOUTH.

The Order of Free and Accepted Masons, if not "as old as the hills," is, at all events, so ancient that we have no authentic account of the time when it was first instituted; indeed, in a treatise on Masonry, published in 1792, by William Preston, Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, it is traced from the creation: "Ever since symmetry began, and harmony displayed her charms," says he, "our Order has had a being." By other accounts the history of Masonry is only carried up to the building of Solomon's Temple. Be this as it may, Freemasonry ranks amongst things most ancient and venerable; and it may be interesting to some of our readers to know that its introduction to this country has been fixed at the year 674; though the most ancient lodge in England—the Grand Lodge of Masons at York—dates its foundation in 626; and by virtue of a charter granted by King Athelstane, all the Masons in the kingdom were convened at a general assembly in that city, where they established their government; and until with the last century no general meetings were held anywhere else. Masonry has suffered many vicissitudes since then, but in those days, and for many centuries after, Masonry really meant masonry, and its monuments are to be found in the old Cathedrals of Canterbury, Rochester, St. Paul's and many others; in the re-building of Westminster Abbey in the eleventh century; in the Tower of London, the Palace of Westminster, London Bridge, and a host of other buildings comprising our national architecture. Working Masons banded themselves together in lodges, presided over by the greatest architects of the day, patronised by kings and princes, and making their mark upon every age, in grand old piles which we of the nineteenth century love to gaze upon and never tire of admiring. Then Masonry, as we all know, includes the pleasing feature—first proposed by the Duke of Buccleugh, who in 1723 succeeded the Duke of Wharton as Grand Master—of raising a general fund for distressed Masons; and although the profound secrecy in which its proceedings are studiously wrapped, prevents the particularising of its uses, the society undoubtedly promotes philanthropy, friendship and morality. Its signs to serve as a kind and universal language, so that by means of them most distant nations may become acquainted and enter into friendship with each other.

And as Masonry may thus be said to be one of the oldest institutions in the country, and indeed in the world, so we can claim that it is one of the oldest institution in Bournemouth. Lodge Hengist, No. 195 was founded Nov. 23rd, 1770, at the ancient borough-town Christchurch, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, on the petition of Henry Dagg, Thomas Jeans, and another. On the 9th of May, 1851, the lodge was removed to Bournemouth, and prosperity has characterised it ever since. The



centenary festival was held on the 23rd November, 1870, when the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and the Provincial Officers attended, and decorated the then Worshipful Master—Bro. E. W. Rebbeck—with the centenary jewel. The Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, read a very interesting history of the lodge, and the R.W. P.G.M. congratulated the members on their continued success. Now, the lodge-room at the Belle Vue Assembly Rooms has become too small for the members, and it has been found necessary to seek more convenient quarters, and we congratulate the lodge on the excellent site chosen for a new hall, the first stone of which was laid on Monday, and a description of which we append.

The new Masonic Hall is to contain on the ground floor a hall 45ft. by 21ft. 6in., which will afford accommodation for from 50 to 80 brethren. The ante-rooms being placed in front of the building, will ensure perfect privacy to the hall. On this floor are also a retiring room and other conveniences. In the basement are a refreshment room and kitchen. The front of the building is to be faced with white brick and Bere freestone, and will be after the Tuscan order of architecture. The contract for the building, amounting to £896, is to be carried out by Mr. J. McWilliam; the time for completion being fixed as the 1st of May next. The architect is Bro. T. Stevens, of this town, who appears to have been successful in producing a design which will utilise the somewhat limited space to its utmost extent, and the general style of which will, we think, be much appreciated when completed, and be a welcome addition to the public buildings of the town.

The weather on this auspicious occasion was unusually fine. The lodge assembled at the Pembroke Hotel at two o'clock, and was close tyed at 2.30. Shortly after three o'clock a grand procession was formed in the following order:

Two P.G. Tylers (Bros. Green and Graham), with drawn swords.

Band of the 4th Hants Artillery.

Visiting Brethren, not members of any Lodge, two and two.

The Lodges of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, according to their numbers, preceded by their banner, Juniors going first.

Architect (Bro. T. Stevens) and builder (J. McWilliam, P.M.) with the plans.

Cornucopia with corn, borne by Bro. Halliday, 132.

Ewer with wine, borne by G. Gouch, P.M. 195.

Ewer with oil, borne by W.M., Blandford Lodge.

P.G. Pursuivant (Bro. Rawlins).

Organist (Bro. T. Arthur Burton).

P.G. Secretary (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) with book of Constitutions on a cushion.

Treasurer of Lodge Hengist (Bro. C. R. Plank), bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone.

Visitors of distinction

The Corinthian Light borne by Bro. Merson, S.W.

P.J.G. Warden (Brother Dyer, W.M. 132), with plumb rule.

P. G. Steward (Bro. Legge).

The Doric Light, borne by Bro. W. J. Worth, J.W.

P.S.G. Warden (Bro. Captain West) with level.

The P. Junior Grand Deacon (Bro. Atkinson).

Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. Gordon Browne) with the Volume of the Sacred Law.

P.G. Superintendent of Works with the plate bearing the inscription.

D.P.G. Master (Bro. Hickman) with square.

Brother of eminence (Bro. Cartwright, P.D.M. West India, S.C.), bearing the mallet and the trowel.

Sword bearer (Bro. E. W. Rebbeck, P.M.).

R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Beach).

Bro. J. Druitt, jun., W.M. Lodge Hengist.

There was a very large attendance of spectators, the line of route being thronged, whilst from the windows in the vicinity of the site of the proposed structure, and from every spot of vantage ground near, crowds of men, women, and children witnessed the proceedings. Police officers guarded the hoarding in front of the works, which are situate on St. Michael's-rise, Commercial-road. On arriving at the site, the brethren halted, divided right and left, turning inwards for the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master and his officers to pass up the centre, preceded by his Sword Bearer, and followed by the various lodges in inverted order from the bottom of the procession. The basement of the new structure has already been partly erected, and over the rafters had been placed loose planks for the convenience of the brethren. Here was placed an American organ, and the procession formed a semi-circle about it, leaving space for the P.G.M. and chief officers to perform the ceremony connected with the laying of the stone. When all had taken their places, Organist T. A. Burton took his position at the organ and the anthem was sung, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The stone was then raised, and the Chaplain, the Rev. C. G. Browne, M.A., intoned the well-known prayer, commencing, "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings." The P.G. Treas., C. R. Plank, by command of the R.W.P.G.M., then deposited in a cavity in the stone a bottle containing coins of the present reign, a newspaper of the day, and a list of the officers and members of the lodge. The cement was laid on the lower stone, and the upper one slowly lowered, solemn music playing the while. The P.G.M. then came forward, and received the plumb rule from the P.J.G.W., the level from the P.S.G.W., and the square from the D.P.G.M. After testing the stone, the P.G.M. said, It is a well wrought stone, square, level, perpendicular, and fitted to form the foundation of the intended work. The plans were next submitted by the P.G. Supt. of Works, and examined by the P.G.M., who said: They are accurately defined, well executed, and well fitted for the design of the intended work. The mallet, square, &c., being handed to the

architect, the following hymn was sung to the tune of the Old Hundredth:

This first foundation now we've made,  
Level and square, upright and true,  
Firm may it rest upon its bed,  
For months, and years, long ages through.  
Grand Architect on Heaven's high span,  
Pass Thou our work, our efforts aid;  
Permit Thy lowly creature, man,  
To praise Thee who hast all things made.  
This house we dedicate to Thee,  
To truth, and parity and love,  
Fill thou our hearts with charity,  
And raise our souls to Thee above.  
By faith, Lord, level Thou our steps:  
By love adjust our every deed:  
With hope enlighten Thou the depths  
Of our great, never-ending, need.  
And when at last our work is done,  
As stones prepared and shaped by Thee,  
Our battle's o'er, our victories won,  
Build us, O Lord, a house to Thee.—So mote it be.

P.G.M. Beach then said:—Ladies and gentlemen, and brethren, at the erection of all stately and superb edifices there is a necessity for wisdom and skill in the design for solidity and strength in the execution. In order to carry out these qualities efficiently and well, in former days workmen were formed into guilds and societies and attained an excellence in the work which probably has never been surpassed. They passed away from their generation, but they left behind them no mean record of their skill and ability in those magnificent buildings which have existed from mediæval ages. These bring to the latter age the record of the skill and the unity which animated them. By means of that unity and skill, they were enabled to bring to successful execution some of the most magnificent buildings which have ever existed on the face of the earth, and we know very well from certain tokens which are engraven thereon that in their day they were Masons, and have left impressed upon them a record of the fact. Those buildings form a sort of bridge by which we are enabled to gulf over the distance of time which has existed between their age and ours. We have succeeded to some extent as their successors. We do not in the present time emulate their example as operative Masons, but we have adopted them from certain principles, up to which we try to act. We have adopted their utility as one rule of our conduct, and it is by our unity as brethren that we exist as a large and powerful society. We adopted also their principles of self-assistance. They in their day assisted each other, and the principles therefore of benevolence has never failed to exist amongst us. The principle, too, of charity we also emulate, and try to follow out to its fullest extent; and while we adopt these principles, and apply them as far as we can to our conduct, we do not relinquish the interest we feel in the operative work of our ancestors. We still try to take the greatest interest in all works of Masonry, in all works of architecture, in all building operations, and setting ourselves, as we do, in their place, we try in our generation to encourage them as far as we can. We are indeed a peaceful Society. We try to practice within ourselves those virtues which I have stated, and we try to give assistance, not only to ourselves, but to others in the practice of virtue, and the practice of everything which is social and moral. I trust that the practice of moral and social virtues may ever exist among us, and that whilst we have the opportunity of conducting to the support of any useful work, we shall try to do our duty as far as in us lies. I trust that the work which we have had the pleasure of facilitating and inaugurating this day may be successful. I trust that the building, in harmony with the plans which have been submitted to me, will be an ornament to the town of Bournemouth. In a town, existing and thriving like Bournemouth does, it will be strange, indeed, if the many Freemasons who reside here did not wish to have a hall of their own to carry out their rites and ceremonies. I congratulate them upon the fact. May that work be crowned with success, and may we all who attend here this day have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the work which we have inaugurated! (Loud cheers.)

The procession then returned to the Pembroke Hotel, when the lodge was closed.

In the evening a grand banquet was given at the Pembroke Hotel, to which a large number of brethren sat down, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Beech, who was supported by many influential members of the Craft, including Bros. Sir H. D. Wolff, M.P., K.G.M.C., Bro. Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., most of the brethren of the Hengist Lodge, and many visitors from other lodges.

## Obituary.

### BRO. JOSEPH GUNDRY.

It is our melancholy duty to announce, which we do with sincere regret, the death of our much esteemed Bro. Joseph Gundry, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Dorsetshire, Justice of the Peace. The sad intelligence reached us late on Thursday evening, prior to going to press. Bro. Gundry died on Thursday morning at his residence, The Hyde, Bridport.

BOW AND BROMLEY INSTITUTE.—We have been asked by Bro. Charles Blain to announce to such of our readers who assisted him in the disposal of one guinea's worth of tickets for the concert given at the Bow and Bromley Institute, in aid of Masonic Institutions, on 14th Dec. last, that the ballot for one Life Governorship and one Life Subscription will take place at Bro. Seaton's, Fenchurch-street Tavern, on Monday evening next, the 5th February, at 7 o'clock precisely.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

We are informed that Bro. John Lazar, R.W. District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, has been pleased to grant a dispensation for a new lodge at Kumara, to be called the "Lazar." It is interesting to learn that Kumara is a newly discovered gold field, about eighteen miles from Hokitika, possessing a population of upwards of 7,000 inhabitants, of whom over fifty are members of the Craft.

Captain Hamber, for some time editor of the *Standard*, and who was recently connected with the now defunct *Hear*, has been elected editor of the *Morning Advertiser* by the Committee of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough held his first Levée on Tuesday, which was more numerously attended than any for several years past. The superior Courts did not sit, in order to give the Judges an opportunity of attending the Levée.

The Company of Goldsmiths have given a donation of £100 in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold will shortly be created Duke of Sussex.—*Yorkist*.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, K.G., K.T., has been appointed an extra Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.—*Gazette*.

A promise has been formally given by the Metropolitan Board of Works that a site will be found on the Thames Embankment for "Cleopatra's Needle." Most people will think this a mere matter of routine, seeing that the monument lies buried in the sands of Egypt, and that it has been repeatedly declared, on official authority, that the nation is too poor to pay for its transport to this country. The French were able to defray the cost of transporting a similar monument from Egypt to Paris, and it forms the most striking object in the Place de la Concorde. A distinguished and public-spirited surgeon has determined to defray the expense of bringing "Cleopatra's Needle" to London, so that the application to the Metropolitan Board of Works was no empty form. With a modesty which he would hardly have displayed had he been not an unassuming professional man, but a Birmingham capitalist or a retired East India merchant, he does not wish his name made public till the work be accomplished. When the work is done he will have amply earned the hearty thanks of the nation.—*The World*.—[We may add that the gentleman alluded to is a distinguished Mason.]

CRYSTAL PALACE.—The arrangements for the forthcoming show of artificial flowers and fruit at the Crystal Palace are rapidly progressing, and the promises of support encourage the belief that the undertaking will result in an attractive exhibition. It is expected that many of the principal wholesale and retail dealers in artificial flowers, both for personal use and also for room and corridor decorations, will take advantage of the exhibition to bring their goods prominently before the public, and these classes will, of course, add very considerably to the general effect of the whole display. But independently of the ordinary commercial aspect of this novel show, its success is a matter of interest to many home workers in the art of flower making who have at present no means of obtaining a market for their productions, and are debarred from turning their abilities to pecuniary advantage.

The private ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be given on the 9th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. Dancing will commence at eight o'clock. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, at whose festival, on the 13th inst., Bro. Murlis, W.M., will be the Steward.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—We understand that the musical direction for the above, which will be held on the 12th February, at the Freemasons' Hall, has been entrusted to Bro. T. Lawler, jun., of 62, Saltoun-road, Brixton, S.W. Mesdames Sherrington, Larkcom, Helen Heath, Bros. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Baxter, Thornton, Caravoglia, and Messrs. Lewis Thomas and T. Harper, have been engaged for the occasion.

MARK MASONRY.—The lodge of Mark Masons, which was recently opened in Chester, is progressing satisfactorily. At the last meeting 22 candidates were ballotted for, and 14 of the number advanced. It promises to become one of the most influential lodges in the province.

FREEMASONRY AT RHYL.—We understand that the Mastership of the Masonic lodge which is about to be formed in Rhyl has been offered to Bro. James Salmon, P.J.G.W. of North Wales and Salop.

Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, is still confined to his room at Wynnistay, with a serious attack of complicated bronchitis, but he is said to be progressing favourably towards recovery.

His Worship the Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. Alderman A. B. Walker, entertained nearly 3000 poor people at dinner, on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd ult., at St. George's Hall. Each of the recipients of the mayoral bounty was upwards of 60 years old. This is the second occasion on which his worship has acted with the same true nobility, and amongst his other princely acts, may be named the gift of an Art Gallery to the town, worth £40,000, and the presentation of a jewelled badge of office for future chief magistrates, worth £2000.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following unavoidably stand over until next week:—Bro. Harriott's Second Letter; Letter from Bro. R. de Vervega; Testimonial to Bro. W. Smith. Reports of Prince Frederick William Lodge, 753; Great Northern Lodge, 1287; Fitzroy Lodge, 569; Ellesmere Lodge, 750; Priory Lodge, 1000; Hope and Unity Lodge, 214; Hartington Lodge, 1021; Kendal Castle Chapter, 129; Temple Chapter, 1064; Swedenborgian Rite.

To hand:—Banquet of the Southwark Lodge of Instruction; Belgrave Lodge of Instruction; Star Lodge of Instruction; St. Andrew's Chapter and Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners; Masonic Ball at Barrow.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BELL.—On the 26th ult., at Frickeheim, Forfarshire, the wife of the Rev. Benjamin Bell, of a daughter.  
DOWSON.—On the 29th ult., at Hereford-square, South Kensington, the wife of A. C. Dowson, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

COOPER—HILL.—On Nov. 18, 1876, at St. John's Church, Sydenham, N.S.W., William Charles, son of Sir D. Cooper, Bart., to Alice Helen, daughter of G. Hill, Esq.

## DEATHS.

COUTTS.—On the 27th ult., at 30, James-street, Covent-garden, Anna, the beloved wife of Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P. Deeply regretted.  
ELLIS.—On the 14th ult., at Banara, Mount Gambier, South Australia, Mary, wife of T. C. Ellis, Esq., aged 20.  
GUNDY.—On the 1st inst., at his residence, The Hyde, Bridport, Bro. J. Gundry, R.W. Prov. G. Master of Dorsetshire.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 1877.

## THE CONSECRRATION OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE.

This ceremony, which took place on Monday last, suggests many important considerations. We need hardly assure our readers, that our excellent Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, spoke, as he always does, both with impressiveness and practical common sense, or that his remarks were duly appreciated, as they deserved to be, by the meeting. Neither need we dilate on the ceremonial, as that is well known to our readers, and "mutatis mutandis," is pretty much the same on all occasions. It is also unnecessary for us to call attention to the excellent and eloquent addresses at the festive board of the Grand Secretary, the W.M., our Rev. Bro. P. M. Holden, and others, for they speak for themselves in our lucid and careful report. The gathering was a highly successful one, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present. But what we are anxious to call our readers' attention to is this. Here is a lodge confessedly composed of men of distinct social worth and high scholastic acquirements, set up before the world for the purpose and aims alone of our venerable Order. It contains in it men of business, members of the medical profession, clergymen, brethren of high intellectual culture, as well as most respectable citizens of the Aldersgate Ward, and as such it seeks to conform to and uphold the tenets and practice of Freemasonry. Its first initiate is to be the Master of Christ's Hospital, and we are glad to remember to-day, and happy to point out the fact to our readers, that in the heart of the City of London a lodge so calculated to do good, and be so useful and improving to its members, is now, happily, formally set up. May all of prosperity attend it, and may its labours thus happily begin to conduce to the glory of God, the welfare of the Craft, and the happiness of mankind. Our Rev. and able Bro. Brette's pleasant announcement at the close that the list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution anniversary had reached £91 is a good augury of the future for the Aldersgate Lodge.

## IS FREEMASONRY MATERIALISM?

It has occurred to us, that, as we hear so often just now of "materialism," and "materialistic," some of our readers may like to know what is the meaning of words so often thrown at our heads, crammed down our throats, used by the sciolist and "windbag," "usque ad nauseam." Materialism comes, no doubt, either from material, as Johnson says, "consisting of matter corporeal, not spiritual," or from the French word "matériel," made up of matter; and just as the good old Doctor defines materialist "as one who denies spiritual substances," so Napoleon Landais declares "materialisme" to be the "système de ceux qui n'admettent que la matière," and "materialiste" to be a "partisan du matérialisme." And then the question comes in here, What is matter? Well, we need not, as we cannot, go into the discussions which this subject has originated and still entails. We need not even trouble ourselves with the discordant views of learned writers or fashionable empirics on the subject. It is still "non-proven." The reviewer of a "Life of Kingsley," a short time ago, said in one of our leading weekly journals, that Kingsley had changed his mind on the subject, and seemed latterly to lean to another view of "matter." And as scientificists are not yet agreed as to what matter really is, we, as Freemasons, may be content simply to take for granted the existence of matter, without too closely enquiring either into its "raison d'être," or its "modus vivendi," its conditions of existence, so to say. But in an abstract sense we all are aware of the tangible and impinging properties of "matter," whatever form it assumes, or we like to give it in this visible world, and in this mundane life of ours. But with that, as Freemasons, we have nothing to do, more than

any one else, and it is not in this sense that Archbishop Vaughan, and the numerous crowd of cackling geese used the word "material" to-day. It is in the meaning, rather as opposed to spiritual, and hence we often apply it in common parlance to those who, denying the spiritual kingdom of the great dispensation of the Most High, or the "eternal fitness of things," or the promise of futurity, or the hopes of a better country, the gift of an immortal soul, an undying body, and everlasting life, bound all their expectations, and limit all their endeavours, to this present, earthly, material, dying existence. There are some to whom this world is everything—the future, nothing. Its joys, its pleasure, its plan, its promises, its gifts, its happiness, its wealth, are all in all to them. They have no better aspirations, no purer emotion; their *to kalon* and *to agathon* are comprised in the life that now is, and when it passes away, their being is either annihilated for them in the grave of animal death, or they disappear like little atoms of space and time, absorbed into the infinity of atomism. It is to this class of dreary sceptics, of materialistic unbelievers, that Archbishop Vaughan is alluding, and as he classes Freemasons one and all in this category, he means politely, but impressively, to say that we are as bad as bad can be, and in his opinion, like the famous turncock, who incurred the aqueous wrath of the "Shepherd" in *Pickwick*, "booked for something uncomfortable." Let us observe in passing that all this plethora of invective and excommunication has something very ludicrous and very low in itself. In our humble opinion, in this his hasty and uncritical position, Archbishop Vaughan, (though quite on a par with his unhistorical achievements), has committed three grave errors, one of act, another of assertion, a third of prophecy. It is not the fact, *imprimis*, that materialism in its worst sense is the ruling principle of the age in which we live. There is no doubt a noisy and unbelieving school, and if you will, materialistic, but it is completely overbalanced by that mass of sound thinking men, who are not ashamed to stand up as grave and reverent believers in the work, the revelation, the providence, the moral government, the retributive justice of God. If here and there we see proofs abounding, as in all ages, of evil living, of hurtful doctrines, of base minds and deeds, of the deceivers and the deceived, of the seducers and the seduced; if around us the Juggernaut of worldly luxury, profligacy, shame, and infidelity lifts its hideous head, still we can console ourselves with the thought that never in the history of the world were so many noble sacrifices being made, so many truly philanthropic labours carried on for the temporal and eternal welfare of mankind, as to-day. All such utterances, then, are but the meaningless inarticulate cries of those, who, like parrots, have learnt a few stock sentences by rote. The world has its evils and its wrongs, God knows; its social errors, and its pernicious influences many and alarming. But it is not all bad, and certainly not God-forsaken. On the contrary, there are those, the salt of the earth, still striving as ever to shine as lights in the world, and aiding nobly by every good word and work, to pull down the strongholds of human crime, tyranny, iniquity, and to raise in their stead the outwork and the battlements of the great and eternal city of our God. Even to-day none of us need doubt for one moment as to which side will prevail in this mighty "Armageddon," or hesitate for one moment to anticipate the eventual victory of God's truth, God's majesty, God's goodness, and God's right in the world. And so too as regards us Freemasons. We are not, and never can be, materialistic in any sense of the word. Archbishop Vaughan knows nothing of us, our true teachings, our real principles, our living life, our actual actings, or he would not make so silly and false an accusation! We are so, of all men, alike most spiritual and religious, in our ceaseless realization of the presence of one governing, living, true, omniscient, ever present God Most High. All our Masonic work begins and ends in prayer to Him, and acknowledgment of His presence and power, and goodness and greatness, and as far as words and acts can testify of opposition to materialistic teaching, everything



in Freemasonry from first to last is most creditable to the fraternity, and most antagonistic to the perverse incriminations of an illogical accuser like Archbishop Vaughan. And, lastly, we deplore Archbishop Vaughan's appearance in the character of a false prophet. Let it be, we conjure him, his last appearance on the stage in that rôle; let him become any other "petit sujet" that he likes, but not a "Pseudomantis." Materialism is not like the "ism" of the future, whatever else may be, neither is ultramontaniam, for materialism has in its own element of destruction, mole ruit sua. It upholds everything that is most opposed to the intellectual appreciations of humanity, to the best and tenderest sympathies of the "Homo." In its low and levelling and destructive and worthless assurances, it deprives man alike of his affection and his dignity, his expectations and his aspirations, his longings and his emotions, his love of the beautiful, his sense of the divine, and his trust in the eternal. Condemned alike by the voice of nature within man, by the syllogisms of reason, and the witness of inspiration, its fate is certain, its fall is inevitable. As a system it has never had any real influence in the world, except over certain eccentric individualities, and a few blatant talkers. Of the earth purely earthy—it is like evanescent and mortal, and though, perhaps, a few lingering disciples may last in the ages to come, to point to a forgotten phantasi, to tell of a deserted shrine, we can well leave it to the triumphant onward march of our educated race, under the good providence of Almighty God.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE ECLECTIC LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the letter of my esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., that appeared in your columns of the 27th January, relative to the change in the constitution of the Eclectic Lodge, which was inaugurated at my installation as W.M., permit me to state that it also includes the bye-law quoted by Bro. Hughan, which (with others appertaining thereto) has been abrogated by nine-tenths of the members of the lodge—in fact we have revised the bye-laws completely, and considerably raised the initiation fee and annual subscription. The system on which the Eclectic Lodge was originally founded, although seemingly very excellent in theory, proved completely the reverse in practice. There was no opportunity of the brethren becoming acquainted with each other. It is an absolute fact that up to the last meeting several brethren never exchanged a word, while others not approving of the system, became members of other lodges. Now, I am happy to say all is changed for the better. We shall not meet so often, but when we do we hope to partake of the good things that Providence has bestowed on mankind, with rational and moderate enjoyment, and shall always be happy to see friends at our social board as well as in the lodge-room, (which was all we could do formerly).

As a proof of the success of the "change," I may state that nearly £20 was collected at the last meeting for charitable purposes.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

EDWD. J. HARTY, W.M. 1201.

213, Regent-street, W., January 30th.

#### HONORARY PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The interesting correspondence which has from time to time appeared in your valuable paper on the subject of wearing jewels, has given rise to a discussion here, that I think of sufficient importance to merit a place in your columns. But it is not as to jewels, but as to the conferring the rank of Past Master on an eminent brother on the floor of the lodge.

On referring to Dr. Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence," page 105, we find these words. "Any lodge may elect a brother who has rendered some essential service to the lodge, or distinguished himself by eminence in the Craft, as honorary member; and may confer upon him, not an actual, but a past rank;" and the fact is quoted that on the Prince of Wales returning to England, after having been initiated abroad, the United Grand Lodge of England elected him to the rank of Past Grand Master. It is therefore contended that a private lodge can elect a Master Mason, who has never been installed into any office, to the rank of a Past Master, give him a seat in the East, and receive him with Masonic honours whenever he visits the lodge. Can you say whether there is any wrong in such a course of action, and if so, the law it violates? Your opinion would very much oblige a large number of the brethren, of whom I subscribe myself one.

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

W.M.C.N. thinks my answer to his fourth query "needlessly uncourteous," although I only used towards him the epithet (quoted from his own letter) which he applied to his brethren generally. In his former letter he inquired whether levels were worn from ignorance or design. He now asks why the regulations authorise them, which is quite different.

Indeed as a matter of fact, the Constitutions say nothing about levels, which, I believe, is a word used chiefly in advertisements.

It is quite possible that W.M.C.N.'s idea of the *tau* may be correct, but his assertion to that effect is of little value unless he can show that the lines were ever worn as *taus*.

I quite agree with P.P.M. when he condemns faulty emblems on the apron, and I always, myself, wear ribbon of the dimensions authorised, as the Constitutions are very plain on that matter.

I will add that there is no authority for light blue gauntlets, nor for a P.M.'s jewels being worn on the breast.

Yours fraternally,

A. T.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

1. Are Past Principals of a Provincial Grand Chapter entitled to wear a jewel of their past rank, and by what ribbon?

2. Are other Past Officers of a Provincial Grand Chapter entitled to wear a Past jewel, and with what ribbon?

I am induced to ask these questions as I see some Past Officers of a Provincial Grand Chapter wear the jewel of past rank suspended by a tri-colour ribbon, the same as Grand Chapter; and have also seen a Past Principal wear his by a tri-colour ribbon suspended round his neck.

In wearing the sash of the R.A. Degree ought the red or purple to be in the centre?

Yours truly,

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers give me the date of the editions of the Constitutions which were published between 1784 and 1815?

Yours fraternally,

A. T.

#### "HIGH FALUTIN."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was not surprised to read the foot-note to the letter of "A Visitor" in your last number, (page 38), but I wondered very much indeed how you could have given such a letter insertion. It is one of that kind which I think "no fellow can understand."

Before I take further notice of the communication and the report to which "A Visitor" refers, permit me to state, with all respect and deference, that I represent many of your subscribers in remarking that, as a rule, your notices of meetings are not so grammatically constructed by some of your reporters, nor so well read by your official staff, as they might be. At the same time it must be admitted that "verbatim et literatim" reports of the speeches we often hear at lodge meetings would not only make the speakers most ridiculous before their brethren, but would overtax the most able and energetic of "readers," and even puzzle a "Philadelphia lawyer" himself, to reduce to common sense.

Now, in the case before us fault is found with you, as "responsible editor," for inserting a senseless and distorted heap of illogical, unconnected, and thoroughly ungrammatical word-whirlwind, representing the speeches made at a well-known lodge on the 14th December last. It is evident that this meeting might have been better reported, and the "gravity of the duties," and the "responsibility" attaching to the same, better recognised by your reporter; but really there seems to have been enough nonsense spoken to have disturbed the equanimity of any chronicler, and upset all notions of gravity in respect of context. Passing over the addresses to candidates, and allowing for a natural and justifiable pride in possessing a distinguishing symbol (which, however, appears to have rather a national than a Masonic signification), and also the introductions to the loyal toasts, which it would be bad taste to criticise too closely, what do we read but a very "farrago" of ridiculous similes and mis-applications? *Grand Lodge a Paradise, with a colossus having one foot in that exalted region, and the other heaven knows where, is a "staggerer,"* say what you will, and I don't wonder at the poor reporter becoming, from the moment of hearing that remark, practically imbecile. I will not criticise further, for there can be no doubt as to the "warm and impulsive nature" of the principal speaker, and his "post-prandial" endeavours to discharge fully and ably the onerous duties of his office deserve encouragement rather than animadversion. In justice to your reporter, however, pray read the replies of the "Colossus," and the "laureate visitor," both of which, being addressed to an ordinary assemblage in ordinary language, were kept without the circle of the "word-whirlwind," and so are evidently fairly recorded and comprehended.

The moral of all this is, that speakers should rather descend to the capacity of their hearers than attempt flights of imagination with "wings expanding," and, because apparently grandiloquent, believe they are expressing "thoughts that breathe, and words that burn."

But now as to your correspondent and his disparagement of your report. Was there ever a more senseless and distorted heap of illogical, unconnected, and thoroughly ungrammatical word-whirlwind than that contained in the third paragraph of his letter? What does it all mean? What is "unthinking meaninglessness"? Are any of us really "drones in the social hive, devouring the fruits of

other men's labour," for that is the literal interpretation of his quotation? Does the writer thoroughly understand himself? Can he be "supposed to know what he assumes," and how is that mental operation performed? And as to errors in grammar, are there not those in his "well-meant criticism" which should have been carefully eliminated before he rushed into print to condemn another? Oh! the beam and the mote!

And, oh! please do tell, what is a "word-whirlwind"? It is a dreadfully alliterative compound word, but stupendously above my comprehension!

Excuse anonymity on this occasion. You know me, and no doubt will once more convince me, as I always was, of your believing me to be, yours truly and fraternally,

Jan. 29th, 1877.

J. S.

#### ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any High Grade brother answer these two queries?

I see in the accurate "Almanac de Gotha," that as regards the "Ordre Souverain de St. Jean de Jerusalem," the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, since the death of its late Grand Master, Fra Tommasi de Castara, in 1805, it has been administered at Rome by a Lieutenant of the Grand Mastership and a Sacred College, residing there. As regards the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, I see that in 1868 the present Pope of Rome divided the Order into three classes, but confirmed to the Patriarch of the Latin Rite at Jerusalem the right of conferring the signs of the Order in the name of the Pope.

According to this statement, the right of conferring this Order since the creation of the Franciscan Order has been confined to the Patriarch of Jerusalem, who was always a Franciscan.

Now what I want to know is, on what authority and under what powers the alleged Knighthood of St. John of Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre is conferred in our High Grades? Is it in fact a harmless adaptation or imitation of a real Order? or is it a pious fraud?

ESQUIRE.

#### Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

LORD CHESTERFIELD.

I have thought it well to give this account of Lord Chesterfield, in answer to Bro. Lord Limerick, from the forthcoming "Cyclopædia."—A.F.A.W.

CHESTERFIELD, PHILIP DORMER, EARL OF.—Born in 1694, and died in 1773. He was a distinguished diplomatist, statesman, and "littérateur," and while Ambassador at the Hague in the year 1731, was present at the "Lodge of Emergency," or special lodge convened under a dispensation from Lord Lovel, Grand Master, to initiate Francis Franes, Grand Duke of Lorraine and Tuscany. This prince was advanced to the Third Degree the same year, Preston tells us, at a special Lodge convened at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, as he had visited England in the meantime. Preston says that Lord Chesterfield presided on the occasion with a Bro. Strickland as Deputy-Master, and with Bro. Benjamin Hadley and a Dutch brother as Wardens. Oliver, in his edition of Preston, 1861, repeats the statement. Kloss and Mackey, however, assert that Dr. Désaguliers was in Holland at that time and presided, and not Lord Chesterfield. Lenning follows Preston and Oliver. The "Handbuch" leans to Kloss. There are no records in the archives of the English Grand Lodge with respect to this event, nor any official traces of the dispensation said to be granted by Lord Lovel.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

The Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, was consecrated on Monday evening, at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted in the performance of his duties by Bros. Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword Bearer, as S.W.; H. C. Levander, as J.W.; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain; the Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain Middlesex; and Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. J.G.W. of Middlesex, as D.C. A select party of brethren took part in the proceedings of the day, the others who were present besides those named being Bros. John Derby-Alcroft, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Dr. Charles Hogg, George Kenning, Thomas Jones, P. Saillard, W. H. Froom, Thos. Benskin, A. J. Altman, H. Massey (Freemason), John Stedman, 172; Nelson Reed, 765, 1572, 1601; Samuel White, 101; Joseph Brown, P.M. 723; W. W. Landell, 99; George G. E. Fox, 142; H. C. Levander, 142; F. Binckes, Dr. A. Greatrex, P.M. 22; A. J. Protheroe; Constable; and E. J. Jolliffe. The lodge-room, though small, presented a very pleasing appearance, everything being beautifully arranged, and all the furniture, which was quite new and made expressly for this lodge, being of the best and most expensive material. The pedestals and candlesticks were of mahogany, the tracing boards of oak, and a massive setting maul for the W.M. was of ivory. The gavel was of mahogany, and the lodge books were elegantly bound. The design of the members is to make the lodge one of the best in the Craft, and no means have been spared, so far, to carry out this intention. The list of officers which is given below will satisfy the brethren that this is not an empty boast.

After the lodge had been opened in the different degrees, Grand Secretary read an address. In doing so he said: Brethren, on these occasions it is usually the custom for



the Consecrating Officer to make some few observations to the lodge. On the present occasion those observations will be very few on my part, because this is somewhat an exceptional lodge, and the oft-told tale, if I may so call it, recommending care to the members of the lodge as to whom they should admit I need scarcely recommend to the members of this lodge, because from those who compose the body of petitioners they are an army whom I am sure will all take care that none but proper members of the Craft are admitted, and I need not at all dilate on that head. Brethren, it has been for some time past a matter of congratulation among Masons that the Craft is so rapidly extending its members, and I hope at the same time its influence; but although I may rejoice to see that extension in numbers and influence, I think there are some doubts as to whether we are not going rather too fast at the present moment, and whether we are not adding to our numbers too hastily. I do not wish of course to throw anything like cold water upon the efforts that the Craft is making to extend its numbers, but at the same time it is not an unmixed benefit, inasmuch as a great many are coming into the Craft at the present moment who I expect may, from those causes which affect all men who are mixed up in commercial concerns and in matters of business—who may from some calamity or misfortune have to resort to us in years which are coming for assistance in time of need and help when they require it. We of course do not hold ourselves out as a benefit society; but at the same time it is difficult to sever the position of Freemasonry from in some respects a benefit society, and I have some apprehension that many are now entering our ranks who look to the advantages of the Craft more than the real object of the Craft, which is to assist others and not ourselves. It may be that I may be wrong in my conjecture; but at any rate, as such I cannot but view it. We have many charities connected with the Order. We have our Schools and our Benevolent Institution. We have our benevolent fund also, to which Masons have resource when they require help, and it is to that benevolent fund to which I now more especially allude in the observations I am making to you. We must naturally look to an increase in the claims upon that fund, and unless we leave to our successors something like a large fund to fall back upon (we have a good fund; it is well known to those round this room), if we do not leave to our successors a large fund to fall back upon in times to come they may find themselves in a difficulty, considering the rate at which we are giving away our moneys at the present time to meet the demands upon them. I therefore say it, and say it advisedly, that the extension of Freemasonry is not an unmixed benefit, because we must also look to our responsibilities in future times. I trust that the time is far distant when we may not be able to render that assistance to our brother Masons which they urgently require. I do trust that, considering the numbers that join our ranks, there are sufficient among them who will not require assistance to enable the funds of the Order to meet the claims of those who require assistance, and I, for one, like to see funds which are invested, as some sort of a guarantee fund for the future. Some do not view it in that light, and think we ought to spend all the money we have at the present moment. I always like to look forward, not to a rainy day, but at any rate, to a day when we shall have responsibilities to meet, which I think we are likely to have for many years to come. As I said before, brethren, I do not wish to detain you long, because it is first of all unnecessary, and, again, because I am at all times unwilling to intrude my opinions too forcibly on those about me, but if the Craft would consider for one moment the responsibilities they incur when they admit a Mason into the Order, I think it would be well for lodges in general. I am quite satisfied that I need not inculcate that duty on those petitioners that I see around me. I know, if I may so term it, this is intended to be rather an aristocratic lodge than otherwise, and therefore it will be confined, or very considerably, not only to the parishioners of the Aldersgate Ward, but to the parishioners of that portion of the buildings which lie between here and West Smithfield and Newgate-street. If that is to be the case, I need not say that this lodge will be an advantage to the Craft, and I congratulate the members of the Ward of Aldersgate on having such a lodge established amongst them. I trust it will flourish now and hereafter, and that when I am long gathered to my fathers, somebody may look back to this time, and say that the then Grand Secretary of England consecrated the Aldersgate Lodge. (Great applause.)

The ceremony then proceeded in due course, and, at the proper time, the Chaplain, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, favoured the brethren with the following powerful and eloquent oration:—

V.W. Consecrating Officer, Wardens, and brethren all. As you, sir, have been good enough to ask me to say a few words to day by way of customary oration, I beg to assure you, that I esteem it both a favour and a privilege to be present on this interesting occasion, and to be permitted to assist, however humbly, at the consecration of the Aldersgate Lodge, to be an assistant of one who like yourself, so fitly presides over this distinguished gathering with the skill and urbanity for which you are well known in the Craft. But yet, sir, when I sat down to put my thoughts in order, there cropped up at once this not unnatural query, "What have you to say worthy of the occasion, worthy of your assembled brethren, worthy of the Craft to which you belong?" So much has been advanced by other Masons, and more eloquent orators on other occasions, I have so often myself trespassed on the forbearance of my brethren, that to many of us the word "Oration" is only suggestive of an oft-told tale, which wears by repetition or tires us by its duration. It is unavoidable, indeed, but that a certain sameness must be the characteristic of all our Masonic addresses, and,

therefore, if in anything I am going to say to-day, I may seem to any to travel over ground well trodden before, I must ask you to extend towards me that fraternal consideration and friendly criticism which, after a long Masonic membership, I know full well are never appealed to by any brother in vain. We live at a time, sir, when, so to say, the worth of every earthly institution is questioned by the often inquisitive rashness and restless criticism of modern thought, and when on all sides of us we often hear the enquiry, "What is the *raison d'être* of this or that?" It may, perhaps, also be fairly said that no institution which is not "per se" good and useful for man can withstand either the "encroaching hand of time," or can confront the captious objections of the hour, much less conform to the wants of humanity, or advance the temporal and eternal welfare of our race. I do not say that such carping contentions are always just, for they are not, or that such critical objections are always sound—very far from it—but they exist, and we have to meet them, and deal with them as best we may. When, then, as to-day, Freemasonry, as you have just well observed, sir, is extending her status on every side, when new temples are built up here, and new lodges are consecrated there, when Freemasonry is alike the subject of pious calumny, and of popular curiosity, of religious condemnation, and of unhesitating eulogism at the same time, we naturally ask ourselves "What is the real worth of a society which has such an antagonistic character for many, which some contend has only a claim for the open contempt, and others for the zealous sympathy of mankind?" It has been the peculiar fate of Freemasons from the very first to have had bitter, irreconcilable foes, and warm and enthusiastic friends. Its history, Mr. Hallam has said, has been "written by panegyrists and calumniators, each equally mendacious." And at this very hour, when we are all assembled here, to consecrate this Aldersgate Lodge according to our ancient rites, if we go to the world without, and take up a daily paper, we see that praise and blame, admiration and excommunication, approval and condemnation, are dealt out, as it were, from the opposing points of the compass, in almost equal measure, with abounding fervour and vigorous calumination. Monsignore Nardi, for instance, some time back at Rome, kindly said we were "Goose Clubs." The Roman Catholic Archbishop Vaughan at the Antipodes declares that we are "materialists," that Freemasonry is "materialism," and that we are members of a wide-spread secret society, which is seeking to dominate mankind for base purposes, for sinister ends. A Reformed Presbyterian minister in Scotland some short time ago, declared that we were anti-Christian and irreligious; and some foolish fanatics held lately an anti-Masonic congress in the United States, in order to oppose the growth of that Masonic Order, which in a little above 100 years, from a few hundreds has risen in America and Canada to the wondrous number of nearly 600,000 intelligent and zealous Freemasons. Under such circumstances what can we say or do? It appears to me, sir, that the best answer we can make to all such assailants especially is by our acts—the very work which this maligned Order of ours calmly and continuously carries on year by year. Perhaps the happiest reply of Freemasonry to its perverse calumniators, is the epitaph—of its brother, and alleged Grand Master, Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's—"Si quaeris circumspice." Do you want to know what Freemasonry is really doing in this world of ours? Regard its unselfish labours of love. It aids the needy and educates the orphan, it supports the decrepid, it cheers the widow, it dries up the tears of the sorrowing, and relieves the burdens of the oppressed; it zealously endeavours to pour into the wounds of our common suffering humanity the loving wine and oil of the good Samaritan. Do you demand what are its true principles? Listen! Freemasonry is a loyal, peaceful, patriotic, charitable, philanthropic, religious sodality, based on reverence for God and love for man, whose moral teaching is derived, and derived alone (never forget), from the inspired page, for Freemasonry in England, as well as in Scotland, Ireland, the United States, and Canada, stands avowedly built up on the ennobling sanction and sacred laws of the Revelation and Will of God. In all our lodges, happily, as to-day, sir, that sacred volume lies open before us all as now, and we need not doubt, but that all of the sterling, stable, peaceful, religious character of English—nay, I will add, Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry—arises from this very fact, that as Freemasons we have never been, and never will be ashamed, to declare openly our reverence and regard for the Best of Books, that great and wondrous storehouse of wisdom, morality, mercy, love, and truth. There is, as some of us well know, in another country a mournful struggle going on just now, which we all of us sincerely deplore. In that fair land, for which as Freemasons and Englishmen we wish most heartily all national happiness, and peaceful progress, unfortunately the Bible has already been banished from its lodges, and a proposal is now being discussed to erase from their Book of Constitutions all mention of belief in God, and the immortality of the soul. If any such unfortunate resolution should be finally adopted by the Grand Orient of France, such an act must tend to isolate French Freemasonry from the great family of Freemasonry—inasmuch as the Grand Orient will have abjured one of the fundamental landmarks of our Cosmopolitan Craft. In England we never can or will let go the very bulwark of our Masonic profession, and in my humble opinion, as true Freemasons, we cannot lawfully enter any lodge abroad in which the sacred name of God is neither acknowledged nor invoked. But in this old island of ours Freemasonry happily goes on the "even tenour of its way," undisturbed by hurtful chimeras, unmoved by hateful factions. It opens the portals of its lodges to all who ac-

cept loyally the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, and whether it is right or wrong in so doing, it does so deliberately, asking no questions and imposing no test. It keeps itself aloof from all religious differences and all denominational difficulties, and welcomes all within its pale, except the atheist and the libertine, who can combine together in reverence to God, the Great Maker of us all, and in works of humanity, and the sympathies of social friendship. And within its lodges, happily, all is peace, all is good will, all is unity. No baneful passions from the outer world are or ought to be admitted there, for there the clamours of sect and party are hushed, there the shibboleths of contending factions are unknown. The lodge is meant to be an assembly of high-minded, kindly, true-hearted brethren, good men, patriotic citizens, discharging all their domestic duties according to the dictates of conscience and the laws of God. The lodge may be likened to a family, which should be a unity in itself, and where, as we know, one unruly or discordant member often introduces lasting discord, trouble, and sorrow. Hence, as Freemasons, we cannot be too cautious as to whom we admit into our lodges. It is not enough that because a man is well to do in the world, and able to pay his fees and subscriptions, that therefore he has a claim to be admitted into a lodge; nor is it right that brethren, in their desire to swell their lodge funds, should overlook the countervailing defects which render too many, hastily received, "ab initio," utterly unfit for Masonic fellowship. For the lodge, let me remind you once more, is intended to be a gathering for us of innocent sociality, of refined pleasure, as well as a meeting for customary work or charitable effort. We meet there, many of us differing from each other in the world without, but we meet and part in mutual harmony and good will. We follow different pursuits in life, and ours are varied callings in the world, and yet we congregate as members of one and the same Order. The lawyer, the soldier, the sailor, the merchant, the clergyman, the employer of labour, the writer for the public press, the man of wealth, ease, intellect, literary labours, artistic tastes, and scholastic acquirements, the prosperous and worthy citizen of this great metropolis—from these classes Freemasonry is recruited and men in fact of all professions and all pursuits here assemble, bound together by one great tie, reverence of God, love of our brethren, and with a capacity for generous friendship and an anxiety for general beneficence. We banish from us all those lower and often sordid motives, which confront us in the way, and often warp alike our feelings and strivings in the common daily pathway of the world. We are here a band of brethren, rejoicing in each other's prosperity, grieving at each other's calamity, with hearts tender for suffering, and minds disposed to pity, and as we seek to make all our reunions pleasant and profitable, attractive and agreeable, so we endeavour to remove from all any deteriorating associations which might detract from their pleasantness or mar their good. As Freemasons we hate calumny and abjure detraction. We offer the kind offices of a generous friendship gladly to our brother, we uphold a brother's character in his absence as in his presence, and we seek to realise more and more what is certainly one of the distinguishing features of Freemasonry, the friendly association of those who are happy to meet, sorry to part, and glad, most glad, to meet again. Surely then, sir, our great society has its uses, its need and value for us all? I, for one, like many more now present, can speak from many years' experience of it, and I feel sure we shall all agree in this, that some of our happiest hours have been spent, and some of our fastest friends have been made, in the peaceful sanctum of some humble Masonic Lodge. I do not hesitate to avow, and in this you will all, I know, sympathize with me, that I have for Freemasonry as an association of us mortal men, the deepest feelings of regard and affection. It is, indeed, a noble Institution, based on the most sacred principles calculated to bring into play all the truest sympathies of the human mind and will, and is and may be of the greatest use, importance, and blessing for mankind. If it had nothing else to offer us, its lessons of toleration, kindness, hatred of persecution and bigotry, would supply us with an example much needed at the present day. It resembles in this the good old clergyman, portrayed by the happy muse of W. M. Praed, of whom it is recorded,

"That when religious sects ran mad,  
He held, in spite of all his learning,  
That if a man's belief is bad,  
It will not be improved by burning."

For Freemasonry, then, sir, let us sincerely wish to-day all prosperity and success in this world, and, like the Psalmist, let us add, "May peace be within its walls, and plenteousness within its palaces." In the words of a good old Masonic prologue, it would also say,—

"Oh brethren, still pursue the task divine,  
For us has Rectitude mark'd out the line,  
Behold Humility the level bear,  
And Justice, steady-handed, fix the square.  
Within our lodge has Friendship placed her throne,  
There Unity has knit her sacred zone,  
There Reason, with humility of soul,  
There modest Mirth and Temperance guard the bowl.  
There moral Music lifts her tuneful lore,  
And Secrecy sits smiling at the door,  
Conscious, tho' not to prying mortals given,  
That all our actions are approved by heaven,  
Conscious, that all who aim at Virtue's goal,  
Bear our essential mysteries in their soul."

V.W. Sir and Brethren, one word more, and I have done. For this new lodge, now to be consecrated, we will all of us offer our hearty good wishes. If the public character and Masonic merits of those who are to preside over it and direct it be any criterion of success, then we may safely leave its future in their hands, confident of this, that the honour of the Craft will be up-



held by them, and the wishes of the founders of the Aldersgate Lodge fulfilled. May this new lodge obtain a high character among the lodges of the metropolis, may it be distinguished by its adherence to Masonic principles, by its support of our great Metropolitan Charities, and by its faithful development of those unchanging characteristics of our Order, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Brethren, I thank you heartily for the kindness with which you have listened, and to you, Very Worshipful Sir, I now once more offer you my best acknowledgments, for associating me with yourself, in labours which are always agreeable, and in duties which are always welcome.

The delivery of this oration was followed by hearty applause.

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, was presented by Bro. Buss to Bro. Hervey for installation. Bro. Allcroft having been duly installed, the following brethren were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices:—

The Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D.	(Christ's Hospital).....	S.W.
Dr. Charles Hogg.....	J.W.	
George Kenning.....	Treas.	
Thos. Jones.....	Sec.	
P. Saillard.....	S.D.	
W. H. Froom.....	J.D.	
Thos. Benskin.....	D.C.	
A. J. Altman.....	I.G.	
W. Steedman.....	Tyler.	

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bros. John Hervey and Hyde Pullen; after which a vote of thanks, accompanied by the honorary membership of the lodge, was passed unanimously to all the brethren who had acted as officers in the consecration of the lodge. This was moved by Bro. Dr. Brette and seconded by Bro. Dr. Hogg. The Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., Head Master of Christ's Hospital; Dr. Herbert Alder Smith, M.B. London, resident Medical Officer Christ's Hospital; and Mr. Walter S. Chapman, of Aldersgate-street, were proposed as initiates at next meeting. Bros. L. White, 101; Edward Young Jolliffe, 22; and W. Wright Landell, 99, were proposed as joining members. The Secretary afterwards read letters of apology for not being able to attend, from Sir Albert Woods, (Garter), G.D.C.; Major Shadwell Clerke, and Sir Benj. Phillips. The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by Bro. Benskin, of which the following is the menu:—

Potages.—Tortue fausse liée, Consommé à la Monaco, Potage aux Huitres; Poissons:—Côtelettes de Saumon à la Génoise, Filets de Soles à la Normande, Turbot, Sauce de Homard, Eperlans frits; Entrées:—Riz de Veau aux Petits Pois, Sauté de Poulet aux Truffes, Filets de Bœuf Chateaubriand; Relèves:—Dindons braisés, Langue de Bœuf, Jambon d'York à l'Essence, Selle de Mouton, Asperges, Céleri à l'Etuve; Rôts:—Faisans, Canards Sauvages, Perdreaux; Relèves de Rôts:—Huitres à la Tartare, Homards au Gratin; Entremets:—Gâteau de Noel, Gelée aux Conserve, Macédoines de Fruits, Mince Pies, Pâtisserie Française, Pouding à la Nesselrode. Dessert. Milk Punch, Sherry, Hock, Champagne, Port, Claret, Liqueurs.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual toasts were proposed.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," received its usual share of enthusiasm.

Bro. Hyde Pullen responded to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," and expressed the gratitude he had felt in being called upon to assist in the consecration of the Aldersgate Lodge. He could not sufficiently express in words the feelings which he had in this respect, but he felt so much interest in this new lodge that he trusted and hoped that it would go on prospering from year to year for many years to come, and that every happiness might attend all its members. He hoped they would all be a happy band of brothers. He saw in the lodge all the elements of success and all the component parts which would conduce to the unity which was necessary in a Masonic lodge. He would impress upon the brethren the necessity for unity of action and purpose. He might not be able at all times to come and visit the lodge, but he would do so on all convenient occasions, and he was quite sure that whenever he did he should have the gratification of finding the unity of purpose and action among the brethren of which he had spoken.

The W.M. next proposed "Bro. Hervey, the Consecrating Officer," whom the brethren had seen performing his duties in that very happy manner and with that correctness and efficiency which was characteristic of Grand Officers. He, as well as all the brethren of the lodge, thanked Bro. Hervey very much for the example he had set them, and which they would all like to copy. To Bro. Hyde Pullen also, and Bro. Woodford, they were equally obliged and he might refer to the admirable oration which the latter brother had delivered, which afforded so much pleasure and gratification to the whole of the brethren who had the good fortune to hear it. For himself he had had a most pleasant and happy evening, but it was not the first time that he enjoyed an evening under Bro. Hervey's working; for he had the pleasure to be present at the last annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, when Lord Carnarvon was pleased to take the chair and present a testimonial to Bro. Hervey. The brethren were proud to have him an honorary member of this lodge, and they thanked him for having come in the midst of his multitudinous duties to consecrate the Aldersgate Lodge.

Bro. Hervey responded. As he had said in the lodge, he had had great pleasure in coming to consecrate this lodge and float the barque on the wide ocean. He hoped it would be well piloted—indeed, he had not a doubt that

it would, and that it would come into port with a good cargo when the present W.M. vacated the chair. When he transmitted the gavel to his successor he would have a good account to give of his Mastership. On the part of himself and the other consecrating officers he begged to return his sincere thanks. Enough of himself. He now desired the pleasure of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," a toast which would be much more acceptable to the brethren present, and especially to the members of the Aldersgate Lodge. When he came to the lodge he probably had a large store of good things to say, but Bro. Pullen, who had just spoken, had said everything which he (Bro. Hervey) had desired to say. It had been his pleasure to offer this toast in a great many lodges, but he did not think he had ever offered it with more gratification than on the present occasion. Every lodge he consecrated seemed to enhance his respect for the Craft, and his respect for the W.M. at his side. It so happened that the W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge and some of his officers were known perfectly well to him, and he could not help observing that they were all men for whom he had the most sincere respect and admiration. It would be difficult to find a brother more worthy to fill the S.W. chair than the Rev. Dr. Brette, or than Dr. Hogg, for the J.W. chair. Then there was the Treasurer, Bro. Kenning, whom he had also known a long time, and who he knew would do honour to the office he held. He trusted when he handed over his office to a successor he would be able to show that the funds were in a prosperous condition: certain he was that no better Treasurer could have been found for the lodge. For a small percentage he (Bro. Hervey) would not mind guaranteeing, if the brethren would accept his guarantee, the lodge against any loss by Bro. Kenning being Treasurer. (Laughter.) However, he would not go into that subject too seriously, because it was a serious subject. (Laughter.) He would propose "The Health of the W.M.," adding at the same time that the lodge was well officered.

The W.M., in reply, said he felt in an awkward position, because he entertained the conviction that he was in one sense where he ought not to be. (No, no.) It was 30 years ago next June that he was initiated, and he was afraid to say whether it was only three years or less that he was in a lodge. From that day to this he had had nothing to do with Masonry. He certainly did go to the Lodge of Emulation, and, as he had said, he was very much interested there. On that occasion Dr. Brette, angling about, thought he would catch a fish, and he hooked him (the W.M.), and landed him in the Aldersgate Lodge. (Laughter.) Therefore, he thought if the brethren got a Master such as that they must feel disposed to scold him. He should have liked very much if he had had a little time beforehand to go to other lodges, and enable himself to shine a little in work, as well as at the banquet table. He was quite inexperienced at present. But he had accepted the office of W.M., and he should do his best to improve himself, and carry out his duties properly. At his age he could not be expected to have so good a memory for learning the ritual as he had in his younger days. Probably if he had not been the wandering sheep that he had been, he would have been better qualified to discharge his duties, and would have carried more wool than he did now. However that might be, brethren like himself must envy those who had the ability to perform the ceremonies. He had got among the briars, and had lost his wool, and he would ask the brethren to bear that in mind whenever he did not come up to the mark. He would strive to the utmost to be a good W.M. He would do his best to carry out the duties of Master creditably, and sustain the character of the lodge which had commenced so favourably. Then he might look forward to having a lodge which would be a credit to the whole Craft. The brethren's aim in starting this lodge was that they should have a lodge that should be a good lodge, a lodge of high standing, the members of which should be of such a character that the lodge would always maintain its high respectability. He would hope that those brethren who had candidates to propose would keep what the Grand Secretary had said in lodge strictly in mind. They were conscious that they should have in the City a lodge which, if possible, should rise and be a pattern to all other lodges. In the course of two or three years they might have a better Master, and if the right material was brought in in the meantime, they would have a lodge that would be looked up to by the surrounding lodges in the City of London, which would be no disgrace to the Craft, and might be of immense service in supporting the charitable institutions. He took the opportunity now of thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by selecting him as their first W.M., and, in return, he could only promise them that he would do the best he could in that position.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and in calling upon Bro. Holden to reply, expressed the great pleasure he had had in hearing that brother give the different prayers at the consecration. Speaking again of the consecration, he said he had never seen one before, and it had struck him as an extremely interesting and impressive ceremony. Again he begged to thank the brethren who had assisted.

The Rev. P. M. Holden responded. It was a matter of surprise to him when he came into the lodge to be asked to take part in the Chaplain's duties, but Bro. Woodford had kindly honoured him by asking him to assist when he knew he was present. He was very grateful to Bro. Woodford for having given him a share in the ceremony, for he certainly had spent one of the most pleasant evenings he had ever spent in his life.

The W.M. next gave "The Masonic Charities," and said what a pleasure it was to him when he saw on New Year's Day, in the morning papers, that over £39,000 had been collected by the three Institutions in the past year. It was an enormous sum to raise, but it was very creditable to the Craft, as it showed the unanimity of feeling there was on the subject throughout the country. He then said that Dr. Brette was the Steward for this

lodge at the Benevolent Institution next festival, and he hoped the brethren would support him liberally. A list would be sent round the table for brethren to fill up.

Dr. Brette replied, and said he had already got £34 on his list. (In a few minutes he announced that he had received the brethren's names for the total amount of £91.) (Cheers.)

The W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Lodge."

Dr. Hogg, J.W., replied. He felt like a Mason of the past. Twenty-five years ago he was a member of the Moira Lodge, and was then a hard-working Mason. He then endeavoured to bring that lodge into working order, and in a short time it was raised to a position of being second to none in the Craft. He should endeavour to do his part in the Aldersgate Lodge, and he hoped all the other brethren would assist him in carrying out his object.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

During the evening the following selection of vocal music was performed under the direction of Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex:—Grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," A.D. 1564; National Anthem, (Dr. John Bull); "God bless the Prince of Wales," (B. Richards); Song, "The Anchor's Weighed," (Braham), Bro. John Stedman; Ballad, "It was a dream," (Cowan), Miss Jessie Royd; Song, "The Village Blacksmith," (Weiss), Bro. George Fox; Duet, "Love and War," (Cooke), Bros. Stedman and Fox; Scotch Song, Miss Jessie Royd; Ballad, "O come in thy Beauty," (G. Fox), Bro. George Fox; Trio, "This Magic Wave Scarf," (Barnett), Miss Jessie Royd, Bros. Stedman and Fox.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. WALTERS, P.G.J.D. MIDD., P.M. 73, &c.

On Saturday evening, January 27th, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, a few friends met, under the able presidency of Bro. John Baxter Langley, W.M. 1423, to do honour to Bro. F. Walters, who was invited to the dinner. Punctually at the time named the dinner was commenced. After partaking of it the cloth was removed. The first toast, "The Queen," was well given and earnestly responded to. Then followed "The Health of Bro. Frederick Walters," whose great services in the cause of Freemasonry, extending over 21 years, and especially to the Masonic Charities, were fully dwelt upon in an able speech by the chairman. He asked Bro. F. Walters to accept a handsome purse (the purse being a gift of Bro. George Kenning), in which was a sum of £180, and an elaborate handsome silver inkstand, the cost of which brought up the value of the testimonial to nearly £200, the amounts being subscribed by several lodges and chapters to which the brother belongs, also by many members of his various lodges, &c. Bro. F. Walters thanked the brethren for the handsome testimonial given him, stating he had in his life and during his Masonic career given him by a relative (a brother Mason) three hundred guineas, so he must feel he had received quite five hundred guineas in worth over his testimonial. He expressed his gratitude for the presents they were bestowing on him. The toasts of "The Chairman, Bro. J. B. Langley," "The Secretary of the Fund, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, A.G.P. Midd., P.M. 1423, &c.," "J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Midd., P.M. 169," were given and cordially responded to. The final toast, "To our Next Merry Meeting," brought a pleasant evening to an agreeable close. Bro. J. T. Moss, T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.St.B. Midd., P.M. 73, &c. (an old initiate of Bro. F. Walters), and E. H. Thielay, made excellent speeches in favour of Bro. F. Walters. There were present besides those named, Bros. E. W. Devereux, S.D. 1423; B. Wright, A. Sec. 1423; J. Johnson; J. Pearson, 1423; H. Gloster; J. V. Watkins; A. Rolington, 1326; G. J. Loc, P.M. 1309; and some few others. The testimonial originated from the Era Lodge, 1423, and was well carried out by them. Bro. Frederick Walters is the son and grandson of Masons. His father and grandfather were initiated in Ireland.

#### MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brethren of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, held their seventh annual ball at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 25th ult., and, as usual, proved of the most enjoyable character. The proceeds, as usual, will be given in aid of the Masonic Charities, a considerable sum having in previous years been realised from the annual festive gatherings for a like purpose. There were about 100 ladies and brethren present, and the admirable arrangements were entirely due to the efforts of a hard-working committee, composed of Bros. R. Martin, jun., W.M.; T. B. Myers, I.P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; T. Davies, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; J. Thornton, P.M., D.C.; J. Bartley, Org.; A. D. Heskett, S.D.; A. Barclay, J.D.; T. G. Dutton, I.G.; J. Weston, S.S.; J. O. Rea, J.S.; H. C. Haynes, A.S.; R. Hargreaves, J. Curculender, T. Ward, T. Holden, T. H. Pierce, S. Wilkinson, R. Hargreaves, H. Savage, and G. Musker, Secretary, who also fulfilled the same office in connection with the ball. Mr. Martin's quadrille band occupied the orchestra, and supper was served during the evening in one of the large rooms.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—No one should treat the present changes in the weather with indifference, for they undoubtedly have a great effect upon the human body. It is necessary for every one to be cautious and watchful; caution as regards clothing and exposure, and watchfulness as regards the effects on the body. The skin, nervous system, and breathing organs often suffer severely, as is evinced by erysipelas, rheumatism, cold, sore throats, &c. When, therefore, symptoms of any of the above diseases show themselves they should be at once attended to. The Ointment should be rubbed into the parts affected, and the Pills taken according to the printed directions; this treatment soon eradicates the disease and restores the general health.—ADVT.



**MASONIC CHARITY BALL.**—A Masonic Charity ball was held in the Corn Exchange, Brigg, on Tuesday, the 16th ult., under the patronage of his Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire; Major Smyth, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and Bro. Captain R. N. Sutton, of Scawby Hall. The room was beautifully decorated with Masonic banners and devices, reflecting great credit on the taste and skill of the committee of Management. Bros. W. Piggott, P.M. 1282, P.G.S.W.; W. A. Field, W.M., 1282, P.G.S.; T. Fryer, W.M. 1282, P.P.G.S.; F.R. Sutton, J.W. 1282, &c. A most sumptuous supper was served by Mr Kirkman, in the club rooms adjoining. Bro. Acey's band was in attendance, and played a very choice selection. The dancing commenced at 9 p.m., and was kept up with spirit until 4 a.m. The ladies were richly attired. The brethren wore their Masonic clothing and jewels. Indeed, the entire company, numbering about 210 (amongst which we noticed the elite of the neighbourhood), with the ornamentation of the room, presented a magnificent appearance. The ball was in every respect a great success, and perfect satisfaction was universally expressed by the visitors.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 9, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 143, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Lilly, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot.  
" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Peabury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Westminster Pal. Hot., Victoria-st.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Deptford.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Grand Chapter, at 7.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Holloway, N.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whitington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 19, R. Athelstan.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd. qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., Paddington.  
" 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Chap. 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.  
" 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, 111, Cheapside.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.  
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's R., King-st., W.  
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
Rose Croix, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 10, 1877.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hot. Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1476, Blakpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., Assembly R., Bootle.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 161, Walton, Assembly R., St. Ann's-st., Livpl.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Vio. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
" 477, Mersey, N.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 10, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 124, Kilwinning, Union Tav., Ayr.  
" 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.  
" 138, Operative, Blue Bell Hot., Ayr.  
" 237, St. John, Masonic Arms, Girvan.  
" 332, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
Chap. 53, Dumbarton, Elephant Hot., Dumbarton.  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.  
Lodge 34, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 68, Doric Kilwinning, 44, Church-st., Port Glsnw.  
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glsnw.  
" 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.  
" 173, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Largs.  
" 177, St. James, Old Monkland, M.H., Coatbridge.  
" 406, St. John Dalziel, M.H., Motherwell.  
" 433, St. Thomas, Eglinton Hot. Dalmellington.  
" 437, Govandale, M.H., Portland Buildings, Govan.  
" 442, Neptune, M.H., Princes Lane, Ardrossan.  
" 497, St. John, Brewery Lesser Hall, Catrine.  
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, 221, Dumbarton-rd.  
" 21, Old St. John, M.H., Lanark.  
" 86, Navigation, Navigation Arms Hot., Troon.  
" 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.  
" 126, St. Andrew, George Hot., Kilmarnock.  
" 128, St. John, M.H., Shettleston.  
" 166, St. John, M.H., Airdrie.  
" 198, Royal Arch, King's Arms Hot., Maybole.  
" 202, St. Clements, Com.H., Croft-st., Kilmarnock.  
" 233, Hamilton, Spalding's Hot., Hamilton.  
" 331, St. Peter, Portland Arms, Galston.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow (3).  
Chap. 87, Shamrock and Thistle, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 88, New Monkland, Montrose T.H., Airdrie.  
" 109, St. Marnock, Crown Hot., Kilmarnock.  
" 203, St. John Operative, Olive Hall, Airdrie.  
" 334, St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.  
" 557, Blantyre Kilg., Craig's Hall, High Blantyre.  
" 570, Kenmuir, Balgray Hall, Springburn.  
Chap. 50, Glasgow, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 18, Dumbarton, Church-st., Dumbarton.  
" 147, Cadder Argyle, M.H., Chryston.  
" 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Cogan-st., Pollokshaws.  
" 170, Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.  
" 427, St. Clair, M.H., Cambusnethan.  
Chap. 79, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 10, 1877.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 5, Canongate and Leith, 86, Constitution-st.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 79).**—The installation meeting of this very old and highly prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. The business being more than usually heavy for an installation night, the lodge was opened early, and shortly after four o'clock the chair was taken by Bro. John Shaw, W.M., supported by his officers. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes' ballots were taken for Bro. C. A. Robinson, of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, as a joining member, and for Messrs. Henry Jarrett and John Payne as candidates for initiation, all of which being favourable, the two last-named gentlemen were severally introduced and admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Following these Bros. Bowman and Featherstone, after the usual preliminary examination, were in a very impressive manner raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The report of the Audit Committee next claimed attention, and on the motion of Bro. Dennis, P.M., seconded by Bro. Wilkins, S.D., it was ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. Visitors now began to drop in to assist at the ceremony of installation, which was very ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. John Shaw, who having placed the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. J. Hooper Wilkins in the chair of K.S., was in his turn immediately invested as I.P.M. The Board of Installed Masters, numbering no less than twenty-three, after the usual congratulations to Bro. Wilkins on his promotion, was declared closed, the brethren below the chair were admitted, and the ceremony proceeded with. The W.M. then appointed and installed his officers as follows:—Bros. Dussier, S.W.; Partridge, J.W.; Penny, P.M., Treas.; Doughney, P.M., Sec.; Fowler, S.D.; Bell, J.D.; Parsons, I.G.; West Smith, P.M., M. of Cer.; Kippis, Org.; Core-dery, W.S.; and Riley, Tyler. The latter being absent through ill-health, was invested by deputy. A sum of ten pounds was then voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on Bro. Dennis's list, and a further sum of ten guineas to the Boys' School to be placed on the list of Bro. Boncey, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. Middx. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Pycroft in his best style, and to which ample justice was done. The evening being now far advanced but little time was left for speech-making, though the most was made of what there was to spare. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master," "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," that of "The Worshipful Master" followed, to which he briefly replied. Next came the Initiates," which was responded to in a few chosen words. Time now made sad havoc among the guests, and as the iron horse would not wait for those who were returning to town, and who must of necessity catch the last train, the brethren were sadly disappointed at what appeared to be such an abrupt termination of the evening's enjoyment. Bro. Binckes, however, snatched a few moments to reply, in his usual felicitous style, for "The Visitors," and Bro. Terry followed his example on behalf of "The Charities." "The Health of the I.P.M." came next in order, and the W.M. invested him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which he tendered him in the name of the lodge, at the same time hoping that he would live many years to wear it. After a suitable reply the other toasts followed in rapid succession, the W.M. remarking, as he gave that of "The Officers of the Lodge," that he hoped they would assist him to the best of their ability during his year of office, and that above all, they would be regular and punctual in their attendance, as a head without the other members of the body would be absolutely useless. With the Tyler's toast a most pleasant, if somewhat protracted, meeting came to a close. We must not omit to mention that Bros. Beckwith, Bowman, and others, under the leadership of Bro. Kippis, the Organist, interspersed the proceedings with some excellent songs, but these, like the speeches, were far less numerous than they would have been had there been more time at disposal. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Binckes, Sec. Boys' School; Terry, Sec. R.M.B. Inst.; Sabine, P.M. 73, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Free, P.M. and Sec. 73; Blum, P.M. 1017; and others; and letters of apology were received from Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx. and Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The lodge was opened with due solemnity by the W.M., Bro. Lewis Lazarus, who acquitted himself most admirably in rendering the several degrees. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. N. Osborne, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Wilanski and Buck were passed to the Second Degree. The Secretary read various communications to the lodge, which were properly disposed of. Bro. Spiegel addressed the lodge on the subject of the exclusion of Jews in some of the German lodges. He proposed, and P.M. L. Alexander seconded, that a committee be formed to communicate with the so-called Jewish lodges in London and the provinces for the purpose of endeavouring to get the objectionable law removed. Bro. S. Davis rose, pursuant to notice of motion, and proposed that the sum of £25 be given from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. L. M. Auerhaan, Treas. Bro. Davis said he was sure that the amount would be voted unanimously. P.M. Hickman opposed the motion and gave several reasons for doing so—in the end proposed an amendment that the question be adjourned for three years. P.M. Maurice Alexander seconded the amendment. P.M.'s Abrahams and Lewis Alexander supported the amendment, which was carried by a majority of 27 to 5. Bro. Abrahams said he considered the amount proposed enormous, and thought something might be done in the shape of a testimonial to the Treasurer, and would therefore propose a second amendment, viz., that the sum of £5 be given from the lodge for that purpose. Bro. Alexander Auerhaan, son of the Treasurer, by permission of the W.M., addressed the lodge. He said he had divested himself of all kindred feeling and spoke as an independent member. He made a very earnest appeal to the brethren to withdraw the words "three years," as to his mind it appeared a slur on the Treasurer. Bro. P.M. J. Abrahams said he was quite willing to withdraw his amendment if the proposer withdrew the "three years." A short discussion ensued, in which one of the P.M.'s expressed a doubt as to whether it was regular to withdraw any portion of a resolution that had been passed by a large majority of the members. It was eventually put to the lodge and carried. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren retired to refreshment. All present appeared to be happy. There were several visitors present, amongst whom were Bros. M. Levy, Barlow, and Goldsmith.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Bros. Thomas Cohu, W.M.; Charles Arkell, S.W.; Edward Jones, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M. Sec.; John Johnstone, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Edward King, P.M.; Legge, S.D.; Fellows, J.D.; Rickwood, I.G.; Stevenson, Medwin, Cotter, Bright, Gillam, West, Fitzjohn, Child, Smith, Harwood, Kent, Fisher, Cotter, Figs, Poulton, Bartholomew, Pratt, Stubington, Benson, Statham, Dart, and others, with several visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Darnell was raised; Bro. Dunn, of the Finsbury Park Lodge, was passed; and Mr. Wm. Henry Lee Davies was initiated into the Order. The members then proceeded to the election of a Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the result of the ballot for Master being:—

For the Junior Warden ..... 35 Votes.

" Senior Warden ..... 19 "

The Junior Warden was then declared to be elected, the result of the election for Treasurer being:—

Bro. George Kenning, P.M. .... 4 Votes.

" William Cotter ..... 2 "

" R. J. Dart ..... 1 "

Information was received of the death of Bro. W. R. Baker, also of Bro. John Elliott; letters of condolence were ordered to be sent to the friends of the deceased brethren.

**FITZROY LODGE (No. 569).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, the head quarters of the regiment, on Friday, the 26th January, when a large number of members and visitors attended. Bro. F. Graves presided, supported by his officers. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting and of a lodge of emergency were confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Lieut. A. Durrant, P.M. of 1185, which was unanimous in his favour. The W.M. elect, Bro. Ensign W. L. Spicer, was introduced and duly installed by Bro. Capt. J. Eglese, P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony, and on admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom; he then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. G. Webster, S.W.; A. Everingham, J.W.; J. Sanderson, S.D.; F. J. Stohwasser, J.D.; Quarter-Master W. G. Brighton, I.G.; Capt. J. Eglese, Hon. Sec.; and W. Jolliffe, D.C. Bro. Capt. Helsham was also invested as Treasurer. The retiring Master was presented with a very handsome jewel, in recognition of his able and efficient services while in the chair. The sum of £10 was voted for the Benevolent Fund, to be placed on the list of Bro. H. J. Adams, P.M., he having consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming festival. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to their magnificent hall, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, where an excellent banquet was provided. After grace the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Capt. Helsham in very eloquent terms proposed "The Health of the newly installed W.M.," who he said had the good esteem of all the brethren, and would, he had no doubt, reflect credit on his appointment. The W.M. in response, while thanking them for the honour conferred upon him, expressed his intention to do all he could to merit the confidence reposed in him. The healths of Bros. H. F. Matthews, G. Fulcher, and J. Pash, who had been initiated at a lodge of emergency, were also pro-

posed, and each of those brethren made suitable acknowledgments. Bros. Major Chas. Harding, P.M. 231, and Dr. Ramsay, P.M. 259, responded on behalf of "The Visitors," who numbered upwards of 30. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs by Bros. H. P. Matthews, F. H. Cozens, A. Hubbard, and T. W. Simons.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High Road, on Saturday last, the 3rd inst. Two o'clock was the time fixed on the summonses for the commencement of work, but as neither the W.M. or the W.M. elect had arrived by the half-hour, Bro. F. Walter, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, &c., Treasurer, opened the lodge, having as his officers Bros. G. J. Hogg, P.P.G.P. P.M., acting as S.W.; Walter Simmons, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, P.M., J.D.; Ernest E. Smith, acting as I.G.; Church, Tyler. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was declared to be favourable in the cases of seven candidates for initiation. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Alexander Macgillivray a candidate for raising, was entrusted and withdrew. After opening in the Third Degree this brother was re-admitted and raised. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Messrs. Wilson, Thornton, Swain, and Knibbs simultaneously received their first insight into Freemasonry. Bro. F. Walters then proceeded to install Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. of 1275, S.W. of 73, and Secretary of 1559, into the chair of K.S. The customary honours were observed. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Thiellay, S.W.; Walter Simmons, J.W.; F. Walters, Treas.; T. Grummant, Sec.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. Green, J.D.; Solomon Jewell, I.G.; W. Woodman, the I.P.M., W.S. After the customary rising of the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room where Bro. E. Page, of the New Cross Road, had been busy with his assistants during the afternoon. There was a large muster of visitors, and we noticed in lodge as well as at the banquet table, Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, perhaps the most respected, and certainly one of the most efficient brethren in the locality; also Bros. Stead, P.M.; Hubback, P.M.; Allen, W.M. 144; Lovell, W.M. of the Perfect Ashlar, 1178; Levi, 188; Tong, 73; and the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C. The members of the lodge present besides the officers were: Bros. Moss, Smurthwaite, Ernest Smith, David Malpas, Metham, Macgillivray, Cowley, as well as the initiates. The toast of "The Initiates" was replied to by Bro. Swain, that of "The Visitors" by Bro. Keeble, (a veteran Master Mason of some two score years), "The Officers" by each individually.

## GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).

The members of this lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall on the 18th ult. for the last time under the gavel of Bro. Lancaster. There were present for raising, Bros. Hayes, Bonner, and Dunham, and for passing, Bros. Dawkins, Croucher, and Johns; the candidate for initiation being unfortunately absent. The W.M. having finished the above ceremonies, retired from the chair in favour of P.M. Forbes, who had kindly undertaken to install the W.M. elect, viz. Bro. Jupe, the J.W., who having duly qualified himself for the high position of W.M., the brethren retired, and on their reassembling the ceremony was proceeded with, and the W.M. was pleased to appoint the following brethren as his officers: Bros. E. Lancaster, I.P.M.; Christie, S.W.; West, J.W.; Webb, P.M., Treas. (7th time); Staton, P.M., Sec.; Robinson, S.D.; Arkell, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; Timberlake, D.C.; Rowles, Tyler. The Secretary then read the report of the Audit Committee, which was very creditable, and the Treasurer proposed that the sum of £25 should be placed on the list of the I.P.M., who was representing the lodge as Steward of the Benevolent Institution. This brought the business to a close, and the W.M. closed in due form. Nothing calls for comment at the banquet, save a kind remark or so on behalf of Bro. Dawkins, who did all he could to make the visitors and brethren comfortable. Neither must we omit to mention, before closing this summary, that Bro. Lancaster had the usual complimentary jewel presented to him on his retirement as W.M.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

The installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge was held on the 25th ult., Bro. Thos. C. Chapman, W.M., P.G.S. Herts, presiding, supported by Bros. Shackleton, S.W.; Symes, J.W.; B. Meyer, Treas.; W. H. Lee (W.M. 975), I.P.M. Sec.; N. Green, S.D.; Brand, J.D.; H. Meyer, I.G.; and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Lee, P.M., then proceeded to install Bro. J. B. Shackleton as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed in Bro. Lee's accustomed painstaking and impressive manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Symes, S.W.; B. Meyer, J.W.; J. C. Chapman, I.P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; N. Green, S.D.; W. Brand, J.D.; H. Meyer, I.G.; Johnson, D.C.; Brasted and Digman, Stewards. The usual address was delivered by Bro. Lee, P.M. Bro. Shackleton passed Bro. Oscar Dietrich and Hill to the Second Degree, after which lodge was closed, and the brethren soon after sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual toasts were given and responded to. Amongst the visitors we observed Bros. Somers, W.M. 1599; Read, P.M. 1287; Dunthorn, 141; Fieldwick, 1354; and Streeton, 1326. Bro. Young ably officiated as organist.

## CRIPPLEGATE LODGE (No. 1613).

At the meeting of the Cripplegate Lodge, Bro. Coste, I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. C. J. Benson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to Mrs. W. R. Baker, on the death of her band, Bro. W. R. Baker, of Cripplegate Ward. funeral was conducted from his residence, 16, Villas, Camden-square, the cortege being followed



**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, Jan. 16th. In the absence of the M.E.Z., owing to serious illness, the Board of Principals was opened by Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., who also, after the admission of the companions, opened the chapter, supported by Ex. Comps. Carey, H.; Hill, J.; G. Parfitt, P.Z.; Jelley, P.Z.; Moutrie, P.Z. and Treas.; Hearne, E.; Brown, N.; Young, P. Soj.; Hunt and Howes, as Asst. Sojs.; Bigwood, Jan., &c. The chair of Z. was then taken by Ex. Comp. G. Parfitt. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A vote of condolence with Ex. Comp. Thompson, Z., on account of his illness, was passed. On the proposition of Ex. Comp.



Dr. Hopkins, seconded by Ex. Comp. Jelley, an alteration was made in one of the bye-laws, by which in future the election of and ballot for the officers will take place a month before, instead of on the day of the installation. Several matters of only local interest having been discussed and settled, and no other business offering, the chapter was closed at 9 o'clock.

**KENDAL.**—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, January 25th, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Stramondgate. The chapter was opened by the Principals, after which the companions were admitted and the minutes read and confirmed. E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., &c., was then invited to install the Principals elect, viz., Comps. J. Holme, Z.; Joseph Bintley, H.; and John Talbot, J. The ceremony having been completed, the officers for the ensuing year were invested, viz., Comps. McKay, E.; Bell, N.; and Godfrey, P.S. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Bowes for his able services for years past, and particularly for those of that day. The Treasurer, Comp. Titus Wilson, reported that the finances of the chapter were in a very satisfactory condition, whereupon Comp. McKay announced that he had undertaken the duty of Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution, and asked for £5 to be added to his list, which was readily granted. After the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The companions of this well accredited chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., to assist at the installation of chiefs and investiture of officers. There was a large gathering of members and visitors. Comp. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.Z., was the installing officer, assisted by Comp. J. B. Robinson, P.Z. Comps. Peter Macmurdrow was installed M.E.Z.; Richard Washington, H.; Richard C. Yelland, J.; J. Pemberton, P.Z., was invested Treasurer; D. A. Davies, S.E.; J. Hayes, S.N.; and J. W. Burgess, P.S. At the conclusion of the installation, Bros. H. W. Parry, W. Inwood, W. Hawskworth, N. Robertson, W. R. Rieve, and C. Wingate were solemnly exalted, and the officers astonished every one by the perfect manner in which they performed their new duties, eliciting high encomiums from the P.Z.'s and visitors. Every circumstance seems to point to a prosperous year. In addition to the usual toasts which followed the banquet, "The Newly-exalted Candidates" was thrown in, and cordially acknowledged. Several good songs and recitations were given, and the M.E.Z., in the course of the evening, in the name of the companions, presented to Comp. R. R. Martin, the Immediate P.Z., a handsome Past Principal's jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the chapter.

## Scotland.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The regular quarterly communication of this lodge—postponed from Thursday, Jan. 25, for, we presume, obvious reasons—was held on Thursday, 1st inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, presided, supported by his office-bearers as follows:—Bros. F. A. Barrow, Depute-Master; J. Baird, Substitute-Master; James Gillies, Treas.; W. H. Bickerton, Sec.; John Morgan, S.D.; Jas. Ritchie, Arch.; Robert Jack, Jeweller; Alex. Bain, B.B.; Thomas Halker, Dir. of Music; David Reid, Swd. Br.; Robert Robb, Marshall, and P. of Stewards; and James Booth, I.G. In the early portion of the meeting, previous to the installation of office-bearers, one or two of these brethren sustained their former offices. At the opening Bro. D. McInnes, of Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27, was acting S.W.; Bro. James Thomson, W.M. Lodge St. Mark, No. 102, J.W.; Bro. John Morgan, P.M. Lodge Star, No. 219, acting Secretary; and Bro. David Reid, W.M. Lodge St. Andrew, acting I.G. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last regular meeting of the lodge and of several meetings of P.G.L. Committee held since, were read by Bro. Morgan, and, after some short discussion, approved of and passed. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. Sinclair, Treas. of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, Bro. Morgan read the minutes of three meetings of the Fund Committee which had been held since last communication, from which it appeared that there had been granted, to approved applicants for benevolence, at the first of these meetings the sum of £26; at the second £7; and at the third £14—in all the sum of £47. The next item on the programme of the evening was the installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, according to the list, as already reported, at the date of their recent election. This was accordingly proceeded with, the obligation being given them by Bro. Barrow, and the P.G. Master himself investing each with the jewel or emblem of his office. The billet of business to come before the Grand Lodge of Scotland at their next quarterly meeting, to be held on Monday next, was then taken up, and one or two of the motions then to be brought forward gave occasion for several comments from, among others, the R.W.P.G. Master himself, as also Bros. Barrow and D.M. Nelson, I.P.M., Lodge St. John No. 34, and Senior Deacon of Grand Lodge. Thereafter the Committee of the P.G.L. Benevolent Fund, which consists of the office-bearers of the lodge, were formally re-appointed, and Bros. Thomson, R.W.M. (No. 102); Kinnaird, R.W.M. (No. 73); and Dr. McInnes, W.M. 27, appointed as auditors for the year of the lodge accounts. Bro. Barrow then referred to the resignation last year, by Bro. Archd. McTaggart of the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, and said he desired to bear his testimony to the ability and conscientiousness with which Bro. John Morgan, Past Master of Lodge 219, had fulfilled "ad interim" the duties of that posi-

tion, from the moment he accepted them until the present time. In all his (Bro. Barrow's) experience, extending over many years, none had more ably discharged the duties than Bro. Morgan. He had reason to know that the latter would not on retiring accept of that portion of the salary pertaining to the office which would fall to him for the period of time he had held it; and therefore what he had to propose was that the lodge accord him a hearty vote of thanks for his services during the time he had been acting P.G. Secretary, and further, that they vote a sum of £10 for the purpose of presenting him with some token of their respect for those services. The motion was carried unanimously, and with much demonstration of approval; and it was agreed to leave to the office-bearers of the lodge to arrange as to the form the token should take. Bro. Morgan in returning thanks, said that if what he had been able to do during the short time he had held office had been of service to the lodge, he considered his reward had been earned. Since, however, it had been proposed to give him some acknowledgment, he would consent to receive it, but he would request of them not to make it anything of such value as the sum mentioned. Before closing, the chairman addressed a few words to the brethren, in the course of which he referred to the scheme he had promulgated some time ago for the acquisition of better accommodation for the work of Masonry, and in particular of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Glasgow—with the details of which the readers of the *Freemason* are already acquainted. In the meantime the project had fallen through, but he had reserved to himself the right of re-acquiring the property at the West-End, which he had purchased, and now let for other purposes, at the end of three years, so that it might be available in the future if the brethren in Glasgow showed their desire to go into the matter. Three cheers having been given for the chairman on his re-appearance among them, on the motion of Bro. D. M. Nelson, the lodge was closed by Bro. John Baird in due and ancient form.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening. The different officers were held as follows: Col. Burdett, Z.; S. Rawson, H.; E. Pattison, J.; John Hervey, S.E.; Col. Creaton, N.; Rev. R. S. Wigram, P.S.; Captain Platt; 1st A.S.; Benj. Head, and A.S.; J. C. Parkinson, S.B.; E. J. Barrow, Std. Bearer; J. M. Case, D.C. and C. B. Payne, Janitor. The other Comps. present were S. B. Holton, P.D.C.; N. Bradford, P.G., D.C.; Robert Grey, P.P.S.; Charles A. Murton, P.A.S.; Edward S. Snell, P.G.S.B.; Peter Wagner, P.Z.; John Boyd, P.Z.; John Canham, H. 22, Saml. H. Rawley, Z. 174; C. Congreve, Z. 913; E. Denton, Z. 913; J. McDougal, J. 913; James L. Thomas, P.Z. 13; Hyde Clarke, Z. 913; F. R. Vine, J. 749; Charles F. Hogard, Z. 141; W. Viner Bedolfe, 1329; Joshua Nunn Thomas Kingston, H. 962; Alfred B. Bennett, P.Z. 294; Matthew Cooke, P.Z. 534; G. Lemann, Z. 176; A. H. Tattershall, Z. 143; Fred. G. Pownhall, J. 13; Peter Parsons, J. 1348; G. R. Shervill, H. 534; H. Bickerstaff, Z. 13; J. R. Molineux, Z. 2; F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, (*Freemason*); R. G. K. Wilkinson, J. 7; Wm. Kirby, Z. 25 Jabez Hogg, Z. 1260; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and received and entered on the minutes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October, 1876, to the 16th January, 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£475 11 1
„ Unappropriated Account	177 12 11
„ Subsequent Receipts	392 8 3
	£1045 12 3
By Purchase of £300 Consols at 94½ and	
Commission	£283 10 0
„ Disbursements during the Quarter	175 8 4
„ Balance	414 6 0
„ in Unappropriated Account	172 7 11
	£1045 12 3

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Roger Alfred Grundy as Z., James Dick Calder as H., John Hall as J., and six others for a chapter, to be attached to the Devonshire Lodge, No. 625, Glossop, to be called "The Devonshire Chapter," and to meet at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, in the County of Derbyshire.

2nd. From Comps. Jones Giffard Nash as Z., Verso W. Taylor as H., John Bagot Scriven as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishop Stortford, to be called "The Stortford Chapter," and to meet at the Chequers Hotel, Bishop Stortford, in the County of Hertfordshire.

3rd. From Comps. Arthur Robert Marten as Z., Felix Sumner Knyvet as H., William Smitheth as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London, to be called "The Chapter of Felicity," and to meet at the London Masonic Club, No. 101, Queen Victoria-street, in the City of London.

4th. From Comps. John Daniel Massey as Z., George

Wilson as H., George Robert Green as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, London, to be called "The Phoenix Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Comps. John Loudon as Z., Ezekiel Nathan as H., Henry Smith Fish as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, No. 942, Port Chalmers, Otago, to be called "The Joyce Chapter," and to meet at Port Chalmers, Otago, New Zealand.

6th. From Comps. the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., as Z., James Smith Eastes as H., The Reverend Thomas Robinson as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, to be called "The Invicta Chapter," and to meet at the Corn Exchange, Ashford, in the County of Kent.

The prayers of these petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that they be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

All these petitions were granted unanimously.

In seconding the motion that the 6th of the above petition be granted, Comp. F. Pattison said he was much pleased to see Lord Holmesdale taking this step. He looked upon it as the stepping stone to the establishment of other chapters in the province of Kent, where there were at present many lodges and chapters.

Comp. Matthew Cooke rose to present a memorial to Grand Chapter, and to ask its advice; but the M.E.Z. ruled that as this business was not on the paper of Grand Chapter, and the chapter of which Comp. Cooke was Z. had been suspended, he had no locus standi, and he was requested to retire.

Comp. Cooke having retired,

The M.E.Z. asked the companions whether they had anything to say upon the subject of Comp. Cooke's memorial, and receiving no reply, he said that the matter could not come before Grand Chapter until next meeting in May after it had been before the Committee of General Purposes.

Grand Chapter was thereupon closed in due form.

## TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. SMITH.

Many brethren of the lodges and chapters meeting at Anderton's Hotel having expressed a wish to acknowledge the services of Bro. W. Smith (head waiter), on completing his 23rd year of service, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, feeling desirous of acknowledging their appreciation of the courteous, attentive, and praiseworthy manner in which Bro. Smith had discharged the duties of his position, are desirous of presenting him with a testimonial, and they now invite the co-operation of the officers and brethren of the lodges and chapters who are desirous of uniting in the work. In furtherance of this object, a meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel on Wednesday evening, Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. 177, in the chair, when he was supported by the following brethren:—P. Palmer, S.W. 177; Barfield, P.M., Treas. 511; Buscall, J.W. 177; Wilson, P.Z. 177; Hinds, 72; G. Clarke, 177; Lovett, 179; Willis, 177; Stewart, 141; Hobbs, W.M. 749; H. Massey (*Freemason*), Jones, 177; Reed, Sec. 711; Lean, J.W. 193; J. Panter, P.M. 749; George Everett, P.M. 177; J. W. Hobbs, W.M. 749; and J. C. Dwarber.

After the Chairman had explained the object of the meeting the brethren present expressed their concurrence in the project, and they formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of furthering it. On the motion of Bro. Wilson, seconded by Bro. Barfield, the above brethren were formed into a committee, with power to add to their number. Bro. Palmer proposed, and Bro. Hines seconded, that Bro. Willing be chairman, and Bro. Barfield be Vice-Chairman. Bro. Wilson proposed, and Bro. Palmer seconded, that Bro. Reed and Bro. Williams be joint Secretaries. Bro. Wilson proposed, and Bro. Reed seconded, that Bro. Willing be Treasurer pro. tem. All these motions were carried unanimously; and it was then ordered that circulars be sent round to each lodge and chapter meeting at Anderton's, inviting their assistance in the object in view.

Letters were read from Bros. J. Painter, P.M. 749; J. W. Hobbs, W.M. 749; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177; and J. C. Dwarber, W.M. 1589, concurring in the scheme, and placing their names down for subscriptions to the list. The meeting was then adjourned to the 28th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, at seven p.m.

The "Wolsey Lodge," 1656, will be consecrated on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, at half-past three o'clock. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, P.S.G.W. and P.G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny, 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex. The officers designate are Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Worshipful Master; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, S.W.; and J. Bond, P.M., J.W.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what ponderous volumes have been written upon this plague of every household, which is with certainty, and safety dispelled without fear of relapse, by a course of this purifying, -outgoing, and tonic medicine! It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels—more indirectly, though not less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and glands, and commands such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia can no longer be the bane of the puny, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength and cheerfulness.—ADVT.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. H. W. Hunt in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Raynham, W. Stewart, John W. Dennison, Alfred Durrant, Wm. Mann, John Symonds, H. Browne, Wm. Roebuck, J. Terry, J. Newton, C. F. Matier, Alfred Lamb, W. F. C. Moutrie, Dr. Richard Morris, Fred. J. Cox, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey (Freemason), John Boyd, John Read, Hyde Pullen, F. Adlard, F. H. Ebsworth, Charles Horsley, J. W. M. Dosell, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The different minutes occupied a long time in reading, and after they had been confirmed Bro. Binckes read the medical officer's report on the health of the school. At the former meeting of the Committee it was resolved that the medical officer should make this report monthly, and this was the first time such a report was made. After some discussion on general matters connected with the school the brethren passed a resolution increasing the amount for the Secretary to pay salaries, wages, &c., with, from £25 a quarter to £100, the former sum being totally inadequate, and he having to pay the difference out of his own pocket. The brethren afterwards passed another resolution that all the deeds and securities belonging to the Institution, be deposited with the bankers, Messrs. Willis, Perceval, and Co. £500 was ordered to be transferred from the general fund to the sustentation fund. The balance sheet for the last year was then read, from which it appeared that the total receipts of the Institution for that period were £15,359 6s., and the disbursements £14,513 8s. 8d.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart moved that the salary of Bro. Hall, the medical officer, be increased from £60 to £100 a year. Bro. Hall deserved some additional consideration after his service of 16 years. When the Institution had only 100 boys in it Bro. Hall's salary was fixed at £60, and now that there were nearly double that number he was paid no more. By giving him £100 a year the brethren would be doing not only that which was right to Bro. Hall, but that which was due to the Institution. As one of the House Committee he had known him for a long time, and could testify that a more painstaking and honest man never accepted office.

Bro. Rosenthal seconded the motion, which was favourably spoken to by Bro. H. Browne, and after a few words from Bro. Durrant, who objected that Bro. Hall did not live nearer than two miles to the Institution, and from Bro. Binckes, who bore witness to Bro. Hall's personal sacrifices on behalf of the school, the motion was carried unanimously. The brethren were informed that the salary included medicines, but not vaccinations, for which a small fee was charged.

An addition of £10 was made to the salary of the musical instructor. Bro. Binckes said that the fees paid by the boys for the musical instruction made it almost self-supporting.

An outfit was granted to one of the ex-pupils who had obtained a situation, and £20 was voted to a pupil who has shown great brilliancy in numerous branches of study, for the prosecution of his studies for the university.

Bro. Binckes said he had received a letter from the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire informing him that the brethren of the province had voted £500 guineas to the school for the presentation of a Staffordshire lad during the life of the Duke of Connaught, and another 500 guineas to make the presentation perpetual.

Bro. John Symonds again mentioned his proposal for adopting the code of the Educational Department of the Privy Council as the test for the reading of proposed candidates, and left it to the House Committee to consider the best means of doing it.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice of motion that the Quarterly Courts of January and July should meet at four o'clock instead of twelve. There were no elections on those days, and the brethren found it very inconvenient to come at so early an hour as twelve, which was right in the busy part of their day. On election days they did not mind it, because they studied the convenience of the brethren who came up from all parts of the country.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, after sitting nearly an hour and a-half.

## SHEFFIELD MASONIC BALL.

This ball took place on Friday, January 5th, 1877, at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, the whole of that suite of magnificent rooms being engaged. 257 persons were present, the dresses of the ladies and the varied regalia of the brethren making a brilliant scene. The ball was a select one, and in every way a success; it was, in fact, pronounced to be the best ever given in Sheffield, which is saying a good deal when we remember their previous highly successful balls. Every Order in Masonry was represented, one visiting brother (from the United States) appearing in the robes, &c., &c., of the 32°. The supper, the wines, and the band were all irreproachable. Dancing was commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and kept up until after three a.m. These balls are conducted by a committee consisting of twelve brethren selected from the several lodges, Bros. S. B. Ellis and Joseph Binney acting as Hon. Secs. for the second year.

We heartily congratulate the committee on its able management, and the Sheffield brethren generally on this their last and greatest success.

The pier at Eastbourne, which was destroyed during the recent storms, is to be rebuilt. At a special meeting of the shareholders, it was stated that the necessary sum, nearly £10,000, had been subscribed, and tenders will be asked for.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A movement is now on foot in the North Island of New Zealand for the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge under the S.C. Very recently Bro. the Hon. F. Whittaker, one of the founders of Freemasonry in New Zealand, was affiliated into Lodge Sir Walter Scott, to enable him to assume the position of P.G.M. From Bro. Whittaker's abilities and social position we have no doubt of his being able to fill the office with credit to himself and profit to the lodges under his jurisdiction. Bro. M. Niccol, who filled the chair of Lodge St. Andrew, No. 418, S.C., for two successive years, and has now entered his second year as R.W.M. of Lodge Manukau, will be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Some dozen years ago a Masonic lodge under the Irish Constitution existed in the town of Onehunga, Auckland, New Zealand. A considerable number of the members migrated to the gold fields, and the lodge practically ceased to exist. In the middle of 1875 a few brethren met and discussed the advisability of re-opening the old, or forming a new lodge. After due enquiry, and several preliminary meetings, it was agreed that a new lodge under the Scotch Constitution should be opened, and advantage was taken of Bro. Niccol's visit to Dandenedi to apply to the P.G.M. there for a dispensation, pending the receipt of the charter from Edinburgh. The dispensation was received in time to open the lodge on the first Wednesday of January, 1876; Bro. Anderson, P.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, 418, S.C. acting as S.P.G.M.; Bro. Doull, P.M. 411, I.C., as Dir. of Cer.; Bro. S.M. Leers, 686, E.C., as Installing Master, &c. The customary banquet followed, Bro. Malcolm Niccol, the R.W.M., in the chair.

During the past twelve months Lodge Manukau (so named after the harbour on which Onehunga is situated) has steadily prospered, and although the balance at the banker's is small the lodge is out of debt, and has paid for the jewels, regalia, working tools, and furniture of the old lodge, and supplemented them where necessary, making the lodge fully equipped.

At the regular monthly communication in November the following officers were duly elected: Bros. M. Niccol, P.M., re-elected as R.W.M.; W. C. Walker, P.M. 418, S.C., as W.D.M.; H. Hardington, as S.M.; Dunwoodie, as S.W.; J. R. Hendry, J.W.; Eastwood, who retired from the S.W.'s chair on account of increasing age, as Treas.; J. W. Waller, unanimously re-elected Sec.; Codlin, as S.D.; Schofield, J.D.; Collins, as Bible Bearer; Clark, as I.G. for a second time; Neilson as Tyler.

Most of the office-bearers were installed on the regular lodge night, the first Wednesday in December, but the installation banquet was held in the Choral Hall on Thursday, the 14th. The banquet was well attended, no less than nine P.M.'s being the guests of the lodge. After the toast of "The Queen and Craft," "The Prince of Wales," &c., had been proposed by the R.W.M., "The Three Grand Lodges, S.C., E.C., and I.C.," by Bro. Dunwoodie, S.W.; "Provincial Grand Lodges, N.Z.," by Bro. Hendry, J.W., came the toast of the evening, "The R.W.M. of Lodge Manukau." After Bro. Eastwood proposed the toast he presented Bro. Niccol with a handsome salver and biscuit box, partly purchased from the lodge funds and supplemented by contributions from the lodge members. In his speech the brother recounted many services rendered to Masonry in general, and Lodge Manukau in particular, by the R.W.M. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and all the honours. Bro. Niccol replied at some length. A number of other toasts followed. Bro. Wade, P.M., in proposing the officers and members of Lodge Manukau, gave some advice to the members on business matters—the result of his long experience. He complimented the officers generally, and one or two specially, the Secretary for his business abilities and the J.W. for his readiness in being taught his duties in another lodge (Lodge Union, 154, Mark, E.C.) During the evening Bro. Reeves, P.M., presided at the harmonium and piano, and Bro. Saxton, Organist of 689, E.C., acted as conductor in the anthems, glees, &c. Solos were also sung by Bros. Schofield, Neilson, and others. Bro. O'Callaghan proposed "The Musicians of the Evening," and his encomiums on the excellence of the music was cordially endorsed by those present. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated, thoroughly satisfied with the whole arrangements.

The Union Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 154, E.C.) held its regular monthly meeting in the Masonic lodge room, Prince's-street, Auckland, on the 12th Dec., 1876, Bro. Niccol, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Burns, as S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Brock, M.O.; Reeves, S.O.; Hendry, acting J.O. There being no successful candidates in attendance the night was devoted to business. Bro. Burns was unanimously elected as W.M., and Bro. Wade, P.M., as Treasurer.

## SWEDEN.

Dernierment à Stockholm, a été inaugurée avec un grand éclat une nouvelle loge de Francs-Maçons. La solennité a eu lieu dans la grande salle des chevaliers, qui peut contenir 1600 personnes, mais elle était à peine assez spacieuse, tant était grande l'affluence des membres de l'Ordre accourus à cette occasion, non seulement de la Suède, mais aussi de la Norvège, du Danemark, de l'Allemagne, de l'Angleterre, et de la France. A 7 heures est arrivé le Roi Oscar, accompagné du Prince Royal, qui peu de jours auparavant avait été reçu dans l'Ordre, et du Prince Jean de Glücksborg, frère du Roi du Danemark. Devant le Roi et les princes étaient portés sur un coussin les insignes des Francs-Maçons, et, à leur entrée, on a exécuté sur un orgue une marche solennelle qui a duré jusqu'à ce qu'ils eussent pris place sur les sièges qui leur étaient

destinés. Après le discours d'ouverture, prononcé par le Roi, et un court aperçu, donné par M. Dahlfelt, de l'histoire de l'Ordre en Suède, on a chanté le chant national. A 11 heures on a servi dans la salle Johan un souper de 870 couverts.—Correspondance Scandinave.

## MASONIC ANECDOTE OF THE LATE KING OF PRUSSIA.

The late King of Prussia was one of the most illustrious members of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons. He was taught at an early period of life to think the institution had a great tendency to promote charity, good fellowship, harmony, and brotherly love; and he resolved to become a Freemason as soon as a favourable occasion should offer. But he was obliged to wait a long time for it, for his father had conceived so unconquerable an aversion to Freemasons that he would not have hesitated to have put any one to death whom he should discover to have been instrumental in initiating the Prince Royal into the mysteries of the Craft. And such was the temper of the King, that he very probably would have been so enraged against his eldest son for entering into a society which he abhorred that he would have disinherited him. However, both the Prince and the Baron de Bielfeldt resolved to run all risks, and it was determined by the latter, who was one of His Royal Highness's gentlemen of the bed-chamber, and some other officers of his household, that at all events they would make him a Mason. They thought the Fair of Brunswick would afford a favourable opportunity for putting their scheme into execution, as there was always a great concourse of people in that town during the fair, and that a lodge might therefore be easily held there without giving people a reason to suspect the nature of the meeting. The Baron and his friends accordingly provided themselves with all the apparatus necessary for holding a lodge, and, having put them up in trunks, placed them in a waggon, which they attended in disguise. But an unlucky affair had like to have brought on a discovery from which all the parties concerned might have apprehended the most fatal consequences. The officers of the customs, placed at the gates of Brunswick, examined the waggon as it was passing the town, and finding a number of large candlesticks and other things used in the lodges of Freemasons, could not conceive for what purpose they were intended, and were going to seize them and the drivers, when one of the latter, with some presence of mind, said they were poor harmless jugglers, who were going to exhibit numerous curious tricks at the fair, and that the contents of the trunks in the waggon were the ornaments of their little stage, and the implements necessary for displaying their dexterity. This tale had the desired effect; the pretended jugglers were suffered to pass, and the Prince Royal arriving soon after incog., was admitted in one night, special gratia, to all the degrees of Masonry. The secret was very well kept by all the parties during the life of the Prince's father, for His Highness had the chance to lose a crown, and the other persons had lives to forfeit by the disclosure. They were, therefore, all deeply interested in observing a scrupulous silence on the subject. The Freemasons of the dominions of Prussia felt the benefit of having a brother in the person of a prince who, when he came to the crown, declared himself their protector, and ever after continued his favour to them during the whole course of his reign, while their brethren were persecuted by the King of Naples and the Elector Palatine, the former of whom imprisoned them, while the latter forbade them to hold lodges under the most severe penalties, and ordered all his officers, civil and military, who were Freemasons, under pain of being dismissed or cashiered, to deliver up to persons appointed to receive them the certificates of their admission into that society, and to give security that they would never attend any lodge in future.

## SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

A meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the Swedenborgian Rite was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, January 13th, 1877. The warrant of constitution, signed by the Worshipful Bros. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, S. Grand Master; T. D. Harrington, S.S.G.W.; Geo. C. Longley, S.J.G.W., of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for the Dominion of Canada, having been produced, the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland was declared and proclaimed, and its officers were appointed as follows until the next election:—M.W. Bro. John Yarker, Sup. G.M., P.M. Emmanuel, 1, and Egyptian, 2; R.W. Bros. F. G. Irwin, Sup. S.G.W., W.M. Emmanuel, 1; C. Scott, Sup. J.G.W., J. W. Egyptian, 2; V.W. Bros. S. P. Leather, Sup. Grand Treas., S.W. Egyptian, 2; T. L. Shaw, Sup. Grand Reg., S.D. Egyptian, 2; K. R. H. Mackenzie, Grand Sec., J.D. Egyptian, 2; Hubert Thos. Frank Irwin, G. Dir. of Cers., J.W. Emmanuel, 1; W. Wynne Westcott, G.S.D., S.W. Emmanuel, 1; Thos. Wainman Holmes, G.J.D., W.M. St. John's, 3; Geo. Turner, G. Purst., W.M. Egyptian, 2; Benjamin Cox, Assist. G. Purst., S.D. Emmanuel, 1.

Some misapprehension having got afloat, it was considered desirable to state that although this rite had leading members in various rites, yet it was quite independent and interfered with no other rite whatever, but was a neutral ground to which all M.M.'s, but especially P.M.'s, were eligible, and that such a Constitution was unchangeable in the very nature of its beautiful and learned ceremonies, which formed a key to the writings of Dr. Geo. Oliver. Communications and suggestions from several brethren unable to attend were received.

The members were directed to be divided, and warrants to be issued to the Emmanuel Lodge and Temple, No. 1, Bristol; Egyptian, No. 2, Manchester; St. John's, Baidon, 3 (with 5 members).



The jewel and insignia (those used by the rite on the Continent of America) were adopted as follows:—A carbuncle set and radiated in gold, in the form of a sun, with the sacred name upon the face in Hebrew letters in gold, above it the square and compasses, the ribbon, suspended from a golden scroll, bearing the name and rank of the wearer, being as follows:—For Supreme Grand and Grand Officers, purple, bordered with gold; Past Masters, blue, bordered with gold; W. Masters, bordered with silver; Fraternity, plain blue. To the sun is suspended, in America, a porchway, formed of triangular stones, of red, blue, and green, approached by three steps of gold. Apron of white lambskin with triangular flap; Supreme and Grand Officers, bordered with purple with deep fringe of gold; Past Masters, bordered with blue with a narrow fringe of gold; Masters, bordered with blue, with a narrow fringe of silver; that of the Fraternity bordered with a narrow blue edging. In the centre, for all grades, the all-seeing eye, with a radiance, and over it the name and rank of the wearer and the body to which he belongs.

The following scale of fees were passed and ordered: To S.G. Lodge, warrants £3, certificates 7s. 6d. each, (of which 2s. 6d. might be paid to a Grand Secretary for preparation and registration); one shilling each member annual subscription. The minimum fee for admission by each lodge to be £1, inclusive of the amount payable to S.G.L. for certificate and registration.

A form intended for certificate having been prepared, the same was submitted and ordered to be lithographed; it was ordered also that the seals of the S. Gd. Lodge be cut, and the Constitutions printed as the funds of the S. Gd. Lodge would allow.

This closed the business of the rite.

### BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOT.

The announcement that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, has been pleased to appoint Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart. M.P., to be Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, in place of the late lamented Bro. Theodore Mansel Malbot, will give the greatest satisfaction to the general body of Freemasons in South Wales. Bro. Sir George Elliot has a seat in the province, namely, Aberaman House, Aberdare, and his interests are closely bound up with its prosperity. The services of Bro. Sir George to the cause of Freemasonry have been neither few nor inconsiderable. Since his initiation, many years ago, in Durham he has taken an active part in Masonic matters. When the brethren of Stratford-upon-Avon had decided upon resigning the warrant of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. England, P.D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, arranged that, instead of the warrant being given up, it should be transferred to the province of Middlesex, and this was done with the consent and approval of the P.G.M. of Warwickshire, Bro. Lord Leigh, and the P.G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Colonel Burdett. Bro. Parkinson was the first Worshipful Master of the lodge after the transfer, and Bro. Sir George Elliot was the Senior Warden. Bro. Sir George was subsequently elected to and served the office of W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge. Soon afterwards Bro. Sir George Elliot, the Earl of Limerick, and J. C. Parkinson founded the Bard of Avon Royal Arch Chapter in the Province of Middlesex, themselves acting as the first three Principals. Bro. Sir George Elliot has taken an active interest in the Masonic Charities, and is vice-patron of the three benevolent institutions. In the chancel of the church of the Holy Trinity at Stratford-upon-Avon, immediately opposite to the effigy of Shakespeare, erected by the poet's daughter, Mrs. Hall, is a marble tablet recording that the stained glass window above it was presented to the church by the Bard of Avon Lodge of Freemasons of Warwickshire. A very interesting meeting was held at Stratford-upon-Avon some three years ago commemorate the putting up of the tablet, on which occasion Lord Leigh opened a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire at the Town Hall of Stratford to receive a deputation from London, consisting of Bro. Sir George Elliot as Worshipful Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar of the Order, and many other leading Masonic authorities, who had come from London specially for the occasion. The banquet was held at the Red Horse, Stratford-upon-Avon—celebrated by Washington Irving—at which Bro. Sir George Elliot presided, and a large and brilliant party attended. On the resignation by Bro. Parkinson of the office of Deputy P.G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Sir George Elliot was appointed as his successor. In addition to his services to Craft Masonry, Bro. Sir George has also filled positions in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and in the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, he being a Past Preceptor of the Bard of Avon Encampment, of which he was one of the founders, and P.M.W.S. of the Bard of Avon Rose Croix Chapter, of which he was likewise one of the founders. Bro. Sir George is likewise a member of the St. David's Lodge, Aberdare. In spite of his many engagements, he, Bro. Sir George has shown himself not simply an ornamental Mason, but he has taken a real and practical interest in the Order, and, so far as he has been able, has availed himself of his opportunities to strengthen Masonry and to extend its influence. On his retirement from the chair of the Bard of Avon Lodge, Bro. Sir George was presented with a very beautiful gold medal, designed by Wyon, the eminent engraver, giving on one side a bust of Shakespeare, taken from the before-named effigy in the church of the Holy Trinity at Stratford-upon-Avon. Bro. Sir George Elliot has just returned from his annual tour in Egypt. He arrived on Saturday at the Hotel Bristol, Paris, and will be in town in the course of a day or two to attend his Parliamentary duties.—*Western Mail*.

### Reviews.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES'S LODGE, No. 259.

We have been favoured with a copy of this very interesting memorial, of a most distinguished lodge. We have perused it carefully and with great pleasure, and feel strongly that a great debt of gratitude is owing to its able and anonymous editor, for a work, which though no doubt to him a real "labour of love," must have entailed on him a great sacrifice of time and trouble. The little work is a model in its way, in that it is neither too prolix nor too curt, but gives us a simple history of the lodge from its own minutes, and also a list of its members from the beginning, annotated with careful notes, by the accurate and painstaking editor. We say, that this little edition is a model for other lodges in its way—and so it is, for it is a good pattern—for other records, which some equally competent and conscientious Secretary might edit, alike for the information of his lodge, and the aid of Masonic Students, to whom such trustworthy details are alike most important and invaluable. Great thanks are due from all to the able editor of this little lodge history, for very pleasant pages, and a most interesting narrative, and we trust that we shall hail many more similar records of our English lodge history, all marked by the same simplicity of expression, the same lucidity of narration, and the same attention to details, which though often seemingly unimportant, are most essential for the purposes of reference and authenticity. It seems that the Prince of Wales's Lodge was constituted on August 20th, 1787, by warrant from the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, and on the 20th January, 1792, H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, then M.W.G.M. of the Order, was pleased to appoint Genl. Hulse W. Deputy Master, and their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Clarence, Wardens of the lodge. In 1823 the Duke of York was installed W.M. by his brother, the Duke of Sussex, G.M., in consequence of the accession of His Majesty George IV. to the throne, and continued W.M. until his lamented death in 1827, when H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence succeeded him, who was installed at a Special Grand Lodge at the Thatched House Tavern, February 22nd, 1827, by the Duke of Sussex, G.M. On the accession of King William IV., the Duke of Sussex took the chair on the 21st August, 1831, and continued so until his death in 1843. In 1874, H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was regularly installed as W.M., January 16th, and on the 24th March the same year H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was initiated by his Royal brother. Among the oldest members of the lodge was the well-known Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspini, and on looking down the long roll of its members we see many most distinguished men, who were alike an ornament to Masonry and to society. Among them we may notice Field Marshal Sir Samuel Hulse, General Lord Lake, Bro. Thomas Dunkerley, General Sir John Doyle, General Paoli, the Earl of Wigtown, and the Earl of Mountmorris, Waller Rodwell Wright, the Duke of Roxburgh, the Prince of Moliterno, Sir Wm. Beechey, Rev. G. H. Glasse, Charles Mathews, sen. and jun., Baron de Roebeck, Wm. H. White (formerly G.S.), Sir Alexander Johnstone, the Rt. Hon. George Canning, Sir F. G. Fowke, Sir John Scott Lillie, Dr. Granville, Lord Yarborough, Godfrey Higgins, Lord John Spencer Churchill, Lord Monson, Lord Saltoun, Dr. H. Beaumont Leeson, Thomas Henry Hall, Rev. Joseph Bowles, Lord Ellesmere, Sir Wm. Napier, Sir Charles Forbes, Thomas Fenn, George Plucknett, the Maharajah Duleep Singh, Robert Grey, John Anthony Rucker, Rev. Arthur Frazer, Sir George Elliot, J. C. Parkinson, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, the Earl of Onslow, Sir A. Woods (Garter King of Arms), G. W. Elliott, M.P. We have of course missed very many names of worthy brethren and distinguished Masons, but the extracts we have given here are sufficient to point out the interesting nature of the work. At p. 31 there is a most striking ceremonial recorded, when, at a special Grand Lodge, February 27th, 1827, a deputation from the lodge presented to the G.M. on the throne, the jewel of the W.M., on the death of the Duke of York. We thank once more the able editor for his most interesting little "brochure," and we trust that his laudable efforts may serve as an example to other brethren to follow in the modest and most successful track which he has so happily marked out for lodge historians.

DICK RADCLIFFE AND CO., NURSERY GARDENERS, &C., 129, HIGH HOLBORN.

We have received and read the little "Illustrated List," put out by this firm with great pleasure and interest. It is an admirable catalogue, containing a large and extensive list of well-assorted seeds and plants. We would advise our readers, interested in gardens and their productions, to whom this book will be found invaluable, to obtain a copy direct from Bro. Radcliffe, at the small cost of sixpence. The horticultural decorations and illustrations are ably got up. Bro. Radcliffe has had the honour of receiving numerous prize medals for the excellence of his seeds, and has also been very favourably noticed for his magnificent floral and horticultural decorations at the metropolitan theatres (a very good specimen is at the present time to be seen at the Queen's Theatre). Bro. Radcliffe has also decorated with marked success, tables, etc., at several Masonic banquets, picnics, &c. We would further add, having a fair knowledge of gardening, that had we a garden to make or stock, we should say to Bro. Dick Radcliffe and Co., "Take the matter in hand for us," and we should have no fear of the result.

The *Tanner's Journal* states that kid, as a material for ladies' bonnets, is among the latest Paris novelties.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

**CONSECRATION OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE.**—By a typographical error in our report of the above last week Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, is stated to have "read," instead of "delivered," an address.

On Saturday, at a meeting of subscribers held at Norwich, it was resolved to build an entirely new hospital for Norwich instead of enlarging the old one. The Prince of Wales has promised an additional donation of £200, and £100 for the Princess, and out of the £35,000 required about £30,000 is already promised.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, with Miss Florence White and other members of the Lord Mayor's family, attended the Stratford Artillery Volunteer Ball on Thursday, which was also patronised by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley and Bro. Sheriff East.

**ALDERSGATE BALL.**—This ball took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, and was a highly successful gathering, being largely attended by the inhabitants of the Ward of Aldersgate, their families, and friends. Alderman Staples presided at the ball supper.

Early in the Spring will be published a new volume of poems in the Romaic by the Ionian Poet, Bro. J. Dionysius Loverdo. It will be divided into two parts, the first containing original compositions; the second translations from Shakespeare, Burns, Cowper, Dryden, Moore, &c.

The new regulation jewels for Past Kings and Companions under the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are now ready at the Masonic Show Rooms, Little Britain.

We have much pleasure in recording the fact that Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. has been elected a bencher of the Middle Temple.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, presided over by the Lord Mayor, at which a scheme was discussed with the object of maintaining and preserving the Crystal Palace for the use of the people. Amongst the speakers were Lord Dunsany, Lord Elcho, M.P., Mr. Scott Russell, Mr. Thomas Hughes, Mr. George Howell, and Bro. R. J. Simpson. It was resolved that, in view of the great public advantages of the Palace, it was desirable that it should be maintained, and a committee was appointed to communicate with the directors.

**DEATH OF A FAMOUS SHORTHORN.**—The Earl of Bective has had the misfortune to lose by tuberculosis the famous shorthorn Teuth Duchess of Geneva, which was purchased by his lordship at the New York Mills sale, U.S., in 1873, for over 6000 guineas. The Duchess has left of her breed one bull and three heifers, the youngest of which is stated to be especially worthy of her handsome dam.

**ACCIDENT TO THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.**—The Duke of Connaught, who is staying with the Earl of Listowel, at Connamore, sustained a slight injury while riding to the meet of the Dullhallow hounds near Mallow. He was accompanied by Lady Listowel, and at Ballyhooley Bridge her ladyship's horse became restive, and lashed out, striking the Prince on the leg. The injury was not serious, but it was considered prudent that he should not hunt, and he returned to Connamore.

**ERA LODGE (No. 1423).**—The installation meeting takes place this afternoon at the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court. A full report will appear in our next.

The Consecration of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, is fixed for Tuesday next, the 13th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. W. Watson, P.G. Steward. The officers designate are: Bro. John Courts, P.G.P., W.M.; E. Jacobs, S.W.; and A. J. Ireton, J.W.

Bro. Edward Moss, who died on Dec. 8th last, and whose will was proved on the 10th ult., bequeathed, amongst many other legacies, one to the Zetland Lodge of Freemasons of Montreal, of which deceased was for twenty-five years Treasurer.

The Town Council of Bath has unanimously passed a resolution approving of an invitation being sent to the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit the city in June, on the occasion of the Centennial Exhibition of the Bath and West of England Society and Southern Counties Association.

We are asked to state that the meetings of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will in future be held at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, every Thursday evening at half-past six.

**BOW AND BROMLEY INSTITUTE.**—On Monday evening last (as was announced in our columns last week), at Bro. Seaton's Fenchurch-street Tavern, the ball was taken for one Life Governorship, value £10 10s., and one Life Subscribership, value £5 5s., a portion of the proceeds of a Concert given by Bro. Charles Blain, at the Bow and Bromley Institute on the 14th Dec. last, in aid of our Masonic Institutions, the result being as follows: Bro. W. W. Lash (Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73), one Life Governorship; Bro. C. H. Webb (Sincerity Lodge, No. 174), one Life Subscribership. The following brethren were present:—Bros. P. M. Austin, Appleby, Blasby, Bennet, F. Brown, A. H. Brown, Baxter C. Blain, F. Fraser, J. Fraser, Gardener, Hill, P. M. Moore, and W. J. Rawley.

Bro. George Tedder's Annual Evening Concert will take place on Monday, February 12th, 1877, at the Public Hall, Erith. Bro. Tedder has secured the assistance of the following eminent artists: Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Bessie Stroud, Miss Roper, Miss Emily Dones; Bros. Wilford Morgan, Montem Smith, Chaplin Henry, and Bro. Farquharson.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following unavoidably stand over:—

Letter from R. C. Reports of Faith Lodge 141; Cleveland Lodge, 543; Welchpool Lodge, 998; Priory Lodge, 1000; St. James's Lodge, 1579; Domestic Chapter, 177; Mark Lodge Thistle, 8; Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, Southwark Lodge of Instruction, Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, Star Lodge of Instruction.

We shall call attention next week to Archbishop Vaughan's pamphlet, "Hidden Springs" (an attack on Masonry), and Bro. Dr. Wazir Beg's reply.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"La Chaine d'Union," "Keystone," "Cassell's Household Guide," "Notes on the Colony of Victoria."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

ADAM.—On the 4th inst., at Wickham-road, Lewisham High-road, the wife of W. A. Adam, of a daughter.  
BENNETT.—On the 4th inst., at Great Marlborough-street, W., the wife of J. G. Bennett, of a son.  
FOX.—On the 5th inst., at Blackheath, the wife of C. D. Fox, Esq., C.E., of a daughter.  
HALL.—On the 5th inst., at Weybridge Heath, the wife of W. H. Hall, Esq., of a daughter.  
WHITE.—On the 2nd inst., at Barnsbury-square, N., the wife of Bro. T. W. White, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

BYRON—HOLLIS.—On the 8th ult., at the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, Ontario, George, son of the Rev. J. Byron, M.A., Rural Dean, Killingholme, Lincolnshire, to Sophia, daughter of Captain J. Hollis.

## DEATHS.

BAKER.—On the 30th ult., Bro. W. R. Baker, of Forest-street.  
ELLIOTT.—On the 29th ult., Bro. John Elliott, of Lodge 192.  
GOLDSBRO.—On the 29th ult., at 40, West-square, Southwark, S.E., very suddenly, Bro. Thomas W. J. Goldsbro, Esq., M.D., aged 56. Brethren are requested to accept this intimation.  
GOSDEN.—On the 2nd inst., Bro. Charles Gosden, at the Inns of Court Hotel.  
LANE.—On the 31st ult., Bro. William Lane, aged 30.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 1877.

## THE EXCLUSION OF HEBREWS FROM FREEMASONRY.

This question, which has created naturally some little commotion in Germany during the last twelve months, has come to the surface, amongst us in England by the customary conditions, so to say, of reflex action. A distinguished lodge at Birmingham has taken official cognizance of the subject, and we have duly recorded in our pages its formal resolution with respect to it. The present position of affairs appears to be shortly this:—One of the German Grand Lodges, the "Grand Countries Lodge," as we call it, the "Grosse Landes Loge von Deutschland," as they term it, we believe, has declined to pass a resolution admitting Hebrews to Freemasonry, in fact, making Christianity a test of admission. By its present regulation no Hebrew can be admitted, or, rather, no one who is not professedly a Christian. We say we believe that this is the actual condition of affairs, though we note that other Grand Lodges in Germany are credited with the same principles of action. Now we shall be glad to be set right if we are wrong, but we fancy, though "nous sommes mortels," that we have stated the position of affairs correctly. If more than one German Grand Lodge lays down the same requisite of admission, let us know the fact, and at any rate let us try and "shoe the right horse." Now we do not deny that all independent Grand Lodges have a right to lay down for themselves, their own principles of teaching and action, but then it is equally clear that other Grand Lodges have an equal liberty to refuse inter-Masonic communication, so to say, with those whose words and acts appear to be inconsistent with what they deem, rightly or wrongly, the fundamental landmarks of Freemasonry. Without then denying to any German Grand Lodge its full liberty of action and independence of position, we feel that we have a right to ask that our own Grand Lodge shall be consistent with its own teaching, and abide manfully, if peaceably by its own principles. We have declared distinctly, since 1813, that we accept all except the atheist and the libertine, and on this broad basis we work, and on this liberality of sentiment and practice, our friendly alliance with other Grand bodies must be based. But we do not see that we can fairly go further than this, and we somewhat doubt whether, beyond stating our principles clearly and forcibly, our Grand Lodge can take any action in the matter. At the same time we say this, we deplore sincerely that acrid intolerance which seeks to exclude Hebrews from Freemasonry. Independently of the great breach of our universal law of toleration, thus committed, which does despite to the entire teaching of our great Order, for our Hebrew brethren Freemasonry has peculiar attractions, and an abiding charm. The scriptural and Hebrew colouring of our Masonic tradition, must have always a special interest for the Hebrew mind, keenly alive to its own national souvenirs, and the greatness and glories of the Solomonic Temple. But even more than this, as we know ourselves, our Hebrew brethren constitute a most important, zealous, and cultivated body in our midst, always energetic for Freemasonry, and animated by most friendly sensibilities and benevolent aspirations. Indeed, it has often struck us, that they set us all a very good example, in their unsectarian charity, especially as regards our Girls' and Boys' Schools. In the nature of things and for other special causes, the overwhelming majority of our pupils are the orphans of Christian parents, and yet few are so liberal and so persevering in their support of our two great charities, as our Hebrew brethren, who in the truest spirit of Masonry and philanthropy, do not stop to ask what a man believes, but seek to hold out the kind and sustaining hand of fraternal goodwill, to the friendless, the orphan, the suffering, and the destitute. We all of us equally are aware, that among our own Masonic friends, we count many very excellent Hebrew brethren, and we cannot, we repeat, sufficiently

regret the fact, that on any ground whatever, any system of exclusion should be perpetuated, against those many kindly disposed and warm-hearted persons, excellent citizens, good men and true, simply because they are Hebrews. Those of us must be very inattentive readers of history, who have not yet realized, the important part played by the Hebrew race in the annals of the world, in the past, and the part they will probably yet play in the future, in the good providence of God. Those days of intolerance and ignorance are, happily for ever, over, which sought to put a badge of ignominy on all their "tribes." In the eyes of reflective faith and educated understanding, they are still, remember the natural "olive tree" of all history, sacred and profane, while all the rest of mankind are the "wild" grafts. Toleration and charity, kindness and fraternal goodwill have long since learned to peruse many painful pages of the world's history, nay, we must add, of Christian intolerance towards Hebrews, with feelings of sorrow and humiliation. And no one, let us trust, no Freemason, no enlightened man, can hear of the cruel treatment of the Hebrew race, in any part of the civilized world, without deep regret and indignation. In 1877 we deplore, we repeat, to have to record a continuation of the vindictive spirit of the dark ages, and we trust soon to learn that wiser counsels have prevailed, and that the exclusion of the Hebrews from Freemasonry under any governing lodge in Germany, or any other nation in the civilized world, will have become an utter impossibility for the future. We shall point out in another article next week one of the causes of this regrettable state of affairs, and which, in our humble opinion, requires immediate removal and rectification.

## THE ATTACK ON BRO. HERVEY BY THE MONDE MAÇONNIQUE.

By the *Monde Maçonique* for January, it seems that Bro. Caubet is not the writer of the article complained of in a previous number of the *Freemason*, which contained expressions alike very uncourteous and un-Masonic, as we thought then, and think still, towards our valued Grand Secretary. No, it appears that the actual writer of them is a Bro. Adrien Grimaux, or Griment, the name is spelt both ways in the *Monde Maçonique*, who is, we may observe, "en passant" no connection of the "Grimaud" of the "*Vingt Ans Après*." We ought to have looked to the list of contents, for there, undoubtedly, Bro. Grimaux's name covers the matter from page 342 to page 352, but we did not, and seeing Bro. Caubet's name at the conclusion of the article "*Revision*," &c., which begins page 352, we too hastily concluded that he had written both articles. We have therefore to express our regret to Bro. Caubet for having credited him erroneously with remarks, equally unwise in tone and temper, but surely, as he seems entirely to approve of them, the old maxim applies, "*Volenti non fit injuria*." Any further expression of regret is therefore superfluous. We propose to offer a few fraternal kindly comments in our next issue on the two remarkable productions which are signed by Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, and appear at pages 403 and 406 respectively, in the January number of the *Monde Maçonique*. We can only deplore the fact, now too patent, that Bros. Caubet, Grimaux, and others are leading deliberately the Grand Orient of France into the "Caudine Forks" of hopeless isolation.

## A SPURIOUS SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE IN LONDON.

By the *Monde Maçonique* of January it appears that there is a spurious and illicit body in London, terming itself "*La Grande Loge des Philadelphes et de la Concorde Reunis*," at the "Spreat Eagle" [query "Spread?"] "6, Charles-street, Middlesex Hospital, a Londres." We have previously, indeed, heard of a so-called lodge of the same name, which Bro. Caubet stated had not a French warrant, and which Bro. Buss informed us had not an English warrant, and which clearly had no right to term itself a Masonic lodge. But now, lo and behold, it has blossomed into a full blown "*Grande Loge*." As



we know of no Grand Lodge in England but that presided over by the Prince of Wales, and certainly do not understand why a French lodge can be meeting in London with no warrant at all, or venture to call itself a "Grande Loge," we think it right to direct the attention of the proper Masonic authorities to the subject. We regret that the editor of so respectable a journal as the *Monde Maçonnique* should have permitted such an impudent assumption of the name of a Grand Lodge to appear in his pages, for it is, in fact, a great "manqué d'égards" towards the English Grand Lodge, the more so as he knows as well as we do that such a lodge in England is spurious and illicit, and that any body of foreign Masons taking such a name, not only infringe the laws of the land, but commit a great act of impertinence towards the English Grand Lodge. A Bro. Valleton claims to be the "Orateur" of this remarkable body, see pp. 432, 433, *Monde Maçonnique* for January, and above all has, we regret to say it, the effrontery to issue his illegal statement, as he says, "dans l'intérêt des Maçons Anglais." We venture to add that there is no English Freemason who will not at once repudiate indignantly any connection whatever with this spurious body of so-called Freemasons, but who are not and cannot be anything but a clandestine and unwarranted and unwarrantable meeting of non-Masons, or anything else in fact, you like, against all Masonic law and authority.

### NOT TRUE!

As we thought at the time, the statement of the *Westminster Gazette* as to the admission of Prince Louis Napoleon into Freemasonry at Rome by Prince Humbert turns out to be a pure myth. We commend to our readers' notice a little correspondence on the subject, which we publish in another column, by which it will clearly appear that, through the kind intermediation of our Bro. J. C. Parkinson, we have authority from Rome to say that the whole story is a weak invention of the enemy. Supposing that the statement had been accurate in itself, and that Prince Louis Napoleon had been admitted into Freemasonry, it was a matter, after all, which only concerned himself and his family and friends. But to invent a direct falsehood, and then to ground on that falsehood an attack upon the Empress Eugénie and her son, is an example of bad "form," and of worse faith, almost without precedent. Without precedent, did we say? Alas! it is that peculiar feature of Ultramontanism which has always filled the thoughtful with alarm and humiliation, we mean its utter "unscrupulousness" alike in word and work, when some end is to be gained, some result achieved, as is idly supposed or profanely asserted, A.M.D.G. Especially as regards Freemasons is this hyper-illegality of sentiment and action most remarkable. From the first condemnation of Pope Clement in 1738, when the "houses were to be destroyed" where the lodges met, and Freemasons themselves were to be seized by the Inquisition, and handed over to the "secular arm" until this hour everything is apparently allowable for Roman Catholics to say of or impute to Freemasons. According to some Ultramontane scribes, there is no crime they have not committed, no evil that they would not do, and as a proof of what educated Roman Catholics believe, too, of our innocuous Order, we recommend our readers to peruse an interesting letter by Bro. Ververga, which appears amongst our correspondence this week, as illustrative of the subject we are treating upon. As it is, we have this consolation, that as a general rule any Ultramontane statement as to Freemasonry just now is not only a "canard," "lame," and "sauvage" for the most part, too, but it is very lucky if it is not something worse, an invention so utterly devoid of truth for instance, that we can only regard it as an emanation from the "father of lies." Dreadful position for a religious body to take. Not only to be unable to "realize the abstract importance of truth," but to lie, either purely for lying sake, or in support of that vile theory, that the end justifies the means, however bad or base those means may be per se. As Freemasons let us not imitate our unreasoning and uncharitable assailants, and let us never for-

get that one of the greatest attributes of good Freemasons under all circumstances and in all contingencies is Truth.

### NEWS FROM SWEDEN.

In another column our readers will perceive that, according to the *Correspondance Scandinave*, a Stockholm paper of some circulation, and very friendly to Freemasonry, by an extract of which we give, in the French, as we received it, that a new lodge has been recently inaugurated at Stockholm, by the King in person, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren from Norway, Denmark, Germany, England, and France, as well as Sweden itself—a truly cosmopolitan gathering. The Crown Prince had been initiated a few days before, and was also present, as well as Prince John of Glucksburg, brother of the King of Denmark. Bro. Dahlfeldt gave an oration, and after a most successful gathering 870 brethren sat down to supper. Well, amid the violence of some unreasoning fanatics and the anathemata of others, it is pleasant for us to note that now, as of old, the great men of the world are not ashamed "our mysteries to put a good grace on," much less to hear themselves named "a Free and an Accepted Mason." So let us all take abuse and illogical accusation calmly, and join one and all in the good old chorus, "Prosper the Craft."

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE MASONRY IN SCOTLAND?

SEC. II.—THE DAUGHTER LODGES.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Masonry is not a benefit society; every aspirant seeks, or ought to seek, admission to our portals from a sincere desire to benefit his fellow creatures; "he should be prompted by no mercenary or unworthy motive."

The Craft has, it is true, institutions to assist the widows and aged, and to educate its orphans in many parts of the world; but this is not a benefit society; with them all who join do so for ulterior pecuniary gain. With us our charities are to relieve true and real distress brought on by no fault of our own; we may any one of us (whatever our fortune or position in life) be in a moment reduced to the utmost depths of distress—banks in which our money is placed may fail—funds may go down or utterly collapse—interests on investments may cease—large business firms may fail, and carry us down with them.

Again, even when we take the open-handed charities supported by our Order, we may, aye, and do find, that the real cases of distress, the unwilling applicants for relief, far exceed the funds at our disposal, and many are sent empty away.

"Masonry, then, is not a benefit society;" it relieves real distress wherever and whenever it can do so; but even then falls far short in its duty. "A candidate should not seek to join Masonry for pecuniary or trade advantages."

Masonry is open, however, to every good and worthy man, whatever his state or position in life may be: peasant, prince, and noble are equally eligible; the unworthy noble is refused, the honest peasant is accepted; men of all languages, nations, religious beliefs, are eligible for our Order, provided only they believe in the One True God, T.G.A.O.T.U.

Masonry being such as this, it remains for us, its professors, to welcome all good and honest men, whosoever and whosoever they may be, but to exclude the ignoble, the base, the sordid, the slanderer, the criminal, as far as lays in our power. "We cannot be too strict in estimating and examining the character of any and every aspirant for our favours." But for a lodge to be in a position to refuse the unworthy, it must be financially able to receive with open arms those alone that are worthy. It has been for many years the bane of Masonry in Scotland, that lodges, "to keep up their funds," accept one and all that come forward, the entrance fees being the sole funds for the maintenance of the lodge. Members even in many cases go so far as to solicit their friends to join, and yet the candidate, according to our rules, should be perfectly unbiassed by solicitation.

I do not say that this state of matters is confined to Scotland alone—far be it from me to do so; but I do say that here this flagrant dereliction of duty is too rampant, and yet the vice is not ineradicable. In the province with which I am connected lodges do not depend on fees received from intrants for their funds, and there are several other provinces and lodges in Scotland with which I am acquainted similarly situated. What can be done in some should therefore be done in all.

The principles that I would inculcate, therefore, are these:—

A. That Grand Lodge should make it compulsory on all daughter lodges to exact annual subscriptions (however small) from all its members.

B. That Grand Lodge should increase the minimum fee exigible for intrants, and re-apportion the dues to Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and Provincial Grand Lodges.

The amount of the annual subscription for its members is the province of each separate lodge; the cognate question, the minimum or maximum fee for intrants, depends on Grand Lodge. The same principles, however, must guide both the daughter lodges and the Grand Lodge in fixing their respective scales. A daughter lodge must consider its members and their position in life; it must calculate what its annual expenses for Masonic purposes are likely to be, and fix its annual charge to cover such expenditure, even if only 2s. 6d. per head per annum. The bye-law that no brother shall vote or speak in lodge if in arrears of his annual subscription should be strictly enforced.

No brother should be eligible for office (pace other qualifications) in Grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, unless a subscribing member of his mother lodge or some other one holding under Grand Lodge of Scotland.

These are questions more particularly belonging to Grand Lodge, but, as they also affect the daughter lodges, had better be considered at once, before taking up questions relevant solely to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge under the present system (see Constitutions, cap. xx., sec. iv.) enacts that no candidate shall be initiated for less than £1 1s. 6d., exclusive of Grand Lodge dues viz., 5s. 6d. for registration (of which 1s. goes to the Benevolent Fund), and 5s. for diploma; therefore every intrant has to pay not less than £1 11s. 6d., the sum of 10s. 6d. has to be paid by the lodge Treasurer to Grand Lodge on each intrant, irrespective of fees exigible by the daughter lodge, not less than £1. 1s. 6d.

I would propose, then, 1st, that Grand Lodge should make annual subscriptions in daughter lodges compulsory; 2nd, that the minimum fee for initiation should be raised to £2 2s. 6d., inclusive of dues to Grand Lodge, Benevolent Fund and Prov. Grand Lodge, viz., £1 5s. 6d. minimum to daughter lodge, 7s. 6d. to Grand Lodge for registration (of which 2s. 6d. should be remitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge), 5s. 6d. for diploma, and 5s. 6d. to Fund of Benevolence.

£2. 2s. is not an unnecessarily high minimum to exact from any aspirant for our benefits, it is also within the reach of any honest and industrious man, who does not seek personal or pecuniary advantage, in fact who wishes to enter Masonry in a proper spirit.

The question of annual subscriptions (however small) will tend to raise the financial as well as the Masonic position of daughter lodges, and relieve them from being compelled to receive, simply for their fees, one and all who may apply.

Grand Lodge, the Benevolent Fund, Provincial Grand Lodges, and every daughter lodge would then be strengthened, and the moral tone of Masonry improved.

I would add a few words more as to annual subscriptions to prevent mistakes: "Any brother who, from pressure of circumstances, is unable to continue his subscription, any brother leaving the district in which his lodge is held, and who then withdraws his annual money, is still a Mason, and exercises all Masonic rights; he simply loses membership of the lodge as regards voting and speaking, and loses for the time the qualifications (if he has any others) of membership of Grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, but can always regain his status by being replaced on the list of subscribing members of his mother or any other lodge, or in case of going to another town or county by joining the lodge of his new home."

#### SEC. III.—ADMINISTRATIVE.

##### Composition of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges.

a (See cap. i., sec. 1). The Grand Lodge of Scotland consists of Grand Office Bearers, Past Grand Masters, Prov. Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Masters, and their Wardens or Proxy Masters, and Wardens of every lodge holding under Scottish Constitutions.

b (See cap. xii., sec. 1). The Provincial Grand Lodge shall consist of the Provincial Grand Master and all office bearers (excepting Inner Guard and Tyler), and the Masters and Wardens and Immediate Past Masters of the several lodges in the province.

In Grand Lodge a regular annual test of membership both to Grand Lodge and also Benevolent Fund exists (see appendices A and K); many Provincial Grand Lodges also have a test of membership, but this, as in the case of daughter lodges, should be rendered compulsory; the addition (lately given) of Immediate Past Masters to Provincial Grand Lodges has been a great boon, inasmuch as it has increased the income and working powers thereof.

Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges being the ruling powers of the Craft, none but those duly qualified should be members of each or either; as in Grand Lodge so in the Provincial, all Past Grand Officers should remain members so long as all fees to Provincial Grand Lodge and a daughter lodge are paid, wearing also a distinctive mark on their aprons to denote their past rank.

As to cap. xx., sec. 6. as to duration of time between granting degrees, the law should be strictly enforced, and the wording altered, so that no dispensation should be given save by the Provincial Grand Master, his deputy or substitute, and that only at the written request of and duly signed by the Right Worshipful Master and the two Wardens of the petitioning lodge.

The proposed 2s. per head on intrants in revised scale of dues to Grand Lodge, which comes to the Provincial Grand Lodge, should be the nucleus of a Provincial Benevolent Fund.

Duplicate returns of all intrants, affiliations, office-bearers for the ensuing years, and also of subscribing members, should be made annually by all lodges to their respective Prov. G. Lodge. Extended powers should be given to Provincial Grand Lodges, to act as courts of first instance in all Masonic cases within their jurisdiction,



with appeal, if necessary, to Grand Lodge. In the case of Provincial Grand Lodges I would extend the membership under qualification as to fees, &c., as above, to all Past Masters and all Past Wardens that have been duly installed and served their offices for the appointed time.

At all Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge not less than six Grand Stewards, and of Provincial Grand Lodges not less than two Provincial Grand Stewards should be told off to be in waiting at the entrance of Grand Lodge to assist the Grand Tyler in admitting brethren from the provinces, and to prove that they are de facto R.W.M.'s, Wardens, Past Masters, Proxy Masters, and Wardens, who seek entrance, and are thereby entitled to vote and speak.

This could be arranged by a roster for duty being kept by the President of Grand Stewards.

#### SEC. IV.—PROXY MASTERS AND WARDENS, AND PAST MASTERS.

We must always hold in view the great landmark of our Order, "that the three who rule the lodge" are the Master and his two Wardens; this is the basis on which all Grand Lodges were formed. But in Scotland, when the Grand Lodge there was instituted as the ruling power of the Craft it was found that distances being long and locomotion difficult and expensive, few could attend, and that the country lodges were virtually unrepresented, it was therefore enacted that all lodges that could not and would not attend the regular meetings should send proxies to represent them, but as then arranged, no other qualification was required of these proxies than that they should be Master Masons duly registered on Grand Lodge books, so that Grand Lodge had almost got into the hands of those who had never been "rulers of the Craft" at all. Often have I known of cases where a candidate was raised on the Saturday evening, and on the Monday the same young brother was sitting in Grand Lodge voting and speaking on subjects of which he could know little or nothing; this, however, of late years has been greatly ameliorated, but even yet a considerable number of the members have not held offices in daughter lodges, and therefore are not "rulers of the Craft."

By turning back to my first article you will see the qualification I propose for proxies. This proxy system, I am sorry to say, had got so engrained in the Scottish mind, that a few years ago, when it was tried to add Past Masters as a component part of Grand Lodge, the motion failed, but now I see signs that it may not be so impossible a question as it has been. On looking over the Grand Lodge Roll, I see a great number of country lodges elect to send their own R.W.M. and Wardens, and do not grant proxies again, a large portion of the Craft see that it is high time to put our house in order, there are signs of our colonies setting up Grand Lodges for themselves, Masonry in the provinces is slowly but really improving, a more healthy grasp is being taken of the aims and intentions of Masonry; so that while keeping on duly qualified proxies for the benefit of the more distant lodges, I think it will not be impossible to strengthen our deliberative and Masonic, but also our financial power in Grand Lodge, and throughout the country.

#### SEC. V.—FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

I now come to my last question, though it is one of the "chief landmarks" of Freemasonry. Our Fund of Benevolence is supported by the following dues, viz., 1s. on each intrant, bringing at the most £200 per annum, and fees of Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge, with interest on savings that are deposited, in all a very little over £700 per annum, as per Table II.

Allowing for the tithe that is each year invested, very little remains for relieving distress. So much is this the case that it is a rare thing to hear of more than £10 being given to an individual case.

TABLE II.  
OLD SCALE.

1. Grand Officers and Grand Stewards.....	£153 13 6
2. Lodges in Edinburgh, Proxies, R.W.M.'s, &c., &c. ....	254 13 0
3. Intrants, say 4000 at 1s. ....	200 0 0
4. Interest on deposits .....	108 0 0
	£716 6 6

#### PROPOSED SCALE.

1. Grand Officers and Grand Stewards.....	£153 13 6
2. Lodges in Edinburgh, Proxies, R.W.M.'s, &c., &c. ....	263 13 0
3. Intrants, say 4000 at 5s. ....	1000 0 0
4. Interests on deposits .....	108 0 0
5. 500 P.M.'s and P.G. Officers at 5s. each	125 0 0
	£1650 6 6

Note. Addition of £934.

In the latter case either donations of £30 could be given (a real boon, for to any one in deep distress £5 or £10 can be of little avail), or a sum could be given annually to the "Proposed Scottish Masonic Benevolent Institution."

In conclusion, I would simply say, 1st, the prosperity of the daughter lodges must influence the prosperity of Grand Lodge in preventing arrears,—the arrears of Grand Lodge are its great stumbling block; the excess of expenditure over receipts is mainly due to this deadlock of arrears. Until the excess of expenditure can be stopped and matters arranged on a firm financial basis, no hope can be held out of arranging for consolidating the "debt and floating balance,"—the best executive procurable could not make a real headway against the stream of evil.

2nd. While changes in the system must be made, we should endeavour to reconstruct our administrative as well as financial department, seeing the two branches are so intimately connected together.

Not only will this be for the good of Grand Lodge

itself, but for the Craft in general throughout Scotland. In fine, it depends on the brethren and the daughter lodges of Scotland themselves, by prompt returns and payments of all dues, to make the Craft succeed in the future.

#### Table III.—PROPOSED SYSTEM.

New Table of Receipts for use of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Sec. I. Annual payments.	
Certificates of 458 Lodges at 5s. ....	
Annual Subscription of 458 R.W.M.'s and their Proxies at 5s. ....	£458 0 0
Annual Subscription of 916 Wardens and their Proxies at 5s. ....	
Liquidation Fund, 458 Lodges at 1s. each per ann.....	458 0 0
* 500 Past Masters and Past Grand Officers at 5s. ....	125 0 0
Annual rents of shops and other properties, about.....	480 0 0
	£1521 0 0
Sec. II.—Variable incomes.	
† Intrants, say 4000, at 5s....	£1000 0 0
Diplomas, say 4000, at 5s....	£1000 0 0
Charters and Prov.G. Master's Commissions at £10 10s.	105 0 0
Rents of Lodges and other Masonic bodies, say .....	80 0 0
Rents for Grand Hall, say....	150 0 0
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	50 0 0
	£2385 0 0
	£3906 0 0

\*Compare with Table I in *Freemason*, Jan. 27th, 1877.  
†Thus, whether proxies are retained or not, there should be no diminution of income, but rather a substantial increase of £225, without so much chance of arrears.

Vide Constitutions, cap. xxi., sec. xxv., all lodges holding of Grand Lodge of Scotland, whether represented or not by their Master or Wardens, shall be compelled to pay the fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge on the 24th June annually, if not paid by their representatives previously.

GEORGE R. HARRIOTT,  
Prov. G. M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.

#### THE ABDUCTION OF WILLIAM MORGAN. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, Bro. W. Fieldson, in the *Freemason* for Dec. 23rd ult., said that "rumour has it that William Morgan was murdered by Freemasons," and, while questioning the statement himself, he quoted a circumstantial account, asserting it to be taken from "Caswell's History of the United States," by E. Ollier, and asked for authentic information upon the subject. You were pleased to refer the question to me for reply, which I give, as well as I am able, below:—

A brief sketch of the whole affair will probably best satisfy your correspondent and readers generally.

William Morgan was born in Virginia in 1776. He was a stonemason by trade, but afterwards became a brewer, and for a time, about 1812, he was one of Lafitte's piratical band, in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. He afterwards lived in Virginia and New York.

There is no evidence whatever that he was ever made a Mason. At Rochester, N.Y., he craftily persuaded his employer that he was a Freemason, and through his influence, without any certificate or demit, succeeded in being admitted as a member of a lodge in that city. He afterwards, emboldened by his success in Rochester, at the town of Le Roy again deceived the fraternity, and pretending that he had received the Masonic degrees up to and including that of "Most Excellent Master Mason," was admitted in the chapter there, and received regularly the Royal Arch Degree. That was the only degree he ever lawfully received. He was thus a perjured man throughout his brief Masonic career. In intellectual character he was naturally bright, but illiterate, and learned only in the dark ways of the world. Added to this, he brutalised himself with drink. Outside of his house, in taverns, he was a bar-room oracle; in his house he was an intoxicated tyrant, and treated his wife shamefully, seizing her by the hair of her head and dashing her against the walls and furniture. He soon came, as a result, to want, and was the recipient of both common and Masonic charity. Such was the man who conceived the scheme of bettering his fortunes by publishing a pretended exposé of Masonry. An idea of the sum he expected to gain may be learned from the fact that his confederates who were with him in the scheme bound themselves to him in a bond with the penalty of 500,000 dols., to pay him one-fourth part of all sums that should be received from the sales of the book. He owed numerous debts, which were pressed for payment, and led to his imprisonment several times in gaol. On the last occasion, Sept. 12, 1826, he was released, upon two persons paying his debt, and accompanied by them he entered a carriage, after some high words and persuasion, and was driven first to Rochester and then to old Fort Niagara, near Lewiston, on the Niagara river, that being the boundary line between the United States and Canada. There he was kept under lock and key for two or three days. From that time until a comparatively recent period there was no authentic information as to his whereabouts. The enemies of Freemasonry asserted that he was drowned by its brethren in the Niagara river, while dispassionate persons believed that he had been taken to Canada and liberated. There was certainly no evidence of death. His body was never found, nor any one that saw him killed. Had he possessed any estate no court of probate would have granted letters testamentary upon the evidence of his disappearance.

Now as to the sequel. One account, purporting to have come from Morgan's son, is that, instead of having been mysteriously murdered, he lived nearly thirty years after his disappearance from New York, and finally died in corpulence and contentment at Van Dieman's Land, where he was editor of a newspaper called the *Advertiser*, which still survives him, and in which he used to refer in a pleasant way to the stories told of his murder in the United States. According to the statement of young Morgan, his father was released upon condition that he should leave the country for ever. He accepted the offer, and was accompanied by Masons as far as Quebec, where he entered the British navy and sailed for England. He afterwards was discharged from that service, and sailed for Van Dieman's Land, where he settled. His son was a resident of San Francisco at the time when he communicated this information relating to his father, whom he visited during his lifetime once every two years.

Another account, given August 17, 1851, by A. P. Rogers, of Anoka, Minnesota, is, that the elder Rogers, his father, who died in 1857, knew William Morgan well prior to 1826, and met him many years after in the backwoods of Maine. He said that Morgan escaped from those who had charge of him at Fort Niagara, and fearing for his life, if caught, he fled to the boundless forests of Northern Maine, where he built a cabin and lived a wild hunter and hermit's life. When he was accidentally discovered by Mr. Rogers, and recognised, he decamped, seeking a new and more secluded home, and was never heard of afterwards.

The astute reader may take his choice of these stories, or, rejecting both, frame one for himself. Probably the Morgan mystery will never be cleared up. Certainly interest in it has ceased in the United States, among anti-Masons as well as the brethren. It was a "good enough Morgan" before the elections; it gave a class of political tricksters a pretence for elevating themselves into power for a time; but their rule was of short duration, and will never be repeated. There is no home American historian that has had the assurance to gravely charge upon Freemasons the murder of Morgan—that thankless and proofless assertion seems to have been reserved for one who writes three thousand miles away from the scene of the history; and distance in this instance does not appear to have lent either impartiality or enchantment to his view.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, courteously and fraternally yours,

CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA,  
P.M. of Concordia Lodge, No. 67,  
Philadelphia, U.S.

January 17, 1877.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is a pity that "A. T." did not say candidly at first that he knew nothing whatever about the subject matter of my inquiry. But surely there are learned and thoughtful brethren among us who care enough for the Craft to search into the origin of what seems to be a grand blunder, and endeavour to get it rectified. In hopes of this catching the eye of some such reader, I will re-state my query.

For reasons specified in my last letter the W.M.'s apron symbol is not a level, but a *tau*. Now is it from ignorance or design that the swan has been changed into a goose? Were the framers of our Constitutions members of the "little Latin and less Greek" fraternity, and did they not know a *tau* from a level? Or had they some deep meaning which they wished to convey by turning the *tau* upside down, and making it stand upon its head, like an acrobat? Or, lastly, was it simply a blunder of the compositor, who printed "perpendiculars upon horizontals," instead of "horizontals upon perpendiculars."

I pause for a reply to this, and to my other unanswered query respecting the ritual of Board of I.M.'s.

W. M. C. N.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me and other Past Provincial Grand Stewards the reason we are not allowed to wear the apron and collar of our office. The Prov. Grand Secretary does not forget to apply for the fees of honour from us as from the other officers, and as many W.M.'s have been appointed Stewards, and no chance appearing of their gaining the purple, we think it but fair that we should be allowed to retain the colour of our office, the duties of Steward being more important than several of the minor ones, who retain the purple.

Your kind opinion upon this subject will oblige many who are often called upon to rise when "The Health of Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," is given.

Yours fraternally,

PAST PROV. GRAND STEWARD AND P.M.

#### BRO. BURGESS AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The General Board of the Mark Degree have persistently avoided noticing my complaints to them of unfair treatment, on the allegation that they are couched in improper language. If, therefore, you will extend to me the courtesy of addressing the board through the public medium of the *Freemason*, there is a guarantee to them that my language is not improper, and there is also a guarantee to me of some chance of fair play.

I desire then to remind the Board of some principles of Masonic jurisprudence laid down by a standard writer on such matters, Bro. the Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., now called to the Grand Lodge above.

Bro. Oliver has written, "It must be observed; 'in limine,' that a brother who may be presumed guilty of



any serious offence cannot be punished until the necessary formalities have been used to afford him a full and fair opportunity of defending himself before his peers, and in the presence of his accuser; that would be a stretch of power which no Masonic law can justify. Every step that is taken to criminate a brother must be done openly, and without disguise. The charge must be preferred in writing, signed by the accuser, and forwarded to the Secretary of the lodge, whose duty it is, in concurrence with the Master, to furnish the accused brother with a copy of the charges against him, accompanied by a notice of the day which has been appointed for investigating the case, which may either be at a regular lodge or one of emergency; but it ought to be fixed for some distant day, that the accused brother may have sufficient time to collect his evidence, and prepare for his defence. The special business should be distinctly stated in the summons, and no examination of witnesses can possibly be allowed, except in the presence of him who brought the charge and him who is the object of it."

(I have not received from the Secretary of Mark Grand Lodge, or of any other Mark Lodge, any copy of any charge brought against me, nor any notice of a day appointed for its investigation.)

Again, "According to the terms of that sound maxim of our own jurists, 'nemo bis puniatur pro eadem delicto,' nor can he be responsible to any one tribunal for a crime committed in another." (It has yet to be proved that I have committed any "crime," yet the Mark authorities have expelled me for neglecting to obey the summons of another body, claiming to be not a Masonic body, and which then had no authority over me.)

Again, "We enter on the subject of expulsion with undisguised reluctance, entertaining, as we do, considerable doubts whether it is either prudent or politic to resort to it under any circumstances; for in the very few instances where it has been inflicted, there appear to have been sound reasons for supposing that it was the result of a cry raised to the prejudice of some individual brother, who had actually rendered good service to the Order, as in the case of the celebrated Preston, who ought to have been advanced to the highest honours, instead of being made the victim of party feeling which placed him under the ban of Grand Lodge, and ended in his expulsion. Our scruples are established by this instance, for after the lapse of a few years, a new dynasty having succeeded to power, all the former proceedings against Preston were rescinded, and he was voluntarily and triumphantly restored to all his Masonic honours and privileges." . . . "The credit and stability of the Craft are vindicated in the fact that the power of expulsion and restoration is vested in the Grand Lodge alone. . . . Happily, the Grand Lodge itself is incapable of inflicting this severe penalty until after the offending brother shall have not only been furnished with an ample opportunity to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, but shall have utterly failed to substantiate his innocence to the satisfaction of the brethren."

"The Mark Master Masons claim to be a Masonic body; their Constitutions are modelled on those of the Craft, yet the Mark Master Masons ignore the law which Dr. Oliver says "is consistent with reason and justice, and in strict accordance with the principles of British jurisprudence."

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. J. BURGESS.

#### PRINCE HUMBERT AND PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON.

Dear Bro. Woodford,—

I enclose a letter in Italian, together with the translation, which will answer your question of a few days ago, and which I shall be glad if you will give full prominence to in the *Freemason*.

I am, dear Bro. Woodford, yours truly and fraternally,

J. C. PARKINSON.

23, Great George-street, Westminster,  
London, S.W., 1st Feb., 1877.

Roma, 29 Gen., 1877.

Gentile Signore J. Parkinson,—

Tutto in che qui è ditto relativamente all' iniziazioni del Principe Imperiale nella Massoneria Italiana è assolutamente falso.

Vi prego di mettere in avvertenza la fratellanza Inglese. Fraternalmente, V.F.,

GIUSEPPE MAZZONI.

TRANSLATION.

Rome, Jan. 29th, 1877.

Dear Brother Parkinson,—

All that is said in the *Westminster Gazette* as to the initiation of the Prince Imperial by Prince Humbert in Italian Masonry is absolutely false.

I beg you kindly to convey this to the English brethren.

Fraternally yours,

GIUSEPPE MAZZONI.

#### THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Roman Catholic and a Mason, permit me to give the following account of a conversation which I had lately with a deacon of my Church:—

Leaving Venice for Verona, I happened to find myself in a smoking carriage, and this rev. gentleman, amongst others, being one. He kept at intervals perusing his breviary, or some kind of prayer-book, whilst I glanced over my newspaper. The remainder of our party were what I am sorry to call a lot of young men, imbibed with what now-a-days is called "materialism," and kept constantly abusing religion of all shades and its ministers. I felt sorry for their want of education, as well as for their principles, and the poor deacon felt by no means very

comfortable, considering the language which was being used. I thought well, at a rate of proving to him that he need fear nothing from me. The rev. gentleman seemed very much relieved, and pleased at finding a friend. After conversing with him on casual subjects, he asked me if I were a Catholic? I gave him this answer: "I have, sir, been brought up as such; my ancestors and my family are such, but I regret to inform you that the Church denies me all privileges or sacraments, if I were to ask them." To this he at once replied, "Oh! you are a Freemason?"

I answered him simply thus: "And let us imagine I were one, is that the reason why the Church ought to brand me as a renegade?" The rev. gentleman was taken aback for an instant, but resumed, "Sir, I see the difference. I have duly watched your conduct, and the manner in which you have relieved my anxiety inspired by our fellow travellers, surprised me indeed; and if you are what we call a Mason, then I do not know who is right." Having received this reply, I cautiously led him to reveal to me what the officials of the Church told him on Masonry, and I am glad on one hand to state that I found him perfectly in the dark, and secondly I regretted to find he had been instructed falsely, and most erroneously made to believe that we are no less than a society of murderers, infidels, and such like, in which case I do not feel at all surprised (I said) that you have strict orders to put us down. "But," added I, "May I ask you if you ever, sir, came in contact with a true Mason?" "No, sir, never." "Then you speak from mere hearsay?" "Yes, sir, that's all."

"Now, permit me to give you some details of what Masonry only aims at, and then please answer me."

I told him our objects in life, and that charity was our foundation.

After having answered him a few more questions, I am glad to say that the rev. gentleman thanked me for the valuable information I had imparted to him, and he added: "I am deeply sorry, sir, I had never known the true meaning of a Mason, I regret to have been misinformed, and must say it is very unfair for our superiors to instruct us as they do." He further in answer to my questions, added that there is no obstacle why the Church ought to refuse its sacraments to a Mason if asked. But, added I, now sir, pray, you have agreed with me, do you do so right from your heart. Certainly, sir! Well then, I said, pray the next time you receive such Orders to insult from the altar, and accuse Masonry of crimes of which it knows nothing and does not countenance, please act fair and square. He promised me that he should never commit such a mistake again, and begged me to remember that he acted always according to superior orders. He parted from me at Padua, and hoped to have the pleasure of a visit from me some day.

Now, sir, what is to be drawn from this interview. Simply this, that the antagonism of our Church (I mean mine) is for selfish purposes. I know for one that from the day I joined Masonry I never felt my conscience troubled in the least, so far as all excommunications and Papal bulls are concerned. And I believe firmly, that many of our timid brethren, if they only would gather energy and courage, they would not shrink; and, let me add, that just as well as we have Church of England and other ministers good working Masons, we could certainly, by a little patience and forbearance, have Catholics. Once we shall attain this purpose, I am sure that much of bitterness will be relieved, and much good will follow.

I regret very much to state that during the many years that I have travelled Europe, and other remote parts of the globe, I have visited some fine working lodges, and on the hand I have seen much to the contrary, and which no doubt, must be detrimental to Masonry at large.

In requesting you respectfully to publish this letter, pray excuse my style of writing; being an Italian I am certainly at a disadvantage in the use of the English language.

Yours fraternally,

RICARDO DE VERVEGA,  
G.O. of France.  
R.L. Parfaite Sincérité.  
Or. of Marseille.

London, 29th January, 1877.

#### MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE, No. 2.

LODGE MEETINGS IN DIFFERENT ROOMS AT THE SAME TIME.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Doubtless the heading of the present division will surprise many, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that many Worshipful Masters are not careful to understand the Constitutions and customs of Freemasonry, and, consequently, often do very queer things.

It certainly seems strange how any brother can imagine a sufficient justification for more than one assembly of his lodge being held at the same time, in different parts of the building in which the meetings are held, and yet I have known the matter so little understood, that such a course has been defended, and what is still more to be deplored, actually followed on several occasions. There cannot be a doubt (in the language of one of our well-known and most intelligent Grand Officers) that "the practice of holding a meeting with the W.M. in the chair in the regular lodge, and then deputing a Past Master to open a lodge and confer degrees in another room is utterly illegal. It is, in fact, holding two lodges under one warrant, which cannot be done."

It is to be hoped that the publication of this friendly warning will deter Worshipful Masters from committing such a flagrant violation of the Constitutions, and induce them to diligently study the laws which they have promised to enforce and obey. The reason for the illegal meetings is of course apparent. The object is to save time, so that when there are several degrees to give, and, perhaps, a banquet is looming in the distance, the brethren are anxious to despatch the work as quickly as possible,

hence the W.M., in the exuberance of his zeal to gratify the members, deposes a Past Master to hold a lodge in another room, and there and then, whilst the regular meeting is being held, to confer a degree or degrees upon the brethren deemed eligible. There would thus be virtually two lodges working at the same time with the one warrant, as already noted, and the illegality is therefore manifest.

The grave error, however, has been perpetrated, so I understand, in several quarters, several times of late, and the end will be that if such a course is persisted in, the offenders will have to pay the penalties attached to their transgressions.

During the course of my Masonic life I have heard of such extraordinary fancies and doings of Masters of lodges, that my experience warrants a belief in the saying that "Truth is stranger than fiction," and confirms me in the opinion that the Masters elect, prior to their installation, should be required to state that they had perused the latest edition of the Book of Constitutions, and were prepared to be tested as to their knowledge of its ordinary details.

When I know that the Master and several Past Masters and members of a lodge were party to a gentleman being proposed, seconded, elected, and initiated all in the same evening, it is evident that a Masonic journal is indeed a necessity, to enlighten the minds of many of the brethren, and impress upon them the desirability of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the laws they are called upon to obey, and may be to enforce. Constitutions and journals alike are useless, however, unless they are read, and to secure a study of our regulations is the difficulty, when honours are so frequently valued beyond actual Masonic service and usefulness. It is no honour to a brother if he is a Past Master unless he has regularly fulfilled the duties of the chair, and the sooner negligent and inefficient Masters are estimated at their real worth the better for Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, W. J. HUGHAN.

#### 'ART IN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All who have any acquaintance with the interiors of our London hospitals must have been struck by the excessive dreariness of most of the wards. It is time that this should be remedied. A little energy on the part of a few philanthropists and artists, aided by subscriptions from the general public, would suffice to accomplish this improvement. I advocate the brightening of the wards and the cheering of their inmates, by the addition of suitable pictures, plate, bronzes, carvings, bric-à-brac, old armour, china, sculpture, ornamental clocks, fancy glass, tasteful glazed tiles, and other art decorations of all sorts.

To promote this object I will give a hundred guineas. A responsible committee being formed, I believe that Messrs. Roberts, Lubbock, and Co. will act as bankers to this fund. Soon I hope that some public place will be granted as a provisional storehouse of art and exhibition for art contributions, previous to their distribution to the hospitals of London. Intending donors, contributors, and subscribers are invited to communicate with

J. LAWRENCE-HAMILTON.

34, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, W.

[Bro. Lawrence-Hamilton had made at first a condition for his gift, but has since generously withdrawn it.—Ed.]

#### LEEDS MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first annual meeting of the Patrons, Life Governors, and Subscribers to the above Institution, the object of which is the formation of a Charity Fund amongst the Leeds lodges, for the education, partial maintenance, and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased brethren, and of the children of brethren who have become incapacitated by sickness or accident from properly providing for their families, was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Monday, the 22nd ult., at 7 o'clock p.m., when the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Bro. Thos. Schofield, P.M. 306; Vice Presidents, Bros. Henry Inchbold, P.M. 289; Townsend, 1211; Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M. 304; Secretary, C. Lowrey, P.M. 304. Committee of Management:—Bros. Robert Craig, P.M. 304; J.D. Kay, P.M. 289; R. W. Moore, P.M. 1221; J. Chadwick, P.M. 1311; Wm. Fleming, P.M. 1211; Thos. Crossley, P.M. 1311; G. F. Crowe, P.M. 1211; Samuel Stead, P.M. 1042; C. G. Cooper, P.M. 1042; Alfred Britton, P.M. 1042; J. L. Oates, P.M. 304; James Dixon, P.M. 289; J. B. Broughton, 1211; T. Stockdale, 1311; Jno. Bell, 306. Auditors:—Bros. Wm. Warren, 1211; F. Dunsford, 306. The following brethren were appointed Trustees:—Bros. Jno. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306; H. Inchbold, P.M. 289; T. Schofield, P.M. 306; James Bedford, P.M. 304; Jno. Franks, 1211.

This Institution is intended to supplement the work at present carried on by the noble institutions already established in or near London, by extending relief to those children who, by reason of their age or other circumstances, cannot by any possibility gain admittance into the larger institutions.

It also purposes assisting in a similar manner the children of brethren who cannot, from the reduced circumstances of their parents, obtain a proper education to fit them to take respectable positions in society.

Although the Institution is only just established, subscriptions exceeding £300 have been paid and promised, and the promoters are of opinion that they shall be able, for some years at least, to carry on the work of the Institution by means of the annual subscriptions alone, thereby enabling them to capitalise the moneys paid by Patrons and Life Governors, or, at all events, without seriously drawing on that fund.



# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

RESULT OF BRO. CURTIS'S DRAWING.

No.	PURCHASER'S NAME AND ADDRESS.
7,097	T. Bowden, Trafford House, Elm Grove-road, Cobham, Bristol.
23,532	H. Buckley Hollenwood, N. Manchester.
6,327	T. Hutton, Paget-terrace, Woolwich, S.E.
7,329	Capt. Watson, 4th R.L.M., Bowden, Cheshire.
12,021	— Sicra, Kingsbridge, Canterbury.
10,081	T. Walton, Lorne-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.
20,916	Joseph J. Parker, Caledonian-road, Batley.
8,404	Henry M. Harvey, Hexworthy, Launceston.
15,206	Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley.
10,526	J. G. Balingham, Saffron Walden.
19,365	J. Brooks, Albert-street, Rugby.
17,925	Charles Bunting, Uittoxeter.
10,399	Richmond Layzell, Brightlingsea, Essex.
3,563	— Curry, 21, Great Sutton-street, London, E.C. (£3 only).
2,614	Thomas Lamb, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

## Obituary.

BRO. W. LANE, P.M. 28.

Our readers will hear with deep sorrow of the somewhat sudden death of Bro. Wm. Lane, which took place at his residence, on Wednesday, the 31st ult. His death, after but a short illness (nine days), was through disease of the lungs. Bro. Lane was initiated into Freemasonry in 1871, in the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, in which lodge he served the office of W.M. in 1875. In 1873 Bro. Lane was appointed collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which office he held up to the time of his death, discharging his duties in a most agreeable and efficient manner. We deeply sympathise with his widow in her irreparable bereavement. Bro. Lane had but just reached his thirtieth year.

BRO. W. R. BAKER.

We have to announce the death of Bro. W. R. Baker, of Fore-street, which was both sudden and unexpected. Taken ill on Saturday, the 27th ult., he desired to be taken to the house of his sister, Mrs. Perry, where he lingered until Tuesday, when death put an end to his sufferings. The cause of death was the rupture of a long-standing abscess (the result of some remote injury) into the cavity of the abdomen. The funeral took place on Saturday last at Kensal Green Cemetery. Bro. Baker was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, in 1866; he was also one of the founders of the Cripplegate Lodge, lately consecrated.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 16, 1877.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge	108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	173, Phoenix F.M.H.
"	1328, Granite, F.M.H.
"	1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
"	1423, Eia, King's Arms Hot., Hampton-court.
"	1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
"	1612, West Middlesex, the Institute, Ealing.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	5, St. George's, Corner Stone, F.M.H.
"	29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
"	59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
"	90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
"	136, Good Report, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot.
"	957, Leigh, F.M.H.
"	1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
"	1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
Chap.	22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
"	720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	49, Old Union, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
"	166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
"	180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
"	198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
"	228, United Strength, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.
"	235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
"	548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
"	834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
"	917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
"	1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
"	1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Maiden-lane, W. (consecration).
Chap.	185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
S.C.	33, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.	
Lodge	3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
"	9, Albion, Regent M.H., Regent-st.
"	11, Enoch, F.M.H.
"	13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
"	15, Kent, F.M.H.
"	87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
"	147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
"	238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
"	749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
"	1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.
"	1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
"	1305, St. Marybone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
"	1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., High-st., E.
"	1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Mark	22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.
Rose Croix, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.	
S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-sq.	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.	
Lodge	23, F.M.H.
"	49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
"	55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
"	63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
"	161, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
"	179, Manchester, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	181, Universa, F.M.H.
"	733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
"	813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
"	1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
"	1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
"	1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
"	1473, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
"	1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
"	1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
Chap.	79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.	
"	7, Carnarvon, Regent M.H., W.
Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-rd.	

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.	
Lodge	6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st.
"	143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.
"	201, Jordan, F.M.H.
"	1118, University, F.M.H.
"	1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap.	92, Moira.
Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.	
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.	
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.	
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.	
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.	
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.	
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.	
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.	
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.	
St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.	
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.	
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.	
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.	
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.	
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.	
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.	
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.	
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.	

Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor., Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1877.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
"	721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
"	1021, Harrington, Customs Buildings, B.-in-Furness.
"	1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.	
Walton Red Cross Con., 66, St. Lawrence's School, Lpool.	
Everton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.	
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.	

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
Chap.	537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	
Lodge	281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
"	1052, Callender, P.H., Rusholme.
"	1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st.
"	1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap.	673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
"	1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.	

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge	203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
"	343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.
"	425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.
"	605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
"	1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.	
Hamer L. of I., Liverpool.	

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1877.

All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	204, St. Paul, George Inn, Ayr.
"	205, Garthland, Eagle Inn, Lochwinnoch.
"	219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
"	307, Union and Crown, M.H., Barrhead.
"	362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.
"	384, Athole, Washington Hot., Kirkintilloch.
"	503, St. George, Oddfellows' Hall, Helensburgh.
"	541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.
Chap.	76, Abbey, 8, High-st., Paisley.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	230, St. Barnabas, Black Bull Hot., Old Cumnock.
"	413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.
"	426, Prince of Wales, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.
"	441, Glasgow, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.
"	543, St. John, M.H., Dalmaur.
"	579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingston.
Chap.	17, Greenock, M.H., Cathcart-st. Greenock.
"	69, St. Andrew, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge	178, Scotia, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.
"	333, St. George, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.
Chap.	113, Partick, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge	27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.
"	465, St. Andrew, 69, Garngad-rd., Glasgow.
"	547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Lodge	31, St. Mary Coltness, Com. Hot., Wishaw.
"	321, St. Andrew, R.A., Pub. Hall, Alexandria.
"	360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.
"	408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.
"	471, St. John, Stane Inn, Shotts.
"	496, St. Munn, Ardnadam, Kilmuir.
"	551, Clydesdale, Royal Hot., Larkall.
"	553, St. Vincent, 221, Dumbarton-rd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Lodge	513, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.
"	524, St. Andrew, M.H., East Kilbride.
"	544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.
"	571, Dramatic, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow (3).

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 17, 1877.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge	145, St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writers-court.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge	1, Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hot.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge	2, Canongate Kilwinning, M.H., St. John-st.
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Chap.	1, Edinburgh, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Lodge	48, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
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"	226, Portobello, Royal Hot., Bath-st.
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Chap.	152, Perseverance, 86, Constitution-st., Leith.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Chap.	83, St. Andrew, F.M.H., 98, George-st.
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).**—The last meeting of this lodge was held on the 30th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Amongst those present were Bros. M. Davis, W.M.; E. Mallett, S.W.; Dairey, J.W.; Rumball, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Morrison, A.W.S.; T. C. Walls, A.D.C., acting I.G.; Waygood, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; and Past Masters Peavor, Pope, Hopwood, Taylor, Green, and Themans. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Stokes and Travers to the degree of M.M., and initiated Messrs. W. Allen and Marchant into Craft mysteries, the ceremonies being very well carried out. Several minor matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors, to the number of sixty-nine, adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the visiting brethren present we noticed Bros. Barnes, P.M. 13 and 15; Gallant, W.M. 813; Lawrence, J.W. 917; Pearson, J.D. 1567; Van Raalte, I.G. 917; Whelon, 1305; Gompertz, jun., Gresham; Goodridge, 597, St. John's, Newfoundland. The Royal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. P.M. Taylor, who stated that it was a very pleasing duty to him to have to propose on that occasion the health of the W.M. The manner in which Bro. Davis had discharged his duties since he had been elected to that high position must be exceedingly gratifying to all members of the lodge; and in conclusion the speaker wished him every prosperity and happiness during the continuance of his year of office. This toast having been most warmly received, the W.M. briefly replied. In the course of his remarks he said that it was an old saying that "he who tries must succeed," but he thought that although he had tried his hardest he had not yet succeeded to his satisfaction in the well ruling and governing of the lodge; but he would still continue to do his best towards the accomplishment of that end. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. exhorted them to study Masonry and its principles as they should be studied, and in time they might hope to occupy very high positions in the Craft. This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Allen and Marchant replied by stating, amongst other things, that they were highly gratified at having been admitted members of the Craft that evening, and they hoped that the brethren of the Faith Lodge would never regret having given them that opportunity. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said that the Lodge of Faith was always proud at being able to extend the rites of Masonic hospitality to visiting brethren. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Barnes, Whelon, Goodridge, and others; the speech of the first named—a Mason of upwards of forty years' standing—being exceedingly apropos. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, in introducing which the W.M. remarked that their Masonic abilities and social qualities were so well and deservedly known to the brethren present, that he would not dilate upon their merits, but would state in conclusion, that without the hearty assistance and co-operation of the Past Masters of No. 141, no W.M. could carry out his duties satisfactorily. This toast was duly acknowledged. "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers" came next, and drew from the W.M. some very high encomiums upon the relative merits of those brethren forming the efficient staff of the lodge. These toasts having been duly honoured, Bros. Carter, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Mallett and Dairey, Wardens; Rumball and Bye, Deacons, severally replied upon behalf of themselves and absent colleagues. During the proceedings Bros. Leftly, Dunithorne, Walls, Themans, Robinson, and others entertained the brethren, who separated shortly after the Tyler's toast at 11 o'clock. The next meeting of this lodge will take place on the last Tuesday in the pre-ent month.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—An excellent gathering of this lodge took place at the Surrey Club House, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. G. Everett, P.M. 177, W.M.; Drysdale, acting I.P.M.; Page, P.M. &c., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; Higgins, S.W., W.M. elect; Reeves, J.W.; Walls, S.D.; Kohler, J.D.; Speedy, I.G.; Ellis, junr. Org.; Marston, W.S.; Robinson, A.W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Bavin and Landau, passed Bro. A. W. Sleight, and initiated Mr. Marchant, the three arduous ceremonies being exceedingly well performed. The ceremony of installing Bro. Higgins into the chair of K.S. was then proceeded with. The officers appointed by the W.M. to assist him in the "work" were Bros. Koch, P.M., as S.W.; Page,

P.M. as J.W.; and Mann, P.M. as D.C. The whole of the impressive ceremonial, including the charges, was, most ably and eloquently performed by the retiring Master, and at its conclusion much approval was manifested by the brethren. The officers appointed for the year are Bros. Reeves, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Page, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Ellis, junr.; Org.; Honeywell, P.M.; Robie, Asst. Org.; Robinson, D.C.; Marston, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The sum of ten pounds having been voted to the W.M., as Steward to the R.M.B.I., and the sum of ten guineas to Bro. Mann, P.M., as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was exceedingly well served in the large billiard saloon of the establishment, which had been converted "pro tem" for that purpose. The decorations and "menu" were of the most recherche description, and reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. F. Trotman. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. H. Potter, P.M. 11; Bond, P.M. 87, P.Z.; Waygood, P.M. 141; Paine, W.M. 1339; Palmer, S.W. 177; Farwig, S.D. 180; Burford, Treasurer 173; Pilbeam, 45; Everett, junr., 177; Hart, 1339; Frith, 1426. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the preliminary loyal and Craft toasts were given briefly and duly honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," stated that Bro. Higgins, although not a founder, had been connected with the Kennington Lodge since its foundation, and as a lay member, had been most zealous and attentive at all times in assisting in its "working." Since he had been promoted he had been most punctual in attending to the requirements of the various offices he had filled, and the duties of which positions he had discharged most satisfactorily. As short speeches were to be the order of the evening, he should conclude by asking them to drink most cordially "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. in reply merely stated that he felt highly honoured in occupying that position. He hoped to have a prosperous year of office, and he felt confident he should have the hearty co-operation and assistance of the I.P.M. and other Past Masters. The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and was duly responded to. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. alluded to the goodly number present that evening, and hoped that their visit had been in every way a most pleasant one. This toast having been duly honoured, elicited from the visiting brethren several very excellent replies. Bro. Frith's in particular being full of point. "The Health of the I.P.M." followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. dwelt at length upon the excellent manner in which Bro. Everett had discharged the onerous duties of W.M. throughout a most arduous year of office. At the conclusion of his Mastership he had left the lodge in a most prosperous condition, both financially and otherwise. The W.M., at the close of his remarks, then stated that he had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Everett with a Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of his valuable services, and as a mark of the esteem in which he, the I.P.M., was universally held by the members of No. 1381. The I.P.M., in reply, stated that as one of the founders of the lodge he had naturally taken a great interest in its welfare, and he was pleased to see the great strides it had made in the Craft. Its prosperity was proved by the gratifying resolutions passed that day, namely, that the sums of ten pounds and ten guineas should be respectively added to their Steward's lists at the festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School. With respect to the personal allusions made by the W.M., he could only say that he had endeavoured to do his duty to the lodge. Although he had only just recovered from a serious illness, the effects of which were still painful to him, yet he had felt he ought to be present that day to instal his successor, and if his efforts had given satisfaction to them he was more than satisfied. The members of the lodge in future would be in a position to elect a Master from amongst their own number, as with one or two exceptions the present staff of officers were all initiates. In concluding his speech, which was frequently interrupted by the applause of the brethren, he thanked them for the Past Master's jewel, which he said he should ever cherish as a memorial of his connection with the Kennington Lodge. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and was responded to by Bro. W. Mann, who, in the course of his remarks, made some very flattering allusions to the Masonic ability displayed by the I.P.M., who, notwithstanding his severe indisposition, had performed the whole ceremony of installation in an almost faultless manner. As it was then approaching midnight, the remaining toasts were very quickly given and briefly responded to. They were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers." During the proceedings instrumental and vocal harmony was furnished by Bros. Ellis, junr., Walls, Bond, Fischels, Webb, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Tuesday in the ensuing month.

**ERA LODGE (No. 1423).**—The brethren of this lodge met on Saturday last, at the King's Arms, Hampton Court, for the purpose of installing their new Master. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Baxter Langley, who was supported by Bros. E. H. Thielley, S.W.; Thos. J. Sabine, J.W.; Frederick Walters, Sec.; B. Wright, Asst. Sec.; E. W. Devereux, S.D.; S. Wolff, J.D.; J. Mason, Org.; A. F. Loos, I.G.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M.; John Johnson, F. H. Harvey, E. W. Pearson, J. Franklin, John S. Sweasey, J. Beresford Ryley, D. Weinhausen, E. T. Herman, G. S. Elliott, R. Whatman, Wm. Hammond, P.P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, P.M.; and visitors Bros. John Hammond, P.M. 201; J. H. Baker, 238; J. J. Wray, S.D. 1604; Thos. Fenn, 1284; John Boyd, G.S.; Chas. Gwilliam, S. Dore, 145; Fred. Penna, 211; W. Scholes, 192; T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512; Frank Elmore, 12; J. G. Rushworth, 1309; and H. Massey, (Freemason). The W.M. first initiated Messrs. W. George Hurlstone and

Emil Wolcke, after which Bro. James W. Baldwin, P.M., installed Bro. Eugene H. Thielley, Prov. G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 145, as W.M. of the lodge. The other brethren in vestedas office-bearers were Bros. Dr. Baxter Langley, I.P.M.; Thos. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; E. W. Devereux, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, Pro. G.S.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Walters, Prov. G.J.D. Middx., Sec.; B. Wright, Asst.; Sec.; T. Wolff, S.D.; A. F. Loos, J.D.; John Mason, Prov. G.Strd. Middx., P.M. 1567, Org.; John Johnson, I.G.; Michael Underwood, D.C.; John Faulkner, W.S.; J. H. Pearson, Collecting Std.; and J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. Fenn was elected a joining member. The brethren then passed resolutions recommending for office in the province Bros. R. W. Little (as Deputy Provincial Grand Master), T. J. Sabine (for promotion), J. W. Baldwin (for promotion), J. Mason (for Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works), and Dr. J. Baxter Langley (for Provincial Grand Steward). Dr. Baxter Langley was presented with a massive P.M.'s jewel, set with rubies, of the total value of £30; and Bro. F. Walters, on behalf of several brethren, presented him with a P.M.'s collar and silver jewel. Bros. J. W. Baldwin and J. Faulkner, Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, appealed to the brethren to increase the amounts on their respective lists. The office of Steward for the Boys' School being vacant, Bro. J. Mason was unanimously elected to fill it. Notice of motion was given by Bro. T. J. Sabine that the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds for the Girls' School, and ten guineas for the Boys' School, in the name of the Secretary of the lodge for the time being, to which notice of motion were added the names of Bros. F. Walters, and J. T. Moss. This concluding the business of the day, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After dinner grace was said, and the customary toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. John Boyd, G.S., in thanking the lodge for the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he had spent a very enjoyable evening, had had the pleasure of witnessing the introduction of two new brethren into the Order, and seen the W.M. installed. The ceremony of initiation had been beautifully performed by Dr. Langley, and that of installation by Bro. Baldwin. He had seldom seen in a lodge the addresses better given, and it was very creditable to the lodge to have a brother in it who could do its work so well. He hoped that Bro. Baldwin would long be a member of the lodge. Bro. J. T. Moss replied for "The Prov. G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers." No one, he said, was more honoured or esteemed among the members of the Craft than Col. Burdett, who took special care of the lodges in the Province of Middlesex. All the brethren of this lodge were thankful to him for his recognition of their officers. There had been no lodge in the Craft more signally honoured than this lodge. Bro. Baxter Langley proposed "The Health of the W.M." He thought the graceful way in which Bro. Thielley had performed all the offices he had filled in the Era Lodge had gained for him such estimation among the brethren, that there was not one heart in the lodge that regretted when he was elected to be the Master for the year. On the contrary, there was a unanimity of sentiment on all sides that Bro. Thielley was the right man in the right place. He begged to propose his health, and hoped that when he had passed the chair he would be as much loved and respected as he was that day. The W.M., in the course of his response, said he had passed many pleasant evenings among the brethren of the Era Lodge. They were all very united. He believed they would continue so, and he hoped the same amity of feeling as had hitherto prevailed would exist during his year of office. He then, before sitting down, proposed "The Health of the Initiates," a body of men to whom the vitality of lodges was due. On this account the toast of the initiates claimed priority among the toasts of the evening. Both the initiates responded. Bro. Allen, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said that having come to live in the neighbourhood, he hoped to become a member of the lodge. Bros. Ray, Fenn, and Boyd also replied. Bro. Baxter Langley, in replying for the P.M.'s, said he felt it a very great honour indeed to find his name at last coupled with the toast of the P.M.'s. Some of the P.M.'s were always present with them as the leaders of the humours of the table, and like Yorick, those who "set the table in a roar." He would not attempt to delight them with that trenchant wit which fell from one of their P.M.'s as naturally as water flowed from a fountain. He could not but feel that in the way in which the toast of his health had been drunk that evening there was a sincere expression of regard to himself and the other P.M.'s of that lodge. He should always hope to live in the brethren's hearts as he did that day, and he could only envy the other P.M.'s of the lodge the position they held in the brethren's hearts at the present time. He would like to glance at the past year, which he thought they would admit had been a successful one, for while he began his year with a debt due to the Treasurer of £16 8s. 7d., he left it with a less debt to the extent of £7 16s. 9d. During the year they had given, in addition to the testimonial to their esteemed Bro. Walters, £31 to the charities, and they had expended on the furniture money to the extent of £7 15s. He thought, therefore, he might say he left the lodge better than he found it. He begged to thank the brethren for the way they had received his name that evening. He hoped, moreover, he should be present when the W.M. occupied the honoured position he himself held that evening, and that he should find him receiving the same testimony of the regard of the brethren. For his own part he need not say that he had had some experience of public life, that he had seen something of assemblies, large and small; but without any hesitation he might say he never had been in any assemblies where he had been more heartily at home than in the meetings of this lodge. He should always look forward to them amidst the excitements and heat of the life in which they



knew he was engaged, as green spots in the great wilderness in which there was a great deal of contention and bitter feeling, and he should come to this lodge as his home, where they would unite in their endeavours to do good, and where their hearts would beat with each other and be in harmony. Bro. J. T. Moss also replied, and said he felt the fullest satisfaction that his friend, Dr. Baxter Langley, had retired from the chair with the feeling of respect from the brethren. With regard to himself Dr. Langley had made one observation, but he would add that if he had given them any amusement it afforded him great gratification. It also afforded him great pleasure to see the Era Lodge going on as it was, in a happy way. It was a satisfaction when they came to the Era Lodge to meet with feelings of kindness and regard for each other, and when they went away, to part with the same feelings as those with which they met. He hoped when they came again they would have the same feelings. The Worshipful Master next said: Brethren,—The next toast which I have the pleasure to propose is that of our Treasurer and Secretary. In our Treasurer, Bro. Dubois, there is no finding the bottom of his stocking when the interests of the Era Lodge are concerned whilst in our Secretary, Bro. Walters, considering his immense Masonic labours, it is a wonder that he yet lives, and keeps in his usual delicate health. Brethren, to our Treasurer and Secretary. Neither Treasurer nor Secretary being by this time present, the W.M. again rose to propose the toast of "The Officers," and in doing so said: We have our Bro. Sabine, a Past Master of many lodges, who has discharged his duties as Warden and as Treasurer since its foundation, and who does not consider sixty miles too far to regularly attend the Era Lodge. There is our Bro. Devereux, the perfection of workers, Bro. Wolff and Bro. Loos, who are to be champions of Deaconship in Middlesex; Bro. Johnson, the Inner Guard, Bro. Underwood, the Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. Faulkner, the W. Steward. Wishing them good health, and trusting upon their support at every lodge meeting, Bro. Sabine, in response, said that although he had been in many lodges, in none had he taken a deeper interest than in the Era, on which he might say he had been in regular and constant attendance, considering the distance he had to travel. It was admitted on all hands that the founders of the Era Lodge laid down the true lines of a good Masonic structure, and one which should be an ornament to Freemasonry. It was an ornament on account of the work which had been done by the Masters and Officers, and it had also been of great use in Freemasonry, showing what could be done by unanimity and cordiality of feeling. He believed no lodge had been established in which there had been so few differences of opinion. He trusted that those brethren who would follow the W.M. in the chair would see the same feelings, and that he might be spared many years to witness the same unanimity of feeling, the same happiness, and the same concord which had hitherto pervaded all classes of members of the lodge. The J.W. also thanked the W.M., and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some beautiful singing by Bros Frank Elmore and F. Penna.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 10th day of February, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Bros. John Seex, W.M.; Richard Stanway, S.W.; James Freeman, J.W.; Edward Moody, P.M. and Sec.; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas.; G. W. Blackie, S.D.; W. H. Catchpole, J.D.; Charles Taylor, D.C.; W. F. Kibble and W. H. Hook, Stewards; T. Hamer, I.G.; W. Steedman, Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. J. H. Townend and James Stevens, and about sixty or seventy other members and visitors. The lodge having been opened, and the previous minutes confirmed, Bro. Moody acting for the W.M., in his absence, raised Bros Cumner and Brooks to the sublime Degree. The W.M., Bro. Seex, subsequently passed Bros. Walker Denbigh, Maynard, Greening and Groom to the Degree of F.C., and initiated Messrs. C. A. Blakely, T. G. Whitehouse, and W. Lucas into the Order. The sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of the W.M., who serves as Steward, and who had several other individual and very liberal donations added to his list before the lodge was closed. Propositions for initiation were taken, and the W.M. then closed the lodge. The brethren adjourned for light refreshment and separated at an early hour in the evening.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).**—At the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 8th inst., there was a large and select gathering of the members of the above young and flourishing lodge, and several visitors, a list of whom is given below. The close proximity of the Camberwell New-road Station of the London Chatham and Dover Railway to the new hall, affords the members resident at a distance a ready means of access, and this may in some measure account for the extraordinary success which has attended the lodge ever since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., granted the warrant under which its meetings are held, a period of about eighteen months, during which nearly fifty candidates have been introduced, notwithstanding the fact that the fees have lately been considerably increased. Bros. W. S. Cackett is the W.M.; T. Slep, S.W.; W. Mitchell, J.W.; Snowden, Treas.; James Dann, P.M., Sec.; A. Runacres, S.D.; W. Chalk, J.D.; C. E. Power, D.C.; J. H. Swan, L.P.M.; Boyden, I.G.; T. Taylor, W.S. There were several visitors, amongst them Bros. J. W. Chapman, of the Rose Lodge, 1622; E. G. Webster, Royal Jubilee, 72; E. W. Devereux, C. F. Strube, 72; Thompson, 177, 1158. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and after three passings, Messrs. Wm. Neunum, J. C. Stokes, and Briscoe were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. It was then resolved that the best thanks of the brethren be given to Bros. Scott and Dixon for their

services in connection with the testimonial recently presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Snowden, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. After the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. To the toast of "The Initiates," Bros. Thomas, Briscoe, and Neunum severally returned thanks. The toast of "The Visitors" was duly honoured, and, in response, they congratulated the lodge on the manner in which the W.M. had performed his duties, and upon the able and complete manner in which he had been supported by his officers. Several songs and recitations by Bros. Dixon, Chalk, and others, brought a very enjoyable evening to a happy termination.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The first regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon. Present: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Charles Hogg, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; P. Saillard, S.D.; W. H. Froom, J.D.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; E. Y. Jolliffe. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., Head Master Christ's Hospital; Dr. Herbert Alder Smith, M.B., London Resident Medical Officer Christ's Hospital; and Mr. Walter S. Chapman were then initiated into the Order. Bros. W. Wright Landell, Shakespeare Lodge, 99; L. White, Temple Lodge, 101; Edward Young Jolliffe, Neptune Lodge, were elected joining members. The thanks of the lodge were voted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, to Bros. John Derby Allcroft, Bro. Dr. Brette, Bro. Dr. Hogg, Bro. Saillard, Bro. Froom, and Bro. Altman, for having presented the funds (£170) required to establish the lodge. The proposed bye-laws for the governing of the lodge were then read by the Secretary, and approved by the lodge, subject to the sanction of the Grand Secretary. One brother was proposed for joining, and one gentleman for initiation, at the next meeting in March. The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned to dinner. Bro. Dr. Brette represented this lodge as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. The founders of the lodge, nine in number, subscribed £100.

**WOODBIDGE.**—Doric Lodge (No. 81).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Barnes, W.M.; Moor, S.W.; Browne, J.W.; Phillips, P.M.; Wilmshurst, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Keer, J.D.; Grimwood; B. Gall, Treas.; Freeman, Jeffries, Allen, and others. Visitors: Bros. Emra Holmes, P.M. 114, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C., and another brother, a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, whose name we did not gather. The lodge having been duly opened and minutes confirmed, Mr. Ernest St. George Cobbold was balloted for, accepted, and duly initiated, the ceremony being very efficiently performed by the W.M., and Bro. Phillips delivering the ancient charge. The business of the lodge was proceeded with, and Bro. Phillips said it had been suggested to him by Bro. Emra Holmes that this lodge being more than a hundred years old, the brethren should apply to Grand Lodge to wear the centenary jewel. The cost of a warrant conveying the necessary authority would only be £5 5s., and it was well worth that to have the privilege. Bro. Wilmshurst seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The W.M., in feeling terms, announced the death of Bro. Wm. Trott, the father of the lodge, who, it appeared, had been fifty-two years a Mason when he died a few days since, and stated his (Bro. Barnes's) wish that the brethren should wear mourning for him for one month. The Treasurer read a statement from his accounts, showing that the lodge was in a very prosperous condition, having over £60 lodged in the savings' bank. Bro. Phillips undertook to be Steward for the Boys' School this year, and £5 was voted from the funds of the lodge, several brethren also subscribing a guinea each to make up his list. Two brethren were erased for non-payment of quarterages. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and another as a joining member; and the other business of the lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel to supper. The Doric is one of the old Athol lodges, and its charter is a very interesting old document; some of its jewels are very curious. The Prudence Preceptory of Knights Templar, A.D. 1810, was removed back to Ipswich from Woodbridge in 1840.

**DOVER.**—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 199).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., when Bro. J. Bordeaux, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following P.M.'s:—Bros. J. D. Terson, I.P.M.; Cessford, Fry, J. Coram, A. Ayers, and Cox. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree by solemn prayer, and after reading the minutes of the last meeting, Bros. Geo. Saville and Charles H. Cromwell Marsh were most beautifully and impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who was subsequently complimented, when his toast was proposed, by a P.M. on the ability he displayed. At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The P.M.'s Present," observed that he never attended any lodge but 199 and saw so many P.M.'s present, which he said was a great support to the W.M. in his arduous duties. The W.M. also spoke in the highest terms of the ability of the various officers, which also materially conduced to his success in occupying the chair, and also looked well for the future prosperity of the lodge. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Matthews, of Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1424.

**WINDSOR.**—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Pre-

sent: Bros. C. D. Hume, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Schiemann, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Carter, P.M., P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Sec.; Nicholes, S.D.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Evans, Steward; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; McIlwham, P.M.; Hopwood, P.M.; Bryett, P.M.; Pullin, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Stedwell, P.M.; Dick Radclyffe, Pitts, Larkin, Wilkins, Blizard, Hiscock, Mitchiner, Duffield, &c. Visitors: Bros. Tolley, P.M. 771; Hurst, W.M. 1512; Petts, 342; Johnson, 771; Lancaster, 3 (Peru). Bros. Pitts and Larkin were raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also afterwards initiated into Freemasonry Messrs. Apted, Bailey, and Dore. The manner in which the W.M. carried out the whole ceremonial was the subject of general comment, it was characterised by being singularly impressive. A special vote of thanks was given to Bro. Dick Radclyffe, for the manner in which he gratuitously presented the table decorations on the occasion of the annual festival in January. In consideration of the eminent services rendered by Bro. Tolley, P.M. of 771, Windsor Castle, by presiding at the organ, and conducting the musical services generally, the brethren unanimously elected him an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. John Cockburn, P.M. of 820 and 975, was elected as a joining member. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was, after some routine business, closed in due form.

**STOKESLEY.**—Cleveland Lodge (No. 543).—The annual festival of the Cleveland Lodge was celebrated in the lodge-room at the Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley, on the 25th ult., Bro. J. H. Handyside, P. Prov. G.J.W., P.M., in the chair, and Bro. James Coulson, W.M., in the vice-chair. The toasts given and duly honoured were "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," responded to by Bro. Forbes, P.M., as lieutenant of the 9th North York Rifle Corps; "The Prov. G.M. the Earl of Zetland," "The D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Dr. Bell," proposed by the W.M.; "The Visiting Brothers," responded to by Bro. Dyson, of the Marwood; and Handyside Lodges, at Redcar and Saltburn. "Health and Prosperity to Bro. Marwood, P. Prov. D.G.M., and P.M. of the Cleveland Lodge." This toast in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Marwood, who first saw the light of Masonry in the Cleveland Lodge, and who has for many years been dear to the heart of every Mason in the province (the late Earl of Zetland having offered to retire as Prov. G.M., and appoint our worthy brother to the office), was received with the enthusiasm it so well deserved. Bro. Wilcox, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Coulson, the newly-elected, W.M.," whose working hitherto has given great satisfaction to the lodge. Bro. Coulson responded, expressing a wish to be able to keep the reputation of the lodge, and to do all in his power to promote its prosperity. Bro. George Markham Tweddell said that he had a toast to propose which could never be more appropriately given at a meeting of Freemasons than on that occasion, for one hundred and eighteen years ago a child was born about two miles from Ayr, who not only became the chief of Scotland's many gifted bards, but also one of the most illustrious characters in the annals of Masonry: he alluded to Bro. Robert Burns. Nor could he dismiss from his mind the thought that, at that very moment, in various parts of the country, thousands of "good men and true" were assembled around the festive board to do honour to the toast he was about to propose. Indeed, wherever the English language was spoken around the globe, it was the toast of the day. After a careful study of the life of Bro. Robert Burns, he had no wish to be blind to his human failings, yet, after all, his character, he was not ashamed to assert, was as glorious as his undying poems. It was to our sublime Masonic teaching that Burns owed many of his noblest sentiments, and it was to the credit of the Freemasons of Scotland that Britain was saved the indelible disgrace of forcing her then most gifted son to seek for bread in the West Indies. If there was a Mason living who would refuse to honour the toast he hoped never to meet him in that or in any other warranted lodge or society of Masons, who prize honour and virtue above all the external advantages of rank and fortune. He gave "The Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns," which was drunk in solemn silence. Bro. R. R. Richardson, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Forbes, the I.P.M.," which that brother responded to. Bro. Tweddell then, at the request of the W.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Handyside, the Father of Freemasonry in Cleveland," which that indefatigable Mason responded to in a very feeling manner. The other toasts were, "The Youngest Member of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. Thos. Fenney; "The Assistant Officers," responded to by Bro. Hanson, J.D.; and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons around the Globe." Recitations were given by Bros. Harrison and Tweddell. Songs were sung by Bros. Watson, Wilcox, R. R. Richardson, Sharpe, Rontree, and others, Henry Fawcett presided at the American organ. Although several of the distant members of the lodge were absent, the brethren spent a very harmonious and agreeable evening together, and separated about ten o'clock.

**WELCHPOOL.**—Welchpool Lodge (No. 998).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Railway Station, Welchpool. The W.M., Bro. T. R. Morris, opened his lodge in the First and Second Degrees, and Bro. the Rev. Alfred Whitlow, having intimated his wish to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. requested Bro. David Pryce Owen, the Senior P.M., to take the chair, and Bro. Whitlow being re-admitted, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in ancient and solemn form. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Mr. William T. Parker, J.P. for the Borough of Welchpool, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Owen retained



possession of the gavel, and, previous to closing he informed the brethren that he had a most painful and solemn duty to perform, a duty that came better from the pedestal than from the body of the lodge, and that was to announce to them the great loss that No. 998 had sustained in the death of Bro. Goldsbro'. Since they had last met it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to erase the name of Thomas William Goldsbro' off the list of the various earthly lodges which had been honoured with his name, expressing at the same time a perfect faith that it was now enrolled on that of the Great Lodge above. Bro. Owen informed the brethren that he was the only one present of those who recollected Bro. Goldsbro' presiding over the first lodge held in Welchpool, on March 4th, 1864, when he had the honour of being the third candidate initiated into Masonry by so worthy a Mason, the lodge then working under a dispensation previous to consecration, and now, after having received from those hands his various degrees, including installation, exaltation, and passing through the chair of the H.R.A., by the dispensation of an all-wise Providence, he had now the melancholy duty, as senior P.M. of the lodge, to move a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the first Master of the Welchpool Lodge, No. 998. Looking back over the history of the lodge, it seemed almost incomprehensible that the voice of their dear brother would no more be heard delivering in his impressive manner the wonderful lessons of our Craft, the more especially as only the morning previous to his death he (Bro. Owen) had received a letter, in answer to one asking Dr. Goldsbro' to make arrangements for the forthcoming anniversary in March, and thirty-six hours afterwards the silver thread was broken. When he recollected Bro. Goldsbro's great willingness to impart instruction to juniors (always following Bro. Muggeridge's teaching, and making his pupils do the same), and opening up to them out of his great storehouse the wonderful truths of Masonry, when after labour he recollected his kind and genial face at refreshment, teeming with goodwill and charity towards all men, and the kindly advice given as soon as asked, it almost unnerved him for the melancholy task, but extremely jealous would he (Bro. Owen) have been if it had fallen to any one else to perform, as it enabled him to pay a last and just though sad public tribute to one from whom he had learnt all that he knew in Masonry, and one to whom he always fled for support and council upon many a trying occasion in endeavouring to steer 998 through difficulties and dangers. Bro. Owen pointed out the great services rendered to Masonry by Bro. Goldsbro' in the province of North Wales and Shropshire. When it was first proposed to start a lodge in Welchpool, Bro. Goldsbro' (a native), although resident in London, was designated as the first Master, and on the first anniversary was re-elected Master, and, singular to say, at that very time one of his brothers was W.M. of a lodge in New Zealand, and another in Australia, a fact almost unprecedented in Masonry. During these two years Bro. Goldsbro' presided over twenty-three lodge meetings, and initiated, raised, and passed 46 candidates. Previous to this there were only nine lodges in the province, and since that date our late Bro. Goldsbro' has consecrated fourteen new lodges, making up the roll to 23, in addition to which he consecrated the Welchpool Chapter, of which he was first Principal. And not only has his own province, of which he was a Past Senior Warden, to regret his loss, but take the Marlborough Lodge, Woodstock, and the Tredegar Chapter, Monmouthshire, which, with some others, he also consecrated, and they will have to mourn the loss of a good and kind friend. In addition to this the late Dr. Goldsbro' was a P.M. of 201, Jordan, and a P.Z. of the Jerusalem Chapter, 185, and had served the office of Steward to the three charities. Before concluding, Bro. Owen expressed a sure and certain hope that it would be many a long day before the revered name of Goldsbro' would cease to be a "household word" with 998. The vote of condolence was seconded by Bro. Withy, P.M., who, in addition, suggested that the lodge should assume mourning until after the June meeting. Bro. Withy spoke in the most feeling terms of the good qualities of our departed brother, not only as a Mason, but also expressing the great loss he himself should suffer by the sudden taking away of an old and valued friend. Bro. W. Collender, P.M. 998, and W.M. of the Llanidloes Lodge, No. 1582, stated that on the next summons he should insert a request to the brethren to appear, in mourning, as a last tribute of respect to one who had consecrated them, and Bro. Britton, 850 and 998, and W.M. of the Cedewain Lodge, No. 1594, intimated his intention to do the same, Bro. Goldsbro' having consecrated their lodge also. The ordinary business of the lodge was resumed, and Bro. Grahame Brown was unanimously chosen as W.M. elect for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Withy, P.M., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Barnard re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Owen, and seconded by the W.M. elect to Bro. T. R. Morris for his services to the lodge, not only as Master, but also during the two years that he held the office of Secretary. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the anniversary on March 29th.

**DERBY.**—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The annual installation meeting and festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, February 7th, at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, p.m., the following brethren being present:—Bros. S. Pipes, W.M.; W. Heathcote, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. T. Bobart, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C. (and Installing Officer); T. Gadsby, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, Treas.; G. Pipes, Sec.; J. Heathcote, J.D.; J. Shaw, D. of C.; J. H. Biggs, I.G.; W. Stone as Tyler; F. Iliffe, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; Bros. Pakeman, Daniel, Mills, Walters, Hepworth, Butterfield, Lane, Mainprize, Steele, G. Hill, Matthew Hill, R. Bennett, Griggs, Manton, Hextall, Gore, Russell, Wallis. Visitors: Bros. Foulds, W.M. 253; J. Smith, P.P.J.G.W., P.M.; T. Roe, P.M. 802; J. Hand, 731; W. Knight,

731; H. Fowkes, 802; W. F. Hawkins, 787; G. J. Barnett, 731; T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Harpur, 787; G. Small, P.M. 787; C. A. Galpin, W.M. 1515; T. Wood, 1515; W. Allen, W.M. 779; F. H. Wilton, 731; H. Burn, P.M. 731; R. Bennett, 731, W.M.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 253; J. C. Merry, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M. 731, and other brethren. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Heathcote, S.W. and W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Frank Iliffe, P.M. and Bro. M. H. Bobart, P.M. Bro. W. Heathcote was duly installed by Bro. H. T. Bobart, I.P.M., who performed the installation ceremony in a most efficient manner, much to the credit of himself and the admiration of the lodge. The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows: Bro. G. Pipes, S.W.; J. Heathcote, J.W.; J. H. Biggs, S.D.; S. Steele, J.D.; M. H. Bobart, Treasurer; W. B. Hextall, Sec.; T. H. Hepworth, I.G.; J. E. Russell, D. of C.; Manton and Butterfield, Stewards; J. Worsnop, Organist; W. Stone, Tyler. After the appointment of the officers, Bro. S. Pipes was presented with a magnificent P.M.'s jewel by a number of the officers and brethren as a recognition of the valued services he had rendered to the lodge in many ways during his year of office. The jewel was presented with a few appropriate remarks by Bro. J. H. Biggs, J.D., who had been entrusted to it by the brethren. Bro. S. Pipes acknowledged the gift in a very suitable manner, and hoped he might be spared to live many years to wear the jewel, which he should look on with a great amount of pleasure, ever remembering the great confidence the lodge had placed in him in the handsome manner they had done. The attendance at the banquet was very good, which was of an excellent character.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1548).—On the first Saturday in the month, this lodge meets; the brethren therefore assembled on February 3rd, at their private rooms, Newton Heath; and at 3 p.m. the gavel was sounded by the Worshipful Master, Bro. James Batchelder. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken separately for Mr. John Henry Pearson and Mr. Michael Hyams; in each case the election was unanimous, and the ceremony of initiation in both cases was performed by the Master of the Lodge. In due time the lodge was worked into the F.C. degree, and Bro. Brown was passed by Bro. Batchelder, W.M. Bro. Caldwell, P.M.D. of C. by command of the W.M., then took possession of the post of honor, and conferred upon Bro. Barber "the double Rosette" degree. The lodge having been reduced, Bro. Batchelder, W.M., returned to the chair, and proposed a candidate for initiation, which proposition was seconded by Bro. Cox, S.D., and supported by Bro. Nicholson. The business of the evening being concluded, visitors from Lodges 1045, 1161, and 1502, tendered their congratulations. Hearty good wishes were conveyed by proxy from 1256, and the Lodge was closed at 6.30 p.m. The brethren, after partaking of refreshments, enjoyed together "the social hour," the usual toasts were properly disposed of, some capital vocal element intervening, in which accomplishment the two initiates, Bros. Pearson and Hyams gave great delight. Bro. Goodchilde produced some merry moments with his comic effusion so much appreciated at 1548. We may remark that this lodge is far from last on the list in vocalism, and has of late added to its store of "voices sweet and merry" those of professional reputation; an addition to professional melody is also looked for at the next meeting. May harmony abound in all things. Harmony in voice, harmony in thought, and harmony in action, taking truth, whose name we bear, as the key-note.

**PURNEY.**—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 7th February, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Putney, Bro. J. Wright, P.M., in the chair; also Bros. Robinson and Jackson, as Wardens; Morpew and Holland, as Deacons; Stacey, P.M., as Org.; and Watkins, Smith, and Boehr, as Treasurer, Secretary, and I.G. respectively. Minutes were read and confirmed, and Bros. Matthews, Eykyn, Rowe, Breach, and Barrett were raised; Bros. Thomson, Bury, and Read passed, and Mr. Stokes ballotted for and afterwards initiated. Two propositions for initiation were handed in. A sum of money to qualify the lodge to take up a governorship of the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution was voted to the W.M.'s list, who we are glad to see represents this young lodge.

### Royal Arch.

**DOMATIC CHAPTER** (No. 177).—An exceedingly strong convocation of this chapter took place on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Amongst those present were Comps. Hayward, M.E.Z.; Weaver, J.; Bolton, I.P.Z.; Buss, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Treasurer; Palmer, S.E.; Hill, N.; Treadwell, P.S.; Lawrence, 1st A.S.; Harrison, and A.S.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Adams, P.Z.; Wilson, P.Z.; Cottebrune, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z. The visitors were Comps. T. C. Walls, 186; J. Kent, 192; Paul, 394; Sterne, 1305. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. W. Smith, 177; G. N. Downie, 189; T. T. Wilcox, 975; B. Groner, 1613, were duly and most impressively exalted by those distinguished Royal Arch veterans, Comps. Bolton, Cubitt, Adams, and Cottebrune, who acted respectively in the positions of M.E.Z., H., J., and P.S. The election of Principals and other officers then took place, and produced the following results: Comps. Scott, M.E.Z.; Weaver, H.; Hill, J.; Buss, Treas.; Palmer, S.E.; Treadwell, N.; Lawrence, P.S.; Bentley, Janitor. The auditors elected were Comps. Hayward, Maclean, and Briggs. A letter of resignation having been received from Comp. Little, P.Z., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Insti-

tution for Girls, it was received with great regret, and subsequently an unanimous vote was given that Comp. Little should be elected an honorary member. The sum of £5 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it was resolved that the same should be placed upon the list of Comp. Hill, their Principal designate, who is Steward for Lodge No. 1366 at the forthcoming Festival. The subject of presenting a sum towards the proposed testimonial to Comp. Smith, the head waiter of "Anderton's," who has held that position for twenty-three years, and given general satisfaction, was then discussed. The Domatic Lodge, it was reported, had taken the matter up very warmly at their last meeting, and several speakers having been heard upon the subject, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of two guineas should be voted from the funds of the chapter towards the testimonial, and Comp. Wilson, P.Z., was appointed to represent the chapter at any committee meetings that might be called to promote its success. An I.P.Z.'s jewel having been voted to Comp. Hayward, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth the customary loyal and R.A. toasts were given and warmly received. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Wilson, P.Z., and having been duly drunk, Comp. Hayward responded. In the course of his remarks he expressed his thanks to Comps. Bolton, Cubitt, Adams, and Cottebrune, who had rendered him such effective assistance during his year of office in the ceremonial "working." He also spoke highly of the valuable services given to him by Comps. Buss, Treas., and Palmer, S.E. "The Health of the Newly-exalted Companions" followed, and those companions severally replied for the honour conferred. The toast of "The Visitors" gave the M.E.Z. an opportunity of paying a high compliment to the merits of one or two of those present that evening. Comp. Sterne, in a short speech, acknowledged this toast upon behalf of himself and his co-visitors. In consequence of the hour being far advanced, the subsequent toasts, viz., "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers," were given very briefly, and but formally responded to. During the evening vocal and other selections were given by Comps. Palmer, Walls, Lawrence, Wilcox, and others.

### Mark Masonry.

**THISTLE LODGE** (No. 8).—An excellent gathering of this well known and old established lodge took place at 2, Westminster Chambers, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Amongst the officers present were Bros. C. Lacey, W.M.; Dawson, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Figg, P.M., Treas.; Baber, P.M.; Mann, P.M., P.G.R.; Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Thomas, S.W.; Mander, J.W.; Swallow, M.O.; Oliver, S.O.; Kelso, J.O.; Leggett, S.D.; Burrell, J.D.; Noehmer, Reg.; Henley, W.S.; Koch, P.G.S., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the W.M., in a very careful manner, advanced Bro. Macartney, 186. Some financial matters having been fully discussed the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. The visitors were Bros. Barney, 133, and Walls, 181. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth the usual toasts were given with commendable brevity by the W.M. In giving the toast of "The Present and Past Grand Officers of Mark Masonry," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the Thistle Lodge upon possessing several members holding distinguished positions in Grand Lodge, which he hoped would be an incentive to young officers coming on to aspire to a like dignity. Bro. Mann, P.M., P.G.R., acknowledged this toast in a few well chosen words. "The Health of the W.M. followed." In introducing this toast Bro. Figg stated that as one of the oldest members of No. 8 it afforded him great pleasure to bear witness to the Masonic abilities of their W.M. He had discharged the duties of the minor offices well, and from what they had seen that evening of his working in the chair he felt confident that at the conclusion of Bro. Lacey's year of office they would all feel gratified in having elected so worthy a brother to discharge the responsible duties of W.M. (Hear.) The toast having been duly honoured the W.M. made a very modest reply, and immediately proposed "The Health of the Newly-advanced Brother." Bro. Macartney in response stated that when he was initiated into the Craft he felt highly impressed with the whole of the proceedings, and on this occasion he was as equally pleased. He believed from what he had seen that evening of the Mark ritual that it contained many beautiful and instructive passages, and that he should pay as much attention to master its details as he had already bestowed upon the Craft ceremonies. The "Health of the Visitors" followed, and having been most warmly received, Bros. Barney and Walls replied. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," in consequence of the lateness of the hour, followed very quickly. In the course of his remarks upon the latter pledge the W.M. congratulated himself and the lodge upon possessing officers so distinguished in the Craft and Royal Arch degrees as Bros. Thomas, S.W.; Mander, J.W.; Swallow, M.O.; Burrell, S.D., and others were. He said that it augured well for the future prosperity and efficiency of the Thistle Lodge, because those brethren would naturally aspire to carry out the duties of their respective offices in the Mark as well as they had done those in the other degrees. This toast having been duly drunk, Bro. Thomas, S.W., made an able reply upon behalf of himself and colleagues, present and absent. The proceedings were enlivened by the singing and reciting of Bros. Thomas, Mander, Walls, and others. The brethren adjourned at 11 o'clock, after having spent a most agreeable and instructive evening, until the first Friday in April next.



# FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons was held on Monday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The announcement that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, would preside, drew together an immense number of brethren and ladies, of the former of whom there were at least 500, and of the latter nearly 300. His Royal Highness, however, was too ill to keep his appointment, and in his stead the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, presided. His lordship was supported on his right by Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire, and on his left by Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire.

Among the other brethren present were Col. Creaton, John Hervey, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk; Nicholas Bradford, Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; Capt. Wordsworth, W. F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11; Charles Watson, P.M. and Treas. 11; Nutt, J.D. 11; Capt. S. G. Homfray, J. M. Case, J. D. Moore, J. T. Collins, J. E. Curteis, H. C. Levander, Wm. Boby, J. L. Hine, Geo. Lambert, G. M. E. Snow, H. R. Cooper Smith, S. Rosenthal, Rev. W. T. Jones, H. Massey (Freemason); H. Smith, P.G. Sec., West Yorks; W. H. Spauill, Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.D. Essex; C. Godtschalk, William Hicks, William Goodacre, J. W. Baldwin, Chas. G. Hill, Major H. Scriven, C. W. Gray, F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, R. Wentworth Little, D.P.G.M., Middx.; S. R. Lambie, H. G. Buss, Jno. Mason, G. H. Wright, C. Daniel, C. Creecy, George McKay, E. H. Thielley, W. H. Lee, J. Newton, W. J. Ferguson, W. Dodd, N. Green, T. W. Morpew, Josh. Constable, Wm. Harrop, J. Ridal, George Newman, J. B. Shackleton, H. Levy, W. Morgan, Farwig, A. Barfield, J. G. Stevens, W. W. Gray, Wm. Toye, J. Baxter Langley, W. Wellsman, Duckett, J. While, E. M. Haigh, F. A. Kelly, L. Beck, W. J. Murliss, E. C. Woodward, G. W. Verry, C. H. Webb, W. Hale, J. Wright, J. A. Farnfield, W. Milner, and others.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Queen" said: Ladies and Brethren,—I have in the first place with very great regret to announce to you that I am in this chair on the present occasion owing to the absence of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, who, I believe, only this morning was enforced to abandon the intention of being present. I must therefore claim your kind indulgence for the inefficient way in which I shall represent His Royal Highness to-night. But I think I may say amongst brother Freemasons, that you know I will endeavour to do my best. (Cheers.) From the acclamations from the first petticoat that appeared in that gallery, I am sure few remarks only will be necessary from me to ask you to drink the health of the first lady in the land. It is only necessary amongst Englishmen, and especially amongst Freemasons, to mention the name of Her Majesty the Queen to ensure that toast the hearty reception which it deserves. I should be wasting your time, therefore, if I were to dilate on the merits of Her Majesty. Long may she reign in the affections of her people.

The toast having been drunk, was followed by the "National Anthem."

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and said that he had now a Masonic secret to impart, viz., that when they had done their business there, their fair sisters were anxiously awaiting their presence in the Temple. He would therefore recommend the brethren at once to put their hands in their pockets and "stump up." With no other object than that of saving time, he would, without wishing to weary them, propose this toast. The merits of the Prince of Wales were too well known to require observation. All Masons thoroughly appreciated him, and he left it in their hands to do ample honour to the toast. With it he coupled the name of Prince Leopold.

The Chairman next gave "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, the Dep. Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and called upon the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, to reply.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in reply, said: My Lord Shrewsbury and Brethren,—We thank the brethren most unfeignedly for the compliment which has been paid to the past and present officers of Grand Lodge. With regard to Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, it would be presumption in me to make mention even of names which have become "household words" among Masons, not only for their public excellence, but for their private worth. The words "past and present" suggest a very happy idea with regard to our present gathering. The "present" is assembled together to support the "past," and I am quite sure that to give aid to our brethren in the decline of their years, and to assist the widows of our brethren, is a very fitting occasion on which Grand Officers may assemble together; and sure I am, that on no fitter occasion could Grand Officers appear than for the purpose of strengthening the feeble knees of age, and making "the widow's heart sing for joy." I am sure, my lord, that on this occasion we are not the less strengthened by the fact that the "sisters of charity" attend on this occasion not merely as an accident in another place where they appear behind certain lattices, but where they appear openly, essentially claiming their place in a grand and noble charity. I thank you, my lord and brethren, on behalf of the Officers Past and Present of Grand Lodge, and hope that we may have the privilege, under the Great Architect of the Universe, of assembling on many similar occasions. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freema-

sons," and, holding up the book with a blue cover which contains the list of subscribers to the Institution, said: This is the blue book. I am glad to tell you it is not the blue book on "The Eastern Question." But it is a very important blue book; and will you allow me a very few seconds while I try to tell you what it says? It says that we have an annual income of a very small amount indeed, and if it were not for you we could not go on at all. Therefore my duty is to tell you that we must get on; that there are seventy-two claimants, and we can only elect ten on the next occasion unless you come forward, as I know from rumours I have received that you have done. We are not going to praise ourselves. Our duty is to carry out charity. You will be glad to hear from me that a very worthy brother of ours is only going to read out on the present occasion the collective sums of the lodges rather than the individual names, who ought to be ashamed of having their names published. (Laughter.) I am proud to tell you it is a secret, and mind you I do not tell it (laughter), and next year it will have to be told again—the subscription is bigger than ever. What do you want more? You, as Masons, know how great a charity it is to help the infirm old men and infirm old women, and it is my pride to say that here a second time I am in the chair to advocate this charity. The sum is larger than ever has been collected before for this purpose. (Cheers.) You have got this blue book, and I will not destroy your pleasure in reading it, because you can read its words; you have got it at home. But, remember, our great faith in Masonry is "charity" above all things. We are proud of our three charities, of this charity, of the Boys' School and the Girls' School. The longer I am a Mason the more I am aware of the power, the great power, we possess of assisting those that are in distress. If we look at the distress that comes before us we wish that we had larger incomes and larger establishments; and if we go on and follow the noble example set us by our Grand Master, by Prince Leopold, who has just beaten his brother four years ago by a double sum—I am glad to say so at the present moment—and that of the brethren of the Apollo Lodge of Oxford, my mother lodge (and I suppose that is the reason I was asked to occupy this chair), we shall do all we want. I will not detain you further from hearing the dulcet tones of Bro. Terry. You will be glad to hear him now, and also next year. I shall call upon Bro. Tomkins, the Treasurer, to respond. I suppose that the money must pass through his fingers, and, I may say, that a more honest and more hearty friend of the Institution does not exist than Bro. Saml. Tomkins. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Tomkins responded, and said: I thank you for this very kind notice that you have paid to your Treasurer, but I am sure, at this present moment, you are all most anxious to hear the particulars of this great and noble collection. It is a matter of pride and pleasure to every Mason, and to no Mason more than your Treasurer, that so large an amount has been collected. I trust, as your noble Chairman has said, that next year, and every succeeding year, it will be larger than it is now. I have been Treasurer of this charity for a great many years. I have watched its progress with very great pleasure. I have seen the increasing interest the Craft take in it, and I look forward with undoubted confidence for the future. I have great pleasure in thanking you for your confidence on this occasion, and I will not detain you longer from hearing the particulars of the subscription.

Bro. Terry then read the list of subscriptions, amounting in all to the sum of £12,656 13s.

London.		The Marquess of Londonderry		25 0 0	
Lodge	1	Bro. J. March Case	...	43	0 0
"	1	" Alderman Ellis	...	10	0 0
"	2	" Samuel Tomkins	...	10	0 0
"	2	" Stephen Pearce	...	86	1 0
"	4	" U. Mackintosh	...	15	5 0
"	5	" Horace Scriven	...	71	3 0
"	7	" John Hervey	...	126	15 0
"	8	" J. P. Probert	...	9	0 0
"	9	" W. T. Scott	...	38	10 0
"	10	" Rev. R. J. Simpson	...	56	14 0
"	11	" W. F. Collard Moutrie	...	29	8 0
"	12	" W. B. Kidder	...	12	0 0
"	14	" W. F. Nettleship	...	10	0 0
"	14	" Charles H. Turner	...	12	12 0
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"	21	" Robert Berridge	...	65	0 0
"	22	" Charles W. Gray	...	45	0 0
"	23	" Charles Martin	...	33	10 0
"	25	" J. Hutchinson	...	32	5 0
"	27	" Samuel R. Lambie	...	100	0 0
"	28	" George H. Wright	...	46	0 0
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"	33	" Francis Pendered	...	34	0 0
"	49	" W. A. Tharp	...	134	13 0
"	49	" John S. Mercer	...	17	0 0
"	55	" J. T. Robertson	...	40	5 0
"	58	" James Ford	...	38	17 0
"	59	" Captain Dence	...	47	19 0
"	65	" Charles Daniel	...	53	10 0
"	69	" Dr. George Roper	...	56	18 0
"	72	" W. G. Brighton	...	20	0 0
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"	79	" John Dennis	...	22	0 0
"	87	" C. Creecy	...	54	0 0
"	92	" R. F. Gould	...	33	3 6
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"	99	" W. R. Winch	...	125	0 0
"	140	" Edward Johnson	...	25	10 0
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"	147	" William Andrews	...	52	15 0
"	167	" George Davis	...	52	0 0
"	171	" Joseph Clever	...	28	18 0
"	172	" John Hancock	...	61	15 0

Lodge	174	Bro. S. H. Rawley	...	89	0 0
Chap.	174	Comp. John Newton	...	110	0 0
Lodge	177	Bro. W. J. Ferguson	...	56	15 0
"	179	" Z. D. Berry	...	36	12 0
"	180	" H. A. Stacey	...	70	5 0
"	188	" H. M. Levy	...	15	9 0
"	192	" George Newman	...	58	0 0
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"	197	" Thomas G. Bullen	...	31	1 0
"	198	" J. M. Lockwood	...	28	0 0
"	228	" Robert Griggs	...	105	10 0
"	256	" Rev. J. Amos	...	52	6 6
"	259	" John Scott	...	17	6 0
"	435	" Robert Secker	...	42	0 0
"	511	" Asher Barfield	...	24	10 0
"	554	" J. G. Stevens	...	211	5 0
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"	715	" John Jonas	...	75	5 0
"	720	" Maurice Spiegel	...	14	9 0
Chap.	720	Comp. Levander	...	43	9 0
Lodge	742	Bro. W. W. Baxter	...	16	10 0
"	742	" Thomas Foxall	...	122	0 0
"	749	" Peter Parsons	...	45	9 0
"	754	" C. F. Barham	...	94	9 0
"	765	" R. Pawson Hooton	...	7	11 0
"	780	" J. Chambers Roe	...	22	10 0
"	822	" Lewis Phillips, jun.	...	33	12 0
"	860	" Wm. Hy. Wallington	...	40	0 0
"	871	" Henry J. Tuson	...	45	0 0
"	898	" Benjamin Carter	...	109	0 0
"	902	" G. Brooks	...	42	5 0
"	907	" R. E. Stevenson	...	50	10 0
"	957	" Craven P. Cobham	...	27	4 0
"	1076	" H. B. Holliday	...	59	11 0
"	1178	" Isaac Quincey	...	25	3 0
"	1185	" Alfred Durrant	...	19	0 0
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"	1259	" J. W. Buchan	...	110	0 0
"	1260	" E. Spooner	...	32	0 0
"	1278	" Wm. Toye	...	86	5 0
"	1287	" Edwin Lancaster	...	110	0 0
"	1288	" Robert V. Davies	...	25	4 0
"	"	" Edward White	...	75	0 0
"	1348	" John Elliott	...	40	0 0
"	1351	" C. J. Livett	...	63	0 0
"	1365	" G. R. Soper	...	69	18 6
"	1366	" Charles G. Hill	...	107	0 0
"	1381	" Henry Higgins	...	50	1 6
"	1383	" Colonel Randolph	...	107	10 0
"	1471	" E. W. Braine	...	28	0 0
"	1506	" James Robertson	...	16	10 0
"	1507	" J. J. Michael	...	39	0 0
"	1538	" Capt. R. W. Williams	...	29	15 0
"	1540	" T. J. Sabine	...	62	10 0
"	1541	" J. R. Stacey	...	137	0 0
"	1558	" Wm. Snowden	...	20	0 0
"	1559	" Louis Beck	...	20	0 0
"	1572	" Nelson Reed	...	75	0 0
"	1585	" Joseph Wright	...	93	0 0
"	1589	" Walter Wellsman	...	33	10 0
"	1601	" Rev. W. Taylor Jones	...	72	0 0
"	1602	" Elias Somers	...	31	5 0
"	1607	" Charles H. Webb	...	160	0 0
"	1608	" George Kiallmark	...	115	0 0
"	1610	" R. D. M. Littler, Q.C.	...	59	9 0
"	1613	" John Corke	...	67	2 0
"	1615	" Lieut. Colonel Burney	...	118	10 0
"	1624	" Henry A. Hunt	...	26	15 0
"	1625	" George Ward Verry	...	97	15 0
"	1629	" Rev. C. J. Martyn	...	34	2 0
"	1641	" J. H. Vockins	...	24	0 0
"	1642	" William J. Murlis	...	200	0 0
"	1657	" Rev. P. H. E. Brette	...	100	0 0
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Invicta	Chapter	Rose Croix, Geo. Powell	...	30	0 0
Mark	Lodge	176, Wm. Prattent	...	10	0 0
J. C. Parkinson,	P.G.D.		...	10	0 0
Berks and Bucks:—					
Lodge	574	Bro. William Knight	...	37	5 0
"	945	" J. Heber Clarke	...	30	0 0
"	1101	" Edward Margrett	...	38	9 0
"	1501	" W. S. Cantrell, jun.	...	68	5 6
Bristol:—					
The Right Hon. Earl of Limeick					
Cheshire:—					
Lodge	321	Bro. Francis Smith	...	33	13 0
"	537	" W. S. Sutton	...	10	0 0
"	537	" Thomas Marwood	...	20	9 0
"	537	" Walter Milner	...	10	0 0
"	537	" William Marquis	...	10	0 0
"	605	" Richard C. Mellor	...	19	0 0
"	1045	" Wm. Goodacre	...	30	10 0
"	1576	" Thomas Chesworth	...	15	0 0
Cumberland and Westmorland:—					
"	129	Bro. George J. McKay	...	63	0 0
Derbyshire:—					
"	850	Bro. A. Stubbs	...	10	0 0
Devonshire:—					
Province	}	" J. E. Curteis	...	365	0 0
		" Chas. Godtschalk	...	200	0 0
Lodge	112	" Edgar Tozer	...	26	0 6
"	666	" W. J. Rowe	...	5	0 0
Dorsetshire:—					
"	Montague J. Guest		...	306	0 0
Essex:—					
"	160	" Rev. H. J. Hatch	...	25	0 0
"	463	" Geo. Corble	...	31	13 0
"	1000	" J. H. Wardell	...	38	0 0
"	1457	" Joseph Tanner	...	19	0 0



Gloucestershire:—			
Lodge 1067	Bro. Russell J. Kerr	28	7 0
Hants and I. of Wight.			
" 257	" J. Lilywhite	12	10 0
" 804	" John Harrison	83	15 0
" 903	" G. F. Lancaster	25	0 0
" 1428	" J. R. Willson	50	0 0
Hertfordshire:—			
" 403	" W. P. Willson	31	12 0
" 449	" James Shilcock	25	0 0
" 504	" Geo. Lambert	10	0 0
" 1337	" James Knight	47	11 0
" 1386	" John Livingston, M.D.	30	0 0
" 1479	" John Purrott	11	15 6
Kent:—			
" 77	" Wm. Hicks	65	10 0
" 784	" A. F. S. Bird	26	10 0
" 829	" Thos. Smith	84	10 0
" 913	" T. W. Hastings	10	0 0
" 1206	" R. J. Emmerson	83	0 0
" 1208	" H. M. Baker	87	10 0
" 1209	" T. H. Grove Snowden	77	10 0
" 1314	" Edward Coste	26	3 0
" 1464	" J. A. Farnfield	37	10 0
" 1531	" William Kippis	300	0 0
Lancashire (Eastern Division):—			
" 1137	Bro. Joseph L. Hine	10	0 0
" 221	" Geo. P. Brockbank	10	0 0
" 221	" Charles Stanley	5	0 0
" 221	" James Richardson	5	0 0
" 221	" Job. H. Greenhalgh	10	0 0
" 221	" Henry Stead	24	3 6
Lancashire (Western Division):—			
" 281	Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D.	10	10 0
" 613	" T. S. Cory	10	10 0
" 724	" William Shortis	6	5 0
" 1086	" J. C. Lunt	10	10 0
" 1313	" John Barratt	10	10 0
" 1313	" Thomas Whitehead	20	0 0
" 1375	" G. Davenport Pochin	40	0 0
" 1473	" J. P. McArthur	15	8 0
Leicestershire and Rutland:—			
The Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers			
Lincolnshire:—			
" 1294	Bro. John Sutcliffe	28	3 0
Middlesex:—			
" 778	" E. B. Bright	105	0 0
" 1237	" Charles S. Brown	5	0 0
" 1326	" D. Steinhauer	12	1 0
" 1423	" T. W. Baldwin	15	16 0
" 1423	" John Faulkner	25	0 0
Chap. 1423	Comp. J. B. Langley, LL.D.	35	0 0
Lodge 1460	Bro. J. L. Jones	54	0 0
" 1494	" E. B. Grabham	10	10 0
" 1567	" John Mason	25	15 0
" 1579	" E. Letchworth	13	0 0
" 1637	" E. C. Woodward	210	0 0
Monmouthshire:—			
"	Capt. S. G. Homfray	20	0 0
Norfolk:—			
" 807	" G. Baxter	35	0 0
" 943	" Henry Burgess	27	17 0
" 1500	" T. Lord	20	0 0
Oxfordshire:—			
" 340	Bro. Jules Buc, M.A.	27	1 0
" 357	" Rev. H. Deane	65	10 0
" 357	" Reginald Bird	10	0 0
" 357	" H. R. Cooper-Smith	30	0 0
" 478	" Henry A. Wakeman	16	12 0
" 599	" John Potts	30	10 0
" 874	" H. H. Riach	24	0 0
" 1036	" Julius Sladden	36	10 0
University Rose			
Croix Chapter	" Fentham Hedges	195	12 0
Somersetshire:—			
Lodge 906	General H. E. Doherty	58	2 0
" 446	" Captain A. T. Perkins	25	0 0
Staffordshire:—			
" 1419	Bro. James Walker	111	14 0
Suffolk:—			
" 114	" William Boby	52	10 0
Sussex:—			
" 463	Bro. William Sharp	42	10 6
" 889	" Thomas Long	16	0 0
" 1046	" Charles Anderson	120	0 0
Sussex:—			
" 732	" John M. Kidd	30	13 0
" 1303	" W. Webb Turner	8	0 0
" 1619	" W. Hale	273	1 0
Warwickshire:—			
The Right Hon. Lord Leigh			
" 468	Bro. J. T. Collins	20	0 0
" 468	" John Archer	19	5 0
" 938	" Spurrier	139	0 0
" 938	" Thomas Howkins	139	0 0
" 938	" H. G. Quilter	154	0 0
Wiltshire:—			
The Right Hon. Lord Methuen			
Yorkshire (N. and E. Division):—			
Lodge 57	Bro. John Thompson	20	0 0
" 1611	" George Simpson	19	5 0
Yorkshire (Western Division):—			
"	Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart.	139	0 0
" 139	Bro. W. H. Brittain	139	0 0
" 139	" G. E. Webster	139	0 0
" 139	" Dr. F. Griffiths	154	0 0
" 154	" J. H. Cadman	208	0 0
" 208	" R. J. Critchley, J.P.	290	0 0
" 290	" William Harrop	326	0 0
" 326	" John Ridal	302	0 0
" 302	" Henry Smith		

Lodge 302	Bro. Benjamin Broughton	550	0 0
" 304	" Robert Craig	50	0 0
" 304	" James Bedford		
" 304	" Charles Lowrey		
" 304	" J. L. Oates		
" 304	" C. L. Mason		
" 337	" John Hirst, jun., J.P.		
" 337	Lodge		
" 337	" W. D. Hall		
" 380	" Captain J. Wordsworth		
" 495	" John Craven		
" 603	Lodge		
" 910	" T. W. Tew, J. P.		
" 910	" John Simpson		
" 910	Lodge		
" 974	" T. W. Holmes		
" 1001	" John Richardson, jun.		
" 1001	Lodge		
" 1019	" W. H. Gill		
" 1102	" Jos. Iberson		
" 1542	" T. J. Kassell		

Hong Kong:—  
Bro. C. Chater ... 50 0 0

There are fourteen lists yet to come in, which I trust will enable us to assert that we have brought in £13,000. (Cheers.)

Lord Leigh: Brethren,—I have had the honour of having a toast placed in my hands, and although I cannot say that it is the toast of the evening, as my Right Worshipful brother, the Chairman, has proposed that toast, still, I maintain that it is only second in importance to the toast that he has proposed. Brethren, we all must deeply regret the absence of our illustrious brother the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire; but still, in his absence, I am quite sure that you will agree with me that his place has been most ably filled by the Right Worshipful brother the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire. I have known my Right Worshipful brother for many years, living as I do in a neighbouring province, and, therefore, I am perhaps qualified to speak of that brother as many brethren whom I see in this noble hall can speak of him. I will assure you that in Lord Shrewsbury you will find a man who is worthy of the high position that he holds, not only in his private capacity, but in all his public acts. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, he is a Mason at heart; he has shown it ever since he entered the Craft: he was born a Mason, and he will die a Mason. But I trust, when I say he will die a Mason, that Freemasonry, for his province especially, may not see that event for many years to come. (Hear, hear.) He has shown the deep interest he takes in Freemasonry, and it is well known that he has served the office of president for the Girls' School, and he has for the second time occupied that chair for this Institution. It is not only for the Masonic charities that he has presided so well, but I may tell you, from my being almost a Staffordshire Freemason myself, being in a border province, I know how many private acts of charity, Masonic and otherwise, he performs in his own province. I will not detain you further than to ask you to drink with all heartiness and sincerity "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire," and long may he live to ornament the position he holds. (Great cheering.)

The Chairman: Brethren, two words, and two words only.—Thank you. The Chairman: Brethren, you must excuse me if I am not so abrupt in proposing a toast which is one of very great importance. Charity, as I said before, is a very great quality, and our rule has been at these meetings to toast our two absent friends. I give you "Success to the Boys' and the Girls' Institutions." If you will kindly conceive in your hearts what I should like to say about Lord Leigh and Lord Methuen, respecting those charities, I think you will make a better speech than I shall, and I shall save your time. Our noble friend has spoken most kindly towards me, and I only wish I could find the ability in my heart to say what I think about him. With respect to the Masonic charities you know we are not jealous of each other. We are proud that our successors in this chair should emulate us and beat us if possible. That is our great anxiety since we have had our Prince at the head of affairs. Long may we continue to give that satisfaction to his Royal Highness which he so graciously acknowledges. I give you "Prosperity to the Two Schools, the Boys' and the Girls'." I ask for long lists and short speeches.

Bro. Little responded. Suffering from a severe cold himself, he had hoped that Bro. Binckes would have replied. But he had no hesitation in congratulating Bro. Terry on the magnificent result of his festival. He accepted it at once as a challenge, as a stimulus, as an evidence of the loyalty of the Craft, which had only to be asked to be tested. The Girls' Festival would take place on the 9th of May, and he hoped that they would emulate, and even rival, on that occasion the magnificent sum of that night. He could hardly anticipate such a large result, but at least, as Sempronius said, "We will do our best." He hoped that the strenuous efforts of Bro. Binckes would achieve similar results, and he accepted this meeting as an augury, being the first meeting of the year, that the Freemasons of England were at heart devoted to their charities, and so far from allowing their feelings to flag, they would put forth their energies, not only to maintain but to increase them. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Methuen, in proposing "The Ladies," said: I wish this toast had fallen into abler hands, that could have done more justice to the toast than I am capable of doing, but, at the same time, there is no Mason in the room more devoted to the subject of the toast than I am; and, looking above, I may say I was delighted to see the angels in that sphere above so properly devoted to them. At the same time I was reminded of one fact, that the truest

Masons are the women; for there is no doubt whatever that before another year rolls round, those young hands that we have heard plauditing will be taken in hand the distressed Freemasons, and somewhat comfortably relieved them. (Laughter.) In proposing to you "The Health of the Ladies," I may only say that the Masons from time immemorial, without going too far back into the history of the very early promoters of Masonry, were always devoted to the ladies, and honoured them as mothers, as wives, and as sisters. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Creaton: My lords and brethren,—I have been requested to give this toast, "though last not least," "The Health of our Board of Stewards," who have done so much for us this evening, not only in the way of entertainment, but in bringing up large lists. I propose "The Health of the Stewards." They have done all the honour they could to the occasion, and I couple with it the name of Bro. J. M. Case.

Bro. J. March Case, in reply, said: On behalf of the Stewards of this festival and myself I beg to return you my hearty thanks. It is highly gratifying to us that our exertions in the production of this festival have met with your approbation. The duties that they have taken have been voluntarily accepted by them, and they have performed them most loyally. At the grand installation of the Prince of Wales it was said that the most wonderful characteristic of Freemasons was that of loyalty; and I must say that the Board of Stewards on this occasion have performed their duties most loyally. I, as their unworthy president, have seen their love for the Institution, and my duty has been a sinecure. I beg to offer my thanks to the members of the Board personally for the assistance I have received from them, and I only trust the magnificent result of this evening has been an exemplification that their duties have not been thrown away. In the performance of those duties they have been most exemplarily assisted by the Secretary of the Institution. The labours of the office have devolved upon him. He has been most strenuous in the performance of his duties; and that he has been successful the gathering of this evening will most thoroughly demonstrate. (Cheers.)

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Temple, where the ladies were assembled, and where an admirable concert was given under the able superintendence of Bro. T. Lawler, jun., in which Bros. Henry Parker, Baxter, Thornton, and Caravoglia, Miss Rose Sherrington, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Agnes Larkcom, and Messrs. Lewis Thomas and T. Harper took part.

The banquet was well supplied by Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, and Bro. Harker ably discharged the duties of toastmaster.

## Obituary.

### BRO. HENRY MATTHEWS.

"Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,  
So do our minutes hasten to their end."

Bro. Matthews, of Sheffield, was initiated in the Britannia Lodge (now No. 139) on May 12th, 1864. He served the office of J.W., but afterwards resigned the lodge. He was one of the founders of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, being the second W.M. thereof. He served the office of W.M. in the Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, twice; was the first Prov. Senior Grand Mark Warden of West Yorkshire; and, but last June, was appointed Junior Grand Overseer in the Grand Mark Lodge, P.Z. 139, and, on account of his ill-health, was re-elected, and held that office at the time of his decease, as also that of W. Commander of the Sheffield Ark Lodge.

Bro. Matthews was an enthusiastic and untiring worker, a sound and valued counsellor. His zeal in, and attachment to, the Mark Degree were well and widely known, and appreciated—it may be said that he resuscitated the Sheffield Mark Lodge. Until within the last few months, when his health failed him, he ably performed the duties of every office he undertook. After passing the chair of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, the brethren presented to him a handsome Past Master's jewel; he filled the office of Secretary for two years, and he installed several of the W.M.'s of that lodge. Had his life been spared a little longer there can be no doubt but that he would have been appointed to office in Provincial Grand Craft Lodge, than whom no brother better deserved it. Bro. Matthews leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom letters of condolence were sent by the lodges, also the chapter, of which he was a member; the W.M., P.M.'s, and several of the officers and brethren of the Wentworth Lodge followed his remains to their last resting place, and the lodge has assumed Masonic mourning for the space of three months. His death is a loss to the Craft, and the Sheffield brethren justly revere his memory. He was a supporter of our noble charities, an occasional contributor to these columns, a bright Mason, a good man, in short—

"His life was gentle; and the elements  
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the world—'This was a man!'"

The fifteenth recital of the "Estey" organs took place on Saturday last, at No. 7, Argyll-street. The vocalist on this occasion being Madlle. Matilde Zimerli.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

BRO. CONSTABLE.—Declined with thanks.

By a typographical error, "The Late King of Prussia" appeared in our last issue for "Frederick the Great, King of Prussia."

The following stand over: Reports of Lodges Perfect Ashlar, 1178; Royal, 643; New Cross, 1559; St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 673; De Grey and Ripon Lodge of Instruction, Liverpool, 1336. Panmure Chapter, 750; Era Mark Lodge, 176; Adams's Mark Lodge, 6; Sheerness-on-Sea. Alpass Encampment, Liverpool.

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## BIRTHS.

CONQUEST.—On the 12th inst., at Buckhurst-hill, Essex, the wife of J. Conquest, of a son.

COWARD.—On the 13th inst., at Stafford-terrace, Kensington, the wife of Cecil Coward, of a daughter.

LYON.—On the 11th inst., at The Firs, Horsham, the wife of Major F. L. H. Lyon, R.H.A., of a daughter.

WARREN.—On the 3rd inst., at Finsbury Park, the wife of N. Warren, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BAILEY—TUGWELL.—On the 13th inst., at St. Andrew's, Lambeth, Walter Bailey, of Winchester, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. F. Tugwell.

GORDON—REID.—On the 12th inst., at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, Francis Frederick Gordon, son of the late Lord Francis Gordon, to Helen Augusta Mariana, daughter of the late R. H. B. Reid, Esq.

## DEATHS.

BOYS.—On the 10th inst., at King Henry's-road, Regent's Park, Thomas Boys, aged 82.

BUCKNALL.—On the 11th inst., at Gothic House, Twickenham, William Bucknall, Esq., aged 93.

EVANS.—On the 10th inst., Jane, wife of H. Evans, of Gerrard-street, Soho, aged 32.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 17, 1877.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We congratulate the Craft, the Committee, and Bro. Terry on the most gratifying result of this, our first charitable gathering for 1877. It was in every way worthy of the occasion, of the Order, and of our Masonic liberality. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, had undertaken the duty of presiding at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on Monday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and an exceedingly large gathering of the brethren in the Craft assembled to do honour to the occasion, the assemblage being as large as that present when his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presided four years ago. Much to the regret of all present, illness prevented Prince Leopold from attending, and the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot kindly officiated in his stead. He was supported by Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire; Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wilts; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk; Bros. Colonel Creaton, Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treas.; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Capt. Homfray, and a very numerous circle of our most distinguished brethren.

The loyal toasts were given with the usual heartiness and loyalty, and our noble brother, in proposing the toast of the evening, spoke of the benefits it conferred upon decayed Masons and their widows, and said that, though he was not about to betray any Masonic secret, he could tell the brethren and the ladies present that the list of subscriptions made a greater total than was ever made before, for in honour to Prince Leopold the brethren had subscribed a sum double that on the occasion when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presided. Bro. Terry, the Secretary, then read the list of subscriptions, showing that London subscribed £6679; Devonshire, £570; Kent, £493; the Eastern Division of Lancashire, £321; Middlesex, £339; Oxfordshire, £270; Warwickshire, £467; the Western Division of Yorkshire, £559; Hong Kong, £50—in all making—London, £6679, and the Provinces, £5777—a total of £12,656. The announcement was received with great cheering. Nothing detracted from the pleasures of this most remarkable evening but the absence of our royal brother, which was the subject of universal sorrow, so much so that Lord Shrewsbury stated that it was the first occasion he had presided over any Masonic gathering with regret. We trust soon to hear that the august sufferer is restored to better health, and the admirable fulfilment of his high duties. The arrangements were admirable, and reflect great credit on the Stewards, while the catering was most creditable to Bro. Dawkins. The great hall was filled to overflowing, and the ladies, who dined separately, filled the galleries during the toasts. We have every reason to believe that our fair sisters were most fraternally provided for. Bro. Terry was in high favour with them, and deserves the congratulations and thanks of all the Craft.

## THE HISTORY OF FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

Our able contemporary the *Builder*, has recently given us a very interesting little article on the destruction of the Rue des Boucheries, in the improvements going on at Paris, and which is identified to a great extent with the alleged history of early French Freemasonry. We use the word "alleged" because the *Builder* assumes a little too much the accuracy of the commonly-received French historical tradition. We have been looking carefully into the subject lately, and feel strongly how much of doubt and uncertainty still lingers over the "textus receptus" of the French Masonic annals. We know that our learned correspondent, Bro. W. J. Hughan, will confirm our view of the matter. The statement, as it appears in the *Builder*, is no doubt based on the "dicta" of several competent

writers, but a good deal of obscurity hangs upon it, and some recent discoveries, which Bro. Hughan has called attention to, as regards Freemasonry in Paris, seem to strengthen these doubts. He has given us some most interesting excerpts from early English newspapers, which throw a new light on the history of French Freemasonry. By these extracts, it would seem that in 1734 and 1735, meetings of English and French Freemasons had been held at Paris. We shall give two of the most important extracts in Masonic Notes and Queries next week. We think it well, therefore, to put on paper what is actually known of the history of Freemasonry in Paris. In the first place we quite agree with Bro. Hughan, that the first historical constitution of a lodge at Paris is that referred to in Pine's list of 1734, and held "au Louis d'Argent dans la Rue des Boucheries, a Paris," and which was warranted, according to his statement, in 1732. In the Constitutions of 1738, Viscount Montague (in 1732) is said to have granted a deputation for constituting a lodge at the Hotel de Bussy in Paris. There are no other traces in our English records of this lodge or French lodges, except that we are told in 1738 that the Grand Lodge of France is mentioned in the minutes and Masonic intercommunication agreed upon, and two lodges in France were erased from our list. The French writers seem to contend, as does the *Builder*, that in 1725 a lodge was founded at Paris by Lord Derwentwater (Charles Radcliffe) Chevalier Maskelyne, and Mr. Heguetty, called St. Thomas, at a restaurant kept by an Englishman of the name of Hure or Hurre, and that in 1726 this lodge received a constitution from the Grand Lodge of England, but of this statement no evidence exists, and owing to the political questions of the day, much doubt is thrown upon it, especially as to whether the English Grand Lodge would have given a warrant to known Jacobites, and to a person who was not Lord Derwentwater, according to English law. But in 1732 (not 1726 according to French writers—we adhere to our own writers), a lodge seems to have been founded on a constitution granted by Grand Master Montague, also in the Rue des Boucheries, at the Louis d'Argent, and also called "St. Thomas," which first met at an hotel, kept by a person called Breton, or Le Breton, in the Rue des Boucheries, and subsequently at the Hotel de Bussy, in the Rue de Bussy, kept by a person called Landelle. This is the lodge which Kloss says was numbered 49, and was erased in 1768. A third lodge is stated to have been founded in 1729, called "Arts St. Maguerite," by an Englishman named Gaustand or Gauston, and a fourth lodge in 1732, subsequently called "La Loge d'Aumont," is declared to have been constituted at Landelle's, also in the Rue de Bussy. Whether there is any confusion or not in this account, and whether these four lodges are reducible historically to two "deponent" is not quite prepared to say, but thinks it just possible. In Cole's List of Lodges, 1763, a lodge is said to meet (No. 49), originally 90, "a la Ville de Tennerre, Rue des Boucheries," first Monday (founded) April 3, 1732. This would almost look as if the four lodges might be actually only two. The extracts published by Bro. W. J. Hughan seem to throw some little doubt on the very positive statements of the French Historians. We have seen that in 1768 a Grand Lodge of France was in existence, and in 1762 51 lodges are said to have existed in Paris, of which 23 had been founded since 1755. In 1737, we are told by the *St. James's Evening Post*, May 12, quoted by Bro. W. J. Hughan, that the "Order of the Freemasons" has been "lately so much in vogue in Paris, there being great striving to be admitted, even at the expense of ten Louis d'or. Eighteen or twenty persons of distinction have lately been created Masons, amongst whom was the Marshal d'Estrees, and three lodges are already established." This is in 1737. So early, too, as 1737, the Freemasons seem to have been forbidden by the police to assemble, and a certain Chapelot, keeper of a restaurant at la Rapée was fined 1000 livres for having a meeting of Masons at his house in that year. We see then how many elements of doubt, and how many matters requiring careful consideration exist



in respect of the common version of French Masonic History, and if these extracts from the old London papers, a source of information too long neglected, may be looked upon fairly, as we think, as authentic, it becomes us not to dogmatize too much on the question, but to await further evidence. We think that the estimate of the *Builder*, that there are 500,000 Masons in France is based on no statistical authority, and is altogether most incorrect. There are, as far as we are aware, no published returns of the number of members belonging to the French lodges, but, as far as we have been able to look into the matter, we should be disposed to fix the number of Masons in France at less considerably than 100,000; 80,000 would be a liberal figure, we venture to think. If we take 30,000 as the total under the Grand Orient, and 30,000 under the Rite Ecossais, and about 10,000 under the Rite of Misraim, we shall, we suspect, very nearly hit the mark. We shall be glad, however of official "renseignements" on this subject.

#### BROS. CAUBET AND GRIMAU.

We have carefully perused the remarks of these two able French brothers in the *Monde Maçonnique* for January-February, in reply to a leader of ours in the *Freemason* of January 6th. That article was written in consequence of some very foolish passages in the *Monde Maçonnique* for December, referring to our esteemed Grand Secretary, but which, by mistake, we attributed to Bro. Caubet, they being actually written, it now appears, by Bro. Adrien Grimaux. As Bro. Caubet quite agrees with Bro. Grimaux's unbecoming words, though he did not actually pen them, we assume, as we may fairly do, that he consents not unwillingly to patronize the little unfledged literary bantling which claims Bro. Grimaux as its "très cher père." Bro. Caubet is very angry because we said that the writer of this sneer at our cheap Bibles, and the author of an un-Masonic attack on Bro. Hervey, had committed a "bêtise," and adds that the phrase "n'est jamais employé en France dans des discussions que par les hommes mal élevés." Indeed? As the French say, vraiment? We turn over two pages, and we find Bro. Caubet's friend Bro. Grimaux, with whom he says, "Je suis complètement de son avis," quietly arguing about this very objectionable word as if it was not quite of such uncommon occurrence, after all, as Bro. Caubet would lead us to suppose. We knew then, we know now, of no better word in French or English to express our sense of the very childish and yet disrespectful manner in which the weighty remarks of our esteemed G. Secretary at the consecration of the Crichton Lodge were treated by the writer, as well as the flippant and almost personal tone assumed to one so excellent in every sense of the word as our Bro. Hervey. "But revenons a nos moutons." It may be true that we are "très mal élevés," and we feel sure that if that be the case, Bro. Caubet will act as our tutor and instructor in all that relates to the elegancies of literature or the bienséances of society, so that of him it might be truly said,

"Ingenuas didicisse fideliter artes,

Emollit mores nec sinet esse ferus."

To tell us, for instance, that the writer supposed there was a society in London which would supply the French Lodges with "cheap Bibles," or that such sentiments would continue to be true of English Masons as long as Bro. Hervey remained the all-powerful Secretary of Grand Lodge, was a mode of dealing with candid and conscientious objections to a revolutionary change, advocated by an extreme party, excessively silly, and entirely un-Masonic. And therefore we said so openly and frankly, as we hope we shall always speak, though we are very sorry if what we wrote with the best intentions has tended in any way to ruffle the temper or affect the sensibilities of our esteemed Bro. Caubet. We confess that we wish that his own remarks had manifested a little more wisdom and moderation, not to say common sense. To answer our legitimate fears and fraternal advice by a declaration of "folles menaces," and the reiterated assertion that the suppression of this simple universal formula is an assertion of toleration, and to take away a "pretext of

intolerance," renders any argument or appeal almost fruitless. Certainly we English Masons have offered no "folles menaces" to our French brethren. We have spoken as "Amici Curiae," in fraternal feeling and kindly sentiments, though we have expressed our views on this difficult and delicate subject, as we trust we always shall, in manly honesty and sincerity. If we displease Bro. Caubet and his friends we are very sorry indeed, but we fancy that in all we have advanced we have the entire concurrence of all Anglo-Saxon, and of a very large number of French Freemasons. Let Bro. Caubet accept our advice in the spirit in which it is tendered, that of sincere well wishers to French Freemasonry. Bro. Grimaux appears to think that his views represent those of all French Freemasons. We doubt it very much indeed. In fact we have reason to know such is not the case, and that there are many French Freemasons who are deeply alarmed at the rash proceedings of a dominant party, and all are very anxious for the future of Freemasonry in France. We do not see that Bro. Grimaux advances anything that requires notice, and we do not think it needful to say more, except that we now trust that when next he writes about English Freemasons and Bro. John Hervey he will remember that the former are very sincere in their attachment to their old formulæ, and that the latter is one of the most earnest of Masons, and the most worthy of men: an insult to him is an insult to all English Freemasons. We see that Bro. Grimaux also talks of "injonctions et menaces," as if some great wrong had been committed, because Bro. Hervey spoke openly and without reserve as a Mason, on a point which, in the abiding interests of our common Order, had much to concern and affect us English Freemasons. Bros. Caubet, Grimaux, and others, resemble people we often meet with in life, who, having made up their minds on a given subject, scout advice and resent expostulation. We have done our duty in pointing out to Bros. Caubet and Grimaux the hazardous and retrograde step they are content blindfold and headlong about to take, and which is apparently only certain to land them in the bottomless pit of doubt, confusion, strife, and revolution. But having so expressed ourselves we make our bow, and shall henceforth leave French Freemasonry to itself. We rejoice indeed to note the fraternal and sensible words of Bro. Hubert in the *Chaine d'Union*, contrast to the turgid nonsense we have often to wade through, and we shall await his promised remarks on the subject with much interest, and shall take care to bring them carefully before our readers.

#### A NEEDED REFORM.

We said in our last that we would call attention to one of the causes which, in our opinion, has led to the exclusion of the Hebrews from Freemasonry in some Grand Lodges of Germany; we fulfil our promise to-day. We believe that that cause is to be found in the grafting of High Grade, or Christian Degrees, so called, on Craft-Masonry. It is quite clear that if you attempt to weld together two systems, which are based upon and which proceed from two diametrically opposed or even antagonistic principles, either the greatest confusion of ideas must ensue, or one side or the other must gain the preponderance. You cannot have the select idea and the cosmopolitan in the same one system without great jarring. You cannot make to harmonise and combine the universal and the limited, the tolerant and the sectarian theory. Towards the end of the last century, abroad especially, the High Grades, became the fashion pro tem, and an attempt was made, using the Craft Grades as a "grundwerk," to use a Germanism, to build thereupon a structure of High Grade, Chivalric, Hermetic, Mystical Freemasonry, as the case might be. Hence the theory of the High Grades, more sectional, more select, more august, than the humbler Craft Grades, became, as it were, the dominant power, and as the High Grades were Christian, they necessarily excluded Hebrews. It is not then very difficult to see how the intolerant spirit of darker ages has crept, so to say, partly consciously, partly unconsciously, over bodies which have this duplex system at work. The fabric being Christian, it became needful

to bring the foundation, so to say, in harmony with it, and as none but Christians could enter into the High Grades "ex necessitate," so neither ought any but Christians to be admitted into the Symbolical Grades. Such was the idea, such too was the argument. No doubt a spirit of intolerance has also existed, as regards the Hebrews generally, but we are inclined to hope and to think, that the real cause of all, (and it is more agreeable to think so, for the sake of human nature and Freemasonry,) is the prevalence of this unwise arrangement, the conflict of these irreconcilable principles. In England we have happily steered clear of these difficulties by never mixing up Craft and High Grade Masonry. With us each is legitimately governed by its own rulers, and each goes on its way in peace with its neighbour. If there are (and many there are) who are both Craft and High Grade Masons, it is for them to settle the matter for themselves. No one presumes to question their right to act as they think fit. No one finds any fault with their individual opinions, and it is this system which we would urge upon our foreign brethren. Let the High Grades be entirely severed from Craft Masonry; and let the Craft be governed as a Craft, and the High Grades as High Grades, and then all "stumbling blocks" of conflicting principles and of hurtful intolerance will be removed—then all those burning objections will be settled once and for all. There will always, no doubt, be a Christian section, even in Craft Masonry, and so long as it becomes neither too dogmatic nor too intolerant, it has fairly a "liberty of prophesying." But the teaching of pure and simple Craft Masonry is "universal," and has been, as far as we are concerned, avowedly so in England since 1813. Every principle, therefore, of Masonic fair play, justice, and toleration, demands that this exclusion of the Hebrews should cease, and that Craft Lodges should be governed solely as Craft Grand Lodges on Craft principles, and that the High Grades should have their own ruling and independent authorities. This fusion of the incompatible principles of Craft Masonry and Christian Masonry should at once be given up as a mistake and an anomaly—a state of things alike liable to abuse, and tending to intolerance, and entirely at variance with the unchanging principles of Craft Masonry.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### IS FREEMASONRY MATERIALISM?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having read with deep interest and much pleasure the two articles on the above subject in recent numbers of the *Freemason*, I do not intend by any means to answer them from an antagonistic or party spirit. Such is quite out of the question; but I humbly propose to review them and offer a few observations, perhaps not worthless. The description and definition of the word "Materialism," such as we read it in the *Freemason* of the 27th ult. and 3rd inst., cannot fail but to be duly appreciated for the masterly and scholarly manner in which they are treated; but taken from a worldly point of view I differ, and it is here I purpose to make my stand.

"Materialism," such as I have heard it frequently spoken of and described, amounts simply to a kind of "God" or "Idol," and this means simply to set at defiance all kinds of religion, and naturally ignores the existence of the G.A.O.T.U., and is a plain outspoken declaration of war to "Him." Socially speaking, it embodies the worst degenerate principles of "democracy," or, in other words, the adoption of the "Paris Commune." Politically, it aims with all power to destroy the duly recognised authority of the land, the overthrow of all honest and just laws. This is briefly the "materialism" which I presume Bishop Vaughan denounces in strong language, and which, in my humble opinion, every honest citizen ought, and has a right and sacred duty, to stamp beneath his feet, as vermin.

Now, unfortunately, it frequently occurs that we Masons are, as a rule, taken "wholesale" and clubbed amongst this class of misled individuals by our most bitterest enemies. The latter of course show no charity; they simply accuse us as a body—just as if we were to go and abuse and denounce ministers of different religions because history and daily facts prove and convict members of their society; but we, on the other hand, practise charity; we abstain from committing such a grievous error; we go on the principle, if I may so call it, that "there are good and bad in all classes, nations, and societies."

Still we cannot ignore a fact, and it is by far wiser to openly avow it, that the "weapons" which our enemies



do use against us originate from members of our society, and members of spurious and so-called Masonic lodges. And here again we can answer our enemies. Have they not dissenters? Once we find such to be the case we naturally expel such men, just as our enemies expel such men from within their society.

A point worthy of consideration presents itself. Ought we not to devise some better plan and system of discovering and putting down such spurious lodges and members? I know, I am sorry to say, from positive experience, that the main principles of "materialism" such as I have described are the leading point and basis of many so-called Masonic lodges. To satisfy myself, I have purposely visited some, and found them such. On one occasion I spoke up, and denounced the whole proceedings, and admonished those weak and misled young men that I saw around me, with what eventual effect I do not know.

In public I have heard individuals holding duly certified certificates of English lodges avow their "non belief" in the "Infinite" or the immortality of the soul, and the Seat of Judgment for our actions in this world. Ay, more, such men I have known to persecute and injure others who, though not Masons, declared their firm belief in God.

Now, there is no need for me to demonstrate that we Masons do not admit or recognise such principles, and that we profess quite the reverse; our deeds, our daily actions in our contact with our fellow men, speak volumes in our favour, but we must not forget this great point, that we cannot be too cautious and scrupulous in selecting and accepting members, and when we are assailed let us pass in silence and charity all that is being said, and continue with more energy and faith, the noble work which we are called upon to perform.

"Materialism," such as the majority of the present generation understands it, what is it? All foundation of "society," bases itself on the recognition of some kind of "Head," just so as all kind of religion selects some kind of "Supreme Being." Materialism does away, as I said before, with even this; everybody claims, and the right is conceded to him, to act, think, and do unto his fellow-man as best suits his worldly purposes, and act dishonestly with impunity; this is your materialism from a worldly point of view, and goes to the root of all honest and square principles, and the world, such as it is this day, fed by a certain class of greedy authors, quite unscrupulous of truth, degenerate and encourage with their writings this rising, or, rather falling, generation.

Let us look back to history, the Romans and Greeks, and let us see what progress we have made. They are called barbarians, but what would they call us if they had a voice?

I shall close my argument, if such it can be called at all, and give you again due credit for the manner you have handled this subject. It is very delicate ground to tread upon indeed, let us avoid it as much as possible; but by all means do all in our power, one and all, still earnestly to work in casting from us all those who degenerate from our sacred principles; they are but an insect, which silently endeavours to pierce the bark, but never shall find quarters or reach the root.

We are strong all over the world, and there is no lack of good active brethren; let those who undertake this work be but strongly supported by actions from others, and success cannot fail, indeed, it is out of the question.

Yours fraternally,

R. DE VERVECA.

[We endeavoured to give a careful and correct description of what materialism is, what it is understood to be, strictly speaking. We did not enter into the mere popular understanding of it, though practically there is little difference between our correspondent and ourselves.—ED.]

#### THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Hebrew I was pleased to see that you have spiritedly advocated the injustice of exclusion of Jews from certain German lodges in your leader of the 10th.

You state that "a distinguished lodge at Birmingham has taken official cognisance of the subject," thereby leading your readers to presume that that is the *only* lodge that has done so; and, as other lodges have done likewise, I have no doubt that, in your next impression, you will rectify this error. The Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, at Liverpool, of which I have the honour to be the presiding officer, passed a resolution similar to that passed in Birmingham. It was proposed very eloquently by Bro. the Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D., seconded by Bro. Tueski, supported by many influential brethren, and unanimously carried on our last regular meeting in January.

A similar resolution was passed by the Lodge of Israel, London; Lodge of Joppa, London; and the Montefiore Lodge, London. These are the so-called Jewish lodges, but I am given to understand that several other lodges in this country, which are not so-called Jewish, have passed similar resolutions.

I communicate this to you, knowing that you will, in justice to those who have taken an interest in this affair, rectify the error.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MAURICE HART,

W.M. Lodge of Israel, 1502.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Past Prov. Grand Steward," he has only to refer to pages 51 and 52 of Book of Constitutions, and he will see these words:—"But when out of office they are no longer members or entitled to wear crimson aprons and collars or jewels, nor are Provincial Grand Stewards entitled to wear crimson aprons or collars out of their own province."

If brethren would only take the trouble to read the Book of Constitutions, it would save them the necessity of troubling you with many ridiculous queries.

Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER P. PROV. GRAND STEWARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A brother created F.C. is appointed I.G. the same lodge meeting; is this in accord with the rules of the Craft?

Yours fraternally,

RATHER DOUBTFUL.

[We think not.—ED.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot introduce myself as one of the "learned and thoughtful brethren" to whom "W. M. C. N." appeals, and, possibly, I may only share the pity expressed for "A. T.," when I say that I have no recollection of any reference to the *tau* in the ceremonies of Craft Masonry.

When I was passed, nearly twenty years since, the W.M. informed me that Masonry was "a progressive science;" and in the next degree he explained the loss of the genuine secrets of the M.M., and made me acquainted with certain substituted signs and tokens to serve until time or circumstances should restore the genuine.

Can it be possible that the ornament of a W.M.'s apron is neither "a grand blunder" nor "a swan turned into a goose," nor "a bungle of the compositor," but simply and advisedly a level (or a perpendicular upon a horizontal line) as part of the substituted symbols? This theory need not clash with that of "W. M. C. N." as to the genuine symbol being the *tau*, but would tend to prove that he has made

A GRAND DISCOVERY.

#### MASONIC ANECDOTE OF THE KING OF PRUSSIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your number of Feb. 10th you give a "Masonic Anecdote of the late King of Prussia." Allow me to draw attention, in order not to mislead your readers, to the fact that the circumstances therein mentioned do not apply to Frederick William IV., the late King of Prussia, but to Frederick the Great. He was initiated into the Craft, in the way you mention, at Brunswick, by a deputation of the Hamburg Lodge "Absalom," during the night of Aug. 14th, 1738, and his companion, Count von Wartensleben, immediately after him. The ceremony began at midnight and lasted till about four o'clock in the morning, (see Bro. Findel's "Geschichte des Freimaurerei," p. 384).

The work "Memoirs of the Freemasons of Naples," from which your extract seems to have been taken, and which appeared in the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of March 16th, 1861, p. 202, erroneously gives the name of Frederick William II., the son of Frederick the Great.

I may further add that Frederick William III., father of the late King of Prussia and of the Emperor William I., was not at all adverse to our Royal art. Our illustrious brother, the Emperor of Germany, when he submitted to his father his desire to enter into our Fraternity, was told that "he might without fear embrace Freemasonry, for the Freemasons had always given him proofs of their fidelity, attachment, and obedience." This was related by the Emperor himself, in reply to an address upon the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his initiation at Berlin, May 22nd, 1865.

Fraternally yours,

C. KUPPERSCHMIDT.

Secretary of the German Lodge of Instruction, Pilgrim, No. 238.

#### Reviews.

HIDDEN SPRINGS.—By Archbishop Vaughan, Sydney.

By the kindness of Bro. Macmurdrow, Prov. Grand Pursuivant of West Lancashire, we have been favoured with this very remarkable address. We congratulate the Archbishop in the first instance on the non-existence, at any rate, the inactivity of that amiable, enlightened, and genial body, the Holy Inquisition, or he would assuredly, Archbishop as he is, have been burnt as an arch heretic at an "auto de fe" at Sydney. Nothing could possibly have saved him. The proofs of his "heretice pravitatis" are so strong, and we may add, so daring, that though we have no liking for Inquisitors, and not much sympathy for the Inquisition, under any circumstances, we perhaps might be not surprised at the emotion of those reverend gentlemen, on reading such dreadful opinions as have been publicly put forward by so eminent a dignitary of the Church of Rome. He in fact out-Colenso's Colenso, and completely surpasses Mr. Voysey. He simply gives up entirely the Old Testament. This pamphlet, put into the hands of [a savage "ignorant of the rudiments of the Christian Faith," as poor Robert Wilberforce\* once said of a prelate of the Church, would make him suppose that Christianity succeeded to paganism, naturally, historically, as a question of time and fact, and that the whole of the supernatural history of the Jewish people in God's word, from the creation to the advent of the Saviour, was a

\* Archdeacon Wilberforce was one of the kindest and most genial of persons. His great ability, his quiet humour, his unostentatious piety, and his intense consideration for others shone in all he said or did. We have always understood that his later days were clouded with great grief that he had given up the "faith of his fathers." —WRITER OF REVIEW.

myth. Listen to his words. "Taking the supernatural in its length and breadth, such as it has exhibited itself on the broad stage of the world for well nigh two thousand years, and viewing it in its integrity, we can compare it with the paganism as fruit can be compared with fruit. He used the expression "supernaturalism," and not Christianity, because the former word possessed a wider significance than the latter, and included societies of men who though they reject the Christian system, "still believed in a Supreme Being, the Ruler and Rewarder of Mankind." We have never perused in our controversial reading so painful a passage, and one which, coming from a Roman Catholic Archbishop, is alike as astounding as it is alarming. What Cardinal Wiseman would have thought of such an inaccurate position, what Cardinal Manning would say of such an uncritical assertion, how J. H. Newman would regard such an illogical conclusion, we hardly like to think or to say. We have never positively stumbled upon a passage so fraught with error, unreality, and pure materialistic infidelity. Why, we have in this deliberate expression of a Roman Catholic Archbishop the consolidation, so to speak, of all the theories of rationalism, of scepticism, of the "morale indépendante," and of simple infidelity for the special edification of the "fideles," of the "Freemasons," and of the world at large. To assert that "supernaturalism" in its breadth and length is only of 2000 years life, and succeeded to paganism as "fruit to fruit," is so absurd, so perverse, so unhistorical, so illogical a statement, that it positively "takes away our breath" and "knocks us," as the American said, "into a vacuum." Has the Archbishop ever heard of the Old Testament History? Has he ever read his Bible? Does he know anything or nothing of the "Theodidaktai," of the supernatural, of the Patriarchal, of the Mosaic, of the Regal, of the prophetic history of the Jewish people? He appears to believe that paganism existed without supernaturalism, and that supernaturalism succeeded to paganism as an "ism," and that the history of supernaturalism is to be limited to 2000 years. These are very startling propositions and will be highly gratifying, no doubt, to the "Propaganda Fidei." We have always understood that all religious writers agreed in this, that paganism is a deflection from supernaturalism, not a successor to it—that supernaturalism began with the creation of the world, and marked the history of our race positively until the coming of Christ, and that in one sense it has never ended, but still at any rate spiritually exists amongst men. But to make paganism an independent and self-existing system, not a perversion of the mind and sympathies of men, to consider it as in historical order, as a precursor to supernaturalism, and to ignore all supernaturalism until Christianity was established is to our humble intelligence almost as unbelieving and untrue a proposition as ever was submitted to man's finite capacities by any of those brilliant but baneful writers, who, by their sceptical essays have too often sapped the sacred faith of thousands of immortal beings. We cannot conceal our alarm at such teaching, emanating from a Roman Catholic Archbishop, and in our consternation and indignation, can really only pity the writer as being, to use a young man's phrase, "off his nut"—though what that actually and scientifically imports, we are not quite prepared to say. In full agreement with the unsoundness and the absurdity of the Archbishop's whole theory, its mischievous tendencies, and its unhistorical character, we may as well leave his foolish attack on our Order to meet the fate it merits—contempt. For such is the lot of all unhistorical falsity, that even by the nemesis of an outraged "consensus" of thought, taste, and historical reality, it sooner or later inevitably has to confront the universal condemnation of the wise, the true, the good, of all creeds and of all religions. Freemasonry has as much to do with materialism as Roman Catholicism or another religionism, and that any man, much less a mitred Archbishop, can have discovered such a "mare's nest," and have gravely propounded it at a public meeting at Sydney, as the Irishman said, "beats Banagher." We need not overburden our crowded pages, or tire our readers' patience by dilating any more on words so rash, so untrue, and so untrue in themselves, the more so as we have every reason to believe and to know that this senseless crusade of an ill-read, intolerant, and irritable faction of the Church of Rome against our peaceful and loyal and religious Order, will not only rather subserve our past interests, but will as certainly be condemned by the high-minded and sound-thinking of the Roman Catholics themselves. To suppose that such sublimated nonsense, such Pagan arguments, such "bottled moonshine," as Carlyle has it, could affect in any way the Masonic body, or even harmonize with the average Roman Catholic mind, is both an insult to truth and to common sense, to every feeling of religion, to every condition of belief even, in the world.

DEBRETT'S ILLUSTRATED PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, AND KNIGHTAGE. Dean & Son, 160A, Fleet-street, London.

The edition for 1877 is now before us, and we must say it maintains the reputation which it has for so long a period annually enjoyed. It contains much information respecting the immediate family connections of the Peers and Baronets, and is under their direct personal revision and correction. It professes to supply more details than any other book concerning the Naval, Military, and Civil Services, not only of the heads of families, but also of the younger branches. It is the only work that furnishes the addresses of younger adult children, and of the widows of Peers, Baronets, and Knights. Surnames and inferior titles appear alphabetically arranged in the body of the work, thus greatly facilitating reference. The volume is corrected to the 15th ult., and upon minute examination, we find the work extremely useful, reflecting very great credit on the editor, whose labour in the compilation of such a work must have been very great.



ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this Institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Joshua Nunn, Hyde Pullen, A. H. Tattershall, B. W. Little, J. Stean, W. Hale, John Constable, John G. Stevens, James Brett, W. H. Stephens, Geo. Bolton, Thos. Cubitt, H. M. Levy, Capt. J. Wordsworth, W. Hiltop, F. Adlard, H. G. Warren, Thos. White, Benj. Head, C. F. Hogard, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, H. Massey (Freemason), and James Terry, Sec.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed Bro. James Terry said he had now to report an event of which they were all aware, that the annual festival of the Institution was held on Monday evening, under the presidency of the Earl of Shrewsbury, in the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. Prince Leopold through illness; and that the total subscriptions on that occasion amounted to £12,656 13s., with fourteen lists to come in. Since then he had received seven of those lists which brought in another £100. He hoped when the others came in the total amount would be found to be £12,800.

On the motion of Bro. Levy, seconded by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, the thanks of the committee were voted unanimously to the Earl of Shrewsbury, for presiding at the festival, as the last meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held on the 26th.

On the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, a similar vote was passed to the President and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and to the Board of Stewards for their services.

Bro. Terry reported that Bro. John Cutbush had sent to the Institution 5000 bulbs of hyacinths for the use of the Asylum at Croydon, thus following up the practice of his late brother.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Cutbush for the munificent gift.

Bro. Terry said he had now to report with very great sorrow, the death of Bro. Wm. Lane, late Collector to the Institution, which took place on the 31st January. He was only absent eight or nine days, and though he was ill, his death was quite unexpected. All money received by Bro. Lane from the 1st of January, up to the day of his death, had been paid in to the bankers of the Institution, either by Bro. Lane or his widow. He (Bro. Terry) had been over Bro. Lane's books, and had found them all correct, and that the sums accounted for had been paid up.

On the motion of Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Bro. Nunn, a letter of condolence was directed to be written to Mrs. Lane.

The death of two annuitants was reported, one after having received £258, and the other £44. The number of candidates for the next election was declared to be 70, 34 males, and 36 females.

The Chairman then said that after the success of the festival, he thought they would be justified in adding to the number of annuitants, and he proposed therefore that 15 men and 15 women should be added, making the number to be elected in May, 24 men and 18 women.

Bro. Terry said this was the largest addition they had yet made.

Bro. Wm. Hale did not wish to oppose the proposition of the Chairman, but last year it might be remembered, they found they were a little embarrassed with regard to money matters, and it was thought then that they should be very cautious as to the number they would put on this year. But as they had had a very successful meeting, the question arose whether they should not put on some more. Could they afford the number proposed at the present moment?

The Chairman said he had gone through the figures with Bro. Terry and discussed the question with him, and he had come to the conclusion that they could afford it. If the funds fell off, however, they would not be able to maintain it. For the next three years they would have enough to pay the extra number of annuities they proposed.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry brought before the committee the subject of the appointment of a collector.

The Chairman said it would be necessary to appoint a committee to go into the question of the duties and emoluments of the Collector before appointing a new one, and he proposed that there should be a committee of five,—Bros. Head, Joseph Smith, J. A. Farnfield, and Griffiths Smith.

This was agreed to, and Col. Creation was nominated the fifth member.

Bro. Terry said he had to ask, as between this day and the next meeting of the committee there would be large sums of money to be collected, that he might be allowed to let Bro. Knill go out collecting. For himself, it would be impossible to perform this duty. His duties were now very heavy, four receipts had been given, which made the work in his office so much heavier than it was in the Boys' and Girls' Institutions; in fact, four times as much. Bro. Knill would be answerable to him, and he (Bro. Terry) would be responsible to the committee.

Bro. Warren asked whether a circular should not be sent out to the Stewards.

Bro. Terry said this was done by Bro. Lane, who was very methodical in everything he did, and was the best officer the Institution ever had. The Institution never had a more efficient Collector, he must say. He sent out lithographed circulars, and the answers to them were coming in every day. His widow was daily sending them to him (Bro. Terry). Personally he might say the Institution had lost a very efficient officer, and he (Bro. Terry) a very sincere friend. (Hear, hear.)

Leave was then given to Bro. Terry to employ Bro. Knill in collecting.

Bro. Joshua Nunn said they had all heard what their Secretary had said of the efficiency of their late Collector. He (Bro. Nunn) had himself known Bro. Lane many years before he was Collector of this Institution, having something to do with his family. He would give notice of motion for next meeting to make Mrs. Lane a small present (they could not do more than that) in recognition of the excellent manner in which Bro. Lane had conducted his business. He would give notice of motion that Mrs. Lane be granted £100 in consideration of the services of her late husband. (Hear, hear.)

The committee then adjourned.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge St. John (No. 3 Bly).—A meeting of this lodge was held within their own hall at No. 213, Buchanan Street, on Tuesday evening, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren. The R.W. Master, Bro. Wm. Kyle, jun., presided, the other office-bearers and past office-bearers present being Bros. D. M. Nelson, I.P.M.; Wm. Bell, P.M.; Thos. Fletcher, P.M.; Peter Brownlie, S.W.; James Kyle, J.W.; John Ferguson, Treasurer; William Cochran, Secretary; Rey. John Dobie, D.D., Chaplain; Alexander Pedie, S.D.; Hugh Tennent, J.D.; W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Secretary, Glasgow, &c. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. J. Laurie Nisbet, Wm. Murdoch, John Smellie, and John E. Spiers, all of the Mother Lodge Kilwinning (6); James Campbell, R.W.M., No. 161 (St. Stephen, Gatehouse of Fleet); Robert Jack, R.W.M., No. 128 (St. John, Shettleston); and Thomas Halkett P.M., No. 102 (St. Mark). The lodge having been opened in the E.A. degree, and thereafter raised to that of Fellow Craft, two brethren, previously initiated, received that degree at the hands of Bro. Halkett (102). Subsequently, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, when a specially pleasant hour was spent, the Senior Warden's toast of "Visiting Brethren" being acknowledged in very cordial and fraternal terms by Bro. Spiers, of Mother Lodge Kilwinning. The lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle and Rose (No. 73).—The bi-monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. John Kinnaird, the R.W. Master, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. George McDonald, I.P.M.; Alexander McLeod, S.W.; William J. Kay, J.W.; James S. Ampleford, Treasurer; and Rowland Richards, Secretary. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved of, the chairman made a few remarks to the brethren as to the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held on the previous day, at which he had been present; and thereafter installed Bro. John Bannerman to the office of Depute Master of the lodge. The R.W. Master then gave some information regarding the celebration of the 119th anniversary of the lodge, which is fixed to be held within the hall of Lodge Star (219), at No. 12, Trongate, on the evening of Friday, 2nd March ensuing. There being no further business, the lodge was then closed.

GLASGOW.—Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—One of the most numerous attended meetings of this chapter that has been seen for a long time back, was held on Thursday evening within their rooms at No. 213, Buchanan Street. The chapter was opened by Companion William Bell, Principal Z., in the chair, assisted by Companions James Louttit, H.; Charles McKenzie, J.; James Balfour, Provincial Grand Scribe, E.; James Duthie, Past Principal Z. Chapter Cathedral (No. 67); George W. Wheeler, Principal Z. Chapter Caledonian Unity (No. 73); Thomas Halkett, Z. Chapter Partick (No. 113); &c. The chapter having been opened, Comp. Bell brought before the notice of the meeting the subject of the forthcoming Royal Arch festival, to be held in St. Mark's Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, the 21st inst.; and expressed a hope that there would be a goodly muster of companions on that occasion. Two candidates for exaltation were then proposed, on whose behalf the Mark Master degree was wrought by Comp. Duthie; and thereafter four received the Royal Arch degree at the hands of Comp. Halkett, acting Principal Z., ably assisted by Comp. Wheeler. The chapter was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Thistle (No. 87).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., within their commodious new hall at No. 30, Cathedral-street. The R.W. Master, Bro. J. Booth, presided, and there were present, *inter alia*, Bros. John Fraser, P.M.; J. G. Richie, S.M.; Walter Stewart, acting Sen. Warden; A. Knowles, Jun. Warden; Thomas Paton, Treasurer; and James Fullarton, Secretary. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and passed, Bro. Paton submitted a statement of the financial condition of the lodge, to date, and immediately thereafter made formal tender of his resignation of office as Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Stewart, seconded by Bro. J. S. Wills, it was agreed to accept of the resignation. It was then moved by Bro. Knowles, (J.W.), and seconded by Bro. Thomas Kelly, that Bro. Boucher be appointed to the vacant office, which was agreed to *nem. con.* Bro. Best, who had been elected at last meeting to the office of Chaplain to the lodge, was then installed into the same at the hands of Bro. John Fraser, P.M. Bro. Fraser then proposed for affiliation to the lodge Bro. David Chalmers, of Lodge No. 360 (Commercial), which was seconded by the R.W.M. (Bro. Booth), by whom the ceremony of affiliation was there and then performed. The lodge was thereafter raised to the F.C. degree, when a brother was passed to the same, and subsequently to the sublime degree of M.M.,

when two brethren were raised to that degree, the R.W. Master himself working both degrees. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Robert Wentworth Little on his recent appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, in the room of Bro. Sir George Elliot. Our worthy brother's labour for this distinguished Province has entitled him to this honour, and we sincerely wish him an early restoration to better health, to enable him to enjoy his new office.

The Installation Meeting of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, will be held on Thursday, the 1st March. Bro. Edward Jones, is W.M., elect. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. William Wortell, P.M. and P.Z. 766, assisted by Madame Worrell Doyal, Miss Emma Buer, Mr. Arthur J. Thompson, Bro. Thurlay Beale, and Mr. J. Turle Lee.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, is said to have refused a bonâ fide offer of £21,000 for the "Duchess" part of his celebrated herd of cattle.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. is likely to pay a visit, in the course of the present year, to Beaumaris. H.R.H. has conditionally accepted invitations from Colonel Owen Williams, and Sir Richard W. Bulkeley, of Baron Hall.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.—The opening of this lodge, inaugurated a few weeks since, was celebrated on Friday last by a ball, which was both well and fashionably attended. The festivity took place in the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road, which had been placed at the disposal of the committee free of expense by Bro. Truscott, the intention being to hand the whole of the proceeds of the entertainment to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The following were the Stewards, one and all of whom worked hard to secure the success that ultimately crowned their efforts: Bros. W. J. Murlis, P.M. and W.M.; G. Penn, S.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, J.W.; Wm. Gordon, P.M., S.D.; F. Clench, J.D.; E. M. Lander, I.G.; S. Smout, D.C.; S. Smout, Jun., W.S.; J. Linscott, T. Swift, J. Bartle, W. T. Hook, J. Woodmason, G. N. Watts, P.M.; E. Frye, E. J. Cave, and Pushman, Hon. Sec. Supper was served shortly after twelve o'clock, the Worshipful Master presiding, and the Wardens occupying the vice-chairs. At its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and "The Ladies" having been responded to in a felicitous manner by Bro. Lauder, dancing was resumed, and kept up until five o'clock. The band, under the efficient leadership of Bro. Ramsay, was all that could be desired, whilst Bro. Steridan having officiated as Master of Ceremonies in that able manner for which he has so well deserved a reputation. It is to be hoped that the pecuniary results will be such as to make a substantial donation to the deserving Charity, in whose behalf the entertainment was ostensibly carried out.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has consented to take the chair at the 22nd anniversary festival of the Poplar Hospital, to be held in May.

Bro. Sheriff East has consented to preside at the fourth annual meeting of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, to be held on Tuesday next at the Cannon-street Hotel.

The Alexandra Palace was put up at auction on Thursday week by Messrs. Norton, Trist, Watney, and Co., but there was no bid sufficiently high, and it was bought in at £445,000. The first bid was for £300,000.

On Thursday the Wild Fowl Preservation Act, 1876, came into force. The Act protects woodcock, wild-geon, summer snipe, teal, curlew, plover, wild duck, wild goose, storm curlew, sealark, sandpiper, redshank, purre, pochard, plovers, page, lapwing, mallard, dotterell, din-bird, oxbird, dunlin, godwit, greenshank, peewit, phalarope, ruff, sanderling, shoveller, stint, spoonbill, stonechat, whap, whimbrell and snipe.

The Chinese Minister and Suite, attended by Lieutenant Macarty, visited Madame Tussaud's Exhibition on Tuesday.

Bro. Sir P. Colquhoun, Q.C., on Wednesday week, presided over a meeting held in the City, at which steps were taken to extend the basis of the Thames Valley Floods Prevention Association.

The warrant for the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, to be held at Newark-on-Trent, has been granted, and the consecration will take place on or about Easter week in the Town Hall. Major Newton is the W.M. designate of this lodge.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was present on Tuesday at the Hunterian oration delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons by Sir James Paget. His Royal Highness was received by the president and the members of the council, and was accompanied by the Duke of Sutherland. Mr. Gladstone, the Dean of Westminster, and a number of distinguished persons were also present.

At a meeting of metropolitan commanding officers held on Wednesday afternoon, a report having been received to the effect that the railway companies in the south of London declined to convey the volunteers to any place on Easter Monday, it was resolved that as the North Western, the Great Northern, and the Midland Railways were willing to convey the volunteers to Dunstable, a field day should be held there. It was then determined to communicate with the War Office on the subject.



**MASONIC CALENDAR.**—To the thousands who range under the banner of Masonry in every part of the world, "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" has annually proved of the greatest service, and the edition issued for 1877 by Bro. George Kenning, of London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, is in several respects superior to former publications. Information respecting almost every Masonic Order in nearly every place on the face of the globe is here to be found in a ready form, and therefore the work never fails to be a valuable companion to Masons who travel as well as stay at home. An interesting feature of the present year's "Cosmo." is the record of dates of the consecration of English lodges, and a glance at the list will show that the St. George's Lodge, which now meets at the Adelphi Hotel, first came into existence 150 years ago, the Lodge of Loyalty being the next oldest in the province, having been formed in 1753. The Ancient Union dates from 1771, the Perseverance also meeting in Hope-street from 1766, the Harmony meeting at the Adelphi Hotel from 1773, the Harmony, at Garston, from 1774; the Merchants' (the most influential in the province) from 1780, and several others in the neighbourhood boast nearly a century's existence. The Calendar is correctly and elegantly got up, and ought to be more popular than ever with the brethren of the "mystic tie."—*Liverpool Mercury*.  
Price, post free, 2s. 2d.; bound in silk, 3s. 8d.—*Advtr.*

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 23, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.  
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden To.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 165, Honour and Generosity.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge and Lodge of Ben., at 6.  
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

Lodge 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st.  
Rose Croix Chap., Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 851, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 1421, Langthorne, White Swan, Stratford.  
" 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.  
Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.  
" 657, Canonbury, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.  
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Catsford Bridge.  
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 24, 1877.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R. Lancaster.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Wakefield.  
" 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's A., Whittle-le-Wds.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.  
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, G. Homer-st., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 24, 1877.  
All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 129, St. Mirren, 5, Moss-st., Paisley.  
" 332, Union, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 581, Plantation, Craigiehall-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.  
Lodge 38, St. John, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
" 73, Thistle and Rose, 213, Buchanan-st., Glsgr.  
" 87, Thistle, 30, Cathedral-st., Glasgow.  
" 437, Govandale, M.H., Portland Buildings, Govan.  
" 556, Clydesdale, 106, Rose-st., S.S., Glasgow.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 117, St. Mary, M.H., Douglas-st., Partick.  
" 354, Caledonian Railway, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
" 592, Albert Edward, M.H., Polmadie.  
Chap. 150, Shettleston, M.H., Shettleston.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 167, Free Operative, M.H., Biggar.  
" 570, Kenmuir, Balgray Hall, Springburn.  
Chap. 117, Govan, Portland Buildings, Govan.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 125, St. James, Masons' Arms, Newton Ayr.  
" 153, Royal Arch, M.H., Cogan-st., Pollokshaws.  
" 195, St. John R.A., Lennox Arms, Campsie.  
" 199, St. Andrew, M.H., Cumbernauld.  
" 244, Union, Black Bull Inn, Stonehouse.  
" 347, St. John Operative, M.H., Rutherglen.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 28, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.  
" 187, St. John, Black Bull Inn, Carluke.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 24, 1877.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 44, St. Luke, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Lodge 36, St. David, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.  
" 405, Rifle, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Lodge 160, Roman Eagle, 62, Nicholson-st.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Lodge 392, Caledonian, F.M.H., 98, George-st.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 223, Trafalgar, 54, Bernard-street, Leith.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).**—Tuesday, the 23rd ult., witnessed a large muster at the regular meeting of this the strongest lodge in South London held at the Montpellier Tavern, Walworth. With an unusually heavy agenda paper, the commencement of business was set for five o'clock, soon after which hour the W.M., Bro. Govan Macdonald, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, opened the lodge, being supported by the following officers: Bros. John Walter, S.W.; W. Allen, J.W.; Solway Smith, S.D.; R. Harris, J.D.; A. Stewart, I.G.; R. Fortune, D.C.; T. H. Pulsford, P.M., Sec.; A. Wright, P.M., Treas.; C. Wise, I.P.M.; R. E. Clarke, H. Towers, and H. Potter, Past Masters of the lodge. The following members of the lodge, Bros. H. Holloway, W. Ponton, G. Robins, M. J. Newsham, W. Beavis, J. Block, D. Pinner, W. Rand, R. Renshaw, J. Austin, A. Wells, A. Caffery, H. Dorritt, E. H. Owen, C. H. Wilkes, A. Wood, E. Edis, E. Robins, W. Meloy, H. C. Horsley, T. McCormack, J. Brister, E. Heaps, J. Swab, R. P. Whitlock, J. J. Parker, W. Bean, J. Cass, D. M. Hunter, A. Owen, A. Levi, T. Vualmer, W. Rossiter, J. Hardey, W. Habern, P. Robins, J. Williams, T. Anstey, J. Towler, J. Defries, and G. Hadfield. Visitors: Bros. W. Laegert, P.M. 548; J. Griffin, P.M. 933; H. Keeble, P.M. 1275; W. T. Scot, W.M. 19; T. Colder, 177; H. H. Tupper, 87; G. Dobson, 51; Ernest E. Smith, 1559. Lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, it was opened up to the Third Degree, and the W.M. then raised Bro. Robins to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ceremony was worked in the most impressive and solemn manner, in point of fact Bro. Macdonald has never appeared to better advantage as celebrant in the Third Degree, and it was evident that the ceremony had made a fast impression on the mind of the candidate. Bro. Owen was then passed, and lodge was then called off for refreshment, and after a well spent interval of a quarter of an hour, the brethren were called on, and lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Mr. Bruce Brickwood was initiated by Bro. P. M. Clarke, and Mr. Dowdell by Bro. P. M. Wise, the concluding portion of the ceremony being rendered by the W.M., Bro. Macdonald. Some private business was transacted before the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall. The Fourth Degree having been worked by the W.M., his officers, and the whole of the brethren, in a hearty and co-operative spirit, the cloth was withdrawn and the revels of the evening commenced. On the toast of "The Queen" the W.M. dealt at greater length than his initial remarks promised. Not only ought we to drink deeply to Her Majesty as Queen of these realms, but as the mother of three of the most illustrious members of the Craft, she claims our love, devotion, and respect. I call upon you to drink upstanding "The Queen and Craft." Bro. Edis gave a verse of the National Anthem in between this and "The M.W.G.M.," succeeding which the same brother obliged with a verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. having given "The Initiates," Bro. Brickwood first replied, his remarks being received with great applause, as were those of Bro. Dowdell. "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. W. Scot, W.M. 9, replied, thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which he and his fellow visitors had been received at 1158 that evening. He felt convinced, for his own part, that when he announced to the brethren of the Hervey Lodge, at its next meeting, the kindly reception their W.M. had met at the hands of the Southern Star Lodge, and also of the pattern working he had heard there, and which had given him so much satisfaction, they would, one and all, be delighted and ready and willing to give fraternal greeting to any members of 1158 who might favour them with a visit. These pithy remarks were received with considerable applause. The toast of "The Past Masters of 1158" was proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. Wise in his accustomed pleasing manner, Bro. Charles Wise, I.P.M., then rose, and addressing the brethren, said: "The only occasion upon which the I.P.M. is entitled to be heard as proposer of a toast is when the moment arrives for that honour to be extended to his successor. In asking them to drink deeply to 'The Health

of their W.M., Bro. G. Macdonald," he felt convinced that the brethren were of one opinion with himself, viz., that Bro. Macdonald was the most earnest W.M. they had seen in the chair of that lodge. Bro. Macdonald thanked the brethren cordially for the manner in which his name had been received, and Bro. I.P.M. Wise, for the compliment paid him. I know full well that my appearance here has not been such as would have given satisfaction, but for one fact. My absence upon each occasion has been caused by illness. No Mason, however zealous, can command health, but should the G.A.O.T.U. think fit to give me health, I hope as I.P.M. to be here among you, and as hardworking and anxious to promote the welfare of the lodge as I have been up to the present. I am personally satisfied with the manner in which I discharged my duties in lodge this evening, and as I have been so critical towards my own efforts, I do not hesitate to say that the brethren are satisfied with them. The W.M. then proceeded to compliment the lodge on its flourishing condition, and at the close of a lengthy reply was deservedly cheered. The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," remarking that in doing so it gave him all the more pleasure, knowing as he did, that he had the undivided support of his subordinate officers, who one and all were not only most assiduous in the discharge of their duties, but took a lively interest in all things appertaining to Freemasonry. The toast was replied to briefly by each of the officers. The Tyler's toast was next given by Bro. Stead, and the remainder of the evening was given up to harmony, &c. Bro. Solway Smith (most decorous of Deacons) sent the brethren into fits of laughter with a couple of recitations, the first of which, "Description of a Sea Fight," at which Bro. Smith was not present, comparing favourably with anything we have heard on or off the stage. Bro. James Griffin gave "The House that Jack Built," in an improved and extended form, and Bros. Brickwood and Robins were in good voice. The meeting was in every manner a success, and the brethren separated at a late hour, with sighs of regret and lamentations.

**MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 1159).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, the W.M., Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 141, 554, officiating, supported by his officers:—H. Moxon, S.W.; T. J. Reeves, J.W.; Chas. Cheston, J.D.; and H. T. Wood, P.M., Sec. There were also present Bros. D. P. Caama, P.M.; H. Clarke, P.M.; and as visitors Bros. Thos. Fenn, 259, P.G.D.; R. G. Glover, 259, and P.M. 181; R. E. Barnes, P.M. 15 and 30; and W. Kelly, Minister for Venezuela. This being the period for the election of officers, Bro. Moxon, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. W. Besant re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Moxon having undertaken the office of Steward for the Girls' School, the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds for his list. The ballot taken having proved unanimous, the following gentlemen were initiated by the W.M.:—Mr. Phillip Cunliffe Owen, C.B., Director of the South Kensington Museum, and Secretary of the Royal Commission for the forthcoming Paris Exhibition, of which H.R.H. the Grand Master is President, and Mr. Gustave Guillam. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. K. C. Krikonan, of No. 1014, of Smyrna, passed by request from that lodge made through Bro. H. Clarke, P.D.G.M. for Turkey. Bro. Kelly was proposed as a joining member, and Mr. Cheston for initiation at next meeting. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).**—At the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday, 2nd inst., this lodge was held. Bro. W. T. Lover in an able manner passed Bros. Bailey, Gibbs, Judge, Gehringer, and Parrott, and initiated Messrs. G. Tarryer, T. Turk, and J. Long. Ten guineas were given to a distressed brother, once a member of the lodge, and five guineas to a deceased member's widow. The lodge closed and adjourned. Banquet followed. Present: Bros. Batchelor, S.W.; F. Garbett, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Stock, S.D.; J. Porter, J.D.; T. Simpson, I.G.; J. A. Smith, P.M.; G. J. Grace, P.M., and many members. The visitors were Bros. E. John, P.M. 879; W. Richardson, 72; R. Reynolds, 169; G. Dyke, 141; W. Wren, P.M. 1056; T. Nicolson, P.M. 101; H. Hyman, 141; H. Haywood, 106; A. Thomas, J.W. 1446; W. Thompson, 72; M. D' Loewenstark, S.W. 1360, and others.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).**—The first meeting of this lodge under the gavel of W.M. P. G. Jupe took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Lancaster, I.P.M.; P.M.'s Webb (Treas.), Reed, Staten, (Sec.), and Forbes; Christie and West, Wardens; and Robinson, Arkell, and Jackson, as Deacons and I.G., besides a large number of brethren and visitors. Unfortunately, through press of business, there was only one brother present for raising, Bro. Johns; but the W.M. did this so thoroughly that we could only have wished him a better attendance. Of the five candidates for initiation unfortunately there appeared only Messrs. Parry, Watkins, Kempton, and Hawkins; but these brethren afterwards showed themselves to be such additions, that any lodge might be proud of them. There were three candidates' names announced for the next meeting, and the W.M. having closed the lodge, it adjourned to a slight repast.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—On Saturday, the 3rd inst., at New Cross Hall, the regular installation meeting of this lodge was held. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas., opened the lodge. He raised Bro. A. Macgillivray. He initiated Messrs. Swain, Knibbs, Willson, and Thornton, the W.M., Bro. W. B. Woodman, completing the ceremony. He installed Bro. H. Keeble W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. E. H. Thielley, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 145, W.M. elect 1423, S.W.; W. A. Simmonds, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.

J.D. Middlesex, P.M.; Grammant, Sec.; L. Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, P.M. 1538, W.M. 1275, J.W.; S. Jewel, I.G.; E. Smith, D.C.; W. B. Woodman, I.P.M., W.S.; and Church, Tyler. Bro. E. M. Hubbuck gave the explanation of the working tools in the three degrees and address to the W.M.; Bro. W. Smeed the address to the Wardens; and Bro. F. Walters the address to the brethren. The W.M., Bro. H. Keeble, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. W. B. Woodman with a massive ten guinea Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him from the lodge funds. It bears a suitable inscription, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. W. B. Woodman. All the work was well done. The lodge was closed and adjourned. Banquet followed. The usual toasts were given. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex, P.M.; J. B. Shackleton, W.M. 1524; G. Macdonald, W.M. 1158; and others.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).**—The usual monthly meeting of this grand old lodge, which may justly be called the mother lodge of the district, and who must be as proud of her children as they surely are so of her, was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Bro. F. G. Pownall, the esteemed W.M., in the chair. The other officers present were Bros. W. P. Appleby, P.M.; E. J. Appleby, P.M.; G. W. Reed, S.W.; J. P. Moore, J.W.; J. Henderson, Treas. and P.M.; H. Syer, Sec.; T. Hutton, S.D.; N. Brown, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Reilly through illness, Bro. Masters filled admirably the position of I.G. The only business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. W. Carter, which most impressive ceremony was performed by the W.M. and his excellent officer in such a way as to do honour to any lodge, Bro. Harding's fine rendering of the musical portion adding much to the solemnity of the occasion. The lodge was then closed down, and after relief had been given to the instant necessities of a distressed brother, and several notices of joining placed upon the paper, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706 and 1536; R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 358; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; H. G. Picken, J.W. 1536; J. C. Bennett, 1106; and C. Jolly, 903. The usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," &c., were drunk with all fervour, as was that of "The W.M.," who replied in one of his usual eloquent and happy speeches. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to pass a high eulogy upon Bro. P. M. Carnelly, the I.P.M. of the lodge, and who, after a long and distinguished service in the R. division of the Metropolitan police, had retired upon a well earned pension, and is now enjoying the "otium cum dignitate" of an honourable career at his native place in Yorkshire. Bro. Pownall spoke of the efforts for the good of the lodge by Bro. Carnelly, and said he felt sure that with him in his retirement would go the best wishes of not only every member of the lodge, but every Mason in the district. Evidently affected by the warmth of his reception, Bro. Carnelly feelingly returned thanks, assuring the brethren of his desire for their welfare, and of his determination ever to uphold the grand principles of Freemasonry in his new home. Many earnest wishes were breathed for the welfare of Bro. Carnelly upon his leaving the lodge soon after. Bro. Butt replied for the visitors, and an especial toast was given for Bro. Henderson, who has for twenty-two years been Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. Henderson, in the course of his reply, spoke modestly of his arduous labour, both in the Craft and higher branches of Masonry. As a Preceptor, he was proud to say that all those who came to him for tuition had achieved high honours, in fact, teaching sometimes bothered him a bit, for after a long run on one subject he sometimes forgot others for a time. He thanked them heartily for their kind feeling towards him, and concluded by exhorting them ever to keep the true principles of Masonry before them, and act up to them in their relations to one another through life. Votes of thanks followed to the officers, for whom Bro. Reed replied, to Bro. Jolly, as our representative, and, finally, the Tyler's toast concluded a most harmonious and brotherly meeting.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There was not a large attendance. The chair of K.S. was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Richard Taylor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Richard S. Thompson being a candidate for the Second Degree, satisfied the lodge as to his eligibility for being passed, and having been entrusted, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Thompson having been re-admitted he was passed to the Second Degree, the working being carefully gone through by the W.M., and the working tools were presented by the S.W. (Bro. Jowett). Bro. S. S. Hunter having given proof of his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, was entrusted and retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Hunter was subsequently re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason with all the formalities of the Craft, the first portion of the ceremony being gone through by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England. The lodge was subsequently closed down to the First Degree, when the usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the brethren, the lodge being afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

**SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).**—The installation of Bro. G. M. Passenger, jun., as Worshipful Master of the Southampton Lodge took place on Thursday, 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The



ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Past Master T. P. Payne, the Board of Installed Masters numbering seventeen. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Walker, S.W.; W. Bone, J.W.; W. Furber, P.M.; Treas.; E. T. Howell, P.M.; Sec.; Rev. S. Scott, Chap.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., Dir. of Cera.; A. L. McCalmont, S.D.; Candy, J.D.; E. Newton Jones, I.G.; Biggs, Tyler. Before the lodge closed the warm thanks of the brethren were tendered to P.M. Payne for his services on the occasion, as well as for the assistance he is always ready to render to the Masonic body. A cordial recognition was also made of the ability which had marked the year of office of the retiring Master, Bro. Charles Cox. Heartly good wishes were tendered to the newly-installed Master by representatives of the other lodges in the town and suburbs, viz., the Royal Gloucester, the Peace and Harmony, the Clausentium, and the Shirley Lodges. In the evening about thirty brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Dartnell, and during the subsequent proceedings, which were marked by an able historical retrospect from Bro. G. M. Passenger, sen., Past Master, in proposing "Poor and Distressed Masons," congratulatory reference was made to the fact that the Masonic lodges in Southampton include three Past Masters who have lived to see their sons installed in the Master's chair in lodges in the town, viz., the Dep. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Hickman) father of the I.P.M. of the Gloucester Lodge; the father of the present Mayor of Southampton; and the father of the newly-installed Master. This fact, it was urged, spoke volumes in favour of Freemasonry, as showing it to be an institution worthy the support of all good citizens.

**FILEY.**—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Foord's Hotel, Filey, on Monday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of installing the newly-appointed W.M., Bro. Budd. The lodge having been opened in the usual form, the Installing Master, Bro. G. H. Walslow, P.M. 200, P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bro. P.M. Hanks, performed the interesting ceremony of placing Bro. Budd in the chair of K.S., the whole proceedings being conducted with the greatest Masonic ability. The worthy W.M. then selected and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. P.M. Hanks, I.P.M.; J. B. Cocks-worth, S.W.; J. McFaden, J.W.; P.M. W. G. Long, Treas.; P.M. W. Fisher, Sec.; Rev. H. Blane, Chap.; J. Welborn, S.D.; J. Mason, J.D.; J. Winfindale, I.G.; W. Jefferson, Tyler; J. H. Nelson and W. Watts, Stewards. Bro. Winfindale, 200, was balloted for and unanimously elected as a joining member. At the close of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Welborn in his usual profuse and liberal manner, under the judicious and careful inspection of his wife, Mrs. Welborn, to whom the thanks of the brethren are due for her exertions to render them every comfort and enjoyment. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Budd, and there was a goodly muster of the members of the lodge. The visiting brethren who honoured the lodge by their attendance were as follows:—Bros. W. Garbut, I.P.M. 200; S. Middleton, J.W. 200; W. B. Richardson, S.D. 200; W. S. Meek, 200; J. Winfindale, 200; E. Cooper, 200; G. H. Walslow, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. 200, and 1248; W. B. Robinson, 200; Val. Fowler, jun., 200; C. W. Tomlinson, 200; W. Meek, 200; P.M. R. H. Peacock, 200; W. Milner, 200; R. Land, 200; and J. Townend, 1248. A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, the visiting brethren largely contributing thereto by their social and musical exertions.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual supper of this flourishing Lodge of Instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of the W.M. for the evening, Bro. H. Burrows, S.W. of the mother lodge, supported by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, Preceptor; T. Smyth, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; T. Falshaw, S.D.; J. Seddon, J.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; and D. Jackson, Treasurer. There were also present Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673 and 1393; Thos. Roberts, W.M. 673; J. K. Digges, P.M. 673; and many other brethren. After the usual business of the lodge was disposed of, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Among the pleasing events of the evening was the presentation of a handsome meerschaum pipe to Bro. J. T. Callow. Bro. W. T. May, in making the presentation on behalf of the members, alluded to the valuable services, at all times so willingly rendered by Bro. Callow, not only to the Lodge of Instruction, but to every department of Masonry to which he belonged, and trusted that he would receive the small memento as an expression of the esteem in which he was held, and their appreciation of his merits. Bro. Callow, in responding, in very feeling terms referred to his long connection with his mother lodge, and his anxious desire at all times to promote the good working of the Lodge of Instruction, and thereby fit the members for filling the various positions in the mother lodge to which they naturally aspired, by such means promoting the prosperity of St. John's Lodge. Bro. Callow then proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the evening, Bro. H. Burrows," and in doing so congratulated him (after his long services) upon his approaching election to the chair of his mother lodge, which, he had no doubt, would be an unanimous one. Bro. Burrows, in responding, thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and assured them that if elected to the chair of his mother lodge nothing should be wanting on his part in promoting the continued prosperity of the lodge, and harmony of the brethren. After several other toasts had been given and responded to, the brethren, who had spent a most enjoyable evening, separated at a very early hour.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when the following

brethren were present:—Bros. Bennett, W.M., P. Supt. of W.; Brown, S.W.; T. Merry, J.W.; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Cox, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Pipes, P.M. 1085, P.S.G.D.; J. C. Merry, I.P.M.; Jno. Smith, P.M.; Burn, P.M.; Worsnop, P.M.; Gee, P.M., Treas.; Cooper, Sec.; W. Heathcote, W.M. 1085; J. Heathcote, J.W. 1085; Burton, as S.D.; Whittaker, J.D.; Knight, D.C.; Fraser, I.G.; Day, Tyler; Cay, Vincent, Baldock, Martin, 624; Hobson, 1087; Woods, 1515; Abrahart, Bland, Bower, and Webster. After the reading of the minutes the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the next year, the result being that Bro. Brown, S.W., was unanimously elected. He returned thanks briefly, and intimated that with the permission of the W.M. he would refer to the subject again later in the evening. Bro. Burton, who had previously held the office for some years, was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Day as Tyler. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Browne advanced to the pedestal, passed the usual examination, and retired. He was again admitted in the Third Degree, and was raised to the honourable position of a M.M. in ancient and solemn form by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Merry, I.P.M. The W.M. having received the congratulations of the visitors, closed the lodge, and the company adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a very comfortable supper was provided. After the cloth had been cleared, the usual Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Brown, S.W., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," referred to his own election that evening to the position of W.M. for the ensuing year. He thanked the brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him, and he felt their kindness the more on account of the vote being unanimous. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated in harmony and brotherly love.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There was only a moderate attendance. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Vince having shown proficiency as a Fellow Craftsman, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Vince having been re-admitted, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being very well gone through by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. T. Jackson, who occupied the chair of K.S. for the first time that evening, this being the first meeting since the installation. The working tools were presented by Bro. H. Longman, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed down, and the usual proclamations having been made and responded to, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—An excellent meeting of this prosperous provincial lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. There were present, amongst others, Bros. Wigginton, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, &c., acting W.M. in the unavoidable absence, through a domestic affliction, of Bro. Saunders, W.M.; Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., &c., Treas.; C. Horsley, P.M., &c., acting I.P.M.; Taylor, S.D., acting Sec.; and Vaughan, J.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the acting W.M. initiated one gentleman into the mysteries of the Craft, and at the conclusion of the ceremony gave the interesting lecture appertaining to the degree. A vote of condolence having been unanimously voted to the W.M., Bro. Saunders, and family upon their loss, a petition in favour of holding a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the lodge was unanimously agreed to be presented to the proper authorities. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. The visitors were Bros. Williams, P.M. 905, and Isdell, 44, Ireland. The preliminary toasts having been given and duly honoured, the health of the absent W.M. was most warmly pledged. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the acting W.M. congratulated him upon having that evening entered an institution which for the Divine and charitable principles it eliminated had not its equal in the universe. The newly-admitted brother having briefly responded, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, in which the W.M. remarked that the brethren of 1503 were always pleased to welcome visiting brethren, but on that occasion they were doubly gratified, as they were favoured by the presence amongst them of two brethren who had seen a great deal of Freemasonry abroad and elsewhere. This toast having been formally drunk, the visitors replied. In the progress of their remarks they gave some interesting details of foreign Masonry, and both of them expressed the great pleasure they had received in visiting the Francis Burdett Lodge, and concluded by stating that they had never heard the impressive and beautiful lecture on the First Tracing Board better rendered. "The Health of the I.P.M. and Secretary" was proposed by the S.W. in a very neat speech, and having been received with capital "fire," Bro. Wigginton responded. In the course of his reply he stated that it was exceedingly pleasing to him, as one of the founders of the lodge, to witness the great progress it had made in every way. He augured a very bright future for the Francis Burdett, whose position in the province was very high indeed. In conclusion, he deplored the circumstances that had prevented the W.M. from attending that evening, but hoped that they would see him in his position at their next meeting. The remaining toasts, "The Treasurer," "The Principal Officers," and "The Junior Officers," were given quickly, and severally acknowledged by Bros. Tomlinson, Treas.; Knaggs, S.W.; Taylor, S.D.; and Ashley, I.G. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the second Wednesday in April.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The officers of the above lodge gave a soiree

on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, the proceeds arising from which were dedicated to the funds of the lodge, and a most successful and pleasant evening was the result, although had all who purchased tickets attended the crush would have certainly destroyed the comfort. As it was some seventy couples attended, and although no pretence had been made as to calling it a ball, but rather an evening party, sociable and formless, yet the ladies were in most cases elegantly attired in ball costume, and seemed thoroughly determined to assert their right to supremacy, not only by their charms, but by the taste and splendour of their surroundings. Bros. J. McCaffery and Deeves were the courteous and obliging M.C.'s, and Bro. G. Smith led the orchestra through waltz, polka, quadrille, redowa, &c., till the dawn of day began to creep through the lights overhead. Bros. P.M.'s Croisdale and Pownall, and the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. W. Weston, were indefatigable in promoting the comfort of their guests, among whom were many of the most prominent Masons and inhabitants of the town. Of course there were smoking and card rooms, where a quiet rubber or fragrant weed could be indulged in, and, in fact, nothing was wanted to make it, as it certainly was, a pleasure and a success, both socially and pecuniarily.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—On Friday evening, the 16th inst., a special meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, the occasion being the presentation of new chairs by the W.M. and I.P.M., and also at a later period of a silver cup to Bro. Moore. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Capt. Garnett, W.M. There was a good attendance of members, the following visitors being also present, at the special invitation of the W.M.: Bros. H. Longman, I.P.M.; W. J. Sly, P.M.; J. T. Jackson, J.D.; Count Vandolini, 1051; E. Simpson, P.M.; John Hatch, P.M.; T. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. J. Croskell, J.D.; and J. Atkinson, I.G. (Freemason) 281. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the Secretary read the circular convening the meeting, after which the W.M., in a few well-chosen words, presented a W.M.'s chair to the lodge. Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., the I.P.M., then presented a Past Master's chair to the lodge. On the motion of the S.W. (Bro. Duff), seconded by the J.W. (Bro. T. Longmire), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bros. Garnett and Moore, for their very handsome presents to the lodge. Two candidates were proposed, one as a joining member, and the other for initiation, after which the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony. The W.M.'s chair is a beautiful piece of workmanship in the Elizabethan style, with twisted pillars up the back and twisted legs, the arms terminating in a griffin's head, the wings of which extend backwards, so as to form, as it were, a support for the arms. On a small brass shield, fixed to the back of the chair, is the following inscription:—"Presented to the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, by Bro. C. H. Garnett, W.M., 5th January, 1877." The I.P.M.'s chair is also a very handsome one, but in the Gothic style, with twisted legs, the arms terminating in a lion's head, and which has been made from designs furnished by Bro. Dr. Moore. This chair has also a small brass shield affixed to the back, on which is engraved:—"Presented to the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, by Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, First W.M. of the lodge, 5th January, 1877." The chairs are made of Dantzic oak, highly polished, and upholstered in dark green Ureth velvet, with deep fringe to match, which gives them a very nice and handsome appearance. There is also a considerable amount of carving about the chairs, the whole of which is capitally done. The business of the lodge being concluded the brethren adjourned to Bro. Longmire's, King's Arms Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared at the expense of the W.M., the brethren dining in clothing, for which a special dispensation had been obtained. Bro. Capt. Garnett, the W.M., presided, having on his immediate right and left the invited guests. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the Chairman rose and said: I now rise to perform a very pleasant task, but at the same time an arduous one. I say arduous one because I am rather afraid I shall fail to make known the great interest every one here feels in the ceremony of this evening. It is not necessary to state what that ceremony is, namely, to ask Bro. Moore's acceptance of some token of our universal esteem and regard. Every brother sitting in this room knows how energetically he has worked for years to promote and increase the well-being of the Craft in general. We also know, as members of the Morecambe Lodge, how deeply we are indebted to him for all the kindness he has shown to us. In all cases of difficulty, or when we were at a loss about anything, we had nothing to do but apply to him, and if he could help us he was never found to fail us. We know, also, how willing and anxious he has been at all times to give us the benefit of his advice and experience. Such being the case, it is with feelings of gratitude that I acknowledge—and not only on my own part, but on that of all the members of the lodge—the great interest he has taken in our lodge, and the ready assistance he has given us at all times. I trust Bro. Moore will look upon the small present we are about to give him not only as the gift of the Morecambe Lodge, but as the gift of each individual member of it. I think the fewer words I say the better, and therefore I will conclude by thanking him once more for myself, and for the lodge, for the great interest he has taken in us. [Then turning to Bro. Moore, the Chairman continued:] Bro. Moore, in the name of the Morecambe Lodge I have the honour to-night to present you with this silver cup, as a token of our universal esteem and regard. And I cannot add more fitting words than by wishing in their name, that health and every happiness in the future may be yours. Bro. Moore, who was evidently unprepared for the nature of the present, said, in acknowledging the gift:



I feel I can scarcely thank you in the manner I ought to do for the handsome testimonial you have presented to me; and not only for the gift and for the kindly feelings expressed towards myself, but also for your appreciation of my humble efforts on behalf of the lodge as W.M. I can but thank you for the very flattering terms in which you have presented me with this cup. I looked upon it as a matter of congratulation to myself when I was asked at the formation of the lodge to come down, amongst a number of other Masons residing in the neighbourhood, and assist in its formation; and also again, when I was asked to occupy the proud position which you, as Worshipful Master, occupy at the present time. I never missed an opportunity of attending the meetings when it was possible to be there, and though I have missed one or two, those who know me best know that the reason was because I could not, and not because I would not. I feel I cannot say what I ought to do, but I thank you very much, and I shall look on this gift you have presented me with as one of the brightest gifts I ever received, and shall always look upon it as associated and carrying with it, not only the regard of the Morecambe Lodge itself, but of every member connected with it, and of you as Worshipful Master. The cup, which was a very handsome silver one, beautifully and chastely engraved, standing about a foot in height, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, as a token of their esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, Feb. 16th. 1877." At a later period of the evening Bro. Moore proposed "Success to the Morecambe Lodge," and asked the brethren to drink it out of the cup just presented to him, which he should always look upon as a loving cup, and a bond of brotherhood between himself and the Morecambe Lodge. The cup was then filled with champagne and passed round the table. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—On Wednesday evening the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, held their annual meeting at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. It was a festive night, and there was no lodge work; but a handsome supper was provided, to which over fifty of the brethren sat down. The chair was occupied by Bro. Blyth, and the post of S.W. by Bro. Davis. Bro. J. Austen, P.M., 753, took the chair of J.W. Among the other brethren present were Helson, P.M. 733, P.G.P. of Middlesex; Healing, P.M. 59; Treadwell, P.M. 177; Garrod, W.M. 1549; Ivy, W.M. 733; Hill, P.M. East-rut Star; Austen, J.P.M., P.M. 753; H. Stacey, P.M. 733; T. C. Walls, S.D. 1381, &c.; Braun, P.M. 766; G. Pringle, S.W. 753; Stacey; W. Smith, 1319; Greenhill, 1319; and H. Massey (Freemason). The brethren took this opportunity of presenting to Bro. F. G. Baker, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a massive gold locket and watch chain, and to add to the pleasure of the evening, Bros. W. Smith, 1319, and Greenhill, 1319, gave their services at the piano and harmonium, and brought up Bro. Greenhill's choir of boys to sing. Messrs. Chappell, of Bond-street, lent the harmonium. After the supper had been partaken of, grace was sung by the choir, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, which was "The Health of Bro. Baker." In doing so he said it had been thought by many of the brethren of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction that their Preceptor was worthy of some great mark of their favour for the untiring way in which he had carried out his duties for so many, many years. He (the Chairman) as well as many others, had benefited by the zeal which Bro. Baker had shown, not only in Freemasonry generally, but towards individual Freemasons. Many there were who could thoroughly re-echo those words, and to mark their sense of his services they had assisted in getting up a testimonial to him, as a token of their esteem. It afforded him (the chairman) much pride and pleasure to be in that position that evening, and being the medium through which the testimonial was offered. He felt that Bro. Baker was justly entitled to this testimonial, for he had for many years been the Preceptor of the lodge. He hoped he would live long to wear and enjoy it, and that it would never be tarnished; and he also hoped that all the brethren would live long to benefit by the instruction which Bro. Baker was so well able to impart. Bro. Baker, in reply, said that the saying had come down to us that "out of the fulness of heart the mouth speaketh." On this occasion his heart was too full for him to express his sentiments rightly. The kind way in which the W.M. had proposed his health was deserving of better thanks than he could give. Still, he would endeavour to render himself worthy of it. The way in which the brethren had responded to the toast shewed that they reciprocated the W.M.'s expressions. He needed not this testimonial to impress on his mind the duties he owed to the brethren, but he had always endeavoured to perform his duties, and this testimonial was more than a sufficient reward. It had been got up entirely unknown to him, but he should look upon it as a token and emblem of the brethren's good feelings towards him. Seven years ago, when the lodge was held at the Knights of St. John, a silver tankard was presented to him, and that testimonial was got up entirely unknown to him, and it was, as the present testimonial was an incentive to him to go on in the future as he had gone on in the past. This lodge of instruction was established in 1858, and ever since then he had been a member of it. There were 54 brethren present at the meeting in 1858, and it had ever since been carried on in strict ac-

cordance with Masonic rule. The brethren had always shown towards him good feeling, and had conducted their proceedings with order and regularity, so it was a great pleasure to preside over them. There had never been any discussion, and the brethren had always paid due deference to their Presiding Officer. Every brother present could bear him out in that. Among the brethren whom he had taught the duties of Freemasonry, he had seen brethren go through their work in their regular lodges and instal their successors. It was a gratification to him to have trained such Masons, and it amply repaid him for the time he had devoted to their instruction. He had made it his study to give the rituals as correctly as they could be given. He wished to see every brother carry out the same object. As regarded the lodge dues they had given nearly 60 guineas to the charities of the Order, and five guineas more were voted last night. He hoped to make it up to 20 guineas shortly. The testimonial the brethren had just given him would spur him on to fresh efforts, and he hoped with the W.M. to be spared many years to come to meet the brethren in that Lodge of Instruction. If he had health and strength he should always continue in the same path. It was a great pride to him to see so many brethren around the table, but he could not help feeling that he was not deserving of so much consideration. As long as he had the testimonial he should remember the happy evening he had spent. He hoped they would all keep in the same path of rectitude as hitherto, and anything he could do in the future to keep them in that path, whether by private instruction or in the lodge, he should always do with pleasure both in the Craft and in the Royal Arch. (Cheers.) Bro. Baker, before sitting down, thanked the brethren again for the handsome present they had made to him. The S.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the W.M. having replied, the other toasts were given in regular order, and the brethren separated.

**STAR LODGE (No. 1275).**—It may be remembered that some three months ago this lodge wound up the autumn series of section workings; on Saturday last they inaugurated what may be termed the February celebrations. The fact of the lodge being the first to work the Sections at the present season in the neighbourhood it was thought would produce a larger attendance than upon the last occasion, when the Star boys "whipped in" the Wellington, Union Waterloo, and others. But alas! the muster at the Marquis was a poor one. There were great doings at Anderton's in town, and the presentation of a testimonial to a local brother (F. Walters) had the effect of taking many members of the lodge off to Fleet-street. Soon after seven o'clock Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158, Preceptor of the lodge, entered lodge, and at once repaired to the chair of K.S. and appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Davison, W.M. 99, S.W.; Ernest E. Smith, J.W.; Millburn, S.D.; Reade, J.D.; Grumant, I.G.; Church, Assist. Sec.; and Christopher, Tyler. The lodge was then opened in the First Degree, and the First Lecture worked thus:—

## FIRST LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, by Bro. T. Grumant, 1559. |
| 2nd " " " Able.                        |
| 3rd " " " Read.                        |
| 4th " " " Millburn, 13.                |
| 5th " " " G. Macdonald, W.M. 1158.     |
| 6th " " " Shaw, W.M. Pythagorean.      |
| 7th " " " ditto ditto.                 |

All below the degree of Fellow Craft Masonry retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the following brethren assisted the W.M. in working the

## SECOND LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, by Bro. Ernest Smith, 1559. |
| 2nd " " " Waterman, J.W. 147.            |
| 3rd " " " Davison, W.M. 99.              |
| 4th " " " Sadler, P.M.                   |
| 5th " " " Speight, W.M. 147.             |

All but M.M.'s having been dismissed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the last Lecture worked as follows:—

## THIRD LECTURE.

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| 1st Section, by Bro. Hutchings, W.M. 147. |
| 2nd " " " J. Griffin, P.M.                |
| 3rd " " " Church, S.W. 147.               |

The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. rose for the first time, and three brethren were elected joining members of the lodge. At the third rising the customary vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for presiding, and the lodge was closed at 10.30.

**LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).**—The annual meeting of the members of the Lodge of Instruction attached to the "De Grey and Ripon," which meets at the Masonic Hall, North Hill Street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., when Bro. T. Horne, W.M. of 1356, was duly inducted into the chair of the Preceptor, by Bro. Joseph Bell, I.P.M., the former Preceptor. There was a good gathering of the Instruction Lodge, which has proved a valuable seminary for many of its members, and after the short business connected with the induction had been transacted, the assembled brethren sat down to a splendid dinner provided by Bro. Burgess, 1356. After the loyal toasts, given by Bro. Horne, the health of the newly-chaired Worshipful Preceptor was proposed by Bro. J. Bell, Past Preceptor, who referred to the pleasure it gave him to submit this toast. He had no doubt that Bro. Horne would fulfil the important duties of Preceptor with credit to himself, and with great advantage to those connected with the Lodge of Instruction. He was sure that every one round that table would echo the desire that Bro. Horne might be long spared to fulfil the duties of the office he had that evening assumed. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Horne said he considered it indeed a high honour which had been conferred upon him that evening. With the example of emi-

nent brethren who had filled the Preceptor's office before him, he assured those present that he would endeavour to follow in their footsteps. He now asked for the cordial support of the brethren, and he assured them that at all times he would do his utmost to fulfil his duties to their entire satisfaction, and for their benefit, getting the very best information on all Masonic points which might arise. Bro. Horne next proposed "The Past Preceptors," and spoke highly of the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties in connection with office. Bros. J. Bell, I.P.P., and T. Evans, P.M., P.P., responded in suitable terms, the former thanking the brethren for the support they had given him, the latter dwelling especially on the necessity and usefulness of the lodge of instruction as a training school for future officers. During the evening excellent songs were given by Bros. Squire, Woolrich, Bell, Evans, Bromley, Nickson, McVicker, &c.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 8 p.m. Present: Bros. Brasted, W.M.; R. Coombs, S.W.; Anshall, J.W.; Hewlett, S.D.; J. Larkin, J.D.; Dignam, I.G.; Fieldwicke, Preceptor; and Bros. Hill, George, G. Ferrar, Appleby, C. Larkin, O. Dietrich, J. Lowe, Polack, Shackleton, B. Meyer, G. Streeton, Bonner, and others. Business: Lodge opened in due form with prayer; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. O. Dietrich was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge opened in Second Degree. Bro. Dietrich was passed to degree of a Fellow Craft. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Shackleton, assisted by the brethren, the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. The First and Second Sections of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren; Bro. Appleby, S.W. 174, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Coombs was elected W.M. for the the ensuing week.

## Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—A meeting of the members of this chapter took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. Loewenstark, P.Z., acting as M.E.Z.; Elsam, H.; Wagner, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Robinson, S.N.; Mander, P.S.; Walls, and Ass. Soj.; Holbrook, P.Z. The minutes of the December convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place, which resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Elsam, as M.E.Z.; Wagner, H.; Robinson, J.; Mander, S.N.; Walls, P.S.; Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas.; Bentley, Janitor. The chapter shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth the customary Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured. "The Health of the acting M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Holbrook, P.Z., who in the course of his remarks said that although Comp. Loewenstark that evening had had no work to do yet had the candidates been present he was positive he would have carried out the ceremony of exaltation well. In conclusion he hoped that their acting M.E. would be spared many years to come amongst them. This toast having been duly honoured the M.E.Z. replied by thanking Comp. Holbrook for the honour he had done him by proposing his health. The Jerusalem Chapter was in a very flourishing condition, and long might it continue so. As an old Past Principal he felt pleased at occupying the chair that evening, and the companions might always depend upon his being present—health permitting—to assist in the labours of the chapter. "The Health of the M.E.Z. elect" followed, in which the M.E. stated that he had witnessed with pleasure the working of Comp. Elsam in the minor offices of the chapter. He had done good suit and service in many other ways, and he, Comp. Loewenstark, looked forward with favourable anticipation to his year of office. Comp. Elsam in reply expressed his thanks to the M.E. for the kind and cordial manner in which he had proposed his health. He had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the respective inferior offices well, and he hoped to carry out the important responsibilities of the First Principal's chair to the satisfaction of the companions. In conclusion he stated that no time or trouble would be spared by him during the recess to master the ritual appertaining to his position. "The Health of the Second and Third Principal elect" was then proposed. The M.E. in the course of his remarks stated that Comps. Wagner and Robinson were capital officers. The first-named would carry out the duties of H. zealously, faithfully, and impartially. The latter had not been so long connected with the R.A. Degree as he, Comp. Wagner, had, but he was equally as zealous, and he was certain that the work of the Third Principal's chair would not suffer in his hands. The companions thus honoured having briefly expressed their thanks, the M.E. gave "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and S.E.," and "The Officers," which toasts were acknowledged by Comps. Holbrook, P.Z.; Harfeld, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; and Mander, S.N. elect, for themselves and absent colleagues. During the evening Comps. Mander, Robinson, Walls, Davis, and others entertained the companions, who separated at an advanced hour, until the second Tuesday in April next, when Comp. Elsam will be duly installed M.E.Z.

**PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).**—This chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E. Present: Ex. Comps. the Rev. W. B. Church, M.E.Z.; Newington Bridges, H.; George Waterall, J.; James Stevens, P.Z.; and Scribe E.; M. S. Larham, Scribe N.; Thomas Poore, P.S.; R. N. Field, 1st A.S.; A. C. Burrell, 2nd A.S.; John Gilbert, Janitor. Also Past First Principals, Charles Hammerton, Henry Smith, and R. H. Harvey, and Comps.



Thos. Meggy, F.W. Levander, S. Poynter, and others, and visitor Ex. Comp. S. H. Wagstaff, H. of the Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216. The chapter having been duly opened by the Principals, and the companions assembled, a ballot was taken for Bro. M. Keith Frith, Barrister, of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and that proving unanimous, Bro. Frith was duly introduced and exalted into the Order. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, with the following result, viz., Ex. Comps. Bridges, M.E.Z.; Waterall, H.; Larham, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. (ninth election), Scribe E.; Thomas Poore, Scribe N.; H. C. Levander, P.Z. (eighth re-election), Treas.; R. F. Field, P.S.; Thos. Meggy, Steward; and John Gilbert, Janitor. The jewel of the chapter was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., the Rev. W. B. Church. Propositions for exaltation at the ensuing convocation were received, and the chapter was duly closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a most enjoyable evening was, as is usual whenever the Panmure companions meet, spent before separation.

### Mark Masonry.

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday, the 16th inst. To the great regret of the members, the W.M., Bro. T. White, was, in consequence of temporary indisposition, unable to attend. In his absence, the I.P.M., W. Bro. R. Berridge, opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. Alfred Williams, P.G.S., S.W., North Richerdon, J.W.; Edward Moody, M.O.; F. H. Cozens, S.O.; W. P. Collins, J.O.; N. J. F. Basnett, S.D.; G. Yaxley, J.D.; G. K. Pitt, I.G.; Past Masters the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., Treas.; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O. and P. Prov. Grand Secretary Middx. and Surrey; the W. Bro. Charles Hammerton, P.G.D.C., Sec.; the W. Bro. William Worrell, P.G. Org.; and Bros. C. A. Heinmann, W. Johnston, J. Williams, J. Close, F. G. Raggett, H. F. Partridge, and W. Grant; and also visitors the W. Bros. H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar, and P.M. St. Marks, No. 1; J. Boyd, St. Marks, No. 1; and J. Lewis Thomas, Thistle, No. 8. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for Bro. Theodore Alexandre De Leliva, of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, as a candidate for advancement, which proving unanimous, that brother was duly admitted to the privileges of the Order. There was no further business before the lodge on this occasion, and the opportunity afforded by spare time was utilised by the distribution to the several officers of a set of new collars of elegant design, which were much admired. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent, the visitors expressing themselves highly gratified with the position and progress of the lodge, which certainly is entitled, both in respect of working and hospitality, to the high rank it has always maintained in the Order of Mark Masters.

A regular lodge meeting was held on the 17th, at which a large majority of those present on the previous evening attended, and in addition Bros. Wotton, Cromelin, and Drewett. The business was purely formal, and of interest only in confirming a resolution, "That the regular lodge meetings be in future held on the third Fridays in the months of June, October, February, and April." This was agreed to unanimously, and the lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, the 20th April.

**ERA LODGE (No. 176).**—The regular meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Friday, February 9th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. John Baxter Langley, P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Louis Beck, S.D. 1559, and E. Dietrich, 1524. The work was done in an able manner by the W.M. for the advancement of Bro. Louis Beck, S.D. 1559; Ernest Dietrich, 1524; and Thomas William Adams, S.W. 1623, who seemed fully impressed by the beautiful ancient ceremony. Bro. F. Walters, P.G.P., P.M., Sec., read the bye-laws. The ballots were unanimous in favour of Bro. Rev. P.M. Holden, S.W., being W.M. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.M., re-elected Treasurer. Bro. W. Laing, on a show of hands being taken, was re-elected Tyler. On motion made by Bro. P.M. Holden, seconded by J.W. Bro. T. Horton, and unanimously confirmed, it was resolved that the usual five guinea Past Master's jewel be given to Bro. J. Baxter Langley, W.M., for his services rendered to the lodge as the third W.M., and one of the founders. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, B. Meyer, and L. Beck, were recommended by the lodge for Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Some candidates were proposed for advancement. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, June 8th, to meet at six p.m. Banquet followed. There were not any visitors present.

**SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.**—Adam's Mark Lodge (No. 6).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hall Buildings, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., and was well attended. The W.M., Bro. Alexander Spears, P. Prov. G. Reg. of Marks, was supported by the V.W. Bros. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W. and G. Sec.; Samuel Lambert Townsend, Prov. G.J.W.; James J. Nixon, Prov. G.S.O.; Lewis Finch, Prov. G. Treas.; Henry A. Johnson, Prov. G.I. of Works; John L. Ellerm, Prov. G. Sec.; Edward James Penney, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks; Joseph Richard Brett, Prov. G.S.B.; George Thomas Green, Prov. G. Org.; and George Page, P. Prov. G.J.W. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Bagshaw, P. Prov. G. Asst. Sec., was presented to the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., the Installing Master, and was duly installed into the chair of H., in such a manner as it is needless to say the brethren were delighted with the splendid ceremony they witnessed, and so perfect as to call forth the well deserved acknowledgments to Bro.

F. Binckes for his kindness in coming down from London on this occasion. The following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year by Bro. A. Spears, I.P.M. and Treasurer:—Bros. T. J. Firmin, S.W.; E. J. Penney, J.W.; J. R. Brett, M.O.; A. Steadman, S.O.; H. A. Johnson, J.O.; G. Perkins, Sec. and Reg. of Marks; C. Austin, S.D.; C. T. Green, J.D.; T. G. Redmand, I.G.; C. Beck, Steward, and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The ceremonies being over, and before closing the lodge, the W.M. expressed his regret that, through circumstances over which he had no control, he was compelled to be absent from the banquet, but he felt that they would have a very enjoyable evening under the presidency of Bro. A. Spears, I.P.M. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Britannia Hotel to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. G. T. Green. After a very pleasant evening, and usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the brethren, separated well satisfied with their labour and refreshment.

### Knights Templar.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alpess Encampment (No. 123).—A conclave of the above-named encampment was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the evening of the 31st January, for the instalment of candidates and other business. There were present Sir Knights J. E. Jackson, E.C.; H. S. Alpess, P.E.C.; W. Doyle, P.E.C.; T. Clark, P.E.C.; M. Mawson, First Captain; W. H. Shakespeare, Registrar; J. Kenyon, Expert; J. Capel, Almoner; T. Evans, Standard Bearer; J. Callagher, Captain of Lines; J. W. Widdows, Herald; P. Ball, Equerry; W. Fletcher, H. Burrows, T. Chesworth, H. Firth. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain T. Berry, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay, and Joseph Wood, (Freemason). The encampment was effectively opened by Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, E.C., and he afterwards installed Comp. Quentin John Ballard, of the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, and Fidelity Chapter, 477; and Comp. Joseph Skeaf, Harmonic Lodge and Sacred Delta Chapter, 216, as knights of the Order. Sir Knight Alpess, P.E.C., ably assisted in the ceremony. Sir Knight Richard Brown, Second Captain, was nominated and elected Eminent Commander for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight Henry Firth was elected the Treasurer for the same period. After business the assembled knights sat down to a splendid banquet.

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Previously to the opening of the lodge the Board of Masters met and received the notices of motion for Grand Lodge on Wednesday week. At the lodge Bro. Clabon, P.G.D., the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, were in their respective chairs. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex, and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, attended. Among the other brethren present were the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire; the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W.; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.S.G.W.; W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.G.M. Suffolk; Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Col. Burney; J. M. Case, G.D.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. J. Murlis, H. Dicketts, T. Cubitt, P.G.P., W. Stevens, W. Mann, Griffiths Smith, W. Hilton, Thos. W. White, P.G.S., W. T. Howe, H. Mugeridge, E. P. Albert, G.P., David Rose, H. Garrod, W. H. Myers, H. Bartlett, C. A. Cottebrune, C. F. Hogard, W. A. Tinney, Joseph Smith, P.G.P., W. Smith, C.E., E. J. Harty, H. Massey (Freemason), S. Rawson, P. Dist, G.M. of China, F. Davison, S. F. Foxall, A.G.P., J. Bingemann, W. Ough, P.G.P., Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Cooper Smith, A. J. D. Fielder, P.G.S.B., Thos. Walton, G. W. Speth, Geo. R. Corner, T. H. Turner, John Nicholas, H. Higgins, Henry Venn, J. W. Danser, F. Pendred, K. Bergmann, W. Browne Kidder, W. C. Holland, John Boyd, James West, A. J. Thomas, Philip Cooke, Thos. Randall, John Eldridge, Robt. Secker, Edmund Nash, William Leach, C. J. Rushworth, E. Legg, W. E. Newton, J. Chambers Roe, Geo. Brooke, J. E. Le Feuvre, T. Knowles, S. R. Speight, G. W. F. Loftus, M. Davis, Samuel Gamman, J. B. Shackleton, John Gale, E. F. Storr, James Shee, W. J. Lover, M. S. Larham, W. T. Scott, R. H. Evans, Richard Shander, Geo. Ward, Challis, S. Wardlaw, C. S. Cobham, W. F. Tabby, John Walker, Benj. Head, James Mason, Charles Atkins, H. Whittick, and A. M. Thomas. Above ninety brethren were present.

The grants of £270 made at last Grand Lodge were first confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were eighteen on the list. These were relieved with the following sums:—One of £150; two of £50 each; two of £30 each; five of £20 each; four of £15 each; three of £10 each; and one £3.

The lodge was then closed, after having sat for three hours.

### FRENCH MASONRY.

Although the ultramontane assailants of Freemasonry have often pointed to the Masonry of France, and denounced it not only as revolutionary, but anti-Christian, there was no reason to believe they were right; and further than that, there has been a sort of Masonry which we are told had a political bias, and which they sought to make the world believe was universal, rather than confined to France. At the time of the French revolution it was said that Masonry was made to do duty for the

unholy cause, just as any other well intentioned institution might have been compelled to aid in the work of the revolutionists; but that was not the fault of Masonry, for none save unscrupulous men would have used it in furthering their designs. It is rather too much to denounce Freemasonry because in perilous times like those alluded to, when the whole country was in a state of ferment—the services of the Order were, as alleged, called in to do service against the constituted authorities. With such Masonry there could not be, as there certainly was not, any sympathy among true Masons; it had no affinity whatever with real Masonry. Still, on the alleged ground that French Masonry has and is synonymous with Masonry the world over, the true and good have been stigmatized as unworthy of approbation. Of course we can make allowance for the infatuated zeal of those who seem to consider they have a mission to crush out Masonry, but we do not excuse them for the violence with which they assail the Order from a false stand-point.

We regret to find that our Roman Catholic assailants are likely to have good grounds for asserting that French Masonry at least has something of an infidel cast, if it be true as stated, that the French Grand Orient has permitted the existence of the Deity to be ignored by certain proceedings of that body. We would fain hope there is a misapprehension somewhere, but the fact that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, and the London Freemason, direct particular attention to the matter, makes it look as if there were too much truth about it. Bro. Hervey, in addressing the members of a lodge, recently said he could not refrain from alluding to certain proceedings which were going on in the Grand Orient of France, which, speaking entirely as an individual, he thought must at no distant period engage the attention of the Grand Lodge of England—proceedings which struck at the very root of Freemasonry, and which he only viewed with dismay and alarm. The Freemason calls Bro. Caubet's attention to the remarks of the Grand Secretary, and expresses the hope that the warning notes will be taken in good part, and adds: "We quite admit the independence of national Grand Lodges, but there is one universal law of Masonry, which no particular section of the great family can contravene without damage to itself, and without disrespect to the other portions. The unchanged law of a million of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons is the recognition of the existence of God, and if French Freemasonry takes that truth from its formalities, it separates itself necessarily from Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and assumes for itself, as French Freemasons have themselves clearly seen, a position of melancholy isolation and baneful negativism." There can hardly be any doubt that if the Bible is to be expelled from the French lodges, the next step will be to admit those who have no belief whatever in the existence of a Supreme Being.—*Craftsman*.

### MASONIC SECRECY.

The secrecy of Masonry is its only sybil-voice proclaiming, "Procul O, procul este profani." It is only the secrecy of the lawyer to his client; of the minister to his penitent; of the physician to his patient; or of friend to friend. This trustworthy confidence is the glory of man; scandal dies like an echo on the shore where the tongue is bridled by truth and honour. "Where there is no tale-bearer the strife ceaseth." Wrench from the heart of a Mason the secret of his brother: and from the same heart you may blot out the image of his God, the vows made to a fond and confiding wife, or the duty he owes to his children, to country and to home. The betrayer of secrets is a moral renegade, too foul for the atmosphere of honour, he is the Judas of friendship and the assassin of character.

Nor never need an honest open-hearted Mason fear that the better part of creation will urge against his Order to its detriment the circumstance that the ladies are not admitted into the membership among Free and Accepted Masons. Let him tell what is the fact that Minerva, the goddess of Wisdom, presides at the Mason's Lodge, in which she would have indeed but a divided empire if the goddess of Beauty were admitted along with her. We surely would not trust Venus and Minerva together in our lodges, lest we should become too much distracted with the blandishments of Beauty to bear all the severer teachings of Wisdom. But it will be high time to attempt a laboured defence of this Masonic usage when a lady shall complain of it, or when she shall refuse to make a secret loving Mason the lord of her affections; pillowing on her pure heart, both the unlocked casket and the secret which it contains. Ah, could she make him a renegade to honour, how would she loathe him. How unsafe in such hands and in such keeping would she consider her own fame and those gems of affection which woman never gives save to the trusty, the brave, the unconquerable, the inflexible in purpose.

There is a sublime secret connected with every thing that is valuable. Says the great light of Masonry, the Bible, "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." There is a secret in each profession of life, in every science, in every beautiful art. There is a secret in love, an outspoken language that sometimes glances from the eye, but which is often hid by virgin modesty until the heart becomes an urn of suffering, in which the fires of hidden attachment crimson the incense of the affections. There is a secret in haste, whispered only to the moon as its pale cold eyes gleams on the assassin's dagger. There are secrets ever in nature, from the pedestal to the capital of the Universe, over which the mysterious eye of Omniscience burns with its secret meaning.—*Masonic Record*.

The volunteer officers connected with the Home District have resolved to hold a review in the neighbourhood of Dunstable on Easter Monday.



## ALONG THE HIGHWAY OF MASONRY.

Among the many organizations in the world that have been instituted among men, there is not one in which the line of conduct of the members is more clearly defined than in the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. There is none in which the member is bound by stronger obligations to pursue a steady course in the discharge of his duties as such, and to practice the precepts so prominently set up to teach him the way wherein he should walk. The highway of Masonry is not obscured with devious windings, a trail that can be followed only by carefully watching the marks left by those who have gone that way before, but a broad open road, through an open country, which may be easily followed by any one when once fairly started on his mystic journey. At every turn and cross road has been placed a finger post, upon which, in language intelligible to every well-informed Mason, he finds all needed instructions to enable him to travel in confidence, and in the full enjoyment of all his rights and privileges among his fellow travellers.

With a line of conduct so clearly defined, with obligations so strong to discharge every known duty, and with an open road before them so plain that none need go astray, it might be expected that there would be unanimity of thought and action among all Masons in their intercourse with each other, and especially that all would unite in preserving the Landmarks, and in upholding the principles and teachings of Masonry. It is, however, a fact much to be regretted that such is not the case. Instead of being thus united as one man, we find Masons often divided in opinions and in their course of action. If all were actuated by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the Order, such would not be the case, for then we would find them acting more in harmony with each other.

While we believe that a very large proportion of Masons are honest in all that they do, it is evident that some are not, and that they are only seeking to promote their own individual interests in remaining members of the Order. They travel along in the good company of their worthy brethren, with a feigned zeal well calculated to mislead them in regard to their true character; and for a time, perhaps, succeed in pulling the wool over their eyes to the extent of securing for themselves the advantage of high official positions, which place them before the world as recognised, honoured leaders, enjoying the full confidence of the fraternity. Not having the true spirit of Masonry in them, we often find them opposed to measures that would be of undoubted benefit to the Craft, or advocating others that would work to its injury; when the one would interfere with some pet scheme of their own, or the other gratify the longings of a selfish ambition. They remain obedient to Masonic law so far as to protect themselves from charges of un-Masonic conduct, but where there is no fear of a penalty to restrain them they set it at defiance upon the slightest provocation. Thus they travel on, until their cupidity is discovered, and they are made to fall back to the rear, where they generally follow in forced submission until all hope of regaining their lost position has passed away, when at the first cross-road they desert from the ranks and strike for the camp of non-affiliates, and enlist under their banner, upon which is inscribed one significant word—Deserters.

There is another class of Masons, often found upon the highway of Masonry, who are active and officious, apparently well-meaning, and would do what is right if they only knew how; but who never make an effort to gain the information to qualify themselves to act until the very moment when action becomes necessary. They pass the finger-posts without observing the instructions upon them, and then halt the procession while they discuss the question whether they are on the right road or not.

Without the means at hand to arrive at a conclusion such discussions are worse than useless, for they consume valuable time, and still do not develop the desired information. Finally they move on, and to their mortification, find at last that they made a great mistake. One bright Mason is worth more to a lodge than a score of such members.

Another class of Masons—and we are sorry to say they are exceedingly numerous—are no better informed than those last described, and are this much worse that they don't seem to care whether they are right or wrong; they vote "hit or miss" on all questions with a sang froid that would have astonished King Solomon himself. Now we do really believe that they desire to do right, but are too indolent to make even an effort to find out whether they are or not. Perhaps they are not so much to blame as those who made them Masons.

There are other classes of Masons that we might mention in this connection, but we will let them rest till some future time. We do not expect much benefit from an article like this, for those for whom it is designed are seldom among those who read a Masonic journal. It is, however, the duty of all good Masons to make an effort to correct existing evils, and we have called the attention of our readers to a few such, hoping that they will endeavour, so far as in their power, to aid in bringing about a reformation among the classes we have named. By so doing they will not only benefit the parties themselves, but add to the happiness of the whole Fraternity.—*Masonic Advocate*.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Tumours, Glandular Swellings, and Bad Breasts.—If any departure from health requires earlier attention than another to prevent disastrous consequences, it is the class of diseases now under review. To save hazard and future pain, the budding tumour must have prompt treatment, or discomfort and nights of disquietude will be the sufferer's portion. Whenever the ailment first appears, after fomenting the spot with warm water, Holloway's Ointment must be energetically rubbed on the part till a considerable quantity is absorbed. The Pills, too, must be commenced with early. If these remedies be diligently persevered with, the simplest tumour or the contracted and stiff joint is arrested. In cases of bad breasts, with or without milk fever, relief is almost instantaneous.—*Adv.*

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browse, Thos. W. White, H. M. Levy, Griffiths Smith, Herbert Oicketts, Henry Venn, R. B. Webster, Major Finney, H. A. Dubois, John J. Stevens, John Boyd, H. Massey (*Freemason*), H. Potter, F. G. Baker, T. F. Peacock, H. G. Warren, A. H. Diaper, S. Rosenthal, J. A. Rucker, and R. W. Little (Secretary).

Two petitions were received, and the candidates placed on the list for election.

Bro. H. G. Warren gave notice of the following motion: "That having regard to the increased income of the Institution, and the altered position of Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that rules 74 and 75 shall be so amended that the Secretary shall give security for £1000, the Secretary's chief clerk £500, and any other clerks £250 each; such security to be provided from an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums to be paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burden on the officials."

The Committee, after transacting some other business, passed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

## THE WAY IT WORKS.

A physician in Washington, D.C., was called to visit professionally a young lady taken suddenly and seriously ill. Employed in one of the departments, she was comparatively without friends or resources, and when rendered helpless by disease, her condition was truly deplorable. The physician, ascertaining the name of his patient to be the same as a brother Mason in Boston, whom he had met some years previously, he inquired if she was related to this person. Being told that she was the daughter of this Fellow Craftsman, whom, it should be remembered, the physician only knew as a member of the fraternity, he not only gave to her skilful professional treatment, but saw that she wanted for nothing of care and proper nursing, and when she was sufficiently recovered to travel, he accompanied her on her journey, and was not content until he had placed her in her own Eastern home. Then, exchanging fraternal salutations with his old-time Masonic acquaintance, he returned to his work and calling, hardly conscious, perhaps, of the moving power that had influenced him to so noble a deed in the exercise of a large and generous charity. This incident is but one of a thousand which might be adduced to prove the power and worth of Masonry.—*New York Dispatch*.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

A Masonic Ball, in connection with the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, will be given on Wednesday next, February 28, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the charitable institutions of the Order. There is a very long list of stewards for the occasion, comprising brethren from lodges 101, 141, 144, 167, 173, 185, 192, 217, 382, 405, 749, 754, 813, 861, 862, 911, 917, 1036, 1158, 1278, 1288, 1339, 1364, 1365, 1445, 1489, 1507, 1524, and 1602. Bro. E. Somers is Chairman of the Stewards, and Bro. J. H. Raffety, Treasurer. The M.C.'s are Bros. Thomas Meekham, T. Hadley Prestage, and R. G. Thomas. Bro. James Weaver's band is engaged. The hon. Secretaries are Bros. J. Osborn and J. Weston. The brethren are to appear in Craft clothing. A very pleasant evening is anticipated. Arrangements have been made that, in the event of the weather being unfavourable, all carriages will deliver visitors under cover at the foot of the staircase leading to the ball-room, and similar means adopted for their departure.

The Ivy lodge will hold an emergency meeting on the 27th inst. We were particularly struck with the original and artistic border of the summons, which reflects equal credit on the designer and the lodge.

The meetings of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, will be held in future at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street, City.

Bro. George B. Abbott will deliver his fourth lecture upon the "History of the Craft" in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, on Wednesday next.

**FRIENDLY CHAPTER, No. 239, KINGSTON, JAMAICA.**—At a recent meeting of the above chapter, it was unanimously resolved to present Comp. Altamont De Cordova, P.Z., with a gold jewel, in recognition of his valuable services to the chapter during three consecutive years in which he held the distinctive office of Principal Z.

The name of Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong was omitted in our report in last week's issue, as being present at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On Tuesday, the 21st instant, at the South Kensington Museum, the Princess Louise distributed prizes amongst the students who had taken part in the local and national competition of last year. The number of pupils at the two schools was reported to be 843, an increase of eighty-eight over 1875. The Marquis of Lorne afterwards addressed the company on behalf of her royal highness.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, held at Emporia, October 18th, 1876. Bro. Jacob D. Rush, of Fort Scott, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We are asked to state that the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction meets at 101, Queen Victoria-street on the second and fourth Monday in every month at six o'clock.

The day of meeting of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104, has been changed from the third Saturday to the third Friday in February, April, June, and October.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**—Bro. George Knill, for some time clerk in the office, offers himself as a candidate for the collectorship rendered vacant by the lamentable death of Bro. William Lane.

The Earl of Bandon, who had been suffering from heart disease, succumbed to an acute attack, at Castle Bernard, Cork, on Sunday evening last. His lordship, who was born in 1810, was educated at Eton and Oriel, and sat for Bandon from 1842 to 1856, in which year he succeeded his father. He married, in 1832, Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. Whitmore, of Apley Park, Shropshire, by whom he leaves a son and six daughters. Viscount Bernard, now fourth earl, was born in 1850, and educated at Eton. He unsuccessfully contested his father's borough at the last general election. By the death of the late Lord Bandon, who was brother to the Bishop of Tuam, a representative peerage becomes vacant.

A very large meeting of the Fraternity was held on Tuesday last, in the Masonic Hall, Truro, to celebrate the constitution of the new Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall. The R.A. companions of this province have achieved a notable success, securing as they have so distinguished a Mason as the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Provincial Grand Superintendent. A full report of this gathering will appear in our next.

The election of the Committee of the Stock Exchange gives seven new members out of a total committee of thirty as the result of the recent agitation. Although this seems a small result, it would appear that the young men in the Stock Exchange have so far made their wishes felt that some revision of the rules may possibly be undertaken.

The *Times* says:—"Among the clerkships in the Civil Service about to be competed for next month are two junior clerkships in the Colonial Office. The salaries commence at £250 per annum, and rise by yearly increments to £600. Promotions are made from this class to the two higher classes, paid respectively £700 to £800, and £900 to £1000. Furnished rooms in the Colonial Office buildings, with special allowances, are assigned to two of the clerks. This is the first occasion on which any of the more highly paid clerkships in the Civil Service have been offered to public competition; and it is to be anticipated that the substantial advantages now offered, coupled with the nature of the work, will attract distinguished University men to whom a clerkship has not hitherto offered sufficient inducements."

The installation of Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, S.W. 73, &c., as W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, will take place this afternoon (Saturday) at the New Cross Public Hall. There is one raising, and nine candidates for the ballot.

An Indian chief lately died in Greenville, Maine; he was known as a faithful Mason. The Masons have erected a memorial tablet over his grave.

A new weekly paper called the *Tatler* appears to-day (Saturday). The editor has adopted the "nom-de-plume" of the celebrated original Isaac Bickerstaff, and desires to emulate the classical style of Richard Steele. We shall be glad if he even approaches success in his praiseworthy attempt.

The Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has promised to preside at the anniversary festival of the Newspaper Press Association, which will be held at Willis's Rooms on the 5th of May.

His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, has conferred on Mr. Nicholas Trübner, the publisher, of Ludgate-hill, the Knight Cross of the Order of Francis Joseph.

Mr. Rule, the general manager of the Standard Fire Office, died suddenly in Manchester on Sunday, the 4th inst. For the present the management has been entrusted to Bro. E. C. Massey.

On St. Valentine's Day a number of curiosities always pass through the Post-office in addition to the amorous and satirical missives from the stationers. This year there came to light in St. Martin's-le-Grand, a lady's wig, a baby's puff, a carrot, a pair of boots, a sausage, and a pig's tail.—*City Press*.

A course of free lectures to Jewish working men and their families are being delivered on Sunday evenings at the Jews' Infants' Schools, Commercial-st., on popular subjects, by well-known scientific and other gentlemen.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is expected to arrive at Kilkenny Castle on Monday next, as guest of the Marquis and Marchioness of Ormonde.

Viscount Powerscourt on attending the Bray and Kingston Board of Guardians to-day for the first time since the shooting accident to his eye was received with loud cheers. The chairman, Sir George Hodson, Bart., congratulated him, on the part of the Board, on his recovery. His Lordship returned thanks.

The Grand Master of Georgia, Bro. D. E. Butler, has appealed to the Masons of that State to assist the destitute and suffering Masons of Savannah and Brunswick. The Masonic Board of Relief of Memphis, has tendered aid to the Masons of these yellow fever stricken cities, and a limited amount of aid has been accepted. The Masons of these cities have been instructed to draw for more whenever needed.



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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

- COHN.—On the 17th inst., at Avenue-road, Regent's Park, the wife of H. Cohn, Esq., of a daughter.  
 DEAN.—On the 18th inst., at Cleveland-square, Hyde Park, the wife of F. J. Dean, of a daughter.  
 LANG.—On the 22nd ult., at Simon's Town, Cape of Good Hope, the wife of Lieut. H. B. Lang, R.N., of a daughter.  
 STEWART.—On the 18th inst., at Neville-street, S.W., the wife of A. Stewart, Esq., of a son.  
 TAYLOR.—On the 16th inst., at St. Leonard's-terrace, Streatham, the wife of W. Taylor, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

- GILCHRIST—KNOX.—On Dec. 20, at St. Mark's, Darling Point, Sydney, N.S.W., William Oswald, son of the late J. Gilchrist, to Clara Elizabeth, daughter of E. Knox, of Fiona, Double Bay.  
 SANDERSON—PARKINSON.—On the 10th inst., at Heidelberg, Germany, Hugh James, son of the late G. S. Sanderson, Esq., of Birkenhead, to Margaret, daughter of the late J. K. Parkinson, Esq.  
 WYATT—MAYHEW.—On the 8th inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, Henry Wyatt, Commissariat Staff, son of the late Major-Gen. Wyatt, to Lilly, daughter of the late W. G. Mayhew, Esq.

## DEATHS.

- BRITTON.—On the 13th inst., at Boyson-road, Camberwell, Maud Maria, infant daughter of Samuel Britton.  
 GRIFFITH.—On the 14th inst., at Cavendish-place, Eastbourne, Maria, daughter of the late J. W. S. Griffith, Esq., aged 78.  
 LITTLE.—On the 17th inst., at Paris, Lockhart Little, late Captain 1st Dragoon Guards, aged 55.  
 REED.—On the 9th inst., instantaneously, by his horse falling, Henry Arthur Reed, The Elms, Marlborough, aged 42 years.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1877.

## THE RETURNS FOR THE LATE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We do not think it needful to dilate too much on this topic, as not only are "comparisons" still always "odorous," as Mrs. Malaprop so justly observed once upon a time, but from some little experience of the matter, we are perfectly aware that the mere abstract figures do not ever tell us very much. Many circumstances combine to swell the list of this or that particular Steward or province, and though it may be an amusing marshalling of figures when we have nothing else to say, and space is difficult to fill, just now we cannot afford to be too prodigal either of the space of the *Freemason*, or trespass too much on the patience of our readers. It will suffice us to note, that the metropolis has contributed £6680, the provinces £5580,—making a grand total of £12,660, in round numbers, be it understood, as they say, "all through." It is true that Bro. Terry announced fourteen lists to come in, and it is just possible that they will bring in a net £300,—making the noble amount of £13,000. We are not in the secrets of the House Committee or Executive, nor do we trouble ourselves about the little "on dits" of the lobbies or the "canards" of unauthoritative authorities, but after this grand result of heavy meritorious labours, we are glad to see that the managers of the Institution have made a gallant effort (responsible as they are to the liberal support and sympathy of the Craft) to place a large additional number of applicants on the charity this year. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is in "very good case," as they say, and had a large balance to credit last year. With £13,000 for its annual festival, in addition to Grand Lodge grants and funded property, it is in a position to make 1877 a memorable year in its annals by this sensible extension of beneficent provision for our aged and decayed brethren, and their often suffering widows. We are truly glad to hail any official announcement to that effect. We confess that we should after this result have been prepared to go a little further, relying on the genuine enthusiasm of our benevolent Order. But that is, we must fairly admit, after all, a matter mainly for the Executive of the Institution to decide, and not for outsiders like ourselves.

## SECTARIAN BIGOTRY.

We have often stated, and it is well to repeat the assertion to-day, that we all may make a note of it, that there is in this world a great amount of intolerance and bigotry, on the part of pseudo-religionists, as regards Freemasonry, which would be very amusing were it not so very humiliating to the common sense of humanity, so derogatory to the true teaching and temper of religion itself. It is not only Roman Catholics who denounce Freemasonry, but fanatics of various sects seem to like to have a fling in their ignorance and bigotry, at a society whose tenets they do not understand, and whose work they cannot realize. Latterly Mr. Moody has expressed his disapproval of secret societies, and by implication of Freemasons, on grounds which appear to us a burlesque on all right reasoning, and to betray a mournful want of appreciation of the true principles of Scripture exegesis. But we are not concerned just now with Mr. Moody; as his "deliverance" was, so to say, "in the abstract," but, as it however deserves consideration, we will deal with it in our next issue. But we have to contend rather with those direct attacks on Freemasonry which crop up here, there, and everywhere just now, amid contrasted sects and from opposite corners of the world. In a late number of the *Masonic Advocate* appears a story called "Joe Grafton's Trials," from which we now propose to give some extracts, and which we understand to be "an over true tale," founded on fact. So let us hear the *Masonic Advocate*, quoted

by the *Canadian Craftsman*.—"A number of years ago an honest young man moved from the State of Indiana to Iowa, where he settled in a town called Fairfield. Honest and industrious, conscientious and respectable, he worked at his trade of a carpenter, hoping to make of himself a good citizen, and to gain some limited fortune. Having formed the acquaintance of several gentlemen of the Masonic Fraternity he applied for initiation among them, and in due course of time became a Master Mason. He soon learned to love the Institution, and the lessons of the lodge-room became the study of his years. Their regular and called meetings found him always in his place, eager to learn and anxious to maintain the ancient prestige of the Order. He there learned that devotion to truth was the high road to integrity, and that none were more religious and happy than those who loved their fellow-men. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man became his life spirit, and under these convictions and reforms he some time afterwards became a member of the Church. On the broad basis of a liberal fraternity and a free Christian Church he began, more particularly than ever before, to fix his principles and regulate his life. Honest and true, and of good report before he had joined the Masons, he became, as he hoped, a better man in becoming a Church member, for there his latent talents were brought out in many generous actions and liberal charities, such as he thought were in harmony with the Divine government, and consistent with a strict Christian profession. In these highly respectable relationships he soon became known as a good citizen, a prosperous workman, and a gentleman of high moral character. His society was courted by the pious, and his influence was sought for among his brethren of the Church as one who feared God and kept His commandments. The sunlight over him was bright, and the first year passed over him without a cloud of trouble. But the visit of an itinerant evangelist to the village made a sad change in his happy relationships, because it created in a very brief period a great change in the spirit of his dreams. Among his other religious ideas, this wonderful evangelist taught the people that nothing was more detrimental to the true progress of truth and vital piety among them than the existence of secret societies. He taught them that they were essentially sinful, and contrary to the genius of all progress, as well as all free governments. He insisted that no such people should be tolerated among them, and that all Church members should come out from among them. Ignorant and bigoted as this evangelist was he made converts among the churches, for many soon partook of his spirit, and in a short time a large portion of the Church of which our brother was a member were anxious, yea, even zealous, for the total extermination of all secret societies, and more especially of the society of Freemasons, as it was supposed to be the most ancient of them all, and the mother of the whole brood of anti-Christian institutions. The bitterness of spirit engendered was relentless and vindictive, and within a brief space a crusade was inaugurated of men, women, and children to exterminate the last vestige of 'the whore of Babylon,' as the evangelist termed all secret societies. The Church became the head-quarters, and the pastor himself assumed the leadership of the Inquisition. Meetings were held weekly, and most devout prayers were offered for Divine aid in the glorious work of driving from the land the secret organizations of the devil. Every one who had any connection with them was exhorted to come out from among them, on the pains and penalties of even 'eternal damnation.' If any persisted in remaining members of such Godless institutions they were proclaimed as being infidels, or what was worse, they were proscribed as men unfit for any pure or social intercourse. All such were not to be dealt with, not to be employed, and above all, they were not to be communed with in the Holy Sacrament, as they were of their master, the devil. Under such circumstances the hero of our story was made to feel very sad, for he was told that unless he left the Masonic Order he would be 'counted out' in his church membership, and that, too, without much ceremony. This seemed to be the decree



adopted by the church, and from the spirit of the pastor and people, appeared to be as firm as the laws of the Medes and Persians, incapable of change or modification. Of course he was deeply depressed in spirit, and at a loss what course to pursue. His advisory friends seemed to be few, and he waited with as much patience as he could muster up, to see the cloud blow over, but it was all in vain, for when he was at work one day in his shop, he received the following note from his pastor, which he saw at once meant business of the most serious character :—

"Pastor's Office, Fairfield, March 25, 1849.

"Bro. Joseph Grafton,—Our Congregational Association which held its session for this State during the past year, declared that no Christian could remain a member of a secret society, and as you are a member of the Masonic Fraternity, my church demands that you withdraw from such fellowship, or they will have to exclude you from the church.

"Your brother, Wm. Thompson.

"The reception of such a note from his pastor brought great sorrow to the heart of 'Brother Joe,' as he was called generally among his brethren, and after a night of deep thought and sound sleep he returned to his pastor the following answer :

"Fairfield, March 26, 1849.

"To the Rev. Wm. A. Thompson,—Dear Sir,—I have been requested to meet you and the brethren in church meeting to-day, in order to explain the cause of absenting myself from the meetings and ordinances of the church. I will endeavour, my dear brother, to do so, simply, in writing. It is well known to you all that I am connected with one of the secret societies of the day, and it will also be remembered that the Association of the Congregational Church, which held its session in this place in 1848, passed a resolution denouncing such societies in the strongest language, and condemning all members of the church who were connected with any such secret organization. I look upon these resolutions as a direct vote of censure upon myself and others, but being conscious of my own integrity in the matter, and that the church, in this particular, has stepped aside from the path of duty to aim a blow at an institution whose principles are drawn from the Great Light of all Truth, I have and still feel a reluctance in continuing my connection with the church. You will remember, brethren, that at the time of my connecting myself with the church it was well known to some of you, if not to all, that I belonged to the Order of Freemasons, and as such I was admitted among you. As it is now thought that a secret society man cannot be a Christian, I would respectfully ask of you a certificate of dismissal from the church.

"JOSEPH GRAFTON.

"Such was the result of a crusade of ignorance and bigotry against secret societies. Brother Joe to this day is still an 'outsider,' running the risk of Heaven on the broad common of Masonic humanity." What do our readers think of this little story? They will, we fancy, agree with Channing, as quoted by the *Masonic Advocate*, who says:—"Misanthropic bigots are always mental monstrosities, unfitted for useful lives or honorable histories. They contradict the genius of humanity and make but sorry members of society anywhere." They will concur also with the *Masonic Advocate* itself, in its very pertinent remarks:—"Ignorance and bigotry are twin associates. They have a common origin and a common affinity. Legitimate in their antecedents, and uniform in their moral deformities, they are always of the same progeniture. The one has no knowledge of progressive life, while the other sees but little outside of itself. The former lacks capacity to know its own duty, while the latter claims to know it all. Both make pretensions to knowledge with assured effrontery. The one condemns what it does not comprehend, while the other, full of self-conceit, never tolerates anything but its own opinions. With the one, light is darkness, but the other often calls darkness light, and light darkness, because it does not know the one from the other." And what more remains for us to say? Must we not all regret to know and to realize that, in 1877 so

much bigotry remains amongst the professors of religion? Must we not deplore the fact that so many who talk a great deal about religion have not apparently mastered the first principles of that message of love, and peace, and mercy, and goodwill to man they hold forth so glibly about? We will consider in our next issue the alleged unlawfulness of secrecy on so-called Scripture principle, on the "dictum," that is, whether of infallible or fallible teachers of religion to mankind.

### THE HAPPY DESPATCH.

We give our readers to-day a most interesting and touching extract from the Japanese newspaper *Tchoya Chimboun*, duly chronicled by the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and also in the *Times*, which we think will affect them as it did us on our perusal of it. "Some curious details are given by a Japanese paper, the *Tchoya Chimboun*—as to the manner in which some of the 'aristocrats of the old school' in that country, who were condemned to death for the part they took in the late insurrection, but who preferred *hari kiri* to decapitation, spent the last few hours of their lives. Four Samurai insurgents of Koumanote, who escaped on the night of the 24th of October, assembled at the house of one by name Yonemara for the purpose of ending their existence by the 'happy despatch' in his hospitable dwelling. Before, however, giving themselves over to death they gave themselves over to a regular jollification—drinking, dancing, and singing, as though on a festive occasion. Their hostess, without any wish necessarily to curtail their enjoyment, with much tact and good feeling advised them not to keep up this revelry too long, as the police could hardly fail to hear the disturbance caused by their songs and dances. They turned a deaf ear, however, to her kindly warnings and continued to amuse themselves for the whole day, saying that if the 'shizhou' arrived they were prepared to fight them. The hours thus passed pleasantly away until sunset, when the party arrayed themselves in the robes which, according to old Japanese fashion, are appropriate for the ceremony they were about to perform, and, having offered up their prayers to the gods, 'happily despatched' themselves without further delay." We shall be glad to learn if the similar thought occurred to any of our readers which was ours on realizing this very remarkable "mise en scene," as the French say; "what a valuable institution" we mentally exclaimed, and "how useful and important even in a civilized community like ours." When we remember the bores who bore us, and the rascals who cheat us, when our memory summons up vividly before our groaning recollection, all those who render life miserable, or trying, or wearisome, or depressing in many ways, often in all things, we are tempted to ask, is there no means by which some one of our distinguished statesmen could apply the principle of this great and grave institution for the needs and necessities of our Anglo-Saxon race? Jobbins, who has had a row with his dear Angelina about his shirt buttons and her weekly expenses; Popkins, who is so dreadfully afraid of his mother-in-law; Timmins, who is anxiously looking out for that "little bill;" which he does not know how to meet; Tomkinson, who bores everybody, the foolish young men, the disappointed young women, "blasé old scapegraces," and scandal loving "old gals," all, we are tempted to think, might take a leaf out of this wise Japanese code, and relieve themselves, their friends, and the world at large of much anxiety on their behalf, of an untellable amount of alarm and boredom combined. For think how easy and how happy the "little event" would be. A small amount of "sentiment," and a good deal of "liquoring up;" a tender leavetaking of Mary, and a stern adieu to your own "dear, dear, Jezabel," and you would leave this festive and mortal scene, amid no mourning neighbours, and no weeping friends,

"No female even with dishevelled hair,  
To feign or feel decorous woe."

Surely here is a note to be noted, a wrinkle to be improved by us all. There are so many people who are so useless to everybody, such bores, such nuisances at home and abroad, so

very greatly in the way of something or somebody, that we are perfectly persuaded, if Sir Henry Thompson, who is so friendly to cremation, would only present a plan to a thoughtful and admiring public of a "Happy Despatch," it would at once chime in with that semi-sentimental, semi-morbid state of mind, into which many of us appear to be drifting just now. And sure we are of this, at any rate, that it would be a very legitimate reform, in the changing times, and bring about, perhaps, a happy alteration alike in manners and morals. No doubt some serious thoughts and memories intrude perforce amid these lighter words of ours, but "what's the odds as long as you are happy." "Don't let us, in these enlightened days, trouble ourselves too much about scruples or religious consideration. Life is life, 'dum vivamus vivamus;' we will leave regrets and hesitation to the old, the highly respectable, and the well behaved." Such is the song of this world's "syrens," too often the prelude to unmitigated bitterness of memory, and lasting sorrow of mind. Let our good old Craft teach us higher truths, and a better philosophy. This life is not all, nor all in all, to any of us. Its golden hours may be wasted, its glad privileges may be abused, for far too many the hour of the "happy despatch" may practically seem to sound to-day or to-morrow; but beyond everything lies that great Future in which we shall all one day alike be found, high and low, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, and where no more escape is possible from the omniscient gaze of Perfect Wisdom, or the Solemn Justice of Perfect Goodness.

### THE GRAND SECRETARYSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

In another column appears a letter from Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who is a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary to the Scottish Grand Lodge in the place of Bro. Laurie, resigned. We all of us remember Bro. Laurie's long services to Freemasonry in Scotland, and hope that he may see many years of health and happiness. We beg to offer our hearty sympathy and good wishes to Bro. D. Murray Lyon, and we shall be glad to hear that the choice of the Grand Lodge has fallen upon one whose Masonic qualifications are so very distinct and distinguished.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sure that good will eventuate from the discussion, inaugurated by yourself and Bro. Hughan; but I write now to put the brethren on their guard against drawing hasty conclusions from the absence of documents, as there is a chain of circumstantial evidence pointing to the general correctness of the views of the French Masonic historians.

I think with Bro. Leon Hyneman, in his History of our Grand Lodges, that there were independent lodges of so-called York Masons in London in and before 1725, and not working under the G.L. of 1717. I believe also that there were lodges of Scottish nationality in London, working Craft and Rosy Cross Degrees, and not unlikely in alliance with the Stuart party in France. The hermetic work of 1721 (Long Livers) seems to have been an attempt to force the degrees of this English and Scottish combination, which formed the germ of the continental High Grades, upon the notice of the G.L. of 1717, which, however, refused all countenance to anything but the three degrees until the latter part of the 18th century, when influential "Moderns" established separate Grand Chapters and Camps. I do not believe in the antiquity of the present ceremonies of the Royal Order of Scotland, but I consider that there is evidence of the existence of a system of Scottish Royal Order or Art Lodges and Chapters in London, contemporaneously with the establishment of the G.L. of 1717.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

#### LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1474.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 12th instant, at a regular meeting of this lodge, Bro. S. Lyon, W.M., in the chair, letters were read from the following lodges:—

The Harmony Lodge, 156, Plymouth,

Lodge Erme, 1091,

Lodge St. John, 70, Plymouth,

Lodge Brunswick, 159, Plymouth, also

The Right Honourable the Earl of Mount Edg-



cumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, sympathising with the Jews in Germany on account of the obnoxious law which exists in some of their lodges, by excluding Jews from Freemasonry, and urging their respective Prov. G. Masters, to bring the subject before Grand Lodge in order to get this bye-law rescinded. Bro. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain, proposed, and the W.M. seconded, and it was passed unanimously, "That the best thanks of the members of this lodge be tendered to these lodges and to Earl Mount Edgecumbe, P.G.M. of Cornwall, for their kindness in co-operating with the Lodge of Israel, and to ask them to forward their resolution through their P.G.M.'s to the Grand Lodge of England."

I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully.

DAVID LAVENSTEIN, Secretary.

#### THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, has given you the names of the three so-called Jewish lodges who have similar resolutions to the one passed at Birmingham, allow me to inform your readers that four more Jewish lodges in the Province of Devon sent me up similar resolutions to strengthen our petition to Grand Lodge.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

S. LYON,

W.M. 1474, Birmingham.

#### THE LATE BRO. DR. GOLDSBORO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one who had the pleasure and honour of being numbered amongst the intimate friends of the late Bro. Dr. Goldsboro, I can, in common with the members of the Welchpool Lodge in particular, and several other Welch lodges in general, bear my humble but sincere testimony to the great loss the Craft has sustained by the removal by death of Bro. Dr. Goldsboro, from that sphere of usefulness in which he was so well known, and where his services were so justly and so highly esteemed. Unlike some who have attained high honours in the Craft, he was most retiring and unaffected in his manners, and the thorough Masonic feeling with which he carried out all the duties required of him—often at great trouble and cost to himself—caused him to be loved and his name revered by all who knew him. In no single instance did he forget the great principles of our Order, but carried out in his daily life the precepts of Freemasonry, and most invariably did he practise out of the lodge those precepts which he was taught within it. He was one of those who might well be put forward as an exemplar of the excellence and value of our Institutions, for never was his aid sought for in the promotion of any good work, no matter whether it was a case of distress or a poor brother or widow in trouble, that ever a call upon his bounty or good offices was ever made in vain. Self in him was entirely ignored, and never were his general manners and soothing voice more readily engaged than when they were employed in administering to the wants or relieving the sufferings of his fellow-creatures. It may not be generally known that, although living in London, during the two years he occupied the position of Worshipful Master of the Welchpool Lodge he was never absent from any of its meetings, and was always at his post at the appointed time, so that in the course of those two years, for the purpose of attending not only the regular but emergency meetings of this lodge he must have travelled thousands of miles, to say nothing of the pecuniary cost inseparable therefrom. This, of course, was entirely independent of the distance he must also have travelled to consecrate about thirteen lodges and two or three chapters in North Wales and Shropshire, in all of which he was an honorary member, and I had the pleasure of making a similar proposition, unanimously agreed to, to add to that number the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, of which I was the first Master.

Trusting that his example may be a stimulus to others, and that our dear departed brother may receive his immortal reward in the Grand Lodge above,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. T., P.M. 177, 1158, &c.

[Cartes de Visite of Bro. Goldsboro may be obtained at the office of this paper. Price 1s.]

#### A LITTLE MISTAKE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

By a regrettable but accidental mistake, it seems that I transferred to Von Knigge the account of Von Hund's change of religion and burial in my remarks on Father Foy's notes. Von Knigge, who seems to have been a religious man, but of whose religion nothing appears to be known, died, it is said, at Bremen in 1796, though neither Lenning nor the "Handbuch" give the place of his death. Von Hund, originally a Protestant, died a Roman Catholic, and is buried before the high altar at Mebrichstadt. I regret this little mistake through a somewhat careless use of references, and am yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF THE  
"MASONIC MAGAZINE."

#### ART IN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

All who have any acquaintance with the interiors of our London hospitals must have been struck with the excessive dreariness of most of the wards. It is time that this should be remedied. A little energy on the part of a few philanthropists and artists, aided by subscriptions from the general public, would suffice to accomplish this improvement. I advocate the brightening of the wards, and the cheering of their inmates, by the addition of suitable pictures, plate, bronzes, carvings, bric-à-brac, old armour,

china, sculpture, ornamental clocks, fancy glass, tasteful glazed tiles, parquet floors, and other art decorations of all sorts.

I will gladly give one hundred guineas to a responsible committee, as soon as one is formed, to promote the Art Fund for the Hospitals of London.

Pray generously grant this scheme the moral support of your valuable paper, and believe me to be, Sir,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

J. LAWRENCE-HAMILTON.

34, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, W.

P.S.—Later two models will be exhibited to the public, one to show the usual sick ward, the other to represent the use of art in the various kinds of hospitals.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue there is a slight error in the list of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Therein I find you have the name of Bro. Goodacre as Steward for Lodge 1045, in the Province of Cheshire. Such is not the case, as Bro. Goodacre went up as Steward from the "Prince Leopold Lodge, 1588," in the Province of West Lancashire, of which lodge he is the W.M., and the larger amount of his list was made up in that province, viz., £20 10s. od. in the Province of West Lancashire, and £10 os. od. in the Province of Cheshire.

Lodge 1588	...	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
" 1387	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Province of Cheshire:—								
Chap. 1045	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
" 425	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
						£30	10	0

Perhaps you will kindly correct this in your next issue.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THOS. A. CHOMPTON,

Sec. 1588.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must beg you to alter the mistake made in your list of Stewards—Bro. Terry's list Benevolent Institution. I am put down as representing 1423, donation £15 16s. od. My donation was £22 5s. od. Kindly rectify this mistake in your next, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

J. FAULKNER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The amount of my list as Steward of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, is £5. 5. 0 more than you published for the charity. The extra amount I was only able to give to Bro. Terry after my list had been added up. Kindly mention the fact this week, and oblige, yours fraternally,

JOHN DENCE, J.W. 159.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Questions are often put to you, asking for information on points which do not seem very clear in the Book of Constitutions. But it is not right to take up your space to ask questions which are perfectly clear, and admit of no doubt whatever. Thus, W. M. C. N., asks why he and other P.P. Grand Stewards are not allowed to wear the red apron and collar after their year of office. The reply is simply, that according to the Book of Constitutions (see Prov. Grand Stewards) "when out of office they are no longer entitled to wear crimson aprons and collars." Nor during their year of office are they entitled to wear them out of their own province—that is, they are not allowed to appear as "Grand Stewards." The "Prov. Grand Steward," pays a fee of 10s. 6d., the "Grand Steward" has to pay his share of the expenses of Grand Festival, amounting, I am told, to about £20. I presume this information will satisfy C.N. and his friends.

MAGNUS OHREN,

P.P. Grand Warden Surrey.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers give me a list of Grand Masters since the Duke of Cumberland, with the dates of their first election?

Also in what year between 1784 and 1815 were blue collars and aprons trimmed with blue authorized in lodges?

Yours fraternally,

A. T.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly answer the following question in your next impression:—Has the W.M. of a lodge, as Chairman, the right to address any remarks as Chairman on any motion before or after the proposer replies?

Or, in other words, on any motion is the Chairman or the proposer the last speaker before the vote?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

[1. The W.M. has clearly a right to state his opinion to the lodge on the matter submitted. 2. The proposer, if a brother, has a right to reply.—ED.]

THE TEMPLE CHURCH.—Special evening services will be held in the Temple Church on the seven Wednesdays in Lent. The church will be open to the public on these occasions without orders of admission.

#### Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

The following are the two important extracts, quoted by Bro. W. J. Hugan in his letter to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and which we alluded to in the last *Freemason*:

"*St. James's Evening Post*, September 7th, 1734.—We hear from Paris that a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was lately held there at Her Grace the Duchess of Portsmouth's house, where His Grace the Duke of Richmond, assisted by another English nobleman of distinction there, President Montesquieu, Brigadier Churchill, Ed. Yonge, Esq., Registrar of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Walter Strickland, Esq., admitted several persons of distinction into that most Ancient and Honourable Society."

"September 20, 1735.—They write from Paris that his Grace the Duke of Richmond and the Rev. Dr. Desaguliers, formerly Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and now authorised by the present Grand Master (under his hand and seal and the seal of the Order), having called a lodge at the Hotel Bussy, in the Rue Bussy, His Excellency the Earl of Waldegrave, His Majesty's ambassador to the French King, the Right Honourable the President Montesquieu, the Marquis de Lomurea, Lord Dursley, son to the Earl of Berkley, the Hon. Mr. Fitz-Williams, Messieurs Knight, father and son, Dr. Hickman, and several other persons, both French and English, were present, and the following noblemen and gentlemen were admitted to the order; namely, His Grace the Duke of Kingston, the Honourable the Count de St. Florentin, Secretary of State to his most Christian Majesty, the Right Honourable the Lord Chewton, son to Earl Waldegrave, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Armiger, Mr. Colton, and Mr. Clement, after which the new brethren gave a handsome entertainment to all the company."

#### CONSECRATION OF THE WOLSEY LODGE, No. 1656.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., the roll of the Masonic Province of Middlesex received another addition to its already numerous lodges. The site fixed for the head quarters of the lodge was the old White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick. At a very early hour of the afternoon the quietness of the picturesque village street was broken by the frequent arrivals of distinguished Masonic celebrities, from town and elsewhere. Amongst the first to arrive at the scene of action were Bros. the R.W. Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex; R. W. Little, D.P.G.M.; Buss, P.G.J.W. and Treas.; F. Walters, P.J.G.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P.; Cartwright, P.M. 889, P.P.S.G.W. of Kent; Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. of Surrey.

The officers appointed by Grand Lodge to carry out the ceremonies of consecration and installation were Bros. Colonel Burdett, Little, and Buss.

The small but handsomely appointed lodge-room at the time the proceedings commenced presented a very striking effect. In addition to the brethren already named there were present, as visitors, Bros. Platt, P.M. 23, &c.; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140, &c.; Hill, P.M. 157, &c.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, &c.; Buckland, P.M. 205, &c.; Honeywell, P.M. 889; Kraeutler, J.W. 1303; Mitau, S.D. 889; Fenn, 243; F. Hunt, 889; Pearman, 889; J. E. Hunt, 1512; Moody, 1512; Murphy, 1512; Fricker. Amongst the numerous apologies for non-attendance at the ceremony were letters from Bros. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of Jamaica; and Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., &c. The founders present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M. designate; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, &c., S.W. designate; J. Bond, P.M. 889, J.W. designate; the Rev. F. C. de Crespiigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex; J. Hurst, W.M. 1512; T. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512; Aston and Andrews, 1512. The presiding officer appointed Bros. Little as P.M.; De Crespiigny as Chaplain; F. Walters as S.W.; Baldwin as J.W.; and Buss and Elsham as D.C. and I.G. respectively, to assist him in the "work," which was throughout most ably and impressively performed. The ceremony of installation having also been well carried out, the investiture of officers took place as follows: Bro. Sharp, S.W.; Bond, J.W.; J. Hammond, Hon. I.P.M.; De Crespiigny, Chap.; Ockenden, Sec.; Aston, S.D.; Hurst, J.D.; Walls, I.G. and D.C. pro tem. The election and appointment of Treasurer and Tyler stand over until the next meeting. The following were unanimously elected honorary members: Bros. the R.W. Colonel Burdett, Little, Buss, Walters, Baldwin, and Honeywell. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, and Bro. Bond, J.W., appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the lodge was closed until the first Monday in March, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Andrews, and assistants.

The preliminary royal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M. of Middlesex," a toast which he said must command their sympathy and appreciation, because he, the P.G.M., had not only graced the proceedings that day with his presence, but had most ably and effectively carried them out. Colonel Burdett had, to the satisfaction of all grades in the Craft during the seven years he had been at the head of the province, acted most impartially and zealously in the discharge of his high office. In conclusion the W.M. said that they must not forget that there were upwards of twenty lodges in the province, and that they entailed a great deal of labour and anxiety upon their distinguished chief.



This toast having been duly honoured, Colonel Burdett replied by stating that he had had considerable difficulty in being present that day, but having been enabled to do so, he was proud at being again a consecrating officer of a new lodge, and in a new district. He was gratified with the whole proceedings. The Wolsey must be a good lodge, because it had a good Master at its head, one who brought a large experience to bear upon his duties. Middlesex occupied a grand position at the present time, and might in the course of a few years be one of the greatest Masonic provinces in the kingdom. In concluding, he returned his most sincere thanks for the warm manner that they had responded to his health.

In giving "The Health of the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Little, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present," the W.M. said that he was pleased that the Wolsey should be the first of the Middlesex lodges to congratulate Bro. Little upon his preferment, which appointment he was sure would meet with the most unqualified approval. The D.P.G.M. briefly replied by thanking the P.G.M. and the W.M. for the kind expressions they had used, and at the same time he took that, the first public opportunity he had had of thanking Colonel Burdett for the great honour he had done him by appointing him his Deputy over so important a province as that of Middlesex. In speaking of the other Provincial Officers present, whom he remarked were all worthy of "the purple," Bro. Little said that the name of Bro. Buss, G.J.W. and Treas., was a "household word," that Bro. W. Hammond, P.G.D., was a thorough master of the Masonic art, that Bro. F. Walters, G.J.D., the veteran and indefatigable Secretary of many lodges, was always ready to give the benefit of his advice to all P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and Secretaries needing the same, and that Bro. Baldwin, A.G.P., was a most worthy Mason.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the R.W. P.G.M. in a very kind speech. In the course of his remarks he said that the position of W.M. entailed a great deal of responsibility, and that to carry out the duties well it also required a large amount of ability. He believed that Bro. Hammond was fully competent in every respect to reflect credit upon the Wolsey Lodge, and he was pleased at being in a position to propose his health as W.M. of No. 1656, the 25th lodge in the Province of Middlesex.

The W.M., in reply, stated that he felt sensible of the great honour placed upon him by establishing a new lodge, but he believed that it was needed in that portion of the district. It was the fourth lodge he had had the honour of governing as Master, and he hoped it would be a success. His motto during his Masonic career had been "Excelsior," and his chief aim to disseminate the benevolent principles of the Order, charity being in his opinion the acme of Freemasonry. (Hear.)

The toast of "The Consecrating Officers" followed, and having been duly honoured, Bro. Buss replied by stating that as D.C., he had been gratified at the manner in which the lodge had been consecrated by his superior officers. In speaking of other matters, he called attention to the fact that in the admission of initiates "quality" should be considered before "quantity." Freemasonry was increasing, and so were the applications to the Board of Benevolence, and consequently they should be very careful whom they introduced. If this supervision was not exercised the result of the laxity would be to increase the number of claimants for the benefits of the charities, which would in time undermine the very foundations of the Order. In conclusion, he thanked the lodge upon behalf of the Consecrating Officers and himself for the honour it had done them by electing them honorary members.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," said that as "good wine needed no bush," he should not dilate upon the toast, but would merely state that the brethren of the Wolsey Lodge gave them all a hearty welcome, and hoped to see them again.

Bro. Elsam, speaking for himself and the rest of the visitors, said that it had afforded them very great pleasure at being present that day. Personally he was proud at seeing one of his oldest friends occupying the chair of K.S. for the fourth time. Bro. Hammond had introduced him into the Jordan Lodge, and of that lodge he (Bro. Elsam) was now the Master. In conclusion, he said the Wolsey Lodge was bound to prosper, and in time he believed it would be equal to any in the province.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and having been duly responded to, the Tyler's toast was called, and the brethren separated.

The proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Honeywell, Walls, and Hunt.

## Reviews.

CASSELL'S HOUSEHOLD GUIDE TO EVERY DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL LIFE, No. 1.—Cassell, Petter, & Galpin.

This reads to us to be a very useful undertaking. We have seen No. 1 with much pleasure and interest, and we think that the work is likely to be very popular. It contains a great deal of valuable information, easily mastered, and lucidly laid down, and may be considered as a household vade mecum to each industrious housewife, to every "Bon Père de Famille." Its topics are various, and range from cooking to the aquarium, from carpentering to domestic medicine, from recipes for the kitchen to the rearing of children, and all are worth studying, and all are well put before us. We shall await No. 2 with interest, feeling sure that it will maintain the practical characteristics of No. 1.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LIVERPOOL ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY.

We have received the above, and have had our attention called to a paper entitled "A plea for the future protection of our Ancient Cathedrals," by Samuel Huggins

The gist of the paper is practically a protest against restoration. If we understand the writer's words aright, he would not restore, he would leave the cathedrals in "statu quo," as he seems to lean to the sentimental side of the question, and is apparently an advocate for the "interesting ruin," and for "hoar decay." But such a suggestion is not a practical view of the question at all, according to our notions, and is not likely to find favour with the practical English mind. We all have a great desire to utilize everything that can be utilized, and, therefore, we would naturally repair for further worship, many interesting relics of the past, which only require the favouring hand of Sir Gilbert Scott, or some other skilled architect, to restore them to pristine beauty, and practical utility. Thus we differ, we are sorry to say, "toto cœlo" with Mr. Huggins, and, we confess, we are almost surprised that a view which is antagonistic to the current opinion and common sense of Englishmen, could find favour with any. But having said this honestly in all "bona fides" we are quite willing to admit that the paper is very well written, and also that in this free country even "paradoxes" should be fairly listened to. We cannot, of course, as Freemasons, follow Mr. Huggins into his theological contentions, but as he has kindly made an appeal to our Order, we may say that we feel deeply interested, (without any question of mere denominational fervour), in aiding to repair and restore those masterpieces of architectural skill, which Operative Masonry raised on high, to the honour of God and the welfare of man.

THE LEATHER TRADES CIRCULAR, &c.—W. Speaight & Sons, 98, Fetter-lane.

Though we are not quite prepared to say that there is "nothing like leather," yet we are free to confess that there is a good deal in it, and remembering the importance of leather to the community at large, and the large amount of capital embarked in the manufacture of leather in this country, are not surprised to hear that that well-to-do trade has a special organ of its own for its information and protection. It has reached its 10th year of publication, and is, despite its limited character, an interesting publication. It is a good thing for us all to look at times a little below the surface of things, and to realize what is going on in the world, and to master the first principles, whether of commerce or of trade. We are struck with the advertisements for machinery, as it shows what revolution in the labour market is going on quietly amongst us.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Pennsylvania, 1876; Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, 1876; Great Priory of Canada, 1876.

We have received and read these "Transactions" with great pleasure. We thank the courteous senders of them sincerely, and we can only add that while we rejoice honestly in the prosperity of these various bodies of American Craft, Arch, and High Grades, we are deeply struck with the solidity of their organization, and the clearness and ability with which all their proceedings are set forth. We note one or two variations, and in our opinion anomalies in their systems, and we shall shortly call attention to one or two of them in a leading article.

THE ROSICRUCIAN, Nos. 4 & 5.—GEORGE KENNING.

We take these two numbers together, and beg to commend them to our readers. Their contents are very varied, and very interesting. They are well edited, and all will be glad to learn that our esteemed and able Bro. R. W. Little is in better health, and able to superintend these literary labours of his, as well as to devote his energies to that admirable institution of which he is the zealous and indefatigable Secretary. We have read both these last numbers of the *Rosicrucian* with much pleasure, and though not belonging to the High Grades ourselves, we quite concede the fact that they include a most distinguished body of men, equally distinguished by their high character and literary attainments.

## THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

We publish the following letter:—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason and the Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

M.W. Grand Sir, and Brethren,

I beg respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary, now vacant by the resignation of Bro. Laurie.

I have long been connected with the Craft, and possess a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry in all its degrees. For many years I have made its history my especial study. I have written the Histories of the Lodge Mother Kilwinning, and the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). The latter work, which embraces an account of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, has been characterised by Mr. John Hill Burton as "a valuable addition to the history of the country."

I edited the second British Edition of "The History of Freemasonry, from its Origin to the Present Day" by Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipzig—a Work recognised in all countries as a standard authority.

I have also been a contributor of articles on Freemasonry and kindred subjects to all the leading Masonic Magazines and periodicals which have existed in Britain during the last twenty years. Many of these contributions have been reproduced in the French, German, and American Masonic periodicals. A German translation on my Notes on Mother Kilwinning, by Dr. Mersdorf, a brother of distinction, has been published separately.

I have for many year been a member of Grand Lodge and am conversant with its affairs.

In requesting your vote and influence on my behalf, I

beg to assure you that, if elected to the office, nothing will be wanting on my part to discharge its duties with efficiency and zeal.

I am, Most Worshipful Grand Sir, and Brethren, yours fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON.

Ayr, February 16, 1877.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 2, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fiteroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle L. of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden T.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's R., St. James's.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F. M. H.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.

Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledor.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.



Chap. 3, St. James's, F.M.H.  
 " 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
 " 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
 Em.amp. 179, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Finbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 2.**  
 Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
 Chap. 3, Fidelity.  
 " 8, British, F.M.H.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Duric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Princes Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-ld.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1877.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**  
 Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
 " 613, Unity, Palatine B., Neville-st., Southport.  
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
 Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**  
 Lodge 897, Loyalty, Flece Inn, St. Helen's.  
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
 " 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.**  
 Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Runcorn.  
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.  
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 1.**  
 Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1475, Bootle, Assem. R., Bootle.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 2.**  
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1877.  
 All the Meetings take place at Eight o'clock.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**  
 Lodge 102, St. Mark, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 " 103, Union and Crown, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
 " 219, Star, 12, Trongate, Glasgow.  
 " 292, St. John, Bishop-st., Rothesay.  
 " 362, St. Clair, 25, Robertson-st., Glasgow.  
 " 541, Marie Stuart, M.H., Crosshill.  
 Chap. 122, Thetis, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**  
 Lodge 413, Athole, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 " 419, Neptune, 35, St. James-st., S.S., Glasgow.  
 " 426, Prince of Wales, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.  
 " 543, St. John, M.H., Dalmauir.  
 " 579, St. Bryde, M.H., Uddingston.

Chap. 67, Cathedral, 22, Struthers-st., Glasgow.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.**  
 Lodge 505, Burns St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.  
 " 510, Maryhill, M.H., Main-st., Maryhill.  
 Chap. 73, Caledonian of Unity, 213, Buchanan-st.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 1.**  
 Lodge 0, Mother Kilwinning, M.H., Kilwinning.  
 " 11, St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.  
 " 27, St. Mungo, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 " 149, St. Andrew, Masonic Arms, Irvine.  
 " 157, St. John Kilwinning, M.H., Beith.  
 " 165, Royal Arch, King's Arms, Ayr.  
 " 290, Blair, White Hart Hot., Dalry.  
 " 320, St. John, R.A., M.H., Saltcoats & Ardrossan.  
 " 370, Renfrew Kilw., 8, High-st., Paisley.  
 " 465, St. Andrew, 69, Garnagard-rd., Glasgow, 7'30.  
 " 547, Stewart, M.H., Kilsyth.  
 Chap. 114, Baron of Renfrew, M.H., High-st., Renfrew.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 2.**  
 Lodge 7, Hamilton Kilwinning, M.H., Hamilton.  
 " 116, Royal Arch, Council Hall, Rutherglen.  
 " 135, St. James, Crown Inn, Tarbolton.  
 " 175, St. John, St. John's Hall, Greenock.  
 " 217, Cumberland Kilw., Old T.H., Port Glasgow.  
 " 242, Houston St. Johnstone, Cross Keys, Johnstone.  
 " 275, Shamrock & Thistle, 22, Struthers-st., Glsqw.  
 " 335, Argyle, Drill Hall, Dunoon.  
 " 360, Commercial, 30, Hope-st., Glasgow.  
 " 408, Clyde, 213, Buchanan-st., Glasgow.  
 " 459, Kelburne, Cumbrae Hot., Millport.  
 " 512, Thorntree, School House, Thornliebank.  
 " 553, St. Vincent, 221, Dumbarton-rd.  
 Chap. 112, Paisley, St. Mirren's Hall, Paisley.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 3.**  
 Lodge 458, St. John, Wilson's Hall, Busby.  
 " 544, St. Andrew, M.H., Coatbridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EDINBURGH AND VICINITY.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1877.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**  
 Lodge 349, St. Clair, F.M.H., 98, George-st.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**  
 Lodge 151, Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall.  
 Chap. 40, Naval and Military, F.M.H., 98, George-st.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.**  
 Lodge 112, St. John, Royal Hot., Musselburgh.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 1.**  
 Lodge 97, St. James, St. James's Hall, Writers-court.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 2.**  
 Lodge 291, Celtic, Ship Hot., E. Register-st.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Bro. H. J. Tuson, W.M., presided, and raised Bros. J. Davis and G. C. Whibley to the Third Degree. Bro. F. Walters, Prov. G.J.D., Middlesex, was then requested to take the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. J. J. Parkes, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Walters complied with the request, and Bro. Parkes was duly installed, Bros. G. and W. Andrews assisting, delivering addresses, &c. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. J. Baxter Langley, P.M., S.W.; G. T. Linn, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec. (15th time); R. Harman, S.D.; J. G. Vohmann, J.D.; G. Harvey, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Organist; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Tuson, I.P.M., W.S., and J. Bayin, P.M. 147, Tyler. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bros. Walters and Andrews, after which the Audit Committee's report was read and adopted. Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well supplied by Bro. Porter. A very large number of brethren were present, and among the visitors were Bros. W. Etheridge, 329; J. J. Hutchings, J.D. 147; G. Robinson, 1257; R. White, 1107; E. Solomons, 194, New York; T. Gambrell, 1194; J. Roper, P.M. 147; G. Dawkins, 79; R. P. Hooton, P.M. 765, 1572; C. Deakin, P.M. 1178; A. Skinner, 177; G. Willcocks, 1314; W. T. Lover, W.M. 1178; D. Fuchs, 217; C. G. Rushworth, W.M. 1309; R. J. Dart, 192; T. Fisher, 192; J. Cook, 192; G. Davies, 177; J. Dixon, P.M. 73, P.M. 871; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; G. Chapman, P.M. 147; F. Thornton, 1559; and H. Massey (Freemason). The Past Masters present were Bros. J. Truelove and H. A. Collington, besides the Past Masters before enumerated. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were proposed, "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Tuson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt a pleasure in doing so, because he knew the lodge had a Master this year who would do it credit. He had worked in the different offices with him for a long time, and from the way in which he had conducted his duties there could be no doubt he was the right man in the right place. The W.M. responded, and said he was deeply indebted to his kind friend for the flattering way in which he had placed the name of the W.M. before them; but good report had been given of so many of the W.M.'s of this lodge, that it reminded him of the tale of the child who could not discover where the bad people were buried, because, according to the tombstones, they were all good people. Every Master that was installed in the Royal Oak Lodge seemed better than his predecessor, and if they went on in that way, when the youngest member of the lodge got to the chair he would be simply perfect. It was part of the ritual almost for the Master to say when he was installed that it was the proudest moment of his life. But in that lodge they perfectly understood each other, and it was not necessary for him to say so. If he was not up to what he was it was not the fault of his father, for he had endeavoured to teach him a very great deal. He had been introduced into Freemasonry by his respected father-in-law, Bro. Andrews, and of course, as the father, so the son; if the father spared the rod, or the child was not nursed properly, they must lay it to Bro. Andrews. After having gone through the usual routine of office from I.G. to S.W. he had at length arrived at the chair of the lodge. A very great deal he owed, no doubt, to the quiet order of succession; but still he knew among all the brethren present there was a very kindly feeling existing, and nothing had convulsed him more of this than the way they had overlooked all his imperfections and had taken him simply more on what he had tried to be than on what he had been. He hoped to be what the Master of a lodge should be, but he much feared they would discover many imperfections in him in the course of the year. He would do his best, however. Without the help of the brethren he could not hope to succeed, and without their help he would not attempt to succeed. He hoped to have the kindly feelings of every brother of the lodge, and he was convinced that if they would only give him their support his must be a successful year. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors." After expressing the pleasure the lodge felt at receiving visitors, he said they had that evening many

brethren of mark and distinction present, brethren whom they were proud to acknowledge as their old friends. He believed and hoped that he was not speaking out of place when he said they had one visitor who was the first Master of the Royal Oak Lodge. There were many visitors who had been there before, and there were one or two of his own personal friends. Bro. Dixon replied. If he had been only an ordinary visitor he would have gone through the ordinary form in returning thanks by saying how deeply the visitors were indebted to the Master for proposing, and to the brethren for responding, as well as how pleased the visitors were with the way in which the lodge ceremonies had been worked; but as an old P.M., and first W.M. of the lodge, he responded with more than ordinary feelings of pleasure, because it was very gratifying to see the ceremony of installation worked in a most perfect manner, for that ceremony was, perhaps, the criterion by which an old P.M. would judge of the general working of a lodge. Where they had a number of P.M.'s competent to discharge their duties in the admirable manner that they had done that evening, it was quite a sufficient guarantee that the other ceremonies were carried out properly. He had not only to thank them for their cordial reception and the treat he had experienced, but as one of the founders of the lodge, who occupied in 1861 the position the W.M. now occupied, he was delighted to come among the brethren once more, and to find that this lodge had prospered so well, that it was such a numerous and respectable lodge. No one could wish it success more than he did. He was glad to find that Masonry had prospered in that neighbourhood. At the request of their esteemed friend, Bro. Walters, he had lent them a helping hand at first, but this Royal Oak Lodge was so strong a child, it threw so well, it had such an able superintendent in the person of Bro. Collington, that it soon became quite unnecessary for him (Dr. Dixon) to come from London to give them assistance. His heart had always been with them, and he never had Bro. Walters at his house without asking him how the lodge was getting on. He had always been glad to hear the best news respecting it. Bro. Walters had over and over again invited him to visit the lodge, but circumstances had constantly prevented him, much to his regret. However, there he was that night, and he thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given him. He wished them every prosperity in the future, and from the way in which the W.M. had commenced the duties of his office he had no doubt when his year of office expired they would accord him as cordial a vote of thanks as they had given him a hearty welcome. Some of the other visitors also responded, and the W.M. then proposed "The P.M.'s." In that lodge they were peculiarly fortunate in having brethren who not only possessed the ability to help but also had that kindly feeling which at all times placed them at the disposal of every member of the lodge. After descending on the merits of Bro. Dixon and Bro. F. Walters, he referred to Bro. Collington, who, he said, had always been a friend to them, and had come to their rescue many times—was always ready to devote himself to the lodge. If there were any ceremonies wanted to be worked he had known him come at great inconvenience to himself and do them. Then there was their Treasurer, who if they wanted to overdraw let them do so to an unlimited extent. There was also Bro. Truelove, who had always been their good friend and helped them at many times. Another P.M., Bro. Andrews, was so fortunately situated that his domestic affairs would allow him to devote great attention to the lodge without any detriment to his wife or family. (Laughter.) There was likewise the I.P.M., who was fresh in all the ceremonies, and who had kindly coached him that evening. Bro. Collington acknowledged the toast. The progress that Masonry had made during the last 20 years was appreciable to him, and must be so to all Masons; and nowhere was it more clearly demonstrated than in that lodge. As one of the founders of the lodge and its second Master, after his esteemed friend, Dr. Dixon, he assured the brethren that when they met they were but ten or twelve strong; it afforded a vast contrast to the present numerous assemblage. It shewed how the lodge had prospered; and under what conditions had it prospered? By having true and good Masons as W.M.'s at the head of the lodge, and so long as they exercised their privilege as Masons, and only allowed such men to come into Masonry as were fit to become Masters of the lodge, so long must the lodge prosper. It was very pleasing to him to see such a gathering there that night, and so many P.M.'s, and it was also very gratifying to find such men in office that the assistance of the P.M.'s was not wanted to help them. Nevertheless, if ever the assistance of the P.M.'s were sought, their services would be given with the greatest pleasure. Dr. Baxter Langley, S.W., responding to the toast of "The Officers," said that his idea of the duties of an officer of a Masonic lodge was that they were not confined to the lodge. An officer had many duties to perform, and in fact, a life to lead. That life should be one which would produce a kindly sentiment and good feeling in every circle in which he moved. In that lodge he felt they had passed through a very critical period, and he owed very much personally to the kind feelings and consideration of the members of the lodge generally that he occupied the position which he had now the honour to hold, and for which he thanked them with all sincerity and good feeling. He could assure the W.M. that for his own part he should give him a loyal and earnest support as far as his abilities went; and he hoped during the Master's year of office they might all succeed in bringing the hearts of the members closer together than they were at the beginning of the year, and that they would end the year even better than they had begun it; that they might feel they had many dear friends in the lodge that they did not know at the beginning of the year. The other officers also replied and the W.M. having proposed "The Press," for which Bro. Massey responded, gave "The Charities."

In the course of his remarks he said that although the brethren did not want to placard themselves on the back as charitable, yet they wished in their own lives individually and collectively to support the charities. Charity did not always mean giving money out of their pockets. Masons knew that charity in its higher sense meant brotherly love; and if they had not the means of giving funds to their Masonic charities they so particularly delighted in, they felt that as Masons they not only loved one another, but in a greater proportion, though the outer world did not feel it directly, they did benefit the outer world. They did not boast or placard this to the public; they were content to do their duty according to their Masonic obligations, and by agreement among themselves they did it to the best of their ability. Some were blessed with this world's goods, and did good to the utmost of their power. In that lodge there were brethren who supported the Masonic institutions to their utmost. There were brethren in the lodge who had devoted their time, their substance, and their influence to the benefit of those glorious charities which they felt an honour to themselves and to the Craft, and to the country. There was one brother particularly he would mention, Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley, and there was a P.M. who was Steward last year, and who mulcted the brethren of several half-crowns for a "draw." They knew how hard he worked; in fact he was not satisfied with one "draw," but he had a second to enlarge his list. He got it, and he received a jewel which represented that he had done his work honourably and truly. This was Bro. Tuson. Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley, in reply, said that he no sooner joined Freemasonry than he found its prominent characteristic was charity. Delighted as he was with the ceremony of initiation he felt it his duty at once to become a life governor of all the Masonic charities. He had every reason to hope that he should continue in that course, and he trusted that before he had passed the chair of this lodge, if ever he should be honoured with that distinction, he should be a Vice-President of all the Masonic charities, and have represented the lodge at the festivals of each of them. Shakespeare had said that happiness was born a twin, and the heart that threw itself around the sphere in which it found itself must be of necessity a happy, happy thing. In that spirit he always thought that those who sought happiness should seek it through blessing those around them, and create a life of happiness and blessedness in them. If there was any duty prominent among Masons, it was the making others happy. There was a story very prettily told in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, in which a poor girl who had sacrificed everything thought precious to women to a very worthless person, had a sister who travelled all the way to London through difficulties, trials, temptations, starvation, and distress to seek the ear of the Queen, and to obtain pardon for her lost sister; and when she had obtained the ear of the Royal lady, she was asked how it was that she had travelled so far and suffered so much for a person so worthless as her sister; and she replied, in words that should be written in every Mason's heart at least: "Oh, my liddle, when the hour o' trouble comes, that comes to many a body, and when the hour o' death comes, that comes to high and low, it is na' what we hae done for ourselves, but what we hae done for others that we think o' most pressing." This he considered was the principle of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) The brethren shortly afterwards separated. During the evening several members of the lodge and visitors gave some excellent musical performances.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—The installation meeting of this recently founded but prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 16th ult. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. Amongst those present were Bros. Dwarber, W.M.; Wellsman, S.W., W.M. elect; Dalwood, J.W.; Praed, P.M., Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Dobson, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Woodbridge, I.G.; Williams, P.O. of Middlesex, Org.; and the following honorary members: Bros. Albert, G.P.; J. Smith, P.G.P.; and Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Auditors received and adopted, the W.M. raised Bro. Pearce, and passed Bros. R. H. Clemow, Benningfield, Bamber, and Giscard, the ceremonies being well performed. The inducting of the S.W. into the chair of K.S. then commenced. The ceremonial was entirely carried out by Bro. Dwarber, assisted by Bro. Albert J. Smith, and other Past Masters, and was very impressively performed. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Dalwood, S.W.; Dobson, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, W.S.; Praed, P.M., &c., Treas.; Tisley, Sec.; Williams, Org.; Gilbert, Tyler. The work concluded by the W.M. initiating Mr. Tilby, organist of St. Dunstan's Church, into Craft mysteries, the "work" being exceedingly well executed. The lodge being closed until the third Friday in March next, the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, which was well served in the Pillar Room. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Hogg, P.G.S.; Baxter, W.M. Grand Steward's Lodge; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex; Dosell, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; Dunn, P.M. 34; Robertson, P.M. 55; Webb, P.M. 72; Alexander, P.M. 188; Sprague, P.M. 190; Hooper, P.M. 435; W. H. Jackson, P.M. 1360; Egan, W.M. 858; Lee, W.M. 975; Livett, W.M. 1351; Bingemann, W.M. 1599; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381; and others. The Royal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the name of Bro. Albert, G.P., who briefly replied by stating that he was gratified at the manner in which his name had been connected with the toast, and also at the cordial way in which the brethren had responded to it. He was afraid, however, he should not be able to do justice to the toast. He then went on to speak of the merits of many of the officers of Grand Lodge, and concluded by congratulating the St. Dunstan's Lodge upon its progress since



its consecration. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. took occasion to mention the fact, that their newly admitted brother was the Assistant Secretary to the "Home for Little Boys," and as Freemasonry was one of the greatest charitable institutions in the world, Bro. Tibby, in consequence of his connection with a very useful charity, would be doubly welcome to the Craft. He was also organist to the parish church, and as parish men and brothers they gave him a most cordial greeting. This toast having been warmly received, the Initiate responded by stating that he had experienced great pleasure that evening by being admitted one of their distinguished body. He had always taken a great interest in reading of their great benevolent institutions, and as he was connected with one of the charities of the Metropolis, he had thought that he ought to become a member of so good a society. The I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said that No. 1589, as a representative lodge, would for years to come be governed by brothers who had held, or were holding, office in the parish, namely, churchwardens, overseers, Common Councilmen, and others. They had the vestry clerk for a Secretary, and long might he continue to hold that position. The health of the W.M. needed no recommendation from him to make it welcome amongst them. In concluding, he said that if he were to speak for an hour he could not say more than this, "that the good Masonic barque St. Dunstan was fairly launched, and with Bro. Wellman at the helm it was impossible for it to founder." The W.M., in reply, said that he was very delighted at the welcome that they had given him that evening, and if at the end of his year he should have done as well as the I.P.M. had presaged for him, he should be happy indeed. In the course of his speech he said that when he became Master of his mother lodge he thought that a very proud moment, but in being the second Master and a founder of No. 1589, which bids fair to become a most powerful lodge, he felt even greater satisfaction. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. said that Bro. Dwarber had had an anxious and onerous year of office, because he had been a "continual worker." Those that had had the pleasure of seeing the I.P.M. do the installation work in the lodge that day must have been astonished. Personally he felt under great obligations to him, and he should endeavour to emulate his example in the chair. In conclusion, he presented Bro. Dwarber with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, with a hope that he might live many years to wear it in the lodge he had ruled so well. The device in gold represents St. Dunstan in full episcopal attire, "with mitre and ring, pastoral staff, and all that sort of thing," and is suitably inscribed. The I.P.M., in the course of an excellent and feeling speech, said he did not know whether he had deserved all the kind encomiums that had been passed upon him that evening by the W.M. He had been many years connected with the parish, and he believed he had done good suit and service in it. He was proud of St. Dunstan's, because it was the first parish in the City of London, and he was of opinion that in a very short time their local lodge would be the chief representative lodge in the metropolis; and in concluding his address he said he should ever regard his Mastership of No. 1589 as one of the most agreeable episodes of his life. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. In proposing this the W.M. said it was a sign that they were going on well when they were favoured on that occasion by so many visiting brethren. It was a good old custom of the Masonic fraternity to entertain visitors, because it was pleasant for the members of the lodge to see them at their work, and afterwards to dispense its hospitality at the social board. They were favoured with the presence amongst them that evening of many brethren who had given up other Masonic engagements in order to be present, and he hoped that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In conclusion, in the name of the lodge, he gave them all a hearty welcome, and that they, the members of No. 1589, would be glad to see them again. This toast having been warmly received was acknowledged by several prominent visitors present. "The Masonic Charities" came next, and the W.M., in briefly introducing the toast, said that it was very gratifying for him as one of the Stewards to state that at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 12th ult., in round numbers, the sum of £12,800 had been collected. He coupled with the toast the names of two distinguished Secretaries of the Masonic Charities present, namely, Bros. Binckes and Terry. Bro. Binckes remarked, in speaking of the Charities generally, that to put forth rival claims for the assistance of the benevolent on behalf of any particular Charity would be simply preposterous, and also to make comparisons between them would be invidious, because they were all worthy of support. The committees of the schools, however, wanted to raise money in order to extend those excellent institutions, and thereby be enabled to give accommodation to 200 girls and 300 boys, instead of the limited number of recipients as now existed. There was an enormous increase in the Order, and consequently there would be a very great increase in the demands upon the resources of the Masonic institutions. They were all familiar with the expression "Move on," and the cry in Masonry now was, "Move on," but they must not forget that progression has its drawbacks. Bro. Terry had been heard to say that "if there had been no old men and women there would have been no boys and girls," and he (Bro. Binckes) was of opinion that "if there had been no boys and girls there would have been no old men and women." In conclusion, he made a powerful appeal upon behalf of the next festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Terry having also spoken at length upon the Charities, the W.M. proposed "The Officers," which having been duly responded to, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. During the evening instrumental and vocal harmony was furnished by Bros. T. Lawler, sen. and jun., Walls, Williams, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Friday in March.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The winter banquet of the above distinguished lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at Bro. Young's house, the King's Arms Hotel, Francis-street, upon which occasion upwards of a hundred of the members and visiting brethren assembled to do honour to the lodge, and to partake of the good things so liberally provided for them by the worthy host. There had been, however, before the dinner business commenced, some good work done in lodge, which was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Butt, at half-past four o'clock sharp, the following officers being present beside the W.M.:—Bros. T. Ward, I.P.M.; J. Rowland, P.M.; W. Graham, P.M.; G. D. Crawford, P.M.; C. Hobson, P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; Waters, S.W.; A. Woodley, J.W.; F. J. Dawson, Treas., and P.M.; J. Henderson, Sec., and P.M.; J. Warren, S.D.; J. Wilkins, J.D.; E. B. Hobson, I.G.; W. McCoy, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The visitors comprised Bros. W. Weston, W.M. 1536; J. J. Cantle, W.M. 144; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 13, and P.M. 1536; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; W. Gamble, S.W. 706; G. W. Reed, S.W. 13; H. G. Picken, J.W. 1536; T. D. Hayes, J.D. 913; A. Jessup, Treas. 913; D. Deves, S. 1536; S. Long, 913; T. Huntley, 87; W. A. Watkins, 1536; J. Donnelly, 706 and 1536; G. A. Pillin, 91; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been opened in due form, Messrs. J. T. Aldous, J. M. Larder, and another gentleman, whose name we could not gather, were, after approval, duly initiated into Masonry. Bros. Ross and Hamilton were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hill received the benefits of the Third, all three degrees being worked in such fashion as the Nelson Lodge is pre-eminent at, and most justly so. As there was nothing important before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren sped away to dinner, to which they gave their "unadulterated assurance," and upon its discussion, the W.M., in well-chosen sentences, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most loyally responded to. Bro. Ward, in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said they were all fully aware of the excellent manner in which their W.M. carried out the duties of his position, how he met their wishes, and conduced to their comforts. Every arrangement he made was especially for their gratification, subject, of course, to the interest of the lodge. He (the W.M.) had now passed the meridian of his day as head of the lodge, for when the W.M. of the lodge sat down, as head of it, at their winter banquet, he must feel that the time has arrived for him to think of his successor. But of one thing Bro. Butt might be assured, and that was, that when he left that chair he would leave it with the good wishes of every member of the Nelson Lodge. Bro. Butt, in reply, thanked them for their cordial reception of his name. He knew that he had passed the meridian, but he trusted that under his guidance the good ship Nelson had passed all the shoals and quicksands in her way, and got safely into haven. He trusted for the remainder of his time to still have their confidence and support, and they in return might depend upon his continued efforts for the success and prosperity of the lodge. "The Initiates" were then toasted, and returned thanks. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Cantle, Weston, Hayes, and Reed replied, the first advocating the principle of visiting lodges, as conducive to a better and uniform system of working, as well as gaining a knowledge of one another, which would be an impossibility without such a system. Bro. Weston said that seven years ago he received two degrees in the Nelson Lodge, and since that time he had always received the greatest courtesy and kindness, from the W.M. downwards, from all; the tie of Masonry had made them friends, and he trusted that friendship would long continue. Bro. Hayes made a few happy remarks, which were supplemented by Bro. Reed, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and after passing many compliments on the senior P.M., Bro. J. Rowland, presented him, in the name of the lodge, with his portrait, splendidly framed and mounted. The portrait is an enlarged photograph, beautifully coloured, showing our esteemed brother in full Masonic clothing, with a Past Master's and R.A. jewel on his breast. Bro. Rowland, in reply, first thanked the W.M. and brethren for their honoured reception of the toast, and then proceeded to thank them individually for their magnificent testimonial, saying that such an one was usually only given to those who had served their country on the field or in the senate, or to those illustrious in art or literature, but what had he done that he should be so honoured?—merely his duty; but he felt proud of it, not because of its mere value, but because he felt that it came to him with the good wishes of every one in the lodge. He regretted that he had neither parent, wife, nor child to share with him the pleasure and the honour of such a moment, but to the longest hour of his life he should feel it; it would be treasured in his heart as a miser treasures his gold, the memory of that night would never pass away. He gave them his assurance of unflinching fidelity, and in conclusion said—I trust that the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. will descend upon you all. From me, worshipful sir, and brethren, receive a deep and lasting debt of gratitude and love. Several other toasts followed, Bro. Young being especially complimented for his splendid menu, and so the evening closed in harmony and good fellowship.

**LLANGFNI.**—Anglesey Lodge (No. 1113).—A special meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th ult., at the Bull Hotel, Llangfni, Anglesey. It was expected that Sir Richard-Bulkeley Williams, Bart., the high sheriff of Anglesey, would be initiated, and a large number of brethren from neighbouring lodges attended in honour of the occasion. Much to their regret the worthy baronet was unable to attend. After the formal business, the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet provided by Bro. Crewdson. Bro. Evan Williams, W.M., presided, and the attendance included Bros. Bulkeley

Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Capt. C. Hunter, D.G.M. of Aberdeenshire, P.S.G.W. of Greece; W. L. Banks, P.M., P.G.S.B.; P. C. Roden, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606 (Carnarvon); J. Jones, S.W. 1488; T. H. Warrington, S.W. 1113; J. Pritchard, J.W.; Tegerin Hughes, S.D.; G. Hughes, Sec.; T. L. Kyffin, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; F. Jones (Bangor), J. Crewdson, J. Treweek, R. Rowlands, Robert Owen, R. F. Halahan, 606, and others.

**DOVER.**—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—The installation of Bro. Henry M. Baker as W.M. for the ensuing year came off on Monday last at the Royal Hotel, Dover, and was altogether a great success, between 70 and 80 being present. Amongst those present were Bros. G. Adamson, Sen., P.M. 1208, P.P.G.A.D.; Pophiss, P.M. 1208, P.G.A.D.; Fuhr, P.M. 1208, P.P.G.A.D.; Smeeth, P.M. 1208, Sec.; Holmes, S.W. 1208; G. Adamson, jun., J.W. 1208; Fenn, S.D. 1208; Jacques, J.D. 1208; R. W. Philpott, I.G. 1208; Cullen, Tyler 1208; Bloomfield, Bray, Wright, Newing, Lester, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. B. W. Briggs, 558; Emerson, P.M. 1206, P.P.G.J.W.; Bird, P.M. 784, P.G.S.W.; Coram, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P.; Marshall, P.M. 199, P.P.G.S.W.; Wilson, P.M. 199, P.P.G.S.B.; Cessford, P.M. 199, P.P.G.P.; Page, W.M. 1209, P.G.O.; Sheppard, 1043 and 434, P.D.G.S.D. Madras; Denne, P.M. 2091 Talyor, W.M. 1273; Hall, P.M. 31; Hayman, W.M. 784; Crawford, W.M. 127; Turner, W.M. 1449; Hills P.M. 1206; Woodruff, P.M. 1206; Baker, W.M. 1206; Ayling, W.M. 1096; Giles, W.M. 424; Field, S.W. 1436; Baker, S. 1206; Miskin, 972; Moulding, 942; Plant, S.W. 31; Torkington, 1261; Watts, S.W. 1206; Langley, P.S.W. 784; Hathaway, J.D. 1206; Smith, J.D. 1096; Horne, 1096; Duncan, 907; Jones, 588; Purcell, 434; Beecham, S.W. 723; Lukey, 199, I.G.; Gorton, 199; Igglesden, 1208; G. Smith, 199; Smith, 199; Oldfield, 1208; Birch, 199; Elms, 199; Hurst, 35; Crossier, 1208; Walter, 1208; Welch, 1208; Long, 1208; Twiggs, 1028; Watt, 1208; Hearn, 199; Humphrey, 199; Benham, Biggs, and numerous brethren from other lodges. A sumptuous dinner was placed on the table by Bro. Oldfield. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Plant, assisted by Bro. Moulding and Mr. Rhodes. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.;" "The V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes; and the Past and Present Provincial Officers." Bro. Bird, in responding, regretted the absence of Bro. Eastes, which was owing to a somewhat severe indisposition. He ever displayed a readiness to meet the brethren in every part of the Province, and by the judicious care he displayed in distributing the honours among the brethren, had won universally their confidence and respect. Bro. Smeeth in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke of his great popularity among the brethren; his extraordinary perseverance and generosity, having, as Steward, on two occasions, to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, carried up nearly £500, through which he had been awarded the rare gift of a charity jewel, containing three bars. He sincerely hoped he might have a successful year of office. The toast was received with great applause, accompanied with musical honours. The Worshipful Master in responding said he was extremely thankful for the hearty reception given to him by the brethren, and they might depend that he would do all he could during his year of office to forward the welfare of the Corinthian Lodge. Bro. P.M. Adamson then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," who had performed the onerous duties falling upon him in a most masterly manner. Bro. Emmerson was well known in the whole Province of Kent, and so highly regarded, that it was with extreme satisfaction they had met him on this and other occasions. The toast was very heartily received, and Bro. Emmerson, in returning thanks, said that he had hoped to have the pleasure of installing his friend Bro. Baker in the chair, and he was sure that the great Masonic virtue of charity would find in the new W.M. a warm and earnest advocate. He trusted that his year of office would tend to promote harmony, and that he would cement the respect and affection of every brother of the lodge. The W.M. submitted "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Bro. Briggs responded. The other toasts were "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Masonic Charities," to which Bros. Smeeth, Holmes, and Anderson responded. This concluded one of the most successful Masonic banquets held in the province for some time past.

**BUXTON.**—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., and was opened in due form. There were present: Bros. E. C. Milligan, W.M.; E. J. Sykes, S.W.; J. H. Lawson, J.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Chaplain; Chas. Adams, Sec.; Philip Le Gros, S.D.; W. Boughen, J.D.; Geo. Marsden, P.P.G.O., Org.; Chas. Wilkinson, I.G.; George Goodwin and Charles Gwinnell, Stewards. Also Bros. Joseph Whalley, J. C. Hyde, W. C. Moore, Henry Wint, Joseph Morton, Thos. Bragg, P.M., &c., John Oram, William Lees, William Goodwin, and others. Among the visitors were: Bros. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire; H. Turner, P.G.S.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317; W. Milligan, P.M. 887; J. S. Wright, P.M. 654; J. Holnett, P.M. 850; M. L. Simpson, P.M. 200; J. Hall, P.M. 210; P. Bramwell, W.M. 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; G. Smedley, jun., 424; G. Huggetts, W.M. 850; W. Wynne-Jendwine, W.M. 681; L. F. Parkinson, 44; C. E. W. Ferguson, S.W. 654; Alfred H. Young, S.O. 148; W. N. Ivatts, S.W. 884; Ricardo Waltham, 853; J. Neale, 1551; and others. Bro. E. J. Sykes, the W.M. elect, was



Introduced by Bros. Sillitoe and Rev. A. A. Bagshawe to the installing Master, Bro. W. Milligan, and the whole of this important ceremony was done to the entire satisfaction of all present. Afterwards, at the request of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Sillitoe duly invested the following officers for the year:—Bros. J. H. Lawson, S.W.; Philip Le Gros, J.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; Taylor, Treas.; W. Goodwin, Sec.; W. Boughen, S.D.; W. D. Sutton, J.D.; C. Adams, D. of C.; G. Goodwin and C. Gwinnell, Stewards; Joseph Martin, Standard Bearer; A. Pyle, Tyler. After the business of the lodge was concluded, it was formally closed with the usual ceremonies, and the brethren of the Phoenix Lodge, with the numerous visitors who had honoured them with their presence, adjourned to the Palace Hotel, where dinner had been provided in the dining-room. After dinner there were the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family," were proposed by the newly-elected W.M. These were followed by "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master; The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge of England," proposed by Bro. A. A. Bagshawe; and "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, The Marquis of Hartington, M.P.; the Right Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, H. C. Okover, Esq., and the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present," proposed by Bro. W. Milligan. Bro. Thomas Bragg then proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire," coupling with it the name of their distinguished brother, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., the G. Master of that province, who replied in a truly Masonic spirit, and charmed all the brethren by the cordial good feeling he threw into all the proceedings. The following toasts were proposed:—"The Principals of the Chapter, Past and Present," "The Worshipful Master," "The Worshipful Board of Installing Principals and Masters," "The Immediate Past Master of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, 1225," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters and Past Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast. In the course of the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. E. C. Milligan, P.M., suitably inscribed, by the members of his lodge, materially assisted by Bro. F. Bragg. The whole proceedings were of a most satisfactory character, showing that the greatest good feeling existed among all the brethren present.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge held its last meeting on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Lion Hotel, when there were present Bros. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, S.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; Fox, S.D.; Jesset, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; Gutheridge, W.S.; Kent, A.W.S. In the absence of Bro. Hill, J.W., Bro. Kraentler, 1303, officiated in that position. The other visitors were Bros. Martin, 201; White, 552 (India); Bowra, 889. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. raised Bros. W. A. Messenger and J. Schmitz to the Third Degree, and having vacated the chair, the W.M. then initiated Mr. Caleb Hole into Craft mysteries. Upon the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to head the list of Bro. Ockenden, as Steward to the Girls' Festival in May next. Bro. Hopwood, I.P.M., was recommended to the Provincial Grand Lodge for preferment. A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to Bro. Hammond for his kindness in presenting the lodge with a very handsome Bible, as a souvenir of his Mastership, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served collation. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in which he expressed the pleasure it afforded him in doing so, because Bro. Hurst had well discharged the duties of the chair in lodge and at the banquet table. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. briefly replied, by stating that he was particularly obliged to the I.P.M. that evening for having kindly undertaken to carry out the ceremonial of raising. If the brethren of the lodge were satisfied with him, he was proud of the position he occupied, but at the same time he felt that he ought to discharge the responsibilities of the chair better than he did. In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. said that the prosperity of the lodge could not continue without the occasional advent of candidates for initiation. The members of the "Hemming" now numbered 38, the majority of whom were initiates. In conclusion, he said that the lodge would always be proud of their initiates while they continued to act according to the principles of Freemasonry. The Initiate having briefly acknowledged the toast, the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of the Visitors." In the course of his remarks he said that they (the members of No. 1512) were always charmed to receive visitors. The lodge was generally favoured with the company of some distinguished visiting brother, but on that occasion although they were not so honoured, yet they were pleased to welcome four worthy Master Masons, and he hoped that the visit of these brethren had in every way been agreeable to them. Bros. Kraentler, Martin, Bowra, and White, the visitors thus honoured, severally responded. The first-named brother, at the conclusion of his reply, stated that he had been so well received during his visits to the lodge that he wished to present them with a set of "firing" glasses, as a very slight mark of his appreciation of their kindness. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. said that as the lodge only had two occupying that distinguished grade, and inasmuch as those worthy brethren respectively held the positions of Treasurer and Secretary also, he desired that the toast should be received with double warmth. They all knew that

without the assistance and attention of the Treasurer and Secretary no lodge could hope to succeed. He believed that the Hemming Lodge owed much to the exertions of Bros. Hopwood and Hammond, who held those positions, and discharged them well. This toast having been duly honoured, the Treasurer and Secretary replied. The toast of "The Officers" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. said that he was sorry that Bro. J. Hammond, S.W., had been obliged to leave early in the evening in consequence of indisposition, and that their worthy J.W. had not been able to attend. The members of the lodge, however, knew their merits well, and he believed, as a whole, that no lodge was better officered. The acting S.W. stated, in reply, that although Bro. John Hammond was "absent in the flesh, he was present in spirit." Personally he felt gratified at being the medium of returning thanks upon behalf of so worthy a Mason, and whose praises had been so well and deservedly sung by the W.M. In conclusion, he remarked that he was sure that no brother had the interests of the lodge more at heart than the S.W. had. Bros. Jesset, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; and Kent, A.W.S., also replied. "The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Ockenden, who will represent the lodge at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The W.M. paid a high compliment to their Steward, who he said was worthy of all the support that could be given to him, because he had on a former occasion proved himself to be thoroughly indefatigable and zealous in the cause of the Masonic necessities. This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Ockenden gave some interesting statistics of the Masonic institutions, and concluded his reply by making a stirring appeal upon behalf of the particular charity he had undertaken to represent at its forthcoming festival. During the evening Bros. Hurst, Jesset, Walls, Martin, and Schmitz entertained the brethren.

## INSTRUCTION.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).**—There has not been such a large attendance at Bro. Block's, The Crown, Blackfriars-road, as that of Thursday last, since the consecration ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Terry, eight months ago. As a rule the Fifteen Sections have not attracted the attention and attendance they deserve when worked in our lodges of late. In numerous instances the complaint has been heard, "We had a very poor muster;" "Why didn't you come?" The present case is an agreeable exception, and from the array of names before us it is not difficult to perceive that to Bros. Pulsford, Macdonald, Kent, and Beavis, the general advertising which conduced to the good attendance was mainly due. We would here add our word of appreciation in the matter of the "programme" system which is adopted in connection with the lodges wherein Bro. Beavis takes a prominent part. It is a desirable thing that the names of the brethren assisting in the working should be known to those who are not partakers in the work, and their display on the back of the announcement card saves a deal of whispering "Who is that brother?" &c. With but three exceptions, the brethren on the card showed up for their respective sections, so that proof is furnished of the possibility of a hard working Secretary "getting his men together"—and men, too, upon whom he can rely—some time before the appointed day. The officiating officer upon this occasion was the popular Preceptor and Secretary of the mother lodge, Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, one of the quickest (but by no means hasty) workers we have met. Bro. Pulsford came into lodge at a few minutes to seven, at which hour it was opened, the officers standing as follows:—Bros. C. Wise, P.M. 1158, as I.P.M.; Kent, P.M. 874, S.W.; Beavis, 1158, J.W.; Wray, S.D. 1604, S.D.; Ernest E. Smith, 1559, J.D.; Block, 1158, I.G.; Stead, Tyler. There were present likewise Bros. J. Wright, P.M. 1158; A. Wright, P.M. and Treas. 1158; Stewart, I.G. 1158; Lugg, 879; Harrington, 879; Farwig, S.D. 180; Taylor, J.D. 753; J. Parker, I.G. 753; Freeland, 879; Brady, Melloy, Leaper, Holland, Holloway, R. W. Simmons, Field, Colegrave, Arnold, Snook, Devereux, J. Sims, Hart, Jeffery, Emery, Coe, Hough, Dowdell, Wells, and one or two more. The lodge having been duly opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed to the First, the business of the evening proceeded thus:—

## FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section by.....	Bro. Block, 1158.
2nd " .....	" Leaper, 1275.
3rd " .....	" Ernest E. Smith, 1559.
4th " .....	" Lugg, 879.
5th " .....	" Beavis, 1158.
6th " .....	" Kent, P.M. 879.
7th " .....	" Farwig, S.D. 180.

## SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section by.....	Bro. Wray, J.D. 1604.
2nd " .....	" Parker, I.G. 755.
3rd " .....	" Beavis, 1158.
4th " .....	" Stewart, I.G. 1158.
5th " .....	" Taylor, J.D. 753.

## THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section by.....	Bro. Wise, P.M. 1158.
2nd " .....	" Leaper, 1275.
3rd " .....	" Wray, J.D. 1604.

It is needless to say that under the direction of such an expert as Bro. Pulsford, the evening slipped pleasantly away, and the efficiency of the brethren engaged in the work is testified by the fact that three hours thirty-two minutes covered the time occupied in getting through the three lectures. Bros. Snook, 604; Devereux, J.W. 1423; Sims, 849; Jeffery, J.W. 452; Hart, 1348; Farwig, J.W. 180; Wray, S.D. 1604; Weeks, 749; Dowdell, 1158; Emery, Coe, Hough, and Harrington, all 879, were elected members of this lodge of instruction. The usual vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Pulsford, was coupled with an unanimous vote that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

## Royal Arch.

**CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).**—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, 20th February. The chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann, M.E.Z.; J. B. Sorrell, H.; Dr. W. S. Wyman, P.Z., as J.; F. Walters, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S. Middx., Treas. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Rudolph, Liebman, 1423, Era Lodge, being in attendance was duly exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The whole working was well given. The M.E.Z., Comp. G. K. Lemann, P.Z., particularly distinguished himself by doing his portion of the ceremony in an impressive, correct, and solemn manner, which caused the Treasurer, Comp. F. Walters, to remark that after his experience of nearly twenty-one years as a Royal Arch Mason, he had never seen any other M.E.Z. ever do it any better than what it had been done by their M.E.Z., and felt it reminded him of the late Comp. Dr. Ladd, P.Z., so justly celebrated in his day as one of the best workers among Royal Arch Masons who ever did the ceremony of exaltation. The P.S., Comp. R. P. Tebb, who did his work for the first time, and whose duties as such add so much to the efficiency of the ceremony, also showed how proficient he had made himself the short time he had been in office. Comp. J. B. Sorrell, as H., did his work very well, maintaining the good reputation of his working both in this chapter and in his mother lodge, the Caveac, where so very many brilliant workers in the Craft have come from, to be a P.M. of the Caveac lodge being of itself a passport that any brother bearing that rank must have done good suit and service before he could have earned it. The other offices were well filled by Comps. R. P. Hooten, P.M. of two distinguished Craft lodge, S. Pounceby, S.N., an officer of the old Constitutional Lodge, 55, where, holding high office, is an aspirant to the chair. In consequence of the meetings of the Sphinx Chapter, and Caveac Chapter clashing, where so many of the companions belong to both, and on this occasion caused the absence of the J., Comps. W.M. Goss (whose neat and admirable working was sorely missed, it being a treat always to witness the correct rendering of any ceremony he undertakes), and P. A. Nairne, P.Z., a notice of motion was given by the Treasurer in his name, as also Comps. P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; and W. M. Goss, J., "that the meeting in October be abolished, or altered to September." It was stated the "Sphinx" had arranged all its other meetings which met on the same day as this chapter, and it was found that they were unable to alter their October meeting, consequently the members named thought to meet that difficulty by proposing that one meeting might be changed, or abolished in this chapter. Great regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Comps. A. Williams, C.E., 1st A.S., and Dr. C. Brown, 2nd A.S., whose professional duties prevented their attendance. It was unanimously resolved that Comp. R. Loiebmann be the Steward to represent this chapter at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May, who, at the earnest solicitation of the Treasurer, Comp. F. Walters, had agreed to accept the Stewardship, and to become a life governor of that Institution, no doubt its being a compliment paid to Comp. R. W. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School (an old honorary member of the chapter) on his being appointed to the high rank of D.P.G.M., Middx., that promotion being as popular as any ever made in the Province of Middlesex. It was understood that some one or two brethren would be introduced at the next meeting, who were ready and anxious to be exalted in this chapter. The business of the meeting being ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, May 24th, to meet at 5 p.m. Besides those named, Comp. J. Jackson was present. An unusual occurrence, no visitors were present. There not being any banquet or refreshment, the companions separated at the termination of the business.

**OLDHAM.**—Tudor Chapter (No. 277).—This chapter held its regular meeting on the 19th February, at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street. The minutes of the preceding convocation had been read and confirmed. The installation of the Principals for the ensuing year was proceeded with. This beautiful and impressive ceremony was most ably performed by that most distinguished companion, James Hall, P.Z. of the Athol Chapter, assisted by Comps. W. F. Towle, Prov. G.P.S. of East Lancashire; Joseph Braddock, as M.E.Z. (for the second time); J. J. Midgeley, as H.; and Henry Thomas, as J. The sum of £20 has been voted by this chapter as a donation to the East Lancashire Systematic and Benevolent Institution. At the banquet which followed the toast of "The Visitors" was duly given, and occasion taken to thank Comps. Hall and Towle in the most cordial manner for the great treat afforded to the companions by the careful and very effective way in which they had performed the solemn ceremony of installation of the Principals.

**SOUTHEND.**—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The regular convocation of this chapter took place at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. Amongst those present were Comps. E. E. Phillips, M.E.Z.; A. Lucking, H.; J. A. Wardell, J.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, First Grand Assist. Soj., I.P.Z.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20, I.C., Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; S. Weston, Treas.; J. Willing, jun., P. Soj.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Second Assist. Soj.; F. Calrow, J. R. Hemmann, F. V. Jillings, E. Judd, F. Wood, and H. Childs. Visitor: Comp. Coyte, 8. After the confirmation of the minutes, the V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Bros. G. F. Jones, 1000; and G. F. R. Bernard, M.B., 1373, were duly exalted by the Rev. S. R. Wigram, acting as Z., assisted by the other Principals and officers. The Principals and other officers for the



ensuing year were then elected, viz., Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; J. A. Wardell, H.; Jas. Willing, jun., J.; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; S. Weston, Treas.; W. Pisse, P. Soj.; and Mountain, Janitor. The Auditors elected were Comps. F. Wood and J. R. Hemmann. A P.Z.'s jewel having been voted to Comp. Phillips, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and well received, and the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**BUXTON.**—Phoenix Chapter of St. Ann (No. 1235).—The installation of Principals of this chapter took place at the Court House on Thursday last, Feb. 22nd, the ceremony being very ably performed by Comps. James Hall, P.Z. of the Duke of Athol Lodge, 210, and P.P.G.P.S. East Lancashire, and J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. of Affability Lodge, P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire, assisted by the M.E.Z. of the chapter. The Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Rural Dean of Buxton, acted as Chaplain. Comps. Josiah Taylor, William Smith, and E. C. Milligan were duly installed as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Principals. Comp. R. R. Duke, P.Z., who had been re-elected Treasurer, was absent through family bereavement. Comps. E. J. Sykes was invested as Scribe E.; Le Gros as P.S.; W. Boughen as 1st Asst. S. The chapter was honoured by the attendance, as a visitor, of the M. Ex. Comp. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., of Pye Nest, Halifax, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. As visiting companions there were also present Ex. Comp. M. L. Simpson, Old Globe Lodge, 200, P.M., P.Z., and P.P.G. S.B.; Comps. W. Milligan, N. Justice Lodge, 253; W. F. Parkinson, Caledonian Lodge, 204; I. T. Wright, P. Bramwell, and C. W. Ferguson, Hope Lodge, 322. The ordinary business of the chapter having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Palace Hotel for luncheon.

### Mark Masonry.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (Time Immemorial).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 22nd ult. The chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. Past G.J.W., P.M. 26 and 74, at the request of the W.M., who, being unavoidably detained in London, telegraphed to that effect. He was supported by Bros. Jas. Dutton, I.P.M.; Cater, S.W.; John Dutton, J.W. and Treas.; Rubie, Sec.; C. Wilkinson, M.O.; Braham, S.O.; Major Preston, acting as J.O.; Murlis, S.D.; Radway, J.D.; Falkner, Reg., acting as I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; and many members. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Of four candidates three were present, and the other sent a note of apology for unavoidable absence. Bros. Hayward, Mercer, and Davis were regularly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. A ballot was taken for the appointment of W.M. for the next year, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Cater, S.W., who very neatly and cordially returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, expressing his determination to promote the prosperity of the lodge to the utmost of his power. Bro. John Dutton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bigwood, Tyler. Bros. Falkner, C. Wilkinson, and Braham were appointed, with the three senior officers and Secretary, as an Audit Committee. The lodge having since the last meeting suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. Geo. Mann, an old and experienced member of all the degrees of Freemasonry, on the proposition of the acting W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Secretary was directed to forward a letter of sincere condolence to the members of his family. The proceedings, which were of an unusually satisfactory nature, terminated, and the lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

**YORK.**—York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—A meeting of this lodge was held on February 13th, 1877, all the officers being present. Bro. J. Morgan, of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, as a candidate for advancement, and Bro. T. B. Prissick, of the Staducona Mark Lodge, Canada, as a joining member, were balloted for and duly elected. Bros. C. G. Padel (previously elected) and J. Morgan were then admitted and duly advanced to this honourable degree. Grand Mark Lodge certificates were presented to a number of brethren. A communication from the Secretary of the Britannia Mark Lodge, 53, Sheffield, was then read as follows:

(Copy).—"Britannia Lodge of M.M.M.'s, 53, Bro. J. B. Wostinholm, W.M., Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, 12th February, 1877. To George Balmford, Esq., W.M. York Mark Lodge, T.I., York, Worshipful Sir and Bro., Annexed I have the pleasure of handing to you a copy of a resolution unanimously carried at our last regular meeting, held on the 4th ult. By Command of the W.M., (Signed) John Unwin, jun., Secretary and Registrar of Marks."

Extract from the minute book of the Britannia Lodge of M.M.M.'s, No. 53, at a regular meeting held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on January 4th 1877:—"Resolved, on the proposition of Bro. S. B. Ellis, M.O., seconded by W. Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.M., Treasurer, that this lodge tenders to the W.M., P.M.'s, Officers and Brethren of the York Mark Lodge, of Time Immemorial Constitution, its warmest congratulations on the York Mark Lodge having recently given in its allegiance to, and acknowledged the supremacy of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, under whose standard the Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, offers you a hearty welcome, and these expressions of unfeigned pride and pleasure on seeing the York Mark Lodge take its proper position amongst the "Time Immemorial" lodges on the Roll of the said Grand Mark Lodge. The above is a true copy. (Signed) J. B. Wostinholm, W.M.; (Signed) John Unwin, jun., Secretary and Registrar of Marks." It was resolved that the foregoing communication be entered on the minutes, and that the Secretary write offering the best thanks of the York Mark Lodge, T.I., to the

Britannia Mark Lodge, No. 53, for their very fraternal and cordial greeting. Several candidates were then proposed and seconded, when the lodge was duly closed. Subsequently about twenty of the brethren partook of supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**JERSEY.**—Caesarean Lodge (No. 74).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Temple. Amongst the officers present were Bros. P. W. Benham, W.M.; A. Schmitt, acting I.P.M.; John Oatley, S.W.; E. Martel, J.W.; W. H. Long, M.O.; P. Blampied, S.O.; R. Barrow, J.O.; Thos. Leat, S.D.; W. Z. Pugsley, J.D.; Dr. Thos. J. Aubin, I.G.; J. O. Le Sueur, Reg.; and a goodly attendance of members. Visitor: Bros. Ph. G. Le Quesne. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting, held in November, were read and confirmed. The following brethren were severally balloted for, unanimously admitted, and advanced: E. Z. Carter, John Gray, Capt. Thos. Le Scelleur, L. Blanchard, and W. H. Campbell. A remark worthy to be noticed, that since the revival of the lodge in September last, no less than nineteen good working Masons were admitted to the privileges of the Order. Several matters of local importance being settled, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including those of the hon. members, Bros. Wm. James Hughan (Truro), and Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath).

### Scotland.

**GLASGOW.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 571).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Friday, the 23rd of February, at St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Present: Bros. H. W. Jackman, W.M.; Wm. Sivewright, S.W.; Wm. Barbour, J.W.; Geo. R. Weir, Sec.; L. R. Mitchell, Treas.; James Houston, S.D.; W. Turner, B.B., acting J.D.; W. Buchanan, Stwd.; J. B. Hardie, Tyler; Wm. J. E. Dobson, I.P.M.; Wm. Phillips, I.P.M. of 556. Visitors: Bro. Jamieson, and others. The business included an application from an approved candidate, Mr. Kingston, who received his first degree at the hands of the W.M. Bro. Kingston having to leave the country, it was considered advisable to give him the Second Degree, which was received by him at the hands of the I.P.M., William J. E. Dobson, in an able and impressive manner. Time getting late, it was proposed that he should get the Third at St. Mark's, 102, on Monday evening. Thereafter the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A special meeting of the House Committee of this school was held on Saturday last in the Library, Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Henry Browne, Raynham W. Stewart, J. G. Chancellor, S. Rosenthal, Capt. J. Wordsworth, W. Roebuck, Henry W. Hunt, W. Hyde Pullen, J. Bagot Scriven, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes (Secretary). The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the best method of increasing the accommodation at the school-house, so as to admit of the number of pupils being extended to three hundred. Several plans for carrying out this object were submitted to the Committee, who considered them; but as the meeting was only preliminary, no decision was come to on the subject, and no recommendation made; and another special meeting for this afternoon at three o'clock was appointed. Some other matters were reported to the Committee before they adjourned.

### TESTIMONIAL TO THE R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR MIDDLESEX.

A meeting of the members of the above province, which was numerously attended, was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, to consider the best mode of commemorating the period of seven years which Bro. Col. Francis Burdett has served as Provincial (Grand Master. Bro. R. W. Little, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was appointed Chairman, Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss, P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Treasurer, and Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A., P. Prov. G.D. Wilts, Secretary, with a numerous committee.

### ROYAL ORIENTAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND THE SAT B'HAI.

An Ashayana of this Order was held at Kensington on the 20th ult., under the presidency of one of the Censors. The Order Roll of the Arch Secretary was presented for inspection, and the signs duly verified. A report of the Mahanathas, and of the Indian Council, or Mahanatha-i-Hind, was received and approved. A draft of the Anglo-Aryan Constitutions was submitted and referred to the Sponsors. The Ritual Committee made a report, which was approved. A report was also received from the Regalia Committee, and a general report was made as to the progress of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland for the year 1876. The keys for the current cycle were then passed, and after some other business the Ashayana dispersed.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—For bad legs, bad breasts, scorbatic and scrofulous sores, this is a genuine specific. The grateful and earnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced its unrivalled power over these complaints, and who have been raised from prostrate helplessness and a condition loathsome to themselves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon its extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed with lukewarm water, and when the pores are thereby opened the Ointment should be well rubbed in, at least twice a day. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as this much assists the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matter engendered by these diseases.—ADVT.

### Obituary.

#### THE LATE BRO. JOHN REDFERN.

From the *Bury Times*.

A substantial proof of the respect and esteem in which our late townsman, Bro. John Redfern, was held by the Freemasons of Bury has just been afforded in the erection by them of a memorial monument in the burial ground at All Saints' Church, Eltop. The monument, which is remarkably well proportioned, was designed by Mr. E. Simkin of this town, and consists of a square obelisk and base of dark grey Aberdeen granite, standing upon a pedestal of polished ashlar, its total height being about sixteen feet. On the east side of the base is the following inscription:

In Remembrance of  
JOHN SMITH REDFERN,  
Of Bury.

Born October 6th, 1807.

Died May 26th, 1875.

Bowed to his maternal dust,  
Heaven's Grand Master claims his trust;  
May the truth his praise declare,  
Tried by compass, rule and square.

On the west side are inscribed in Latin the words—

HOC MONUMENTUM  
SOCIJ EJUS EX ORDINE  
LATOMORUM POTUERUNT.

This monument was erected by his brother Freemasons. The shaft of the obelisk bears on its east front five, and on its west front four Masonic symbols or emblems, some of which are of a highly recondite character, inseparable from the mysteries in which the late brother had been initiated, and significant only to those deeply versed in ancient Masonic lore. The inscription and execution of the work are alike honourable to the promoters, and must be peculiarly gratifying to the surviving members of the deceased's family. Mr. Rawson, monumental mason, Knowlesley-street, has executed and erected the monument.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London has intimated his willingness to assist in raising a fund for the widows and orphans of the crews of the fishing smacks which were lost in the gale of the 6th ult. There are 18 smacks missing from Yarmouth and seven from Lowestoft.

**THE ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM.**—The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers have given a donation of £10 10s. 0d. in aid of the funds of this institution, of which Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.M., &c., is the indefatigable Secretary.

Bro. Edwin Moss, of the Masonic quartette, has been appointed tenor to the Foundling Chapel.

**ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.**—On Tuesday evening the circumstances were, on the whole, as favourable as could have been expected for observing the lunar eclipse. At the earliest phase of the phenomena, at half-past five, while the earth's shadow was gradually advancing over the surface of her satellite, the moon was too near the horizon, and there was—in London, at least—too much smoke in the atmosphere for satisfactory observation. The image produced on the moon's disc appeared from these causes imperfectly defined, and was scarcely distinguishable for the obscuration of cloud and fog. Towards seven o'clock, as the immersion became more and more complete, the air was clearer and the definition much more perfect, and from this time to the final disappearance of the shadow the eclipse was seen to perfection.

The brethren of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, met on Wednesday night at the Regent Masonic Hall. Mr. Victor M. Myers, Worshipful Master, presided, and after the performance of the ceremonies of passing and raising, the brethren proceeded to discuss the subject of the exclusion by the three Grand Lodges of Berlin of all men in Prussia who do not profess Christianity. After some deliberation, resolutions were come to on the motion of Mr. S. V. Abrahams, seconded by Mr. Pollitzer, to memorialise Grand Lodge of England to take such steps in the matter as in their judgment they may think advisable to obtain a repeal of what appeared to be a most obnoxious law. A committee was formed for carrying out the resolution, and £5 was devoted from the lodge funds towards defraying the preliminary expenses.—*Daily News*.

**THE CAXTON CELEBRATION.**—The Lord Mayor, at the request of the General Committee for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the introduction of printing into England by William Caxton, has called a public meeting in furtherance of the scheme, to be held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Monday, the 20th inst., at half-past two o'clock.

The consecration of the Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1568), will take place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 4 o'clock precisely. V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony, and instal Bro. Samuel James Harvey, W.M. designate.

The members of the Past Masters' Club (attached to the Royal Athelstan Lodge No. 19) held their annual meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, on Tuesday, 27th ult., in celebration of the anniversary of the centenary of the lodge, which was founded in 1769. Bro. Charles Tyler, P.M. 19, 66, presided. Bro. Edward B. Grabham, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, having completed his year of office as Master of the lodge, was formally admitted a member of the club, and invited by the President to partake with the brethren of a loving cup, presented that evening by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, to whom was accorded a sincere vote of thanks for his very handsome and acceptable gift. Some customary toasts followed, after which Bro. D. Nicholson, P.M., was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.



(Communiqué.)

## SPECULUM SAPIENTIÆ — THE MYSTERIOUS MIRROR—SPECULUM OF WISDOM.

As this plate has appeared in the *Voice of Masonry*, and a kind brother has sent us another photographic copy from Leeds, for the purpose of publication in the *Masonic Magazine*, we think it right to point out why we do not publish it. In the first place it is, as given in the *Voice of Masonry*, an adaptation after 1813, of a print which appeared in 1789, engraved by a certain Lambert or Poubert. We have a copy of it of that date, the half, however, only of a plate, and on the corresponding side appears to have been French translations, as on the original we see the words, "Chapitre et Grande Loge d'Angleterre, &c." It had not originally the Pelican, &c., and the dedication to the Union of 1813 is not found. If any brother has the correct plate in the whole, and will kindly forward it to us, we will consider the propriety of publishing it in the *Masonic Magazine*, though we do not attach any value to it, and for this reason. We have a collection of four plates, apparently published together, of which the half of the original plate, as now engraved in the *Voice of Masonry*, is the fourth, and the first of them is designed by Bro. Wm. Finch (the English Masonic charlatan), 5, Charlotte-place, New Cut, Lower Marsh, Lambeth. We need say no more. —EDITOR MASONIC MAGAZINE."

## MARK MASONRY.

We have been requested to publish the following communiqué.

In another column we publish an account of the meeting of the York Mark Lodge, of "Time Immemorial" constitution, which lodge recently petitioned for, and obtained, a charter from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and as we believe there are two, if not three, old Mark lodges still standing aloof, we take this as a favourable opportunity of making a few remarks on the subject, for we heartily join the Sheffield Mark brethren in their congratulatory remarks to the York Mark Lodge on their recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge as the supreme head of that degree in England, under whose able rule the Mark has become, next after the Craft, the most powerful body. Doubtless the close affinity of the Mark to the Craft has also a deal to do with the cause of this happy state of things. But, the other day, another proof of the Mark being worked as a distinct degree, as far back as sixty-eight years ago, was evinced by the old minute books of the Sheffield Royal Arch Chapter of Paradise, No. 139, extracts from which are being published in the *Masonic Magazine* by our Bro. S. B. Ellis. It is not our intention here to enter into the merits, or demerits, of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c.; it has weathered the storm, filled a certain hiatus in our system, serves a good end, and, as the Earl de Grey and Ripon (as M.W.G.M.) said in 1870, "All the brethren composing the Mark Degree are necessarily Master Masons, and as such they will at all times have his best wishes." This all true Craftsmen must concede. However, our present remarks are on the York Mark Lodge; the very name of "York" is, to all English Masons "a tower of strength," indeed, York has been termed "the cradle of English Masonry"—as Kilwinning was of the Scotch; The Grand Mark Lodge therefore derives no little honour and advantage in the adhesion of the York Mark Lodge, T.I., but, on the other hand, the honour and advantage that accrue to the York Mark Lodge are equally great (if not greater), as is obvious when we run through the names of those illustrious brethren who fought for, obtained, and continue to uphold the utility, the dignity, and the honour of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c.; we particularly refer to the M.W. Past Grand Masters—videlicet, the Earl of Carnarvon, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Lord Leigh, W. W. Beach, Esq., M.P., Earl Percy, M.P., the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., and the present Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, and his Deputy, Lord Skelmersdale, all of

whom are Constitutional Masons, and of high position in the Craft; indubitable and irrefragable evidence (to the York Mark Brethren, did they need it) of the proud status the Grand Mark Lodge deservedly enjoys, in the lustre of which the York Mark Brethren now

"(Rous'd from their dark alcoves),  
delight to stretch

And bask in its invigorating rays."

In conclusion he would say to the York Mark Lodge, we congratulate you on recognising the accepted, constituted authority, for in so doing you are carrying out the principles of the true teachings of the Craft, therefore, you have "our hearty good wishes;" and to the other Mark Lodges who, at present, "stand out in the cold" we would say, "go thou, and do likewise."

## KENNING'S MASONIC ALMANAC.

We beg leave to call attention to an elaborate illuminated Masonic Almanack for 1877, printed on card, in gold and colours, with portraits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. D.G.M., in full Masonic regalia; and medallions of the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore, S.G.W.; the Hon. W. W. Vernon, J.G.W.; Samuel Tomkins, Esq., G. Treasurer; John Hervey, Esq., G. Secretary. We are also pleased to announce that this very artistic almanack may be obtained of the publisher of the *Freemason*, at 198, Fleet-street, London, gratuitously, or will be sent, post free, to any part of the world on receipt of name or address, legibly written, accompanied by two penny stamps. We recommend an early application for it.

## Reviews.

THE COMMISSION AGENT, Anglo-Australian Edition.—Barbican, London.

We have perused and are much struck with this publication. It will be very valuable to all engaged in the Anglo-Australian trade, and gives an immense amount of information admirably and clearly. The expense of its production must be very great, and we wish it all success. The sex-lingual announcements on the cover are very striking.

## THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF DORSET.

We congratulate Bro. Howard, the esteemed P.G.S. of Dorset, for this useful and much increased Provincial Calendar. It reflects equal credit on his province and himself. We venture to suggest that in his next issue he should give us the exact number of Freemasons in his province, and also the last balance sheet of the province. Perhaps, too, if he had "totalled" the amount of votes for the various charities it would also have been an improvement. But we thank him for the Calendar, and deem it worthy of all consideration.

## FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR 1877. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

We have received and read this admirably printed little Calendar with great gratification, and congratulate Bro. Partridge on his most effective editorship. The entire work is thoroughly well got up, and is a most creditable and useful little publication. We thank Bro. Partridge for sending it to us.

## THE MASONIC RECORD FOR WESTERN INDIA.

This well conducted Masonic periodical has reached No. 10, vol. xiii., and pursues the "even tenour" of its way with marked ability and, we trust, success. It fully deserves the support of the Craft in India, and the perusal of brethren at home, as it is always most readable, and in its pages we can always light upon something calculated to interest and improve the Masonic student, the tolerant and thoughtful Freemason.

LONDON: WHAT TO SEE.—Messrs. Reeves and Son, Playhouse Yard.

Messrs. Reeves and Son have put out a little Handbook to London and London sights, which is a very useful and handy little production, and owing to its guaranteed circulation of 5000, is a very valuable medium for advertising, as the London season is just beginning, it will be very helpful to our "country cousins." We wish it all success, and recommend it to the notice of those who wish to advertise, as well as those who desire to "do London."

## THE EXCLUSION OF HEBREWS FROM FREEMASONRY.

With reference to a recent leader in the *Freemason* on this subject, the *Jewish Chronicle* thus writes:—

"It is truly soothing to Jewish feelings, especially at a time when the persecution of the Jews in a most atrocious form has been revived among a so-called Christian people in Roumania, to hear such words of sympathy and such testimony borne to universal Jewish charity."

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.—We call attention to an announcement in our advertising columns of *The Scottish Freemason*, which made its debut yesterday (Friday), as a candidate for the patronage of the Craft under the Scottish Constitution. It will be published fortnightly by Bro. George Kenning, at his office in Glasgow (No. 9, West Howard-street), to which address subscriptions, letters to the Editor, &c., should be directed.

The Freemasons of Leeds gave on Tuesday, February 20th, a very successful minstrel entertainment in the Masonic Hall, in aid of the Leeds Benevolent Institution. The programme and the performance seem to have been equally effective.

The installation meetings of the De Wrenne Preceptory of Knights Templar, and the Eureka Chapter, Rose Croix, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, each day at 3.30 p.m. Only those who have visited this preceptory and chapter can form an idea of the completeness of their fittings. Any member of these degrees sojourning at Brighton, or able to run down, will assuredly be gratified, not only with the beautiful aspect of the chapter-rooms, but with the work, of which at each meeting there will be an abundance, while on Saturday visitors will run the risk of being entertained at the banquet, which takes place at Markwell's Royal Hotel.

The Grand Lodge of Florida has a Masonic Library of 200 volumes, and also a Public Masonic Academy Library, of literary and scientific works, of 1200 volumes. Bro. John Carlovitz is Secretary and Librarian.

The nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in Raleigh, on the 5th December. The principal officers elected are H. H. Munson, M. W. Master; C. A. Cilley, D.G.M.; R. W. Hardee, S.G.W.; J. C. L. Gudger, J.G.W.; W. E. Anderson, G. Treas.; D. W. Bain, G. Sec.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee met on the 13th November. Nearly 400 subordinate lodges were represented. The following are the principal officers elected: Bros. B. Edmundson, of Polaski, G.M.; A. B. Jones, of Jackson, D.G.M.; R. M. Edwards, of Cleveland, S.G.W.; L. B. Adams, G. Bolivar, J.G.W.; W. H. H. Marrow, of Nashville, G. Treas.; John Frizzell, of Nashville, G. Sec.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Bro. E. G. Davis was elected Grand Master; Bros. J. H. Jochem, D.G.M.; H. A. Whitney, S.G.W.; J. S. McCay, J.G.W.; W. J. Stephenson, G. Treas.; and W. K. Singleton, G. Sec.

The new Masonic Hall at Salt Lake City, Utah, was dedicated on the 14th of November, and brought together a large number of the fraternity. The spread of Masonry in Mormondom will have a good effect upon society there. It is not probable that Prophet Brigham Young will like Masonry.

We regret to hear of the continued illness of Bro. Gouley, one of the editors of the *Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. Emra Holmes has during the past month been delivering his lecture, already published in the pages of the *Masonic Magazine*, "Odds and Ends of Wit and Humour," at Leiston, in Suffolk, under the auspices of the Village Club and Reading Room Association, the principal objects of which institution appear to be the formation of village clubs throughout the country, to provide lectures on questions of general interest, neither political nor theological, to give information respecting provident societies, &c., and to assist in obtaining for the labouring classes increased facilities for intellectual and social recreation.

Lady Skelmersdale and family arrived in Portland Place, London, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., from Lathom House, Ormskirk, near Liverpool.

The annual ball of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, in aid of the Benevolent Fund of that lodge, took place on Wednesday, 21st ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, and was very largely attended. A report of the brilliant gathering will appear in due time.

Lord Coleridge, addressing the grand jury at Durham assizes, said his judicial experience taught him that crimes of violence were all traceable to drink, and if England was sober we might shut up nine-tenths of our gaols.

The Prince of Wales, through General Sir W. Knollys, has sent a donation of £25 to the Hunt Servants' Benefit Society.

We are authorised to state that the Queen will hold a levee at Buckingham Palace on Monday week, at three o'clock.

Bro. Wm. J. Murlis, for many years manager to Messrs. Wyburn & Co., of Long Acre, offers himself as a candidate for the office of Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Murlis's reason for offering his services is, that he believes out of door exercise would be more conducive to his health. Bro. Murlis is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, a founder of two lodges, P.M. and Sec. 1489, W.M. 1642, and P.S. Chap. 862.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 55.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at half-past six o'clock. Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M. No. 975, P.M. No. 1524, will preside.

We are informed from Berlin that Bro. Herr Wagner intends giving some concerts of his own music in London during the months of May and June.



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Knott, P., The Cape (P.O.O.)	3	12	0
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Oddy, T. T., Egypt (P.O.O.)	5	7	0
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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—Neptune Lodge, 32; Victoria Lodge, 1345, Eccles.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Overcrowding of the City of London," Henry Chavassus; "The Keystone," "The Voice of Masonry;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" "Masonic Herald."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

BOND.—On the 24th ult., the wife of the Rev. J. Bond, Chaplain R.M.A. Woolwich, prematurely, of a daughter.

JOHNSON.—On the 25th ult., at Brockhurst, Beckenham, the wife of J. Johnson, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

MARRIOT-WILKINSON.—On the 21st ult., at Howden-le-Wear Parish Church, Harpley, Durham, Charles Henry, eldest son of Charles Marriott, Tollington Park, London, to Hannah, only daughter of Francis Wilkinson, Harpley, Durham.

## DEATHS.

HUNT.—On the 25th ult., at Scarborough, Richard Hunt, Esq., in his 65th year.

LITTLE.—On the 23rd ult., at The Mount, Northallerton, John Herbert, infant son of E. D. Little.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 3, 1877.

## THE OBJECTION OF SECRECY.

Mr. Moody, recently "interviewed," or "in terrogated," in America, pronounced against "Secret Societies" on the two following grounds as appears in the *Inter Ocean*, and as it is set forth in the *Voice of Masonry* for January, 1st, he says: "In secret, my Master, taught nothing." and, "Be ye not yoked with unbelievers," says Paul. By the first words Mr. Moody means the Divine Founder of Christianity, and though it is impossible in the *Freemason* to discuss theological or even biblical questions advantageously or properly, yet we may fairly observe, without any fear, that such a statement is neither historically nor literally correct. Any one must have a very imperfect acquaintance with the New Testament, who does not at once recall to mind more than one remarkable instance where the secret mysterious teaching of the great *Didaskalos* of mankind, is distinctly set forth. No doubt Mr. Moody refers to those remarkable words before Pilate, the Roman Governor, "In secret have I said nothing," but that passage has always been understood to refer to "secret conspiracies or colloquies" as against the Roman temporal authority on the one hand, and the Jewish spiritual authority on the other, and not to the general course of didactic exposition or doctrinal declarations. And on the second ground—as Bro. T. F. Mellish in the *Voice of Masonry* points out, the real words are, (2 Cor. vi. 14), "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" and such words are generally understood to refer to heathen marriages—that is the marriage of heathens with Christians—the words in the Greek are, "*me ginesite eterozugountes apistois*," and no doubt would include all unfitting association and companionship in depravation of or opposition to the truer religion which they professed. But all such words have to be taken with qualification, arising out of the time they were spoken, and the state of the world to which they refer. There is in one of the Epistles of the same Apostle a passage which must not be overlooked, that is in the 5th chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, where it is said, "*Ta gar krupia ginomena up'auton aikron esti kai legeen*." "For it is a shame even to speak of the things which are done of them in secret." Some have considered that these words refer to the disgraceful proceedings in some of the Bacchic Festivals, and particularly the abomination of the "Bona Dea," but not to the mysteries generally. There is no other passage in the Bible relating to Secret Societies that we are aware of, though some have thought erroneously that a passage in "Sirach" relates to them. It is an old and trite observation that extremes meet, and here we have the Roman Catholic Church on the one hand, as a teacher of objective truth, condemning the secrecy of Freemasonry on the authority of an infallible church, just as we have Mr. Moody, on the other hand, by his own "internal consciousness," on the authority of his own subjective dogma, the hyper-development of private judgement, passing by implication, not, we admit, directly, a censure on grounds of "spirituality" on "secret societies." We have often said before that the question of "secrecy" is, we apprehend, not a "spiritual" question at all, but a "temporal" one—one that is for the State. We do not deny the abstract right of a religious body to make non-affiliation to a secret society a basis of communion, though unless such secret society be clearly hurtful in itself, or illegal by the laws of the State, we think the regulation (as in Joe Grafton's case, recorded in our last) very harsh, intolerant, and irreligious. For as long as the State permits the existence of secret societies, and legalizes them even, as in the case of Freemasons in this country, we have a right to contend that before our secrecy is objected to on religious grounds or spiritual considerations, it shall be distinctly shown, incontestably proved, that such secrecy is injurious to the commonwealth, to private morals, or public well being. In the case of our own

benevolent Order, such is an impossibility, as all our teaching and working, alike secret and public, tend to the honour of God, the welfare of man, the formation of social sympathies, and the "outcome" of benevolence, beneficence, charity, good will, and peace. We have written on this subject with some diffidence, and no little hesitation; but as such statements are publicly made, we have thought it but right and manly to notice them, and to offer to our Order in Great Britain and Canada, and the United States, the best and only answer, as we view the matter, alike to the dicta of an assumed infallible authority on the one hand, or the zealous but mistaken views of fallible private judgment on the other. We confess that we do not believe in "Popes" of any kind, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant, and we greatly and gravely demur to that hyperdogmatism of the hour, which has no basis to rest upon, but what is common to us all alike, namely, the use of right reason, religiously and reverently directed and controlled. We greatly deprecate always the mere assumption of individual "deliverances," which practically have no mission for many minds, for they are meaningless and valueless when contrasted with the "consensus" of older teachers, and a general concurrence of exposition and sentiment. We have to contend just now with a love of novelty, abrupt assertion, assumed infallibility, dogmatic intolerance, and many are the difficulties which even a religious use of "right reason" has to overcome in the sentimental transcendentalism of the hour, but still we believe in its proper use, and its eventual triumph. The subject is both a difficult and an exceptional one, though we have thought it better not to "shirk it," but to meet it and deal with it in all of honest plain speaking, good feeling, and becoming seriousness.

## THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The last meeting of this important body was very numerous attended, ninety brethren being present, and among them some very distinguished members of our Order. The amount of £270, voted at the previous meeting, was confirmed, and the further sum of £504 voted, in sums varying from £3 as a minimum to £150 as a maximum. We rejoice much to note and to be able to record this numerous and influential gathering, as to all properly qualified brethren no more important duty can be attended to, as by them no more interesting hours can be spent than that monthly meeting for the purpose of Masonic beneficence, which reflects equal credit on our excellent Craft, as well as on those who carefully and conscientiously distribute our Funds of Benevolence. But one or two suggestions appear to us to arise out of the normal proceedings of the Lodge of Benevolence, which deserve in our opinion the careful attention of all who have the interests of the Fraternity, and the reality of our administration, of our charitable funds at heart. Our excellent and admirable Grand Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins, could tell, we fancy, a striking tale, if he so willed it, how much our monthly distribution of late years has increased and is increasing in amount. Indeed, it is something very striking, and at the same time serious, to "tottle up," as month follows month, the expanding figures of our benevolent grants. And some of us may ask, where is this to end? while others may enquire, Does all this amount of money voted get to the right people? is it a good thing or an abuse? We will, then, commence by laying down this premise, that such a charity is a good thing per se, and is, and is intended to be, alike a needful aid to suffering and destitute brethren, and should be regarded as an example of simple and absolute beneficence, granted on the truest principles of warmhearted Masonic charitable principles. But this further question comes in necessarily here, Do the proper applicants come for relief? do the truly suffering and destitute receive it? On this point no doubt opinions will vary much, and legitimately, but we confess to a very prevailing sense, 1st. That a good many claimants apply who ought never to apply at all; and 2ndly. That owing to a somewhat excusable laxity amongst us as regards bringing forward the entire facts



of the case, many grants are made, which for the purpose of real aid, might as well not be made at all. We all know how difficult it is to resist the claims of those who ask for assistance, and still more in a great sodality like ours, how unwilling we all are, humanly speaking, to seem to interfere with or oppose the applications of those needy brethren of ours, who appeal so forcibly alike to our sentiments and our sympathies. We believe, that these charitable gifts of ours are as well administered as can possibly be the case, under the auspices of a fluctuating board, and without any bye-laws of instruction and regulation. At present everything is necessarily left to the feeling of a meeting of kindly hearted brethren, most anxious to do right, most "glad to distribute," but naturally easily led away by the aspect of poverty, often in a most distressing form, and of destitution in its piteous appeals for active succour and relief. We have at the head of the lodge one of our ablest and most worthy brethren, Bro. Clabon. Bros. Joshua Nunn and J. Brett. are well known, as active and most intelligent officers, and we have an elected body of Masters and Past Masters, which, supplemented by the Present and Past Grand Officers, and all actual W.M.'s, is about as good a tribunal as any one can wish to appear before. But it may be a question whether the time has not come to remove the sense of uncertainty and the appearance of mutability as to the principles of relief by the appointment annually in Grand Lodge of a definite and distinct number of brethren to constitute the Board of Benevolence. We quite feel the force of an old objection, urged too successfully on Grand Lodge by ourselves in former days, of centralization, of the limitation of interest, of the tendency to "cliqueism," and the like, which may be raised, and we do not feel at all sure, that the Craft at large is prepared, as we once contended, to give up its "only open board." But we are inclined to think that a distinct board, without ex-officio members, would work better than the present system, and having changed our opinion, we think it right to say so, though we are not insensible to the strength of the objection to the reform, which once had great and overpowering influence with ourselves. We fancy, however, that if a board of forty members, twenty from the metropolis, and twenty from the provinces, together with the President and two Vice-Presidents, was annually elected, we should eventually get to a uniform system of grant and procedure. But we speak with some hesitation, as we are well aware of the essential difficulties of the case, and the strong opinion which exists in many minds, in which we once strongly shared, on the subject, alike in general and in particular. Feeling, however, that a good deal may be said on both sides, we shall be very happy if these imperfect notions of ours will be taken up by some of our leading brethren, and if they will favour our readers, in our columns, with the result of their own matured experience, and their own honest convictions, on a matter so deeply interesting to us all alike.

### THE AGENDA PAPER FOR GRAND LODGE.

The Agenda Paper, which we publish in another column, has been issued, and the brethren will observe two notices of motion, which come upon us all a little by surprise. The one is by our Rev. and esteemed Bro. Hatch to build a new Masonic Temple; the other is to found a wing to the new Alexandra Orphanage. With regard to both and each, we fear that ours must be the papal reply, "non possumus." We have just emerged from debt for the last new buildings to the Board of Benevolence, and £1000 has just been invested for the first time for the Board of General Purposes to replace gradually the large amount expended on Freemasons' Hall. To recommence new and extensive building operations is, we fancy, not likely to be entertained by Grand Lodge, neither does it appeal to any need or feeling of the hour. We have granted £4,000 to perpetuate the memory nationally and Masonically, of our beloved Grand Master's return, but such a fresh proposal

appears to us, with all deference to our respected brother, somewhat unreasonable and extravagant. To Bro. Mallam's motion great objections equally will be entertained. The Alexandra Orphanage is not a Masonic Institution, and to build a Masonic wing in another Institution not under control of Grand Lodge, is alike a most unprecedented, and we must add, with all due deference to Bro. Mallam, a somewhat impractical proposal. We may fairly leave both motions to the common sense of Grand Lodge.

### THE FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE.

It will be seen by the Agenda Paper, that financially Grand Lodge is doing well. At the last audit a balance of £7000, in round numbers, remained in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, excluding £171 15s. for wages and petty cash in the hands of our worthy Grand Secretary. When Bro. R. P. Harding's report of the receipts and disbursements for 1876 is printed, we will call attention to it in our pages.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS FROM FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you have the kindness to correct an error under the above heading in your last week's issue. It should read that I have received from four more non-Jewish lodges in Devon similar resolutions.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
S. LYON,  
W.M. 1474, Birmingham.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a member of one of the so-called "Jewish Lodges," I beg most strenuously to protest against making the consideration of the above a "Jewish question," as appears to be the case in many of the arguments used, it is purely a "Masonic," not a "Jewish" question, the whole Craft being interested in deciding if Masonry is to be universal in its benefits to men of every country, sect, and opinion, or only confined to a particular sect, however important and influential it may be.

Fraternally yours,  
S. E. ABRAHAM,  
P.M. 188, 1017.

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your report in your paper of the 24th, "a Conclave of the Alpass Encampment" was held on the 31st January.

I write to know whether the members are not premature in assuming the old titles of E.C., P.E.C., 1st and 2nd Captains, &c., until the proceedings of the late Great Priory are confirmed.

I remain, yours fraternally,  
A PAST AND PRESENT OFFICER.

#### A GOOD CASE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I am anxious to call the attention of your readers to the following case, which, I think, deserves the fraternal consideration of many of us.

It is the petition of a little girl, the daughter of an English soldier, to be placed on the list of successful candidates at the next election of the Girls' School in April.

The following is the case:—

Kathleen Isabella A. Collins, aged eight and a half years, daughter of Bro. Edward Collins, who was initiated into Masonry 20th February, 1845, in Lodge Harmony, 641, working at Cawnpore in the East Indies, passed and raised in same lodge. Joined Lodge Firm Hope, 596, on arriving in Meerut late in 1846. Was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter attached to Lodge Firm Hope on 27th March, 1847. Bro. Collins was one of three who applied for, and obtained a new warrant, founded Lodge "Zetland," assisted in working it at Meerut, as J.W. On arriving in Umballa in 1851, he joined Lodge Charity, and the Chapter of Firm Hope attached thereto, in which he remained a working and subscribing member until the end of 1854, when ill-health compelled him to return to England. He belonged to the honorary degrees of Ark and Mark, M.M., Super Excellent, and the Red Cross Knights of Babylon, and held office in all of them. Bro. Collins served in the 17th Lancers eleven and a half years at home, and thirteen years in the 9th Lancers in the East, the latter twelve years as Troop Sergt-Major, and was present with his regiment in all its campaigns and battles, commencing in the year 1843, up to the annexation of the Punjab to the British Dominions, in the East, in 1849, returning to Umballa early in 1851. Bro. Collins is in possession of four war medals, the latter one for meritorious services in the field. He is now in failing health, and old age fast approaching, and on his slender income he finds it impossible to educate and support his little girl, whose mother died two years since.

I shall be most happy, in conjunction with other distinguished brethren, whose names appear on the card, to

receive proxies from any who sympathize with a soldier's child.

I am, yours most fraternally,  
A. F. A. WOODFORD,  
10, Upper Porchester-st., Hyde Park-sq., W.

### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of the 17th ult., "Rather Doubtful" asks whether a brother created F.C. and appointed I.G. at the same lodge meeting is in accordance with the rules of the Craft? And the reply, "We think not—Ed.," being rather doubtful also, may I be permitted to inform "Rather Doubtful" that in the rules of the Craft there is nothing against such an appointment.

Fraternally yours,

POSITIVE.

[There is no law on the subject, but the rule of the Craft undoubtedly is, and "Mos est lex," that all officers of a lodge must be Master Masons, and for this reason a Fellow Craft Inner Guard could not officiate in the Third Degree. If "Positive" is correct, an Entered Apprentice might be appointed the same evening an officer of the lodge.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, Bro. Magnus Ohren, on the above, says:—"Questions are often put to you, asking for information . . . ." "But it is not right to take up your space to ask questions which are perfectly clear, and admit of no doubt whatever." "Thus "W.N.C.N." asks why he and other P.P. Grand Stewards are not allowed to wear the red apron and collar after their year of office."

Your correspondent's memory seems to fail him. "W.M.C.N." had nothing whatever to do with the red apron and collar. His was the T square upside down on the Master and P.M.'s apron, &c.

Dear Mr. Editor, does it take longer time to circulate the *Freemason* about London than with us, your country cousins?

If Bro. M.O.'s reply was meant for "P.P. Grand Steward and P.M." of the 10th Feb., that was answered by "Another P.P. Grand Steward" of the 17th Feb. (compare both), with a little addition about "Grand Steward" by Bro. M.O., and that only of what "I am told."

With your permission I will repeat the lesson given at the commencement of Bro. M.O.'s letter—"But it is not right to take up your space," when the subject was already disposed of, unless some new light could be thrown upon it. What will "W.M.C.N." say when he finds his tau changed not into a goose, but into a red apron and collar?

Yours fraternally,

R.W.O.

Will the following be of any service to "A.T.," it is prior to 1784?

In the General Regulations of the F. and A. Masons, revised, approved of, and ordered to be published by the Grand Lodge, Jan. 28, 1767. Blayney, Grand Master.

The Registrar of the Grand Lodge:—

Art. VI. On March 17, 1730-1, the Grand Lodge (to cure some irregularities) ordered that none but, the Grand Master, his Deputy, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary Sword-bearer (who are the only Grand Officers), shall wear their jewels in gold, pendent to blue ribbons about their necks, and white leather aprons, with blue silk, which sort of aprons may be also worn by former Grand Officers.

Under the head of "the Masters and Wardens of particular lodges:—"

Art. II. Masters, Wardens, and the members of particular lodges, if they choose to line their white leather aprons, are to do it with white silk, and the officers are to wear their jewels pendant to white only.

R. W. O.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have entirely mistaken my queries that appear in your impression of the 24th. What I wish to know is, whether the W.M. addresses the brethren on a motion before or after the proposer replies?

The reason for this question is, that there seems a diversity of opinion on this subject. Some brethren contend that the W.M. should make his remarks (not as a member, but as a chairman) before the proposer replies; others state, that in their judgment the chairman is the last speaker before the vote, the proposer must reply (if he so desires) before the chairman makes his remarks.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

[In our opinion, the W.M. can sum up after the proposer has spoken, in reply, if he so thinks fit.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the second paragraph of "A.T.'s" enquiry in your issue of 24th ult., Dr. Oliver, in his work on "Masonic Jurisprudence," says: "The ordinance of our Grand Lodge enjoining uniformity of costume was introduced at the Union in 1813. It provides that the Masonic apron shall be no other than a plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom, with white strings. That of an Apprentice is to be entirely without ornament; the Fellow Craft is allowed the addition of two sky blue rosettes at the bottom; and the Master Mason a sky blue lining, and edging one inch and a half deep, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels."

Previously to this there appears to have been but a general direction that the clothing was to be "composed of the old colours, blue, purple, and crimson." Hence the various costumes before 1813, as each combined these colours according to his individual taste.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAN,



## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several letters have recently appeared in the *Freemason* which shew great ignorance, in at least minor points, of the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, and in private lodges infringements of Masonic regulations frequently occur, which can only be attributed to want of knowledge of the law.

"Ignorantia juris non excusat" is a maxim well known to legists; but I would ask whether sufficient opportunity is given for the study of the Constitutions of our Order in the many lodges which possess no more than a single copy of the Book of Constitutions, and where that is kept carefully under lock and key, except when the brethren are at labour?

In the last century a resolution of Grand Lodge "strictly enjoined on every candidate for Masonry that he should carefully study the Constitutions before his initiation."

Is it not worthy the consideration of Grand Lodge whether it would not be advisable to authorise the publication of a cheap edition of the Book of Constitutions, so that each lodge could afford to place a copy in the hands of each brother, at the same time that he receives a copy of the bye-laws?

Among other and greater advantages, your valuable space, upon which I have trespassed too much, would not so often be taken up by questions which are answered beforehand by the published laws of Masonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

## Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

## FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

[Continued from Page 78.]

In the next issue of the *Post* the following brief announcement is made, "The King forbids the lodges," and of date April 26, 1737, it is noted that "there are spread about at Paris copies of an apologizing letter, written by a Freemason. He says amongst other particulars 'that the things imputed to the disadvantage of the brotherhood oblige him publicly to undertake the defence. That the views the Freemasons propose to themselves are the most pure and inoffensive, and tend only to promote such qualities in them as may form good citizens and zealous subjects, faithful to their prince, to their country, and their friends. . . . That the name of Freemason is far from being an insignificant title; that the duty it prescribes to those who bear it is to endeavour to erect temples for virtue and dungeons for vice.' "He adds, that he is by no means afraid of violating the secret imposed on him in publishing that their principal design is to restore to the earth the reign of Astrea and to revive the time of Rhea." He assures 'the fair that the whole brotherhood is full of respect and veneration for them, but that these sentiments are not exempt from fear, and that even this same fear obliges the Freemasons to exclude their sex from their assemblies.' He concludes in this manner: 'This exclusion ought by no means to provoke the indignation of those who are the objects of it. To prevent such an effect, they need only to recollect from whom Adam received the apple. Sad present! Since had it not been for that fatal apple, Adam would have remained the first Freemason.'"

A collection of the various attacks on Freemasonry at home and abroad, from 1720 to 1750, would prove especially interesting, but can not now be made excepting in parts, for many have doubtless long ceased to exist, pamphlet literature being generally of very short duration. Many of the early "exposures" and manuals published in France and Germany early last century furnish information on many points of value, and especially as to the general work in the lodges, and the absence of all degrees but the three first. Then, as time rolls on, other degrees are gradually added, and the character of the Third is vastly altered. But, to continue the extracts, we furnish a few more clippings,

September 13, 1737.—Versailles.—"The Lieutenant-General of the Police at Paris has published an order against the assembly of all unauthorised societies, and laid a fine upon the master of an ordinary for suffering a lodge of Freemasons to be held at his house."

In the so-called "Secrets of Masonry, by S.P.," London, 1737, is printed the "Paris letter of January 13, 1737" which purports to be "the secret of the Order of Freemasons and the ceremonies observed at the reception of members," and which is reprinted in the *St. James Evening Post*, with the date from Paris of January 3, 1738, O.S. Many of the particulars afforded are most ludicrous, and doubtless intended to amuse the brethren as well as the public. There is an evident intention on the part of the author to do justice to the Fraternity; for he makes the orator say to the candidates: "You are going to embrace a respectable Order, which is more serious than you imagine.\* There is nothing in it against the law, against religion, against the State, against the King, nor against manners. The venerable Grand Master will let you know the rest." The editor states that the foregoing and other particulars are taken from the *Utrecht Gazette*, and if the exposé be continued his correspondent promises not to fail in communicating all to the public. It is substantially the same as the Paris letter, and reads like a copy, which it doubtless is.

\* Quite a necessary explanation to a candidate, if all the preliminaries took place as narrated in the letter.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

INSTALLATION OF LORD MOUNT EDGUMBE AS PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT.

On Tuesday, 20th ult., Truro was the scene of the revival of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Cornwall, which assembled in the Masonic Hall, at the Public Rooms, to witness the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe as Grand Superintendent of the Province. From the very rigid reticence and exclusiveness formerly observed in the matter of Masonic records little is now known of the early history of Royal Arch Masonry in Cornwall. At present the earliest chapter held in Cornwall on the roll of the Grand Chapter of England, the Holy Mount Chapter, 121, held at Penzance, dates no further back than 1833. That Royal Arch Chapters existed in Cornwall at a far earlier date than that there is no doubt, but they have become extinct, and probably what small matters of record existed in reference to them have been destroyed by zealous companions to prevent their falling into the hands of the cowan or the stranger. The remembrance of one still remains, the dormant Volubian Chapter, formerly held at Falmouth, which boasts an earlier date than either of the chapters now worked in Cornwall. From similar circumstances the remembrance and workings of a former Provincial Grand Chapter that did exist in Cornwall has also been clothed in much obscurity. A Provincial Grand Superintendent for that province also existed in the person of Bro. Richard Pearce up to eighteen years since. From the death of that M.E. Comp. up to the present revival of his office no Provincial Grand Chapter has been at work in the county. The eight private chapters held in the province having of late expressed a desire to reorganise the Provincial Grand Chapter, it was the pleasure of the Grand Chapter of England to call to that high office the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, the respected Provincial Grand Master of the province. The attendance of the companions yesterday to witness the installation was very large. Among those present, in addition to the Provincial Grand Superintendent designate, were the following: Excellent Comps. L. P. Metham, P.G.H. of Devon; Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P.Z. 1066, Past G.S.N. of England; Col. J. W. Peard, P.Z. 1151; R. H. Rac, P.P.G.J., Devon; W. Joll, P.P.G. 1st S. and Treas., Devon; the Rev. J. Ross, vicar of Tywardreath, P.Z. 1151; the Rev. Dr. E. I. Trefry, P.Z. 1151; E. T. Carlyon, P.Z. and Treas. 331; Bedford Kerswill, P.Z. 1164; F. W. Dabb, P.Z. 1006; W. Tregay, P.Z. 1006; W. Tweedy, P.Z. 331; G. Kerswill, P.Z. 1164; W. H. Jenkins, P.Z. 331; N. J. West, P.Z. 450; J. Baxter, P.P.G.S. Devon; W. Coad, P.Z. 1164; R. A. Courtney, P.Z. 510; J. McLean, P.M. 331; R. Guy, P.Z. 496; J. Niness, P.Z. 1006; T. C. Stephens, P.Z. 1151; J. Hill, P.Z. 1164; J. Coombe, Z. 450; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G. Reg. Devon; J. H. Filmer, P.Z. 238; J. W. Chegwidden, Z. 510; A. Davis, Z. 1151; W. Lake, J. 331; G. Barnes, H. 1164; C. Truscott, jun., Z. 496; John Crossman, J. 1164; J. P. Smith, H. 450; F. H. Pool, J. 450; R. G. Bird, J. 70; H. Elliott, H. 1151; Comps. H. G. Colville, S.E. 1151; H. F. Creber, First S. 1146; A. Luke, Second S. 496; W. Thorn, S.N. 510; T. J. Smith, S.E. 496; J. F. Childs, S.E. 510; J. Pool, S.E. 450; Jno. Stephens, P.P.S. 1151; W. H. Wright, P.S.N. 510; J. Beaglehole, Past S.N. 510; J. Harris, P.P.S. 510; J. P. Creber, P.S. 1164; J. J. Taylor, First S. 450; J. Rawlings, 1st S. 1164; R. Broad, S.N. 1164; J. H. Ferris, S.N. 331; H. S. Hill, P.S. 223; the Rev. G. L. Church, E. 1006; W. Lidgely, 1006; W. Rowe, 1151; F. B. Williams, 1151; T. H. Lukes, 496; Jno. Kempthorne, 1164; T. Oliver, jun., 331; R. Carter, 331; J. Thomas, 1006; J. F. Hooper, 1006; S. Jacobs, H. Bale. Business commenced with opening the Prov. G. Chapter, under the presidency of the following Principals:—Ex. Comps. L. P. Metham, Z.; Colonel Peard, H.; N. J. West, J.; E. T. Carlyon, acting as S.E.; W. Tweedy, P.S.; R. Johns, A.S., and P.G.D.C.

Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham expressed his pleasure at the large attendance at the convocation, and congratulated the companions on the reconstitution of the P.G. Chapter, and on the able companion that had been called to preside over it as Prov. G. Superintendent. He was sure it must be a pride and pleasure to them at the excellent appointment made by the Grand Chapter in selecting the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. Great and very gratifying benefits had been conferred on the Craft Grand Lodge of the province by his appointment at the head of that body, and he felt they would welcome his lordship with much cordiality on his new appointment, and fully recognise the kindness on his part as it deserved in coming to preside over the chapter. The arrival of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe in the ante-room was then announced, and his patent of appointment sent in to the chapter. Ex. Z. directed the patent to be read. Comp. Richard Johns, acting as Master of the Ceremonies, read the patent, which was duly accredited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.F.P.; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.H.; the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, G.J.; J. Hervey, G.S.E.; the Rt. Hon. Lord Donoughmore, G.S.N. The following companions were then appointed a deputation to conduct his lordship into the chapter—W. J. Johns, F. W. Dabb, G. Kerswill, and J. C. Stephens. On the Earl of Mount Edgumbe entering the chapter he was very warmly received.

Ex. Z. L. P. Metham asked his lordship to allow him, before he proceeded to the ceremony of the installation, to congratulate him personally on his preferment and the province on receiving as their ruler one who, both by precept and example, illustrated and adorned Freemasonry. Ex. Z. said he was also commissioned to convey to his lordship the sincere congratulations of the illustrious chief and the companions of Devon. He (Lord Mount Edgumbe) had already shown as P.G.M. that he possessed a

generous spirit, more prone to be gratified by guiding the judgments and winning the affections of his brethren, than he would, could such a power be given him, by exercising a despotic influence over their lives and fortunes. To all the companions the Grand Master above had entrusted talents, to some more and to some less, for which, at His coming, He would call them to a reckoning. To his lordship more than to most He had committed great and precious talents, which he was confident he would not bury in a napkin, but would employ to His glory and the benefit of his fellow creatures, more especially the great talent about to be committed to his care. His lordship received that honourable distinction at a time when the priesthood of a church hostile to the Order were every day with increasing virulence fulminating anathemas against Freemasons as materialists and atheists. Be it his care, from his public conduct and his private life and by his teaching, to give the most appropriate and dignified contradiction to such a calumnious and unfounded charge. Ex.-Comp. Z. then proceeded to point out to his lordship the sublime character of the degree, in the working of which he was about to be placed in such an office of trust. It was, he said, the climax of Freemasonry, intimately blended with all that was near and dear to them in another state of existence. It was founded on the name which was above every name—the name of that great Deity, who was from all eternity, was now, and would be one and the same for ever—the Eternal Ruler of the universe. The base of the Masonic system rested on the earth; its intermediate steps were clear and defined; its summit reached the heavens. When the just and upright brother who has moulded his life according to the sacred dictates of truth, who has practised charity in thought, word, and deed towards his fellow men, who had cultivated his intellectual powers to the benefit of his fellow creatures and the glory of God, at the close of a well-spent life, on the brink of the grave, which was about to receive him into its cold bosom, he quailed not, but relied on the merciful promises of his Creator and Judge. When death had thrown his sable mantle around him then would the clouds be rolled back from the summit of the ladder, and the faithful brother would be brought face to face with Him whom he had obeyed in life and trusted in death. The R.A. Degree was a pillar of daily admonition and instruction through the intricate winding of their mortal existence, and only left them when they entered those eternal mansions where the true secrets of Masonry should be revealed, never again to be concealed or lost. All Masonic degrees, unless dependent on the R.A. Degree, weakened as moral teachers, and were deprived of their most solemn, vital, and instructive character. They would be like the fruit described in the Eastern fable—beautiful and tempting to the eye, but stony and cold to the touch, and bitter as ashes to the taste. Had the soul no aspirations breathed into its inmost consciousness that it should never perish, the creed of the heathen sensualist, "Let us eat and be merry, for to-morrow we die," would be the best philosophy and the easiest rule of life. The R.A. Degree was, however, still but a link—although the most precious link—in the golden chain which bound in mutual dependence the various parts of their whole system together. If the teachings of the R.A. Degree were carefully followed, it would be learned that no more acceptable service or sacrifice could be offered to a beneficent Creator than to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious, and to behold in every child of Adam a brother of the dust. When the various members of the human family were relieved in their hour of need, irrespective of nation, language, creed, or colour, then honest Masonic work was done. "He prayeth best who loveth best all things, both great and small; for the dear God that loveth us has made, and loves them all." Let them diligently use the working tools of the R.A. Degree; with the sword let them fight for the weak against the strong, for the true against the false, the good against the evil; with the crowbar let them demolish the strongholds of pride, prejudice, ignorance, and superstition; with the pickaxe let them bury the rubbish of the body of the old Adam; with the shovel let them clear away the ruins of a fallen nature which impeded the erection of a new structure, fitted for the reception of truth, and virtue, and wisdom; with the trowel let them every day add a white and perfect ashlar to the new temple which, though alas! only too slowly, was gradually and certainly rising to cover the whole earth, to embrace and fold within its ample courts all people, nations, and languages, and to be fitted with the name, the glory, and the honour of the Great I Am.

At the close of the eloquent address of Ex. Z., which was impressively delivered and warmly applauded, he proceeded to the installation of the Prov. G. Superintendent designate.

The beautiful and imposing ritual of the Order for the occasion was delivered by Ex. Comp. Metham with marked effect, in a manner that did great credit to himself and the adjoining Province of Devon, of which he is the P.G.H.

At the close of the installation,

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe, on assuming the chair of Z., expressed the thanks of himself and the chapter to Ex. Comp. Metham for his kindness in coming down to Truro to do what he had so ably and impressively done that day. For the kind sentiments expressed by Ex. Comp. Metham, and the cordial good feelings and congratulations, he was deputed to express on behalf of Most Ex. Comp. Huyshe and the sister Province of Devon their very grateful acknowledgments. He was sure Ex. Comp. Metham would take no offence at his regretting that Most Ex. Comp. Huyshe was not able to attend that day to perform what he would, however, say could not have been better performed than it was. His lordship then referred at some length to the merits, origin, and antiquity of the R.A. Degree. A certain period had been pointed out by some persons as likely to be that at which it was instituted.



With their views he could not, however, entirely agree. So far as he had studied the matter, he believed the origin of the degree went back to a far earlier period than was generally deemed. He would admit that probably it was not worked exactly in the manner now adopted by the present chapters, but pointed out circumstances which seemed to imply that parts of it were the work of a combination of the learning of the Egyptian, Hebrew, and Syrian priesthood. He had an idea that in parts of it could be traced the early development and progress of order and religious sentiment, under the then limited condition of the human intellect, somewhat after the manner in which geology gave the history of material matter. Some of the geometrical terms adopted he also showed to be of considerable interest. The disquisition of the Prov. G. Superintendent, which exhibited considerable research, and afforded very interesting information to the companions, was listened to by them with much interest.

At the close of this address and some further business peculiar to the order, Earl Mount Edgcumbe installed Sir F. M. Williams as H., and the Rev. G. Ross as J. of the chapter for the ensuing year. Ex. Comp. William Tweedy, 331, was elected and invested as Treasurer. The Prov. G. Superintendent then invested the following officers: E. T. Carlyon, 331, Prov. G.S.E.; R. John, 331, Prov. G.S.N.; W. J. Jenkins, 331, Prov. G.P.S.; George Kerswill, 510, Prov. G. 1st S.; John Paul, 1006, Prov. G. 2nd S.; W. J. Johns, 331, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Guy, 496, Prov. G.S.B.; N. J. West, 450, Prov. G.S.B.; R. A. Courtney, 510, Prov. G.M.C.; J. Niness, 1006, Prov. G. Org.; I. Leyin, 121; C. Truscott, Jun., 106; J. Bedford Kerswill, 1164; T. C. Stevens, 151, Prov. G. Stewards; W. Rooks, Prov. G. Jan.

The following committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the chapter:—R. Comps. the Z., H. and J., the S.E., S.N., and Treas. of the Prov. G. Chap., and the Z. of every private chapter in the province.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several companions, including Comp. Hughon, who offered the assistance of a collection of bye-laws he had gathered, for revising the bye-laws of the chapter. [A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Ex. Comp. Metham for his services on that day. This was duly replied to, and the chapter was adjourned. During the holding of the chapter a very brilliant effect was produced in the appearance of the assembly by a large number of the Principals and Past Principals of the private chapters attending in complete costume in their official robes.

In the evening a large party of the companions dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the Agenda of business in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March, 1877:—

The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December, 1876, will be read and put for confirmation.

The minutes of the Especial Grand Lodge of the 3rd January, 1877, will be read and put for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will move that the following recommendations of the Especial Grand Lodge, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1877, be received and adopted, viz:—

1. That the sum of £4000 be voted to the Royal National Life Boat Institution for the purpose of founding and furnishing two Lifeboat Stations in perpetuity, in such localities on the English coast, as the Sub-Committee, hereafter mentioned, shall decide.

2. That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, be appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, detail, &c.

3. That a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event.

5. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

6. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A brother of the Lodge of Nine Muses, 235, London ... .. £100 0 0

A brother of the Union Lodge, 129, Kendal ... .. £200 0 0

A brother of the Angel Lodge, 51, Colchester ... .. £50 0 0

A brother of the New Forest Lodge, 319, Lymington ... .. £50 0 0

A brother of the Apollo University Lodge, 357, Oxford ... .. £150 0 0

A brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, 60, London ... .. £150 0 0

8. Report of the Board of General Purposes to the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:—

The Board of General Purposes beg to Report that it having come to their knowledge that the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury, had been guilty of Masonic irregularity by passing and raising brethren at shorter intervals than the period prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, the Board investigated the circumstances, and, in result, ordered that the brethren in question be duly re-obligated and their certificates withheld until that be done; and, further, that the lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

The Board further report the investigation by them of a similar Masonic irregularity on the part of the Royal

Alfred Lodge, 1028, Alfreton, a brother having been raised in such lodge at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and that in result they have ordered the brother in question to be re-obligated, and his certificate to be withheld until that be done; and further that the lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

Signed, JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th February, 1877.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February, 1877, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6997 19s. 2d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

9. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1876.

10. Appeals:—

1. Appeal of Bro. Edmund Waller, M.D., the then W. Master of St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Peterborough, against the judgment of Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, relative to dissensions which have arisen in the lodge, arising chiefly on the subject of the powers and privileges of the W. Master.

2. Appeal of Bro. the Rev. William T. Hobson, of the Tynwald Lodge, 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, against a resolution of the Board of General Purposes declining to interfere between himself and Bro. John A. Brown in a complaint submitted to them in a matter not relating to the Craft.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

11. Notices of motions:—

1. By Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch, W.M. 160,— "That a committee, consisting of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters, and such other members of the Craft as the said committee shall, in their discretion, deem fit from time to time to add to their numbers, be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote the building, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London, of a Masonic Temple, which, while offering more extended accommodation for the present requirements of Grand Lodge, shall be at once worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of Freemasonry; an ornament to the chief city of the world, and a lasting memorial of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., not only for the safe return from India of our M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, but for the success of his visit in eliciting and confirming throughout that vast territory a feeling of universal loyalty and attachment to the Imperial rule of England.

"That such committee shall be invested with full powers to procure plans and estimates for such a building; shall consider the best means of raising the necessary funds; and shall continue to act and report to every succeeding Grand Lodge, until the Grand Lodge shall think proper to discontinue the said committee."

2. Bro. Benjamin Mallam, P.M. 108:—

"That a sum of money be given out of the funds towards the funds of the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficiently large in amount to allow of the committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of infant orphans of Freemasons."

"The following is a list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1652. Inverell, Inverell, N.S.W.  
1653. Prince of Wales, Sydney, N.S.W.  
1654. St. Leonards' Samaritan, St. Leonards, near Sydney, N.S.W.

1655. Corinthian, Thames, Auckland, New Zealand.

1656. Wolsey, Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

1657. Aldersgate, Aldersgate Street.

1658. Skelmersdale, Camberwell.

1659. Fidelity, Grand Bank, Newfoundland.

1660. Arlecon, Frizington, Cumberland.

1661. Newton, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

1662. Beaconsfield, Walthamstow.

1663. Hartismere, Eye, Suffolk.

1664. Gosforth, Gosforth, Northumberland.

1665. Natalia, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

1666. Akaroa, Akaroa, Canterbury, New Zealand.

1667. Hutt, Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 9, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.

" 1622, Rose, S.M.H.

Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland.

" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 256, Unions, F.M.H.

" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Basinghall-st.

Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

Red Cross Con., Premier, 68, Regent-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.

Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.

Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.

Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.

St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.

Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.

Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-street.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

Colonial Board, at 5.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.

" 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot., Lud. Brdg.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, C. of G. Hope Tav., E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.

Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.

Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.

Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7.

Quart. Com. Grand Lodge, at 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.

Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.

New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.

Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.

Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.

United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.

Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.

Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

" 19, Royal Athelstan.

" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

" 657, Canobury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 860, Dallousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.

" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.

" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.

Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.

Isbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.

Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.



## FRIDAY, MARCH 9.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Arderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
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 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
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## TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7.

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 8.

- Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 333, Royal Preston, Vic. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided; Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; the Earl of Donoughmore, Senior Grand Warden, Bros. F. Pattison as J.G.W.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G. Dir. of Cers.; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Hervey, Grand Secretary; S. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.; and the Grand Deacons and Pursuivants were in their places. There were present altogether some 600 or 700 brethren, among whom were Lord de Tabley, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Sir Michael Costa, Colonel Burdett, General Brownrigg, Richard Giddy, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, Thos. Fenn, Hyde Pullen, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. Spencer R. Wigram, S. Rawson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. R. J. Simpson, J. M. Clabon, Benj. Head, Dr. Woodman, Dr. Jabez Hogg, F. Davidson, J. E. Middleton, Wilhelm Ganz, Wilhelm Kuhe, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Cubitt, Alderman Hadley, J. Wright, John Coutts, J. C. Parkinson, J. A. Rucker, James Glaisher, R. J. Spiers, James Mason, Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, Capt. Platt, and Capt. S. G. Homfray.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C., announced that the Grand Master of Nova Scotia was present, and called upon the brethren to give him the customary salute. This having been done, business was proceeded with. The minutes of Grand Lodge of December, and of the Especial Grand Lodge of 3rd January were read by Grand Secretary and confirmed.

The Earl of Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren,—Those who were present at the last Especial Grand Lodge will remember the various arguments by which I introduced the subject which now comes before you, to your attention. It would be quite unnecessary for me now to repeat those arguments. I shall therefore content myself with moving the resolutions of which notice has been given on this paper. And should it be necessary to offer any explanation I shall be quite ready to do so. The first resolution is, "That the sum of £4000 be voted to the National Lifeboat Institution, for the purpose of founding and furnishing two lifeboat stations, in perpetuity, in such localities on the English coast, as the Sub-Committee, hereafter mentioned, shall decide." I will take the resolutions separately. I beg to move that resolution.

Lord Skelmersdale said he had great pleasure in seconding the resolution. The Pro. G.M. had said himself that he had explained the matter so amply at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, that it was unnecessary to go into that again. He only hoped that the resolution would be carried unanimously.

The motion was put and carried without a dissentient voice.

The Earl of Limerick said: I am happy to be able to state, and I shall request the Grand Secretary to take formal note of it, that it may be communicated to His Royal Highness, that this resolution has passed with the unanimous concurrence of Grand Lodge. (Great cheering.) I have now to propose to you another resolution, which is simply intended to give effect to the first. "That a sub-committee, consisting of the M.W. the Pro. Grand Master, the R.W., the Deputy Grand Master, and the R.W. the Senior Grand Warden, be appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, with full powers to arrange all matters as to locality, details, &c." I apprehend that there is comparatively little difficulty in this part of our duties, but of course it is necessary that these should be some persons who should be made responsible for carrying out the details. I am quite willing to undertake the duty in conjunction with my two noble brothers, whose names stand on this resolution.

Bro. Maynham W. Stewart having seconded the resolution it was put to Grand Lodge, and likewise carried unanimously, amidst cheers.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Lastly, brethren, I have to ask you to give your consent to a resolution, which will record, I trust, for ever, in this our solemn meeting place, that memorial which we have decided to erect to the event which had given the Craft so much satisfaction. I do not doubt that it will be possible at once to combine in that memorial tablet all that is necessary in the way of recording the details, and also of adding one more embellishment to this hall. I ask, therefore, of Grand

Lodge, permission—and it will not cost a very large sum—but the permission to arrange for a memorial tablet, which shall in proper form and shape record the event in which we have all taken so deep an interest. (Hear, hear.) I have therefore to move "That a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event."

General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, seconded the motion, which was also put and carried unanimously with the same general expressions of cordiality.

The Earl of Carnarvon again rose and said: Brethren, I have to make at once an announcement to you, and to ask you to agree to a resolution on the same subject. Since we last met in this hall its walls have been graced with one more portrait. It is a very fitting sequel to the vote to which we have unanimously agreed this evening. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, in this hall there are ten compartments; those ten compartments are now full. Each of those compartments holds the portrait of one who in his day has been honoured, respected and dear to the Craft. Many of them represent members of our own Royal Family, the relations of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our present Grand Master. For some time the tenth compartment has been vacant, and now in an auspicious hour it has been filled, and a picture, not unworthy of the subject, and not unworthy of the place, fills that compartment. (Hear, hear.) It has been painted by an eminent painter; it has been presented to Grand Lodge by a well-known and honoured lodge, the Lodge of Friendship; and my duty is to move that that picture henceforth be formally accepted and hung in that particular place, and that the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our brethren of the Lodge of Friendship for this worthy and by us highly prized present. (Cheers.) I shall go through the form of asking for a seconder, but I am confident that such a proposition as I now make will be carried by universal acclamation. (General Brownrigg here approached the Earl of Carnarvon and made some observations to him.) The Earl of Carnarvon continued,—I have been very fitly reminded to add to what I have already said that the painter who has so worthily exhibited his art upon that canvas is himself a member of the Lodge of Friendship, and by that very fact adds, I think, an additional value to the picture we are now accepting. I have, therefore, to submit to you the following resolution: "That this picture, painted expressly for the purpose by Bro. Louis Desanges, a member of the Lodge of Friendship, be accepted, and that the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby offered to the Lodge of Friendship for this very acceptable present." I beg to move that resolution. (Hear, hear.)

Lord de Tabley seconded the motion, and he had great pleasure in doing so. More particularly had he satisfaction in seconding the resolution as he was himself a member of the Lodge of Friendship, and he was only happy to think that the picture redounded to the credit of those fraternal feelings of the brethren which were so acceptable to Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. 92, rose to propose the election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year ensuing, and in doing so said:—Having had the honour to nominate the Grand Master, it now becomes my privilege to follow up the nomination by proposing in due form, and in accordance with ancient custom, the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the high office which for two years he has filled with so much grace and dignity. As I am conscious that the brethren must be awaiting with a very natural impatience, the moment when they can, by acclamation, give expression to the feelings, which are dominant in our hearts, I shall trespass upon their attention for a few seconds only, but however inadequate I may feel myself to the duty I am attempting to discharge, I believe myself to be, though but a humble member of the rank and file, yet for the time being, the spokesman both of Grand Lodge and the Craft, and I think it would be considered unbefitting, if the occasion were allowed to pass by without their being manifested the most hearty recognition and most sincere appreciation of the vast and unprecedented stride which Masonry has made within the two past years, during which it has been the happiness and the pride of the Craft to be under the genial sway of His Royal Highness. I may be permitted to assure our Royal Grand Master, that by graciously consenting to remain at our head, a further incentive will be supplied to us all, to maintain and uphold the dignity and high importance of Masonry, so as in all respects to merit a continuance of that illustrious patronage, which we one and all so heartily welcome and appreciate.

The motion having been seconded, His Royal Highness was unanimously elected, and Sir Albert Woods then declared the fact, announcing the Prince of Wales by all his titles. The customary salute was thereupon given.

Bro. Pearce, P.G.S., proposed the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer. He rose with pleasure to propose it, and also with confidence, knowing full well that the mention of the name of their Very Worshipful Samuel Tomkins would be welcomed in Grand Lodge with favour. It was quite unnecessary for him to dilate for one single moment on the long series of brilliant and useful services Bro. Tomkins had performed to the Craft, and he should therefore content himself with proposing his re-election.

Having been seconded, the motion was carried amidst loud applause.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins, in returning thanks for his re-election, said he thanked the brethren very heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him by re-electing him as Grand Treasurer. He had now had the honour of serving them for many years, and every year he had

seen the growing numbers and prosperity of the members of the Craft. He trusted this might long continue, and he hoped that under the guidance of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales they would see Masonry attain a higher and more influential position than ever it had had before. (Cheers.)

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Bro. John B. Monckton, President, brought up the following report of the Board of General Purposes, and on his motion it was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The Board of General Purposes beg to Report that it having come to their knowledge that the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury, had been guilty of Masonic irregularity by passing and raising brethren at shorter intervals than the period prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, the Board investigated the circumstances, and, in result, ordered that the brethren in question be duly re-obligated and their certificates withheld until that be done; and, further, that the lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

The Board further report the investigation by them of a similar Masonic irregularity on the part of the Royal Alfred Lodge, 1028, Alfreton, a brother having been raised in such lodge at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Book of Constitutions, and that in result they have ordered the brother in question to be re-obligated, and his certificate to be withheld until that be done; and further that the lodge be fined one guinea for the offence.

Signed, JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th February, 1877.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February, 1877, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £6997 19s. 2d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

Bro. Monckton said that some of the brethren might be disposed to think that the fines inflicted in the above cases were, as had been suggested, rather lenient than otherwise, but he hoped Grand Lodge would think that the board had erred on the right side. They had received explanations in the cases, and they found that the mistakes made by the brethren arose more from ignorance of the Masonic law than from wilful Masonic irregularity. Grand Secretary had been instructed to warn the brethren very strongly as to their conduct in future, and he hoped it would have a beneficial effect.

Bro. Peter De Lande Long seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The report of Bro. R. P. Harding having been adopted, Grand Lodge proceeded with the appeals. The first was an appeal of Bro. Edmund Waller, M.D., the then W. Master of St. Peter's Lodge, 442, Peterborough, against the judgment of Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, relative to dissensions which have arisen in the lodge, arising chiefly on the subject of the powers and privileges of the W. Master.

Bro. McIntyre, G. Registrar, in stating the case to Grand Lodge, said that this appeal arose out of occurrences that took place at two meetings of the lodge of which Dr. Waller was W.M. at the time, and it was a case which required some consideration; but he thought upon the whole Grand Lodge would come to the conclusion that the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in this instance should be upheld. He did not say that the reason given by the Deputy P.G.M. for arriving at his conclusion was exactly that at which he (G.R.) would have arrived at; but he thought when Grand Lodge had heard what really took place, it would say the D.P.G.M.'s judgment should not be overruled. The first complaint arose with regard to a meeting of the lodge when the ceremony of raising had to be performed. Dr. Waller, before the lodge met, asked a P.M. of the lodge to perform the ceremony for him. The D.P.G.M. seemed to have thought that Dr. Waller, in making that request before the lodge was held, erred, and was not acting within the scope of his authority. So far the D.P.G.M. was wrong, and in this opinion which he (G.R.) held, no doubt brethren who had been used to the working of the Craft would concur; because if a brother was to be asked to perform a ceremony, which should be performed efficiently and well, timely notice should be given to him to get the ceremony up. In his opinion Dr. Waller did that which was right. Dr. Waller mentioned in the ante-room what he had done, and Bro. Buckle, who was the Senior P.M., stated, when Dr. Waller asked him to take the S.W. chair, that he would do the raising. Bro. Buckle claimed the right. They referred to the Book of Constitutions, which certainly on this point was as clear as possible. The part they referred to was, "That should the Master die, or resign, or be incapable of performing his duties," the S.W. should summon the lodge, and the Senior P.M. should take the chair, and in the absence of P.M.'s of the lodge the S.W. should rule it. He thought there was a misapprehension on the part of a great many brethren as to what was the



meaning of that law. If the W.M. should die there was no question that the I.P.M. should take the chair; but the great question turned on the words "be incapable of performing his duties." His (G.R.'s) idea of it was, that it meant physical incapacity; it did not mean that the W.M. was not able with accuracy and precision to perform the whole of the ceremonies. If that were to be the case he was afraid a great many brethren who had passed the chair might not go through with verbal accuracy. (Laughter.) It must mean incapacity, through being insane, or placed under some duress, or physical incapacity, through illness, which prevented his being present in the lodge. But if the Master could be present in the lodge, and could occupy the chair, this law did not apply to him. He had a right to preside over the lodge, and to call upon any brother he chose, who was a member of the lodge to perform the ceremonies. (Hear, hear.) The brethren in this instance seemed to think that it was absolutely necessary that the words should be spoken by the brother who occupied the chair. This was a mistake. If the W.M. occupied the chair he might call any brother to stand at his pedestal, or place him anywhere he liked in the lodge, and commission him to repeat his ceremonies, and the words spoken by that brother were the words of the W.M. But Bro. Buckle having said that if the W.M. did not perform his duties he should seem to have thought that this ceremony was to be performed from the chair. The W.M. left the chair, Bro. Buckle occupied it, and performed the ceremony, and the W.M. protested against what was done. The minutes were entered by the Secretary in the usual way, but after the minutes were entered, it appeared that the W.M. made an interlineation in them. As the words originally stood Bro. Buckle objected to any brother performing the ceremony unless it was performed by the W.M. The words interlined were that he insisted on performing that duty. The minutes were put for confirmation at the next meeting, and the W.M. did not state that he had caused the interlineation to be made; and afterwards when it was discovered that it had been made there was a very angry discussion, and very strong language was used on both sides, some brethren threatening to make a complaint against the W.M., and the W.M. threatening to make a complaint against them. A question arose about a brother of another lodge, and that led to an angry discussion also. Then came a proposition that a testimonial should be given to the Secretary. The W.M. rose and objected to it, and stated as his reasons that the Secretary was inefficient and inattentive, and he refused to put the resolution. The D.P.G.M. did not seem to have found that the W.M. did leave the chair. He refused to leave the chair, and when the time came for closing the lodge there was no answer to his gavel and he had to close the lodge down proprio vigore. Then he made a complaint to the D.P.G.M. who examined witnesses on one side and the other. There was a complete conflict of testimony between the W.M. and one or two of the brethren. Ultimately the D.P.G.M. having the brethren before him, heard their testimony, and seeing their demeanour was more likely to come to a just and proper conclusion than this Grand Lodge could come to. Grand Registrar then read the D.P.G.M.'s finding, and concluded by saying he did not think Grand Lodge should disturb it. The W.M. in some of the things he did was amenable to censure. Bro. Buckle did behave in a very insubordinate way to the Master, and when censuring the W.M. of the lodge, the D.P.G.M. should have extended his censure to Bro. Buckle, who seemed to have stood too rigidly on his privileges, and to have thought more of them than of assisting the W.M. in the duties of his office. There had been a departure from the principles of Freemasonry. Members of lodges, officers, or past officers, ought to consider this; they were not to stand upon their strict rights; strict rights were the most arrant injustice. Let every brother see that by giving way a little he would be doing his duty in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry. He felt compelled to move that the decision of the D.P.G.M. should be confirmed; but at the same time he thought that the D.P.G.M. should have censured some others who deserved it. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. Waller said there was an error in one point of this matter—as to his making an alteration in the minutes. He did not make it after the minutes were entered in the minute book. The Secretary called on him with an abstract or outline of the minutes. The alteration was made in what he thought was the draft.

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren,—The question that I put to you is, that the decision of the D.P.G.M. shall be affirmed. It is unnecessary for me in any way to add remarks of my own. The Grand Registrar has explained with such extreme clearness, and taken so much pains and trouble in mastering the case in all its details, that I have no doubt Grand Lodge will be satisfied with the conclusion which he has so satisfactorily and painstakingly arrived at. You have heard a few words from Dr. Waller; and I would merely remind you that the point discussed is a question of fact which it is impossible for this Grand Lodge of course to go into. They must be content to accept the facts in the formal and official way in which they come before them, viz., as presented by the statement of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and checked by the statement of the Grand Registrar. I think that Grand Lodge may feel that they are acting justly and fairly in this case, in agreeing to the motion of our Grand Registrar; and at the same time Dr. Waller may feel that he is not incurring any very heavy censure, it is a censure lightened and divided among others; and I trust the mere moral of this appeal will not be lost sight of, as has been put by the Grand Registrar that in questions such as these, which will from time to time arise, as every Provincial Grand Master, and as every member of provincial lodges must know, constantly arise, that there

should be a feeling of fraternal co-operation and goodwill among the brethren, and that they should not, as Grand Registrar says, stand upon their extreme rights, but help each other, and even to accept with Masonic forbearance any little inequalities or irregularities which they may conceive they are subjected to. The motion, therefore, which I shall put to you is, "That the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire be upheld."

The motion was carried nem. dis.

The next appeal was exceptionally peculiar, being none other than an appeal of Bro. the Rev. William D. Hobson, of the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, Isle of Man, against a resolution of the Board of General Purposes, declining to interfere between himself and Bro. John A. Brown in a complaint submitted to them in a matter not relating to the Craft. The Board being the inculpated parties, their President, Bro. John B. Monckton, brought the matter up, not to move the resolutions, but to state the facts. In laying them before the Grand Lodge, Bro. Monckton said that Bro. Hobson, although absent, would no doubt read what was going to be said, and when he did so he would most likely feel that he had not been dealt with other than Masonically. The appeal in this case differed from other appeals. It was not an appeal between two Masons on Masonic affairs, nor was it a complaint against a decision on a matter in dispute; it was simply an appeal from the Board, who having a complaint before them, felt that they had not jurisdiction to deal with it. To this Bro. Hobson demurred, and he denied the opinion of Grand Lodge on the point. If Grand Lodge thought the Board ought to entertain the complaint, they would have to take up the papers again. He should not conclude by moving anything, but leave the matter in the hands of Grand Lodge. The circumstances were simply these: Bro. Hobson and Bro. Brown were both members of the Tynwald Lodge, Bro. Hobson being Chaplain of the lodge. Bro. Brown, though not the proprietor, was the responsible publisher of a newspaper called *The Isle of Man Times*, in which, last year, an article appeared reflecting very strongly on Bro. Hobson, not as a Mason, but rather as a clergyman having something to do with some schools in the Isle of Man. He opposed the steps taken by the School Board, and the article in the newspaper charged Bro. Hobson with twisting figures. Bro. Hobson did not take an unwise course, but brought an action against the publisher. On the case coming on for hearing, Bro. Brown instructed his counsel to apologise, explain and retract, and the action was withdrawn, and there, as Bro. Hobson said, the matter would have ended, if Bro. Brown had taken no further step. Bro. Brown thought it right for the honour of his paper to put in an article afterwards, in which he explained away his former explanation, in other words he seemed to say that want of legal proof induced him to withdraw and apologise. He (Bro. Monckton) did not know what the laws of the Isle of Man were, but Bro. Hobson did not again seek the redress of the law, but laid the matter before his lodge, who by a majority declined to interfere. He then brought it to the Board of General Purposes, and the Board having considered very carefully the *prima facie* statement, were of opinion that in accordance with the Book of Constitutions they had no right to interfere. From this opinion Bro. Hobson now brought his appeal to Grand Lodge, and it was only right to say that he gave three reasons in support of his appeal. The Book of Constitutions in three places touched upon such a subject. Bro. Hobson had quoted his authority correctly when he said that all differences and complaints that could not be accommodated in a regular lodge were to be taken to the Board of General Purposes. That was repeated in p. 6, but it was qualified in 108. Brethren on the Board well knew that any private matters, like money questions and domestic questions, were brought before them, but brethren were told that unless it was Masonic the Board could do nothing with them; they could not restore money, or a wife, or anything else. He thought, in all fairness to Bro. Hobson, the substance of his complaint, according to p. 18 of the Book of Constitutions, being that a complaint by one brother against another brother of a lodge could be brought before the Board, it was right to express his own opinion that if they entertained matters which had nothing to do with Masonry the Board would have more than enough to do.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart rose to move the confirmation of the resolution of the Board, but he was superseded by Bro. James Mason, who moved that the appeal be dismissed. He said the matter raised a question of considerable importance, and therefore was not lightly to be dealt with. The ancient charges enjoined upon Masons a very excellent principle, that they should, as far as possible, abstain from legal proceedings one against the other, and that they should endeavour to bring all their differences to a happy end. The quotation from the Book of Constitutions made by the worthy President showed one grand thing, that if complaints were brought before the Board of General Purposes, the Board had authority to deal with them. But it was not compulsory upon them to deal with these matters, and very rightly they exercised their jurisdiction and treated trivial matters in the way they ought to be treated when they were not outside Masonry. (Cries of "Vote, vote.") But there might be things that were not strictly within the laws of Masonry. (Renewed cheers, and cries of "Vote, vote.") There were very many questions of very great importance to Masons, which might be adjudicated upon. ("Vote, vote.") There were many questions—"Vote, vote," allow him to say, brethren, and he had the right of free speech, and it was un-Masonic to interfere with a brother when speaking—it was the G.M. in the chair alone who could stop him. ("Vote, vote.") This practice of interrupting a brother was not consistent with

Masonry. There was a great principle involved in this question. (Vote, vote.) A Mason might have a right to bring before his lodge a matter, he might have a right to appeal to individual brethren outside Freemasonry, and he might have a right to appeal to the Board of General Purposes, and it was the right of the individual member, and it was the right of the Board of General Purposes to discuss those matters. Here was an affair which ought to be dealt with outside Freemasonry, the Board of General Purposes declined to interfere. He moved that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the resolution, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch, W.M. 160, then moved "That a committee, consisting of the Present and Past Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Masters, and such other members of the Craft as the said committee shall, in their discretion, deem fit from time to time to add to their numbers, be appointed to consider what steps should be taken to promote the building, either on the Thames Embankment, or in some other conspicuous part of London, of a Masonic Temple, which, while offering more extended accommodation for the present requirements of Grand Lodge, shall be at once worthy of the rank, wealth, and increasing importance of Freemasonry; an ornament to the chief city of the world, and a lasting memorial of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., not only for the safe return from India of our M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, but for the success of his visit in eliciting and confirming throughout that vast territory a feeling of universal loyalty and attachment to the Imperial rule of England."

"That such committee shall be invested with full powers to procure plans and estimates for such a building; shall consider the best means of raising the necessary funds; and shall continue to act and report to every succeeding Grand Lodge, until the Grand Lodge shall think proper to discontinue the said committee." He compared the condition of Masonry now with what it was 100 years ago, and argued that the present Grand Lodge was not large enough to meet the growing demands of the Craft, which now required greater accommodation. There were only 200 lodges and about 6000 Masons in existence 100 years ago; now there were 1660 lodges and probably 400,000 or 500,000 Masons. Means were adopted then for erecting the present building, and care was taken to provide sufficient room for the brethren. He submitted that the same thing should be done now.

The motion not being seconded fell to the ground. Bro. Benjamin Mallam, P.M. 108, withdrew his motion "That a sum of money be given out of the funds towards the funds of the Alexandra Orphanage, sufficiently large in amount to allow of the committee to place one of the blocks of the buildings apart for the use of infant orphans of Freemasons."

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at 3.30. There were present Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; G. Phythian, S.W.; T. White, P.M., as J.W.; J. Wilcox, P.M., Treas.; T. R. Eames, P.M., Hon. Sec.; E. W. Shove, as S.D.; T. P. Collings, J.D.; G. B. Gates, I.G.; W. C. Greaves, Org.; W. Neats, W.S.; Past Masters Goodwin, Batty, Harcourt, Norman, Waterall, Crawford, and Partridge; and many other brethren, including several visitors. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous lodge confirmed, Bro. Partridge, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., raised Bro. Sargent to the Third Degree. The W.M. then assumed the chair, and having resumed, the lodge ballot was taken for Mr. E. Hollandt as an initiate and Bro. H. Povey as a re-joining member, both of which were unanimous. Bro. Slater was then passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Hollandt initiated, Bro. Mugeridge delivering the charge. The Treasurer then announced the death of Bro. Joseph Ashwell, P.M., who had been a member of the lodge upwards of twenty-two years, and it was decided that the Hon. Secretary should write a letter of condolence to the surviving members of the family. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. Bro. Henry Phythian, P.P.G. Sec. Middlesex, returning thanks for "The Visitors."

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—This lodge met on the 1st inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. Edward Jones as W.M., in succession to Bro. Cobu, and for performing the other lodge work. Bro. Cobu presided. Bros. Chas. Arkell, S.W.; E. Jones, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Secretary; H. Legge, S.D.; F. Fellowes, J.D.; W. P. Rickwood, I.G.; S. T. Lucas, D.C.; E. King, P.M., Steward; Hosgood, P.M.; G. Abbott, P.M.; G. Newman, P.M.; C. J. Sparrow, R. J. Dart, G. F. Quinton, Thos. Perrin, Thos. Gardener, R. Stubington, G. Taylor, E. Hunton, E. J. Kellaway, J. Curle, W. Medwin, R. E. Bright, Geo. Borer, H. Child, J. T. Belfrage, R. H. Goddard, T. Hampton, R. Clark, W. F. Poulton, H. Davis, W. H. L. Davies, H. A. Carter, T. Fisher, J. Cook, S. Fitzjohn, W. Alfatt, B. Perkins, T. Barker, J. Larkin, J. Copelin, C. W. Benson, T. Agutter, W. Regan, S. Haynes, A. J. Sutherland, J. Kent, Chas. Cann, W. Figs, C. E. Scholes, E. C. Alfatt, S. Edwards, W. Darnell. Visitors: W. Worrell, P.M. 766; F. Van Raalte, 917; F. G. Barns, 796; S. Rosenthal, P.G.S.W. Midx.; W. Davies, 1259; W. Lusby, 1259; J. Linsdell, P.M. 311; R. Pinkey, 177; W. Stephens, P.M. 1265; T. Beard, P.M.



101; C. B. Grover, 185; J. R. Williams, 766; J. Fowler, 1158; J. B. Bruning, 1489; G. W. West, 1247; J. Murch, 27; W. Mitchell, 717; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); M. Hornsey, 73; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D. England; C. A. Walter, 865; Dudley Rolls, P.M. 12; A. May, 1358; G. Clark, 177; A. Martelley, 156; T. B. Yeoman, 1460; H. Dunn, 28; A. Cotton, 1613; A. B. Lipscombe, 15; H. B. D. Dawn, W. C. Hollands, W.M. 1321; S. Lazarus, P.M. 53; W. Palmer, 177; J. Wandley, 1381; G. Everett, P.M. 177; J. H. Turner, W.M. 1185; E. G. Legge, 1196; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; J. J. Moore; J. R. Foulger, W.M. 1613; W. H. Morgan, 1305; G. T. Wilson, 569; H. Schley, 247; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; J. Wenland, 1076; J. Taylor, 298; and W. Simmons, 871. The W.M. passed Bro. W. H. L. Davies to the Second Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. Edward Jones, J.W. and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master for the current year. The Board of Installed Masters was unusually numerous, and on the board being closed the brethren below the chair were admitted, and after the customary salutes the following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. Henry Legge, S.W.; F. Fellows, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Rickwood, S.D.; S. T. Lucas, J.D.; H. Child, I.G.; E. J. Kellaway, D.C.; W. H. L. Davies, Org.; E. King, P.M., Steward; and G. Smith, Tyler. Bro. George Newman was invested as Treasurer in the absence of Bro. George Kenning. The Treasurer gave notice of motion that £10 be given to the widow of a deceased brother, £10 to the Benevolent Institution, and £10 to the Muggeridge testimonial. The addresses having been delivered, some minor matters were disposed of, and the brethren then closed the lodge and adjourned to an excellent banquet. Afterwards the customary toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen," said he would not waste the time of the brethren by dilating upon her merits, so well and universally known, but would content himself by saying that as a Queen we honoured and obeyed her, and as true Englishmen we revered and loved her. In giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said how thoroughly the Prince had endeared himself to the heart of every Mason was well known to them all; how highly and efficiently he had discharged the duties of his high office was universally acknowledged; and while he was ever ready to forward the interests of the charities of our Order, he had handed down a name to posterity as one of the highest ornaments of Freemasonry. The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," followed, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., was called upon to respond. In doing so he said the brethren would all agree with him that it was most important that everything and every institution in the world should have a head, and it was so with Freemasonry. They had at the present moment a noble head of their lodge, and they were proud to see Bro. Jones in the chair. Carrying their thoughts higher they were proud of the Prince of Wales as the head of Freemasonry, and he thought he might, without fear of contradiction, say that no Grand Master had been so beloved as the Prince of Wales; no Grand Master had Masonry so much at heart, as was evidenced by the numerous warrants he had granted for new lodges, though at the same time he had not scattered them broadcast. Speaking for the Grand Officers, who had the true sympathy of the brethren, they had the well-being of the Craft at heart; they were always proud to come among the brethren, and to tell them so. He was proud to come to this lodge, and see such an unprecedented gathering, who had met not only for the sake of the Prince of Wales, but for the sake of the W.M. They had all come to do him credit, and as one of the Grand Officers of England he (Bro. Stewart) said, "Prosperity to the Lion and Lamb Lodge." He hoped this would not be the last occasion he would have the pleasure to come and see them. He hoped that the new lodges would be told that the old lodges, started years before they were born, were well supported, and had never forfeited their honour and glory. Not only as a Grand Officer of England, but as a representative of the Institutions, he returned sincere thanks to the brethren, and wished the lodge success. The W.M. announced that the charity-box had yielded £2 18s. 6d. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," stated that the lodge was honoured that evening with the largest number of those brethren that had ever graced their board. Bro. Rosenthal was the first to respond, and in the course of his remarks said he was sure the brethren would never regret having placed Bro. Jones in the chair. He had had the honour and pleasure of knowing him many years, and he was quite proud that night to be his visitor. They would find that everything Bro. Jones took in hand he would carry out, and thereby do honour and credit to the lodge. He would never turn back either in working or in charity. He had met him in several lodges and in assemblies of the higher degrees. His hand was always on the right side; his pocket was always ready; and this showed he had a good heart. A man that had a good heart must be a good man. Bro. Lazarus also replied, and informed the brethren that he was made a Mason fifty-four years ago, on the 18th March, 1823. Although he had seen a good deal of the ceremonies and of Freemasonry generally in his time, it was the greatest pleasure he had ever witnessed to find that the Heir Apparent to the throne of England took such a great interest in Freemasonry; besides which, two of his brothers were now members of the Order, and one of them a Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Dudley Rolls also replied. It was the first time he had visited this lodge. Unfortunately the pressing emergency of his private avocations prevented his coming so early as he could have wished, but he had come soon enough to witness the hearty reception which the lodge gave their visitors. Bro. D. M. Dewar likewise responded. Bro. Cohu, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said it gave him great

pleasure to propose it, and he knew it would be heartily received by the members of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. He (Bro. Cohu) had vacated the chair that night after having occupied it for the usual time. It had afforded him a great amount of pleasure to occupy the chair, and he was sure Bro. Jones would feel the same amount of pleasure as he had, and have the same amount of support from the brethren. From what they had seen of Bro. Jones they would know he was worthy of the position he was occupying at the present time. The W.M., in reply, said he felt in rather a strange position in having for the first time to respond to the toast of "The W.M." Hitherto he had had some one in the position of W.M. to address; now he seemed to want some one. When he was at the other end of the room he commenced with saying "W.M." But although he was in this new position he nevertheless thanked the brethren very cordially for the kind and hearty manner they had drunk his health. It would always be his earnest endeavour to promote the prosperity of this lodge. He had always endeavoured to do so since he was first initiated in the Order. It had been his highest ambition to reach the proud position in which he had been placed that evening. His next greatest ambition was to make himself worthy of it; and he trusted that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would one and all be satisfied with what he had done for the lodge, and with the way in which he had performed his work. Should he only be enabled to do that, it would be the proudest moment of his life when on retiring from the chair he should have the pleasure of installing his successor, and saying to him that he was placed in the chair with the good wishes of the brethren as hearty as those which had been accorded to himself. He would conclude by saying that everything that lay in his power, both abroad and at home, he should do for the prosperity of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. Cohu, I.P.M., Installing Master." How well and excellently he had done his work in the installation ceremony all the brethren could bear witness; how well and ably he had performed his work throughout the year all the brethren of the lodge knew. It was therefore unnecessary to say more to the brethren on the subject. The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. Cohu said he had very great pleasure in responding to the toast. If he had worked the installation to the satisfaction of the brethren they gratified his wishes, and more than that. From the time he went into the chair he looked upon it as his duty as W.M. to instal his successor. The installation ceremony he had not taken as he had every other ceremony, for in those ceremonies he had been between two stools; but the installation ceremony he had taken from one friend only. He had had plenty of friends to coach him up, but he told them he had seen enough of variations in working, and he would rather take it from one friend only. He thought the time had come for one system only to be worked—the most universal working, which would be very much to the benefit of all Masters of 1 dges. Bro. Cohu concluded by thanking the brethren for drinking his health. The W.M. then proposed "The P.M.'s." Knowing, as they all did, that without good Masters they could not have good working, he thought he could safely say that in the Lion and Lamb Lodge they had as good a set of P.M.'s as any lodge in London. They had all proved themselves excellent workers in their time, and during their years of office. Bro. Cohu, the I.P.M., had surprised all the brethren by the quiet and effective way in which he had done his work. Bro. Cohu, in the course of his reply, said he should always have much pleasure in rendering assistance to the Masters of the lodge, and he was proud to take his rank as a Past Master. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Masonic Charities," and made an apology for the absence of the three Secretaries. They all knew how valuable the Masonic Charitable Institutions were. He had himself had the pleasure of going over each of the institutions, and seeing for himself how well they were conducted. They were a credit to the Craft, and they all knew how munificently the Lion and Lamb Lodge supported them. This year they had the honour of sending a Steward to the festival of the Benevolent Institution; he himself intended to represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival, for which institution the lodge had a candidate in the child of an old P.M., Bro. Cates. He felt certain they would come forward, one and all, and do what they could for that charity, as they must endeavour if they possibly could to get the child in this time. Bro. Smith or Bro. Kenning would most thankfully receive their votes. Bro. Fellows would represent the lodge at the Boys' School Festival, and they knew he would be a most efficient Steward. With his name he would couple the toast. Bro. Fellows replied. He had had the honour and pleasure of representing the lodge at the Benevolent Institution festival two years, and he was very well pleased with the result. He had the honour of going up for the Boys' School, of the value of which they were all well aware. He had this advice to offer to Freemasons. With a thorough appreciation of the value of the Masonic Institutions, he had a desire that they should be supported to their utmost, and that the brethren should subscribe individually to them; but let them not give a guinea to those institutions if a pair of boots was wanted at home. The brethren knew that nearly £13,000 had just been collected for the old men and women. A few years ago only £500 was collected at a festival, and the contrast was so marked that no one could help observing the immense spread there must be in the extension of the Order. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., wished to add a few words to the observations of Bro. Fellows. He had served 17 Stewardships altogether and on Wednesday he had the pleasure of going down to Croydon to pay the old men and women their annuities. Formerly they received but £15 each, but now the old men get £40 a year, and the old women £36. It was

perfectly true, as stated by Bro. Fellows, that formerly the Benevolent Institution got but £500 at a festival. At that time they invested two-thirds of the subscriptions, but shortly the subscriptions went rapidly up to £3000, and they were then told that it would never be larger. Thanks to the energy of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, who was the pioneer of the brethren, who got large subscriptions, they went on increasing. Bro. Binckes advocated the cause, not only of the Boys' School, but of the other Institutions. When that was done he (Bro. Stewart) had the courage to say they should invest no more. Some brethren opposed it, but he carried the point, and they agreed to give the old men £35 and the old women £20 a year. Since then, thank God, he had been able to carry his proposition for a yet larger increase, and the old men had now £40 a year, and the old women £36. In addition to that, they had now 100 more annuitants on the funds of the Institution. He was proud to say that the subscription to the Institution this year was much larger than ever it had been before. In the Boys' and Girls' Schools similar progress had been made. The number of girls had been increased from 100 to 150, and the boys from 60 to 180. Of the latter Institution he might say they wished to increase the number further still. He was on the committee, and he could tell the brethren that they were not going to lead them into a speculation. He would show the committee that they could give accommodation for 120 more boys; but the brethren must give them the means of supporting them by opening their purses more. They must not deceive themselves by thinking that they had done their work; there was yet more to do. They must give the children a thorough education. They had hitherto acted nobly; but having put their hand to the plough they must not look back. (Cheers.) The W.M., in giving "The Masonic Press," said the brethren all knew how ably the *Freemason* was conducted, and they liked to see the doings at their meetings recorded in its columns. He felt certain from what he knew of the way in which Bro. Massey performed his work, that what had passed that evening would be faithfully laid before the brethren next week. Bro. Massey having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. gave "The Musical Artists," for whom Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. 766, acted as sponsor. "The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast, to which Bro. J. G. Marsh replied. "The Officers" followed, and this having been duly responded to, the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the brethren settled down round the Master's table, and spent the remainder of the time in harmony and conversation. During the interval between the different toasts the brethren were entertained with some agreeable singing by Madame Worrell-Duval, Miss Emma Buer, Mr. Arthur J. Thompson, and Bro. Thurlay Beale. Mr. J. Tarle Lee was pianist, and the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. William Worrell. The W.M. presented the lodge with a valuable harmonium.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Wednesday, 28th February. Bro. J. C. Mason, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, proved unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. Frederick Mayer and Elias Ricardo. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Mason, in an able and correct manner, raised Bros. C. S. Hodges and H. Ward to the Third Degree, and initiated Messrs. Frederick Mayer and William Joseph Harrison into Freemasonry. Bro. T. I. H. Wilkins, P.M., took the chair, and initiated his friend, Mr. Elias Ricardo, doing the work in his usual efficient manner. Bro. J. C. Mason, W.M., resumed the chair. Some formal business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and adjourned until April. The arrangements of the forthcoming ball, to be held under the auspices of the lodge, were completed, and it promises to be a great success. There were present, besides those named, Bros. E. S. Stidolph, S.W.; W. J. Kemp, J.W.; the Rev. Hatch, P.M., Chap.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Hudson, S.D.; H. Fajja, J.D.; A. J. Hawkes, I.G.; C. Graham, D.C.; and others. The visitors were Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511; T. Perridge, P.M. 79; and C. G. Rushworth, W.M. 1309. There was not any banquet.

**KILBURN LODGE (No. 1608).**—The fourth regular meeting of this young and very flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 26th February, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn, in the spacious hall newly erected by Bro. T. Hartley for the express use of the brethren. There was an unusually large muster to witness the excellent working for which this lodge has already become famous. Bro. John Palmer, P.M. 27, the esteemed W.M., occupied the chair, the other officers being Bros. G. Kiallmark, S.W.; C. Brewer, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M. 177 and 1381, Treas., acting I.P.M.; J. W. Cuff, S.D.; Geo. Fitchett, J.D.; G. H. Goody, I.G.; A. H. Wilson, Steward; W. Beaven, Org.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Watson, P.M. 23; F. Harrison, P.M. 27; H. S. Goodall, P.M. 78; J. Warner, P.M. 23; J. Lawrance, P.M. 901; J. Reinhardt, 23; A. Jacobs, 493; H. Hawkins, 180; E. R. Shervill, P.M. 23; S. P. Hyatt, 1314; W. J. Wettenhall, 201; H. S. Joyce, 1158; W. S. Keats, 1348; and E. H. Burton, 73 and 333. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following six brethren were passed to the Second Degree, viz., Bros. W. Peech, Sidney Smith, James Wittingham, Harry T. Smith, — Meredith, and W. Blackburn. The ceremony was performed in the W.M.'s usual impressive manner, whilst his admirable reading of the Lecture on the Tracing Board elicited the warmest encomiums from all present. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, provided in Bro. Hartley's well-known excellent style. The preliminary toasts having been given and



duly honoured, the acting I.P.M., Bro. Everett, said the very gratifying task now devolved upon him of proposing the next toast of the evening. He need not remind them that this was a bumper toast, nor need he ask them to drink to it deeply, because he was sure that they would do so of their own accord. From the fact of his having possession of the Master's gavel, and also from the fact of its being the only toast he was privileged to propose at that festive board, they could easily divine that he alluded to the health of their Worshipful Master. He could say, without any flattery to the worthy occupant of the chair, that the Kilburn Lodge was exceedingly fortunate in having for its first Master one so able and so earnest in all that appertained to Freemasonry as Bro. Palmer. He had held a long and distinguished career in the Order, he had been a staunch upholder of its honour and its dignity, and a firm supporter of its charities, and although he had attained so high a position in the Craft, they still found him, night after night, attending their Lodge of Improvement, encouraging by his presence those who might be desirous of following in his footsteps; and emulating his good example; whilst the knowledge that in him they had one so well able to afford them instruction, and so willing to impart it, gave them that confidence to persevere, which was in all things so essential to success. The toast was received with great cheering. The W.M., in reply, said the enthusiastic manner in which they had responded to the toast was to him quite unexpected, and although it was not strictly Masonic, the man could not be mortal who would not feel proud at its reception. He could only thank them, which he did most heartily, and assure them that it was a great pleasure to him to occupy the high position of their W.M., and to feel that he was held in such esteem by the brethren. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors." He said the Kilburn Lodge prided itself on its hospitality, they were always glad to receive visitors, and would at all times do their best to make them comfortable. Bros. Warner, P.M.; Harrison, P.M.; and others responded on behalf of the visitors. "The Masonic Charities" were next given, coupled with the name of Bro. G. Kiallmark, S.W., who had acted as Steward at the late festival of the old people's institution, held at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Kiallmark, in responding, said he felt it a great honour to have his name associated with so noble a toast as that of the Charities. He was proud to say that with their kind assistance he had been enabled to take up no less a sum than £117, and that the Kilburn Lodge, although only in the first year of its existence, stood tenth highest on the list of subscriptions amongst the London lodges. He was further pleased to say that, with the exception of a sovereign or two, the whole amount had been subscribed by the lodge and its members, and the manner in which it was done was most gratifying, for in no case had he to solicit a single member—he simply made the announcement that he was about to represent the lodge as Steward, and it all came forth voluntarily. He felt that he could not sufficiently express his thanks for the support they had given him, and with regard to his position as S.W., although he undertook the office with a certain amount of diffidence (that having been his great drawback through life), their kind and considerate treatment of him was fast overcoming it, and he hoped soon to acquire that confidence which Bro. Everett had stated was so necessary to the proper performance of its functions, and those higher duties to which he hoped shortly to attain. He again thanked them most sincerely. The W.M. said the S.W. having had his name coupled with the last toast, he would now give them an opportunity of drinking "The Health of their worthy J.W., Bro. Brewer," who had taken so active a part in the formation of the lodge, and who was most indefatigable in his exertions to promote its welfare. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Brewer said he desired to thank the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had received it. He was proud to hold office in so rising a lodge and under so able and distinguished a Master. He was glad to find he had thus far given satisfaction; it would be an incentive to him to endeavour to achieve greater things, and with their kind assistance he hoped he should succeed. The W.M. then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," complimenting those officers on their great usefulness in the lodge, and paying a high tribute to their skill and ability. Bro. Everett, in thanking the brethren, said that with so excellent a Master, and such an able and painstaking Secretary, he had little to do but take care of their funds, but he hoped they would keep him well employed at that. Bro. Brooks, Secretary, thanked the W.M. for his kindness in proposing his health, and also for the flattering manner in which he had spoken of him in connection with the duties of his office. There was necessarily a good deal to do in the formation of a new lodge, but he had received many useful hints from the Treasurer, which had been of great service to him, and he was gratified to find that he had discharged his duties thus far so much to their satisfaction. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was ably responded to by Bros. Cuff, Fitchett, and others. Then came "The Organist," replied to by Bro. Beavan, and last, though not least, that of the worthy host, Bro. Hartley. Some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Hyatt, Beavan, F. Brewer, Burton, and others, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—St. Paul's Lodge (No. 43).—A meeting of the above lodge, the oldest in the Province of Warwickshire, was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, under the Mastership of Bro. S. Sinauer, supported by a goodly number of brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. H. J. Altman, of Frederick-street, Birmingham, which proving unanimously in his favour, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges

of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, in such an able manner as to draw forth the plaudits of the whole of the brethren present. Visitors present: Bros. A. J. Altman, I.G. Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, London, and S. Hoffnug of Liverpool. The brethren then adjourned to dinner, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged. Some vocal music having been given, the Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

**GREENWICH.**—St. George's Lodge (No. 140).—The last meeting of this old and distinguished lodge, which was founded in 1765, was held at the Trafalgar Hotel on Wednesday, the 21st ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Wallace, W.M.; Blackmur, S.W.; Bell, J.W.; Noak, Treas.; Tattershall, P.M., Sec.; Loughborough, S.D.; Dennant, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Turner, P.M.; Johnson, P.M.; Jardine, P.M.; and W. Jordon, Org. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Blackmur, 13; Dosell, 79; G. Tedder, 111; Sears, 299; Harvey, 871; Trill, 1320; Le Cree, 1320; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; Dr. Smith, 1538; Armstrong, J.W. 1593. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, some minor business was transacted, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," were given briefly and pertinently from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Jardine, the father of the lodge, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt he had something interesting to say to them, because he (the W.M.) had been introduced by him into Freemasonry. He (Bro. Wallace) would discharge his duties both to the satisfaction and credit of the lodge, which lodge for "working" could challenge favourable comparison with any in the vicinity of London. In conclusion he wished the W.M. a successful year of office, and he hoped that under his sway the proceedings of No. 140 would be characterised as they always had been by that "love and harmony" which should at all times prevail amongst the brotherhood. The W.M., in response, said that it afforded him great pleasure to reply to the warm greeting that had been given him that evening. Bro. Jardine, in proposing his health, had used such kind words, that he felt quite discomposed by his paternal eulogy. It would be his highest ambition to do that which would at all times meet with their universal and favourable recognition. He did not think that the harmony of the lodge was likely to be upset, nor that the fraternal atmosphere would in any way be disturbed, but that he would be well supported by them all, and as a return for that kind feeling he would do all he could to make the proceedings a success. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said that the theme of the toast afforded a great pleasure to him, and which gratification he was sure they would all participate in. Upon so dull an evening in the lodge it was very flattering to have such a goodly array of visiting brethren. He was of opinion that visiting in Freemasonry was one of the greatest pleasures the Craft possessed, because the brethren thereby had an opportunity of contrasting the different systems, which "working," however, had but one common end, and these visits often led to the making and cementing of many Masonic friendships. With so large an array of visitors it was not possible at that late hour for them all to reply. He should therefore couple the names only of Bros. Blackmur and Dosell with the toast, because he also believed that too much public speaking at assemblages of that kind was not only a tax upon the speakers but upon their hearers. This toast having been received with excellent fire, Bros. Blackmur and Dosell briefly replied. In giving the next toast the W.M. said it was one of special moment to the St. George's, that of "The Past Masters," who had made the lodge what it was. It was now in a very prosperous condition, but it was not always so, and it was well that they should know that it was owing to the exertions of some of the Past Masters that that satisfactory position was brought about. The good ship "St. George" had to be got off the rocks, and by the strength and energy of several of the Past Masters it was done, and she now floated in smooth waters. In conclusion, the W.M. said that as Bro. Scard, the I.P.M., whose year of office had been a very successful one, was not present, he should couple the toast with the name of their revered Bro. Jardine. After the brethren had most enthusiastically responded to the toast, that brother suitably acknowledged it. The proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental, dramatic, and vocal contributions of Bros. Jordon, Brown, Johnson, Walls, Tedder, Blackmur and others. The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" having been given and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast was called, and the brethren separated.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The above-named lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the lodge-rooms, Swan Hotel, Bedford, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th, when there were present Bros. Col. Stuart, W.M.; Capt. Green, I.P.M.; W. Finlinson, P.M., S.W.; Allan, J.D.; Thody, I.G.; Alderman Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; Piper, Org.; Alderman S. R. Bull, P.M., Stew.; G. Reynolds, Tyler; with the following P.M.'s:—G. P. Nash, Cookson, and Billson; and Bros. Stafford, Alderman Carter, Whittaker, Harris, Lambie, and others; and visiting brethren Hewens and Benham. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Ayres was raised to the Third Degree. The ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M., in which he was ably supported by the various officers of the lodge. Other business having been disposed of, and a resident of Bedford proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and twenty-six brethren sat down to an excellent supper, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

**STOKESLEY.**—Cleveland Lodge (No. 543).—

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, Feb. 26th, at the Golden Lion Hotel, but was only thinly attended, owing to the severe weather, many of the members living at a good distance from the place of meeting. The following members officiated, either in their own offices or for those who were absent:—Bros. James Coulson, W.M.; Benjamin Richardson, P.M., as S.W.; George Markham Tweddell, as J.W.; William Sharpe, S.D.; Thomas Unthank, as J.D.; J. H. Handy-side, P. Prov. G.J.W., Sec.; Richard Watson, P.M., Treas.; John Rontree, as I.G.; and William Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Fenney having passed an excellent examination as E.A., was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Francis Wrightson was balloted for and unanimously elected as a joining member. A candidate was then proposed to be balloted for on the following lodge night, and the meeting was adjourned till the Monday nearest the full moon in March, emergencies excepted.

**BANBURY.**—Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).—The members of this lodge held their twenty-fifth anniversary at the Red Lion Hotel on Monday 26th ult., when Bro. the Rev. J. Spittal was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. Havers, P.G.D. of England, with his accustomed ability. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Potts, I.P.M.; the Rev. A. Ayton, S.W.; G. A. Hardacre, J.W.; R. Havers, P.G.D., Treas.; E. J. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; T. W. Holland, S.D.; C. H. Pemberton, P.M., J.D.; W. Chamberlin and T. Fowler, Stewards; R. C. Humphrey, I.G.; and T. Moss, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by Bro. H. Bird, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bros. Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford; H. C. Risley, P.M.; R. Havers, P.G.D.; the newly-invested officers, and others.

**ECCLES.**—Victoria Lodge (No. 1345).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Cross Keys Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., for the purpose of installing the newly-appointed W.M., Bro. E. Lowndes. The lodge having been opened in the usual form the retiring Master, Bro. Rudman, presented, and the Installing Master, Bro. Buxton, P.M., assisted by Bros. P.M.'s Giffman, Toulson, Brooks, and Rudman, performed the interesting ceremonies of placing Bro. Lowndes in the chair of K.S., and investing the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, the whole being conducted with that Masonic ability for which this lodge is known and appreciated. At the close of the ceremony, the brethren, to the number of 44, adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Pearson, under the judicious and able inspection of his wife, Mrs. Pearson, to whom the thanks of the brethren were due for her exertions in rendering them that comfort and enjoyment for which she is noted. A pleasant and agreeable evening was spent, the visiting brethren largely contributing thereto by their social and musical qualities.

**BOOTLE.**—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The annual celebration of St. John's festival, in connection with this excellent suburban lodge, took place on another patron saint's day (St. David's), the 1st instant, at the Town Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool, and the high position which this Masonic combination of brethren holds was clearly shown by a very large and highly influential gathering. There were about seventy brethren present at the interesting proceedings of the afternoon, and the admirable working shown by all concerned was of the most instructive and interesting kind. The lodge was opened before three o'clock by Bro. J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., the retiring Worshipful Master, and he was ably supported and assisted in the succeeding initiation of two candidates, Messrs. Woodcock and Fraser, by Bros. H. Wyatt, I.P.M.; T. D. Pierce, P.M. 823; Richard Roberts, S.W.; J. Duncan, jun., J.W.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. H. Clemmey, Sec.; J. C. Paterson, S.D.; R. Hough, J.D.; F. J. Mortleman, I.G.; J. Lecombe, S.; J. Stott, S.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The members of the Bootle Lodge present were Bros. H. Molyneux, P.M. 823; F. F. Young, W. Smith, P.M. 1235; C. Batley, C. Padley, jun.; J. Woollam, J. J. Durant, H. J. Meandy, J. W. Hill, W. Humphrey, R. Brown, P.M. 241; A. Ruthven, J. Sharp, J. F. Dowling, W. J. Rice, J. M. Jones, T. M. Wells, P.M. 580; and I. Platt. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; G. V. Blaikie, I.G. 152; S. Haynes, P.M. 823, 1547; Dr. C. Swaby Smith, I.P.M. 1380; G. H. Samuel, 1182; J. P. Bryan, 203, 1035; J. G. Bayley, J.W. 216; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; A. Barclay, 1181; R. Barton, 1035; R. Stezaker, 1182; T. Evans, W.M. 1570, P.M. 1356; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Winkup, P.M. 667; Councilor; J. A. Forrest, W.M. 1547; J. H. Parker, S.W. 1547; C. H. Jordan, 903; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Wells, P.M. 580; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; C. Waterhouse, 1035; W. Hughes, 1013; T. W. Kellor, 721; the Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035; and Bartoll, 440 (Canada). The chair of Installing Master was taken by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who proceeded to place Bro. Richard Roberts in the position of W.M. in a very effective manner. Bro. Turley also assisted in an admirable style in the ceremony, and the whole of this section of the principal portions of the day's proceedings must have given entire satisfaction to the numerous gathering of the fraternity. The following were the officers appointed to assist the W.M. during his year of office: Bros. J. W. Turley, I.P.M.; Sam. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Parlan M'Arthur, P.M., D.C.; John Duncan, jun., S.W.; W. H. Clemmey, J.W.; J. C. Paterson, Hon. Sec.; R. A. Hough, S.D.; F. H. Mortleman, J.D.; J. Lecombe, I.G.; S. Stott, S.S.; T. F. Young, J.S.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; and W. Blake, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were given to the new W.M. from brethren representing about a dozen lodges. After the business portion of the proceedings, a sumptuous banquet was served in the council chamber by Bro. J. Dowling, of the Derby



Arms Hotel, whose catering was of the best kind. Bro. Richard Roberts, W.M., presided, and he was supported by the whole of the prominent members of the Order who were present at the installation proceedings. The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen," "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "Our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate," in a remarkably vigorous and congenial manner, with brevity, and yet with a freshness of ideas which delighted every one. Bros. H. S. Alpass, in responding to the last-named toast, said he had never heard these toasts given with so much efficiency, nor in such well-chosen and vigorous language. With one exception, all the male members of the Royal family and many of the leading statesmen of the country were now the principal members of our Order, as they had been in all ages. Any brother who referred back to Masonic history would find that certainly during the last two centuries there have scarcely been any men of mark and position who had not been Freemasons. The clergy had also joined largely in our assemblies of late years, and any one who had studied the customs of the people would find that in Masonry the social habits of the brethren in the lodges had also changed for the better, the one, two, three, and four bottle men having become extinct, and they now dined together as gentlemen. In conclusion he highly complimented the officers and brethren on the excellent position of their lodge, and the admirable way in which the business was conducted. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" was proposed by the W.M., who said that this charity had caused many a poor widow's "heart to sing for joy." He was also pleased to find that, mainly through the exertions of Bro. J. P. McArthur, P.M., the largest contribution from West Lancashire to the recent festival was sent up by the Bootle Lodge. Bro. R. Brown, P.M. (Hon. Sec. to the W.L.M.E.I.), replied to the toast, and pointed out with much force that though the invested capital of the West Lancashire Lodge was large the claims were greatly increasing, in consequence of the growth of Masonry. He therefore urged the brethren to continued liberality on behalf of their own noble Charity. Bro. McArthur also responded to the toast. "The Installing Masters" was responded to by Bro. J. W. Turley, I.P.M. Other toasts followed, and during the evening a very handsome dining-room timepiece was presented to Bro. J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M., to mark the esteem of the brethren after his year's services in the chair; and the W.M., in making the presentation, referred to the uniform ability and amiability which had characterised Bro. Turley during his occupation of the Master's chair. The presentation was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Turley. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Waterson, Queen, Hobart, Child, Forrester, and Hough, the accompaniments being played by J. P. Bryan, Organist.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).**—The ordinary monthly meeting of this young and thriving lodge took place on Tuesday week at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and was attended by about fifty or sixty brethren, amongst whom were several P.G. Officers. The lodge was opened at 2.30 prompt by Bro. Joseph Bell, W.M., supported officially by Bros. B. B. Marson, P.G.S., P.M.; J. W. Chapman, S.W.; L. Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer (also acting as Secretary in the absence of Bro. H. Saker); Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Colinson, S.; and J. Pye, S. The members included Bros. W. Savage, Dr. Whittle, Keet, Walters, Cooke, Shrapnell, Cotton, Emery, Lablache, Roberts, Hill, Carter, Hildyard, Fritz, Ray, Cappel, Buck, Beldon, Lowe, and others; and the visitors were principally represented by Bros. S. A. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Collins, P.P.G.J.W.; D. S. Davies, W.M. 216; L. W. Baker, P.M. 241; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; G. Halse, 216; I. Jacobs, 714, and others. Bros. I. Levy, Barnes, and Turvey were unanimously elected joining members, and Messrs. C. Crouch, Parker, and Avans being also duly elected, and in attendance, were initiated into the privileges and mysteries of the ancient Order. Bros. J. F. Carter and S. Fritz having been examined as to their efficiency, were subsequently passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the chief work in both sections being most efficiently performed by Bro. Bell, W.M. The assembled brethren subsequently adjourned to the old lodge-room, where banquet was served, and the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment, songs and recitations being given by Bros. L. Courtenay, J.W.; R. J. Roberts, J. Hill, Turvey, Cooke, and A. Woolrich, Treas., the harmonious accompaniments being played by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—The Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—The first meeting of this lodge took place at The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 3rd March, 1877. The minutes of the consecration and installation meeting were read and confirmed, after the lodge had been opened in the First Degree. Several brethren were balloted for, and unanimously elected members, their names having previously been handed in. Five gentlemen were initiated. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the first Saturday in April. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Carter, Francis, Allison, Field, Bare, Brown, Varley, Simms, Fisher, Laverack, Claridge, &c.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Haycock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., there were present, Bros. Anshell, W.M.; Dignam, S.W.; J. Larkin, J.W.; Robinson, S.D.; B. Meyer, J.D.; C. Larkin, I.G.; Fieldwick, Preceptor; and Bros. Brown, Polack, Spencer, C. Ferrar, Brasted, Bownner, H. Meyer, Shackleton, Poole, O. Dietrich, Delafous, and Streton. The lodge was opened in

due form with prayer. Minutes of last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. H. Meyer as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was afterwards occupied by Bro. H. Meyer, who worked the First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Delafous was elected as joining member. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was voted to Bro. Anshell for the very able manner he had discharged the duties of W.M. The lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 8 p. m.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**TRURO.—Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter.**—The annual meeting of this young and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Col. J. W. Peard, 30°, M.W.S., in the chair. There was a fair attendance, but not so many as usual, in consequence of the numerous candidates waiting for "perfection" being deferred for a special assembly this month. The chapter was honoured with the attendance of the Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. E. Doherty, C.B., Dep. Insp. Gen., 33°, for the Western District, who received a very hearty reception from the members. The Ill. Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., 32°, P.M.W.S., who was present, was most warmly received, and on the proposition of Ill. Bro. Hughan, 30°, the members passed a vote of congratulation, to be recorded on the minutes, as it was the first time the worthy baronet had attended the chapter since his accident. In fact, there was not any chapter held in November, partly in consequence of the sad misfortune which had befallen that distinguished member of the Rite. The Rev. George Ross, M.A., was installed as the M.W.S. for the ensuing year by the retiring M.W.S., and on the completion of the ceremony the respected M.W.S. appointed the following brethren to the offices named:—Col. J. W. Peard, 30°, I.P.M., W.S.; Nicholas James West, H.P.; Edward Dixon Anderson, First G.; and Charles Truscott, Second G. Ill. Bro. Truscott, 30°, was also appointed Recorder, having acted in that capacity from the commencement of the chapter. Ill. Bro. General Doherty, 33°, paid a well deserved compliment to the Recorder in open chapter, which was endorsed by all the members. Frederick William Dabb was re-elected the Treasurer; John Farran Penrose, 30°, G.M.; Edward Trewbody Carlyon, R.; William Mason, First H.; John James Taylor, Second H.; William Lake, C. of G.; John Thomas, D.C.; Alfred Luke, C.; Thomas Hicks, A.; John Hocking, jun., O.; and William Rooks, Sentinel. By desire of the members, the Ill. Bro. Hughan, 30°, then delivered an extempore address respecting the history and character of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and traced their origin as far as possible, according to facts and evidence submitted to the chapter. Bro. Hughan expressed his belief that the Craft and the Ancient and Accepted Rites were the only two out of the many systems in connection with Freemasonry which contained the elements of permanency, taking the term "Craft" to include the "three degrees," the Mark, and the Arch. Bro. Hughan's remark, that he thought if the Royal Solomon had been alive during the Masonic period he would have declared "of making degrees there is no end," caused a little amusement, but generally the lecture was "crammed full" of valuable facts; and on its conclusion, the chapter passed a hearty vote of thanks to the enthusiastic Masonic lecturer. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by the Rev. George Ross, M.A., the present M.W.S.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—The March meeting of this conclave was held on Tuesday last, instead of Monday, the regular day of meeting, at the Freemasons' Tavern. Present: Sir Knight H. A. Dubois, G.A. Treas., M.P.S.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Bretz, Eusebius; R. W. Little, J. T. Moss, T. B. Yeoman, Sir Fredk. Martin Williams, M.P., Col. F. Burdett, Joshua Nunn, C. F. Hogard, George Kenning, Cubitt, Thiellay, Howe, Cockle, Parker, Mason, Kingston, Hammerton, Robinson, Mercer, Mather, Dr. Harrison, Dr. Woodman, Macartney, M.P., Hubbard, Green, H. Pullen, Stedwell, Clarke, Groom, Rev. Hall, Rev. F. K. K. Harford, H. C. Levander, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and several brethren were balloted for and installed into the Order. The election was then proceeded with for the M.P.S. for the ensuing year, when Sir Knight P. H. Ernest Bretz was unanimously elected to fill that important position. The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave was then held, Sir Fredk. M. Williams, M. Ill. Grand Sovereign, in the chair. The annual report of the Executive Committee was read, Col. Francis Burdett was unanimously elected and enthroned as Grand Sovereign for the ensuing three years, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland was unanimously elected Grand Viceroy; the Grand Council and Grand Senate was then elected. The Sir Knights dined together, the usual toasts being proposed and duly acknowledged. A selection of music was performed under the direction of Sir Knight Henry Parker, Grand Org., assisted by Madame Worrel Duval, Miss Scott, Bros. Stedman and Tinney.

The consecration of the Croydon Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 198, took place on Friday at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by V.W. Bro. F. Binches, Grand Secretary. The officers appointed were Bros. George Yaxley, P.G. Steward, W.M.; John Glose S.W.; and J. K. Pitt, J.W.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The following are the officers of Grand Lodge for the year 1877: M.W. Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., G. Master; R.W. Bros. Robert William Skeffleton, Deputy G. Master; Marquis of Headfort, Senior O. Warden; Lord Dunboyne, Junior G. Warden; Robert Warren, D.L., G. Treasurer; Viscount Bernard, G. Secretary; The Rev. John James Macsorely, and the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, G. Chaplains; W. Bros. the Hon. David R. Plunket, Q.C., M.P., Senior G. Deacon; Alderman Joseph Manning, Junior G. Deacon; George A. Stevens, G. Sup. of Works; Theophilus E. St. George, G. Director of Ceremonies; George Moyers, LL.D., G. Steward; Harry Hodges, G. Sword Bearer; Charles Ogilvie Grandison, G. Organist; Humphrey Minchin, M.B., G. Inner Guard; Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy G. Sec. and Treas., Bros. Archibald St. George, Assistant G. Sec.; Samuel G. Downes, G. Tyler; Edward Batchelor, Assistant G. Tyler.

The following are the officers of the Dublin lodges for the year 1877: G.M.L., W. H. Jones, W.M.; Rev. D. D. Jeremy, S.W.; James R. Carroll, J.W.; 1, W. G. Barrett, W.M.; John W. Houghton, S.W.; Wm. A. Curwen, J.W. 4, R. A. Hayes, W.M.; George Drury, S.W.; Alfred Deaker, J.W. 6, J. Wakefield, W.M.; D. Howe, S.W.; R. S. Swan, J.W. 12, Capt. W. H. Newenham, W.M.; Capt. Wills-Sandford, S.W.; F. V. Chapman, J.W. 25, J. Galloway, A.M., W.M.; J. F. Moore, A.M., S.W.; H. P. Nolan, M.D., J.W. 27, Capt. M. S. Brownrigg, W.M.; J. Hemsley, S.W.; W. D. Stoker, M.D., J.W. 33, T. J. S. Casey, W.M.; J. M. Ross Todd, S.W.; H. Fitzgibbon, M.D., J.W. 50, G. O'Keefe, W.M.; W. R. Maguire, S.W.; W. Rigby, J.W. 53, G. W. Cooper, W.M.; R. L. Worthington, S.W.; S. Hill, J.W. 75, E. R. Wonfar, W.M.; J. Girardin, S.W.; R. Thimline, J.W. 92, H. E. Flavelle, jun., W.M.; J. Browne, S.W.; W. Smith, J.W. 100, E. S. Marr, W.M.; B. Ferenbach, S.W.; T. Coster, J.W. 120, C. R. Macnamara, W.M.; W. Weatherup, S.W.; M. W. Sher, J.W. 125, W. D. Sharpe, W.M.; G. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Shaw, M.D., J.W. 126, W. Cowen, W.M.; Thos. Rice, S.W.; John G. Krantzke, J.W. 141, P. Poe, W.M.; Hugh Galbraith, S.W.; John G. Gibbon, J.W. 143, A. St. George, W.M.; F. Harding, S.W.; J. W. Copland, J.W. 153, H. E. Phillipson, W.M.; G. Holwey, S.W.; T. W. Fair, J.W. 158, F. D. Lewis, W.M.; H. McDowell, S.W.; J. F. Jones, J.W. 171, J. F. Evans, W.M.; H. Price, S.W.; W. F. Hill, J.W. 225, W. Hall, W.M.; G. W. Shannon, S.W.; G. Bradshaw, J.W. 227, A. Edwards, W.M.; A. P. Foster, S.W.; I. Cole, J.W. 232, R. W. Harley, M.D., W.M.; W. Wood, S.W.; J. Simpson, J.W. 238, R. Rainsford, M.D., W.M.; R. J. Donohoe, S.W.; W. Whyte, J.W. 245, H. T. Dockrill, W.M.; M. A. Toomey, S.W.; T. Panter, J.W. 250, F. R. Pim, LL.D., W.M.; J. T. Atkin, S.W.; J. H. Minchin, J.W. 261, D. Thacker, W.M.; P. L. Peacocke, S.W.; W. Comyns, J.W. 357, J. H. Luby, LL.D., W.M.; B. Gildea, S.W.; R. O'B. Furlong, J.W. 494, F. A. Barlow, W.M.; D. T. Knox, S.W.; F. A. Butler, C.E., J.W. 500, M. J. Bloom, W.M.; J. A. Rockett, S.W.; R. S. Haughton, J.W. 620, J. Orpin, W.M.; Capt. W. B. Neville, S.W.; W. L. Beaty, J.W. 666, T. Saunders, W.M.; R. H. Carson, S.W.; C. J. Sidford, J.W. 728, S. N. Hutchins, W.M.; F. Le P. Trench, S.W.; T. A. McCammon, J.W. 730, T. Meredith, W.M.; A. J. Lindsay, S.W.; M. S. L. Seaward, J.W.

The following are the officers of the Grand Chapter for 1877:—Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., K.; Charles Capel Macnamara, Deputy; Theophilus E. St. George, H.P.; Charles A. Cameron, M.D., C.S.; John Fox Goodman, C. of H.; George Hill Major, Sup. of Tab; Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D., Royal Arch Captain; George J. Norman de Arce, Captain of Scarlet Veil; Rev. Benjamin Gibson, Captain of Purple Veil; John Hodges, Captain of Blue Veil; Rev. Louis A. Le Pans, LL.D., Chaplain; Maxwell C. Close, Treasurer; Samuel B. Oldham, Registrar; Robert W. Griffin, LL.D., Janitor.

**JEWISH FREEMASONS AND THE GRAND LODGE OF GERMANY.**—At the last regular meeting of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, the question of the exclusion of all but Christians from Freemasonry was brought before the members. The petition to Grand Lodge, from the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, was submitted to the brethren for signature. After a short discussion it was decided that the question should be referred to the Committee (of which Bro. Lewis Alexander, P.M., is the chairman) organised for the same purpose. A copy of the petition will appear in our next.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following lodge reports stand over:—Faith, 141; Ivy Lodge, 144; St. David's Lodge, 679; Phoenix Lodge, 904; Salopian Lodge of Charity, 117; Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, 834; Jersey Red Cross Conclave, 8; also a letter from Magnus Ohren.

We shall publish next week the resolutions of Montefiore Lodge, with a copy of the petition. The length of Grand Lodge report has prevented it appearing this week.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemasons' Calendar, Oxfordshire." "Masonic Directory of the City of London, Canada." "Australian Freemason."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

COBB.—On the 3rd inst., at Dalby-square, Margate, the wife of A. B. Cobb, of a son.  
CONDER.—On the 4th inst., at Middleton Lodge, Bognor, the wife of the Rev. A. Conder, M.A., of a daughter.  
GORDON.—On the 4th inst., at Laurel Villa, Shepperton, the wife of S. M. Gordon, of a son.  
PHIPPS.—On the 4th inst., at Luptons, Brentwood, Essex, the Lady William Phipps, of a daughter.  
WILSON.—On the 10th ult., at Tower-hill, Sierra Leone, the wife of Bro. Capt. H. G. Wilson, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

ALLEN—MOLLER.—On the 1st inst., at St. Peter's, Hammersmith, Edward, son of J. W. Allen, of Ashchurch Villa, Shepherd's-bush, to Matilda Elizabeth, daughter of the Chevalier Johannes Moller.  
HEBERT—PEMBERTON.—On the 22nd ult., at West Bromwich, Staffordshire, John Benbow, son of J. B. Hebert, of Edgbaston, near Birmingham, to Myrrha Devon, daughter of the late G. A. Pemberton.

## DEATHS.

BOYCE.—On the 3rd inst., at 41, Gray's Inn-road, Mr. William Boyce, aged 74. Australian papers please copy.  
GLEDNING.—On the 28th ult., at Lausanne, Sidney Gledning, Esq., aged 41.  
WELLS.—On the 4th inst., William Rutter, son of J. Wells, of Manor House, Merton, in his 13th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 10, 1877.

## THE CONTEST IN FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Hubert tells us in the last number of the *Chaine D'Union*, that the proposed erasure of belief in God and the Immortality of the Soul, has raised among the French lodges, "un debat des plus vifs." Bro. Hubert, who like us, objects to the change, or rather revolution, maintains that, as some have stated, this teaching of French Freemasonry only dates from 1849. He, at page 109, brings forward evidence, however, that the declarations contained in section No. 8, of the Constitution (now sought to be expunged) have only been as he well puts it,—"l'enregistrement," "la manifestation," "la constatation pur et simple de la croyance universelle, acceptée, enseignée et exigée par la Francmaçonnerie en tous les temps et dans tous les pays, sans aucune exception." He mentions the well-known work, "Histoire, Obligation, et Statuts de la Confraternité des Franc Maçons," published by Francois Varrentrapp at Frankfort A.M., 1742, which in fact are more or less a translation of the old English Constitutions of 1723 and 1738, and which simply reproduce necessarily our English working. The same teaching had been previously put forth in the "Constitutions, Histoire, Lois, Charges," &c., published at the Hague, translated from the English by T. Kuenen 1741. In the "Histoire des Francmaçons," in the two editions of 1745, both of which we possess, the same distinct teaching is laid down. In 1785, in the "Essais sur la Francmaçonnerie," published at "Latomopolis," by Andreon, the author of which is F. B., we find these words: "Religion—Le Francmaçon croit en Dieu et il agit conformément a cette croyance; il rend a l'Etre Supremé le double culte de son adoration, le culte interieur et l'exterieur. Des les mœurs pures qui doivent caracteriser le vrai Francmaçon." We will only add that we are well satisfied that no French brethren, supporting this hurtful innovation, can prove that at any period since 1732 downwards, French Freemasonry has ever officially taught anything but what is in exact conformity with the declarations of our own Grand Lodge as the doctrines of Universal Freemasonry.

## THE EXCLUSION OF HEBREWS.

There can be no doubt that this question is widening in extent, just as it is most important in its general and particular bearings on the teachings and progress of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. It is most needful, however, that no side issues should be raised, and no mistaken position assumed, by those who are claiming the rights of Masonic toleration, and we think it well to issue a warning note on the subject, as in the hands of unwise partisans, or on the assumptions of illogical minds, we may find obstacles where all should be an easy victory, and "breakers ahead" where all should be plain smooth sailing. If the battle is to be fought on the assumed deistic or theistic teaching of Freemasonry alone, that, we apprehend, is a false issue, a mistaken argument. Freemasonry is, no doubt, theistic, not deistic, in itself. But it is not only so. There has always been, and there always will be, a Christian school in Masonic symbolism and didactic exposition, and within proper bounds such has a right to be considered. All that Freemasonry proclaims (without any bye-question) is, that it receives all proper applicants for its light and privileges, except atheists and libertines—all, that is, who are good citizens, good men, not breakers of the law of the land, not mixed up with plots or conspiracies, and who accept the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man. Now it is most important to bear this in mind, often forgotten, because Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, at any rate, goes no further and says no more in its preliminary conditions, its, so to say, public basis of admission. Within the lodges,

in our well-known ritual, such teaching may be said to be expanded, and beautifully expanded, to this effect, that Freemasonry avows belief in a Personal God, in a future state, in an immortal soul, and in a resurrection of mankind, and in a great, a holy, an Infallible Judge. It has been contended that the teaching of religion and of Christianity may be pushed much further, and educed more distinctly, and the Royal Arch Ritual may, perhaps, be advanced in favour of such implied if not authoritative teaching. But this is, after all, more of opinion than dogma, more of individual teaching than official acknowledgement. To the Hebrew mind, undoubtedly, Freemasonry has very special attractions, but we agree with one of our Hebrew correspondents, that as they concur with the teachings of Freemasonry, and can come under its conditions, they have as much a right, on the principles of Freemasonry, as any other body of men or religionists to be admitted. We also object to make it any question as between Hebrews and Christians. That is not the point at issue. It is, indeed, true that the exclusion of Hebrews in Germany seems to be a relic of an older teaching of intolerance, and to be the reflection of a destructive wave of so called limited and Christian exposition, which swept over the shore of Craft Masonry, and brought with it confusion instead of order, and discord instead of peace. On the grounds, then, of Masonic toleration, and on the principles of Craft Masonry, the exclusion of the Hebrews is alike unjust, impolitic, and in our opinion untenable, and we trust soon to hear that by wise concessions the last remains of intolerance and exclusiveness have been removed. But in the ardour of our sympathies, and the sense of injury, let no inharmonious chord be struck, as otherwise as always happens in controversies in which sectional feelings and mere denominational views crop up, the effect undoubtedly will be to throw back for some years the satisfactory solution of a most important question, which, we feel sure, may be well left to be settled by the sense of justice, fair play, toleration, and true liberality, which are the characteristics, we fain would hope of all sound Craft Masonry at home and abroad.

## PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

It will be seen by a statement in another column, that the remarks we ventured some time back to make on this most important subject are fully borne out by the report of the House Committee of the Boys' School, presented to the General Committee on Saturday last. We took exception, in all deference, to the estimate of £10,000 for 100 boys, as fragmentary and imperfect, and now we note, if we understand the report, that in order to accommodate 120 boys extra at Wood Green about £22,000 will be required. We would venture to suggest to the authorities that they shall convene a special General Court of the Boys' School, at which a detailed report, with the architect's plans and estimates, should be laid before the meeting, as if the necessity of an increase be proved, and the proposed alterations commend themselves to the views of the supporters of the School, and come before them recommended by the Committee, we have no doubt that our liberal Craft will at once respond to the call, and meet the necessities of the case. But in order to procure unanimity and zealous action, it is necessary, above all things, that all should be, as they say, "ship shape" and clear and plain before the subscribers.

## THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.

Our zealous publisher has started a new Masonic paper, for the information and on behalf of our Scottish brethren. There can be no doubt that the members of our Order in the "Land of Cakes" are quite able to support a paper of their own, if only they will. We wish this new Masonic venture all the success it deserves. We notice *The Scottish Freemason* in another page.



## THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Owing to our going to press early on Thursday, we shall defer any remarks on the proceedings of Grand Lodge until next week.

## THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

We have received from a kind correspondent in Ireland, and carefully studied the official return of the Irish Grand Lodge. We are glad to note the prosperity of our Hibernian sister Grand Lodge, though we are struck with the fact that so influential a body has so little funded property, apparently. The credit side of the Grand Treasurer's Budget is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance to credit .....	1272	0	6
In D.G. Secretary's hands .....	90	1	11
Annual dues .....	372	6	7
Passing candidates at Committee...	258	5	0
Certificates and registry .....	904	18	8
New warrants and affiliations .....	187	9	2
Collections at Grand Lodge and charity fees, &c. ....	256	19	5
Contributions, rent of lodges, and High Grades, &c. ....	754	5	8
Deposit receipt carried to account	750	0	0
Interest of Masonic Hall shares ...	0	10	0
Banker's interest .....	5	2	9
Sale of publications .....	133	18	5
Capitation for Dublin lodges .....	571	15	0
Dispensations and Fines .....	44	14	0
Sundries .....	0	12	6
Committee dinners .....	165	0	6
Other small items.			
In all.....	£5817	0	10

	£	s.	d.
Per contra—by charity orders .....	194	10	0
Rent of Masonic Hall .....	600	0	0
Taxes, &c.....	166	13	11
Salaries to G. Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Clerk, Tyler, Assistant Tyler, Hall Porter, &c.....	1051	4	0
Printing, &c.....	223	4	0
Coals and gas .....	250	12	3
Committee dinners .....	149	18	6
Postage .....	66	9	6
Repairs .....	216	1	1
Petty charges.....	45	6	1
Grants to the two Orphan Schools	200	0	0
Deposit receipt .....	750	0	0
Purchase of house .....	1000	0	0
Balance in bank for General Account.....	489	8	10
For Charity Account.....	415	18	3
	£5817	0	10

We confess that we do not quite understand one or two points. What does the item "Passing Candidates at Committee, £258 5s." mean? Can any good Irish brother tell us? Again—how do the items, "For dinner receipts and dinner payments," amount to exactly the same in the General and Charity Account? Is it a repetition, or a coincidence Hibernice? If the deposit of £750 is made annually, practically there is yearly a balance of receipts for the close of 1876 over expenditure in round numbers of £2000. Would it not be as well, however, to separate for clearness the two funds, as some of the items appear to be "duplicated," so to say, and render the balance sheet not so lucid or business like as it well might be. For curiously enough, while three of the items of the Charity Fund appear in the general account, one of the items does not, and no clue is given as to the fund, from which the "Grand Lodge Grant" is made of £200. We are a little afraid, from this account, that the Provincial Lodges in Ireland, pay no capitation or benevolent fees, a very great mistake. The weakness of Scottish Masonry is to be found in the fact, that the lodges make no actual capitation payments annually compulsorily, as in our Grand Lodge, and until that is the case, the finances of any Grand Lodge will hardly be what they should be. We say this in no carping spirit of criticism or fault-finding, but with most sincere good wishes for the progress and prosperity of our good Irish brethren, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## THE MASONIC GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Before another festival of the Masonic Girls' School takes place I should like to ventilate through your columns a matter which appears to me of vital importance. I allude to the absurdity of giving the scholars an education which only fits them for governesses, a class which is at present sadly overstocked.

At the last festival (1876), at which I was present, Lord Carnarvon presided, and speaking of this school expressed the astonishment and pleasure he and Lady Carnarvon felt at the proficiency the scholars had attained in French and German, and the high-class education afforded them. Being of a somewhat practical turn of mind I wrote on a piece of paper, "Can the girls make a sweet pudding or boil a potato?" and sent it across the table to a brother I knew, who gave it to one of the House Committee, who most courteously gave me some details of the management of the school. He subsequently introduced me to the matron, who in reply to my enquiry admitted that there were no means at her disposal whereby instruction in the art of cookery could be afforded. She informed me the house was kept in order and the clothes made by the girls, &c. I ventured to remark that that seemed hardly sufficient, and that general domestic knowledge and usefulness could not be acquired by learning to turn down a row of beds to a hair's breadth, or sweep a floor, and that the rough edge of life had to be taken off by making the best of old garments rather than making new.

My notion was, and so I told our brother and the matron (to both of whom I beg to express my warmest thanks for their courtesies), that it was a serious defect in any eleemosynary establishment to instruct children above their rank, and at the same time to fail to give them that practical, common sense, every-day life education, which was essential for their own well-being, as also the houses of which they by-and-bye might become the mistresses.

A question may be asked, From what class of society are these girls gathered? The answer given is an analysis of the list of candidates. Take, for instance, that for the last October election.

PROFESSIONS.—Major-General, Surgeon, Engineer, 2 Solicitors.

TRADES.—4 Licensed Victuallers, Confectioner, Ironmonger, Carriage Builders, Color Merchant Iron Merchant, Tobacco Factor, Printer, Job Master, Draper, Copper Smith, Bookseller, 2 Jewellers, Brass Founder, Woollen Manufacturer, Merchant, Land Agent, Auctioneer, House Decorator.

CLERKS AND GENERAL.—Manager, 2 Brewers' Travellers, 3 Clerks, Relieving Officer, Quarter-Master, Sergeant-Major.

[Some of the above descriptions are very vague].

For a child to become a candidate her father must have been in needy circumstances. Had he lived his daughter would have been fairly educated, had thrown upon her the care of the family clothing and the duties of arranging and cooking the family meals; and thus become domesticated and useful, and fit to be the wife of a person requiring that his better half should indeed be a "help-meet" rather than a "speaking doll."

I wish particularly to guard against the idea that I am adverse to a liberal education, or one even affording high accomplishments. Most distinctly do I say and mean, that "these things ought the House Committee to do, and not to leave the others undone."

I presume the House Committee are not so entirely above the run of ordinary mortals but they wish their daughters to be taught to assist in the management of their households, to cut out and make their own garments, tidy a house, "make a sweet pudding or cook a potato," either for their own table or the poor; not because they may be required to do it, but that when the time comes for them to have establishments of their own, they may be able, by good management, and winning, and educated manners, to make their homes so bright, joyous, and comfortable that their husbands may have no desire to run off to clubs and other places for comforts they would not otherwise get at home.

Why then should these hundreds of children be cast out upon the world with no more knowledge of "ways and means" than a child from the workhouse, and so become, probably, more a curse than a blessing to a husband?

I trust that the Masons of England will join me in endeavouring to induce the rulers of this institution to see the urgent necessity of having the girls under their care taught the great lesson of practical domestic economy in all its branches.

I venture to write on this subject, as I think it of vast interest to the community, and, as a guarantee that I am acting conscientiously and in good faith, I have no hesitation in signing my name.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY C. TOMBS.

P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.,

P.G.S.E. Wilts, P.M. and P.Z.

P.S. To show that I feel some interest in our charities I may say that I took up for my two Stewardships last year £318, and that could not be obtained without hard work, as well as hearty co-operation from the brethren of my province.

[We insert this letter, but we do not agree with our esteemed correspondent, as we consider the education im-

parted in the Girls' School to be thoroughly practical and sound. After some experience of the subject, we do not know its equal anywhere in this or any other country. No doubt our Bro. R. W. Little will see this letter, and probably reply to it, as he is so well able to do.—Ed.]

## MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would it not be well if the brethren were generally and regularly reminded in some way of the meetings of the General Committees? The result of the present system is that few remember the day of meeting, and that fewer still attend.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

## HISTORICAL ACCURACY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Mark Mason, I am anxious to ask you a question or two with reference to one or two statements in the last printed report of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

It is there stated, page 1, that "there is probably no degree in Freemasonry that can lay greater claim to antiquity than those of Mark Man or Mason, or Mark Master Mason."

Allusion is made in the same page to a report of a committee of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland in 1865, which states that from "time immemorial, and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (in 1736), what is now known as the Mark Master Degree was wrought by the operative lodges of St. John's Masonry."

A statement is added, that in "1598, Wm. Schaw, Master of Works [to King James VI., orders the marks of all Masons to be inserted in their work."

Hence the implied and quasi-proven contention is, that the present Mark system and that of the Operative Mark Masons is identical, or that the latter is a continuation of the former.

Now what I want to know, is the present system either identical with, or a confirmation of, the old Mark system?

I am under the impression that the present Mark system is quite modern, and, at the outside, an adaptation of an older system. But even this is not quite clear, for I have been credibly informed that in older warrants the modern Mark Masons "hailed," so to say, not from operative Mark Masons, but St. Mark.

Can Bro. W. J. Hughan, or D. Murray Lyon, or any of our Masonic pundits throw any light on the question, and tell us what is the known earliest Mark warrant, for instance, and if there be any truth in the statement that such old lodges were dedicated to St. Mark?

We live at a time when Freemasons, like others prefer historical truth and certainty to the "on dits" of careless historians, to the semi-fabulous assertions of too credulous students. I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A MARK MASON.

## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I quite agree with "Rough Ashlar" that much valuable space is taken up in your paper by questions answered beforehand by the published laws of Masonry, and I confess my inability to see the value of his suggestion that a cheap edition of the Book of Constitutions should be published, when any number can be had at 1s. 6d. per copy.

I cannot agree that with the present minimum fee for initiation any lodge can plead poverty as an excuse for not handing to each initiate a copy of the Constitutions, as well as of the bye-laws of the lodge, and I go further and assert that the ritual is not complied with unless both books are actually handed over to him for perusal at his leisure. I am glad to say I know of no lodge possessing only one copy of the Book of Constitutions.

Yours fraternally,

F. L. E. J.

## THE EXCLUSION OF JEWS IN GERMANY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Montefiore Lodge has sent round to all the lodges a request to sign an enclosed petition to the Grand Lodge of England respecting the "obnoxious law" existing in Germany, by which Jews are not admitted in Freemasonry.

There must be an error somewhere.

Last month we have been informed that the Lodge of Joppa have appointed a committee to inquire into the matter respecting one of the German Grand Lodges having such a law. Now the Montefiore state in their circular that the three German lodges do not admit Jews in Masonry. Who is right?

It is a pity that the Jewish lodges in England, who are a very powerful body and good Masons, should not first agree on how to act.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

E.P.

## STAMPS ON RECEIPTS FOR LODGE DUES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the last meeting of the City of London Lodge (901), Bro. Secretary Alder asked me whether it was necessary to use receipt stamps in Masonic Lodges, as he had been informed that it was not. I said certainly you must, as in all other business matters, give a stamped receipt for all monies of £2 and upwards. A P. M.



present said he was an older Mason than me, that Masonic lodges were exempt from using receipt stamps, and that I knew nothing about it. I thought that the sooner the error was corrected the better for the Craft. I therefore wrote the Secretary of the Inland Revenue on the subject, and enclose you his reply, which, for the general information of lodges, it will be as well to print. I am at a loss to understand upon what grounds such an opinion could be for one moment entertained by A. P.M.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
W. M. SNOWDEN,  
I.P.M. and Treas. Duke of Connaught, 1558.  
[COPY.]  
Inland Revenue,  
Somerset House, London, W.C.,  
1st March, 1877.

Sir,

In reply to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 20th ultimo, I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to acquaint you that the Schedule to the Stamp Act 1870 (33 and 34 Vic. cap. 97) imposes a duty of one penny upon all receipts given for, or upon payment of money amounting to £2 or upwards, and that receipts for payments made to or by Masonic lodges are not exempted from the charge.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
FRED. B. GARNETT, Secretary.  
Mr. W. Snowden.

### CONSECRATION OF THE BEACONS- FIELD LODGE, NO. 1662.

The consecration and installation ceremonies took place at The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 24th ult., the consecrating officer being Bro. John Hervey, G.S., P.G.D., &c., who was assisted by Bros. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., &c., as S.W.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P. Middx, &c., as J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.G.J.W. Middx, &c., as D.C.; and W. Stephens, P.M., as I.G.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the anthems were sung by Bro. Upward and several brethren.

The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order, and the Secretary then read the petition and warrant from Grand Lodge.

An oration on the nature and duties of Freemasonry was delivered by the Consecrating Officer, Bro. J. Hervey, G.S., which was listened to with very great interest and attention by the brethren present, and concluding by reading some very appropriate verses.

The lodge was then constituted, and Bro. Walter T. Christian was installed as the first W.M.

The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted in ancient form, invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. W. Groome, S.W.; W. H. Brand, J.W.; Fredk. Hallows, Hon. Sec.; C. T. Saunders, S.D.; T. Franklin, J.D.; A. Oldroyd, I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; G. Brown, D.C.; J. H. Cambridge, W.S.; and J. Gilchrist, Tyler.

The furniture and the room were well arranged, and the whole of the ceremony was performed in a manner rarely equalled. Several propositions were given to the Secretary for initiation, and the names of several brethren as joining members. Hearty good wishes were given to the W.M. and success for the future of the lodge.

After the lodge was closed the brethren, to the number of thirty, sat down to a banquet and dessert à la Russe. The wine and viands were of first-rate description, and gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." After the National Anthem had been sung, "The Health of the M.W.G.M." was given and enthusiastically received. This was followed by God Bless the Prince of Wales. The W.M. next proposed "The Pro G.M.," which was heartily received, and then followed "The D.G.M., and the other Grand Officers," which met with a hearty cheer. Bro. Joshua Nunn replied for them in a very suitable speech. The next toast was "The Consecrating Officer" (the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey), which was heartily and warmly received by the brethren present. Bro. Hervey replied, thanking the brethren for the reception he had met with from the Beaconsfield Lodge, and said he felt sure, by the working which he had seen, and the brotherly love and unity which existed, amongst members, the lodge was bound to prosper, and at the same time wishing it every success, and stating that he should come down and have another look in shortly to see how the work was going on. He then concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," who in return proposed "The Officers of the New Lodge." He said he felt quite sure that with such assistance as he had had that day, and also knowing how they could all work, he felt quite confident that the lodge would be second to none in the manner in which all the duties would be carried out. The S.W., J.W., and S.D., replied in a few appropriate sentences. The next toast was "The Visitors," which was replied to by Bro. Buss, with a few very kind words and wishes for the success of the lodge, and thanking the brethren for giving them all such a cordial and hearty reception. This was followed by the toast of "The Host, Bro. W. G. Hallows," whose catering was pronounced by all present to have been perfect. The host returned thanks in a few appropriate words. During the course of the evening several of the brethren contributed to the happiness of the meeting by singing a few songs, which were well received. Altogether the new lodge has been opened under the most favourable auspices, and there is every reason to congratulate the founders and joining members upon the success that has so far attended it. The following visitors were present, viz.: Bros. Barford, P.M. 55; Downing, P.M. 20; Lyall, P.M. 773; W. Steadman, P.M. 754; Ramsey, P.M. 206; Mackey, P.M. 861; Leech, P.M. 861; Townsend, P.M. 820; Rev. C. J. Ste-

vens, 813; Davies, I.G. 1309; Carter, 1507; St. Alphonse, S.D. 108; Badkin, S.W. 1365; Warman, W.M. elect 15; Wilson, 1228; Taylor, 1598; Lake, 1471; Grist, 1482, 1637; Field, 1602; Trebeck, 1445; Evenet, 1426; E. A. Wells, 15; Tolliss, 1185; Claridge, 1598; E. Brown, 1598; Laverack, 917; Baxter, 1421; Bare, 1598; M. Christian, 860; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; G. T. The next meeting was called for Saturday, the 3rd inst.

### WHAT GOOD DR. VAUGHAN'S LEC- TURE HAS DONE.

Dr. Vaughan's misrepresentation of Freemasons has done the Order in New South Wales no harm but good, for "The Exposure of Dr. Vaughan's Ignorance of Freemasonry," by Bro. Dr. Beg, has contributed not a little to add fresh "accessions" to Masonic ranks. Gentlemen who had halted between two opinions for years have now cast in their lot with the Brotherhood; and others are in a state of preparation for entering the Masonic Sanctuary. Besides old Masons appear to have renewed their youth. Their youthful Masonic zeal has returned upon them, and

"Made youth younger and taught life to live."

So much for Dr. Vaughan "hectoring" about Freemasons. We hope that he has since found that he is not "Infallible." His "own people," we are afraid, are "annoyed and displeased" at their Archbishop's retreat and defeat; but, no doubt, they comfort themselves with

"The best may slip, and the most cautious fall;

He's more than mortal who ne'er erred at all."

The Archbishop, however, is bound to produce "the oath of allegiance" he has taken, and to answer "the seven questions" put to him by the D. Grand Chaplain, E.C.

In the meantime it is gratifying to know that brethren of the different Constitutions have shown great unanimity and enthusiasm in reference to the lecture of their brother the D. Grand Chaplain, for lodges have sent their congratulatory addresses and brethren their tokens of fraternal esteem to him, for which the lecturer returns his cordial thanks. Various lodges have ordered large supplies of "Dr. Vaughan's Ignorance of Freemasonry Exposed," for gratuitous distribution among non-Masons, that "the good of Freemasonry" may be promoted. By the way, we have just heard that Dr. Vaughan intends delivering another lecture justifying his conduct in bringing "charges" against our Order. We wait longingly for such an oration, and we hope it will appear in *extenso* in *Sydney Morning Herald*.—*Australian Freemason*.

### MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brotherly spirit and enterprise which have marked the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, since its consecration some time ago at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool (where the meetings are now held), were apparent in a large degree in connection with the second annual ball of the lodge, which took place on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, an admirable place for festive purposes, as was the generally expressed opinion of every one present. As on the first occasion, the ball was in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, which has been instituted by the brethren of 1502, for the purpose of assisting, when needed, the aged and indigent members, and giving timely help to the widows and children of deceased brethren connected with them. Although the fund has been only little more than a year in operation, the sum in the hands of the Treasurer already amounts to upwards of £80, and there is every probability that this amount will be increased to upwards of £100 as a result of the present year's festive gathering. In founding the fund the officers and brethren have shown a noble example, which is well worthy of very general imitation, as the wisdom of providing for the proverbial "rainy day" applies to societies as well as to individuals. As yet there have been no claims on the resources of the fund, but no one knows how soon it may be taxed to give timely aid to some poor brother upon whom distress has come without warning, and when least expected. The gathering of Wednesday week was of a most distinguished kind, the principal Jewish and Christian families in Liverpool and its neighbourhood being represented among the brilliant assembly. Amongst the 160 guests present we observed Bros. M. Hart, W.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; A. Jones, S.W.; S. Schönstadt, J.W.; I. de Frece, Treas.; I. Woolf; A. Hart; Professor Prag, Chaplain; A. Lyons, M. Prensian, H. M. Silver, S. J. Henochsberg, and others. The other visitors included Bros. A. S. Levy and Aaronsberg (Wardens of the Old Hebrew Congregation); P. Barnett, President of the New Hebrew Congregation; Henry Gabriel, Treasurer of the New Hebrew Congregation; Bro. Hoffmann, Mr. Benas, Bro. D. Saunders, 1609; Mr. Fineberg, Bro. S. Payne, G. Ballard, Bro. W. M. Chudley, P.M. 241; Bro. A. Vandye, 241; Bro. J. Busfield, 216; and others. The whole of the brethren, with few exceptions, appeared wearing the jewels and insignia of the various ranks in different Orders, and the general effect was therefore very striking. The arrangements were admirable, and therefore there was no hitch in the pleasant evening's proceedings. Bro. M. Hart, W.M., was the chairman of the ball committee; and the duties of captain of an indefatigable band of Stewards were admirably performed by Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; Bros. S. J. Henochsberg and A. Hart were the M.C.'s, Bro. H. M. Silver, the Secretary, and Bro. A. Lyons, the Treasurer of the ball. Excellent music was provided by Mr. Martin's band, and during the evening a sumptuous supper was served to the guests under the personal direction of Bro. Ladlow, the excellent secretary and manager of the hotel.

### FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GLEN INNES.

On Thursday, 9th November, the brethren of Glen Innes Lodge, 1569, E.C., met for the purpose of dedicating their new hall. Thursday had been set apart by them for performing this interesting ceremony, it being the anniversary of the birthday of our Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which they considered a most suitable occasion for them to show their loyalty to their beloved Sovereign, and her son, the Heir Apparent. The hall is a very fine brick building, having a neat stuccoed front. The hall itself is 45 by 28 feet, with a lofty dome roof, lit by a lantern surmounting it. There are two ante-rooms in front, facing East-street, and a refreshment room and other offices in the rear; the ground on which it is erected being the gift of Bro. F. Schedel, of this town, who also was the contractor for its erection. A number of brethren visited from the surrounding districts and the neighbouring townships of Tenterfield and Inverell, among whom were the W.M., Bro. Hindmarsh, and some of the officers and brethren of the Inverell Lodge. There were altogether about fifty brethren in attendance. The lodge was opened at high noon by Bro. James Munro, W.M., who said they had met to "dedicate a hall or lodge to God and Masonry;" he felt highly pleased that as W.M. he had not only the honour of being deputed by District Grand Lodge to lay the foundation-stone of this hall, but also of taking a principal part in the ceremony. He would mention that the programme would be carried out under the direction of Bro. P.M. Fowner, who had kindly consented to act as Director of Ceremonies on this occasion, and he felt assured that his name would be a sufficient guarantee that it would be conducted strictly in accordance with ancient Masonic usage. The hall was then handed over to the W.M. by the contractor, and accepted in due form, the W.M. stating that the skill and fidelity displayed in the execution of the trust bestowed on Bro. Schedel had secured the entire approbation of the lodge, and he sincerely prayed that the edifice might continue a lasting monument of the taste and spirit of the founders. A procession was then formed of the officers, all the other brethren remaining in their places standing, and waiting to perform the "Dedication Ode," during which, at intervals, the W.M. solemnly dedicated the Hall severally to "Masonry," "Virtue," and "Universal Benevolence," accompanied by Grand Honours, and followed by a solemn invocation, given by the Chaplain; at the conclusion of which the Chaplain (Rev. J. H. Johnson, B.A.) delivered an oration to the following effect:—

Worshipful Sir, Officers, and Brethren,—It gives me great pleasure to address you on this most interesting occasion. The hall which has been consecrated to-day with so much solemnity and reverence is a building well fitted for the purpose of Masonry in general, and the requirements of the lodge in particular. The religious observances of this consecration are well calculated to make us feel the all-prevailing presence of the Great Architect of the Universe. As the minister of God, I feel it my sacred duty, with all affection and earnestness, to implore you ever to remember that the eye of God follows you in every place and occupation, and when you remember this truth, it will surely have the power of retaining you from offending against His holiness and purity. Fortified by the sense of His continual presence and protection, we can make our request known to Him firmly persuaded that His ears are ever open to the prayers offered to Him by His loving people. Our God is indivisible, incorporeal, and eternal. He has been called by a great writer the "Eternal Now, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." As obedient servants to the Most High, we are exhorted to be one in heart and soul and affection. God is not divided; and, brethren, we must be united; our success is certain if we bear this in mind. I feel very grateful for this opportunity of recording my sense of the character of Freemasonry as promoting all the principles of morality and virtue. Masonry, as we all know, has a tendency to make us better fathers, better husbands, better brothers, and better members of society in general. It inculcates the holy virtue of Faith, by which we believe that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. I would therefore earnestly and affectionately entreat you to exercise yourself diligently in prayer, ever remembering that without faith your prayers will be of no avail; and however ably the words may be formed, unless the heart accompanies them, they will be but a mockery in the eyes of the Almighty. Hope—a sister virtue—is urged upon us more urgently by the principles and tenets of Masonry. It enlivens us in our devotions and encourages us by its invisible power to trust that the promises of God may become our certain inheritance; it fills the future with ineffable brightness, and bridges over the waters of death; so that believers on earth and in heaven become one family. My beloved brothers, let not your hope fail you under the presence of earthly trials and difficulties; their stress may be great upon you, but the power of Omnipotence being on your side, they will all vanish. The greatest of all these virtues is Charity. Upon this our noble Order speaks most distinctly and forcibly. The duty of relieving distress among our own brethren is one that commends itself to our holiest and best feelings. The exercise of charity towards each other does not necessarily consist in relieving the bodily wants and necessities of others; but in that holy affection which we owe to one another as the children of the Most High, who inhabit the same world, breathe the same air, and are similarly maintained from day to day by his Providence. Charity will always think the best of others, whatever the world may say, and cement the union of mankind by the holiest of ties; in short, the bond of charity is hailed to bind us together in one com-



munion. I feel it my imperative duty as your Chaplain to speak boldly and publicly concerning an attack made on Freemasonry by one high in authority. I need not say to you, my brethren, who are acquainted with the true principles of our ancient Craft, that the most outrageous charges of atheism, immorality, and treason, are wholly unfounded and baseless; we can only conclude that these charges are made by one who is entirely ignorant of a subject on which he so rashly ventured. Brethren, I, as a minister of God, and a member of the Order, give my unqualified denial to them all, and I say they are false and uncalled for. As to our loyalty, no Order can surpass us, and allow me to express on your behalf our fealty to our beloved Queen, whose subjects we are (may she yet reign long and happy), and may God continue to shower down upon her His kindness and mercy. As a proof of our loyalty, monarchs, princes, and persons of the highest rank have in all ages belonged to our Order, and promoted its interests. Were we otherwise than loyal, we might ask—would the Heir Apparent to the British throne have become a Freemason, and consented to fill the chair as our Grand Master? Brethren, on this the anniversary of his birthday, let us, in God's most holy name, wish him all happiness and prosperity.

On the conclusion of this able address, of which the above is only a sketch, a grand anthem was performed. And here it may be mentioned that the whole of the musical portion of the programme, which formed a very important one, was, with the assistance of a good choir, and the advantage of having visiting Bro. Best to preside at the harmonium, carried out most admirably. Bro. P. M. Downer in a few applicable remarks, dwelling especially on the bold refutation made by the worthy Bro. Chaplain against the base and unfounded invectives which had been so unwarrantably hurled against the Order by Dr. Vaughan, proposed—"That a vote of thanks be accorded to Rev. Bro. Johnson, for the able and suitable address which he had so kindly and fraternally delivered on this auspicious occasion," which was carried by acclamation.

W. Bro. Hindmarsh, W.M. of the Inverell Lodge then presented, on behalf of himself and the officers and brethren of that lodge, Bro. J. T. French with a very handsome gold Masonic jewel, in recognition of the very valuable services rendered by him to the Inverell Lodge, at and since its formation. Bro. French, in thanking the W.M. and brethren of the Inverell Lodge, said "that in doing what he had done, and done with pleasure, he considered he had only been performing a duty he owed to the Craft; he should always be proud in being privileged to wear so handsome a jewel, so fraternally bestowed upon him. The lodge then closed, the whole of the brethren expressing their delight and satisfaction at the way in which the ceremony had been carried out by W.M. Bro. J. Munro, and his officers, to whom the greatest praise is due. It is such ceremonies as these that tend to raise the esteem of the beauties of the Order in the minds of the younger Masons. The brethren then repaired to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent luncheon had been provided for them.

**THE BALL.**—The lodge-room was soon transformed into an elegant ball-room, very neatly decorated with festoons of evergreens and flowers, Masonic emblems, and numbers of flags, a notable feature being a very handsome Prince of Wales's feather over the W.M.'s canopy; also, most prominently displayed, was a life-like oil-painting of Bro. P.M. Downer, executed by Bro. Donald Wagner, of this town, and in a spirit of fraternal feeling presented by him to the lodge. The portrait is a most truthful and excellent one, and does the highest credit to the artist. Although there were about one hundred persons present, the hall was not at all crowded. Dancing commenced punctually at nine o'clock, and was continued until long after daylight; everyone seemed so thoroughly to enjoy themselves that the night passed away imperceptibly. The ladies, who were dressed with the most exquisite taste, appeared to have made up their minds to be completely happy; and a more enjoyable evening, or rather we might say night, could not have been spent. Herr Wirth's band discoursed excellent music. Bros. S. Ashton and H. Lewis, the M.C.'s, did all in their power to make everything go smoothly. The refreshments during the whole of the evening, provided by the Glen Innes Campagnoni, Mr. John Noonan, were all that could be desired.

The 9th November, 1876, will long be remembered, not only by the brethren of the Order, but also by their fair sisters. Both socially and financially it was an immense success. The balance, which will be something considerable, will be handed over to the Building Fund.

## Reviews.

### THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON, No. 1.

We like the appearance and matter of this "interesting little" Masonic "stranger" very much indeed. It is very well printed, got up, and arranged, and reflects equal credit on its publisher, editor, and printer. The time has clearly arrived when the Scottish Freemasons should have an organ of their own, as the Scottish Masonic intelligence cannot (such is our impression) be fairly or properly dealt with without more space than an ordinary Masonic journal can afford to supply. The Order in Scotland is a very intelligent, influential, and estimable body of men, and we trust that brighter days are opening out for them, and that they may rise to the proper level, alike of their own duties and the wants of Freemasonry. We have no doubt that the financial position of the Grand Lodge has greatly affected their general contentment and prosperity, and when that is put straight, as we trust soon will be the case, Scottish Freemasonry will come at once "to the fore." The *Scottish Freemason* will, we venture to think, assist in this good work, and aid towards this desirable end. We con-

gratulate our estimable and energetic publisher on his seeking to establish in Scotland an indigenous Masonic journal, and we hope, as we believe, that supported by Scottish energy and good will, this new literary venture (one, by the way, of a most effective and readable character) will meet with the success it so well deserves. The *Scottish Freemason* has our "hearty good wishes," and we feel convinced that it has before it a course of prestige and prosperity.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. F. Collard Moutrie occupied the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Henry Browne, Benjamin Head, Capt. John Wordsworth, J. G. Chancellor, Jesse Turner, S. Rosenthal, J. W. Dennison, J. C. Dwarber, John Symonds, William Mann, A. Durrant, Robert B. Webster, Henry W. Hunt, F. Adlard, Rev. Dr. Morris (head master), W. Hyde Pullen, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of former meeting a slight discussion arose on some of the business then done. Afterwards the report of the special House Committee was brought up, which stated that the proposition for accommodating 120 boys extra in the Institution had been submitted to them, with the question of increasing the buildings at Wood Green, and that after examining the plans for these buildings they found that the probable outlay which would be incurred in erecting these buildings would be about £22,000.

The petition of Mrs. Belmont, the widow of the late George Belmont, the actor, for placing one of her children in the Institution, was read, and the boy having been examined in reading was placed on the list.

Bro. H. G. Warren gave notice in writing of motion for the Quarterly Court in terms similar to that given by him at the General Committee of the Girls' School, on the 22nd February, for increasing the amount of securities for the Secretary and clerk.

Bro. John Symonds said that if Bro. Warren had been present he had intended to suggest to him that the amounts should be fixed by the Courts, and that they should be struck out of the laws.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from the solicitors to the Institution, stating that, in conformity with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the General Committee, they had deposited the securities of the Institution with the bankers, Messrs. Willis, Percival, & Co., 76, Lombard-street, and now forwarded a list of those deeds to the Secretary.

The committee having sat an hour, adjourned.

The adjourned meeting of the Special House Committee appointed to enquire into the best method of extending the Institution by adding further building to the present school-house at Wood Green, sufficient to accommodate 120 additional boys, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. Henry Browne, W. F. Collard Moutrie, Benjamin Head, Captain J. Wordsworth, and F. Binckes, Secretary. Other plans were laid before the committee besides those laid before them at the meeting the week previously, and having been considered, it was found that the probable outlay which would be incurred by erecting the proposed new buildings would be about £22,000. It was resolved to report this to the General Committee and Quarterly Court, and the committee then adjourned.

From the Class list of the Cambridge Local Examination (Christmas, 1876) just out, we are enabled to give the results as far as concerns our Boys' School. They are exceedingly satisfactory. The number of candidates was 28, and 26 have passed. Of these 26 there were 25 juniors, and 1 senior. Of the 25 juniors, more than half (14) gained a place in the honour list—2 in the 1st class, 3 in the 2nd class, and 9 in the 3rd class.

The quality of the work done in the school is testified to by these figures, and there is no need of any comment.

The following is a complete list of the successful candidates:—

SENIOR.—1 passed, R. Bryant.

JUNIORS.—1st Class: 1, Parker; 2, Green. 2nd Class, 4, Bowler; 5, Sage; 6, Pawley. 3rd Class: 7, Uwins; 8, Newman; 9, Markin; 10, Rose; 11, Grimes; 12, Heaviside; 13, Doswell; 14, Widdowson; 15, Watkins. SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS: 16, W. Sparkes; 17, Pinson; 18, Harding; 19, Tayler; 20, Battye; 21, Booser; 22, Warr; 23, Moon; 24, Whyatt; 25, A. Bryant; 26, W. White.

**THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASON."**—The first number of this new organ for the Craft has just been published, and promises fair to be a success. It is got up in first-class style, clearly printed on excellent paper. In addition to accounts of Masonic proceedings in different parts of the country, detailed reports are given of festivals and other meetings in a form such as the brethren have not been favoured with for a considerable time past, and at a length which they could not expect in ordinary newspapers. The leading principles are ably set forth in an article entitled "What is Masonry?" and some fine "Lines to the Craft" are given from the pen of Bro. F. B. Corvell. There is also the first instalment of a Masonic tale, entitled "The Broken Emblem," and other items for the benefit of those who, although belonging to the neutral world, may read the journal, so as to learn what their Masonic friends have been doing.—*Glasgow News.*

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual grand vocal and instrumental concert will be given in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, on Friday, the 23rd inst., at St. James's Hall. Among the eminent vocalists announced to appear, we notice Mr. Sims Reeves, Bro. Lewis Thomas, Madame Edith Wynne, and Miss Emily Mott (daughter of Bro. Superintendent Mott). The concert will commence at 8 p.m.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONRY, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, CANADA.**—At a late emergent convocation, held in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, the M.E. the Grand Chapter of Canada unanimously recognised the recently established Grand Chapter of the Province of Quebec, of which M.E. Comp. Graham, of Richmond, P.Z., is 1st Grand Principal.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland held a chapter of the Order of St. Patrick on Saturday night in Dublin Castle for the installation of the Duke of Manchester, R.W.P.G.M. Northamptonshire, as a Knight Companion of the Order. The imposing ceremony was witnessed by a very large assembly.

On Monday night, at the Lodge of Joppa, London, Bro. Davis, of lodge of Israel, Birmingham, stated that the endeavour now being made by English lodges to obtain the removal of the exclusion of non-Christians from Freemasonry by the German Grand Lodge had the hearty sympathy of the brethren at Birmingham, as well as the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, the brethren of Plymouth, and the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall. He had no doubt all lodges in England would unite with Lodge Montefiore in petitioning the Grand Lodge on the subject.

We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held on Friday, the 29th June, at Hadleigh, under the presidency of the popular Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney.

In a congregation held at Oxford on Saturday last the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Arts were conferred on Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore, S.G. Warden.

**THE SOCIETY OF ANCIENT BRITONS.**—Thursday being St. David's Day, about a hundred gentlemen dined together at Willis's Rooms, in celebration of the 162nd anniversary of the Honourable and Loyal Society of Ancient Britons. Lord Dynevor occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Sir Alexander Wood, the treasurer of the society, Mr. C. W. Wynn, M.P.; Mr. C. Stepney, M.P.; Bro. Sir George Elliot, R.W.P.G.M. South Wales; Mr. J. C. Kenyon; Mr. Charles Shaw, Mr. Cecil Morgan, Mr. E. Rhys Wingfield, and Bro. J. C. Parkinson. The charity, which is known as "The Welsh Charity School," was first established in 1715, its objects being then modestly confined to the payment of premiums on the apprenticeship of two boys, one from South Wales and the other from North Wales. Afterwards a school was established at Clerkenwell-green, which was removed first to Gray's-inn-road, and afterwards, in 1857, to Ashford, in Middlesex, and the number of children now in the school is 130 boys and 70 girls, 2516 boys having since the foundation been admitted upon the establishment and wholly maintained in the house, of whom 1133 have been apprenticed. The noble chairman in proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Society of Ancient Britons," pleaded earnestly for increased support to the institution, and subscriptions were subsequently announced to the amount of nearly £900, including £105 from the Queen, £105 from the chairman, in addition to £10 10s. annually, and 50 guineas each from Earl Powis and Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, R.W. Prov. Grand Master North Wales and Shropshire.

A change has, within the last few days, taken place in the old established firm of Waterlow and Sons (Limited). Arrangements have been made by which it will in future be carried on by Messrs. Waterlow, Brothers, and Layton, at the old premises, Birchin-lane, Cornhill. Bro. Alfred T. Layton, who is well known to many members of the legal profession, having been engaged in the various departments for many years, is also a distinguished Mason.

**PROVINCE OF SOUTH WALES.**—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has delegated to Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, the duty of installing Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, Eastern Division. The ceremony will take place at Aberdare on the 4th proximo, and the brethren who have charge of the arrangements for the occasion expect upwards of 1000 visiting brethren, a large proportion being Grand Officers. The Installing Master will be assisted by Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies. The new vicar of Aberdare, Bro. Rev. W. W. Jones, M.A., the successor to the late Canon Jenkins, will give a special service in the parish church of Aberdare. Aberdare has been selected from its being situated midway between the important Masonic centres of Swansea and Cardiff, and on account of its abundant communication by railway with all parts of the principality and the adjacent provinces. The brethren are very popular in Wales, and the appointment of Sir George to this important position has been long expected. Bro. Sir George Elliot has held the position of Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex, achieving that position after being the W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, formerly a Warwickshire lodge, held at the famous Red Horse at Stratford-on-Avon, and now held as a summer lodge on the banks of the broader Thames.



### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 16, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Proceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.  
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 " 39, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 136, Good Report, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Inn's of Court Hot.  
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
 " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.

Rose Croix Chap. Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.  
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
 Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
 Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.  
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-street.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.  
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.  
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1604, Wanderers', F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.

- Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.  
 Lodge 9, Albion, Regent M.H., Regent-st., W.  
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 " 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
 " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood.  
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, Cafe Royal, Regent-st., W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
 Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

- Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
 " 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.  
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H.  
 " 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot. Hampton.

#### ENCAMP. E., OBSERVANCE, 14, BEDFORD-ROW.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Fusbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 bury, 12, Pensohy-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 16.

- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., W.  
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
 " 1589, St. Dunstons, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 92, Moira.  
 Encamp. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.  
 " 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 17, 1877.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
 " 1021, Harrington, Customs Buildings, B.-in-Furness.  
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.  
 Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
 Walton Red Cross Con, 66, St. Lawrence's School, Livrpl.  
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 13.

- Lodge 241, Merchants', M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 " 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.  
 Stanley L. of I., 241, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
 Liverpool Red Cross Con., M.H., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The members of this lodge met very strongly at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Davis, W.M.; Mallett, S.W.; Dailey, J.W.; Rumball, S.D.; Whitby, I.G.; Morrison, A.W.S.; Heaphy, D.C.; Walls, A.D.C., acting J.D.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Waygood, I.P.M.; Pecvor, P.M.; Hopwood, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Taylor, P.M.; Green, P.M.; and Kennett, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Pending the arrival of the candidates for passing and initiation, the W.M., with the assistance of the Secretary, worked the fourth section of the First Lecture. The brethren passed were Bros. Jordan, Marchant, and Allen, and the gentlemen initiated were Messrs. J. Broadhurst and T. A. Smith. Both ceremonies were exceedingly well performed by the W.M. Bro. Marks having been unanimously elected a joining member, and the widow of a deceased brother of the lodge assisted to the extent of nearly ten pounds, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual preliminary toasts were given and duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. and most warmly received by the brethren. The W.M. having briefly replied, immediately proposed "The Health of the Initiates," in which he congratulated both the lodge and them upon their admission that evening. The newly-admitted brethren having replied in very appropriate terms, the W.M. made a telling speech in introducing the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. J. B. Hall, in responding to this toast, made a very good reply. He said, as a member of a country lodge, and as he had the honour of holding provincial rank in two counties, he had had many opportunities of visiting rural lodges, but he had never seen the ceremonies of the three degrees better "worked" than he had in the Faith Lodge. It was not his first visit, and he hoped it would not be his last, because it was very pleasing to him, as an old Mason, to witness the excellent efforts of younger members of the Craft, who mainly composed the working staff of No. 141, and who appeared to be, from the W.M. downwards, thoroughly conversant with their duties. In conclusion he congratulated the lodge upon possessing so strong and efficient a body of Past Masters. Several other visiting brethren having replied, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," in which he expressed his thanks to them all for the excellent advice and assistance they were always ready to give when required. This toast having been received with great warmth, was briefly acknowledged. "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" followed. In introducing these toasts the W.M. dwelt upon the great and valuable services rendered by those worthy brethren. In addition to Bros. Carter and Stuart he particularly mentioned the names and abilities of his Wardens, Bros. Mallett and Dailey. These toasts having been duly acknowledged, the Tyler's toast was called, and the brethren adjourned until the last Tuesday in the present month. During the proceedings Bros. Robinson, Davis, sen., Walls, Leftly, and others entertained the brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hall, P.P.G.D.C. of Leicestershire and Rutland; Simmonds, P.M., late of 141; Cox, 19; White, 452 (India); Clifford, 773; Simpson, 1178; and Wilson, 1624.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge met on the 6th inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W.; G. Everett, I.P.M.; Page, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., 141, &c., Sec.; Maun, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale and Pope, Hon. P.M.'s; Ellis, jun., Org.; Honeywell, P.M., Assist. Org.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Marston, W.S.; and Stokes, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Pinder, P.M. Kent; Fenner, Upton; and Cole, Granite. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Sleight and initiated his son, Mr. Higgins, both ceremonies being well and carefully performed. The sum of five pounds having been voted to the Secretary, and a vote of thanks passed to the S.D. for

his gift of two cushions for the use of the lodge; it was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which did great credit to the caterer, Bro. Trotman. The preliminary toasts having been done full justice to, the I.P.M. arose and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he said should be a "bumper toast." In the course of his remarks he said that the way in which Bro. Higgins had "worked" the Third Degree that day was a matter for congratulation, and he was sure with their kind indulgence the W.M. would go through his year well. The W.M., in reply, said it was no easy task to discharge the duties of the chair even creditably, but he would do his best. Unfortunately he suffered from a weakness of the voice, which made much speaking irksome; but with their indulgence he hoped to carry out the ceremonies to their satisfaction; and he was pleased that his first essay had been successful. In introducing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. said that in consequence of their affinity this toast was a very pleasing one. He doubly welcomed him to the Kennington as a son and as a brother, and he was confident that his principles would be ever characterised by those beautiful precepts as set forth in the Masonic ritual; and, in conclusion, he hoped that his son's advent into the lodge would never be regretted by its members. Bro. Higgins, in reply, briefly said that he felt quite unable sufficiently to express his ideas upon the ceremony he had that day witnessed, but would simply conclude by thanking them all for the honour they had done him by electing him one of their body, and that he should ever look back with pleasure to that day as one of the brightest days of his existence. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bros. Pinder, Cole, and Fenner. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. took occasion to speak very highly of the capabilities and services in Masonry of those worthy brethren; and in concluding his remarks he particularly alluded to the abilities of the I.P.M., and thanked him very sincerely for the great assistance he had given him in lodge that day. This toast having been duly honoured, elicited from Bro. Everett, the I.P.M., an excellent speech in acknowledgment. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the remaining toasts were but briefly given. They were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities." Selections of instrumental and vocal harmony were furnished by Bros. Ellis, jun., Walls, Webb, Sirgood, and others; and Bro. Warner Sleight recited with dramatic skill "The Dream of Eugene Aram." The next meeting of the lodge will take place on the first Tuesday in April.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—An emergency meeting of this high-class lodge was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The agenda paper was unusually heavy, there being no less than two raisings, five passings, and four initiations. The lodge was opened about 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Cattle, who was ably supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. Goodman, S.W. (acting); Cornelissen, J.W.; D. D. Ashford, S.D., acting for Bro. Ashwell, who, we regret to say, was unable to attend the lodge through illness and domestic affliction; Bro. Knight Smith, J.D., who, with his usual kindness, presided at the harmonium, to enable him to do which Bro. Skeg, W.S., assisted Bro. Ashford in the duties of Deacon; C. S. Jolly, Sec.; Mattock, P.M., Treas.; Thurtle, P.M., W.S.; Foster, I.G.; and Fox, Tyler. This being an emergency meeting, of course no minutes were read. The W.M. therefore at once proceeded to the business of the evening. Bros. Calling and Reynolds being in attendance, passed the necessary examination in a manner which was not only highly creditable to themselves, but at the same time showed the amount of interest they already evince in the Order they have entered; were then entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened up into the Third Degree, and on the re-entry of those brethren they were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. rendering that beautiful ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. The next business was to pass Bros. Williams, Taylor, Raymond, Jaques, and Gannell, and for which purpose the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, when those brethren also proved their proficiency in a very fair manner, and were dismissed. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and on their re-entry they were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was again lowered to the First Degree, and the ballots were then severally taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Bro. Robert Charles, of the Phoenix Lodge, 173, as a joining member, and Messrs. J. S. Lucas, B. Cooper, P. Dyke, and J. Neilson, all of which ballots proved unanimous. At this juncture the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Poupard, arrived and took his seat, and Messrs. Lucas, Cooper, Dyke, and Neilson were regularly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and we feel bound to note that all the ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. with great care, skill, and ability; and during his year of office he has rendered himself a highly popular Master with the lodge, and on his retirement from office next month into the ranks of the P.M.'s he will carry with him the hearty good wishes of every member of the lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer. The following were amongst the members present, viz., Bros. Nole, P.M.; C. Smith, P.M.; Mattock, P.M.; visitor, Greene, W.M. 1275; members: Bros. J. R. Ashford, Matthews, Vernon, Bowley, Miller, Wright, Laurence, Phillips, and others. The banquet which followed was admirably served up by Bro. Geider, the custodian of the hall, and great praise is due to him for the careful manner in which the various dishes were placed upon the table, and a most enjoyable evening, interspersed with songs and recitations, was spent by the brethren, who separated about half-past eleven evidently well satisfied with the evening's entertainment which is always to be met with in the Ivy Lodge.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The March meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday

last, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Brethren present: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Chas. Hogg, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; P. Saillard, S.D.; W. H. Froom, J.D.; T. Benskin, D.C.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W. S. Chapman, Dr. H. A. Smith, Rev. R. Lee, Sam. White, W. W. Landell, Hyde Pullen. Visitors: Col. Francis Burdett, G.M. Middx.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Henry Muggeridge, P.M. 715; Charles Godfrey, 214; E. Brookman, 192; A. J. Protheroe, 22; George Watson, 21. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. Brookman and Dr. Samuel Benton, which resulted unanimously in their favour. Mr. A. Brookman being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Dr. Benton was unable to be present owing to indisposition. Bros. Lee, Smith, and Chapman were passed to the Second Degree. One gentleman was proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday, the 10th day of April. The brethren then dined together, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being most ably proposed by the W.M. Bro. Col. Burdett replied for the Grand Officers, Bros. Nunn and Muggeridge for the visitors.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, March 1st. Bro. F. Wilkinson took the chair at a quarter to eight, when there were present Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Braham, Sec.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cers.; Carey, P.M. and Asst. D.C.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and J. Smith, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; Past Masters Cooper, Captain Peel Floyd, Mitchell, Rubie, Major Preston, Clark, Moutrie, Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire. As visitors, Bros. Hughes, Jos. Dutton, Marillier, of No. 53; and Bros. Hill, P.M., Young, Hayward, Glover, Bright, Stuckey, of No. 906; also about a dozen members of No. 41. After the lodge had been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Ames and Holmes were examined as to their proficiency, which they fully proved by their readiness of reply to a considerable number of questions. They were then entrusted and dismissed for preparation. All requisite arrangements having been made the candidates were readmitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Ashley, assisted by Bro. Cooper, as Chaplain, by Bro. Moutrie, who gave the traditional history, and by the S.W., Bro. Falkner, who explained the symbolism of the working tools. By these four brethren, aided by the subordinate officers, the old York ritual was most impressively and admirably rendered. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and the W.M. again took his chair. A ballot was taken for three candidates to be initiated at the next meeting, which was unanimously in their favour, and five gentlemen were proposed and seconded, to be balloted for on that occasion. Amongst them were two sons of the late highly esteemed and deeply lamented Bro. G. Mann, one of the oldest members of the lodge, whose recent death was feelingly commented on by Bro. Ashley; and on his proposition, seconded by Bro. Wilton, a letter of sincere condolence was ordered to be sent to the members of his family, a communication from whom was read by the I.P.M., thanking the many members of the lodge who testified their respect for the deceased by attendance at the funeral. The lodge was finally closed at ten o'clock.

**SHREWSBURY.**—Salopian Lodge of Charity (No. 117).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Raven Hotel on Wednesday, the 28th ult. There were present Bros. W. Spraggon, W.M.; W. Morris, S.W.; T. W. Thompson, J.W.; R. Lewis, P.M., Treas.; J. Vine, Sec.; W. Litt, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; V. C. L. Crump, I.G.; J. B. Bagnall, I.P.M.; Past Masters Bros. John Evans, Philip Evans, Horatio Jones, and J. B. Boucher, and a full lodge of brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form and the ordinary business having been transacted, the W.M. rose, and in the name of the past and present members of the lodge presented Bro. Lewis, P.M. and Treasurer, with an elegant silver tea and coffee service, remarking on the high esteem entertained for him by the brethren, and also thanking him for the very valuable and indefatigable services he had rendered to the lodge; and attributing it to his zeal that the lodge had been raised to its present high standard of efficiency. Bro. Lewis expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, both by the presentation and also by the flattering remarks made by the W.M. He reviewed the progress of the lodge since he had become a member of it in 1855, but remarked that any services he may have rendered he had been actuated to perform by a love for Freemasonry in general and of his mother lodge in particular. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

**WINDSOR.**—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. C. D. Hume, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Schieman, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; J. O. Carter, P.M., P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Sec.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Hopwood, P.M.; McIlwham, P.M.; Tolley, P.M.; Apted, Dick Radcliffe, Pitts, Dore, Legg, Knighton, Wilkins, Lancaster, Larlin, &c. Visitors: Bros. Powell, P.M. 771; Bingham, P.M. 771; Scott, W.M. 771; Mitchell, 771; Goddard, 771; Hannis, 771; Johnson, 771; Hart 1348; Jewell, 1597; Petts, 342. Mr. C. M. H. Crawshaw was initiated into Freemasonry, Bros. Apted, Bailey, and Dore passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Lancaster raised to degree of M.M. The whole of the three degrees were worked by the W.M. in a manner that caused great gratification to the brethren generally. The sum of twenty guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be added to Bro. Carter's



list for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Two candidates for initiation and two candidates as joining members were proposed. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

**BRIGHTON.**—Royal York Lodge (No. 315). On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M., Bro. S. T. Foat, who has passed with the utmost credit through every minor office, and who was unanimously voted to the chair, was installed in office by Bro. Nell, the immediate Past Master. The newly appointed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, Bro. Hawkes being appointed S.W.; Bro. Charles Hudson, J.W.; Bro. H. Saunders, Treas.; Bro. T. Packham, Sec.; Bro. R. J. Pope, S.D.; Bro. G. Nash, J.D.; C. Erredge, I.G.; Payne and Willard, Stewards; and Bro. Hughes, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge at the previous meeting, was then, in the name of the lodge, presented by W.M. Foat to Bro. Nell, the immediate Past Master, after which the lodge was closed with the usual formula. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, a magnificent provision being made for them by Bros. Sayers and Marks, of Western-road, Brighton, who, by their liberality and careful catering, proved themselves thorough "craftsmen." The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Foat, who discharged his duties most admirably. The general company included Bros. Scott, Prov. G.S.; Kube, Walter Smith, Bramwell, Brown, Reed, V. P. Freeman, Booty, and the Masters of the various lodges in the province. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and the proceedings generally passed off most harmoniously. The musical arrangements were under the immediate direction of Bro. Devin, who was most ably assisted by Bro. George Cole and other members.

**HADLEIGH.**—Lodge of Virtue and Silence (No. 332).—At the regular meeting on the 22nd ult., the lodge was attended by the W.M., Wardens, and members of the lodge, Bros Hart, Golding, Downs, Powell, Gardiner, Pettit, sen. and jun., Spalding, P.M.'s; Eltham (W.M. elect), Chisnall, Grinwade, Aldous, Sexton, Mackney, Cooper, Seaborn, Hitchcock, King, Everett, Grinwade, C. Archer, Jones, and others. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The W.M. was presented and duly installed by Bro. A. J. Grinwade, in a very solemn and impressive manner. The W.M., after duly acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, proceeded to appoint his officers for the year ensuing: Bros. Chisnall, S.W.; F. Grinwade, J.W.; Mackney, Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Seaborn, J.D.; Hitchcock, Org.; King, I.G.; delivering to each a suitable address upon their several duties, and investing them with the insignia of their office. The brethren of the lodge being anxious to show their appreciation of the services of Past Master A. J. Grinwade, resolved to present him with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of their esteem and regard for the very able manner in which he conducted the lodge during the past year. Bro. Hunt, in the absence of Bro. Muriel, P.M., was delegated to present it, who, in a neat and appropriate speech begged of Bro. Grinwade to accept the jewel, not for its intrinsic value, but as a token of esteem, adding the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. might endue him with health long to wear it. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Aldous, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**BATH.**—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, March 12th. At 8.15 p.m. Bro. H. Gore, W.M., opened the lodge in the First Degree, supported by Bros. G. H. Cook, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, as Chaplain; H. Culliford Hopkins, S.W.; Falkner, as J.W.; Davis, P.M., Sec.; Bush, Dir. Cers.; Robinson, as S.D.; Johnston, J.D.; Radway, as I.G.; and Gazzard, Tyler. There were also present several members of the lodge, and as visitors, Bros. Pegler, P.M. 304, Leeds; Walker, P.M. 53; Jas. Dutton, P.M. 855; Marillier, 53; Sumsion, P.M. 53; Watts, P.M. 53; W. Smith, P.M. 53; Ames, 41; Sonderman, J.D. 53; C. Collins, Sec. 53; and W. F. Collins, 53. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. read a communication asking support in the present movement relative to the exclusion of Jews from German lodges, and after a few remarks in its favour from the Secretary and the Director of Ceremonies, a resolution was passed authorising the W.M. to sign the petition on behalf of the Lodge of Honour. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, examined the candidates, whose correct and ready replies elicited the acclamations of the brethren, and entrusted them. After they left the room, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bros. Rev. Sanderson and Bell were re-admitted and duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. He also gave an elaborate explanation of the working tools, delivered the charge and the Lecture on the second Tracing Board, which he concluded amid the hearty applause of the brethren. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree by the W.M. The Secretary gave notice of a proposed alteration in the bye-laws with regard to the time of meeting. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks to the visitors was passed, which was acknowledged by Bros. Walker and Pegler, the latter especially expressing his satisfaction at the resolution passed in favour of the Jews, and the pleasure he had derived from witnessing the ability with which the complete ceremony of passing had been conducted. The lodge was closed at ten o'clock.

**ABERDARE.**—St. David's Lodge (No. 679).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., St. David's Day. The members of the lodge mustered in great force, and there were several visiting brethren present from a distance, amongst the latter being Bros. W. J. Morgan, P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen; [Dr. Hall, W.M. of the Talbot

Lodge, Swansea; Morgan, Alexander, and Mole, of the Merlin Lodge, Pontypridd, and others. Bro. G. H. White, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed as Master of St. David's Lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. W. J. Morgan, P.M. of St. Peter's Lodge. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Smith, I.P.M.; Evan Jones, S.W.; W. Little, J.W.; Dr. Price, Chap.; T. B. Powell, Treas., for the 21st time; T. Phillips, Sec.; Chas. Botting, S.D.; D. Davies, J.D.; J. Rhys, I.G.; J. Roberts and T. Moody, Stewards; and H. Bray, Tyler. Amongst other business brought before the lodge, an important official letter was read from Sir George Elliot, Bart., the R.W.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales, intimating that he had decided on holding a Provincial Grand Lodge at Aberdare on the 4th of April next, under the banner of St. David's, when he would be installed in his new office by the R.W. Aeneas McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar of England. The announcement was received with great gratification by the members of the lodge, and a committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. After the business of the lodge was concluded it was closed in due form, and the brethren thereafter adjourned to the banquet room. Upwards of 40 brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, under the presidency of W.M. White. After ample justice had been done to the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and well received. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M.," the W.M. dilated on the honour Sir George Elliot had shown St. David's Lodge, by deciding to have his installation carried out under its banner. He hoped it was a decision which the members of sister lodges would approve of, when they considered that Sir George had for some years been a member of St. David's, and that his connection with Aberdare was of long standing. Bro. Smith, I.P.M. proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of the W.M." He spoke of his popularity in the lodge and his zeal for Masonry, and augured for St. David's a year of great prosperity under his guidance. The W.M. made an able reply, and said that he calculated on the support of the P.M.'s, whose advice would sustain him in all his duties, and in particular he depended on the support of his officers. The Installing Master, Bro. W. J. Morgan, made an able speech in reply to the toast of his health. As a very old friend of the W.M., it had given him the greatest pleasure to perform the installation ceremony. The proceedings of the evening were varied and enlivened by songs, admirably rendered by Bros. Rosser, Rhys, Smith, and the W.M. Bro. F. Atkins, of Cardiff, acted as Organist at the ceremony in the lodge, and he officiated at the piano at the banquet.

**ROTHERHAM.**—Phoenix Lodge (No. 904).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, on Thursday, February 22nd, 1877. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when W. Bro. J. Oxley, P.M., P.P.G.R. for W. Yorks., took the chair for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Benjamin Saville, which was duly performed according to ancient custom. Bro. Saville, W.M., then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bro. C. H. Perrot, Prov. G. Org., I.P.M.; Bros. H. J. Bingham, S.W.; T. W. Roome, J.W.; John Fawcett, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Wragg, Sec.; C. Harvey, S.D.; Wilfrid Badger, J.D.; G. J. Hinchliffe, Org.; W. H. Pearce, I.G.; R. J. Evans, Steward; T. Chester, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, the toast of the W.M. meeting with the very warmest reception. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. W. Jervis, W.M. 139; John Ridal, W.M. 296; S. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239; also representatives of Lodges 33, 43, 108, 242, and 1144. A most harmonious evening was spent, and all augurs well for a prosperous year for the lodge under its new and very efficient W.M.

**GREENWICH.**—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—This well established lodge held its regular meeting at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Bro. H. J. Green, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Wm. Wilson. He being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being rendered in a solemn, impressive, and correct manner by the W.M. Some formal business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed and adjourned to June. There were present Bros. R. W. Williams, P.G. Org. Middlesex, S.W.; C. W. Williams, J.W.; the Rev. G. R. Purefoy Colles, Chap.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Woodman, P.M., S.D.; W. Kipps, J.D.; E. W. Chetwynd, I.G.; A. Tisley, D.C.; S. Markets, W.S.; C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., P.M.; W. Ough, P.G.P., P.M.; H. Keeble, P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, P.M.; and others. Visitors: T. Ross, 188; F. B. Williams, 162; G. F. Guest, W.M. 1531; C. A. Rose, 1446; J. H. Kemp, 27; and others. The usual first-rate banquet was served. The regular toasts were given and responded to. An agreeable evening was well spent and enjoyed by all present.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its regular March meeting on Saturday the 3rd inst. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., having opened the lodge, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken and declared unanimous for Mr. James Smith, a candidate proposed by him, the attendant ceremony being well rendered. Bro. Pearson was passed to the Second Degree; and Bros. Barber and Brown to the M.M. degree. Bro. Pearson was raised by the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Caldwell, P.M., in his masterly and accustomed manner; better known

than comment can describe. A visiting brother, Bro. Dr. Barlow, P.M. 645, expressed a wish to confer the third degree upon Bro. Brown; the chair was therefore assigned to him. This being the first ceremony performed by Bro. Dr. Barlow at 1458, it must not be passed unnoticed. Our medical brother possesses that self command so essential to his profession, which combined with attention to punctuation and elocution, certainly brings out a Masonic ceremony clothed in its true meaning. Real oratory produces that which the simple utterance of words is not capable of. Such was the quality of the ceremony performed by Bro. Barlow, and which produced a good impression upon Bro. Brown, which was discernible from the remarks made by him at a later period of the evening. Prior to the closing of the lodge, Bro. Batchelder, W.M., resumed command of the lodge, and received from the hands of Bro. Kleinmann, J.S., a sword which he had worn during the Franco-Prussian war, and which he presented to the lodge for the use of its Inner Guard. The W.M. having thanked Bro. Kleinmann on behalf of the lodge, summoned to the E. Brother Proctor, I.G., and invested him with the weapon of separating and protecting capabilities. Its deeds of deadly separation are probably completed; it yet, well wielded, will separate the cowan from the Craftsman. Bro. Proctor, ever mindful of his business, will at his post of I.G. doubtless suggest the same course to others, should they require such wise advice, with his well tried sword to second the motion. Business having been concluded, Lodges 645 and 1219 tendered their "Hearty Good Wishes," and the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the social board. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the usual toasts were given and received. During the evening harmony abounded freely; the new initiate, Bro. Smith, fully proved his ability as a vocalist of no mean order. Bros. Nicholson, Pearson, and Smith entertained the brethren with some good glee singing, and last, but not least, Bro. Goodchilde rendered with pleasing strain his comic adventure "The Hole in the Shutter." The brethren separated at a reasonable hour, 9.30 p.m.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Bro. E. West's house, the Three Crowns, as above, and may well be remembered as a red letter day in the history of this pretty and flourishing little lodge, not only on account of the number of the brethren and visitors present, but for the splendid working of the Installing Officer, Bro. J. Ives, who well and worthily installed his successor, Bro. W. Steele, into the chair of King Solomon; nor will the style in which the new W.M. afterwards initiated three candidates be soon forgotten. Suffice it, both ceremonies were performed in such a manner as to justify the hopes of every one present, that a great, if not a distinguished future, lay before the lodge, and that if its present excellence is maintained it must soon take its position as one of the first in the district both for numbers and efficiency. The lodge was opened at one o'clock sharp, and Bro. Ives immediately proceeded to the important business before him, Bro. West, P.M. of this and many other lodges, as well as a Provincial G.O. for Herts, officiating as D.C. After Bro. Steele had been installed and saluted according to custom, he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Ives, I.P.M.; A. J. Manning, S.W.; W. T. Turner, J.W.; T. Geller, Treas.; J. Henderson, P.M., Sec.; N. Stanford, S.D.; J. Plume, J.D.; W. F. Vance, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Organist; G. A. Elder, D.C.; W. Davis, W.S.; and W. Steadman, P.M. 754, Tyler. Among the company present were Bros. T. Butt, W.M. 700; J. Dorton, W.M. 1076; C. T. Barham, W.M. 754; W. Graham, P.M. 700; T. Day, P.M. 1076; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1076, and of the lodge; S. Watkins, P.M. 1076; J. White, 1076; A. Woodley, J. W. 700; F. Wakefield, P.M. 548; J. Jacobs, 1327; J. West, 55; D. Old, 1076; and C. Jolly, 913. The installation having been splendidly finished, Messrs. Beazley, Guy, and Lloyd were initiated by Bro. Steele into Masonry, and then, after a vote of thanks, to be engrossed on vellum, had been voted to Bro. Ives, for his efforts as Installation Officer, and Bro. P. M. Graham had presented the lodge with a fine rough ashlar, bearing the following inscription on a silver plate: "Presented to the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, by P.M. W. G. Graham, No. 700, March 6th, 1877," the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren sat down to their banquet, which was of the choicest and most elaborate description, no expense being spared by Bro. West in catering to the tastes of his guests, both edible and bibulent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and loyally responded to. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Ives said that Bro. Steele had worked hard to fit himself for the honourable position he now held. They had a taste of his quality in seeing him work the First Degree that afternoon, and if he continued to work the ceremonies in the same able manner they would never regret having placed him in that chair. He asked them to join him in drinking "The Health of Bro. Steele," their esteemed W.M. Bro. Steele, whose reception was most enthusiastic, thanked them for their toast. He said that from the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Ives, and which they had so heartily endorsed, he believed that he had given them every satisfaction up to the present. No one could appreciate the many difficulties attending the position of W.M. more than he did, and no one could more heartily and sincerely ask them for their assistance and co-operation in carrying out these duties than he. The honour of a lodge was essentially bound up with the character and conduct of its Master, and he trusted to leave that chair at the end of his year of office, as pure, as bright, and unsullied from stain as he had found it. He again thanked them for their toast, and resumed his chair, amid much cheering. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. presented, in flattering terms,



Bro. Ives with the jewel of his office, of the value of ten guineas, and trusted that he might long be spared to wear it as a token of the esteem in which he is held in the lodge. Bro. Ives feelingly returned thanks, and said that the magnificent jewel they had presented him with that night would wed him to that lodge as faithfully as he had been wed to his wife at the altar, and as he trusted he had been a good and true husband, so would he, as long as he lived, be a good and faithful brother to that lodge. After half a century passed in Masonry, that was the proudest moment of his life. He hoped he had earned and deserved it. He knew that W.M.'s who not only during their term in the chair, but in the subordinate offices that lead to that proud distinction, did all they could to promote the harmony and good fellowship of their lodges, naturally looked to some such token of respect at the expiration of that term, but no one could have received it with the united good wishes of every member of the lodge more than he felt sure he had from them. (Applause.) He trusted Br. Steele would go on and deserve such a recognition when his time had arrived. For himself, to the longest day of his life he should look back to this as one of the greatest honours ever conferred upon him, and as one of the proudest moments of his life. Bros. Butt, Day, Graham, Watkins, and others replied for the visitors. The Initiates duly returned thanks for their healths, Bro. Manning replied for the officers; and after a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded Bro. West for his excellent catering, the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Severn-street, on the 12th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 4 p.m. There was a very large attendance of brethren from all parts, some from London, Liverpool, and New York, and the most distinguished members of the Craft in Warwickshire, including many officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, confirmed, and signed, the inducing of the S.W., Bro. Isaac Silverstone, into the chair of K.S. then commenced. The ceremony was entirely carried out by Bro. J. Myers, P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation and Treasurer of this lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. B. Lazarus, S.W.; D. Davenport, J.W.; William Wood, Sec.; P. Roberts, S.D.; A. Silverstone, J.D.; H. H. Lawrence, I.G.; J. Myers, D.C.; A. Harris, A.D.C.; A. B. Vigus, Org.; E. Marks, Standard Bearer of the new banner, which has for its motto the "Crouching Lion of Judah;" G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; M. Davis, P.M., Treas.; and S. Lyon, I.P.M., who was then presented by the W.M., Bro. J. Silverstone, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, set with brilliants, which bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, 1474, to Bro. Solomon Lyon, in recognition of the zeal and ability displayed by him as W.M. in 1876, and as some token of the fraternal esteem and regard unanimously entertained for him by the brethren." Bro. S. Lyon, in thanking the brethren of the lodge, said how proud he was to receive such a jewel in the presence of so many distinguished Masons and his fellow townsmen, and that he should for ever remember his year of office, as it was marked with so many acts of kindness, and it did not want this additional proof to cement his life interest to the lodge, as it was a source of great delight to him to be one of the founders, he should for ever prize it, and wear it as often as possible, in order to show the generosity of the brethren with whom it was his lot to associate. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thomas Green in such a manner that all present were delighted with him, and thought the lodge had every reason to be proud of such an excellent successor. The Secretary then read several communications from lodges, not only of Warwickshire, but many from distant provinces, expressing their wish to assist all in their power to present to Grand Lodge an influential petition in respect to the exclusion of the Hebrews in certain German lodges. After the business was concluded the lodge was formally closed with the usual hearty good wishes, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most sumptuous repast was provided, and nearly 70 brethren sat down, and were presided over by the new W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a very efficient manner. The whole proceedings were of a most satisfactory character.

**PUTNEY.**—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—At the regular meeting of this lodge Bro. J. Wright occupied the chair of W.M., and was supported by Bros. Robinson, S.W.; F. Holland, acting J.W.; Morphey and Collings, Deacons; Boehr, I.G.; H. Smith, P.M., Sec.; and Watkins, Treas. The business included the raising of Bros. Bury and Thomson, passing Bro. Stokes, and initiating Messrs. Hunt and Mansell. It being the night for electing the W.M., Treasurers, and Tyler, Bros. Robinson, Watkins and Steed were respectively elected without opposition. Bros. Collings, Mansell and Harrison were elected as members of the Audit Committee. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., and the lodge was closed and adjourned to April.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at the White Hart Hotel on the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. W. Hammond, P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; Sharp, P.M. 84, S.W.; Bond, P.M. Dobie Lodge, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, hon. P.M.; Baldwin, P.M. Era, A.G.P. of Middlesex, honorary member; Rev. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chaplain; Ockenden, Sec.; Aston, S.D.; J. Hurst, W.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, I.G. The visitors were Bros. Buckland, P.M. Dobie Lodge; Saunders, W.M. 1503; Wells, J.W. Brownrigg Lodge; Pearman, Dobie Lodge; Miller, Ivy Lodge; Tagg, Hemming Lodge. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated in his usual impressive

manner Messrs. Marvin, Taylor, Richer, and Featherstone. The ballot was taken for joining on behalf of Bro. Pitt, 205, United States, and declared unanimous. Bro. Nuttall, one of the founders, having been unanimously elected Treasurer, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Andrews, the caterer. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex," were given from the chair. The S.W. in proposing "The Health of D.P.G.M. of Middlesex," said that the Wolsey Lodge was to be congratulated upon having had the honour to be the first to congratulate Bro. Little upon his appointment. They were also favoured by having a W.M. who held past rank in the province, and he should couple the names of the W.M. and Bro. Baldwin, A.G.P., with the toast. This pledge having been duly honoured, the latter, by the request of the W.M., acknowledged it. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the S.W. remarked that they all knew his abilities, and they all respected him. They had seen his successful working that night, and he hoped in conclusion that during Bro. Hammond's year of office he would be blessed with good health to discharge his onerous duties. The W.M. in reply expressed his gratification at the success which had thus far attended his fourth essay. In founding the lodge he had had no desire personally to gain fresh laurels, but it was to further the laudable desires of several of the brethren who aspired to obtain the chair of K.S. In concluding his remarks he said that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the lodge a success, and he was pleased with the genial way in which the S.W. had proposed his health, and the warmth with which it had been received by the brethren. In giving "The Initiates" the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the admission of four gentlemen that evening to assist in manning their little Masonic venture. He hoped what they had seen and heard would give them exalted views of Masonry, and that if so they would have made a step in the right direction, because by being impressed with the ceremony of initiation they must exercise those qualities of mind that would eventually redound to the good of their fellow creatures, and in concluding he trusted that they would also find an advantage by being Masons, and would ever cultivate the principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Taylor in a very neat speech. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Buckland, P.M., who said that the lodge bade fair to become a great success. It had an excellent Master, and the initiates were to be congratulated upon having had their degree well given, and they would see as they progressed in the science the advantage of having a good exponent of Masonry in the chair. In conclusion, upon behalf of his co-visitors and himself, he expressed the gratification their visit to No. 1656 had afforded. The toast of "The Officers" followed. In giving this the W.M. called attention to the fact that amongst the working staff were five Past Masters, a W.M., and a Warden, which spoke well for the future of the lodge. He coupled this toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. Champion De Crespigny, the Chaplain, who, in reply, said that he felt pleased at being an officer of the lodge. Many joined the Craft for conviviality, but, as an old Mason, he told the newly-admitted brethren that there was something far beyond that, and if they aspired to take office he called upon them to follow the good example of the W.M., and the other efficient officers who were coming on. In the course of his remarks he told them that many, many years had elapsed since his initiation, but he was still proud of the Craft. He held, as they were aware, Past Provincial rank as well as that of Past Master, but he felt inclined to think that those distinctions were not owing to any merits of his own, but were due to his Masonic ancestry, inasmuch as his grandfather had held the position of P.G.M. of Hampshire, and was a personal friend of the late Duke of Sussex. In conclusion he thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had proposed the health of his brother officers and himself, and said nothing would be wanting on their and his part to add to the prosperity of the Wolsey Lodge. "The Masonic Obedience," coupled with the names of Bros. Bond and Ockenden, Stewards for the Girls' Festival having been given and responded to, the proceedings terminated.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**RANELAGH LODGE** (No. 834).—At the meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith, on Friday, the 2nd inst., the chair was occupied by Bro. J. H. Cumming, S.W. 534 (Polish National). After the first ceremony and some sections had been worked, P.M. G. Reed (Zealand) presented the Secretary, P.M. Alais, 834, on behalf of the brethren of this lodge of instruction, with a handsome crozier frame, beautifully fitted and engraved, as a small token of their esteem for the manner in which Bro. Alais always carried out his duties. The gift was duly acknowledged by the Secretary, who said that his great wish had always been that this lodge of instruction should succeed, and he trusted he should be spared many years to give it his support.

**SOUTHWARK LODGE** (No. 879).—There was a very flattering attendance here on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when Bro. W. Beavis, 1158, comparatively speaking a young Mason, worked the Fifteen Sections, which he has thoroughly mastered during the couple of years he has been a Mason. Diligence and perseverance have produced the grandest possible results, and the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge, 1158, have reason to be proud of so able and efficient a brother. The W.M. had for his officers Bros. C. W. Kent, P.M. 879, 1578, Preceptor, as S.W. (and a good one, too); E. Brewster, W.M. 879, J.W.; J. Tarryer, 1310, S.D.; B. Sadell, 879, J.D.; W. Green, 879, I.G.; and Walter S. Lagg, 879, the most

urbane of Secretaries. We have not space to tabulate the working, but the following brethren assisted in the order given. Bros. W. S. Lagg, 879; Brewster, W.M. 879; Milburn, 13; J. A. Hudson, P.M. 879; Milburn, 13; Gordon, 753; E. Stephens, P.M. 879; J. Taylor, 753; R. Challon, 1622; C. W. Kent, P.M. 879; Stewart, 19, 1158; Taylor, 753; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; Leaper, 1275; and J. Davis, D.C. 879. In each section the answers were readily and accurately given, showing that Bro. Beavis is surrounded wherever he goes with clever workers. The W.M. thoroughly delighted the lodge, and we are bound to confess, in justice to so zealous and expert a Mason, that never have we heard the sections worked nearer "Emulation" form. There was a large attendance, but we have not room to give the names.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The bye-laws of the Lodge of Instruction attached to this lodge providing that the sections shall be worked every March and April, on Monday evening (under Bro. Sidney Myer, W.M., for the month), the first four sections of the first lecture were worked as follows:—1st, Bro. Baird; 2nd, Bro. R. Sharp, Sec. and Treas. and W.M. of the lodge, under whose warrant instruction is given; 3rd, Bro. C. Jellicoe, his J.W.; and 4th, Bro. C. J. Phillips, his S.W. At the last meeting of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. J. Hickman, son of the D.P.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight. In the absence of the Mayor, the presentation was made in the name of the lodge by P.M. T. P. Payne, in the presence of a goodly number of the brethren, including two initiates, made the same evening by Bro. Sharpe.

#### Royal Arch.

**BELGRAVE CHAPTER** (No. 749).—This influential chapter held its last meeting at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Friday, the 23rd ult. Amongst those present were Comps. Frampton, M.E.Z.; Landfield, H.; Vine, J.; Mackney, I.P.Z.; Ough, P.Z., P.G. Assist. Soj., Treas.; Bourne, P.Z., S.E.; W. Johnson, P.Z.; H. Johnson, P.Z.; Watson, P.Z.; Limebeer, S.N.; Jolly and Collier, Assistants. Comp. Humphreys, P.S., in consequence of a domestic affliction, was not present. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place with the following unanimous results:—Comps. Landfield, M.E.Z.; Vine, H.; Limebeer, J.; Ough, Treas.; Bourne, S.E.; Humphreys, S.N.; and Jolly, P.S. A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to the outgoing M.E.Z., the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Thomas, S.E. 134; T. Walls, P.S. 185; Green, 17; Neate, 77; and Massey, 174. The preliminary loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been duly given and received, the I.P.Z. arose and proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," in which he stated that the manner in which he (Comp. Frampton) had carried out the various offices in the chapter was a pattern to any companion in London. In conclusion he wished him all health and happiness. The First Principal, in reply, stated that he arose with great pleasure to return thanks for the many kind expressions Comp. Mackney had used in proposing his health. He had been cast for the character of First Principal, and whether he had succeeded in enacting the part well he left that for them to judge. The poet had said that the "poor player struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more." But he hoped that that would not be his case when he made his final bow as a First Principal of the Belgrave. In concluding his remarks he thanked them all for the great kindness he had always received at their hands. In giving "The Visitors," the M.E. said that it was a very pleasing toast to propose the health of the visiting companions. They were all good men and true, and he called upon the members to give them a hearty greeting, because if they were satisfied with the results of their visit he was sure that the Belgrave was pleased to welcome them, as there was nothing so agreeable to them as being in a position to dispense its hospitality. This toast having been warmly received, Comps. Massey, Green and Thomas replied. The former stated, amongst other things, that he had been somewhat disappointed at not having witnessed any "working" that evening, because he had on a former visit been highly delighted with the excellent manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been carried out. "The Health of the Past Principals" followed. In introducing this the M.E. said that he considered it "par excellence" the toast of the evening, because those distinguished companions had laboured hard to bring the chapter to its present high state of prosperity. He therefore charged them to drink the health of their Past Principals in a most enthusiastic manner. Comp. Mackney, in response, said that as the Immediate Past Principal he was pleased with the good feeling that had been manifested by the companions in receiving the health of his colleagues and himself. They were and would always be ready to assist those who were rising to eminence in the chapter, because as they, the Past Principals, were going down in the scale of popularity, there were others ready to supply their places, and who, moreover, were thoroughly conversant with the duties of the positions they courted. The M.E.Z. then said that he had a very important toast to bring to their notice, namely, "The Second and Third Principals." They were both good Craft Masons and Royal Arch Masons, and were always ready, willing, and able to carry out any Masonic "work." They had that evening been elected to fill high positions in the chapter, and in conclusion he called them "the coming men," and that under their way he believed the proceedings of No. 749 would be carried out with great éclat. Comp. Landfield, M.E. elect, in response, said that he was gratified



that the M.E. had been pleased to pass such high encomiums upon his colleague and himself. His eulogy had been so high, that it had almost bordered upon flattery; nevertheless, he was sensible that since Comps. Vine and himself had been connected with the Belgrave they had endeavoured to do their duty. He had been elected that evening to discharge a very important office, and he would do all that lay in his power to add to the comfort and prosperity of the chapter, and he was confident that Comps. Vine and Limebeer would do the same. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Scribe E.," the M.E. said that as the hour was late he should couple the toast of "The Officers" with it. This double toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comp. Ough briefly responded by stating that he felt honoured at having been re-elected Treasurer, and whilst he continued to hold that office he should always exercise a wise discretion in the management of their funds; and in conclusion, he thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had drank his health. Comp. Bourne said that he arose once again to return his sincere thanks to the chapter for having unanimously elected him Scribe E. for the eighth time, which proved he had at least done his duty and gained their satisfaction. He hoped, however, to arrive at his second term of apprenticeship in that capacity. In concluding his speech he said he was gratified that the chapter—which would on the 15th of March next have arrived at the 10th year of its existence—was in such a prosperous condition. Comps. Limebeer, Jolly, and Collier also replied. The instrumental and vocal harmony during the evening was furnished by Comps. Mackney, Limebeer, Walls, Coates, and others.

**WARRINGTON.**—Chapter of Elias Ashmole (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, on Monday last. The chapter was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. W. Sharp, Z.; P. J. Edelsten, H.; and R. Brierley, J.; after which the companions were admitted, numbering amongst them Comps. John Bowes, P.Z., &c.; D. W. Finney, P.Z., &c.; Charles Crosier, S.E. and J. elect; James Jackson, J. L. Wilson, Thos. Tunstall, R. Galloway, Jno. Armstrong, W. Woods, James Hannah, W. S. Hawkins, P.Z., Knight, Joseph Pickthall, W. Read, W. Barlow, T. C. Pierpoint, and Thos. Domville, Janitor. The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed, when the M.E.Z. invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Principal. Ex. Comps. P. J. Edelsten, R. Brierley, and Charles Crosier were then installed as Z., H., and J. respectively, in ample form, after which they were greeted, saluted, and proclaimed according to ancient custom. The other officers having been invested, a vote of thanks to Comp. Bowes was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and there being no further business, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquetting room, where, under the presidency of the newly-installed Principals, an excellent dinner was justly dealt with. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Installing Principal came in for a large share of compliments. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing, in which Comps. Tunstall, Woods, Brierley, and T. C. Pierpoint took part. The proceedings closed about ten o'clock.

**IPSWICH.**—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 376).—The usual quarterly convocation of this popular chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there was a large attendance of members, about twenty or twenty-five being present. Amongst others were Comps. Fraser, M.E.Z.; N. Tracy, P.Z., as H.; Dr. Mills, P.Z., as J.; H. Luff, Scribe E.; J. H. Staddon, Scribe N.; W. Bobby, Prin. Soj.; H. Casley, Asst. Soj.; P. Cornell, P.Z.; J. A. Petit, &c. Visitor: Comp. Emra Holmes, P.Z. St. Luke's Chapter. The chapter having been duly opened by the three Principals, the companions were admitted, and the minutes of last chapter and chapters of emergency were read and confirmed. Bros. A. D. George, P.M. 114, Prov. G. Reg. of Suffolk; A. J. Grimwade, I.P.M. Lodge Virtue and Silence; Hadleigh and H. Ribbons, of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, were severally admitted and exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The M.E.Z. most ably and impressively performed this beautiful ceremony. Dr. Mills acted as Prin. Soj., and afterwards delivered the historical lecture, Comp. Tracy gave the symbolical, and M. Ex. Comp. Fraser delivered the mystical lecture with great solemnity and impressiveness. We have never seen the ceremonies throughout better, and seldom indeed so ably, performed as on this occasion. The other business of the chapter having been disposed of, Scribe E. delivered the Exordium, and the chapter was duly closed. The companions afterwards assembled round the social board under the presidency of Comp. Fraser. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and responded to by the brethren with the customary cordiality, and Comp. Tracy, in proposing "The Officers of Grand Chapter," regretted that he could not couple with that toast the name of the Prov. Ex. Superintendent. He hoped that some steps would shortly be taken to place a brother at their head in this province. The M.E.Z. proposed "The Visitors," coupling the toast with the name of Comp. Emra Holmes, who, in responding, dwelt upon the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening, to witness the absolutely perfect manner in which the august and majestic ceremony had been worked that evening by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. He had been much impressed, years ago, at the working of this chapter under their late Comps. King and Franks, and he thought that working could not be equalled, but on this evening he had seen the degree conferred in a manner which he would venture to say could not be surpassed in any chapter in the kingdom. After making some remarks as to the antiquity of the degree, and the opinions of Bros. Yarker, Hughan, and others about it, he said he thought that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry

would be better served if the fee for admission were reduced to say a guinea. We were told there were but three degrees in Freemasonry including the R. A., and the Constitutions laid down that no one could be admitted a Mason for less than £3 3s. Yet, after a man had taken the three degrees for that sum, he was told he must pay £2 2s. for what was, according to the Constitutions, only a portion of a degree. When the fee was settled there were no powerful competing bodies like the Grand Mark Lodge and the A. and A. Rite. It was true the Mark degree and the Rose Croix were in existence, but they were not competing bodies in the sense then that they were now. A brother could get the Mark Degree, which was every whit as much a Craft degree as the R.A., for £1 1s. or 30s., and he could get the Rose Croix in Ipswich for £3 3s. No wonder then that when brethren found they could get 18 degrees for the same price that they paid for a portion of one they should often prefer to take it (the Rose Croix) to the Royal Arch. He thought that steps should be taken to get the fee for exaltation reduced, and every brother would then be encouraged to take the degree. Bro. Grimwade, in responding to the toast of "The newly-exalted Companions," expressed the pleasure he had derived in being admitted to this sublime degree. He had hoped to have had present that night with him Bro. Dr. Muriel of Hadleigh, but that brother had, as he deeply regretted, and as they were aware, died very suddenly, leaving a widow and nine children to mourn his loss, and he hoped the companions would help him to get them the benefit of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Ribbons also briefly and very modestly responded. A most agreeable evening was spent, and it was with great regret that the companions separated. Bro. Spalding catered, as usual, well. The supper was excellently served.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, March 13th, when there were present Comps. Alderman Bull, M.E.Z.; Cookson, H.; Cuthbert, J.; Colonel Stuart, P.Z., P.G.T., &c.; Capt. Colbrune, E.; Rev. W. Tebbis, J. 285, P.S.; Billson, 1st A.S.; Stafford, 2nd A.S.; Trapp, Treas.; Rev. Fawcett Ward, Chap.; Reynolds, Janitor; Harris, Coombs, Richardson, Hillman, Allan, Leslie, Capt. Nash, and Capt. Green, J.P.; Visitors: Comps. Darfield, P.Z. 19; Hales, M.E.Z. 840, P. Prov. Grand Chap. Berks and Bucks; Fitch, J. 840; Wilmer, N. 840; Taylor, 840; and Biggs, 282. Chapter having been opened in due form and the companions admitted, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Thody and Carter, of Stuart Lodge, and Bro. Lambie, of Bedfordshire Lodge of St. John the Baptist were balloted for, and being unanimously elected were duly exalted. A very high compliment was afterwards passed upon the officers of the chapter, by Col. Stuart, upon the way in which they had, at so early a period in the career of the chapter, performed the ceremonies. Two other candidates were nominated, and a committee, consisting of the officers of the chapter, having been appointed to consider and report upon the bye-laws to the next chapter, and hearty good wishes having been given from the several visitors' chapters, chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren, adjourning to refreshment, spent a very pleasant evening.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The annual gathering of the companions of this cordially supported chapter, for the installation of Principals and attendant business, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The chapter was opened at four o'clock by Comp. Holland, P.Z., acting as Z. (in the unavoidable temporary absence of Comp. W. J. Lunt, Z.), and he was supported by Comps. W. Cottrell, H.; T. Shaw, J.; Major G. Turner, P.Z.; T. Ashmore, P.Z., Treas.; W. Boulton, S.E.; J. Webster, S.N.; P. W. Oglesby, P.S.; and J. G. Hassal, A.S. The companions present included J. W. Ballard, J. Hunter, Henry Ashmore, Edward Walker, Geo. Graham, Arthur Strother, T. Bloomfield, J. Houlding, W. Wilson, R. Warriner, Luke Bagnall, J. S. Cuthbert, and J. H. Carefull. The visitors present were Comps. W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.W.L.; Wm. Shortis, P.Z. 1094; Richard R. Martin, P.Z. 1094; J. Hobkin, P.Z. 673; James T. Callow, P.Z. 673; Thos. Clark, P.Z. 673; J. MacMuldrow, Z. 1094; Henry Pearson, Z. 249; Richard Washington, H. 1094; R. C. Yelland, J. 1094; J. E. Jackson, J. 249; Rev. Rees Jenkins, P.S. 216; H. Burrows, P.S. 673; W. Burgess, P.S. 1094; Josh. Wood, Treas. 249 (Freemason); J. Archdeacon, 249; Edwd. Carter, 249; Thos. Dilcock, 220; John Lecomte, 203. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when Comp. Major Turner took the chair as Installing Master, and proceeded to place Comps. W. Cottrell as M.E.Z.; Thomas Shaw as H.; and J. W. Ballard as J.; the work of installation being done in a manner which it would have been very difficult to excel. On the re-admission of the companions, the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest the following as the officers: Comps. Hunter, S.E.; J. Hassal, S.N.; Henry Ashmore, P.S.; and P. Ball, Janitor. Bros. D. Callow, J. M. King, King, R. Milne, W. Atherton, and Spencer, being in attendance, were admitted and exalted as companions, in a manner which did credit to the chapter, and proved how well the Principals were up in their important work, which could not have been more efficient if it were the closing work of their year of office, instead of the opening portion of their duties. At the conclusion of the exaltation, Comp. Cottrell, M.E.Z., rose and said: Companions,—As it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, so it is the expectation that we shall meet with the approbation of our companions that stimulates us, in either lodge or chapter, to do our best in the discharge of our duties. (Hear.) The companions of this chapter have ever held in the highest esteem the Principals who have presided over it, one of whom, Comp. W. L. Lunt, now retires from the chair of Z. I need say but little of the manner in which he has presided over us; suffice it to say that he has been well

able to perform his duties; he has been genial in his bearing, and has, while passing through these chairs, endeared himself to the companions. Companion Lunt, it is my very pleasing duty in the name of the chapter to present you with a small token of their esteem. As you are already decorated with a P.Z.'s jewel, I have great pleasure in handing to you this set of diamond studs, hoping you will live long to wear them, as a mark of your connection with this chapter. Comp. Lunt, I.P.Z., after referring to his long connection with the chapter, which dated from its formation, went on to say that he was deeply sensible of the great honour which they had paid him, on retiring from the First Principal's chair, in presenting him with a handsome present like that which had just been put into his hands, and he felt the compliment all the more after the remarks which had been made by the M.E.Z., that in all stations of life there was always a hope of reward which sweetened labour. In his (Comp. Lunt's) case he thought this was scarcely applicable, as the labour had been very light in comparison to the great reward he was then receiving from the companions of the chapter. He could only attribute it to a continuance of the very great respect which had always been shown to him both in lodge and chapter, and he hoped he should continue to retain that respect and goodwill in the future as in the past. Having received the honours and rewards he hoped to continue a working companion, and assist in making the Everton Chapter, if not the first, one of the first in the province, worthy of the emulation of the surrounding chapters. (Hear, hear.) Comp. Lunt concluded by wishing the Principals and officers a prosperous and harmonious year, and by again expressing his thanks for the very handsome gift. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation, and at the conclusion of the business the chapter was closed in due form. The companions then adjourned to a splendid banquet and after the usual toasts and pleasant harmony, the companions separated at an early hour.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**JERSEY.**—Concord Conclave (No. 8).—An assembly of this conclave was held at the Masonic Temple on Friday, the 2nd inst. The conclave was opened in ancient form by Sir Knt. E. Martel, M.P.S., supported by A. Schmitt, P.S.K.G.C., Rec.; Jos. O'Flaherty, E.; Wm. Wetherell, H.P.; C. D. Bishop, S.G.; W. H. Chapman, J.G.; Jas. Huclin, P.; Crees, H.; F. F. Amy, S.B.; P. W. Benham, P.S.; J. Oatley, P.S.; W. H. Long, Gaudion, Capt. Le Chevalier, and others. The minutes of the assembly held in September were read and confirmed. Bros. J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; W. Z. Pugsley, P.M. 275, P.P.G.J.W.; Col. E. D. Smith, R.A.; Capt. T. Le Scelleur, T.S. 590; De Bourcier; E. Rivington, 491; F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491, P.P.G.S.D.; and W. H. Campbell, 958, were balloted for, admitted, and proclaimed Knights of the Order. The solemn ceremony, it is needless to say, was performed in a most accurate and impressive manner. The historical oration was admirably delivered by the H.P., and the other officers discharged efficiently the duties of their respective stations. An appeal on behalf of a mother and her ten little ones, presented by the Rec., was responded to by £1 1s. od. being granted. At the request of the Rec., Sir Knt. J. O. Le Sueur was appointed his assistant. The conclave was closed in solemn form and perfect harmony.

### STATISTICS OF MASONRY IN GERMANY.

In the German Empire there are at present in existence eight Grand Lodges, with 326 subordinate lodges and five independent lodges.

Their classifications are as follows: In Berlin the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, with 111 subordinate lodges; Grand Landes Lodges with 82 lodges; Royal York with 49 lodges; Grand Lodge of Hamburg with 23 lodges; Grand Lodge of the Sun at Beyreuth with 22 lodges; Grand Lodge of Saxony with 18 lodges; Eclectic Circle with 12 lodges; Grand Lodge of the Union at Darmstadt with 9 lodges, and five independent lodges, altogether 331 lodges.

The kingdom of Prussia contains 220 lodges, or two-thirds of all German lodges, of which Three Globes has 103; Grand L. L., 63; Royal York, 46; Hamburg, 1; Eclectic Circle, 6; and Union, 1.

Of lodges working under Berlin Grand Lodges there are six lodges in Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, and one each in Hanau and Wiesbaden.

German lodges are in activity in 260 cities, and one is in a village, of which Berlin has 17; Hamburg, 13; Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, 6 lodges. Six cities each 3 lodges; sixteen cities each 2 lodges, and the balance of cities each 1 lodge.

Germany has in a population of 41,100,000, 331 lodges, or one lodge to 124,242 inhabitants.

France has in a population of 36,100,000, 248 lodges, or one lodge to 145,536 inhabitants.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Chest Preservative.—At all seasons of the year the rate of mortality from diseases of the lungs is very great. Holloway's Ointment well rubbed upon the chest, aided by his Pills, arrests all mischief. These cleansing medicaments exercise the most salutary and restorative influence over the entire contents of the pectoral cavity. Air-tubes, nerves, blood-vessels, and all other tissues feel their wholesomely potent power, more particularly in their thoroughly purifying both venous and arterial blood, by promoting the free circulation of air. Neither Ointment nor Pills contain any a noxious ingredient whatever, but their balsamic nature nourishes rather than irritates the system, and kindly subdues untoward symptoms till all is well once more.—ADVT.



## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A quarterly communication, was held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1876, being the festival of St. John the Evangelist. Present: W. Bros. H. Krauss, Dy. D.G.M., as D.G. Master; Jos. Dawson, P.D.G.S.W., as Dy. D.G. Master; Edward Hopper, P.D.G.S.W., as D.G.S.W.; A. M. Buchanan, P.D.G.S.W., as D.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, P.D.G.C., as D.G. Chaplain; W. Bros. E. G. Man, D.G. Reg.; W. H. Porter, D.G. Sec.; B. Samuel, P.D.G. Sec.; A. Hotson, D.G.S. Deacon; G. C. Hodding, D.G. Sword Bearer; W. H. Wooton, D.G. Steward, as D.G. Org.; J. F. Briddon, as D.G. Pursuivant; Bros. H. B. Davidson, D.G. Steward; J. H. Clarkson, as D.G. Tyler; and several representatives of lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 6 15 p.m.

The summons convening the communication was read.

The proceedings of the last regular communication, held on the 12th September, 1876, having been printed and circulated, were, on the motion of the District Grand Master in the chair, taken as read, and were duly confirmed.

The District Grand Secretary read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, which was unanimously adopted.

The District Grand Master in the chair, after a few observations on the report of the District Grand Lodge Committee, addressed the brethren as follows:—The Masonic year which closes to-day has been an important one to this province, and we have to record many changes; chief among them the resignation of our Right Worshipful District Grand Master, W. Bro. Colonel Hervey Tuckett Duncan, C.S.I. We have already recorded our sense of the loss which Freemasonry has sustained by his resignation of the office of ruler in this province, and our appreciation of the services he has rendered to the fraternity during his Masonic career in Burmah. I have now to tell you that his resignation has been accepted by the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and I lately received a letter from our R.W. District Grand Master conveying the command of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, that the wishes of the lodges in the province regarding a successor to him should be ascertained and made known to the Pro Grand Master through R.W. Bro. Duncan. This information I have procured, and am sending to R. Wor. Bro. Duncan, and we shall no doubt in due time be informed what is the pleasure of H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master regarding a successor to R.W. Bro. Duncan as District Grand Master of British Burmah.

The hand of death has been busy amongst us during the past year, and we have to deplore a serious loss in the untimely demise of W. Bro. J. V. Douglas de Wet, our District Grand Treasurer, and a Past Grand Warden of this lodge. I need not enlarge on his excellent Masonic qualities, which are well known to all present. His place will be hard to fill, and his familiar face will long be missed by those who have had the pleasure of meeting him within these walls, and those of the other lodges in Rangoon. Lodge Star of Burmah has also to mourn the loss of an old and worthy brother in the person of Bro. Andrews. But it is not merely by the hand of Death that worthy brethren are taken from our midst. Changes of other kinds in a station like this are frequent, and we have to regret the removal of our universally esteemed Bro. W. D. Orwickshank, who has just left us to fill a higher post in his profession in Calcutta. I know that I am expressing the feelings of every brother in this Grand Lodge, in recording our sense of the untiring zeal and energy which this Worshipful brother has displayed in promoting every good work in the Craft during his stay in the province. That useful institution the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund is largely indebted to him, not only in the matter of liberal personal contributions, but for the excellent organization under which the funds are invested and managed, and for the untiring attention its affairs have received at his hands during his tenure of office as its Secretary and Treasurer. But, brethren, though we have lost and are losing many good brethren and true, many old and tried brethren still remain to us, and many more, either as initiates or joining members from other Districts, are enrolling themselves under our banners. Let us one and all assist each other in upholding the ancient principles of our Order, and in extending its sphere of usefulness, and be careful not to do anything which might dim or sully the lustre of Freemasonry. I now proceed to notify the appointments of the District Grand Officers for the ensuing year, but before doing so it is my pleasing duty to express to the officers of the past year the thanks of the District Grand Lodge for their valuable services, and in doing this I would wish to record specially my thanks for the services rendered by the District Grand Secretary and Treasurer. Our retiring District Grand Master has been pleased to express a hope that I would retain the chair of Deputy District Grand Master for another year, which I have much pleasure in doing, and as continuing to be the officiating head of the fraternity in the province until a District Grand Master is duly appointed and installed, I have every confidence that I shall continue to receive the advice, assistance, and support which I gratefully acknowledge have always been afforded to me by the other Masons in the Province of British Burmah.

The other appointments are as follows:—Bros. W. H. Krauss, D.D.G.M.; D. G. Macleod, Maulmain, D.G. S.W.; E. J. L. Twynam, Rangoon, D.G.J.W.; Rev. J. E. Marks, D.G. Chap.; B. Samuel (elected) D.G. Treas.; J. Petley, Tounghoo, D.G. Reg.; W. H. Porter, D.G. Sec.; E. G. Man, D.G.S. Deacon; H. Prince, D.G.J. Deacon; W. A. Nicol, D.G. Supt. of Works; W. Ford, D.G. Dir. of Cers.; Malcolm Furlong, D.G. Swd. B.;

W. H. Wotton D.G. Org.; J. F. Briddon, D.G. Ppst.; and J. H. Clarkson (elected) Tyler.

The District Grand Master in the chair proposed, and the Deputy District Grand Master seconded, that W. Bro. B. Samuel be the D.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.—Carried unanimously.

W. Bro. E. Hopper proposed, and W. Bro. A. M. Buchanan seconded, that Bro. J. H. Clarkson be D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.—Carried unanimously.

The District Grand Master in the chair nominated six brethren as the District Grand Stewards, and seven brethren as the District Grand Lodge Committee for the ensuing year.

The business for the evening being ended, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form at 8 p.m.

## FIRST THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The "City of Brotherly Love" has led the way in every Masonic movement on the American continent. Philadelphia had the first Master Masons' Lodge in America, in 1730—"The Hoop, Water Street"—which was No. 79 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England; the first Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Daniel Cox, appointed by the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of England, in 1730; the first Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1732, of which Bro. William Allen was elected Grand Master; the first Masonic Hall, erected on Lodge-alley, west of Second-street in 1754; the first Royal Arch Chapter—Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3 (the minutes of which are in existence of the year 1767, and which mention prior minutes); the first Grand Chapter—the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—organized in 1795; the first subordinate Commandery of Knights Templar—Philadelphia Encampment, No. 1, chartered February 14th, 1714; the first Grand Commandery, organized May 12th, 1797; and the first Masonic Periodical in America—"The Freemason's Magazine"—started in 1811. It is thus evident that all of the degrees of both Ancient Craft and Chivalric Masonry were first worked in America in the "City of Brotherly Love," and that here, also, Light was first dispensed among the Brethren by the Masonic Press. Philadelphia has richly earned the title of the "Mother City of Freemasonry in America."

## THE LODGE AND THE WORLD.

When Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker (a member of the New Zealand Cabinet), on November 28th, 1876, was constituted Provincial Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand (Scottish Constitution), in the course of the address he delivered at the banquet afterwards he used this striking language: "I recently came from a place where there was a gathering of about the same number, but it was of a widely different character (the New Zealand House of Representatives). Here we are met in fellowship. There, there was nothing of the kind, and we fought—if I may be allowed to use the expression—like cats and dogs. But leaving politics out of the question, if I could take you there with me, you would see something which would surprise you, and I feel altogether greatly relieved in coming out of a house like that into a community like this, where we all feel alike. It is totally unlike what I have left, and I feel a certain amount of recreation in being amongst you. (Cheers.) I feel that I have come to a reunion of brethren, and feel that it is a happy occasion on which men of different religious beliefs and different political opinions can meet on a common platform, where all their endeavours are directed to one object—the benefit of each other and the benefit of the community—(cheers), without bickering or quarrelling, seeking the same end, the benefit of the Craft, and through the Craft of the world."

The consecration of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, and the installation of Bro. C. Stuart-Barker, jun., as W.M. will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday next, the 24th inst., at 3 o'clock. The ceremonies will be conducted by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, assisted by Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, and Hyde Pollen, P.G.S.B., and P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Wight. The musical arrangements will be under the conductorship of Bro. W. H. Hook, S.W. 186 and 1426.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction has been removed to the "Whittington," Moor-lane, Fore-street, where, under the able preceptorship of Bro. Gottheil, the lodge will meet every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

EASTER MONDAY REVIEW.—At a meeting of the Dover Town Council a letter was read from General Parke, stating that, in compliance with the Mayor's request, a review of the troops would take place on Easter Monday.

Mr. C. C. Rowe, the well-known manufacturer of oriole gold jewellery, has extended and improved his premises at No. 88, Brompton-road, South Kensington. The elegant productions of Mr. Rowe's establishment do not need recommendation from us.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Out of seven candidates who offered themselves for the collectorship of this institution, Bro. George Knill was unanimously elected.

Bro. Captain Mercier has retired from active connection with the Hospital Saturday Fund.

On Wednesday, at the Hereford Quarter Sessions, the magistrates passed a resolution petitioning the Privy Council for the prohibition of the importation of live cattle from foreign countries during the prevalence of the cattle plague on the continent.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

An amateur dramatic performance in aid of the Masonic Charities, which was originally arranged for April the 21st, is postponed until Saturday, May 5th. The theatre chosen is the Opera Comique. We understand their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously consented to honour the performance with their presence.

ERRATUM.—Lord Limerick's name was inadvertently printed for that of Lord Carnarvon in a part of the report of Grand Lodge which appeared in our last. We are very sorry we have led any kind copyist into this little mistake.

The installations in connection with the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool, and the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1292, West Derby, Near Liverpool, took place on Thursday last, the 15th inst. Reports of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY AND POCKET BOOK.—This is the title of a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, published annually by Geo. Kenning, 198, Fleet Street, London. The issue for 1877 is before us, and is indeed a vade mecum for brethren who want to keep posted, and who may desire to refer to facts and statistics from time to time. This little work purports to contain full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the Globe; and most certainly it supplies an important want in the Fraternity.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

The fourteenth anniversary of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was celebrated at Windsor on Saturday.

It is said that the Prince of Wales intends setting the fashion of holding fancy dress balls during the season.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE TOWN CLERK OF MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Thursday evening a very massive and handsome silver double inkstand was presented to Br. Jno. T. Belk, bearing the following inscription, "Presented to Jno. T. Belk, Esq., by the officials connected with the Borough Surveyor's Department, as a token of their appreciation of his uniform kindness and courtesy during the eight years he held the office of Town Clerk of Middlesbrough, March, 1877."

The ordinary Half yearly General Meeting of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company will be held on Thursday the 29th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The chair will be taken at half past two by Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson.

## THE SHAKESPEARE NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

The 23rd of next month, the anniversary of the illustrious poet's birth and death, has been fixed for laying the foundation-stone at Stratford-on-Avon. The sub-committee met recently, and drew up a preliminary programme. It will be subject to alteration, but indicates the probable course of proceedings. Colonel Machen, D.G.M., of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, conferred with the committee as to the part to be taken by the Freemasons on the occasion, and it is understood there will be a very large assembly of the fraternity.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday evening, at Willis's Rooms, at the Festival of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, when subscriptions to the amount of over £3000 were announced. Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Grimsby, carried in the largest list, consisting of over forty guineas.

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.—The following Grand Officers have just been elected: Bros. Saml. J. Powell, of Bayou Sara, Grand Master; Edwin Marks, D.G.M.; Wm. B. Whitaker, S.G.W.; A. L. Abbott, J.G.W.; A. W. Hystt, G. Treas.; Jas. C. Batchelor, M.D., of New Orleans, G. Sec.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—The Khedive on Wednesday last formally presented to the British nation, through the British Diplomatic Agent and Consul-General at Alexandria, the Obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—On Thursday morning a partial eclipse of the sun took place. It was not visible in England.

It is stated that the office of Black Rod, vacant by the death of Sir A. Clifford, has been accepted by General Sir W. Knollys; and that the salary has been fixed at £2000 per annum, with the residence within the precincts of the palace of Westminster.

ACCIDENT TO LORD DUFFERIN.—A Reuter's telegram from Ottawa says:—The Earl of Dufferin met with an accident while walking on Wednesday, March 14. His lordship slipped and fell on the pavement, breaking a rib, and straining his ankle in the fall. The physician attending his Excellency pronounces that no serious result is to be anticipated from the accident.

The Bishop of Salisbury will, in consequence of illness, be unable to hold the confirmations which were fixed to take place this week in Dorsetshire.

It has been resolved in Dublin to send a deputation of Irish artisans to the Paris Exhibition, as had been done in the case of English artisans to the Philadelphia and Vienna Exhibitions.

A Shock of an earthquake, stated to have lasted a minute, was felt on Sunday morning in the island of Mull, and in the smaller islands of Coll and Tiree, Scotland.

The oldest Mason in England is stated to be Bro. Norris, Warden at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon. He was born January 21, 1790, and made a Mason in the lodge of Sincerity, [No. 174, on March 10, 1812.



## TO ADVERTISERS.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Record for Western India." "Church Memorial on Intemperance." "Masonic Advocate." "Keystone." "New York Dispatch." Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BARRETT.—On the 11th inst., at 2, Wilton-villaz, Forest-hill, S.E., the wife of Richard H. Barrett, of a daughter.

BROWN.—On the 10th inst., at Caversham-road, N.W., the wife of J. R. Brown, of a son.

LISTER.—On the 6th inst., at Stanningley Rectory, the wife of the Rev. E. C. Lister, of a daughter.

PERCY.—On the 9th inst., Countess Percy, of a son.

WHITEHEAD.—On the 10th inst., at Barming House, the wife of C. Whitehead, Esq., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

CLAY—VOKES.—On the 10th inst., at St. Marylebone Church, Cecil Clay, Esq., of Seymour-street, Portman-square, to Rosina Vokes, of Burleigh House, Loudoun-road, N.W.

## DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—On the 11th inst., at Hastings, John Archibald Campbell, Esq., aged 35.

COE.—On the 12th inst., at 1, Langton-road, Vassal-road, North Brixton, Edward Frederic Coe, in the 62nd year of his age. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

HOBART.—March 7, at 96, Phythian-street, Liverpool, Sarah, the wife of Bro. R. N. Hobart, one of the best known and most appreciated brethren in the Liverpool district.

SLACK.—On the 13th Jan., at Rangoon, of cholera, Bro. Capt. Slack, of the British ship Mendora.

THOMPSON.—March 8th, at 125, Park-road, Liverpool, Bro. W. H. Thompson, of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 17, 1877.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

It will be seen in our correspondence last week that the Secretary to the Board of Inland Revenue has, in reply to a query, stated that for all payments above £2 stamped receipts must be given. We therefore think it well to call the notice of our W.M.'s and Treasurers of lodges to this serious and pressing question, since, as Freemasons, we always obey the laws of the land, we must not actually, or even by implication, appear to break them.

## THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Our last Quarterly Communication passed over, amid a brilliant gathering, with great unanimity and éclat. Our Royal Grand Master was unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected, and duly proclaimed by our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods. Our most esteemed Grand Treasurer, to whom the best thanks of the Craft are due, was also unanimously re-elected, with loud demonstrations of hearty acceptance and applause. The grant of £4000 for the two life-boats, as a grateful act of recognition, was unanimously agreed to, and the picture of our Royal Grand Master, painted by Bro. Desanges, a gift of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, was unveiled amid the hearty cheers of Grand Lodge. The needful business was transacted, two appeals were decided after the lucid explanations of our distinguished Grand Registrar, and then the Grand Lodge took up the notices of motion. Our Excellent Bro. Hatch could not find a seconder to his motion, which, as we ventured to say last week, was inopportune, and could hardly be seriously argued (with all respect to our good brother) and so it fell to the ground. Bro. Mallam wisely withdrew his motion, and the proceedings of Grand Lodge, which had begun in peace and goodwill, ended in hearty unanimity and concord, to the entire satisfaction of all present. Long may our Masonic Parliament pursue the even tenour of its way in all of genial harmony and brotherly love.

## THE CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We rejoice much to hear of the successful result of this examination as regards the Boys' School. Out of 28 candidates 26 passed, a very large proportion, and of these 26, 1 was on the senior and 25 were on the junior list. 14 of the 25 juniors gained a place on the honour list, 2 in the 1st class, 3 in the 2nd class, 9 in the 3rd class. Such a report perhaps tells us, as well as anything can tell, especially to "experts," as to the quality of the work and the steady "all-through system" of the school: and we congratulate the executive and the master, Dr. Morris, on this striking test and happy evidence of meritorious labours and scholastic attainments.

## THE HEBREW QUESTION IN GERMANY.

We are somewhat taken to task by a writer, C.H., in the *Bauhütte*, March 10, for the ignorance in England, and editorially of the exact state of affairs in Germany. But if he will read with reference to this question the articles over again carefully, he will see that we only wished to make "assurance doubly sure," as we had ourselves no doubt whatever of the real position of the controversy. No doubt much ignorance exists in England as to the exactness of the allegations made, simply because so many contradictory statements are put forward, and by German Masons, too, in England and the United States, in letters to newspapers, in articles in

magazines. It is, then, a fact, as we understood it, that the "Great Countries Lodge" of Germany is the only Grand Lodge in which Hebrews cannot be admitted to initiation, though they can be admitted as visiting brethren. Under all the other seven Grand Lodges and the five separate lodges Hebrews are admitted into Freemasonry. The Great Countries Lodge, the "Gr. Landes Loge von Deutschland," still formally excludes Hebrews, inasmuch as the required majority of two-thirds was not forthcoming at the last effort to alter the Constitution. This is exactly how we understand the case to be, but we wrote "ad referendum," and for information, as we were unwilling to seem dogmatically to contradict others who affected to be well acquainted with the present state of German Freemasonry. We are still in hopes that the "Great Countries Lodge" will, like the other Grand Lodges, do away with (on the grounds of justice, fairness, true toleration, and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry), the exclusion of Hebrews, and then, as far as we are ourselves concerned in England, our interest in the matter will cease. For we cannot go along with C. H. in attacking the High Grade System, because it is a High Grade System. We believe that Freemasonry teaches us toleration, and that we should be tolerant of the High Grade System, or of anything else from which we differ. We speak freely on the subject, as we are only pure Craft Masons ourselves, and do not belong to the High Grades. But we do say this distinctly, that the High Grades have as much a right "ipse facto," to exist, as Craft Masonry, and though C. H. evidently does not like the High Grades, that is nothing to the point, as it is only after all the expression of private judgment "quantum valet." We cannot dogmatise on the subject, and seek to excommunicate High Grade Masons, because we dislike their teaching, for when we do so we only imitate the bigotry of the Ultramontanes. As for waging a war against the Gr. Landes Loge von Deutschland, because it maintains the teaching of a High Grade system, and has united it with symbolical Masonry, we have no mission to do so, inasmuch as it is a legal Grand Lodge, and has a right to make its own laws, and use its own system. Neither do we wish to enter into the actual contest between Bro. Schiffmann and the Great Countries Lodge. Bro. Schiffmann is no doubt a most honest and conscientious brother, and on the abstract question of actual intolerance we heartily go with him, but we do not see our way, to join those who are attacking the Gr. Landes Loge, not for what it has done, but for what it is per se. We disapprove heartily of its existing constitution, and wish it speedily amended, and trust that the necessary majority of two-thirds may be ere long obtained, but we do not attack any system because it is a system which we differ from, and with which we do not sympathise. Vain, then, would be all our professions of unlimited toleration! In fact, we go back to our old position. The whole mischief arises from the attempt to combine two antagonistic systems. We repeat what we said before, that High Grades and Craft Grades cannot be governed by the same authority, and must be separated, and then no such question can arise. We in England are very practical, and merely look at things from their concrete side. We wish equal rights for all, and while we regret deeply the exclusion of the Hebrews as a great mistake, and as a greater wrong, we feel that the High Grades, (though altogether beyond Craft Masonry), have a right to be tolerated and upheld as well as anybody else.

## A BREACH OF PROMISE.

The newspapers record an amusing trial which has taken place at Bodmin before Mr. Justice Hawkins, and which suggests some considerations which strike us as alike novel and improving. The case, says the report, was principally remarkable for the age of the intended bride and bridegroom. The plaintiff was not pressed as to her age, but she admitted she was more than 70. The defendant avowed himself to be 67, and volunteered the informa-



tion that the plaintiff was ten years older. She is the widow of a cabinetmaker, who died five or six years ago, leaving her three small houses near Penzance, in one of which she resided. According to her account she had known the defendant in her youth, and met him again at a friend's house in April last. Some one then, whether in jest or earnest did not appear, suggested a match. The idea seems to have impressed the defendant, for about six weeks after he called and proposed to the plaintiff, who, after a little coy hesitation, consented. The defendant then went to live as a lodger in the house next door to the one the plaintiff occupied. The banns were put up, the ring bought, and a wedding dress and bonnet, which were paid for by the defendant, as were also the wedding-cake, some pounds of beef, and a gallon of brandy for the wedding feast. The two had a tiff some days before Tuesday, the 1st of August, for which the marriage was fixed, and again on what was to be the last Sunday of their unmarried life, when the defendant dined with the plaintiff, and she made a beefsteak-pie, and he declared it was not fit to eat and that it made him ill. The plaintiff said, however, that this was a mere lovers' quarrel, and that the first she heard of the defendant's intention to cry off was that on the Monday night he declared to some one that "it was as broad as it was long, and that his name was Walker." On the Tuesday, when he should have got up and gone in a fly to church, he stopped in bed and declared he was too ill, until the driver, tired of waiting, drove away, when, according to the plaintiff's account, the defendant suddenly recovered and got up and took himself off. The laughter which had greeted this strange tale, and the still stranger appearance of the no longer youthful plaintiff, and the fervent way in which she affirmed that on the first of August she was quite ready and willing to marry the defendant, and added, "but, of course, when he would not have me, I could not have him," was redoubled when the defendant went into the box to give his version of the affair. With regard to his pecuniary position, he declared that he only had a Post Office annuity of about £1 a week; that he had been lame for some years and wanted some one to look after him, and thought "Nanny" (the plaintiff) would do, but that the match was broken off entirely by her as she found she had enough to do to look after herself; and that it was all a joke on her part which he thought had been carried too far. He hinted further that the too high seasoning of the Sunday pie was done purposely by the plaintiff, and he described by voice and action his sufferings from this cause. The defendant admitted in cross-examination and after some pressing, that he had a sum which might be £700 in Bolitho's bank. Witnesses were called on both sides to confirm the stories told by the two principals. At the close of the case the jury very speedily announced that they agreed as to their verdict, but not as to the amount. After three hours' consideration they fixed this at £10. An application was made for an order that the plaintiff should have her costs, but this was strongly opposed on the ground that the action should never have been brought. The learned Judge reserved his opinion as to this for further consideration. We confess, when we perused this striking account of a very peculiar trial, we felt not a little nervous and alarmed. Is there no limit, we "asked mentally," to the age, when some fair complainant can sue that deceptive biped, man? If a stout "old gal" of 76 can get £10 damages from a compassionate jury of her fellow countrymen, what will an alert and ancient party of 80 obtain? It seems that there is no limit as to age, so that practically no one is safe, though we had previously understood that above 44, at any rate, the man might plead the "statute of limitations." In this, however, we are clearly wrong, and we hope that the result of this last trial will be a warning to all gay Lotharios and unprincipled deceivers, whether Masons or others, who seem sometimes to forget that age has its privileges as well as youth, and that an injured female of 76, injured in loss of affection, prestige, &c., &c., that is despite her many years, can still claim pecuniary damages from a fickle and faithless young man.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## SERGEANTS' INN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Has it ever occurred to any of your readers to endeavour to secure Sergeants' Inn as a Masonic Hall for the lodges in the City of London?

If the complaints are well founded about want of accommodation at Freemasons' Hall, why not form a City company and make that historical hall the centre of our Masonic City life and work?

Yours fraternally,

CIVIS LATOMICUS.

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with the remarks in Bro. C. Tomb's letter in your last number, and unless it can be shown that all the girls are pretty sure to be married to men who will be able to keep a first-class cook (which is very unlikely) there is no doubt they would all be very much better qualified to "add" to the happiness and comfort of a home of their own by being able, if required, to cook a plain dinner, or to instruct their own cook how to do so. There are too many ladies now who can pretend to talk French, &c., but are perfectly at a loss how properly to order a dinner, much more to cook one. The importance of this deficiency in their education is being so thoroughly acknowledged, that hundreds are now taking lessons and adding this useful knowledge to their previously acquired accomplishments.

I shall be glad to see some other brother's remarks on this important subject, and then, after a free discussion, we shall be glad to see an article or remarks from you, Mr. Editor.

It is scarcely fair on your part to rise up in arms at once, as you have done at the foot of Bro. Tomb's letter, for he says distinctly he does not find fault with the education given, but wishes that this practical education should be added, and "not to leave the other undone."

I am, yours fraternally,

CHAS. FENDELOW.

[We think that there is some mistake about the children not learning to cook. We quite agree that a knowledge of cookery is most desirable.—Ed.]

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On looking over the *Freemason* of March 10, 1877, I found, in page 99, a clerical error, at least I suppose: so, of such importance, that it should be rectified:—

"In a congregation held at Oxford on Saturday last the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Bachelor of Arts were conferred on Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore. S.G.W." (P.S.—"Bachelor" is more in use now).

It should be MASTER OF ARTS, for none but a clergyman can be B.D.

I am sure you will excuse my pointing this out to you.

Yours most fraternally,

AUGUSTUS A. BAGSHAW, M.A.,  
P.M., P.Z. 1235, P.P.S.G.W., and P.P.  
G. Chap. Derbyshire.

## TO HUNGARIAN BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the following appears in the "Hajnal" of February, and is the only "morceau" not translated into German, perhaps some kind Hungarian brother will translate it for the benefit of yours fraternally,

CARPATHIANUS.

A „Freemason“ egy hire szerint Ujseeland nagymestere engedélyt adott egy új páholy alakulására „Kumará“-ban. E hír magában véve nem reudkivüli; de érdekessé teszi az, hogy „Kumara“ egy nem rég felfedezett aranytermő vidék mintegy 80 mértöldnyire Hokitikatól, s már is 7000 lakossal bír, kik közül 50-nél többen szövetségünk tagjai.

## A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to throw out a suggestion which may effect three objects:—

1st. To promote economy in the expenditure of our Charities.

2nd. To give a pleasing variety to our festival entertainments.

3rd. To further the improvement and the happiness of our Boys' and Girls' Schools.

The engagements of skilled professionals to conduct the musical portion of the entertainments at our three festivals costs the Charities close on £100 a year.

Instead of this arrangement, why should we not have, say a dozen of our boys and of our girls previously well trained, brought in to sing part songs, &c., with a simplicity and sweetness for which children's voices are pre-eminently proverbial.

And as a large portion of the company on such occasions consists of ladies, and all the company have many opportunities of hearing professional performances, it is to be supposed that the presence and the efforts of our Masonic children would awaken special interest and produce a most pleasing variety.

To the children themselves it would be a great treat and

a stimulus to their progress in music, while to the funds of each Charity it would certainly be a great relief.

The adoption of this plan would probably add to the funds of the Charity rather than take from them. And I may add, that an institution with which I am connected effected this change with great pleasure to the children and their friends, and decided profit to its funds.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue of March 10th, that you hope to comment on the last Quarterly Communication in your next. May I be allowed to suggest that it will be interesting to your readers to be informed whose portrait has just filled up the tenth compartment of Freemason's Hall. Many doubtless will know, and others will imagine, but the fact would certainly be best confirmed in your world-wide columns. The portrait emanates from the Lodge of Friendship; there are many bearing that name; am I right in presuming it is Lodge of Friendship, No. 6? I am sorry to trouble you, but the report of last Grand Lodge does not appear definite on these points.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. J. 1458.

[The portrait is that of H.R.H. our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales.—Ed.]

## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Just one line to say that in my reply to "R.W.O.'s" question as to P.P.G. Stewards, I did not intend to offend him, but finding, from the tenor of his letter, that I have unintentionally done so, I apologize accordingly.

I take this opportunity to inform "Rough Ashlar" that he can get a cheap edition of the Book of Constitutions, at Grand Sec's. Office or through the publisher of this paper. I agree with him that a copy should be given to initiates, and during my Mastership of two lodges I always handed one to the initiate to keep.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN.

P.M. 33 & 452.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

I notice in yours of last Saturday a letter from "F.L.E.J.," in which he states that the ritual of initiation is not complied with unless a copy of Constitutions, as well as the bye-laws of the lodge, are handed to each initiate for perusal at his leisure.

If this is correct, I am afraid the ritual is often neglected, as in my own case, and many others I know, the bye-laws of the lodge only have been presented; and should it be necessary to have both, as "F.L.E.J." asserts, I shall feel obliged if either "F.L.E.J." or any other brother will kindly give the page, &c., in the Book of Constitutions where the instruction for so doing is given, so as to enable me to draw W.M.'s attention to this neglect. I may also inform "F.L.E.J." that I have never seen but one copy, and that in the hands of our W.M.

Yours fraternally,

STEWART.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will any brother kindly inform me what are the essential points to be observed in the investment of a Steward, for instance, is it necessary that the brother, after he has received his appointment from the W.M. elect, and accepted it by post, that he should be present at the installation, or any lodge night afterwards, and be invested in open lodge? Or is it necessary that his name should appear in the minute book as having been appointed? and oblige, yours fraternally,

J. D. T.

[As a rule Stewards are invested with the other officers. A record of his appointment by the W.M. appears, of course, on the lodge minute book.—Ed.]

A correspondent of the *Masonic Record* of Western India sends the following:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—Could you or any of your readers give me correct advice as to how I should act in the following case?

There are two lodges working within a short distance of each other. One, the senior, under the E.C., the other under the S.C. Mr. A. is proposed for initiation in the former, and is blackballed. Shortly after he is proposed accepted, and initiated in the latter. Would I, if I were ruling the Lodge E.C., at the time, be justified in refusing admission to Bro. A. in case he came as a visiting brother, or would I be obliged to admit him? If I could have this point settled authoritatively through the columns of your valuable journal, I would be much obliged. It is one which might arise, and has therefore exercised me much.

[We should say you must admit him.—Ed.]

## Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC TOASTS DRUNK AT HOLLOWELL ON THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN.

1st.—George Washington, the Illustrious Grand Master of America, may his Masonic virtues never forsake him in this world, and may they be productive of a rich inheritance in the Grand Lodge above.

2nd.—The Fraternity throughout the Globe. May they be wholly governed by the principles of their profession, act on the square of conscientious motives, and live within the compass of truth.



3rd.—The Clergy. As our institution is grounded on the immutable doctrines of religion and mortality, may the ambassadors of Christ without the pale of the fraternity be charitable in their sentiments.

4th.—The Widow's Son. May all Masons be faithful, and, if necessary, suffer martyrdom in defence of a good life.

5th.—The Virtuous Fair. As they appear to Masons as so many Queens of Sheba, may Masons be viewed by them as so many Solomons.

6th.—All Distressed Brethren. In every brother may they find a protector, and in every misfortune the balm of charity.

7th.—May every Free and Accepted Mason rise in the East, find refreshment in the South, be dismissed in the West, and then admitted into the middle chamber to receive the reward of a good man.

8th.—May the fragrance of a good report like a sprig of Cassia bloom over the head of every departed brother. [Can any brother tell us where Hollowell is?—J.H.T.]

## GRAND LODGE.

A SKETCH.

By our V.P.C.\*

"What's in a name?" But, before proceeding to press so obviously pertinent a question, it would be as well, perhaps, to answer another that has, or might have been, put to the Editor of the journal to which I have the honour of forwarding these occasional jottings, as to whatever earthly (or unearthly†) reason there should be for their appearance at all when there is so lucid a report given by the (other) regular contributor to the journal in question? Well, it is for that very identical reason—that it is so lucid—that this other report is compelled to see the light. Whether the London fog is to blame is not yet precisely ascertained, but there can be but little doubt that it is the active cause of this present necessity. A thing that is outside cannot at the same time be in, and—

"Nice or nasty,  
Viceroy-Varsey."

as the sublime poet has remarked. Consequently, the reporter's head in [London, having] fog outside, is preternaturally clear within, and the proceedings represented by him, whilst understood by his London brethren, are not always so clear to us in the country, who have no fog without, and, consequently, plenty —; but perhaps I have said sufficient on this score to make my meaning pleasantly clear to all as to the appearance of these sketches, and I will therefore proceed to again put the question, "What's in a name?" to which, this time, instead of digressing, I most truthfully answer—"Ah! what, indeed? Surely—

"The Clothes ‡ by any other name would look as sweet, But parallels (however far and in whatever direction) produced would never meet!"

I don't know who said this, but it exactly expresses what I mean—namely, meet the approbation of everybody, which brings me to the consideration of a most important discussion recently started in your correspondence columns respecting the levels, perpendiculars, or taut-t'-other-way-up, on our aprons; or, what is the same thing at this present juncture, what came of it. I feel sure that the worthy brother who started that discussion was quite right, and the Constitutions, antiquated as they are, quite wrong; because what is level must be perpendicular to something, but then only when it is the other way round, or else it would still be level; so I got my housekeeper to carefully turn mine the other way up, thinking that if Grand Lodge did not know what was right, I would show them. I didn't a bit mind an absurd conundrum of some profane brother,—"Why is our brother's apron like a certain advertised economical commodity?" Answer: "Because it's compressed T's" (of which absurdity he gave, as explanation, that the T's had such compressed tails). But could it be believed that those "scrutinising" gentlemen, chosen for their nice discrimination, insisted on my apron being restored to its normal condition? It was useless remonstrating that I did not wish to state that its name or mine was either Normal or even Norval; equally fruitless to point out that, looking at it from my point of view (§) the T's were all right, and that if the objectors put themselves in the same position it would be the same to them. Nothing would do but that it must be altered. Wasn't there just a hunt for pins? and won't those scrutineers who see to the hats, &c., remember me? that's all!

However, at last I got in, but only to find standing room, and barely that; and it was quite evident that something of an unusual character was about to occupy the attention of the brethren.

The election of our revered and beloved Prince as Grand Master was of course unanimous; but I was shamefully cut out from making a speech that it had taken me at least a month to compose, and six weeks more to learn for the occasion. I tried in vain to catch the eye of somebody or other who might give the Chairman a hint that a really country brother wanted to have a share in the talking, but I could not succeed. However, the speech will do for some other occasion, and when I come to think of it, I might say with our own immortal one (I mean respecting the eulogy I should have uttered)—

"To paint mosaic gold,

Gild the tip-tilted petal of the lily pure,

\* Our Very Provincial Correspondent.

† Qy. By Our Printer's Devil.

‡ Qy. Clothing.—O.P.D.

§ Certainly! (Remark by O.P.D.)

¶ From above. (Remark by O.V.P.C.)

Wash white the leopard, take ink spots from the nigger,  
Restore the elephant his teeth decay'd,  
Letting 'I wish' wait on 'I couldn't if I would,'  
Like the cat 'I the attics!'"

and a lot more of the same lofty sentiments.

My reason, if you would like to know it, that I really wanted to say something, was because Jones of our lodge said that P. Fry Smith (meaning me) was like the sailor's parrot—might be "a beggar to think," but stopped at that, for he hadn't much to say. Doubtless it's just as well as it is, for if I had succeeded they might have quoted somebody else, and declared that I, like a good many other speakers, could only—

"Grate on my scannel pipes of wretched straw

Whilst th' hungry sheep looked up and were not fed."

That, however, won't hold true so long as this old mill can grind up the aforesaid "wretched straws" into anything like toothsome "chaff."

We soon after this got to the main business of the evening, the confirming the minutes about our Grand Master's Memorial, when the entire assembly was so unanimous that I could only exclaim "Othello's occupation's gone," and make up my mind to bury my bauble, or war-hatchet, or thyrus, or tomahawk, or calamus, or pipe, or stylus, or—ah! the last is about my style I think, so I'll e'en stick to that.

But this retirement I soon found to be denied me, for in an appeal case the Board of General Purposes found it necessary to become particular as to what peculiar kind of cases their attention could be generally called.

And then an old friend made an awfully generous proposal, to build a temple that would hold everybody, and please everybody, in or out of any given number of years, at any cost, without putting anybody to any expense; it was to be on the Thames Embankment, or anywhere else. I was going to propose Goodwin Sands as an eligible and easily accessible spot, and one, too, susceptible of a good deal of solid improvement; but as nobody seconded my friend's proposal it fell to the ground, into

"The basement story of a vision,

And left not a wreck behind."

It was a pity my amendment couldn't have been put in its place, for the spot I've mentioned would have at least made the wished for "wreck."

Another brother was for tacking on a wing to somebody else's house, by way of dissipating a little spare cash; to which said dissipation Grand Lodge was in far too proper a frame of mind to lend an ear, and so having closed in proper shape we broke up and retired, feeling if not "sadder," most certainly "wiser men" than on previous occasions, to describe the work and talk of which accurately makes me fain to use the words of honest Jack Falstaff,

"What! only a ha'porth of sack

To all this bread?"

## THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The first anniversary meeting of this prosperous association was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The annual report and balance sheet disclose the simple fact, that in the first year of the operations of this association the large sum of £247 has been presented to the charitable institutions through its agency.

Bro. J. G. Stevens, the President, in his opening remarks, explained the objects of this, and kindred associations, to be that every member, by subscribing 1s. per week for something like 4 years, would become a Life Governor of one of the charities. The appropriations in this particular association have averaged two per month since its formation, and such a result must be highly gratifying to the charities, and equally so to all those who have obtained a Life Governorship through its instrumentality. The working expenses of this, the most expensive year of the association's operations, have amounted to only £4 14s. 6d.; the committee are to be congratulated on having achieved so grand a result at so small an outlay.

The committee and officers were unanimously re-elected, and after two ballots being taken adjourned to dinner, presided over by the working President, J. G. Stevens, the vice chair being occupied by the Vice President, W. A. Thorp, the Chairman being supported by the Treasurer, Bro. C. Lacey, Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., and Terry, R.M.B.I.; and a company of over 30 members of the Craft in the neighbourhood.

After the usual toasts, the President proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association," coupling [the name of the Treasurer, Bro. Chacey, who duly responded, and remarked upon the advantages to be derived through its agency; as a fact he had himself been enabled to become Vice-President of one and Governor of the two other charities by such means.

The next important toast was "The Charities," and in proposing it the President paid a high tribute to the three Secretaries, more especially to Bro. Terry, who had obtained the splendid sum of £13,000 at his last festival, and the President further stated that he hoped Bro. Binckes and Little would not be downcast at such a grand result but would go in and get if possible £20,000 each.

Bro. Binckes being obliged to leave, Bro. Terry responded for the three Charities, and was warm in his commendations of the association under whose auspices they had met, relating his experience while Hon. Secretary of three similar associations, and trusted that the brethren would rally round and bring this to a successful termination; and as an encouragement to brethren in all positions in life he would state, as a fact, that a most distinguished peer of the realm thought it not beneath his dignity to subscribe his 1s. per week to one of these associations: He also said the popular opinion is that Freemasons are a

selfish race of men, but the proposals now under consideration for commemorating the safe return of our M.W. G.M. from India is sufficient answer to this, and abundantly shows the catholicity of Freemasons.

The toasts of "The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Sec.," and others, brought this, the first annual meeting, to a conclusion.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CROYDON MARK MASTER'S LODGE, No. 198.

An important addition to the number of lodges on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was made on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. On the strong recommendation of the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master for Middlesex and Surrey, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, a charter, or warrant, was granted to several members of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104, whose residences are in the locality of Croydon, and the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W. and Grand Mark Secretary, was appointed by the M.W.G.M.M. to consecrate the new "Croydon" Mark Lodge, No. 198.

An influential gathering of distinguished members of the Order attended to support the Consecrating Officer, amongst whom were the V.W. Bro. Frederic Davison, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.; the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., and P.M. 104; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M. 104 and 139; the V.W. Bro. B. C. Dibdin, P.G.O.; the W. Bro. W. H. Binckes, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. Bros. Spencer, Poore, F. Cozens, G. Yaxley, J. Close, J. K. Pitt, and G. Lilley. Past and Present Grand Officers; Bros. Sheadd, Nicholls, Brown, Griffiths, Legg, Pocock, Purvis, Long, Lake, Haddock, and others.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge-room, Bro. Binckes, as W.M., appointed Bros. Meggy as S.W., and Stevens as J.W., and proceeded to open a Mark Master's Lodge, and then called upon the Assistant Grand Secretary to read the new warrants and inform the brethren as to the proceedings taken in respect of the formation of the lodge.

The principal officers designate having been approved of by those present, Bro. Binckes in his customary effective style performed the full ceremony of consecration, and completed his work by formally dedicating and constituting the Croydon Lodge to the purposes of Mark Masonry. Bro. F. H. Cozens, Grand Organist, then played the concluding (Hallelujah) chorus.

After a brief interval the ceremony of installation was commenced, and Bro. George Yaxley, the W.M. designate, was duly installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Binckes. The S.W. designate, Bro. John Close, and J.W. designate, Bro. J. K. Pitt were severally invested, and the offices of Overseers and Deacons were filled. Bro. Thomas Meggy assisted the Installing Master in the delivery of the addresses to the officers.

A list of thirteen candidates was placed on the summons, of whom nine brethren were in attendance, and these were introduced, and, at the request of the W.M., advanced to the honourable degree by Bro. James Stevens, with full ceremonial and musical accompaniment.

The whole of the impressive business of the consecration, installation, and advancement was carried out with all that perfection which the well-known working ability of Bros. Binckes, Meggy, Stevens, Poore, and Dibdin would ensure, and the satisfaction of the brethren of the new lodge was not only heartily expressed in words, but was confirmed by the unanimous election of those brethren as honorary members.

The presence of the Deputy Prov. G.M.M. was suitably acknowledged, and Bro. Davison received a cordial Masonic salute.

The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. H. W. Binckes for his services as acting Secretary.

Several propositions for advancement were received, and after some few matters of routine business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to partake of banquet, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. Yaxley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very agreeable evening spent by the numerous brethren who had the good fortune to be present on this auspicious occasion.

The increase of lodges connected with the Order of Mark Masonry has been, under the genial sway of several noble and eminent Grand Masters, very great during the past few years, and from the zeal and efficiency of the Master and Wardens of the Croydon Lodge, we augur that the new addition to the strength of the Order, though the last on the minute roll, will not be the least in point of importance for the degree.

## THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

We have been requested to publish the following communication:—

8, Bloomsbury Place, London, W.C.,  
5th March, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,

A Committee having been appointed by the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to carry out the objects mentioned in the accompanying resolutions, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the petition, and respectfully request you will submit it to the consideration of the members of your lodge. Should it meet with their approval, I shall be glad if you will sign the same and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally,  
S. V. Abraham, P.M.

Resolved unanimously:—

1. That it appearing by the Book of Constitutions of the Three Grand Lodges of Freemasons in Germany, held at Berlin, that those only professing Christianity are eligible to become members of the Craft, or to join the subordinate lodges in Germany; this Lodge of



Freemasons, assembled under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, with every feeling of fraternal regard for their brethren in Germany, hereby enters its most solemn protest against any law which prevents any properly qualified person from joining the Order on account of his religious belief, such exclusion being, in the opinion of this lodge, contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

2. That with a view of obtaining the repeal of what appears to be a most obnoxious law, a petition be prepared for presentation to the Grand Lodge of England asking them to take such steps in the matter as in their judgment they may think advisable, and that such petition be first submitted to the various lodges in Great Britain, requesting their co-operation.

3. That a Committee of six be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the above resolutions, and that the sum of £5 is hereby voted for defraying the preliminary expenses.

That the Committee consist of Bros. Victor Myers, W.M.; Gulliford, S.W.; Lazarus, P.M.; J.W.; S. V. Abraham, P.M.; Pollitzer, P.M.; Lewis Jacobs, Treas.; Matthias Levy, Hon. Sec.

The following is a copy of the petition:—

To the Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; the Present and Past Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of England.

We, the undersigned, Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Members of the various Lodges, make declaration as follows:—

That it has come to our knowledge, that certain lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodges in Germany, held at Berlin, exclude from the benefits of Freemasonry all persons except those professing Christianity.

And it appearing to your petitioners that many good and worthy men are thus necessarily debarred from entering into the Order or enjoying its advantages, and that the Craft is likewise deprived of the assistance and usefulness of many intelligent and influential persons:

Your petitioners beg to call the attention of Grand Lodge thereto, and most earnestly and respectfully solicit that Grand Lodge will take the same into their serious consideration, and will use such means as may be deemed by them most advisable to secure a permanent and satisfactory alteration of the laws of the said Grand Lodges of Germany, which laws, your petitioners humbly submit, are in their present rendering contrary to the first principles of Freemasonry.

Signed, W.M., on behalf of the  
Lodge No.  
March, 1877.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting on Wednesday last, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, V.P., presided. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Griffiths Smith, Thomas W. White, Hyde Pullen, John G. Stevens, S. Rawson, E. J. Barrow, Charles Lacey, William Hale, A. J. Duff Filer, A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, George Bolton, G. M. E. Snow, H. G. Warren, H. Browne, Thos. Cabitt, J. Levy, F. Adlard, Joshua Nunn, Benj. Head, Joseph Smith, E. C. Woodward, J. M. Case, John W. Dennison, Charles G. Hill, J. Newton, L. Stean, Charles G. Rushworth, A. A. Richards, Wm. Hilton, John Constable, J. A. Farnfield, H. Massey (Freemason), John Bellerby, R. W. Little, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. E. Gallant, William F. Nettleship, and James Terry, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the death of three annuitants, Bro. Richard Graves, London, after having received £66 annuities, Bro. S. M. Shrubsole, Faversham, £333, and Mrs. Morton, London, £80.

It having been reported that the recent heavy rains had materially damaged the buildings at Croydon, the House Committee inspected and reported upon the same, and after some slight discussion it was resolved that the repairs be done at once.

One widow's petition for the grant of half of her late husband's annuity was accepted, and the prayer thereof acceded to.

The following report of sub-committee appointed on the 14th February, 1877, to inquire into the duties and emoluments of the future collector was then put in and taken as read:—

Your sub-committee beg to report that in pursuance of directions given to them at the last meeting, they met on the 20th February last, and carefully considered the question as to the appointment of a collector, and his duties and emoluments; and they unanimously agreed to the following:—

1. That a collector should be appointed.
2. That he must be a Master Mason.
3. That his age should not exceed 40 years at the time of his appointment.
- 4.—That his duties be to collect all the annual subscriptions and donations remaining unpaid upon the Steward's lists at the Anniversary Festivals, and to give receipts for the same.
- 5.—To attend at the office on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year, between the hours of 11 and 2, to see the subscribers and donors.
- 6.—To keep the alphabetical register of the subscribers and donors, as well as of lodges and individuals.
- 7.—To attend the office and render assistance when re-

quired by the Secretary, and the state of the collection will permit.

8.—To give security for £500 in some approved Guarantee Society.

9.—To be paid a commission of 4 per cent. upon all sums actually received by him—and not upon any amounts received by the Secretary.

Your Sub-committee accordingly recommend the foregoing for the favourable consideration of the Committee, with a view to its adoption by them.

JOHN CREATON, V. Patron,  
Chairman.

All the clauses of this report were then discussed, and the only material alteration made in it was the fixing of the collector's commission at 5 per cent. instead of 4 per cent.

The elections then took place. There were seven candidates, but the choice of the brethren unanimously fell on Bro. George Knill.

Bro. George Snow asked the chairman whether he had received any lottery books containing shilling tickets for life-governorships. He had received them, and he thought it was a very derogatory practice to adopt, and hoped it would be put a stop to.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, it was decided to have the usual Stewards' Festival at the Asylum at Croydon.

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved, according to notice, "That the sum of £100 be paid to the widow of Bro. William Lane, late collector." In addition to what he had said in Bro. Lane's favour at the last meeting, when he gave notice of this motion, he said in form that he thought that two years ago Bro. Lane, of his own free will and at his own suggestion, benefited the Institution to the amount of £170 by giving up two per cent. of his commission on certain amounts of subscriptions. He was entitled to five per cent., and he took only three per cent. The action of Bro. Lane's widow since her husband's death had been such as to meet the high approbation of the brethren, and any good they could bestow on her was well merited.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

On Bro. Farnfield's report as to the difficulties being thrown in the way of the Institution with respect to acquiring the piece of ground in front of the Asylum at Croydon, the brethren resolved to abandon the idea of taking it.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. HANNAH.

On Friday, the 9th inst, an interesting meeting of the Freemasons of Warrington was held at the Lion Hotel. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P.J.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The following brethren, forming the Testimonial Committee, were present:—Bros. Thomas Tunstall, W.M. 148; Charles Crosier, W.M. 1250; W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; W. Richardson, P.M.; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.Z.; W. Woods, P.M.; R. Brierley, P.M.; Joseph Pickthall, S.W. 148; John Armstrong, S.W. 1250; S. R. Young, J.W. 148; Galloway, S.D. 1250; Thos. Sutton, Treas. 1250; S. E. Johnson, and James Hannah.

After a substantial tea, the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Bowes made the presentation as follows:—Brethren,—I am charged with a very pleasurable duty this evening. I believe I have received the compliment on the ground that I am the oldest Mason present. In any case, and whatever may be the reason of the selection, I very willingly undertake the pleasing task. Brethren, we have in our midst tonight a brother whom we one and all wish to honour. True, that brother is not of rank and opulence, but he is a brother who has done his duty, and we wish to prove to him that in the eyes of Masons there are occasions when all are equal if they deserve to be so. Acting for the then W.M., Bro. Hephherd, well do I remember admitting our friend James Hannah to Masonic light. In due course I passed and raised him, and from that time to the present he has deserved well at our hands. Faithfully and zealously he served us in the humble, but highly important, capacity of Outer Guard and Janitor; and now, when his ordinary avocations press so heavily upon him that he feels he can no longer serve us with credit to himself, like a good man and true he resigns into the hands of the rulers of the Craft his emblem of office. As a man and as a Mason, Bro. Hannah has won the good opinion of us all, and we are determined, therefore, that he should not sever his official connection with us without some mark—some substantial mark—of our sincere esteem. The feeling is spontaneous and general, and does not emanate from individuals, but collectively from brethren in a corporate capacity. Bro. Hannah, I know you will believe me when I say it affords me extreme gratification to be the mouthpiece of the brethren on this occasion, and also the medium of handing to you this handsome and costly gold watch, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. James Hannah by the Freemasons of Warrington, in recognition of many years' faithful service as Tyler and Janitor.—William Sharp, Z. 148; W. H. Robinson, W.M. 148; Chas. Crosier, W.M. 1250." May you long be spared to wear it, and when time with us shall be no more, may we all meet together in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

The chairman's remarks were endorsed and echoed by the brethren present, they one and all testifying to Bro. Hannah's obliging manners and gentlemanly bearing.

Bro. Hannah, with evident emotion, acknowledged the handsome testimonial at length and most feelingly. He assured the brethren that he was deeply grateful for the many kindnesses he had experienced at their hands. He

had always striven to do his duty, and he was truly thankful that in his endeavours he had met with the approval of the brethren seated round that table. Some of those present had come some distance to take part in the proceedings of the evening, and however much he tried he should utterly fail to express in words his deep and heartfelt gratitude to them, one and all. It would be invidious to mention friends individually when he had so many, but he knew they would excuse him if he singled out the chairman. Again and again thanking them, and in the heartiest possible manner, for the handsome and costly gift they had that night presented to him, he sat down amid general cheering.

After a number of personal toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the brethren separated in harmony.

#### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., the following members were duly installed and invested as officers:—Bro. L. Boor, W.M.; Bro. W. Holmes, S.W.; Bro. W. M. Stanton, J.W.; Bro. W. B. Sealy, Treasurer; Bro. H. M. Moore, Secretary; Bro. J. Cann, S.D.; Bro. M. Sedgwick, J.D.; Bro. J. Kiesel, I.G.; Bro. H. Hargreaves, Tyler. The brethren at a later hour sat down to a really first-class repast prepared by Bro. J. Tregoe. The chair was taken by the W.M., who, after justice had been done to the good things provided, proposed the following loyal and Masonic toasts:—"The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," "The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters."

Bro. Sealy, P.M., then proposed, "The retiring Worshipful Master of the Southern Star Lodge, Past-Master Bro. J. C. Moutray," and this having been honoured according to Masonic custom, Bro. Squires, P.M., proposed "The Newly installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Boor, and the Officers invested this day," a toast that was enthusiastically received.

Bro. W. M. Stanton proposed "The Installing Officer, Bro. Sealy," coupled with the Supreme Council of New Zealand, 33rd Degree, of which our esteemed brother is a worthy companion.

Bro. Sealy, P.M., responded, and in so doing gave a clear and interesting account of the rise and progress of the Supreme Council of New Zealand.

Bro. Lightfoot proposed "The Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson," coupled with the name of the First Principal, Bro. Squires, who responded to the toast, and thanked the brethren present for the hearty manner in which it had been responded to.

Bro. Moutray proposed "The Sister Lodges of Blenheim and Wakefield—Lodge of Unanimity and Forest Lodge."

This toast was followed by "The Visitors," "The Ladies," "The Host," and "All poor and distressed Masons."

#### Obituary.

##### FUNERAL OF SIR DONALD M'LEAN.

The funeral of Sir Donald M'Lean, which took place Jan. 8th, at Napier, was essentially Masonic. It had been intended to give it a military character, and the Artillery Volunteers were ordered to assemble with gun carriage, prepared to carry the coffin, and a firing party was told off, but at almost the last moment the military display was countermanded. The Odd Fellows walked in procession to the cemetery, also a few Foresters, and a considerable number of Good Templars and members of the Hibernian Society, but at the gate of the cemetery they mingled with the crowd, leaving the Masons to conduct the burial ceremonies for their District Grand Master. The two lodges, Scinde and Victoria, the former of the Irish, and the latter of the English Constitution, met together at the Masonic Hall, and heard the lodge Burial Service. About three o'clock they formed a procession, and marched to the late residence of Sir Donald. There were above 80 Masons, including several Royal Arch. Each lodge formed separately. The Scinde, being the senior, went first; but the conduct of the proceedings was under the care of the Victoria Lodge, as Sir Donald held his appointment as District Grand Master under the English Constitution. The whole was under the management of the acting W.M., Bro. Alexander Kennedy. The body was carried in a hearse, preceded by Mason Douglas M'Lean (Sir Donald's son), chief mourner, and among others Captain Archibald M'Lean (Sir Donald's brother), Messrs Archibald M'Lean, Ormond, Hart, Kinross, and Gillon. A great many Maoris, male and female, were present, amongst whom were several influential chiefs, including Te Hapuka, Reuatu Tarehu, and others. These, as well as many Europeans, availed themselves of the opportunity to see the body, which was lying in state prior to removal for burial. There was a large concourse in the cemetery and on all the elevated ground surrounding; it was difficult to compute the number, but it was generally estimated at about 3000. After an impressive service by the Rev. Mr. Sidney, the Masonic service was read by Bro. the Rev. D'Arcy Irvine, principal master of the Grammar School and the Chaplain of the Victoria Lodge. It was very solemnly rendered, and listened to with profound attention by all present. A lambskin apron was thrown into the grave, and also a sprig of acacia. The grand honours practised by Masons at burial ceremonies, and a hymn, were sung with harmonium accompaniment. After the concluding prayer, the Masons marched in procession back to the Masonic Hall, and closed the lodge.



### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 23, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.  
 Red Cross Con., Villiers, Northumberland Arms, Isleworth.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.  
 " 8, British, F.M.H.  
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 " 185, Tranquillity, Cannon-street Hot.  
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
 Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Twn.  
 Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 20.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariner's, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hot.  
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
 " Grand Stewards.  
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot.,  
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., Docks.  
 " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
 Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st. (See advt.)  
 Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's, 68, Regent-st., W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, "Whittington," Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
 Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 Mount Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.

Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
 " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.  
 Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 Lbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.  
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 " 1601, Ravensbourne, Catford Bridge.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 24, 1877.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
 Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
 De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
 Stanley L. of I., 241, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH** (No. 228).—History, for some little time past, has been silent with regard to this old lodge. Its last regular place of meeting was the Old Gate of St. John of Jerusalem, Clerkenwell, and the brethren generally had so sneaking a regard for the ancient place that for a long time they put up with much overcrowding rather than move. But last year, when Bro. Griggs, the well-known architect, was W.M., the lodge was obliged to seek a temporary home in Great Queen-street, the Old Gate then being turned inside out by the gentlemen of the trowel, and the operatives of the chisel and gavel. The question then arose whether the lodge, having outgrown the Gate, should not seek a new home, and at the Guildhall Tavern, in the centre of our metropolis, the brethren now meet under the genial sway of the new W.M., Bro. James Hill, who, since our last notice of the lodge has been elected to this high office, and was installed with all honours and with a perfect working by his predecessor, Bro. R. Griggs. On the 13th inst., the second night of the new Master was held, all the officers being present, with the exception of one sick junior, Bro. Douglas. The officers all held and worked their own positions—Bro. Snare, S.W.; Halford, J.W.; P. M. Winsland, Treas.; P. M. Crump, Sec.; P. M. Davies, Asst. Sec.; Percy, S.D.; Todd, J.D.; Flaws, I.G.; Patmore and Hickman, Dirs. of Cer.; and P. M. James Terry, last though not least, at least in fame and experience, as the Wine Steward. The W.M., who was assisted by his I.P.M., gave two brethren the benefit of the Second Degree, and one that of the Third, and then the lodge and many visitors proceeded to a discussion of the Fourth. Among the Past Masters, besides those whose names we have mentioned, were Bros. Roberts, Hillhouse, Colston, J. White (*Freemason*), and the visitors included Bros. Snowden, 213; Burr, S.D. 1612; Plumber, No. 2, Scotland; Milward, 176; Rosier, 188; Timothy, S.D. 87; Richards, S.D. 27; Loverdo, J.D. 1196; Bacca, 1196; Pogson, P.M. 336. The after dinner toasts were given with the usual fervour and loyalty, and in response to the toast of "The Visitors," some reference to the position of Freemasonry in Scotland was made, a Scotch brother being present, and he explained his warm hope that in Scotland Freemasonry would be brought into a closer resemblance to that in the south. Bro. Terry, in responding for "The Charities," thanked the United Strength brethren for the support given to the Stewards for the R.M.B.I., and spoke of the great benefits which the Institution had been able to confer by the benevolence of the Craft upon those who were just bearing the heat and burden of the day. Some excellent harmony was contributed by several brethren, and hearty thanks were given to Bro. Milward, who sang "Come into the Garden, Maud," in a manner which would have been irresistible by any lady in the flesh if the appeal in that voice had been made to one, and when the same brother sang, in the same charming manner, "The Thorn," there was not one who doubted his sincerity towards the lady to whom he was making these assertions of fidelity, truth, and attachment. The Scotch brother, with a comic pathos which would have astonished Dr. Johnson, and was quite contrary to all the received notions of the inability of Scotchmen to be humorous, gave "The Fall of the Half Hundred," with a perfect elocution, and added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

**NEW CONCORD LODGE** (No. 815).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Islington. The W.M., Bro. Thomas J. Cusworth, who has passed with the utmost credit through every minor office, and who was unanimously voted to the chair of K.S., was installed in office by the veteran Bro. J. Emmens, P.G.P., assisted by over fifteen Past Masters and W.M.'s, the ceremony being performed in the usual impressive manner. The newly-appointed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, Bro. Harper being appointed S.W.; Bros. Stead, J.W.; George, S.D.; W. Gabb, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Thomas, D.C.; Dunn, W.S.; Sinclair, Treas.; W. H. Main, Sec.; the Rev. W. Stevens,

Chap.; and Walesby, Org. A Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, was then presented to Bro. J. R. Gallant, the I.P.M., as a token of fraternal regard and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the New Concord Lodge. Bro. Gallant thanked the brethren for the handsome P.M.'s jewel presented by the W.M., and stated that he was proud to receive such a mark of favour in the presence of such a distinguished assembly of the fraternity. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Thomas Glass in the most impressive manner, after which the lodge closed with the usual formula. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, a magnificent provision being made for them by Bro. Gabb, the host, upwards of 70 brethren sitting down. Upon the cloth being withdrawn the usual toasts were given and received. In proposing "The Health and Prosperity of the W.M.," Bro. Gallant said that he could hardly realise his position as I.P.M.; however, he was proud to hold such a position under such an able worker as Bro. Cusworth. They had worked together throughout the various offices of the lodge with generous rivalry, and he was glad to see his brother and friend in the position of W.M., and trusted he would have a prosperous year of office, and health enough to perform the duties. Bro. Cusworth, who on rising to respond was received with rounds of applause, in an able and concise speech thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which his health was drunk, and assured them that he would do his very best to keep the prestige of the lodge. "The Health of the Initiative" was proposed and responded to in the usual way. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by several visiting brethren, also by the W.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, Bro. Joseph Hobbs, an old friend of the W.M., who, in a very able and warm-hearted speech, said that nothing had given him greater pleasure than that of being present on this occasion to see his old and esteemed friend as W.M. of so respectable a lodge as the New Concord. They had in Bro. Cusworth a Master who did not only perform the ceremonies appertaining to the M.'s chair in a perfect manner, but studied and exercised that virtue which should pervade every Freemason's heart—charity. He, following in the footsteps of Bro. Terry, has instituted and was the Secretary of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction Masonic Charity Association, which would be the means of sending some hundreds of pounds to the different Masonic Charities. He congratulated the brethren in having such a Master, and wished him every success and the lodge prosperity during his year of office. During the evening Bros. Hubbard, Taylor, Wicks, and others, enlivened the company with some fine singing. Bro. Walesby presided at the piano. We cannot conclude this notice without congratulating Bro. Cusworth upon having attained so high a position in the Craft; also the members in having so able and complaisant an officer to preside over them during the next twelve months. We feel confident that he will in his administration increase the reputation he has so long enjoyed as an active and zealous member of the Order, and that the interests of the lodge will be well maintained under his superintendence.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE** (No. 1306).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst. at the Gun Hotel, Wapping, when, in addition to other business, the election for W.M. took place, and we have great pleasure in stating that Bro. W. Poore was unanimously elected for the ensuing year. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds to be invested in one of the Charities on behalf of the retiring Master.

**THE GRANITE LODGE** (No. 1328).—On the 10th inst. a meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the new Worshipful Master, Bro. Frederick West, for the transaction of business. Mr. R. Barnes Austin was duly initiated. The members unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. A. C. Shelley, that a copy of the *Freemason* newspaper should from that time forth every week be forwarded to the W.M., to be filed and produced at each lodge meeting for the reference of the brethren. It was pointed out that the *Freemason*, unlike other weekly newspapers, was not made up of "scissors and paste," but all, or nearly all, the lodge meetings had to be chronicled by an expensive staff of reporters, kept for the purpose, throughout the kingdom; that assuming Freemasonry was to have a representative organ, it should be supported; and if every lodge were to follow the example of the Granite, the proprietor would be encouraged to secure the best reports, to strengthen his paper, and otherwise be enabled, by means of the "circulation medium," to diffuse a knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry throughout the world, which would tend to sweep into its ranks large bands of followers. The W.M. assented to the proposition, and the motion became law. £21 was voted for the Boys' School, and £21 for the Girls' School, being the second donation to each of those charities of similar amounts during the last two years. After the transaction of other business, the members repaired to partake of a plain dinner in the adjoining tavern. Bro. Frederick West being in the chair. After the cloth was drawn the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally honoured. He next selected "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," and remarked that it would interest them to learn that he had been elected to fill the same distinguished post for the ensuing year. The Health of His Royal Highness was drunk with enthusiasm. He next gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Bro. Lord Carnarvon, and the D.G.M., Bro. Lord Skelmersdale," and added that however ably their chief performed his task, yet without the assistance of such officers his duties would be rendered peculiarly difficult and trying. In those two subordinates he had very competent confrères and excellent assistants. He coupled with the toast "The Health of Bro. Cottebrune," which was responded to with Masonic appreciation. Bro. Cottebrune thanked them for the honour they had done him, and excused himself from saying more upon the score that continued attendance at their lodge meetings made it difficult

to find language fresh for each occasion. Bro. John Oliver, P.M., called upon them to drink "The Health of the W.M.," and recorded his deep regret at the continued absence from illness of Bro. Muggeridge, P.M. Bro. F. West, in responding, expressed his gratification at their appreciation of him considering the small amount of work he had done in the lodge, and hoped at the end of his term of office that his conduct would have justified their hearty good wishes towards him. He would do his best to maintain the dignity of the chair, a task, he was aware, of great moment to the members, but one requiring tact and judgment, and entailing immense responsibility upon the occupier. The pupil in Freemasonry, i.e., the initiate, he asked them to welcome, Bro. Austin would make an excellent Freemason, and he felt sure that he had joined the Craft from the best of motives. Only six years ago he himself occupied that unripe position. Their grand principle of Freemasonry was charity; it was not writing down a name for boys and girls, or giving money that would bring the donor's name into print—it was higher and nobler in its objects; it was giving charity in the name of brotherly love; it was friendship in its purest and most refined sense; and he was sure Bro. Austin had been impressed with all he had seen that evening. From the foundation stone which had been raised that evening he hoped there would rise up a superstructure worthy of the lodge and honourable to the initiate. Bro. Austin replied, and expressed pleasure at becoming one of the ancient fraternity. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it was a toast always popular in the Granite Lodge, and although they were hard outside they were soft within. They always welcomed visitors. Happy had they met, happy had they been, happy might they part, and happy meet again. Bro. Beck duly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and alluded in felicitous terms to Bros. Jno. Oliver, Sendey, and J. Lewis Thomas, each of whom briefly returned thanks, and Bro. Cottebrune tersely replied, in response to calls for him, that when he was a boy he was told never to speak until he was spoken to. They had appealed to him, but he had nothing to say. The W.M. next alluded to the officers of the lodge, and referred to the important part they bear in the working of the lodge. He paid a high mark of respect to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, for the active part he had taken in the lodge's welfare, and to the exertions of Bro. Hackford, the Magician of the Treasury. Bro. Thomas, in reply, said it was a source of delight to see the lodge flourish. His duties kept him closely fixed to his post. The Grand Officers had been pleased to say that their funds had not been spent lavishly but judiciously, and they gave more to the charities, perhaps, than any other lodge in London. It was due to the good Treasurer and the individual and collective efforts of the lodge. Bros. Mount, S.D., and Payne, J.D., also thanked them for drinking so heartily the health of the Junior Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE** (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., opened the lodge at half-past 2. Minutes read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots unanimous in favour of Bros. W. Young, 534, and F. W. Evans, 1223, as joining members, and for six candidates for initiation. Bro. J. Smith, raised Bro. R. Leggett to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Howes, P.M. 765, S.D., initiated his son, Joshua James Howes, and Edward Ellice Crombie. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. and W.M., resumed the chair, and presided for the remainder of the evening. He initiated Messrs. H. J. Lardner, G. H. Stevens, and F. A. West. He passed Bros. H. Lebish, W. Smyth, C. Davis, and W. Horlestone to the Second Degree, all the work being very well done. Some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed and adjourned till May. Banquet and dessert followed. There were present Bros. T. W. Adams, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Johnson, J.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., I.G.; T. Butt, T. McCluer Butt, W. Snow, W. Malthouse, and others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. E. H. Thielley, P.P.S.B. Middx.; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middx.; J. W. Lancaster, 1287; H. J. Green, W.M. 1275; H. Landfield, P.M. 1343; F. Frampton, P.M. 87; T. Neville, P.M. 765; D. Betts, P.M. 1351; J. Wylie, P.M. 186, and some whose names we were unable to ascertain.

**LIVERPOOL—Ancient Union Lodge** (No. 203).—There was an exceedingly large and influential gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., when the annual celebration of the Festival of St. John took place in connection with the Ancient Union Lodge, No. 203. Bro. James Winsor, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge, and afterwards performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which elicited the heartiest admiration from all the brethren present. The lodge comprised, amongst others, the following officers, members, and visitors:—Bros. E. Johnston, I.P.M.; T. H. Serjeant, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; H. James, P.M.; Julius Franks, S.W. (W.M. elect); C. Birch, J.W.; J. R. Japha, I.G.; C. B. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; L. Russell, Sec.; T. Hatton, S.; E. Catrall, S.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; J. Thomas, A. Campbell, T. Walker, C. M. Walker, W. Taylor, T. Whitfield, R. Kinsey, G. Taylor, J. Taylor, E. Donnelly, M. Bradshaw, H. Ferguson, T. Berry, R. C. Burgess, J. Grierson, P. S. Davidson, J. Milton, J. Whiteside, J. Maccabe, W. Whittaker, A. Barton, H. Alexander, C. Desoer, M. Aronsberg, T. Hopkins, J. Latta, 241; J. Winsor, 241; G. Winsor, 241; S. Schonstadt, J.W. 1502; S. Jacobs, 241; M. Hart, W.M. 1502; M. T. Tieski, 1502; Professor Prag, Chaplain 1502; J. H. M. Quistan, 241; C. M. Davis, 249; A. Cotter, W.M. 1264; T. Holden, 1182; P. Faust, 1356; I. L. Levy, 1502; J. Parsons, P.M.; W. Williams, 241; and W. Smith, 249. After the transac-



tion of some formal business, Bro. Julius Franks was duly presented and effectively installed W.M. of the Ancient Union, and the following were his investitures and appointments to offices:—Bros. James Winsor, I.P.M.; Bradshaw Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., D.C.; John Wharam, S.W.; Alex. Barton, J.W.; Chas. Bromley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); John T. Alston, Sec.; Chas. Birch, S.D.; J. R. Japha, J.D.; Thos. Halton, I.G.; Edward Catrall, S.S.; W. Gicks, J.S.; and R. Evans, A.S. About 100 brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet in the large dining hall, under the presidency of Bro. Julius Franks, the newly chaired W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a felicitous manner. In giving "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Jas. Winsor, I.P.M., expressed a hope that peace and prosperity might mark his year of office, and that the same courtesy and kindness might be extended by the brethren to their new Master as had been shown during his (Bro. Winsor's) year of office. The W.M. replied, and said he would endeavour to follow the excellent examples shown him by his predecessors in that post. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and Bro. Serjeant, P.M., was called upon to present Bro. James Winsor, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and also with an elegant drawing-room clock for Mrs. Winsor, the former being the result of the brethren's subscriptions and the latter the outcome of money subscribed by both members of the Ancient Union and other lodges. Bro. Winsor suitably replied. Various songs were given during the evening, Bro. J. P. Bryan, Organist, presiding at the piano.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The regular monthly assemblage of the members of this lodge was held on the 14th inst. in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The W.M., Bro. Richard Taylor, occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., gave a lecture on the Second Degree Tracing Board. At the close he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. T. Atkinson, I.P.M. Bro. Richard S. Thompson was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason by the W.M. with all the formalities of the Craft. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the name of a gentleman was submitted as a candidate for initiation. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**FOLKESTONE.**—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—There was a goodly gathering of members and visiting brethren at the annual meeting of the above lodge, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., who took part in the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. L. Earnshaw, P.M., P.G.J.D.; which ceremony was performed in the most solemn and impressive manner by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.M. of the Invicta Lodge, Ashford, and which elicited the marked pleasure of the brethren. Previous to this, however, the retiring Master, Bro. S. S. Stallwood, ably initiated Bro. the Rev. A. J. Palmer into the mysteries of the Craft. In the course of the installation ceremony, the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Stallwood, I.P.M.; R. H. Pledge, W.M. 1436, S.W.; F. H. Field, 1331 and 1436, J.W.; Kennett, Treas.; Stock, Sec.; Place, S.D.; S. Joseph, J.D.; F. Klatt, I.G.; and J. Baker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Pavilion Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was served in the very best style of that house, and to which about 26 of the brethren sat down. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A. (Installing Master) Prov. S.W., P.M., 88, 709, 1174, and 1593; G. W. Greenhill, P.M. 709; G. H. Ovenden, W.M. 125; Gosby, P.M. 1436; Ashdown, P.M. 125; W. Land, P.M. 387; and C. H. Tiffen. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, was unfortunately prevented by severe indisposition from attending on this occasion, but the toast of his health was responded to by Bro. Robinson, as also for "The Past and Present Provincial Officers," the rev. brother being Prov. S.W., the senior officer present. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Earnshaw," was then proposed by Bro. Robinson, and ably responded to by him. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson," was the next toast given, which was received with acclamation. This was responded to by the rev. brother, who, in a most eloquent and feeling address, enlarged upon the beauties of Masonry, especially in the higher degrees, and alluding to the W.M. himself being a Past Provincial Officer, and other Past Provincial Officers taking subordinate offices in the lodge, exhorted the younger members to emulation, assuring all, even the P.M.'s of the Craft present, that if they desired to obtain a perfect, clear, and full view of Masonry, and learn what it really meant, they must not be content to remain half-way, but perseveringly endeavour to attain to the summit of the hill. "The Visitors" was the next toast given, which was responded to by Bro. Ovenden, W.M. 125. "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast followed, and the brethren retired about 10.30, after having spent a very pleasant evening, which had been greatly enlivened by a selection of songs, glees, &c., given by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, three members of the Canterbury Cathedral Choir.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when a goodly number of the members were in attendance. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Thos. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer (the Installing

Master); Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Campion, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Horsley, P.P.S.G.W.; Robson, P.M. 884, P.P.J.G.D.; Stocker, 493; Wood, 1399; A. Grubb, 73; T. Horsley, jun., 253; J. Downs, 158; J. Ewing, 1391; A. Fletcher, P.M. 411; W. Gardner, 411; H. J. Norris, 411; Ward, 47; E. Agnew, 253; J. S. Whitham, P.M. 850; J. Simkiss, 787; Saml. Pipes, P.M. 1085; H. J. Foulds, W.M. 253; W. L. Bull, 253; J. Iliffe, 253, P.P.S.G.W.; Heathcote, 1085; Orme, 1085; and W. Heathcote, W.M. 1085. The lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Bennett, P.G.S. of Works, and the ceremony of installing the Senior Warden, Bro. Brown, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was at once proceeded with. He gave the customary adherence to the obligations of a Master of a lodge, and all below the rank of a Master retired. On their return the Installing Master gave the usual addresses, and the appointment of the officers followed, viz.: Bros. T. Merry, S.W.; W. Cooper, J.W.; Burton, Treas.; Whittaker, Sec.; A. Fraser, S.D.; G. Cay, J.D.; W. Vincent, D.C.; Bower, I.G.; Bland and King, Stewards; and Day, Tyler. Bro. Cox then completed the work of installation, and it will not be out of place to say that it was admirably done, and it was a great treat to the brethren to hear Bro. Cox's very impressive rendering of this beautiful ceremony. The new W.M. had evidently a mind to get to work as soon as possible, as he at once proceeded to initiate two gentlemen who had been elected at the previous meeting, and afterwards received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren. The lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment made to the banquetting hall, where a superb repast was provided by the purveyors, Bros. Wright and Burton, to whom every praise is due for the manner in which they had carried out the arrangements for the banquet. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags, banners, &c., and this part of the business had evidently had the careful attention of Bros. Merry, Humber, Fraser, and Whittaker, who formed a decoration committee. The menu was a liberal one, the wines good; and ample justice was done to the good things by about fifty brethren, the long meeting having evidently sharpened their appetites. The chair was taken by the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Cox, Pipes, Heathcote, Foulds, Bennett, Barn, Wright, and Iliffe. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given. The toast list was interspersed with Shakespearian quotations appropriate to the occasion. The toast of "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," "So are they all, all honourable men"—was responded to by Bro. Cox, who congratulated the W.M. on his very efficient working, and hoped that he would have a very prosperous year. The toast of "The Health of the W.M." was heartily received, and in responding Bro. Brown intimated his great desire to fill the proud position in which they had placed him to the satisfaction of all; he hoped that during his year the same kindness would be continued to him as he had invariably met with at the hands of the brethren since he joined the Craft, and when his turn came to vacate that chair he would leave it as unsullied as he had received it. The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Bennett," was made the occasion of the presentation to him of a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the lodge. The W.M. in making the presentation paid a just tribute of praise to the services rendered by Bro. Bennett, and expressed a wish that he might long be spared to meet with the members of the Arboretum Lodge. Bro. Bennett thanked the members for their kindness in showing him in so marked a manner their satisfaction with the services he had been able to render to the lodge; he was conscious of many defects, but he had done his best, and he was proud to receive from them this special mark of their favour. He could not sit down without taking this opportunity of thanking the brethren for their presence and assistance during the past year, and particularly the Past Masters, who had at all times been ready to afford all the help in their power. To the I.P.M., Bro. Merry, he was deeply indebted, and he was glad to say that his officers had done their work to his entire satisfaction. The toast of "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Wright, drew from him a very strong appeal to all Masons to do more for Masonic charities. He referred with pride to the noble efforts already made by the members of the Province of Derbyshire and other provinces, but he thought that more might and ought to be done. He considered it the duty of every Mason to give the charitable institutions of the Craft his hearty support, and he strongly advised all present to qualify themselves for voting at the elections for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He referred to the approaching anniversary, and urged them to send their Stewards with a purse that would be a credit to them. The toast of "The Newly-initiated Brethren," Bros. Cooke and Tickellpenny, having been duly honoured and responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a very successful meeting.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. Bro. T. Jackson, the W.M., presided, and there was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rudolph Pandolfini, of the Lodge of Fortitude, 281, was admitted a joining member; Mr. William John Bradshaw was next balloted for, and it proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The routine business having been transacted, the usual proclamations were made and responded to, and the lodge was closed in accordance with the ancient custom of the Craft.

**WEST DERBY.**—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of this thriving suburban lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 15th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool,

where there was a goodly gathering of the fraternity. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Richard Bennett, W.M., who, after the confirmation of the minutes, gave place to Bro. W. Jones, P.M., as Installing Master. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G. Steward, P.M., having been duly presented and obligated, was installed for the second time as W.M. of the lodge, a compliment which was both significant and well deserved. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. Jones, to whom was passed a special vote of thanks, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The following were the officers invested: Bros. Richard Bennett, I.P.M.; Peter Macmurdrow, Prov. G. Pursuivant, P.M., Treas.; William Jones, P.M., D.C.; John Capell, S.W.; J. H. Townley, J.W.; T. G. Fisher, Sec.; F. B. Bramham, S.D.; W. S. Bennett, J.D.; W. Hiles, I.G.; W. Cotter, S.S.; Jos. Bramham, jun., J.S.; W. Aves, Org.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, amongst those present at the work and refreshment, besides those already named, being the following: Bros. W. Crane, P.M.; John Sellar, P.M.; J. Sutcliffe, P.M.; W. S. Howarth, J. Holm, W. G. Veale, W. T. Warburton, N. Thompson, R. Langley, P.M.; T. B. Griffin, L. Bramwell, A. E. Kirkpatrick, D. C. Parry, W. M. Booth, H. Hargreaves, J. P. Capern, J. Taylor, W. Brown, R. W. Crosby, and J. Christian. The visitors were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Busfield, 216; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Chesworth, W.M. 1576, P.M. 724; P. Armstrong, J.D. 724; J. Remberton, P.G.S. of W.; M. Corless, P.M. 673; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; T. Berry, W.M. 155; W. Woods, W.M. 1620; W. Pugh, S.W. 1620, P.M. 1182; C. Petty, 216; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Evans, W.M. 1570; J. B. Roose, 1380; T. Mc. Cracken, 1620; R. H. Evans, W.M. 202; J. Taylor, 897, and G. Barton, 897. After dessert had been placed on the table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Bennett, I.P.M., who congratulated the lodge upon electing so experienced and able a Mason as Bro. Vines to the honourable position of Master of the lodge. Bro. Vines, in the course of his reply, thanked the members for the compliment paid him by electing him the second time W.M. of the lodge. He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to maintain the character of the lodge by efficient working and punctual attendance. Bro. Vines, in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s of the lodge, on behalf of the members presented Bro. R. Bennett with a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a mark of appreciation of his able services as Master of the lodge. Other toasts followed, including "Our Masonic Charities." In proposing this toast the W.M. alluded to the numerous claims upon these charities, and made an urgent appeal to the brethren for support for the same. "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. John Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, and Bro. Petty, 216.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 2nd inst. The W.M., Bro. Capt. Garnett, occupied the chair of K.S., and there was an average attendance of members. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. John Scholefield, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**STAINES.**—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—The first anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. M. Levick, the chair was occupied by Bro. F. Keily, P.M. 1293, P.G. Treas. Middx., S.W., and W.M. elect, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. G. P. Gillard as S.W.; E. Amphlett, J.W.; H. Phythian, P.P.G. Sec. Middx., Sec.; T. H. Edmunds, P.G.S., S.D.; R. Sindall, as J.D.; J. G. Dunn, I.G.; E. Fairlie, Alex. Paterson, H. F. Bing, Alf. S. Paterson, R. G. Jewell, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec. Middx.; John Bingemann, W.M. 1599; H. Gonne, 1293; G. Phythian, S.W. 22; and others. After Bro. A. S. Paterson had been duly raised to the Sublime Degree in ancient form, Bro. Wilson, P.M. of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, Windsor, ascended to the chair, and with the able assistance of Bro. John Bingemann, P.M. 55, and W.M. 1599, installed Bro. F. Keily as Worshipful Master, who immediately proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows:—Bros. E. Amphlett, S.W.; T. H. Edmunds, J.W.; H. Phythian, Sec.; J. G. Dunn, S.D.; G. P. Gillard, J.D.; H. F. Bing, I.G.; E. Fairlie, D.C.; R. Sindall, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler; all which appointments were thoroughly approved of by the brethren. Bro. Sindall expressed his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of five guineas was at once voted from the Almoner's fund to be placed on that brother's list. Other routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, that of the W.M. met with the very warmest reception. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec., in returning thanks for "The Health of the Prov. G. Officers," took the opportunity of congratulating the brethren on the very prosperous state of the lodge at the expiration of its first year, and also remarked that great credit was due to so young a lodge for sending up a Steward (for the second time) to represent it at the Girls' Festival. Bro. John Bingemann in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to be present that day, and hoped to have the privilege of visiting on many future occasions. Bro. Amphlett, S.W., replied for "The Officers." The Tylers' toast having



been given, the brethren separated, highly delighted with all they had seen and heard in the Musgrave Lodge.<sup>2</sup>

#### INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—At the regular meeting held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., there were present Bros. Brasted, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Larkin, J.W.; Hewlett, S.D.; Bonner, J.D.; B. Meyer, I.G.; Fieldwick, Preceptor; and Bros. Shackleton, Smith, G. Ferrar, Stevenson, Spencer, Polak, Brown, and Smythe. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Polak was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Shackleton, seconded by Bro. B. Meyer, that Bro. Smyth be elected a joining member of the Lodge of Instruction. Carried unanimously. Bro. Fieldwick proposed that Bro. Robinson be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing else offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Cambridge University Conclave (No. 128).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held on the 10th inst., Ill. Sir Kt. C. E. Peck, Int. Gen. M.P.S.; Sir Kt. Leith, V. After confirmation of the minutes Bros. Maxwell and Phillips were installed Kts. of the Order. The conclave was then closed in due and ancient form.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, was in the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. E. P. Albert, G.P., occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, P. District G.M. China; W. Smith, C.E.; H. Browne, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, A.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, H. Bartlett, W. H. Myers, W. T. Howe, H. Garrod, John Bingemann, John Constable, H. Massey (Freemason), C. Atkins, Samuel Poynter, Herbert Dicketts, W. Clifton Crick, H. Phythian, Dr. Great Rex, S. Gamman, Samuel H. Rawley, George Littlewood, Alfred A. Drew, E. J. Hart, J. J. Pakes, J. J. Gosset, H. J. Moxon, John Nixon, W. H. Perryman, C. J. B. Bumstead, W. Lauber, C. Killick, A. Lefauven, H. Higgins, Sam. Pardoe, John Carver, C. Rayden, A. A. Drew, S. R. Speight, John Mowlem Burt, Jas. W. Lambert, Henry Cox, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Alfred Meadows, B. H. Swallow, and John Crittenden.

The grants of former lodge, which required confirmation, amounting in all to £220, were confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were no less than 28 on the paper. Of these cases one was dismissed and two deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £610, consisting of one £100; one £75; three £40; three £30; five £20; three £15; seven £10; and two £5.

The lodge sat till past nine o'clock.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SKELMERS-DALE LODGE, No. 1658.

The consecration of this new lodge took place on the 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, at which place the meetings of the lodge will be regularly held. Among the brethren present, in addition to the consecrating officers, were: Bros. Rev. P. M. Holden, Dr. Pinder, H. A. Dubois, M. S. Larham, T. Edmonson, W. Case, J. Cavin, J. Hastier, W. M. Cackett, N. Brydges, F. Koch, and E. W. Devereux. The consecration and installation ceremonies were most effectively performed by Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., V.W. Grand Secretary, with the able assistance of V.W. Bro. the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G.C., and Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss, J.G. Warden of Middx. Bro. Hervey, in the course of his address, again cautioned the brethren in the selection of candidates for initiation, there being, in the present day, many applicants for admission into Freemasonry for designs other than those approved of by the Order. During the ceremony a very appropriate and brilliant oration was delivered by Bro. Simpson. The Grand Secretary then installed Bro. S. J. Harvey as W.M., who immediately afterwards appointed and invested the first staff of officers of the lodge. The lodge was soon after closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, served in first-class style in the hall by Bro. Geider, the usual toasts being given and duly responded to.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR DIARY AND POCKET BOOK for 1877** (London, George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street). We have no hesitation in strongly recommending this useful and carefully-prepared work to every Mason. It is in itself an Encyclopedia of Masonry, and fully bears out its title of "Comprehensive Masonic Book of Reference." To brethren in the habit of travelling the work is simply indispensable, and will enable them in every town which they may visit, to find out night and meeting place, not only of Craft and Arch Masonry, but of preceptories, conclaves, &c. The book is also well bound, and is a most convenient pocket book. The price is only 2s., and is most remarkably low, considering the usefulness of the publication, and the fund of information afforded.—*The Isle of Man Times.*

#### A LONG JOURNEY.

Our respected contemporary Bro. Hubert, of the *Chaine d'Union*, Paris, in the number for February just past, has an article in which he expresses a desire to open again for discussion the questions at issue between the Grand Orient of France and the American Grand Lodges, with a view to its settlement and the resumption of intercourse between the bodies. We cannot and do not for one moment doubt the sincerity of Bro. Hubert, whom we know to be a devoted Mason, earnestly desirous of an adjustment; but it is clear that he has not measured the width and depth of the gulf of separation between Masonry as practiced and understood by English-speaking Masons and the article called Masonry in France, to say nothing of the men who guide and direct the march of the Grand Orient. When he has done so carefully, he will find that either one or the other must travel a long way from its present foundations and principles of being before there can be any possible ground of sympathy or similarity.

In the first place, it must be admitted that Masonry did not originate in France, but, on the contrary, was taken there from England, the first lodge being established by Lord Derwentwater, at Paris, by English authority, under which in one way or another, it remained until 1756, when the hitherto English Grand Lodge of France declared itself independent, and set out on the journey which landed French Masonry in the arms of the Grand Orient about 1771. So far as the actual government is concerned, we are clearly of the opinion that each nation should have its own, whether Masonic or civil; for which reason we justify the declaration of independence of English government in France, and assert for the French brethren, as we do for ourselves, the right to have their own government. But, at the same time, it is equally clear that they could not change the form and essence of Masonry itself, and still claim to be Masons, for the two things are incompatible. When Lord Derwentwater was received into Masonry in England, he entered into bonds to support and maintain the landmarks and cardinal doctrines of the Craft, and he was obliged to, and doubtless did, require a similar covenant from those persons in France to whom he accorded the privilege of participating with him in its rights and benefits, or else the English Grand Lodge would have taken care to know why he set his p'edges aside. It follows that in order to remain within the household of the Craft, the French Masons were in honour bound to observe and preserve the essentials as they received them, and as they have been, and still are preserved by those from whom they acquired them, and, indeed, by all other Masons on the face of the globe, except those owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France. Now, it is known that there is a proposition pending before the Grand Orient, and under discussion by its subordinate lodges, to strike from the fundamental law the requirement that a candidate must acknowledge belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God. What the result of this may be cannot be known until the meeting of the Grand Orient, next September, and it will, when known, make but little difference, for it was made known in the debates of the last meeting that in the practice of the French lodges mere atheism or infidelity is no bar to initiation, hence whether the clause in the constitution relating to it be suffered to stand or be stricken out, the fact remains that the most vital of Masonic tenets has no value in French Masonry, and therefore there is, and can be, no possible union between those who practice it and those who not only believe in God themselves, but will not suffer their companionship to be tainted by the presence of persons who do not.

Again, a Masonic organization presupposes, for the lodge, a Master; for the Grand Lodge, a Grand Master. If any lodge, by amending its bye-laws, should declare the Master a surplus wheel in the machinery, abolish the office, and name a committee to rule and govern it, the organization would no longer be Masonic, and it would practically have ceased to exist, even before the Grand Lodge had called in its warrant. The same rule will apply with even greater force to a Grand Lodge, one of the principal duties of which is to preserve intact the general laws, forms, and doctrines of the Craft. A Grand Lodge or a Grand Orient, without a Grand Master, ceases to be a Masonic organization, or to be entitled to Masonic recognition. The Grand Orient of France, by its own well-considered act, abolished the Grand Mastership as a cumbrous and useless part of the machinery, and thus vaulted without the pale of Masonry to become anything you please, but certainly no longer to be a Masonic power.

Once more. The readiness of the Grand Orient to give official recognition to any and every applicant for that favour (*sic*), has become proverbial. It recognized a spurious organization in New Orleans, engineered by one it had itself expelled, while at the same time it was on terms of amity and friendship with the regular Grand Lodge, the territory of which was invaded by the organization in question. When earnestly and fraternally besought to withdraw this offensive act—offensive not only to the local Grand Lodge, but to every other Grand Lodge in the United States, it never condescended to notice their communications, while its several committees, pretending to treat the subject with a contemptuous indifference for the intelligence of the Americans, never deigned to approach the real question at issue, and to-day it stands precisely where it did when the Grand Orient insulted the North American Craft by its friendship for a clandestine body in their midst.

We violate no prescription of courtesy nor do we assume any unreasonable authority when we say that on the grounds mentioned, the Grand Lodges of North America will take no step backward, assent to no compromise, resume no relations until the Grand Orient gets back on the platform of the Institution. The journey is a long one,

but then the French brethren have only themselves to thank for it.—*New York Dispatch.*

#### WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Like our great London Charities, the claims upon the noble institution in the West Lancashire Province, of which every brother is so greatly proud, continue to increase every year, and the meeting of the General Committee, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, on Friday, the 16th inst., conclusively proved that greater efforts will be needed than ever to maintain its efficiency and power, if the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased brethren are to be carried out in the manner and spirit contemplated by the founders and supporters. With the increase of lodges and members, the demands upon the Charity have grown in even a greater ratio, and therefore the liberal support of the brethren in West Lancashire is now all the more needed. True, there is a splendid invested capital, but it is most desirable that all liabilities for the carrying out of the scheme of charity should be met by the yearly gatherings from Masonic brethren and contributory sources. There is no doubt that this will be the result, and that the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will continue to grow in charitable strength with its increasing years of existence, and that the "little ones" who seek its help will not be driven away disappointed. At the meeting on Friday week there was a very large attendance of the committee, there being no fewer than about fifty members present. There were nearly 30 applications brought on for consideration, and it is most satisfactory to find that out of this unusually large number not a single refusal was given where the applications were regular and according to law. Unfortunately, in the cases of three children the requirements of the bye-laws were not met, and these had to be withdrawn for the present, much to the disappointment of the committee, who would have granted all if they possibly could have done so. These elections will involve an increased yearly expenditure of £180, which is a considerable sum to add to the already large amount already necessary for the children on the foundation of the noble institution. But there can be little fear that the brethren of the largest Masonic province in the kingdom will also show that their large-heartedness is quite in keeping with their proud position. Bro. Richard Brown, P.M. 241, the Honorary Secretary of the Institution, deserves the highest praise for his zeal and tact in connection with the Institution, and he receives valuable aid from the Hon. Treasurer, as well as every member of the influential committee.

#### MASONIC ADDRESS.

The *New York Dispatch* publishes the following address recently delivered by M.W. Bro. Elwood E. Thorne before Kingston Lodge, No. 10:

Right Worshipful Brother, and Brethren of the Kingston Lodge, No. 10.—The last visit I made you was on the occasion of laying the corner-stone, with Masonic ceremonies, of the new City Hall of Kingston, and with pleasant recollections of my visit then, I have again accepted your kind and fraternal invitation to be with you to-night, but not without some misgivings as to my ability to interest you. However, in one thing I feel secure; that is, the knowledge that our beloved fraternity will not suffer in feeble hands such as mine, any more than it would be exalted by the lips, or pen, of the ablest of earth's orators, for we can neither take from nor add to the glories of our time-honoured institution, built as it is on the "rock of ages," standing as it has done through the march of time, stopping by the wayside only to let the torrent of persecution pass by, living still, through the scepticisms, the same noble, blessed institution, founded long before the "Star of Bethlehem" arose, when Israel sent forth her thousands to witness the consecration of the first work of our art, and God, in His approval of the perfectness of the Craft, consumed the offering upon the altar, and thus the monument was dedicated to Him whose shadow and glory proclaimed His presence between the cherubim. We all know how good and holy a thing Freemasonry is, and have all felt its moral and religious influences, and although the emblems of our Order have often hung sorrowfully over their rejected teachings, yet in their sublime significance they are none the less powerful in their mute admonitions than when first we saw the light and took upon ourselves the vows which in the "Holy of Holies" of our individual temple, can be best answered, as to whether we have been true to the trust, and in all the requirements have we been Masons and brethren.

The nature, duties and rights of our Order have been so often set before you, and should be so indelibly impressed upon your minds and hearts as to need no suggestions or arguments from me in favour of their merits, nor can I offer any inducements for the observance of any of its high behests that cannot be found encircled by the broad arms of brotherly love, relief and charity. These, brethren, I lay at your feet; raise them to your hearts by willing hands, and give the recompense first to yourselves of a peaceful conscience, and the world will judge you according to your works, and scoffers, to whom our lips must ever be closed in defence of our beloved Order, will soon learn to whom is due the championship of the noblest and most ancient of institutions; for we all know that Masonry has grown grey with age. Its origin is lost in the unexplored abyss of antiquity. We can find no record in ancient history that can enlighten us as to the positive time and place of its organization; researches have been made by many, and neither time nor patience spared. Some have made it coeval with the world; others have ascribed its rise to the sainted heroes of the crusades; but amid this uncertainty, which must ever result from the absence of written history, let us rest satisfied with our



own convictions that it began with the Temple of Solomon, when the widow's son gave the binding word, and is the most ancient and benevolent institution in the world, and its votaries and followers are from every land and of every tongue; an institution growing in strength and firmness as years go by, until its mighty power is known all over the world, entwining itself with the best sympathies of our whole nature, and approved by the most enlightened faculties of the mind: that all the persecutions it has suffered has not been able to destroy; but, like the true religion, it has flourished even on the blood-stained soil of fanaticism and despotism. Its progress in enlightened nations has been marvellously great.

In our own loved country it has spread over the entire land, and attained a perfection unequalled in any other country of the globe, and in comparing the condition of Freemasonry at the close of the revolutionary war with its present prosperity, we are lost in admiration of its rapid strides. At that time only ten lodges were to be found in our State. Now, in less than a century, we number about 800 lodges and nearly 100,000 (Masons) brethren in good standing. And although we have had foes without and dissensions within, yet our march has been steadily onward, diffusing light and imparting joy. Wherever man in his enlightened state fixes his habitation, there you will find a band of brothers "meeting upon the level, acting by the plumb, and parting upon the square." We own to exceptions of worthiness in the material often used to constitute lodges, and know too that many who have become Masons in good faith have allowed worldly ambition and mercenary aspirations to blot out from memory the solemn obligations they assumed when they vowed to be true to the teachings of the sublime principles of our fraternity. This has been material in the hands of our enemies, who are not willing to give us the benefit of the same allowance made to all religious sects, of having among us the tares as well as the wheat; and while I do not claim for our Order the spiritual enthusiasm or incomparable character of that greatest of all institutions on earth—the Church Universal—or assert that it can in any way be substituted for that special manifestation of our Heavenly Father's presence, I do not hesitate to state that as a great moral system, and as an inculcator of His teachings, it is second only to that body. Its nature and traditions are in the highest degree religious.

The temple on which we are supposed to be engaged as ever diligent workmen is no edifice of sculptured stone or fretted wood, but "that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The tools with which we work are not the hardened steel of earthly make, but "the soft answer that turneth away wrath," the gentle reproof that melts but does not break, and the friendly word of cheer that kindles hope and encourages effort. The cement that unites the several parts of our structure is not the perishable mortar of material life, but the love and close communion that bind us together as members of that living temple in one compact mass of fraternal regard.

As we can enter the lodge only in the name of God, our doors are inexorably barred against the atheist and the scoffer. As we commence our Masonic ceremonies only after invoking the guidance and protection of Divine Love, we are sure that a trust so well founded will insure from all danger, and as we separate to resume the cares and joys and temptations of the outer world, we are solemnly enjoined so to act as to be an example of uprightness and moral worth, and thus secure our admission, after this life, into that Grand Lodge on high where none but the redeemed shall sit. Our "Great light," the guide to our faith and practice, is the same inspired volume that is a lamp to the feet of the believer.

On its open pages are recorded our vows and obligations. To its mandates and precepts we humbly and cheerfully kneel. Within its leaves we find the material for our liturgy and the early history of our Order, and among its heroes are the first and greatest of our Grand Masters. As an illustration of the veneration in which this sacred book is held by Masons, I can do no better than to quote the language of an eloquent and distinguished divine and brother, who says: "With no narrow spirit of propaganda, we place on our altar this sacred book in all its holy completeness. We open it at the book of Ruth. We gather about it at the hour of solemn obligation. There lies before you this solitary book upon whose pages the sun never sets, whose beams of grace illumine a sin-cursed world, adapted to all experiences of human life, adding joy to the marriage festival, substituting peace for sorrow at the funeral. Childhood approaches it with reverence. Maturity leans upon it as a trusty and well-tryed staff, and tottering age worships, while it clings to it, as the friend faithful to uphold in the rolling of death's dark river. The world's Bible, the Christian's Bible, the open Bible, the word of the living God, is the central thing of the Masonic Lodge, and the corner-stone of the Craftsman's faith."

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren of Kingston Lodge, —I thank you for the honour conferred on me in requesting my presence here this evening, and I trust the object of our brotherhood may be ever present with us all—remembering that around the sacred altar of Freemasonry we have promised to befriend and relieve any brother who shall need our assistance. Let us endeavour to inscribe our names on that blessed roll of those who, loving men, are loved of God, even as in that little poem of Leigh Hunt's we learn how

"Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw within the moonlight in his room—  
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom—  
An angel writing in a book of gold,  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said:  
'What writest thou?' The vision raised its head,  
And, with a look made of all sweet accord,

Answered: 'The names of those who love the Lord.'  
'And is mine one?' said Abou. 'Nay, not so,'  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerfully still, and said, 'I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men.'  
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night  
It came again, with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed—  
And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."

## FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

A notable event in the history of Freemasonry in Newark was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Newark (New Jersey) Lodge, No. 7. About one hundred and fifty of the members were present. The lodge was opened in ancient form by Bro. Wm. Kipp, W.M., who extended a hearty welcome to all in a few well-chosen remarks. Bro. Daniel Bruen, P.G.M. of New Jersey, and the oldest Mason in the State, then read a complete history of the lodge from its institution to the present time. He also stated that that evening was not only memorable to him as the anniversary of Newark Lodge, but it was the sixtieth anniversary of his being raised. A quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Hodson, A. H. Ward, Wm. J. Hall, and A. G. Cann, rendered some very fine selections. Bro. the Rev. Lansing Burrows, pastor of the North Baptist Church, delivered an address on the principles of the Order. The address was well prepared, and was listened to with rapt attention. Bro. Vehslage, R.W.D.G.M., closed the exercises with a few humorous remarks. The audience were afterwards invited to a repast, to which ample justice was done. The exercises concluded happily, with all the participants highly pleased.

There was quite a gathering of the fraternity at New Britain on the 22nd February, who, under the leadership of Marshal Freeston, marched to their new quarters in the Odd Fellows' Hall, to the number of 250. We are glad to see that the families of the brethren were invited to partake of a banquet. We congratulate the Freemasons of New Britain on their success, and trust it may long continue. The following officers were installed by Grand Master Rone:—Edw. S. Conklin, W.M.; S. W. Clark, S.W.; W. W. Woodruff, J.W.; W. L. Morgan, Treas.; E. J. Goodwin, Sec.; S. H. Stearns, S.D.; A. J. Leonard, J.D.; Wm. Freestone, Marshal; J. L. Dole, S. Steward; F. C. Zimmerman, J. Steward; and George H. Booth, Tyler.

Bro. Thomas J. Melish has taken his position at the helm of the veteran *Masonic Review*, now in its fiftieth year. No. 1 of the new volume is very creditable, and we wish every success to the enterprise. The subscription price is 2 dols. per annum, and the address, Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.—The *New York Square* copies our remarks on the above subject, and appends the following:—"We cannot too warmly endorse the views of our able contemporary. We regret that such an intolerant spirit should prevail among certain Masons in Germany. Here, and throughout the British Empire, no such a feeling exists—indeed, the greatest cordiality is extended to Hebrew brethren, who, as a rule, are good men and good Masons."

The Grand Lodge of Idaho has withdrawn its recognition of the Grand Orient of Hungary, on the ground that it appears to be a recent offshoot of the Grand Orient of France, from which Masonic intercourse has been withdrawn on account of its schismatical recognition and encouragement of certain clandestine organisations in the United States. It has also refused to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, or any subordinate lodges claiming or acknowledging jurisdiction under the same, or any member owing allegiance thereto. From this, it is evident that the Craft in Idaho adhere to strict Masonic principles, and merit the commendation of all regular Freemasons.—*Voice of Masonry*.

MASONIC PROGRESS.—M.W. Bro. J. W. Griffin, in his last annual address to the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Idaho, said:—"It is a matter of just pride to every true lover of our Order, that although prehistoric in its origin, it has, without any departure from its primary principles, or deviating from its ancient landmarks, kept even pace with, and has ever been found in the vanguard of an enlightened and progressive civilization. And nowhere is this more apparent than in the history of the first century of our beloved republic—recognized, fostered and cherished by the fathers of the republic. Their descendants have followed in their pathway, and in no country does the Ancient and Honourable Order of Freemasonry hold higher rank or find more general and honourable recognition than in America. Let us endeavour, in the preservation of the purity and integrity of the Craft, to demonstrate our appreciation of the inheritance we have received."

The Masons' Widows and Orphans Home, of Kentucky, has had to undergo some severe trials, and many a doubt of its success has been entertained and expressed; but its friends have determined to be equal to all its emergencies, and to crown it with victory. At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge it was ordered that a proposition to levy annually, for the next two years, a tax of one dollar on each member should be submitted to the subordinate lodges, at their annual meetings on last St. John's Day. From the *Masonic Journal* we learn that the proposition was carried by about four votes for to one

against it, and that many of the lodges voted for it unanimously. Commenting on this, the *Journal* says: The action of the fraternity in levying a tax upon themselves of near one hundred thousand dollars will be gratifying to the friends of that great enterprise, the Home, established for the benefit of the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren, as it will insure the success and permanent prosperity of the institution, and place it beyond the contingency of even a temporary suspension or financial embarrassment. The promptness and unanimity with which the brethren have responded to the liberal proposition is highly creditable to them, and will reflect honour on the name Mason, and silence those who sometimes say that there is no practical good resulting from its labours or flowing from its organization. The "Home" is secure, brethren, and when the success of the proposition is announced by our Grand Master, Fairleigh, many widowed hearts will cease to ache.—*Voice of Masonry*.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. S. GOVER.

In the *City Press* of the 17th inst. appears an account of the presentation of a handsome silver tea and coffee service of the weight of 205 oz. 19 dwts., manufactured on an entirely elaborate and beautiful design by Messrs. Wostenholme & Biggin, of Sheffield, to Bro. W. S. Gover, P.G.S., P.M. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and P.Z. St. James's Chapter, on the occasion of his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Corporation Committee, having charge and management of the great metropolitan markets.

Bro. Gover has filled other important chairs in the corporation, notably that of the City Commission of Sewers, and Bridge House Estate Committee; and he was recently elected by the City of London a second time as one of its representatives on the London School Board, when he stood second on the poll. Since his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Markets Committee Bro. Gover has been unanimously elected by the Common Council to the important office of Deputy Governor of the Honourable Irish Society.

Bro. Gover is an actuary of 30 years standing, and has been the founder of various important and successful public undertakings. He is the manager of the British Equitable Assurance Company, and recently assisted in the formation of the House Property Company, which, while founded on a strictly commercial basis, promises in a most effective and satisfactory manner, to solve the great problem of improving the dwellings of the working classes.

The inscription on the salver is as follows: "Presented together with Tea and Coffee Service, by the members of the Markets Committee of the Corporation of London, to William Sutton Gover, in testimony of their high estimation of his zealous, indefatigable, and successful labours as their Chairman during the year 1877."

## BRO. RICHARD WAGNER.

Among the lions of the approaching London season there is good reason to believe will be no less renowned a personage as Bro. Richard Wagner. The correspondent of a contemporary, writing from Munich, assures us that the master will reach England some time in April; adding, "The object of his excursion is the bringing out parts of his 'Ring des Nibelungen' trilogy on the English stage, and he wishes to superintend the performances himself." We fear the addendum is much too good to be true, and may be dismissed from our minds at once. But the *Neue Berliner Musikzeitung* agrees with the Munich correspondent as to the fact of the proposed visit, and also as to its ultimate object. It seems that England is to receive another recognition of what sister nations appear to look upon as the primary object of her existence—the making good of deficits. Even as, only a few years ago, every Finance Minister "from China to Peru" expected us to fill the abhorred vacuum in his exchequer, so now Bro. Wagner comes for money wherewith to pay the debts incurred by his Bayreuth Festival. There is this difference, however, that the master brings with him, not promises of the pie-crust order, but a genuine *quid pro quo*. According to the Berlin journal, he will "personally conduct" several concerts at which will be performed some of some of his newest compositions. This is good news, and, assuming its correctness, we shall not be rash in guaranteeing Bro. Wagner a hearty and sympathetic welcome, even from those who contend that he has pushed his theories too far. His recollections of England, owing to the treatment he received here twenty-two years ago, cannot be very pleasant. But since then we have grown wiser. We recognise his genius and, even if unable to agree with all his principals or all his schemes, we may at least be generous where we cannot approve.

## MASONRY A RELIGION.

We are taught that Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion. This is true in a limited sense only. It is true that what are commonly known as sectarian differences, have no place in the lodge; yet it is none the less true that Masonry is a religion. Many worthy, zealous Masons, in opposing anything like sectarian exclusiveness, rush to the other extreme, and, let us hope, without due reflection, say, "Let us banish religion, from the lodge room." What! banish religion from an Institution which, at its very portals, requires a belief and a trust in God? Banish religion from an Institution which teaches that no one should enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity? Banish religion from the sacred precincts where we are taught our duty to God, in never mentioning his name but with that reverential awe which



is due from the creature to his Creator; to implore his aid in all our laudable undertakings, and to esteem Him as the chief good? Banish religion from around that sacred altar, where we are taught that the Holy Bible is given us as a rule and guide for our conduct? Religion is defined to be, "Any system of faith and worship." The religion of Masonry is a trust in, and the worship of, Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe, who controls the destinies of all created beings. This much being accepted, we have nothing to do with particular creeds and dogmas. Let each individual Mason hold his own views as to what beliefs and actions are necessary to his eternal salvation. A living faith in God, a full sense of individual responsibility to Him, and a life of virtue and morality, is what Masonry requires of its votaries. All else is left to the individual consciences of the brethren. That is the religion of Masonry; and he who does not subscribe to it casts aside the teachings and ground-work of the Institution. We need more the one All-Father, and the direct personal responsibility of each one of His creatures. When that spirit is attained and controlled, let the individual seek his home in that Church or belief that is best adapted to his mind and commands itself to his judgment; with his action in that regard Masonry has nothing to do, so long as the teachings and practices of that faith or institution are not subversive of the principles of virtue and morality, and are not inconsistent with a due obedience to legally constituted authorities and a proper subordination to the laws of the country in which we live. Actuated by these sentiments, and united by the bonds of fraternal love, we can heartily exclaim with the poet:—

"Maker and High Priest,  
I ask thee not my joys to multiply,  
Only to make me worthier of those I have."  
G.M. of Utah, in the *Voice of Masonry*.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

We have been requested to publish the following, and hope that our brother will be materially benefitted by the exertions of his friends:—

It has long been the wish of the friends and admirers of this well-known author and public speaker, to present him with some substantial testimonial of esteem, for his life-long labour for the mental and moral elevation of the people. There has scarcely been a movement in the path of progress which he has not aided, publicly and privately, by his tongue and pen, from his youth up to the present time; often at a great pecuniary loss to himself; so that many, who may have differed widely from him in opinion, have not hesitated to express their admiration of the enthusiastic and unflinching manner in which he has always devoted his abilities in striving to promote whatever appeared to him to be for the good of humanity, whether popular or otherwise. The present testimonial will consist of a purse of gold, to help him through heavy losses and family affliction, over which he has no control, and to aid him to complete those literary labours in which he is known to have been so long engaged; while to preserve an enduring record of its presentation, the names of all the subscribers, whether of pounds or pence, will be printed in book form, and copies deposited in all the principal public libraries, as well as distributed among the subscribers. The testimonial will not be of a sectarian, party, or even local character; and subscriptions for the same will be gladly received, and duly acknowledged, by

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#### Masonic and General Tidings.

We are requested to note the following particulars with reference to the Amateur Dramatic Entertainment at the Opera Comique (referred to in our last) now being organised by Mrs. Monckton, the proceeds of which are proposed to be presented to the Freemasons' Schools. H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master has fixed Saturday afternoon, the 5th of May, at half-past 2 o'clock for the performance, and has graciously, with the Princess of Wales, promised to be present. The comedietta of "Tears," in which Mrs. Monckton and Captain Gooch made so remarkable a success at the same theatre on the 17th February, will, by special desire, form part of the programme. On and after the 2nd of April, places will be booked at the theatre and the libraries, but, meanwhile, seats are being, and may be secured, by written application to "Acting Manager," 33, Golden-square, who, in the allotment, will strictly observe the priority of application.

MIZPAH LODGE, No 1671.—The consecration of this lodge takes place at the Albion, Aldersgate-st., on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. the Rev. Robt. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and W. Bro. James Terry, G.D. of C., Herts. The officers designat, are Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; David R. Still, S.W.; and Walter W. Medcalf, J.W. A full report will appear in our next.

ROUMANIA.—The following are the officers elected by the "Loge des Sages d'Heliopolis, Orient of Bucharest, for 1876-7:—Bros. Dr. Sigismund Sceinir, Vénér.; Major Alexandre Tavernier, 1st. Surv.; Major Jean Dimitresco, 2nd Surv.; Stephan C. Michailesco, Orat.; M. Ascher, Secrét.; Ad. Deutch, Gr. Exp.; F. Kessler, M. des Cérém.; Capt. Naimann, Trés.; A. Berger, Hospit.; Dr. Diano, Orat. adj.; G. Rosenzweig, Secrét. adj.; El Butoiano, Couvreur.; H. A. Levy, Archit.

CUBA.—The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba has concluded a treaty with the Grand Orient of Spain (that is to say, with one of the Orients which exists in Spain). By this treaty the Grand Lodge of Cuba alone has the power to establish Symbolic Lodges from the First to the Fourth Degree. On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of Cuba will not recognise the superior degrees in Cuba, except they are conferred by the Grand Orient of Spain.

In addressing a gathering at Botley, on Monday, Bro. W. B. Beach, president of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, spoke with great regret of the reappearance of the cattle plague, and said that if the Privy Council had adopted the resolutions presented by the Chamber last year to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the plague would not have reappeared.

Above £3000 has been received at the Mansion House towards the fund being raised there for the relief of the widows and orphans of the crews who were lately lost in the North Sea.

The two eldest sons of the Prince of Wales will shortly be sent on board the "Britannia" training ship, as naval Cadets, for their education.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON.—A despatch from Messina says that Captain Boyton crossed the Straits on the 10th inst., in a storm, which placed the boats in great danger. During the passage, which occupied five hours, Capt. Boyton was attacked by a shark, but succeeded in driving off his assailant before being bitten, although he received a sharp blow from its tail. The American Consul and several distinguished gentlemen were in the boats which accompanied him. Notwithstanding the heavy sea running at the time, Captain Boyton safely passed through the most dangerous whirlpools. A most enthusiastic reception from thousands of people awaited him on shore, where he was officially received by the authorities.

The seventh annual grand ball in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will take place at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, April 26th, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

The governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have made arrangements for giving systematic instruction, both practical and theoretical, to young women desirous of being trained as nurses, and willing to enter the service of the hospital for that purpose for twelve months as probationers. Probationers, who prove efficient, will receive at the expiration of the twelve months, a certificate of competency as nurses.—*City Press*.

We are informed that the Alexandra Palace has been leased for 21 years to Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, and we understand it will be reopened the first week in May. The whole of the interior will undergo considerable change, and the new proprietors have determined that the entertainments shall be of a high-class character. Season tickets will be issued at half a guinea.

"Our Boys" have already raised their corps to 700 knights.—*Yorick*.

A RUSSIAN SABLE CLOAK.—A good deal of interest was displayed recently at Messrs. Debenham, Storr, and Son's auction mart, in King-street, Covent-garden, during the sale of the wardrobe and jewels of a well-known and distinguished foreign lady of title, especially when Lot 65 was reached. It was described as a matchless Russian sable cloak, composed of skins of the very finest quality, as regards colour and uniformity, the skins having been selected with great care and at an enormous cost for a Royal personage. The first offer was 100 guineas, and after a prolonged competition from many bidders the cloak was sold for 460 guineas.

The Hospital Saturday collection in Liverpool realised £2226.

Bro. D. Murray Lyon has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 128 voted for Bro. Wylie, Prov. Grand Secretary of Ayrshire, and 210 for Bro. Lyon, being a majority of 82 votes for the latter.

The proprietors of the Bank of England have unanimously resolved to present to the nation their collection of gold and silver coins, which have been for some years past in the custody of the trustees of the British Museum. The value of this gift is estimated at seven thousand pounds.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor on Tuesday, previously to which General and Madame Ignatieff were presented to her Majesty.

A meeting in aid of the establishment of an Indian and Colonial Museum in London was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, the Lord Mayor presiding. Mr. E. P. Bouverie, Mr. Twells, M.P., Professor Fawcett, M.P., and Sir George Campbell, M.P., were among the speakers.

The *Masonic Review* has passed into other hands, owing to Bro. Moore's inability to meet a claim of 280 dols. upon it. How sad that one who has done so much for Masonry should have been reduced to such straits. We deeply sympathize with our unfortunate brother.—*Craftsman*.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Basil Popoff, Chaplain of the Russian Chapel, Welbeck-street, and private Chaplain to her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, which took place on Monday morning after several month's illness. The Rev. Mr. Popoff had been long resident in this country.

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY.—Haydn's Oratorio, "The Seasons," will be performed this (Friday) evening at Exeter Hall. Madame Blanche Cole, Mr. Cummings, and Signor Foli are the vocalists. Bro. Sir Michael Costa will conduct.

The ceremony of consecrating a new Masonic Lodge at Newcastle-upon-Tyne took place on the 7th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, West Grainger-st. the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. D. M. Cockcroft, presiding. There was a very large attendance of brethren and Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. E. D. Davies acting as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Rev. W. B. East, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The new lodge was named the "Gosforth Lodge," No. 1664 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, and will be held at Bulman Village. The following brethren were installed as the first officers:—Bros. J. S. Wilson, R.W.M.; David Hetherington, I.P.M.; George Cattel, S.W. Richard Eynon, J.W.; Wm. F. M. Callum, Sec.; Wm. White, I.G. After the ceremony was concluded the brethren dined together at the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, Bro. J. S. Wilson, President, George Cattel, S.W., Vice-president.

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471.—The meetings of this lodge are held every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, at Bro. Davison's, 13, Silver-street, Falcon-square. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227, and 1471, is the Preceptor.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who, much to the gratification of a large assembly, was accompanied by the Princess, presided on Wednesday at the re-opening of the Charing-cross Hospital, which has recently undergone considerable improvements and extensions.

We are requested to state that the armoury and regalia at the Tower of London will be closed from the 26th to the 30th March inclusive.

At a public meeting in the Mansion House, Dublin, on Monday, the Lord Mayor presiding, it was resolved to establish a free public library for Dublin; the body having the management and control of the library to be, in accordance with the usage in England, a joint committee composed of members of the Municipal Council and other citizens, and representing all denominations.

H.R.H. the G.M. was on Wednesday appointed a Captain in the Naval Reserve.

Buenos Ayres advices says the heat lately experienced there has been the greatest ever known. The thermometer marked 105 in the shade; at Entre Rios and Sante Fe the heat was so great as to stop all business.

The office of Black Rod, vacant by the death of Sir A. Clifford, has been accepted by General Sir W. Knollys, who was born in 1797. The salary has been fixed at £2,000 per annum, with a residence within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster. Sir William will be succeeded by Sir D. M. Probyn in his office of Controller of the Household.

Mr. John Wood has accepted the professorship of clinical surgery at King's College Hospital, vacant by the death of Sir W. Fergusson.

In Paris at present, instead of planting young plane trees as of old on newly formed boulevards, large are planted. The newly formed Boulevard Henry IV. is furnished throughout with well-grown plants, with stems nearly 1 foot in diameter and nearly 30 feet high.

The Prince of Wales, it is stated, is going to the Mediterranean, because his medical advisers consider that the state of his health renders it necessary that he should be out of England during the spring winds, which are rather severe on his constitution, which has not quite recovered the illness of 1871.—*Echo*.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.—For the information of our readers who obtain the *Freemason* in time, it may be interesting to learn that it is definitely settled that the race will be rowed from Putney to Mortlake, the start taking place at 8.30 Saturday morning.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

J. DIONYSIUS LOVERDO.—Greatly thanked. As will be seen, translation already received.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Deeds of Daring Library." "The Craftsman." "The Masonic Herald." "New York Dispatch." "Isle of Man Times." "Young Folks." "May's British and Irish Press Guide."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BALL.—On the 15th inst., at The Deanery, Petersborough, the wife of the Rev. C. R. Ball, of a son.  
GALE.—On the 18th inst., at 63, Loftus Road, Shepherd's-bush, the wife of J. R. Gale, of a daughter.  
MARTIN.—On the 14th inst., at Highweek, Newton Abbot, the wife of J. Martin, of a daughter.  
WALKER.—On the 18th inst., at Waterloo-Terrace, Wolverhampton, the wife of W.W. Walker, of a daughter.

## DEATHS.

VAUGHAN.—On the 1st inst., at Concham, Yorkshire, Bro. R. S. M. Vaughan, aged 27.  
COOPER.—On the 27th ult., at Cooper-Hill, Clarina, Limerick, Mary, wife of J. C. Cooper, aged 47.  
GUY.—On the 18th, at San Remo, Henry Guy, of Lincoln College, Oxford, aged 20.  
HAYNES.—On the 10th inst., at Puntales, Cadiz, Anne Jenkinson, wife of T. Haynes, Esq., aged 66.  
WHITE.—At Buckingham Palace-road, Pimlico, Major-Gen. John White, aged 60.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 24, 1877.

## DEPARTURE OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will leave Marlborough House on Saturday (this day) for a cruise in the Mediterranean in the Royal yacht Osborne. The Prince of Wales will visit the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Malta, and the Princess will visit the King and Queen of the Hellenes at Athens. Their Royal Highnesses are expected to be absent from England about six weeks.

## SOME BREAKERS AHEAD.

Do not let our readers be alarmed by the heading of this leader of ours, as the remarks we are about to make do not concern Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. But abroad there appear to us to be some breakers ahead of the good ship "Freemasonry," which threaten disaster to it, unless by skilful steering the gallant craft can be kept off a lee shore. There are two seeming dangers just now, which appear to us to require very cautious treatment, and very judicious handling. The one is, the prevailing tendency abroad in some quarters to make Freemasonry a meeting place both for the beliefs and the disbeliefs of the world. Now there is a consensus of teaching which runs through universal Speculative Freemasonry, (as all speculative Freemasonry is Anglican in origin), which is, that Freemasonry recognizes the G.A.O.T.U. in all its proceedings, and all its formularies. The "libres penseurs" and the "esprits forts" in French Freemasonry are now seeking to remove this profession of faith in God as a pre-requisite for admission into the Masonic Order in France, in order that those who do not believe and those who do may meet on equal ground. Belgian Freemasonry is following suit, and if it carries out its present insane agitation to a logical result will assuredly fall, lamented by none, as, to say the truth, some of the utterances of unwise Belgian Masons have been most offensive to our English mind. And yet there is no reason why those sensible and stable Flemings should so belie the dictates of their national good feeling and indigenous common sense. We heard of a story the other day which we believe can be thoroughly depended upon. In a lodge in France or Belgium, but one of the two, which matters not, an aspirant was asked, did he believe in God? "Jamais," was the reply. "Jamais?" asked the Venerable. "Jamais de ma vie," was the response, and a murmur of approval ran through the lodge. Comment is needless. If this liberty of unbelief and negation is to characterise the French and Belgian lodges, the future of Freemasonry in those countries is pretty certain to be a melancholy one. It is not difficult to foretell what its end must be, humanly speaking. We protest once for all, in the name of our common and religious Order, against this pitiful agitation, and this unwholesome change, this Jesuitical and puerile pretence of toleration, this uprooting of the universal formula of Masonic recognition of the Most High. And another great danger staring us in the face is the theory that Freemasonry is an association whose one idea is the "solidarity of humanity," whatever that may mean. Hence comes the grave error, that Freemasonry has a right to mix itself up with questions which affect the political status, the general and special condition of nations and the world. We conceive this to be a fatal misunderstanding of the real character and scope of Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a benevolent brotherhood, favourable to peaceful progress and advancing civilization, professing toleration of opinion, and liberty of conscience, devoted to active labours of kindness and benevolence, but not "travelling beyond its own record," not "testifying," or holding forth out of its own lodges, in matters of personal con-

test or polemical excitement. It simply avows its own kindly, considerate, large-hearted, and unchanging teaching, and leaves it to the sympathies of its brethren, and the approval of mankind. But it nowhere professes to dogmatize, nor seeks to denounce. Sufficient for it that it proclaims religiously the teaching of its unvarying principles, and seeks to demonstrate their enduring worth, by the active fruits and labours of brotherly love. Carefully, then, should we all ever seek to act up to the warning and seasonable advice of our Royal Grand Master, to "keep clear of politics," and to "confine ourselves to our proper duties," as thus we shall best evidence and most safely maintain, before an admiring and appreciating world, the high character and noble aims of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry.

## ANONYMOUS MASONIC COMMUNICATIONS.

It would almost seem as if the writers and senders of anonymous letters and the like were just now on the increase, as if we had a number of "special agents" in society, who sought to do as much mischief as they could do, and traduce the fair fame of some unsuspecting neighbour. The Bishop of Lincoln has recently objected to the admission of "alms bags" in churches, on account of, inter alia, cuttings from papers, and anonymous communications thrown in. And here we, as Freemasons, have to complain of some kind brother, in the purest spirit of Masonic philanthropy, sending us an anonymous communication, directed to the *The Freemason*, which consists of printed extracts from our own paper, and one or two friendly MS. comments. To whom we are indebted for such a truly Masonic attention we do not exactly know, and it is not worth while to trouble our minds about his personality, as that personality must be very low, and those Masonic principles must be very valueless which could induce any one to act as "Bro. Anonymous" has acted with respect to *The Freemason*. The comments he makes, and the animus he displays are alike beneath notice, indeed so childish, so ridiculous are they, that it is really charitable to suppose that the individual, be he who he may, who took the trouble to gum those extracts from *The Freemason* together, and add the running comments on them, was, as one of the police magistrates said some time ago of a special case, "either mad or drunk." And here we leave the matter. Did we know the writer and transmitter of this precious communication positively, we should decline to meet him in a lodge, or acknowledge him as a brother, as we feel sure that all our readers will agree with us in holding, that of all reptiles who crawl on this mother earth, the lowest and vilest of all is the anonymous libeller. No true Freemason will, even under any circumstances, be a cowardly slanderer or surreptitious traducer of his brother.

## THE PROPAGATION OF ERROR.

A new Masonic journal, *Il Moto*, published at Palermo, of which we have received No. 4, seems to treat the spurious so-called Grand Lodge "Les Philadelphes" as a veritable Masonic body, and to assume that Bro. Valleton is acting in the interest of English Freemasons. We must beg at once to undeceive our contemporary, whose appearance we welcome, and to protest against any assumption by which an illegal and clandestine body can be called a Grand Lodge in England, and distinctly to declare that Bro. Valleton's profession of acting in the interest of the English brethren is an insult to our entire Craft. *Il Moto* rests its statement on the authority of the *Monde Maçonnique*, which, as we have already shown, has taken a most reprehensible liberty alike in respect of the name of our English brethren and the dignity and legal position of the English Grand Lodge.

## "LE MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND "THE FREEMASON."

We shall call attention to some remarks in this periodical for March in our next.



## A GRAVE PERIL.

Poor man is never free from dangers of one kind or another here. Indeed, while many are the perils of his way, the greatest of all arises from the dangerous snares of woman! It always has been so in the history of the world, it even now is so, and we may feel perfectly satisfied that it always will be so. A forlorn and helpless biped cannot escape from the delusions and artifices of the designing or the dangerous female. Indeed, it is still true as when the poet sang of old, as man journeys along, that "Incident in Scyllam cupiens evitare Charibdin," or, as we say in our more homely vernacular, "he only gets out of the frying pan into the fire." Man is, therefore, greatly to be pitied amid all those manœuvres, and all those seductions, whose consequences are often of the most affecting kind. We have been led into these sentimental reflections by the following extract from the proceedings of the Probate Court, in which the dangerous fascinations of a widow fully justify Mr. Weller's lucid fears of old, which some of our readers will probably well remember.

Let us note the account:—"And did she not make you an offer of marriage?" The witness shook his head, but did not seem quite at ease. Mr. Sergeant Robinson.—There was no wrong in it. I repeat, did she not ask you to marry her? Witness.—Well, well! She didn't ask me to marry her, but very near. When I had resolved on leaving, I said in the morning, 'I must leave to-day.' 'Leave to-day,' she said. 'Yes,' I said, 'I must.' She said, 'Oh, no; I wish you would stop a little longer.' 'I can't,' I said, 'I can't; I have some business to attend to, but I'll come up again in a day or two.' 'Ah! she said, 'but I feel the night so bad.' You may judge from that that it was coming very close. But a friend had warned me on coming up from Tunbridge. 'Beware, Bark!' he said, 'Beware!' and I was very glad. (Great merriment, in which the learned President heartily joined, was occasioned by the vividness with which the witness narrated this memorable and perilous incident in his history.) Certainly the matter was beginning to get very pressing indeed, when the lonely widow thus opens out her heart to an obdurate male friend, and as it is not every one who likes to come to such close quarters, *prima facie*, we can quite enter into the modest hesitation of poor "Bark." But yet, who knows, the widow was probably like other widows, kind and considerate, pleasant and prosperous, and on the whole, taking the affair all round, as they say, we think that "Bark" had better have faced the danger like a man, and, like "Jack Smart," made himself agreeable and sentimental at the same time, and married the widow. If we were to understand that widows were in the habit generally of making such advances to timid and recalcitrant "man," we should deem it to be our duty to take the high moral line and make a "deliverance" on the subject. But widows are more or less privileged persons, whether like the sympathetic and lonely woman in the story before us, who felt the "night so bad," or like that charming creation of Anthony Trollope, Mrs. Max Göslar, who says to the man of her heart and affections, in all the fulness of her gushing nature, "At last, at last!" It will be seen, that as sensible Freemasons we have taken a lenient, a friendly, and we will add, a Masonic view of the subject. Widows, like the fair individual of whom "Bark" was so afraid, are, as far as we know anything about the matter, like our estimable Order, courteous and kindly, philanthropic and friendly, in the highest degree. We think that "Bark" made a mistake, and had better not have shown the "white feather" to a lone woman, for after all a widow is only a widow still, and nothing else. The story has its alarming side, alike for the peace and comfort of young bachelors and old bachelors, of desponding widowers, of timorous misogynists; and we recommend our many readers to peruse it carefully, and lay it to heart. Who knows how soon that we may have ourselves to face "Bark's" danger, and let us hope that in such an emergency of our life, we may prove equal to the occasion, and seek to comport ourselves with

he alacrity and dignity of men, of Britons, and of Freemasons.

## THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

We congratulate Bro. D. Murray Lyon on his election, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland on their appointment of so fitting a brother for so important a post. We shall recur to the subject in our next.

## THE SPURIOUS FRENCH GRAND LODGE IN LONDON.

(Communiqué.)

We have received the *Monde Maçonnique* for March, and find there, in answer to our natural and somewhat indignant remarks in a recent *Freemason* respecting the public announcement of this illegal body, some statements so extraordinary, signed by Bro. Adrien Grimaux, that we think it well to translate them and call the attention of our readers to them, alike at home and abroad. At page 407 we find these words under the head "Angleterre:—" "It is known that for a great number of years there existed in London a lodge, 'Les Philadelphes,' formed by foreign Masons outside the Grand Lodge of England. That is it which they call an irregular and clandestine lodge—irregular very much against its own will, because the Grand Lodge (*sic*) of England, we presume, has never been willing to grant it a warrant of constitution. As regards the clandestineness of this lodge, it has consisted in never hiding itself, acting in open day, founding a special organ, &c. (Literary, we presume.) But nevertheless it is an irregular and clandestine lodge. Since that time it has been re-united with the Lodge 'La Concorde,' and has constituted itself a mother lodge or Grand Lodge." Such is the statement which appears in the *Monde Maçonnique* of March, and certainly a more extraordinary one never was put forth by any Masonic journal. Our Grand Lodge has already warned the Craft against the "Lodge des Philadelphes," of which, or of some synonymous body, certificates have been sold up and down the country, and of which we have one in our possession. It is not true to say, as Bro. Grimaux does, that the Lodge des Philadelphes ever applied for a warrant to our Grand Lodge; the Lodge "La Concorde" did, but was, "sous tous les rapports," very properly refused one by our authorities. But no application was ever made by the lodge "Les Philadelphes." So that two surreptitious lodges, without any warrants, can meet together, both equally illegal and clandestine, and declare themselves to be a Grand Lodge, in a country where a lawful Grand Lodge exists! If this is French Masonic custom or law on the subject, (which we do not believe), the sooner it is openly repudiated by all civilized Masonic brethren the better. Our readers will perceive with amazement and regret the astounding and jesuitical argument of the paragraph we have translated above. A lodge which has not a warrant from a lawful Grand Lodge, and for which in addition it has never applied, cannot be considered irregular, because it professes a wish for a warrant; and should not be considered clandestine, because it openly avows its breach of all Masonic local and general law. A lodge which has been refused a warrant, for good and sufficient reasons, has a right to join another lodge without a warrant at all, and constitute itself and call itself a Grand Lodge, in a country where a legal Grand Lodge exists, and a respectable Masonic journal is openly to defend the illegality and the impertinence of such an act. May we not fairly say, "Risum teneatis amici et fratres." Luckily in England we care nothing for such manœuvres; they are alike ridiculous and contemptible, and this illegal body may well be left to itself, and its fanfaronades to silent contempt. But certainly we are not prepared for such "outrecuidance," to use another French expression, in those who profess to belong to a lawful body of French Freemasons, and we feel that if such be the animus of the ruling faction in France (which we can ever hardly believe, and look upon it as the outcome of individual perversity alone) the friendly feeling as between English and French Freemasons will receive a shock from which they will not easily recover.

We may fairly ask ourselves what French Freemasons would say if English Freemasons in Paris imitated the course of action of these obscure foreigners who belong to the "Philadelphes?" But this, by the way. The present proceeding is so outrageous, and the argument in support of it so preposterous, that we have thought it well to leave them to the public opinion of our Order. We give the actual French, to which allusion has been made above. "On sait que depuis un grand nombre d'années, il existe à Londres une Loge, les Philadelphes, formée par des Maçons étrangers en dehors de la grande Loge d'Angleterre. C'était ce que l'on appelle une Loge irrégulière et clandestine: irrégulière bien malgré elle, puisque la Grande Loge n'a jamais voulu lui accorder de constitutions. Quant à la clandestinité de cette Loge, elle a consisté à ne jamais se cacher, à agir au grand jour, à fonder un organe spécial, etc. Mais, enfin, c'était une Loge irrégulière et clandestine. Depuis, elle s'est réunie à la Loge la Concorde, et s'est constituée en Loge mère ou Grande Loge." We have not entered into any questions as regards Bro. Valleton, &c. We are publicists, not personalists, and we only write "pro bono publico," and with a desire to uphold the honour of Freemasonry, and the rights and dignity of our own distinguished Grand Lodge.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## HUNGARIAN FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following is the translation of the extract from the Hungarian Masonic paper *Hajnal*, as transcribed by "Carpathianus" in your issue of the 17th inst., "According to a report in the *Freemason*, the G.M. of New Zealand has granted the constitution for the formation of a new lodge in Cumara. This news in itself is not extraordinary, but becomes interesting from the fact that Kumara—an auriferous district, about 80 miles from Hokitika—though only very recently discovered, counts already 7000 inhabitants, more than 50 of whom are members of the Craft."

Diosy, P.M., P.Z. 534.

[The *Hajnal* is left at 198 Fleet-street, for Bro. Diosy.]

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In justice to the Girls' School, to which I am indirectly under deep obligations, I hope to be allowed to make a few remarks upon the system of education adopted at that institution.

I have two sisters who were educated in the school, and I must say that during the term of their sojourn there the domestic portion of their education was in no way neglected, and at the time of leaving the school they were both well versed in the art of cookery, &c.

I have also the pleasure of knowing two young ladies in this neighbourhood, formerly inmates of the school, who are willing and anxious to corroborate the above statement.

I deeply regret to hear of any brother who would endeavour to cast unjust aspersions upon the usefulness of so noble an institution.

Yours fraternally,

L.P.M.

Manchester, 18th March, 1877.

## THE OLDEST MASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in yours of last Saturday, March, 17, a paragraph stating Bro. Norris, Warden at the Royal Benevolent Institution, Croydon, to be the oldest Mason in England, age 87, and 65 years a Mason; but we have in Stockport a brother slightly Bro. Norris's senior, viz., Bro. Philip Chetham, who is Secretary to the Lodge of Peace, 322. He has now reached his ninetieth year and his sixty-sixth year as a Mason. He was present at their usual monthly meeting, held at the Warren Bulkley Arms, on the 7th ult., at the initiation of his fourth grandson, Mr. James Chetham, who is nineteen years of age, and who was initiated by dispensation. At the social board this veteran brother sang some Masonic songs with much enthusiasm.

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. RICHARDSON,  
S.W. 645.

## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Believing that it is to the interest of the Order that all our lodges should keep within the four corners of our constitution, I think it right to draw attention to the report of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, as it appeared in your paper of the 17th inst., and as I have not the pleasure of knowing any of the brethren of that lodge, I trust my remarks will not be supposed to be made in a captious spirit.



Your report says, "An emergency meeting of this high-class lodge was held on Tuesday, &c., &c.," and goes on to say that ballots were severally taken for certain gentlemen, and amongst them one for a joining brother. Now, the Constitutions say in the clearest possible manner, that "No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge, &c., &c., have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting, at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate, &c., is to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot."

It is therefore clearly irregular for any brother to be balloted for at any lodge of emergency, under heavy penalties.

I have observed that several brethren complain, and rightly too, of not having a copy of the Constitutions. In the bye-laws of the lodge of which I am the present W.M. it is provided that a copy of the Constitutions, as well as a copy of the bye-laws, shall be given to every brother on his initiation.

Were this plan more generally adopted, it would go far to prevent many useless questions being asked by brethren in your columns.

I am fairly puzzled to know the meaning of W.S., and what office it can be; and as the term is not confined to the report of the lodge above referred to, probably there will be no difficulty in giving me the designation and where to find it in the Book of Constitutions, for I have searched in vain.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT CASE,  
Past Prov. G. Sec. Dorset.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

In your reply to my queries of last week you say that it is usual for the Stewards to be installed at the same time as the other officers, and that the appointment will appear on the minute book. But in the case I alluded to neither had been done. In such a case, is the brother, who had never been invested in open lodge, nor had his name inserted in the minute book as having been appointed a Steward, but merely received a note from the W.M. elect, asking him to be a Steward. Is he, under these circumstances, justified in acting as Steward.

Yours fraternally,

J. D. F.

[He must be invested, and the instalment entered in the minutes of the lodge.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Just allow me to inform Bro. Magnus Ohren that the question of P.P.G. Steward did not originate from W.M.C.N., nor, yours fraternally,

R. W. O.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you, or some one of your numerous readers, kindly inform me, through the medium of your widely read columns, when, where, and by whom our M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was made a Mason, and in what lodge he now holds Past Master's rank?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. E.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is stated by Preston and other Masonic writers that the "Ancient Masons," after their secession from the Grand Lodge of England, acknowledged no superior until they elected the Duke of Athol as their Grand Master in 1774. I think there must be some mistake in this assertion, as I have seen a warrant constituting a lodge at Macclesfield in 1764, signed by the Earl of Kelly, G.M., and Laurence Dermott, Secretary, and which evidently emanates from that body.

Can any of your readers inform me on the subject?

Yours fraternally,

A. T.

[The following appeared in our contemporary of the 16th inst.]

"THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON."

(To the Editor of the Scottish Freemason.)

Sir,—I have received and read with great pleasure the first number of the *Scottish Freemason*, and will do all I can to induce the brethren here to become subscribers.

It has made its appearance very opportunely.

If the affairs of Grand Lodge are to be kept in proper working order, there must be a searching investigation by Grand Committee. They must make up their minds to spend hours, if not days, superintending and investigating, and get things put into proper business form.

The unsatisfactory elections of Grand Committee should be vigorously opposed by the whole Craft. Indeed, it is the current belief throughout the lodges that there should be a clean sweep of both old committeemen and old officials, and then there would be more hope for a life of vigour and improvement.

I hope that your journal, in recording the proceedings of Grand Lodge, Provincial lodges, and the daughter lodges, will not spare the "surgeon's knife" whenever or wherever it is required; and that, with the hearty co-operation of the lodges, the Finance Committee may before the end of the year be able to report satisfactory progress.

I hope that Grand Lodge will get a Grand Secretary of thorough business habits, whose heart and soul are in his work, and, having nothing else to do, that he will make the business department of Grand Lodge a model of perfection.

A. THOMSON.

Galashiels, 12th March, 1877.

## Reviews.

THE ROYAL MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA, Part XXX.

We congratulate Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie on the conclusion of his work, which we see, by the last number received, he has successfully achieved. The old adage is still "finis coronat opus," and we always think that the author who looks back on his completed work can regard with some satisfaction the work of his hands. Bro. K. Mackenzie has shown great diligence and much industry in the continuous work of a cyclopædia, and has laboured earnestly to give to the Masonic brotherhood a very readable book. In the present taste and temper of our student Masons there is plenty of room for a cyclopædia like that of Bro. K. Mackenzie, which offers, to those especially who take the hermetic view, a fund of information on a most difficult subject. Just now many cyclopædias ask for public approval, Mackay and Macoy, Oliver and Bailey, the "Handbuch," and Bro. K. Mackenzie, to say nothing of old Güdiche and accurate Lenning; but Bro. K. Mackenzie has presented to his friends and readers what may be termed a "hermetic cyclopædia," which, as a "Masonic Student," we heartily accept as a very laudable contribution to severe studies and abstruse speculation.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A SELECTION OF SCARCE AND VALUABLE BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY.—On Sale by Bro. JOHN HOGG, Paternoster-row, E.C.

We have read this catalogue with much interest, and commend it to the notice of individual members and lodge librarians. Many of the works advertised are both scarce and valuable, and would be well worth the attention of all who are making up Masonic libraries, and it is right to point out that though some Masonic works are very dear now, they will probably yet be dearer still, and we, therefore, think it well to remind our readers, and all who are interested in Masonic literature, that they now have the opportunity of purchasing books which subsequently may not be so easily met with.

THE "SCOTTISH FREEMASON," No. 2.

We liked the first number very much; we like the second number still more, and we feel sure that it has a career of success before it. It gives a great amount of well-arranged and interesting matter, at a most moderate price, and is admirably printed and supervised. As a new literary Masonic bantling it comes before Freemasons, and above all in Scotland, with every claim for attention and approval. Many of our Scottish brethren and readers, "per mare et per terras," will like to hear of the Masonic doings in the "Land o' Cakes," and we think it but right to remind them that they now have the opportunity, at a very cheap rate, of keeping up their connection with the "auld country," and of knowing how the Masonic world "wags its way." We offer again to editor and publisher our hearty congratulations and good wishes.

## THE AUTOCRAT AT THE ROUND TABLE.

MERCURY—"But what is Freemasonry? I don't understand it."

PUFF—turning over a number of papers—selects one and reads—"Dr. Oliver, one of the greatest Masonic writers, has defined it as 'the handmaid of religion.' Our system beautifully exemplifies this definition. It is truly the handmaid of religion, inasmuch as, without violating any creed or dogma, it inculcates the love of our great Creator, teaches us in contemplating His works to estimate duly His mighty power, to admire the symmetry with which He has designed them all, and finally, to appreciate the beauty of His every work. Where can we find greater teaching than this?"

MERCURY—"Ah, where? But is this taught in your lodges?"

PUFF—"All this and more. One of its greatest principles is 'Charity.' Listen once more." Reads—"This is a word of vast importance and significance, it is not only giving to the poor and distressed of your abundance, it is much more than this; 'it is charity of mind—charity of feeling—charity of character—and charity of action—it is the incarnation of every moral and social virtue.' Masonry, moreover, inculcates another duty, viz., a good and well-spent life; an example to our fellow-mortals, ruled by the four cardinal virtues—Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, and Justice. These teachings, if properly carried out, must necessarily extend the power of man's intellect (the great and glorious boon given by the Creator to mankind) and enable him to contemplate that great principle, that the wisest philosophers of ancient days could never fathom—"The knowledge of oneself." What, then, it may be asked, is Freemasonry—is it nothing? or is it not rather one of the grandest conceptions of the mortal mind? Briefly then, again, what is Masonry? 'It is a system of morality founded on the belief in the Creator; a true love and adoration of His name; exemplified by using our faculties to His honour and glory, and the benefit of our fellow creatures; by ruling our lives and actions according to His laws; by a perfect exercise of charity in its most extended meaning; in fact, 'Faith in God, hope in His promises, and to be in charity with all men.'"

MERCURY—"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Mason; but what work is it you are quoting?"

PUFF—"A new publication called the *Scottish Freemason*, which should be in the hands of every brother."

MERCURY—"May I read it?"

PUFF—"Certainly." Hands it over. Mercury immediately falls to reading it, and Puff resumes his studies.—*Kelso Courier*, March 16th.

## BELFAST MASONIC CHARITY FUND AND MASONIC WIDOWS' FUND.

The annual meeting in connection with the above funds was held on the 12th inst., in Freemasons' Hall, Arthur-square, Belfast, at 8 o'clock. There was a very large attendance of the brethren present. Amongst those present were Bros. Dr. Robert Seeds, Q.C.; John G. M'Gee, Alexr. Tate, P.G.S.; John Robson, John Mooney, P.G.S.W.; Charles Lilley, Hugh Doey, Rev. T. J. Welland, Rev. W. C. M'Cullagh, John Hannan, Rev. Jonathan Seaver, Gerald Coulson, William Grant, W. J. Rainey, H. S. Hill, William Rankin, John Stott, James Creighton, John Ireland, Wm. Martin, James Scott, Thomas Nesbitt, James Allen, Joseph Gibson, James Adrain, John Adrian, Thos. Fisher, —Coates, W. H. M'Neill, A. B. Mitchell, R. M'Henry, Dr. Clements, William Brown, Lewis Ryans, William Jackson, J. Giffard, J. M'Donnell, John M'Neill, T. White, Alexr. Morrow, and others.

On the motion of Bro. Fisher, Bro. Robert Seeds was called to the chair.

The Chairman said the first part of the business of the evening was to hear the report that would be presented to them from the committee of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. After the report had been read they would have an opportunity of discussing it. He thought they would all agree with him that it was a most commendable report.

Bro. James Adrain read the annual report as follows:—

"The income for the year 1876 amounted to the sum of £128 14s. 1d., which, with a balance to the credit of the fund from the previous year of £31 16s. 3½d., makes a total of £160 10s. 4½d.; the total number of applicants who have received relief during the year being 35, at a cost of £72 14s. 3d.; incidental expenses, printing report, stationery, &c., £7 14s., leaving a balance of £82 2s. 1½d. in Treasurer's hands at the close of the year. The income during 1876 has exceeded that of any former year in the history of the fund, notwithstanding the general depression prevailing in trade. This circumstance the committee would regard as an indication of the growing interest felt by the brethren in this work of charity. The general committee during the year appointed several sub-committees to visit the lodges in the interest of the fund. In all cases the deputies were warmly received by the brethren, and good hopes are entertained that those visits will bear fruit in additional subscriptions during the ensuing year. The committee have to renew their thanks to the Rev. Dr. MacLwaine for his steady and generous support of this charity; and it is cause of thankfulness to him, as to them, that the receipts from the services in St. George's Church on St. John's Day, 24th June, have been the largest yet received from that source. The committee are glad to be in a position to state that the hope expressed in their last year's report, of having a memorial tablet erected in the Borough Cemetery, has been so far realised as that they have approved plans for same, and that the work is in course of execution by the contractors. The committee would remind the subscribers that the balance which now appears to the credit of the fund may be considered as reduced by the sum of £52 10s., which amount has been voted as their portion of the cost of memorial tablet, which they, in conjunction with the Widows' Fund, have now in course of erection."

Bro. Adrain, in the absence of the Treasurer, read the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance in hand of £80 2s. 1½d.

Bro. Rainey moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, and in doing so, said he had very great pleasure in moving the adoption of the report, inasmuch as that report was of such a satisfactory character. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Scott seconded the motion.

The Chairman said he thought they would all agree with that resolution. It was only necessary that such an institution should be well known in order to be supported. They were a large-hearted people, and all that they wanted to know was where to give vent to that large-heartedness. (Applause.)

The motion was passed.

Bro. Nesbitt moved the next resolution,—"That this meeting, whilst recording its gratitude for the past success of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, earnestly desire to impress upon the brethren the duty and necessity of still further effort to develop its usefulness and promote the virtue of charity, which is the keystone of the Masonic Order, and which should be the aim of all Freemasons to foster and extend." He thought it was unnecessary for him to make any lengthened remarks in support of the resolution. The usefulness of the charity testified for itself. He knew the great service it had rendered in cases of distress. It had been the means of relieving misery and destitution. He was sure it needed only a little pressure to make the fund a still greater success. The object was beyond all doubt a good one, and deserving of the encouragement of every member of the Masonic body. The past success of the fund had been very gratifying, but he trusted that next year would show a still further and larger increase to the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. (Applause.)

Bro. Clements, in seconding the motion, said that no deserving needy brother had ever applied in vain to them for help—(hear, hear)—and he also knew cases in which they had been willing to give a little additional luxuries to those brethren who were in some of the public institutions. He could only say it afforded him very great pleasure to second the motion. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in putting the motion, said, as far as he knew, charity was really the text of the Masonic Order. (Hear, hear.) They had been told that of all the virtues that man can possess charity was the greatest, and that text was one which they would hear occasionally on Sundays read from the book inspired by the Great Architect of the Universe. He would ask them to develop, by still



further effort, the usefulness of the fund, and promote the virtue of charity. The report which had been read showed the benefit of having these annual meetings. By last year's report there were nine lodges in Belfast which did not send in contributions. Now, was it not astonishing to think that there were nine lodges, not one of which sent one shilling to the fund? But that number had been reduced this year by one, and now there were eight which did not subscribe.

The motion was put and passed.

Bro. James Allen read the fourth annual report of the committee of the Belfast Masonic Widows' Fund, from which we extract the following:—"The total income of the year amounts to £307 15s. 3d. Of this £146 3s. 6d. has been received in annual subscriptions, and £132 16s. in donations; showing, as compared with last year, a decrease in subscriptions of £20 4s., and an increase in donations of £87 1s. The committee are glad to record that the Provincial Grand Lodge has this year made a grant of £10 to the charity; and that two brethren, having duly qualified themselves, are added to the roll of life members. They gratefully acknowledge, also, the sum of £20, as contributed on St. John's Day in St. George's Church, Belfast; and they desire to express their deep sense of the cordial and untiring efforts of the incumbent of that church—the Rev. Wm. Macilwaine, D.D.—on this, as on former occasions, to ensure the success of the proceedings of the day. It is with great pleasure that your committee have to report that a purse (containing £15 18s. 6d.), being the first presentation of the kind, had been presented by two ladies (Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Henderson), the widows of deceased brethren, who have thus nobly shown their sympathy with the objects of this institution. A donation has also been received from another lady in token of her approbation of the aid given to a widow in whom she was interested. During the year grants of various sums amounting to £105 were made to twelve widows, and, as their families number in all thirty-five children, it will be seen how considerable was the relief thus afforded. In making such grants the committee endeavour to exercise the greatest care and discrimination. In reviewing what has been done, the committee desire to express their humble thanks to Almighty God for the success of the Widows' Fund. They believe that the institution may now be fairly considered as having justified its formation, and as having established itself in the good opinion of the Masons of the province. But the committee would once more earnestly appeal to the Masons of this province, and especially to those who had not yet contributed to this useful work, generously to aid in maintaining and enlarging the operations of this fund; and they are confident that they will not appeal in vain. In the dark hour of distress the star of Masonry ever shines with redoubled lustre; and a charity like this will not be suffered to fail, which enters the homes of departed brethren—once bright and happy, now shadowed by loss and pressed by care—to comfort the grieving heart of the widow, and to relieve the wants of the orphan.

Bro. Ireland (Treasurer) read the statement of accounts. It appeared that there was a balance in hand of £41 13s.

Bro. Mooney moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. He thought that the balance in hand should be a source of gratification. The number of subscribers had fallen off, but that was a matter easy to be explained. They had been passing through a very dull time in trade in Belfast, indeed, he might say over the world. They should not, however, let this discourage them in any way. He hoped the report would stimulate them to greater exertions, and that they would build up the fund so as to leave it as an enduring monument when they had shuffled off this mortal coil.

Bro. J. G. McGee had great pleasure in seconding the motion. It was very gratifying to him to hear that report read, and to learn that the fund was in such a satisfactory condition. It was a gratifying thing to know that, although the fund was so short a time in existence, it had done so much good. (Applause.)

The motion was passed, and the report adopted.

Bro. John Hanna moved—"That, whilst thankful to Almighty God for the good already attained, this meeting would urge on lodges and members who have not yet subscribed the importance of doing so, in order to meet the increasing obligations of this charity in the future." He said it was most gratifying to them all to hear the report that had been presented to them. He trusted that next year they would have a still more encouraging one. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Rev. T. J. Welland seconded the motion, which was passed.

On the motion of Bro. Clements, seconded by Bro. Brown, a vote of thanks was passed to the committee of both funds.

Bros. Adrain and Allen having returned thanks, Bro. Rev. T. J. Welland was called to the second chair.

Bro. Ireland moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Seeds for his kindness in presiding.

Bro. Alex. Tate seconded the motion, which was passed with great warmth.

Bro. Seeds having returned thanks, the proceedings terminated.

**ILLUMINATED MASONIC ALMANACK FOR 1877.**—Upwards of 14000 of these artistic almanacks have been supplied. As the number is now limited, early application by those who wish to possess a copy, is very necessary. Gratis on application, or will be sent post free to any part of the world on receipt of name and address, legibly written, accompanied by two penny stamps.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227 and 1471, will work the installation ceremony on Tuesday next in the Islington Lodge of Instruction. Brethren are invited to attend.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday afternoon in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, for the purpose of electing a Secretary. The throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., M.W. G.M. of Scotland, who was assisted in the discharge of his duties by Bro. Mann, S.W., and Bro. William Hay, acting J.W. Among those on the dais were Bros. Roger Montgomerie, M.P. prox. R.W.M. Kilwinning; Captain Harriott, Prov. G.M., Wigtown and Kirkcudbright; H. Inglis of Torrance, D.G.M.; Dr. Loth, representative of the Grand Orient of France; Dr. Middleton, Prox. M. 363; Alex. Hay, Grand Jeweller; W. L. Mair, Prox. M. 89; A. N. Clark, Prox. M. 367; Rev. J. H. Tait, S.W. 57; F. A. Barrow, Prox. D.M., Glasgow; W. Officer Prox. M. 11; R. Wadler, R.W.M. 145. The hall was crowded, and there was a very large attendance of brethren from the Western provinces, among whom were Bros. J. Munro, R.W.M., Ollver, D.M., and Finlay, S.W. 360; Kyle, R.W.M., and J. Baird, P.M. 34; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. G.S. Glasgow; Fisher, R.W.M. 129; W. Nelson, R.W.M. Athole; T. Stobo, R.W.M. 581, &c. Several brethren endeavoured to obtain proxies, but they were not available, for voting upon that day, as they had not been sustained by a quarterly communication of Grand Lodge.

Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart opened the lodge in the E.A. Degree, and it was afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The report of the committee appointed at last communication was then read, from which it appeared that applications had been received from 15 candidates for the office of Grand Secretary, and this had been reduced to 3. They proposed that a salary of £400 per annum should be paid, and an allowance of £100 a year granted for a clerk.

Bro. Officer said that he had an amendment to propose to the recommendations of the committee. Personally he had no objection that the sum should be paid, provided they had money wherewith to give it. At present the income of the Grand Lodge had been insufficient by £200 or £300 a year to meet the expenditure. He had no doubt from what he knew of the Grand Lodge and its affairs that they might by-and-by have the balance on the proper side of the account. Until that change took place he had to propose that they should discharge their duties as members of the Grand Lodge in the same way and with the same degree of prudence as they would show in administering their own affairs. (Applause.) It would only be eating the head off the Grand Lodge if they did not pay such expenses from funds coming in. They had also to take into consideration, along with the recommendation of the committee, that the office of cashier was to be separated, and some one appointed to this post at a salary of £200. With this £200, £400 recommended for Secretary and another £100 for an assistant, they would raise the cost of management to the large sum of £700. They had hitherto been paying Bro. Laurie a salary of 300 guineas, and without giving anything for the Grand Secretary's clerk; they now wanted to more than double that sum. Seeing that they were not able from their income to pay 300 guineas without encroaching on the capital, he thought it would be very absurd to give £400 or £500 away. He proposed a salary of £300 be fixed, and £100 for a clerk.

Bro. Hay, acting J.W., seconded the motion.

Bro. Mackenzie moved that the recommendation of the Grand Committee should be adopted.

Bro. Kennedy, R.W.M. No. 391, supported the motion proposed by Bro. Officer. It was but reasonable that the salary of Secretary should be reduced if the lodges were not able to pay the sum mentioned. ("They are able.") It had been explained that the Grand Lodge was in difficulties, and it would be a serious matter and a growing cancer were they to increase their responsibilities when they were not able to overtake those they had at present. (Applause.) It was a scandal to Masonry in Scotland that circulars had been sent round the lodges stating that the Grand Lodge was £13,000 behind, while that of England was paying £4000 to the Lifeboat Institution, and proposing to build a temple on the Thames Embankment. (Applause.)

Bro. A. Thomson, Galashiels, seconded the motion that the recommendation of the committee should be adopted. He thought this was only a fair sum to pay for a Secretary, if they wished to obtain an intelligent business man. (Applause.) Bro. Officer told them that their income was not sufficient, but the fact was they could not tell anything about their income. (Applause.) Nobody could tell what had come in, and nobody could tell what had gone out. (Applause.) It had been stated again and again that all the confusion which had arisen was caused by the Grand Secretary having been underpaid, and were they to repeat that? ("No.") In regard to the statement made by Bro. Officer that the cashier was to get £200, he said that this sum had not been fixed by the Grand Lodge, and it was merely a matter for future consideration. His opinion was that the whole business ought to be conducted for £400.

Bro. Officer said he did not wish to reply, but simply to state that he did not grudge £400 provided they had the money. Before they put their hands in their pockets to give away anything they should know that they had got it. (Applause.)

A show of hands was then taken, when there voted for the recommendation of the committee 217, and for Bro. Officer's motion 131.

A number of brethren alleged that a mistake had been committed, and demanded that the roll should be called. Bro. Officer expressed himself satisfied, but as it was formally moved and seconded, the roll was called, with the following result:—For the recommendation of the committee, 187; for Bro. Officer's motion, 196—which was, therefore, declared carried.

The Chairman then stated that the next business before the meeting was the election of a Grand Secretary. The committee had reduced the list of applicants to three, namely, Bro. Heath, of London; Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Ayr; and Bro. Wylie, Kilwinning.

Bro. Mann, S.W., said that although he did not think he would be successful in carrying the gentleman he had to propose, it was right that his name should be brought forward, especially as they had advertised for candidates in England. He begged to propose that Bro. Heath, London, should be appointed Secretary, as that gentleman had received some very flattering testimonials from office-bearers and other gentlemen connected with the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Christie seconded the nomination.

A show of hands was then taken, but only six were held up in favour of Bro. Heath.

Bro. Barrow proposed Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of Ayr. At that late hour he did not mean to say much in regard to Bro. Lyon, but from the recommendation which had been placed in their hands they would easily see that this gentleman was well qualified to discharge the duties of Grand Secretary. He had met Bro. Lyon both in and out of Grand Lodge, and could state with confidence that no one was more fitted to discharge the duties of this office. They all knew he had bestowed a great amount of labour on Masonry, and his works on that subject were acknowledged standards, not only in Scotland, but all over the world. (Applause.) Moreover, he was a man of business, and had managed a large establishment in Ayr, and was, in fact, the fittest man they could appoint.

Bro. D. Robinson, B.B., seconded the motion. As a member of the Grand Lodge he had had a great deal to do with the province of Ayrshire, and there was no one they could more rely on than Bro. Lyon in all their difficulties. He did not mean to say a single word against any of the other candidates, but Bro. Lyon was better known amongst members of the Grand Lodge for the way he had already acted, the services he had already rendered, and the way he always conducted himself amongst the brethren. (Applause.) He paid no attention to the fact whether he was an ordained or unordained elder of the Church of Scotland. What they wanted was an active, energetic man, qualified to discharge the duties of Secretary. (Applause.)

Bro. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., said he had taken the responsibility upon himself, as proxy Master of Lodge Mother Kilwinning, to propose for election Bro. Wylie, who for many years had been Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire. (Applause.) At that late hour, and after the lively entertainment they had had of hearing the names read, he was not going to detain them long by enumerating the good qualities of Bro. Wylie. (Applause.) In submitting his name along with Bro. Lyon, for whom he had the greatest respect, he only asked them to give their vote to the person whom they considered best qualified to fill the post. (Applause.) If their choice fell on Bro. Wylie, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying they would make a choice which would be beneficial to Masonry in Scotland, and a great satisfaction to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire. (Applause.) During the last fifteen years Bro. Wylie had done good service to the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning. He was a man in the prime of life, trained up to business habits, and had thorough practical experience. (Applause.)

Bro. M'Cosh, R.W.M. 290, seconded the nomination of Bro. Wylie.

A show of hands was afterwards taken, when there voted for Bro. Murray Lyon 210, and for Bro. Wylie 128.

Bro. Lyon was afterwards called in, and Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart intimated the appointment.

Bro. Lyon acknowledged the compliment, and was then installed.

This concluded the business, and the Grand Lodge was subsequently closed in due and ancient form.

## TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

At a preliminary meeting, held at the Masonic Rooms, Aldersgate-street, March 15th, present Bros. E. M. Hub-buck, Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 140 and 1320; Henry Birdseye, P.M. Panmure Lodge, 715; F. D. R. Copestick, P.M. Gresham Lodge, and P.G.S. Bearer, Herts, M.E.Z. Lion and Lamb Chapter, 192; S. G. Myers, P.M. and Treas. Panmure Lodge, 715; E. F. Storr, W.M. Neptune Lodge, 22; F. Fellows, J.W. Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192; George Kenning, P.M. and Treasurer Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192, Treasurer Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, P.G.D. Middlesex—it was considered that the time had arrived when the brethren should recognise, in some substantial form, the many valuable services Bro. H. Muggeridge has rendered to the cause of Freemasonry, both as a Preceptor and as a great supporter of all the Masonic Charities. It was, therefore, resolved that a request should at once be made to the Craft generally in support of this object.

Bro. E. M. Hubbuck has kindly consented to act as Chairman and Treasurer, and Bro. Francis Fellows as Secretary.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.—ADVN



## WHAT MIGHT BE.

If we look over the written history of our fraternity, we shall find that very shortly after the revival of 1717 in London it was brought to this country, and, finding congenial soil, it took root and grew, slowly at first, as was but natural in a sparsely settled country, and more vigorously when the colonies had become a nation, so that Ben Franklin and his lodge, at the Hoop, in Water-street, Philadelphia, have grown into ten thousand lodges and more than half a million Masons. The end is not yet, for annually there is an increase in the number of the brethren and the family circles, called lodges, where they meet and transact business. During the period of little more than a century, in which the transformation from a handful to a vast army has taken place, we shall find that, apart from the mere routine, the reception of profanes, the making of laws and supervising their execution, the giving to the needy—of which we desire, in the spirit of the institution, to make no boast, rather wishing that, in so far as that particular branch of our labour is concerned, the right hand may not know what the left is doing—during this period we may say that we have devoted ourselves to growing. We have so cared for our stewardship that its roots have deeply penetrated the soil, and its leaves and branches spread themselves abroad until in every estate of humanity we find it represented, and within its grasp a power not equally possessed by any other human association, for the reason that within our assemblies there is nothing to arouse the divisions and animosities among men that naturally grow out of their varying opinions on matters pertinent to this or the other world—to this in the scramble for wealth, position, power; the heart-burnings of rank and caste and station—to the other in that old battle between Armageddon, and the rest, in which, as a general rule, you can only go to heaven if you see your way through my spectacles, or, vice versa, you are sure to bring up in outer darkness if you look through your own. This at least then we have accomplished, that we have gathered together a half million of intelligent men, not one of whom has given up or been expected to give up an iota of his religious faith, or of his political convictions, but yet who see for themselves that it is possible for men to entertain the most thoroughly opposite ideas, and yet recognise the fact that they are still men, and may live in accord, and work happily together for good, notwithstanding that they vote different tickets, or take different roads to reach the final rest. That in reaching this result we have been the disciples and the exemplars of toleration in the largest and most beneficial way cannot be successfully contradicted, and this especially, because while we have no special faith to advocate, neither have we any to oppose, and so leaving every-one unmolested in the pursuit of what may be happiness to him, we are, so to speak, the custodians of a pleasant retreat, where men may forget for a time the world and its strife in the enjoyment of friendship and social communion unmarred by jarring incentives.

But the question presents itself, are we not capable as an organisation of more extended usefulness? Are we, considering the material of which our association is composed, exercising our real weight in community and demonstrating, as we might do, the real value of associated effort? Every thinking man will at once say No—decidedly No. Take an illustration. Masonry has a literature, as witness its thousands of published volumes, from the balderdash of the parrot up to the effusions of the scholar and philosopher, and yet, except the mere manuals and guides to the ceremonial, we doubt whether any Masonic author ever got as much for his labour as he could have earned with a shovel, in the same length of time. No Masonic journal has ever had more than a temporary success; not one has ever been permanently established, and there is not, to the best of our belief, one brother who has devoted himself to the literature of Masonry, to the instruction of the brethren, and to the championship of the Institution, who has not poverty for his reward. And yet how different all this might be. If only one brother in ten would feel called by his pride in the Craft to remember the agency by which, more than all others, it has been enabled to resist the attacks of its enemies, and stand before the world as proudly as to-day it does, its power and security would be still further enhanced, and its servants have some brighter visions in the future than that of a pauper's grave.—*New York Dispatch.*

## Obituary.

## BRO. R. S. M. VAUGHAN.

On the 6th inst. a large number of Freemasons attended the funeral of the late Bro. R. S. M. Vaughan, at Concham, near Redcar, Yorkshire. The W.M.'s of the Marwood Lodge (Cleveland) and of the Restoration Lodge (Darlington) were present, and among other brethren were Bros. John Hodgson, J. C. Martin, J. Morrell, J. H. Bell, W. Bell, Rev. J. Buswell, Dr. Arrowsmith, and — Waller, P.M. Marwood Lodge. The service was choral, the Rev. J. B. Towne officiating. The deceased brother, who was only 27 years of age, was well known in Darlington and adjacent towns, having established a thriving patent business in connection with the well-known firm of Messrs. Vaughan & Son, London. During the past few months our deceased brother had suffered several domestic bereavements, his wife and second child having died within little more than two months before his death. His untimely decease has occasioned poignant sorrow to his brethren and numerous friends.

A full report of the proceedings at the consecration of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, which takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, will be given in our next.

## MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The last Masonic Ball of the festive season, but certainly one of the most enjoyable and jolliest of the series, took place at the Great George-street Assembly Rooms, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. The arrangements were admirable, and the absence of anything like stiffness gave the assembly quite a "happy family" tone. The ball was organised and carried out by prominent members of various lodges in the neighbourhood, and, thanks to their exertions, "Our Fifth Annual Ball" was decidedly a great success in every respect. The guests numbered upwards of 100, and amongst those present were Bro. A. Morrison, S.W. 1540, Mrs. Morrison, and the Misses Morrison; Bro. H. Gregory, Sec. 667, and Mrs. Gregory; Bro. W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; Bro. W. Coates, 1356 and 1609, and Miss Dudleston; Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667, and Miss Jackson; H. Eve, 667, and Mrs. Eve; Bro. E. Carter, 667, and Mrs. Carter; Bro. H. Firth, J.W. 667, and Mrs. Firth; Bro. B. Myers, P.M. 1182, and Mrs. Myers; Bro. A. Bucknall, 667, and Mrs. Bucknall; Bro. S. Bushell, 667, and Miss Bramley; Bro. Barton, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Richard Brown; Bro. R. Martin, jun., W.M. 1182, and Miss Thorn; Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673, Mrs. May, and Miss B. May; Bro. E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356, Mrs. Rothwell, and Miss Rothwell; Bro. J. H. Martin, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Mrs. Skeaf; Bros. Preston, 1182; J. Weston, 1182; R. Ing, P.M. 594, and Mrs. Ing, and others. Dancing commenced about 9 o'clock and was kept up with unflagging spirit till an early hour, to the strains of Mr. Martin's quadrille band. The fame which Bro. Henry Eve has secured as a caterer was fully sustained on this occasion, as both supper and lighter refreshments were of a kind. The ball arrangements were enthusiastically carried out by the following committee: Bros. A. Morrison, Chairman; H. Gregory, Vice Chairman; W. Doyle, J. E. Jackson, R. Douglass, H. Eve, W. Coates, E. Carter, B. Myers, H. Firth (an excellent Master of the Ceremonies), and A. Bucknall (an indefatigable Hon. Sec. and Treas.)

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 30, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 24.

Lodge 1632, Stuart, S.M.H. (Consecration.)

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

## MONDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Station.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chambers.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion, Aldersgate-st. (Consecration.)  
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rosc Croix Chap. Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
" 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 753, Prince Fredk. William, Knts of St. John Hot.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, "Whittington," Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Pownall-rd., Haggerston.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
"bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

[Being Good Friday, the meetings probably will not be held.]  
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
K.T. Encamp, 26, Faith & Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 31, 1877.

## MONDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Neville-st., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of 1, M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.  
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
" 484, Faith, Gerards' Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
Neptune L. of 1, M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**KENT LODGE (No. 15).**—This lodge held its March meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Present: Bros. Pindar, W.M.; Wharman, S.W.; Cambridge, J.W.; Gliman, S.D.; Ball, J.D.; Levy, I.G.; Dukes, P.M. and Hon. Sec.; Sleeman, P.M., Treas.; and a strong muster of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Rogers, Winkley, and Burford were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by Bro. Sleeman, P.M., in the absence of the W.M. On the arrival of Bro. Pindar, W.M., the installation of Bro. Wharman, W.M. elect, who is the first Hebrew Master of the Kent Lodge, was proceeded with, and worked in a very able manner. Bro. Wharman then invested the following officers: Bros. Pindar, I.P.M.; Cambridge, S.W.; Gliman, J.W.; Sleeman, P.M., Treas.; Ball, S.D.; Levy, J.D.; Lipscomb, I.G.; Barton, P.M., W.S.; Wells, D.C.; Dukes, P.M., Sec. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Mr. Walter Lipscombe and Mr. Thomas Holloway were then initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with harmony. The toast of "The Visitors," who were many, was responded to by Bros. Gottlieb, Posener, Hollands, How, and J. Levy. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Holt, 928; Back, 1227; Pigo, 1228; Taylor, 172; Bailey, 1445; Hooper, 1260; Southwood, 1260, W.M. elect; Williams, 65. The meeting broke up at a late hour, after a very gratifying and harmonious evening.

**PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).**—An exceedingly strong meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Bros. Massey, W.M.; Phillips, S.W.; Finch, J.W.; Wiles, I.P.M.; Matthews, Sec.; Burford, Treas.; Allen, S.D.; Blyth, J.D.; Vine, Steward; Andrews, I.G.; Speight, P.M.; Tyler, and Past Masters Wilson, Vine, Watson, Green, Salmon. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Crouch, W.M. 857; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; Farquharson, 99; Foot, 1260; Holcombe, 1298; Treemer, 1309; Currey, 1425; and Jones, 1425. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Filler most ably to the Second Degree. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M.'s health was proposed by the I.P.M., who congratulated him upon the able manner in which he had performed his duties throughout his year of office, and which term was now drawing to a close. However, he would not be idle, as he had succeeded in establishing a chapter in connection with the lodge, and of which he would be the First Principal, and, in conclusion, the speaker hoped that the consecration of the chapter on the 7th proximo would be a great success. The W.M. in reply said that he had endeavoured to do his duty, and if he had succeeded in pleasing the members of the lodge he was amply satisfied, and as long as he was blessed with health he should always endeavour to be an active member of No. 173. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was responded to by those present. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that the "Phoenix" was to be congratulated upon possessing so very strong and talented an array of those officers. In his remarks he called attention to the appeal by one of their number, Bro. W. Watson, for the benefits of the R.M.B.I., and which solicitation he hoped would meet with their hearty support. In conclusion he called upon the brethren to receive this toast most cordially, and coupled it with the name of Bro. Watson. The veteran Past Master thus honoured in his reply stated that he was almost overpowered by the kind expressions that had fallen from the lips of the W.M. in lodge that day, and also at the banquet table. He had been connected with the Phoenix Lodge for 23 years, but his Masonic career extended over 38 years, and he had lived some years over the allotted space of man, but, thanks to the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe, he was still hale and hearty. In conclusion, upon behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge, he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which their health had been received. The toast of "The Officers" came next, and drew from the W.M. a very high commendation upon their individual merits. This

toast having been responded to at length by those brethren, the Tyler's toast was called and the proceedings terminated. The brethren were entertained during the evening by the instrumental, dramatic, and vocal contributions of Bros. Farquharson, Walls, Treemer, and others.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—This promising lodge held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. The W.M., Bro. T. Knowles, who was well supported by his officers, raised three brethren, and afterwards initiated Mr. Richard Josey. The ceremonies were rendered in a faultless and most impressive manner. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, which seemed to give great satisfaction to all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, the I.P.M., Bro. Butt, gave that of "The W.M.," whom he stated had given a great deal of his valuable time in so admirably carrying out his duties. The W.M. suitably replied, adding that the lodge would always find in him one whom it could rely on to support its character. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Cumming, 534, and another, who both expressed themselves highly gratified at the kind manner in which they had been received by the brethren. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Oliver, the Organist of the lodge.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).**—The installation meeting of the above was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. There were present Bros. Crouch, W.M.; S. J. Adams, S.W.; W.M. elect; Harrison, P.M., Treas.; Frances, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; Wynn Williams, M.D., S.D.; Green, J.D.; W. Newton, I.G.; Schuck, P.M.; Seaton, M.D., P.M.; King, P.M.; also Bros. Atkins, D.C.; Hamilton, Armstrong, Lavington, Bilton, Satchell, Lloyd, Beardmore, Russell, Harris, Cocks, and Edwards, M.D. Visitors were Bros. H. de Vines, 540; Mothershead, 398; S. Turquand, P.M. 1556; Drought, 163; Keeble, P.M. 1559; Carlam, 913; Tipping, 318; Thompson, 1549; Hesket, 1383; Birchell, 1503; Winslow, 857. The business of the evening was to pass Bro. Armstrong, and to install the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Crouch having ably performed the ceremony of passing, very kindly waived his privilege of installing Bro. Adams in favour of Bro. Harrison, as that brother had introduced the incoming Master into Freemasonry. Bro. Harrison having taken the chair, Bro. Adams was duly installed by him into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most creditably performed. Bro. Adams having made some remarks expressive of the regret he felt that Bro. Goden, the late J.W., had resigned the lodge, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. Wynn Williams, M.D., S.W.; Wm. Newton, J.W.; H. G. Green, S.D.; Atkins, J.D.; Edwards, M.D., I.G.; Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Sec.; and re-invested Bro. Harrison, Treas. Bro. Adams, in presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Crouch, with a Past Master's jewel, took occasion to refer to the admirable manner in which that brother had discharged the duties of his office. He was sure Bro. Crouch had merited and possessed the esteem of every brother in the lodge, and he felt his own position difficult in following the steps of so worthy a predecessor. Bro. Crouch having thanked the lodge for the valuable gift, and the routine business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the toasts of the W.M., I.P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary meeting with most cordial responses, the evening's enjoyment being enhanced by the excellent musical abilities of Bros. Atkins, Harris, Lavington, and Crouch.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—An excellent gathering of this lodge, including many visitors, was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on the 21st inst. Bro. Landon was very ably raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Body, P.M. Mr. A. A. Denham was then most impressively initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M., in the unavoidable temporary absence of Bro. P. Cooke, W.M. The lodge was then closed in due form, and a banquet followed. "The Queen and Craft" and other Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M., followed by "The Health of the Initiate." This having been acknowledged, Bro. A. A. Denham responded, and thanked his brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred on him. The Tyler's toast concluded a very happy evening.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—This lodge held its last regular meeting of the season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Wellsman, P.M., W.M.; Dalwood, P.M., S.W.; Dodson, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Dwarber, P.M., I.P.M.; Tisley, Sec.; Low, D.C.; and Bull, S. The visitors were Bros. Williams, P.A.G.P.; Guest, W.M. 1531; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c.; the Rev. W. H. W. Casely, 625; Osmond, 890; and Egan, 890. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. R. H. Clemow, Benningfield, Bamber, and Giscard, passed Bro. Tilby, and initiated Mr. Robert Skelton. The three difficult ceremonies were exceedingly well carried out, and in the rendering of the numerous addresses appertaining to the degrees the W.M. displayed great ability. Three guineas having been voted to the testimonial of Bro. Smith, and several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the cloth being withdrawn the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, briefly but pertinently. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," dwelt at length upon his services to St. Dunstan's, which parish he described as having been from time immemorial a distinguished one. He had known Bro. Wellsman from childhood, and he was gratified at seeing him not only holding the highest position in the lodge but also in the parish. He firmly believed that

there were many advantages to be derived by establishing local lodges, and he hoped that their example would be copied by neighbouring parishes. In conclusion he called attention to the fact that Bro. Wellsman served the office of Steward recently to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had passed the chair in another lodge, and had in every way deported himself as a good man and true. The W.M., in the course of an excellent speech, which space prevents us giving in extenso, said he felt highly gratified at the remarks which had fallen from the I.P.M., who had known him from his youth. He then, after apologising for wandering from the subject matter, went into some very interesting details upon the increase of the Craft in the metropolis. He said that since the St. Dunstan's was established two other parishes had taken the initiative, and he believed that Masonic lodges would in time supersede the old City clubs, which, in consequence of the non-residence of those engaged in trade, and who were the principal supporters of those ancient institutions, were fast dying out. Masonry was Catholic—this was evinced by the number of men of all creeds who not only eagerly joined it, but remained its steadfast supporters; and he directed their attention to the interest taken by some of the most distinguished members of the Established Church in its prosperity. In conclusion he thanked them all, and hoped that No. 1589 would continue to prosper. The W.M. then gave "The Initiate," which having been duly honoured, was acknowledged by Bro. Skelton, who briefly said that he had many times felt a desire to enter the Craft, but had lacked the opportunity; but he now felt pleased at having received that privilege from the hands of a very old friend of his in the person of their W.M., and he hoped always to be worthy the commendation of the members of his mother lodge. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Guest and Casely. In giving "The I.P.M.," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the services of Bro. Dwarber, who, in the character of first Master of the lodge, had won golden encomiums from every one. This toast having been most warmly received, elicited from the I.P.M. a very characteristic reply. "The Health of the Officers" followed in due course. The W.M., in proposing this, stated that he felt honoured at being supported by so many worthy brethren who in other Masonic fields had done good service. The Senior and Junior Wardens were most efficient officers. The Treasurer, Bro. Praed, occupied a very high social and Masonic position. The Secretary, Bro. Tisley, was a most indefatigable worker, and worthy of all praise for his general management, and the junior officers would do credit to any lodge. In conclusion he said that thus officered the lodge must flourish. The officers present having severally replied, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated. The brethren were entertained by Bros. Dodson, Tisley, Eason, Walls, Williams, Clemow, Egan, Osmond, and others.

**VALPARAISO.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 1411).**—The brethren of this lodge met for their annual celebration and installation of officers for the present year. The whole affair went off in a most successful manner. The officers installed are as follows:—Bros. W. R. Betteley, W.M.; James G. Rowe, S.W.; G. R. Gepp, J.W.; C. D. Rowe, Treas.; F. M. Mole, Sec.; Jas. H. Thomson, S.D.; E. W. Cowell, J.D.; S. S. Oxley, S.S.; J. T. Christie, J.S.; W. F. Bradshaw, I.G.; W. Darley, Tyler; and W. D. Vaughan, M.C.; all of whom were duly installed in the presence of a numerous attendance of brethren from the various lodges in this city on the 12th ult.

**HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—The members of this lodge met in good numbers at the Lion Hotel on the 15th instant. There were present Bros. J. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, S.W.; B. Sharp, acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; E. Hopwood, I.P.M., Treas.; Fox, S.D.; Jessett, J.D.; T. Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; Gutteridge, W.S.; Kent, A.W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Kraeutler, J.W. 1303, was elected a joining member. This being election night, Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 201, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, I.P.M., unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The widow and family of a deceased member of the lodge was voted the sum of £5 from the funds, which amount, later in the evening, was supplemented by the private contributions of the brethren. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, well served by the host, Bro. Murphy. The toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the G.O.'s, Past and Present," "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex," "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G.O.'s of Middlesex, Past and Present," were given with most commendable brevity by the W.M. The latter toast having been duly acknowledged by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of the province, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, had endeavoured to discharge the duties of the chair, in and out of lodge, most zealously. The W.M. in reply said that he had tried the best he could, compatible with his business requirements, to carry out his responsibilities creditably, and he hoped that his shortcomings would on that account be kindly overlooked. In concluding his remarks he said that as that perhaps was the last time he should have the opportunity of addressing them at the banquet table in the character of a Master, he wished the lodge "God speed," and hoped that Bro. John Hammond would have a most prosperous year of office. "The Health of the Visitor" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Scott, 1636. The W.M. then gave in very kindly terms "The Health of the W.M. elect." The toast having been received with most excellent "fire," Bro. J. Hammond replied. In the progress of his reply he said that he was honoured and gratified at having been unanimously



elected Master of the Hemming Lodge. He was also pleased at the kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed the toast, and with the warmth it had been responded to by the brethren. He then went on to say that throughout his life he had always endeavoured to be a man of acts and not of words, and hoped that at the expiration of his year of office the members of the lodge would be in a position to pronounce a verdict upon his capabilities in the chair, which fiat he trusted would not be an adverse one. The remaining toasts were but briefly given and responded to. They were "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities." The latter was coupled with the name of Bro. T. W. Ockenden, I.G., Secretary 1876, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival in May next, in connection with that excellent institution, the R.M.I. for Girls. Numerous contributions of harmony were given during the proceedings by Bros. Hurst, W. Hammond, Walls, Knowles, and others. The next regular meeting of this lodge will be held on the third Thursday in October next, when Bro. John Hammond, S.W., W.M. elect, will be duly installed into the chair of K.S.

**SWANSEA.**—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The members of this young but prosperous lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Swansea, on Monday, March 5th, when Bro. James Livingston, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. John Rogers, P.P.G.S.B., who performed the ceremony in such a manner as to elicit great praise from the brethren present, of whom, both visitors and members, there was a goodly number. The ceremony concluded, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, offering a few words of encouragement to each. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. rose and stated that his first duty was a most pleasant one, namely to present Bro. Rogers, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a massive Past Master's jewel, in token of the high esteem in which he (Bro. Rogers) was held, and as some slight recognition of the eminent services he had rendered the lodge during the first year of its formation. He (the W.M.) felt some anxiety in following such an able and expert Mason, who had ruled over the lodge with such tact and ability, but with the assistance of his officers and the members, he trusted to keep up the prestige of the lodge which it had attained during its first year. The jewel had been fairly earned, and he (the W.M.) trusted Bro. Rogers would be spared very many years to wear it. Bro. Rogers returned his grateful thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the handsome gift presented to him, and he assured the brethren that he should wear it with pride and satisfaction, as a memento of the kindness and good feeling which had been shown towards him during a very pleasant year. The W.M. afterwards proposed a vote of condolence to Bro. James Goodall, P.M., who was suffering from a very severe illness, and whose absence was much regretted on account of the very high regard in which Bro. Goodall is held. The I.P.M. seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Cameron Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. Geo. Clare. The W.M. presided and was supported by several Past Prov. Grand Officers, W.M.'s, and Past Masters, and a goodly number of brethren. The several loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with acclamation. There were some capital speeches, and a most enjoyable evening, enhanced by some good singing, was spent by all present, the Tyler's toast being given at its close.

**THAMES DITTON.**—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—At an emergency meeting of this lodge, held at the Swan Hotel, Thames Ditton, on Monday evening, the 19th inst., Bro. P.M. W. D. May, W.M., in the chair; Bros. F. Buckland, S.W.; G. Porter, J.W.; Lindors, S.D.; A. Stone, J.D.; and C. Phillips, I.G., the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. John Horne, A. Bowers, and W. A. Rock. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Oldridge, Wadbrook, and Brewster were questioned, and afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The lodge was then closed down, when Bros. Moore, Neave, and Roche were presented and passed into the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree, when Messrs. Bowers and Horne were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, which was most admirably served by the host, Bro. Harris. Among the visitors were Bros. P.M.'s Littlewood, Lockwood, Styles, and Macauley, and several other brethren. The usual toasts having been duly responded to, the evening was enlivened by Bros. Llewellyn, Winter, and several other brethren.

### Boyal Arch.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John of Jerusalem Chapter (No. 203).—At the last convocation of this excellent chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, there was a good attendance of companions. The Principals present were Comps. T. Evans, Z.; P. J. F. Neill, H.; J. Winsor, J.; and the other officers were Comps. T. Sergeant, P.Z.; Henry James, P.Z.; B. W. Rowson, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S.; E. Johnstone, S.E.; John T. Alston, P.S.; Chas. Bromley, Treas.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Comps. Kyneston, Lecomber, Birch, F. Fairclough, J. Keet, W. Whittaker, Thos. Atherton, James Tyler, J. Plag, J. Jones, A. Woolrich, R. Webster, J. Kenwright, J. Hilton, T. Halton, J. Frank, F. Mausley, A. Benton, W. Wilson, and J. R. Japha. The only visitors were Comps. Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (Freemason); H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; and A. Morrison, 249. The candidates on the circular for exaltation were Bros. M. Hart, W.M. 1502; S. Schönstadt, J.W. 1502; and Wm. Donnelly, 203. The work was exceedingly well

performed, the manner in which the lectures were given eliciting universal admiration.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The members of this chapter were summoned to the performance of their duties recently at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where there was a good attendance. The chapter was opened at 5 o'clock by M.E. Comp. Henry Pearson, Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. P. B. Gee, H.; J. E. Jackson, J.; Comps. Wm. Doyle, P.Z.; Joseph Healing, P.Z.; J. Ellis, E.; Thos. Ockleshaw, N.; Philip Haines, P.S.; and W. H. Ball, Janitor. The other companions present were Peter Robbie, James Bailey, W. R. Bernson, James Norminton, Wm. C. Webb, C. J. Jones, W. Jennings, Robert Carter, James Savage, Henry Firth, Joseph Hughes, Wm. Creak, Charles Fothergill, G. W. Webster, D. Lloyd, John S. Dixon, Edwd. Carter, A. Morrison, W. Fish, J. Archdeacon, Alexander Cotter, F. H. Davidson, Thos. H. Hall. Visitor: Comp. Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, 1094, P. Prov. G. Swd. Bearer West Lancashire. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. T. Mason, 667; R. Black, 1264; and T. Walton, 1264, for exaltation; and for Comp. J. Cramer, Chapter 203, for joining, each of whom was unanimously elected. Bros. Black and Mason being present were duly exalted, the various lectures being given by the three Principals—Comps. Pearson, Z.; Gee, H.; and Jackson, J. The election of chiefs and other officers resulted as follows:—Comps. P. B. Gee, Z.; J. E. Jackson, H.; T. Ockleshaw, J.; J. Wood, Treas. (re-elected); J. Ellis, S.E.; H. Firth, S.N.; and A. Cotter, P.S. The bye-laws were read and approved, and Comps. Ellis, Jennings, and E. Carter were elected Auditors. The chapter was closed after a proposition for exaltation, and the companions afterwards adjourned to supper.

**BARNSTAPLE.**—Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue (No. 251).—A quarterly meeting of this old chapter was held on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple: Principals, M.E. Comps. Hancock, P.Z., Pr. Z.; J. T. Shapland, H.; and W. C. Oliver, J. The meeting was well attended. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by Comp. J. Brewer, Scribe E., and confirmed, the Treasurer, Comp. J. List, P.Z., produced and read his account for the past year, which was of a most satisfactory nature. Bro. Wadham, of Lodge 251, was then balloted for, unanimously elected, and duly exalted in the Sublime Degree of H.R.A. Masonry.

**HERTFORD.**—Hertford Chapter (No. 403).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 21st inst. The companions present were Ex. Comps. R. T. Andrews, P.G. Standard Bearer, M.E.Z.; T. S. Carter, P.G.N., H.; E. A. Simon, J.; H. C. Finch, P.G.H.; J. R. Cocks, P.G.J., S.E.; Comps. David Roberts, S.N.; Willson, 1st A.S.; Hargreaves, 2nd A.S. Ex. Comps. J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; H. L. Thomas, C. C. Dick, P.Z.; Comps. Rev. L. Deedes, Warrener, and Francis. Ex. Comp. T. S. Carter was installed M.E.Z.; Simson, H.; and David Roberts, J. Comp. Cocks was appointed S.E.; J. Shilcock, S.N.; Willson, P. Soj.; the Rev. L. Deedes, 1st A.S.; E. R. P. Francis, 2nd A.S.; and Wright, Janitor, for the ensuing year. Visitors: Comps. Craven, Cobham, 1329, and J. Linzell, 174.

The sixtieth anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction (No. 217) will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 27th proximo, at 5.30 p.m., precisely. Selections from the Three Degrees will be worked by the following brethren: First Degree, 1st Section, Bro. E. H. Hewett, S.W. 235; 2nd Section, Bro. J. W. Clever, J.W. 171; 3rd Section, E. F. Storr, W.M. 22; 7th Section, A. H. Diaper, P.M. 5. Second Degree, Bro. H. Muggidge will lecture on the Six Grand Periods, and the Moral Advantages of Geometry. Third Degree, Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G. Steward, will lecture on the Lodge Board of this degree. The banquet will take place at 8 o'clock.

**EASTER AT RYE HOUSE.**—Easter Monday will be the opening day of the season at this most attractive place for London and country holiday-makers. There is a change in one respect—the kindly and genial presence of the late highly esteemed proprietor, Bro. Teale, will be seen there no more; but we are glad to say that the management of the Rye House will remain in the family as hitherto, and the old familiar faces will be seen there still. All the attractions of the house, hall, gardens, and grounds will be at the service of the visitors. The country walks in the vicinity are diversified and pleasant. A display of fireworks will be given in the evening. The Great Eastern Railway Company offer facilities for visiting the Rye by issuing return tickets along the route from London, also on the Hertford and Buntingford branches, at a single fare.

In the action for compensation brought by the Rev. Bro. Gardner, Vicar of Box, near Bath, against the Great Western Railway Company, for injuries sustained while travelling to Bath in November, 1875, the Jury awarded the plaintiff £5,500 damages. Our reverend brother was returning from Chippenham, where he had been installed Provincial Grand Chaplain for Wiltshire.

There have been several art sales lately. In the pottery and porcelain belonging to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, R.W.P.G.M. Bristol, sold at Messrs. Christie's, on Friday, the 16th, there were some interesting specimens of old English pottery, and some tolerably good specimens of Worcester and Chelsea china; and on the same day some valuable specimens of old Dresden and Oriental china were sold.

The Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England may be obtained at the Office of this Paper, 198, Fleet-st., London, price 1s. 6d.; with the Three Charges and E. A. Song, 2s.; or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of stamps value 1s. 7d. or 2s. 1d.—ADVT.

### MARK MASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

Prior to the formation of the Union Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 154) at Auckland, the members of the Craft lodges under different constitutions did not visit other lodges very frequently, and a considerable amount of shyness existed among the brethren. This disinclination to visit does not now exist to nearly the same extent, and there is much cordiality between these constitutions.

At the meeting held on the 13th February, the following officers were installed into their respective chairs:—

Bros. J. H. Burns, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Brock, J.W.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, Chap.; Wade, P.M., Treas.; Pooley, M.O.; Levy, S.D.; J. S. Hendry, J.D.; Lombard, I.G.; Porter, Tyler.

In making the appointments the W.M. distributed the seats amongst the members of the different Craft lodges in Auckland, Lodge Manukar, Onchunga, providing one of the junior officers.

The abstract of accounts for the past year was read and considered satisfactory.

After thanks had been returned by Bro. Niccol, the I.P.M., and Burns, the W.M., Bro. Wade, P.M., made a short, humorous speech, anent the payment of dues by the members.

Some routine business was gone through, and the lodge then closed with the usual ceremonies.

### JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 384, BANGOR.

This lodge held its 50th anniversary on the 20th inst. The brethren present: Archibald McMillan, W.M.; Josiah Hughes, I.P.M.; Wm. Jarvis, S.W.; D. Wynn Williams, J.W.; Robert Owen, P.M., Treas.; D. Cameron, S.D.; Ellis Roberts, J.D. and Sec.; Wm. Jones, I.G.; J. T. Purvis, D.C.; J. B. Brown, S.S.; W. E. Thomas, J.S.; T. Hathaway, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Roberts, P.M.; Watson Robinson, P.M.; Henry Owen, Thos. Williams, Meshach Roberts, M. H. Roberts, Robert Edwards, Rd. Williams, W. J. Parry, E. J. Lloyd, (M.D.), John William, John Jones, Rt. Jones, J. E. Evans, R. O. Morris, J. Hughes, Jno. Pritchard. Visitors: Bros. W. L. Banks, P.M. 936, R.A.C. 404, P.P.G.S.B. N.W. and Salop, P.P. S.G.D. Eastern Div. S.W.; James Salmon, P.M. 721, 1477, P.G.J.W. N.W. and Salop; J. W. Poole, P.M. 606; G. L. Woodley, P.M. 755, P.P.G.S.D. N.W. and Salop; C. H. Rees, P.M. 606; R. J. Davids, I.P.M. 606; J. Sidney Boucher, W.M. 606; C. A. Jones, J.W. 606; R. F. Halahan, 606; W. Elliott, S.W. 597; E. Elliott, 597; R. Edwards, S.W. 597.

The lodge being opened in due form, according to ancient custom, proceeded to business according to circular.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P.; Bros. T. C. Roden, P.M. 755, and P.P.S.G.W.; the R.W.P.G. Master East Aberdeenshire, and from several brethren. Bro. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Mr. John Hughes, the son of Bro. Hughes, I.P.M., was initiated into the Craft.

The I.P.M. presented the lodge with a set of Tracing Boards, for which he received the hearty thanks of the lodge, and also Bro. R. Lloyd, P.M., for three kneeling stools.

Bro. R. Owen proposed that the sum of £16, in addition to the £5 voted in the December meeting, be voted out of the lodge funds to the North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association, to constitute the lodge a patron of the association, with 20 votes during existence, in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Bro. R. Roberts, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. P. M. Salmon returned thanks on behalf of the Committee of the Association.

The next business was to consider the proposition of the W.M., that P.M.'s jewels be presented to Bros. R. Roberts, P.M., and Robert Owen, P.M., for their valuable services rendered to the lodge; when the two were politely asked to retire for a short time. On their re-admission the W.M. addressed them:

Bros. Roberts and Owen, I am happy to inform you that the lodge passed unanimously that each of you be presented with a P.M.'s jewel, to show their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by you to the lodge. In the name of the lodge I have great pleasure in investing you both with P.M.'s jewels, trusting that you will have health and be long spared to wear them.

P.M. Roberts returned thanks to the W.M., officers, and brethren for their very kind consideration in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, for which he thought he was only doing his duty as a brother and a Mason; but was glad to find those humble services appreciated by the brethren; and when I consider that it is not a practice in St. David's to present Past Masters' jewels, I take it as a great honour done to me, especially when I know of only two instances that Past Masters' jewels have been presented by this lodge. W.M. and brethren, allow me once more to thank you for the manner in which it has been presented.

Bro. Owen addressed the W.M., officers, and brethren in a few words, and said he remembered well the evening he was initiated; it created in him such feeling for knowledge in the mystic art, that he resolved to lose no opportunity afforded to him for improvement, and having endorsed Bro. Robert's sentiments, concluded by thanking the brethren one and all for their present.

The visiting brethren congratulated St. David's on its jubilee, and conveyed the hearty good wishes of their respective provinces and lodges.

The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.



The brethren retired to the Castle Hotel, where Mr. Denman had prepared a sumptuous banquet for the occasion, the W.M. being in the chair. Justice was done and the cloth removed. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Pritchard, sang "God Save the Queen;" Bro. Brown, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and "Can Sir Watkin." After the toast of "The Lodge W.M., P.M.'s, and Officers," the W.M. called upon Bro. R. Owen, P.M., for a short history of St. David's. The following is epitomized from the epitome. The warrant was granted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, the M.W.G.M., on the 19th Dec., 1826, then No. 811. The first lodge held on the 7th of March, 1827, Bro. Thos. Heywood, W.M., in the chair; the lodge closed in good harmony at 10 o'clock. Oct. 3rd, 1828, proposed and carried unanimously that the W.M. be fined 2s. 6d.; officers, 1s. 6d.; and each of the brethren, 6d. for absenting themselves from the lodge.

Also the W.M. and officers presented to the G.M. an address while staying in the neighbourhood. Being admitted to his presence, the W.M. delivered the address. The answer being in the G.M.'s own handwriting, was placed in a gold frame, and now adorns the walls of the lodge.

The number of the lodge changed from 811 to 540, 5th Sept., 1852.

March 6th, 1847.—A Committee formed to memorialise the G.L. that the St. David's Lodge, 540, be designated the P.G.L. of N. Wales.

Feb. 9th, 1852.—Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., being appointed on the 13th of Jan., 1852, the P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire. The lodge presented an address, engrossed on vellum, congratulating the P.G.M. on his appointment.

March 5.—A letter was received from the P.G. Sec., informing the W.M. that the R.W.P.G.M. had been pleased to appoint Bro. Pritchard, P.M., P.G.S.D., and Bro. Stevenson, P.G.J.D.

April 20th, 1858.—The P.G.M., with his Deputy and P.G.S., was received with royal honours, when an address of sympathy and condolence with the P.G.M. and Lady Williams Wynn, after the destruction of their mansion, The Wynnstay, Denbighshire, was destroyed by fire. The R.W.P.G. Master returned thanks on behalf of himself and Lady Wynn.

Oct. 20, 1863.—The Grand Lodge informed the W.M. that the number of the lodge will be 384 from this date.

The lodge has been removed from place to place thirteen times. The regular night of meeting changed eight times. The present third Tuesday was settled 3rd June, 1854.

There have been thirty W.M.'s, one served four years at different times; two served three years at different times; and seven served two years at different times.

In the year 1726 the brethren of Wales first united themselves under the banner of the Grand Lodge in London. In the following year the office of P.G. Master was instituted. The first deputation was granted by G.M. Earl Inchiquin on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales, just 150 years ago, and on the 24th June following to Sir Edward Mansel, Bart., for South Wales.

On the 13th of Jan., 1852, the M.W.G.M., the Earl of Zetland, appointed the present P.G.M., Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., who has held the important office for a quarter of a century, during which time nineteen new lodges has been added to the province. And last year a brother who first saw light in St. David's Lodge, was appointed D.P.G.M.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

This new lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The consecrating officer was Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, who was assisted by Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, P.D.G.M. Isle of Wight, as S.W.; Bro. Francis, as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex, as Chaplain; Bro. H. A. Dubois, as D.C.; Bro. M.S. Larham, as I.G.; and Bro. T. Poore, as Secretary.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Crittenden, P.M. 503; D. J. R. Clark, 1416; Geo. Lilley, 720; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; B. Browne, 503; E. W. Braine, S.W. 1471; E. A. Francis, C. Stuart Barker, C. H. Renton, Alfred Curnover, 1426; T. Poore, P.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S.D. Middlesex; C. H. Perrot, P.G. Org., West Yorks.; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.S.D.; M. S. Larham, W.M. 1216; P. W. Reynolds, I.G. 1479; W. G. Moore, P.M. 534; C. Burley, P.M. 184; George W. F. Smeeth, jun., W. H. Hook, S.W. 186; G. W. Saul, J.W. 1201; George Moss, I.G. 1201; P. A. Nairne, W.M. 1329, P.M. 176; P. M. Holden, W.M. City of Westminster; E. Gorham, P.M. 184; H. Thompson, P.M. 177, 1158, 1426; J. W. Boote, 1426; Chas. Hines, W.M. 72; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; John Seex, W.M. 1426; M. Spiegel, J.W. 188; E. P. McKay, S.D. 720; E. B. Grabham, Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex; Chas. Sims; Sugden; H. Massey (Freemason); George Kenning, P.M., P.Z. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; and Kellaway, 192.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, Choir Master of St. James's Church, Camberwell, who was assisted by several other musical brethren, and some of the boys of the choir.

After the lodge had been opened the Consecrating Officer, addressing the brethren, said that as his Rev. Bro. P.M. Holden would shortly deliver an oration it would not be necessary for him to address the brethren. All he would say was that he hoped the new Masonic barque would be launched successfully, and that with fair winds and good officers, in the shape of the W.M. and the Wardens, it might arrive at a haven of prosperity.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Rev. P. M. Holden delivered the following oration:—

As it is customary on these occasions for the Chaplain to deliver what is called an oration, and as I have been called upon by your Consecrating Officer to do so, I will detain you a few minutes while I say a few words on the principles of the Craft which we have to day assembled to take another opportunity of diffusing throughout the community. W. Sir, and brethren all, although the art and science of Freemasonry dates from the creation of man, the great subject of it, I might almost say, from the creation itself, yet the building of King Solomon's Temple is the great and all important era from whence is derived most of the Freemasonry, as it exists among us at the present day, and to the wise and glorious King of Israel, we are indebted for many of its mystic forms and hieroglyphic ceremonies. Now this Temple of King Solomon was erected in imitation of the Tabernacle of Moses, and the Court thereof from a design which his father, King David, received in a vision from the Great Architect of the Universe, but far exceeding the tabernacle in grandeur and magnificence. King Solomon dedicated this temple to the Most High by assembling all the people, by bringing thither the ark of the covenant and the holy things, by devout prayer, by music and praises, by a feast of seven days, and a vast multitude of sacrifices. Every part of the temple had a symbolic meaning; its porch, its courts, its pillars, its altars, its decorations and vessels. The services, moreover, were of a typical and symbolic character, and most admirably calculated to impress the minds of the most ignorant among the worshippers with feelings of the deepest respect, awe and reverence to the Great Creator. The highest acts of adoration were accompanied with the sounds of many instruments, with the swelling chorus of a trained multitude of singers; whilst the prayers of the faithful ascended to the Great Architect amidst the perfume of incense which flowed from golden censers. Symbolic worship has ever been used from the very earliest times by all nations in their religious rites and ceremonies; but nothing so imposing and gorgeous has ever been seen or heard of in the world's history as the celebrated temple worship of Jerusalem. Now, brethren, a Freemason's lodge is neither more nor less than a very humble representation of King Solomon's Temple; and however feeble an imitation it may be, it enjoins by its symbolic teaching such estimable tenets and principles that if Masons will only strive to the utmost to make themselves acquainted with its ceremonies and mysteries they must become better fitted for the society of their brethren of the Craft, and certainly better members of the popular world at large. So full of meaning are the simple but beautiful symbols constantly before our eyes that the very poorest memory can retain their significance and practise the principles they represent in daily life and conduct. To carry the illustration further, the human body I need scarcely remind you, has been described as "The Temple of the Most High," and as our "earthly tabernacle;" and the peculiar system of Freemasonry is such that by it we are enabled to build up body and soul "perfect in its parts," and full of "wisdom, strength, and beauty." Moreover, supported by fortitude, chastened by temperance, and guided in all our actions by faith and justice, we shall be able rightly and properly to maintain the fabric of this our earthly temple until time for us shall be no more. Then may we hope to obtain the passport to eternal life, and so at last gain admittance into the glorious lodge of our Supreme Grand Master above. The outside world, I am aware, sometimes brings the charge against us that Freemasonry is inconsistent with pure religion, or, indeed, with any form of religion—a most unjust, cruel, and wicked charge; for in the ceremonial of Freemasonry, and more especially in the consecration ceremony, religion is always prominently, emphatically, and impressively brought forth. Now, the volume of the Sacred Law which always lies open in lodge, contains the unmistakable command of the great Architect himself that His name should not be taken in vain; and while we therefore in our ceremonies invariably invoke His Name and implore a Divine blessing upon all our endeavours, it must be a very great hypocrisy on our part, and hypocrisy of the very blackest description, if we do not act under the feeling of religion with a desire to please God. Freemasonry must be one thing or the other; it must either be what I firmly believe it to be, a grand system of morality, or else a form of hypocrisy of which we, as honest men, should be thoroughly and heartily ashamed. It is also with infinite pride and satisfaction that we can all bear witness and acknowledge that Freemasonry, though ranging under its banners men of every variety of creed, is wholly and entirely free from any religious controversy or bitterness. Those who are not Masons sometimes think it is a kind of religion of our own; but it is not so, for this simple reason that Freemasonry never touches on the mode or manner of the worship of God; it simply inculcates and enforces as strongly as it possibly can the one thing which must form a part of every true religion, that we should do to our neighbours as we would our neighbours should do to us, and act honourably, honestly, and unselfishly in all our dealings with mankind, not merely from the idea of doing them good, still less for the idea of getting credit to ourselves; but for the highest and grandest motive of all, to please the Most High God. I do not for one moment consider that Freemasonry is a higher principle or a loftier inducement to right action than religion. It is not a substitute for religion in this respect, and God forbid that I should say so; but at any rate Freemasonry unquestionably does this, my brethren, it includes those men who perhaps have hardly any one thing in common; whose profession, whose business, and whose position in life would naturally always keep them entirely apart; and it enables them, I say, to meet together, to know one

another, to esteem and respect one another, to love one another, and above all, to speak upon questions which probably they would never touch upon otherwise—questions as to what is right and what is wrong, as to what is noble and what is mean, and in fact, that which is the sum total of religion is the subject about which Masons can openly talk in lodge, and which they would never think of doing without that feeling of shyness and reserve which exists in a greater or lesser degree in every man's mind and bosom where there is not this open communion which Freemasons so thoroughly enjoy and appreciate. In this way I am positive that Freemasonry does an incalculable amount of good. I mention this at the establishment of a new lodge because it is of the greatest importance than these points should be more or less made known to new members before they are initiated. I say advisedly "before they are initiated," for although a candidate comes into Freemasonry blind with regard to our secrets and mysteries and our ceremonies, he should at any rate, I think, be acquainted with the grand principle upon which the ancient Order is founded, and as to what will be expected of him should he become a member of the Craft. May I venture to add Worshipful Sir, and I am sure, from what you have said, you will bear me out in the expression of this opinion, and also other distinguished Freemasons present, that the greatest care, I feel, should be taken in the admission for candidates, and I feel sure this should be strictly attended to, as I feel positive, with you, sir, that upon it depends the future prosperity and success of this lodge. It only remains for me, Worshipful Sir, to thank you and all the brethren present, for the very kind manner in which they have been pleased to listen to this very imperfect address, I admit, and which, perhaps, I cannot better conclude than, with your permission, sir, reciting the following lines, which were delivered at the installation meeting of an American Lodge:—

"When, ages back, the Temple rose,  
Majestic 'neath the rising sun,  
The Sacred Scroll was then unrolled,  
The glorious Brotherhood begun,  
And proudly down the tide of years,  
Amid the rocks that frowning lay,  
The vessel with Masonic flag,  
Has kept its safe and steady way.

The crew are pledged to noble deeds,  
To battle bravely for the right,  
To hold truth's standard ever up,  
To scatter darkness by the light,  
To help a fallen brother rise,  
To feed the poor, assist the weak,  
To dry with tender pitying hand,  
The tear from off the widow's cheek.

Base slander, serpent-like, and foul,  
Shall die beneath Masonic heel,  
The sword shall from its scabbard leap,  
When woman's honour makes appeal.  
When raging heat on battle field,  
Strives every battered soul to smother,  
The feeble foe with sinking strength,  
Gives mystic sign that makes him brother.

On land or sea, in every clime,  
Where'er the tongue of man is spoken,  
Is found the pure and spotless square,  
The Masons' ever honoured token.  
Their creed holds all that's good and true,  
No Christian teacher can be surer  
The prayer we lip at mother's knee  
In spirit is not better, purer.

Curs'd be the man who falsely takes  
The sacred oath for selfish gain,  
Who stains his armour caltiff like,  
And brings reproach upon the name.  
But blessed shall the brother be  
Who purely wears the signet given  
Till God, the Great High Priest, shall call  
The sacred lodge above in Heaven.

The Rev. brother was much applauded as he resumed his seat on the termination of the above address.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the manner in which it was conducted elicited the warmest approval of the brethren. Before the installation of the W.M. the Rev. P. M. Holden left the lodge, but before doing so expressed his great regret that other engagements compelled him to relinquish the pleasure of remaining longer among the brethren. The brethren expressed their thanks to him for the part he had taken in the ceremony of consecration, and with this the rev. brother left the lodge.

Bro. C. Stuart Barker, jun., was then installed, and the following brethren were appointed to office:—J. Walmsley, S.W.; Samuel Browne, J.W.; C. Stuart Barker, Treas.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; G. T. Thomes, S.D.; George Harry Gilham, J.D.; Donald J. R. Clark, I.G.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Hyde Pullen delivered the charges, after which the thanks of the lodge were voted to the Consecrating Officer and those brethren who had assisted him, and honorary membership of the lodge was conferred upon them. Propositions for initiation and joining membership were read by the Secretary. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet.

After the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk. After giving "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Dep. G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. called upon Bro. Hyde Pullen to respond to the last toast. The W.M. having in the course of his remarks upon this toast referred to the pleasure he experienced at the last festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, when he saw the working of the Grand Officers on that occasion, Bro. Pullen said he was one of the Grand Officers referred to, and it was always a



pleasure to them to do anything they could on behalf of Masonry. He then complimented the W.M. on having established this new lodge, and wished all prosperity to the lodge and happiness to its members.

The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officer," but as the brethren had seen the working of the ceremonies by Bro. Little it was not necessary for him to dwell on the fact. The brethren need not ask him for any expression of opinion as to how the ceremony was performed, but he might add that he had never seen the ceremony performed so perfectly.

Bro. Little responded. It was as much a pleasure to him to perform the ceremony of consecration as it was to the brethren to witness it. He had been ably assisted by some other brethren, and he was happy to believe that in installing Bro. Stuart Barker, jun., as W.M. he had placed in the chair of the lodge the right man. It would be the duty of the other officers to follow the W.M.'s example. As it was always a more pleasing thing to speak of others than of himself, it was with much gratification he acknowledged the able assistance of other brethren in the ceremony performed that day. He now came to a very pleasing duty, the proposal of "The Health of the W.M." The worth of the W.M. was well known. Having been placed in the chair of the lodge by the suffrages of the brethren, confirmed finally by the Grand Master, it was the duty of the brethren to support him to the utmost. To the W.M. he offered "the right hand of fellowship," and he trusted he might experience nothing but kindness and good fellowship during his year of office. Should any difficulties arise, as unfortunately they would arise in lodges sometimes, the skill and ability of the W.M. would set matters right, and the Stuart Lodge would go on to a haven of peace and prosperity that would redound to its honour. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. in his reply said he trusted that Bro. Little's prognostications would be amply verified during his year of office. Among Masons there should be a unity of purpose, and that unity of purpose had been exemplified by the manner the brethren had responded to the toast. It augured well for the future of the Stuart Lodge, and he felt confident that in this lodge there would always be unity of purpose. He would wish to impress upon the brethren the necessity for such unity of purpose between the W.M. and the brethren. He thought they had a bright year before them. The question of admission of members to a lodge was one of great importance. They should be very particular about the brethren they admitted, and he trusted that with reference to any candidate that might be brought forward blackballing would never be known. There was a way in which blackballing could be avoided. If a brother found that there was any one proposed for initiation with whom he could not sit harmoniously and work in the lodge, or against whom he entertained the slightest feelings of animosity, or, even to go further, with whom he could not sit down at the social table, let him go to the W.M. and state his case confidentially to him; he would at once advise that the name be erased from the list, rather than that the Stuart Lodge should in any case blackball any one, whether as an initiate or as a joining member. It was a matter he felt very strongly upon. When he spoke of unanimity, perhaps he might say this of his officers, that although, through circumstances which he need not mention, a considerable time had elapsed between the sending in of the petition for the Stuart Lodge and the consecration of the lodge, yet the first cast of officers was the same as it was to-night. Circumstances in the life of every man necessitated change, and circumstances in the life of every Mason gave him opportunities in his own lodge for advancement. Those advantages had been offered to officers of this lodge, who had banded themselves together as a band of brothers, to inaugurate and bring to a successful issue the Stuart Lodge. Having such officers around him, good men and true, the barque of the Stuart Lodge must of necessity be launched on the sea of prosperity. He had been that night overwhelmed with the congratulations of friends, friends with whom there were many associations he looked back upon with a great deal of pleasure; and it would ill become him now he was installed, and a brother Mason too, if he forgot his father in Masonry, a man who long since was dead and gone, but who, though not in the flesh, was in a portrait looking down upon him as the W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, a man who inducted him into Masonry—Bro. John Thomas, who initiated him in the Sphinx Lodge in 1872. Bro. Thomas watched over his progress in Masonry with pleasure, and now that he was installed as W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, his portrait was looking down upon him, as though he were anxious that in whatever he (the W.M.) did there should be the tinge of prosperity. There was also another friend of his present, the W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge, Bro. Past Master Nairne, and that brother also he greeted with the greatest sincerity as a well wisher. There was another friend present, Bro. Seex, W.M. of the Industry Lodge. He was glad to see them all gather round him, and there was nothing throughout the whole of the ceremony that impressed him so much as the adherence of his friends to him in the moment which to him was one of very great trial. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," and mentioned the fact that the Board of Installed Masters numbered twenty-five brethren, among whom the purple was amply represented. He hoped that on future occasions the lodge would be well supported by visitors.

Bros. Grabham, H. Thompson, John Seex, and P. A. Nairne responded, all congratulating the W.M. on the consecration of the lodge, and his own advancement to the chair, and wishing prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. Little proposed "The Charities," and thanked the W.M. for having undertaken the office of Steward for the next festival of the Girls' School. The time was short, but he hoped that by the help of numerous friends he would be able to come to the festival with generous

donations. Of the Institutions he would say, "May they all flourish," esto perpetua.

The W.M. responded, and dwelt on the principle of brotherly love, relief, and truth. He had been pressed to become a Steward, and had refused; but, like Donna Anna, "saying she would ne'er consent, consented." The Girls' Institution's festival was the nearest, and so he took that. The Institution was eighty-nine years of age, the oldest of the Masonic Institutions. It had been said of Scotchmen that they kept their hands in their pockets, and always shut. He did not believe it. He intended to go up to the Girls' School, and also to take with him a good list. Bro. Little saying the time was short, evidently did not expect much. He trusted he should take him by surprise, and that the Stuart Lodge should not only be a success itself, but in its support of the Institutions of the Order. The W.M. next proposed "The Joining Members." One of them he had appointed to office that evening. He had had the pleasure of investing one to office whom he was very well acquainted with—their Bro. Treasurer. He appointed him to that office for the very reason that he had long been his (the W.M.'s) Treasurer. Time after time when he wanted money he knew where to go to get it. He thought, and the other founders of the lodge also thought with him, that he could not do better than associate with the lodge his own father—a man for whom he should say nothing now—his feelings were beyond utterance in that respect, and he had a sense of delicacy about the matter. He could say this, that he had not appointed any man to office with greater feelings of pleasure than his own father, because he found his father giving countenance to his proceedings. His father was older in Masonry than he was; but it was a matter of great pride and congratulation to him to invest his father with a collar of office.

Bro. Stuart Barker (Treasurer) responded. He said he had never felt himself in a position of so much difficulty. It was not that he did not know where he was, but he was the subject of a peculiar sensation, for he did not know what he was. For thirty years he had been the father of his son; recently he had become his brother. His wife for thirty years had been his son's mother; but now, he being his son's brother, she was his sister-in-law. As he had another son, that son must be his son's nephew. He had a daughter who had been his son's sister hitherto, but who, being his brother's wife's daughter, must be his son's niece. In fact, he wanted to know the precise relationship he held to the W.M. (Laughter.) But joking apart, he must say, with a great many of the other speakers, what great pleasure he had had at being present at that day's ceremony. If it had been a pleasure and gratification to the brethren who had presided, how much greater must the pride and gratification of the W.M.'s father have been to see him presiding over the lodge, and to see gathered around him many old and dear friends. He was an older Mason than his son, and when he was made a Mason his son wanted him to tell the secrets of Freemasonry. Of course he would not do so, and his son told him that he would go and find them out for himself. He did so, and he had that day found out a secret which his father did not know. He should always take great interest in the success of the Stuart Lodge, from the fact that his son was its first W.M. In going through life it had always been his study to endeavour on all occasions to train up his son "in the way he should go," as that old Book, the Book of the Law, said that when he grew up to manhood he "should not depart from it." He undertook the office of Treasurer of the lodge under somewhat different feelings to those which his son mentioned when he invested him. He had always understood that it was the duty of a Treasurer to take care of the Treasury, but he did not know that it was the duty of a Treasurer to be drawn upon. His son had been drawing upon him for a long time, and he thought he could draw on him through the lodge. (No, no.) He was delighted to hear that emphatic "No," but however that might be, there would be no difficulty on that score. The Stuart Lodge would be always able to meet any claims that might be made on it. After the successful opening of the Stuart Lodge there was no doubt what it would be in the future. He trusted that the brethren might often meet together again, and that nothing might occur to interrupt the harmony that ought to exist among the brethren of a Freemasons' lodge.

The W.M. afterwards gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," to which the S.W. responded. "The Press" followed, and was responded to by Bro. H. Massey (Freemason) and H. Thompson, and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, which was most delightfully spent.

I have been asked within this week to attend a consecration of a new Masonic lodge, No. 1671. Now, less than a year ago I was present at the consecration of No. 1601. Figures are more eloquent than words in this case, and these two prove to demonstration the great increase "Modern Masonry" is making. Another and a far from pleasant proof of the spread of Masonry was furnished the other night at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. When the procession of Grand Officers entered the "Temple," the place was not simply full of "rulers of the Craft," but it was overflowing with them. If lodges continue to increase as they have done recently, some additional accommodation must be provided, or the number of those entitled to attend must be considerably reduced. —Mayfair.

The State apartments at Windsor Castle will be open to the public on and after Monday next.

Notice is given in the *Gazette* that her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 26th of May next.

Mr. Compton's benefit at the Theatre Royal, Manchester, on Monday night, realised £900.

## CONSECRATION OF THE MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

On Tuesday evening last the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, was consecrated at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain; Bro. Jas. Terry, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Herts, as Director of Ceremonies, and numerous other brethren. The chair of Senior Warden was taken by Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and the chair of Junior Warden by Bro. C. A. Murton, Past Grand Deacon. The full list of brethren comprised the following: Bros. C. Schmidt, 217; Saml. Gamman, P.M. 206; Nelson Reed, 38, 1572; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; John Hervey, G.S.; John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Mont. Scott, C. B. Payne, G.T.; W. G. Jennings, T. J. Maidwell, J.W. 27; George Kenning, Treasurer 1657; W. S. Whitaker, W.M. 1572; J. Chavey, 180; E. B. West, 142; F. H. Willcocks, 1572; N. T. Pearce, 1572; W. J. H. Klotgen, 1247; R. Pawson Hooton, 1572; Bertram Noakes, J.W. 92; Saml. Gamman, P.M. 206; John Green, P.M. 27; Geo. Carew Steele, 1572; Montagu Scott, P.M. 765; Charles J. St. Alphonse, S.D. 108; Philip Bulloch, 1572; Edward Humphrey, 538; Robert Allen, 1395; J. Brown, W.M. 765; and Rev. W. Taylor Jones, W.M. 1601.

After the lodge had been formally opened in the different degrees, the Presiding Officer, Bro. Hervey, proceeded to address the brethren on the nature of the meeting in the following terms:—

Brethren,—I need not say what we have met to do this afternoon, because you are all well aware that we have assembled here for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, one which I trust will be a credit to the Craft and an honour to the great city in which it is about to be located. I have so often addressed the brethren upon one or two points, and it is difficult upon these occasions to find anything fresh to say, that I am not going to give you a lecture again to-day upon the necessity of being careful whom you introduce into your ranks, or to dilate upon the uncharitableness, I may say wickedness, of blackballing those of whom you know nothing, and merely for the purposes of casting a slight to or stain upon a Worshipful Master or upon the proposer of the candidate. But I would still reiterate that those are subjects, and legitimate subjects, to discuss in a Masons' lodge, and it is very desirable indeed that they should be enforced in a new lodge, which is about to be consecrated, and about to be launched into existence. Brethren, there are one or two things which I thought I would mention this afternoon, one or two statistical matters which might interest some of those present, which would make a little difference in the address, the very short address, which I am about to give you this evening. In looking over the Grand Lodge records, which I was doing the other evening for a particular object, it struck me that it might be a satisfaction to the brethren here to know how the Craft had progressed during the last few years, and going back merely to the time of the union, I jotted down one or two points which I think those here may be glad to know. I take it for granted that all those who are in this room know that, prior to 1812, or prior to 1813, rather, there were two Grand Lodges in existence in the City of London, one under the Grand Mastership of His Royal Highness the then Prince of Wales, who was afterwards Prince Regent and George IV., and the other under the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Athol, and that these two Grand Lodges went by the respective names of these distinguished persons. I find that the number of lodges in 1812, on what was termed the Prince's side, was 640; and in 1813 the Athol and Prince's Lodges joined together, and formed what is now termed the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England. I find also, that while on the Prince's side there were 640 lodges, those on the Athol side I have no means of ascertaining, because they did not keep their books in any very regular way, and they had no calendars to which reference can be made; yet when the two Grand Lodges were joined together, the Athol Grand Lodge and the Prince of Wales's Grand Lodge, although the number of lodges on the Prince's side was 640, yet when the dormant lodges were eliminated upon the two sides, the two Grand Lodges could only muster 647 lodges. This went on till 1813, therefore we started with 647 lodges, and in the year 1832 the lodges were all renumbered, the vacant places closed up, and I find that in 1832 the number appeared to be 865 lodges, or an increase on the number of 647 of 218; but as the new number began with 594 lodges, it really appears that in these 20 years there was a reduction of 53 lodges; and in 1832 we started with the last number, 594. The receipts of money in 1812 were, on the Benevolence account £970, and on the General Purposes account £1350, but we had improved in that respect, as in 1832 the Benevolence amounted to £1189, and the General Purposes to £2209. The next renumbering of the lodges was in 1863, the number of lodges being 1267, or an increase on the number in 1832 of 673 lodges in 31 years, the new numbers beginning with 574, shewing a positive increase of 380 lodges, although during the period Canada had declared itself independent. The funds also had much increased; the Fund of Benevolence being £3081, and the General Purposes £3794. Well, brethren, to shew the progress of the Craft at the present time, the last warrant granted is No. 1682, shewing a gross increase of 708 lodges; and deducting the Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and other places which have established Grand Lodges of their own, it gives a net increase of 588 lodges in fourteen years. The funds also have increased in like proportion. The receipts of the Fund of



Benevolence for the last year, 1876, were £7804, and of General Purposes £12,474. So much, brethren, for the increase in the lodges and the increase in the Craft; and I do most sincerely trust that the increase in the respectability of the Craft is in a like ratio with the increase in the number of lodges. I do not think we have any cause of complaint on that head. I think we go on increasing, and certainly, looking back to the records of Grand Lodge I do not think we have as much bickering or as much difficulty of keeping together now, at any rate, than we had in former times when the numbers were far scantier. That there is a good deal, and a great deal more dissension in the Craft than there ought to be, I am afraid my good friend, the brother who is now occupying the S.W. chair, would say was the fact, occupying as he does the very onerous position of President of the Board of General Purposes, before whom come a great many of the difficulties of the Craft; but if brethren would do their utmost in their own lodges to try and smooth difficulties down, to endeavour, when an opportunity occurs, not of fanning the flame, but of allaying any little excited feeling which may present itself, I think those difficulties would still further decrease than they do now. Brethren, I told you I would not delay you many minutes to-day, and I think I have kept my word. Probably the little detail which I have given you may not be uninteresting to you (hear, hear); but be it as it may, I think you will listen with far more gratification to my reverend friend on my left, who will presently address you, than you would to the weak and feeble words which I can put together. I will now ask the brethren to stand to order while the Grand Chaplain gives the opening prayer.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the Rev. R. J. Simpson delivered the following address:—

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren,—It was my privilege on a late occasion, in connection with our highly esteemed brother in the chair, to assist in consecrating the Skelmersdale Lodge, and on that occasion I took the opportunity of saying a few words upon a subject which is, and must be, of interest to all Masons—I mean the subject of Masonic unselfishness, both in the lodge and out of it. I propose on the present occasion to say a few words upon a branch of that subject, which, I think, may be highly desirable, especially at a time when, as our Master has told us in the very interesting resumed he has given us, Masonry has become so largely increased in numbers, and with those numbers there has come so large an amount of discussion. I propose to say a few words upon the subject of moral courage. There are two lights by which we, as men and Masons, are guided; one is the light of conscience, that inner light which burns within the breast of every Mason who is an educated and a civilised being; the other is the light of the Holy Law of the Great Architect of the Universe, revealed to men in his mercy and goodness. Now, in the latter we find no insignificant opportunities of remarking upon the practice of that virtue of which I have spoken. In the very earliest time we find the great preacher of righteousness standing forth amidst his fellows, and standing forth as the witness of God's most Holy Law, as delivered to mankind at that early period of our history. And he was honoured by becoming the builder, by the Divine inspiration of that by which the fragments of the human race were preserved and a new generation was left to the world. We find Moses, the great lawgiver, in like manner standing amidst his fellows as a witness for the truth. We find him followed by Joshua, the great general of the Lord, who carried out his duties in such a manner, that he was made on his death to say, "As for me and my house, whatever others do, we will serve the Lord." Job, in his generation, though tempted to "curse God and die," was likewise, though solicited in many ways to forget the Great Architect of his fortunes, as well as of his life, still manfully persevering in the course of duty. King Josiah came to the throne, young, it is true, but noble-minded, pure-hearted, and determined, amidst "a wicked and adulterous generation," to do his duty and to bring Israel in the right path. We find a little later on one of the greatest prophets standing on Mount Carmel, and, surrounded by a host of idolatrous priests, standing up as the single witness of Jehovah, a sight on which the angel hosts must have looked down with admiration to see a child of Adam doing so for Jehovah. And we may remember the three common men, neither prophets, kings, nor lawgivers, but three ordinary men like ourselves, declining to bow down to the golden image upon the plains of Dura, and willing to sacrifice life itself rather than act contrary to their conscience. This noble roll of worthies which we have handed down to us in that Holy Volume, which is given for instruction and for example, point out to us clearly, I think, our duty and our privilege as men to exercise that conscience with which God has endowed us for his high glory and the benefit of our fellow men. It is impossible that we can ignore the fact that that which essentially separates us from all the other creatures of God is this, that He gives us the power of choice. We have a will even under God's will; and if we had not the power of choice and will we must sink into mere machines. If we have that power of choice and will, what is the next clear duty of every man of independent and of noble and religious principle? It is to express it. No man has a right to take the light with which God has blessed him and put it "under a bushel." He is bound to place it on a candlestick, that he and others may see; not that he may use it for his own boastful purposes, but that he may "glorify his Father in Heaven." If that be the case, how incumbent it is upon us as men and Masons, that we should observe this rule in our dealings not only with our brethren but with the outer world; and I venture to say, sir, though it may appear a paradox, that it is the want of this honesty and independence of character and opinion that too often creates that

strong discussion and those bickerings which we all of us in common deplore. If men would speak out, not unkindly, not uncharitably, not dictatorially, but honestly, bravely, as Englishmen and Masons, and as if acting under a higher power, what they think, whether it be right or wrong, I believe that we should have much fewer discussions, bickerings, and misunderstandings than we have at present. Now, in public matters, outside of Masonry, I need not say that this is highly valued, and that, whether in one department of society or in another, the man who openly, frankly, and conscientiously states his opinion may possibly at the time meet with unpleasantness, but eventually must claim respect, may even from those who may differ from him. And coming to Masonry itself, it is very clear, sir, that in a society which counts so many members, and, therefore, so many minds, minds constituted differently, men of temperaments very varied, which must be, when men act upon conscience, considerable difference of opinion must prevail, not in our principles, but in the application of our principles, for it is, after all in the application of principles to the acts of common life that we really find a great difficulty. Now there are many subjects in Masonry, ay, even at this moment, which demand very great consideration, and there are some which probably will come up causing considerable discussion. But I venture to think that if we wish to find a solution of those difficult problems, for some of them will be difficult, whether they be problems in connection with the subject to which allusion has been made on a recent occasion by our most respected, and I will almost say our beloved Grand Secretary, which has been taken up and made almost a world-wide question—whether that great question, or whether the smaller questions which agitate the Craft, come up, let us frankly, and clearly, and honestly state our opinions, and have the moral courage not to follow any man or any set of men, but simply and honestly to speak, and do, and think as we feel. This will avoid an immense amount of misunderstanding; for I very often find it to be the case that men utter one opinion when they are talking to their fellows in private, and when they come into public their opinions seem to have altered in a remarkable manner. I think, therefore, that consistent moral courage to speak, whether in the presence of opponents or of friends, will save an immense amount of heart-burning and of trouble. Now, I think there is a still more important field upon which we may show our moral courage—I mean our moral conduct and example as men. There are, I believe, in the heart of every man those principles of right conduct in the work of life, especially in regard to moral truth, which would often find their way to the surface were it not for the want of moral courage. A man fears, perhaps, "the finger of scorn" more than he would fear "the cannon's mouth." But why should he? Why should not every man among us, when we feel that that which is right is what we feel and wish to do, never fear to express before our fellows that which we believe in our hearts to be the right? "Be just, and fear not," says one old poet, and I am sure that the man who follows out those principles of purity, and temperance, and truthfulness, and honesty in our dealings with men and among our brother Masons, the more we shall attract their respect at any rate, and the more we shall bring upon us the smile of God. But, "bowing down to the golden image," or to mere rank, has been well portrayed by that same old poet in a remarkable passage, well known to us all, where the favourite of the king says, as a reflection at the end of life,

"Had I but serv'd my God with half the zeal  
I serv'd my King, he would not in mine age  
Have left me naked to mine enemies."

But, brethren, be assured that whether it be the Mizpah Lodge or any other lodge, we shall best carry out the design in our own creation, as well as the creation of that aggregate body to which we belong, by displaying the moral courage which is the immediate offspring of our good conscience, and which, I am quite sure, will lead to the happiest results. I trust that in this lodge, begun under such happy auspices, that as well as every other Masonic virtue may not only be planted but flourish, and that we may, carrying out the good example set by noble Masons who now adorn the Craft, whether in high or subordinate positions, not only look to them, but to those who have gone before, and, in the words of old Longfellow, they may feel those words, which I believe are peculiarly Masonic:

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We may make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.  
Footprints that, perhaps, another,  
Travelling in life's troubled plain,  
Some forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, may take heart again.  
Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait."

The reverend brother resumed his seat amidst loud cheers, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and concluded.

After the consecration of the lodge, Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Nelson Reed as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as his officers:—Bros. David R. Still, S.W.; Walter W. Medcalf, J.W.; James Jackson Avery, Treas.; H. G. Buss, Sec.; W. Vilven, S.D.; J. Bergmann, J.D.; Schmidt, I.G.; and Henry Shaw, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. C. A. Murton, James Terry, and Montagu Scott. Votes of thanks were passed to the consecrating brethren, and the honorary membership of the lodge was conferred on them. Bro. Murton acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and Bros. Hervey,

Simpson, Terry, and Monckton. Ten guineas was voted to the list of the W.M., as Steward for the next festival of the Girls' School. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were musically accompanied by Bro. G. C. Searle, Org. 1572, who in the course of the proceedings played Bro. Seymour Smith's "Installation March."

After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Monckton, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that all the brethren would, from what they had seen of the W.M.'s working that day, agree with him in the line he quoted from Shakespeare,—*"The Master, he is a good one, and his workmen doth challenge much respect."* If one of the brethren differed from it, let him stand in his place and say so. They knew that they had met on an exceedingly interesting occasion; they knew beforehand that they would see the work well done in the youngest lodge under the British Constitution, and they were entitled to expect perfection on the part of the consecrating officer because he knew his work by heart. But they were not altogether entitled to expect such working as they had from the Master, because there was that work which a new Master need not do unless he pleased. But the W.M. had done it, and whenever he (Bro. Monckton) sat in the lodge it was remarked that the new Master was up to his work. He would be painting the lily if he said more, and he should simply ask them to agree with the great man Wm. Shakespeare, in the line he had quoted from him.

The W.M. replied, and in the course of a very brief speech said he was glad to see at the table the brethren who proposed and seconded his introduction into Freemasonry. He added that it was only two years that evening that he was raised to the degree of a M.M.

Bro. Hervey replied to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer," Bro. Filer for "The Visitors," and Bro. Terry for "The Charities." Bro. Buss responded for "The Secretary," and Bro. Still for "The Officers," and Bro. Shaw having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

Under the direction of Bro. Searle, Bros. Wilcocks, Brown, Whitaker, Bergmann, Clarricoats, Pearce, and Stevens sang some excellent songs, and Bro. Montagu Scott gave a recitation.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

The Bayard Lodge (No. 1615), has within twelve months of its consecration become a Vice President of the three Masonic Charities. We are also informed that its first W.M., Bro. Lieut-Col. Somerville-Burney, will have had the gratification of initiating no less than 30 candidates, at the six meetings which have been held under his able Mastership during the year, a striking proof of the estimation in which the W.M. is held by the members of this distinguished lodge, and is an example worthy of emulation by both old and new lodges.

Bro. H. Gabb, the chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum for the year 1876, was on Tuesday entertained at a banquet at St James's Hall, given him by his late colleagues on the Board of Management and a number of past officers and other friends of the institution, and presented by them with a silver epergne, in recognition of his eminent services during his year of office.—*City Press.*

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W.P.G.M. Oxford, has been elected E.P. for the ensuing year of the Cœur de Lion Encampment of Knights Templar, Oxford.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor will lay the foundation stone of the National Penny Bank, which is to be erected in Shoreditch some time in May.

**STATUE OF LORD CANNING.**—On Saturday afternoon, at the Manor Ironworks, Chelsea, the casting of a large equestrian statue of Lord Canning took place. The original model was designed by the late Mr. Foley, R.A. When completed the statue will be shipped to Calcutta, where it is to be erected.

The funeral of Admiral Sir Edwd. Belcher, K.C.B., took place on the 23rd inst., at Brompton Cemetery.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was entertained at dinner by the members of the Dublin Lodge, No. 12 (I.C.), on Thursday, the 15th inst.

The 139th anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on April 18. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, will be the president of the day.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held on April 5th, at Bradford, in the New Masonic Hall, Darby-street. Huddersfield, which was always in Lord Ripon's time, the place of annual meeting, gave way last year to Wakefield, and this year gave way to Bradford.

We are requested to inform our readers that the meetings of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642, are held every Friday evening at half-past seven o'clock, at the Mitre Hotel (private entrance), Goulbourn-road, North Kensington. Bro. W. F. Savage, P.M. 1425, &c, is the preceptor.

Willesden Junction, where not even a penny bun has hitherto been permitted to be sold to semi-famished railway travellers, is at last to be furnished with the convenience of a railway buffet.—*Mayfair.*

The fifteenth annual sailing barge match will be sailed over the usual course, from Erith to the Nore Light and back, on June the 7th. Bro. J. A. Farnfield is hon. sec. to the committee.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

"FIAT JUSTITIA RUAT CÆLUM."—We cannot well review a decision of Grand Lodge, which is final.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.—"Il Moto," "Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "Hajnal," "Eclectic."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

DEAN.—On the 23rd inst., at Sandgate, Kent, the wife of G. H. Dean, Esq., 12th Lancers, of a son.  
EVANS.—On the 22nd inst., at Chad-road, Edgbaston, the wife of G. H. Evans, M.B., F.R.C.S., of a son.  
HOWELL.—On the 20th inst., at Chaldon House, Fulham, the wife of Charles Augustus Howell, Esq., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

RYDER—MORGAN.—On the 22nd inst., at the British Embassy, Paris, by the Rev. Dr. Forbes, George W. Ryder, of 17 New Bond-street, to Lucy Mary (Lily) eldest daughter of the late Charles H. Morgan, Esq., of Paris. No cards.

## DEATHS.

HOLDSWORTH.—On the 22nd inst., at Ladbroke-road, Notting-hill, Jane Bousfield, widow of the late S. Holdsworth, aged 86.  
HUNT.—On the 23rd inst., at High Wycombe, Joseph Hunt, Esq., aged 71.  
MAHS.—On the 22nd inst., at Durning-road, Edge-hill, Liverpool, Elizabeth Leigh, wife of H. Mahs, Esq., aged 51.  
MARSH.—On the 23rd inst., Mr. John Every Marsh, at the Ordnance Arms, Woolwich-common, aged 61 years, deeply lamented.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAR. 31, 1877.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO MALTA.

Our Royal Grand Master and the Princess were to have left for Malta, via Calais, Paris, and Marseilles, on Monday, but the journey has been postponed for a few days in consequence of a slight indisposition of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Probably when next we greet our readers, we shall have to record the departure of our Grand Master and his charming consort to the continent. As Freemasons we shall trust that this little holiday and absence may be of great benefit to the health of two persons so dear to all classes of the community, especially to our loyal Order, as all will have seen with regret that for some little time past Her Royal Highness especially has not been so often in public as an admiring people would wish, nor gone through with her usual grace and energy the routine of Court ceremonial. May all of good go with our Royal Grand Master and the Princess of Wales, and may we soon again, after a pleasant stay at Malta, that little "military hot house," and Athens, welcome them safe and sound back again to old England. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold levees on the 7th of May and the 2nd of June.

## OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

Freemasonry, like everything else just now, has to suffer from the inroads of a morbid sensationalism. Much of our Masonic writing, the didactic twaddle of "dull dogs," the hopeless meanderings of unbright Masons, is marked by the prevailing tendency of the hour. Statements are made, not because they are true, but because they are startling, or spicy, or what not, and because, in fact, like a good deal of modern composition, verity and reality, are secondary considerations for those who please to write, and "write to please." Hence we see so often alike, in un-Masonic and Masonic columns the "magna indigestaque moles" of crude ideas, unveracious assertions, unsound premises, and utterly illogical conclusions. Such is a recent attack on our Worshipful Masters, which appears to have been originally a Transatlantic fault-finding with American officials, but is now transplanted to our tranquil shores. What can be the use or propriety of such a sentence as this, with reference to our Worshipful Masters, whether metropolitan or provincial? "Were there Grand Lecturers in England at this present time, we doubt if one half of the lodges would be able to acquit themselves even moderately well, much less with credit, in the labours of the lodge; while in far too many cases, the attempt at working would amount simply to a most pitiable display of absolute—we feel almost disposed to add—crass ignorance on the part of the Worshipful Masters." Now we deny this statement in toto, by whomsoever made, and declare it to be most unjust to our English Worshipful Masters, whether in the provinces or in town. We state unhesitatingly that any such representation of the ceremonial or intellectual efficiency of our Worshipful Masters is nothing better than a bit of sensational writing, utterly valueless as a correct description of our contemporary Masonic lodge work, and actually untrue as a statement. Is it in any sense an accurate description of our Worshipful Masters? We repeat that it is the very reverse of correct, or even of what is considerate. We have belonged ourselves to two most distinguished provinces, and the lodges there are all marked, some "strikingly so, by the uniform thorough performance by the Worshipful Masters of the duties of the chair. This can also be said of other provinces, and of a very large proportion of the lodges in the metropolis. That here and there we find "slovenly work" in our lodges, and inefficient Worshipful Masters, we do not deny, but they are, very happily, the exception, and not the rule, and to say that in about one half of our lodges the work would be only

moderately well done, and that in far too many cases the Worshipful Master is utterly ignorant of his duties, is a parody on veracious statements, a burlesque on the facts of the case. We therefore give to any such assertion as this an unqualified contradiction, as we consider it to be most unsound in itself, and most unjust to our Worshipful Masters. Indeed, such a sentence must have been penned by a brother who has had but little experience of Lodge working, and has seen but very few lodges in London or in the provinces. But, as we said just now, the temptation is to write in that sensational style which is doing so much harm to literature on every side of us. There is, we repeat it, at this moment a recklessness of quotation, an unscrupulousness of assertion, which render so much of what we daily read utterly worthless as a trustworthy record of passing time and customs, and facts, and history. For though writers will differ, we prefer, and we fancy that our readers prefer too, what is true to what is telling, what is the naked reality without any of the meretricious adornments of paint or enamel. Above all, we detest and despise the more sensational writers just as we turn away from, because unreal and unsatisfactorily in the highest degree, that sensational writing which is only spiced up in truth to suit the tastes of the ignorant and the credulous.

## THE "MONDE MAÇONNIQUE" AND "THE FREEMASON."

At page 476 of the last *Monde Maçonique* Bro. Caubet returns to the charge that those who use the word "bêtise" are "mal élevés." We "au contraire," contend that such an argument is alike precisian and puritan in the highest degree, inasmuch as the word is very commonly employed, and is in itself alike forcible and expressive. The truth is that "bêtise" really was the "word" to use in respect of the remarks of our brethren Grimaux and Caubet and their little "fiasco." And Bro. Caubet felt it to be so, "Hinc illæ lachrymæ." For what other or better word could we have employed? Let our readers remember why and how we used it. Our excellent and esteemed Grand Secretary, at the consecration of the Crichton Lodge, had, as was his right and duty, alluded, not as the Grand Secretary officially, but as Bro. John Hervey, the Consecrating Officer, to some recent proceedings in France in respect to a new agitation to remove from the French Constitution the pre-requisite condition of belief, of a general assent to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. He had remarked, that he regretted, as all must regret, the exclusion of the Bible from the French lodges, and observed, further, that if this great change took place he was afraid that it must lead to a cessation of intercourse as between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France. Very weighty and sensible words, my Masters! What is the reply that Bro. Grimaux makes to this friendly and unofficial "avertissement" of the Grand Secretary of England, a brother who always speaks plainly, manfully, modestly and moderately, and whose words are therefore always listened to with much attention and respect? Bro. Grimaux's reply, fully endorsed by Bro. Caubet, is to this effect,—that there is in England a society which will sell the French lodges Bibles at the cheapest rate, (a remark of the greatest impertinence), and that as long as Bro. Hervey continues the all-powerful Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England such opinions will probably prevail; equally to English brethren a most offensive statement. Were we not fully justified in calling such a line of argument issuing from such an animus of irritability and intolerance, a "bêtise"? We think we were, add we are quite ready to be judged by the educated, the "bien élevés" of our French brethren. Such is not the way to meet a friendly remonstrance and a kindly warning when offered by so considerate and so able a Mason as Bro. Hervey, and we resented such utterances, by whomsoever made, knowing that we shall carry with us the hearty concurrence of all our English Fraternity. Bro. Caubet amusingly declares that because we do not take his views we are not



"partizans," therefore, of "liberty of conscience," and even kindly compares us to "Ultramontane writers." We fancy that we are truer friends to real liberty of conscience than that most bigoted faction, which in France is seeking to ignore the very first principles of true liberty of conscience, by outraging the feelings of all other Masonic bodies in the world, and which is simply playing into the hands of the Jesuits and the Ultramontanes by the specious arguments it is putting forward, and the non-natural position it has assumed. We must all be struck with the fact, not singular in the history of the world, that ultra scepticism and ultramontaniam seem to have shaken hands once again in this "Débâcle" alike in the hollowness of their propositions, and the utter unscrupulousness of their assertions. If that violent faction of "libres penseurs" gets the upper hand in French Freemasonry, it will only apparently relegate French Freemasonry to the barbarism of avowed unbelief, and in the interest of many French Masons of kindly sympathies, religious feelings and enlightened understanding, as well as of universal Freemasonry, we protest once more to-day against the revolutionary proceedings of a noisy Camarilla, and the violent invectives of a fanatic intolerance.

#### THE NEW GRAND SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

We recur gladly to this subject (according to our promise), to which we shortly called attention in our last. Bro. D. Murray Lyon has been elected Grand Secretary by 210 votes, as against 128 for Bro. Wylie, in the place of Bro. Laurie, resigned. As we said last week, we congratulate both parties on this result, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Bro. D. Murray Lyon. The former has shown its desire to give the office for merit sake, simply and Masonically, and has obtained, as we believe, a most skilled and admirable official. Bro. D. Murray Lyon has had his Masonic labours and high character properly appreciated by his Scottish brethren. No one could possibly stand better than Bro. Lyon's distinguished opponent, Bro. Wylie, in the favourable opinion of all who knew him, and it is indeed no little tribute to the thoroughly Masonic excellences of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, that he has, by the suffrages of his brethren and the sheer force of his own Masonic works and worth, been enabled to bear off the palm of victory from so well-known and eminent a competitor in the Masonic arena as Bro. Wylie. We feel sure that Freemasonry in Scotland will now receive an impetus which will lead it on successfully to needful changes and happy reforms. We wish all prosperity and good to our kind Scottish brethren, and we shall watch with deep and sincere interest the official career of our very able and excellent brother the new Grand Secretary for Scotland.

#### THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

We fully sympathize with the excitement of many of our younger readers, (though we are old ourselves), in respect of this great and remarkable annual struggle. It is alike intensely interesting to the patriotic Englishman, the genial Freemason, the lover of athletic sports, and the admirer of that manly youth which adorns our great Universities. Far from us be that idle cant, that mournful "Stigginism" of the day, which seem to be bringing "Mawworm" again to the fore with a vengeance, and which apparently would revive a puritan regime, with as good effect as of old amongst us, and put an end to all national amusements and active sports, through fear of possible and probable evil. The race has been rowed, and it has been declared a dead heat, before countless thousands, and while nothing can exceed the remarkable training and rowing powers of Cambridge, so we have never read of, heard of, or seen anything more plucky or more remarkably, than the rapid stroke and tenacious endurance of Oxford. Some older boys will think of the seven oarsmen of Henley over again. We are deeply sorry to note, however, that this yearly gathering is assailed from two different points of view just now. First, it is asserted that it tends

to gather together enormous masses of people and encourages idleness, secondly, that it affords a premium to betting and the like. We quite agree with the able remarks of our contemporary the *Standard*, and reproduce them here: "The 'Varsity race has become a great holiday even among our working classes, and we are glad that it has done so—they could not choose a more healthy, more innocent, more manly, more fair, and straightforward object of interest. It is just because it is a healthy excitement that the languid intellectual ones object to it; it bores these rose-water philosophers to see that other people can feel a genuine and healthy enthusiasm—a thing that they themselves have never felt a touch of since they fairly got into their teens. We sincerely hope that it will be long before the genuine interest felt by all classes in the most manly of our national sports suffers the slightest diminution." An old University man, who, by the way, must be an old "slowcoach," horrified by the betting, proposes, that the "venue" should be changed, and the race should be rowed away from London. Bright idea! Excellent old boy! Well, will a change stop betting? We fancy not. It will, in our humble opinion, only intensify it. People do bet in England and will bet, about almost anything, and it becomes a great nuisance and greater bore, to have well intentioned but weak-minded fanatics always "testifying" against betting. We are not ignorant of the evils of the betting ring, very far from it. But the true philosopher, the real reformer, and the best religionist, in our opinion, is he who seeks to amend, not to destroy, to ameliorate, not to revolutionize. As a mere matter of abstract argument all endeavours to make any gains by means of the "factor" of chance, are, per se, objectionable on grounds of public and private morality, though we are aware that they have been most ingeniously defended. But be this as it may, we strongly hold all such persons to be most unwise and unreasonable, who attempt by some export facto legislation, whether of successful fanaticism or unwise excitement, to uproot what is so deeply implanted for good or evil in the habits of us perverse and pigheaded Anglo-Saxons. It will be seen, therefore, by our remarks, that we cannot join in any of those shallow "cries," which declare things evil which in themselves are productive of innocent enjoyment to thousands to-day. And when we remember the myriads who do not bet at all, compared with the hundreds who do, that great Public, for instance, which simply seeks for a day's outing, holiday, amusement for young and old, we cannot but lift up our voice against that worse than mistake zeal which confuses things lawful with things unlawful in themselves, which forgets that abuse never takes away the use of a thing, and that very many thousands of our countrywomen and countrymen find annually much of legitimate pride, interest, and exultation in this gallant exhibition of English skill and pluck. Long may the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race flourish, we say, on the bosom, too, of Old Father Thames.

#### KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

When I wrote you last, I hoped to have seen the termination of my labours at the end of the last year, and the delivery of the work to the subscribers at the commencement of this, but you know what unforeseen difficulties delayed my undertaking, and for a time even staid the work of my pen. I am now, however, hard at work again, and hope to complete the book by the end of the summer.

I append a letter from Bro. D. Murray Lyon, which will, I hope, convince the subscribers that they lose nothing by granting me a little more time to complete my laborious work on the principle on which I am conducting it, most laborious and tedious to all concerned, especially in the use of foreign words and names. I had a friendly letter from Bro. W. J. Hughan to the same effect, and have no doubt that he will kindly repeat it in the next *Freemason*. I am aware that some brethren are a little impatient at the delay, but they do not, I think, quite make

allowance if the work is to be thoroughly reliable for the time demanded to collate, extract, compare, and verify. Since I first began to study the archæology of Freemasonry, much new evidence has accrued, and old theories have to be abandoned, and new facts have to be dealt with.

As, however, you have often observed, any subscriber can have his subscription, already made returned to him if so inclined, and those who wish to withdraw their names can do so, though as a fact they all get more value for their money the less the work is hurried. I think it well to give your readers an idea of what I am now sending to the printers, asking your readers to remember that for nearly three months I gave up writing for the *Cyclopædia*, and attended to other matters.

Yours very fraternally,  
March 28, 1877. A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Dear Bro. Woodford,—

I observe from the proof sheet of "Encyclopædia" with which you have favoured me, that the letter H has been reached. To some the progress that has been made may appear unnecessarily slow, but considering the nature and importance of the book, and the desirability that it should be correct and trustworthy, features which your care and diligence and extensive information will undoubtedly stamp upon the work, I regard your progress as entirely satisfactory. To hurry such a work would defeat the object for which it has been undertaken. I shall be well pleased if the "Encyclopædia" comes to me with Xmas greeting for 1877. Judging from those parts of it that I have seen, your treatment of the varied matter coming under your notice is at once succinct and exhaustive. Don't alter your pace, progress as hitherto, and in due time your work will be one in every respect worthy of the pains that have been bestowed upon it. I spent four years on the preparation of my "History of Freemasonry in Scotland!"

With kindest regards, and returning you the compliments of the season, I remain ever faithfully and fraternally,—D. MURRAY LYON.

**Landmarks of Freemasonry.**—The first use of these well-known words appears in Anderson's Constitutions Book of 1723, where, at No. XXXIX. of the General Regulations of 1721, we find the words, "Old Landmarks." This is repeated in the Constitutions of 1738, and henceforward the word has been in use amongst us. A landmark by itself is a stone, or line of stones, set up to mark a boundary. "What are the Landmarks of Freemasonry?"—an often used phrase—is, we apprehend, a question very difficult to answer. Oliver found it so in his time, and points out how opinions vary—how explanations of the phrase differ among Masons. Mackey, following some American writers, has laid down 25 as the Landmarks of Freemasonry, and he has been followed by others, but we regret we cannot entirely accept them as a satisfactory solution of the difficulty, as many of them certainly are not Landmarks proper of Freemasonry. A question of course comes in here:—In what sense did Anderson use these words—"Old Landmarks?" We are inclined to believe that while on the one hand he alluded to the Ancient Charges and Regulations, he also included, so to say, on the other, the truths and principles contained in those ancient formularies well-known to Masons. He understood evidently, that there were, so to say, certain leading principles of Masonic ceremonial and symbolism (though then more limited than now) which were to be regarded as essential and continual Landmarks of the Order, a defence against innovation on the one hand, and neglect on the other. Mackey's 25 Landmarks are as follows:—

1. Laws and Regulations of Recognition which may be assumed to be Landmarks of the Order.
2. The Three Grades of Freemasonry; which are certainly Landmarks of Craft Masonry, to which is added in England the Royal Arch Grade.
3. The Teaching of the Third Grade, as Mackey has it, we cannot accept as a landmark, because it is incorporated in the preceding ones.
4. The Government of the Fraternity, by a



Presiding Officer, called a Grand Master, through a Grand Lodge, is, we apprehend, fairly a standing Landmark of our Order. And the Prerogatives of the Grand Master (5), and the Privileges of Grand Lodge (6), are, we quite agree, to be considered Landmarks of the Order, though contained in No. 4.

7. Granting Dispensations at irregular Times is contained in No. 4.

8. The Power of Granting Warrants and Dispensations is also included in No. 4.

9. The Making Masons at Sight we reject.

10. The Division of the Craft into Lodges, and their government by the legal officers, is no doubt a Landmark, but the Tying of a Lodge (11) is hardly, we are inclined to think, a Landmark. Neither is the right of representation in English Lodges (12) a Landmark, as our representation is not deputational, but by ex-officio qualified officers of the particular lodge, intended, no doubt, to represent the interests of that lodge, and as such they are called "representatives." But the lodge does not elect; they sit in Grand Lodge virtute officii, as we said before, though they may be instructed by their own lodge. But as formerly all Grades appeared, it would seem, in Grand Lodge, we may fairly maintain that it is a Landmark, that each lodge should be represented in the Grand Lodge by delegation, pure or in part, or jurisdiction, or by official representation, as with us.

So 13. The Right of Appeal may be properly asserted to be a Landmark.

So 14. The Right of Visitation of Lodges, subject to the laws of safety and precaution laid down by the Grand Lodge.

Equally 15. The Right of Proving, is a Landmark.

As regards 16, the non-interference of one lodge with another, and not conferring Grades, except on joining members, is no doubt a Landmark. But we apprehend that by our English law, a brother may join a second lodge, and if elected, might ask to be "crafted" in the lodge in which he is affiliated, or even without joining.

17. The Amenability of all Freemasons to a Masonic Jurisdiction is no doubt a Landmark, with some needful exceptions, as we apprehend that though abstractly, a non-subscribing Mason is subjected to Masonic Authority, practically he is not so, inasmuch as "cessat ratio cessat lex," unless from special circumstances of an aggravated character.

18. The Qualification of Candidates may be fairly considered a Landmark of the Order.

19. A Belief in the Existence of God is a necessary Landmark. No avowed Atheist can be made a Freemason. But as regards,

20. The Immortality of the Soul, though it is clearly taught by our ritual, and though a disbeliever in it can hardly comfortably continue to attend our well-known ceremonial, yet we hardly think it safe to lay down that it is a Landmark of the Order, as every great truth inculcated by Freemasonry might be considered equally a Landmark, and there are many Masons equally impatient. The only test of admission which our Order actually require is belief in God.

21. The Holy Bible is an essential Landmark in all English lodges, and we utterly disavow the opinion that, in any English lodge, under any circumstances, any other book can take the place of the Word of God. That we receive in Mahomedan lodges, for instance, or Hindoo lodges, those who seek admittance in the way most binding on their conscience is freely admitted, but the Koran and the Vedas cannot take the place of the Bible in an English lodge, we repeat, nor can any other religious book be substituted for it. The Great Light of Freemasonry can never be banished from a lodge under the English Constitution; though perhaps another "Sacred Book" may be used, as we have already said, to meet the requirements of the candidate.

22. The Equality of all Masons, abstractedly, in the lodge, is a Landmark of the Order practically, but as in the world, grades and various steps must necessarily exist amongst us.

23. The Secrecy of Freemasonry is no doubt an imperishable Landmark of the Order, just as

24. The Speculative Character of Freemasonry, founded on an operative symbolism, is a true representation of our Order.

25. The unchangeability of our Landmarks cannot be accepted without some little qualification, as it is not quite so easy to lay down what Grand Lodge cannot do.

Thus it will be seen that we accept the greater part of the Landmarks set forth by Mackey and other writers, as a fair statement of the subject, though we cannot agree with them all; and we feel also that such a representation does not accord entirely with Anderson's original words, and some may fairly raise the question whether many of these points assumed to be Landmarks are not duties, qualifications, customs, rather than Landmarks. It is a mistake, it appears to us, to make such explanations too detailed or too complicated, and we therefore feel that it is most advisable to consider properly the "Landmarks of the Order" to be probably, those leading and essential characteristics which are generally received amongst us and so bound up with the very existence and condition of Freemasonry. But it is a subject on which much may be said, and little, after all, can be dogmatically laid down.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE HEBREW QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One point cannot be too strongly insisted upon, that we must not forget or overlay the facts of the case. In only one Grand Lodge of Germany is the exclusion of Hebrews upheld, the "Great Countries Grand Lodge," Berlin, and in that body the exclusion is only kept up by the want of a necessary two-thirds vote to pass the resolution of admission, and to bring about the befitting result, a proper and lawful toleration.

Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.

In fact it might be a question whether the better course would not be to address the Great Countries Lodge itself directly, and in that movement Hebrews and Christians could unite.—J.

#### INTERESTING AND NOVEL INFORMATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot help, in justice to Bro. Kenning, calling your attention to an amusing system, just now in vogue of ignoring the *Freemason*, and reproducing your information, as novel and interesting "bits." You received from a friendly correspondent some short time back, as you said in a leader, an extract from the *Correspondance Scandinave*, to which you called special attention, and which you wisely printed in French. This has run the round of the Masonic press, and has recently appeared in the *Monde Maçonnique* "without any reference however to you, and has since been announced in England as a novel piece of intelligence, and credited to the *Monde Maçonnique*."

I cannot think this fair, though I know something of the unavoidable nature of "clippings," and the stern requirements of "padding."

"Palmar qui meruit ferat" is my motto, though I beg to subscribe myself,

IGNOTUS.

#### GRAND MASTERS OF THE ANCIENT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "A. T.," in the *Freemason* for the 24th inst., the following is a correct list of the Grand Masters of the "Ancient Masons."

1st. Robert Turner	... ..	elected 1753
2nd. Edward Vaughan	... ..	" 1755
3rd. Earl of Blessington	... ..	" 1757
4th. Earl of Kelly	... ..	" 1761
5th. Hon. Thomas Matthew	... ..	" 1767
6th. John, 3rd Duke of Athol	... ..	" 1771
7th. John, 4th Duke of Athol	... ..	" 1775
8th. Earl of Antrim	... ..	" 1782
9th. John, 4th Duke of Athol	... ..	re-elected 1791
10th. H.R.H. the Duke of Kent	... ..	elected 1813

Yours fraternally, HENRY T. BOWART, P.M. 1085.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many brethren have doubtless been hoping to see some authoritative reply to the letter from Bro. Tombs in the *Freemason* on the 10th, in which he distinctly says that the matron, "admitted that there were no means at her disposal whereby instruction in the art of cookery could be afforded."

"I.P.M.," it is true, in your issue of to day says of his own two sisters that "at the time of leaving the school they were both well versed in the art of cookery. He does not however tell us where their knowledge of that art was acquired."

Possibly they had the advantage of a home and friends and were enabled to profitably employ the school vacations in acquiring domestic knowledge.

Many, very many, of the girls at the school have not those advantages, and to these—to all in fact, but to

these more especially—the school ought to supply the place of the home training, of which misfortune has deprived them, that is, indeed as far as it is possible for any such an institution to do.

In this view no education can be considered complete which does not embrace that knowledge of those domestic duties, the possession of which on the part of the mistress of the household is so essential to the welfare and happiness of every home.

All these advantages could be—perhaps now are—afforded by our excellent Institution for Girls, but I feel sure that some particulars of the system of education there adopted would be hailed with general satisfaction and would awaken an interest that would not fail to shew itself to the benefit of the school on the lists for the ensuing festival.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
WILLIAM NOTT, P.P.G. Reg. Wills.,  
P.M., P.Z., P.M.M., &c.

Devizes March, 1877.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe in your columns some correspondence and a notification to the effect that all receipts for payments of £2 and over are to have a penny receipt stamp attached.

As this is a matter which in the course of time will involve the payment of a good deal of money, it is very desirable we should be quite sure that we have been correctly advised.

The question answered by the government official, and reported in your paper, may not have been quite understood by him.

I have always been under the impression that friendly societies and charitable institutions are, by the Stamp Act, exempt from stamp duties. Thus building and burial societies are free, and no stamps are used on the receipts for subscriptions to our hospitals and medical charities.

The subject is worthy of consideration, and perhaps some legal brother will, in the interests of the Craft, overhaul the Stamp Act and set us on the right track.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD BROWN,  
P.M. 241, Treas. 138, &c. &c.

[We apprehend that unless a special exemption is made by the Stamp Act no society whatever can break the law. Can any legal brother give us a clause in the Stamp Act which exempts building and other societies from the receipt stamp. We doubt the exemption.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

If Bro. Case, writing to-day under above heading, will refer to Book of Constitutions, (ed. 1871), p. 84, he will I think find reason to modify his assertion that "it is irregular for any brother to be balloted for at any lodge of emergency."

The latter part of the clause (No. 2), to be there found deals expressly with the proposing and balloting for candidates out of the regular course, and provides, inter alia, that a proposition may be inserted in the "summons for a lodge of emergency" (on seven days notice), "and if the candidate be then approved he may be initiated into the First Degree."

Yours truly and fraternally,

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to your correspondent "T. E." I have much pleasure in informing him that the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, meeting at Freemasons' Hall on the 5th February, 1856, and that his lordship twice served the office of Master of the lodge, in 1857 and 1858.

Lord Carnarvon is still a member and a Past Master of the Lodge.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

OCTAVIUS HENRY PEARSON, W.M. 10.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to part of the enquiry of "T. E." in your last issue, I can inform him that Lord Carnarvon was W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in the year 1857.

At the same time it may also interest your correspondent to know that Lord Skelmersdale was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1856, and was W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, Ormskirk, in 1862.

Yours fraternally,

APOLLO.

#### THE DUNDEE MS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

Bro. W. J. Hughan alludes in the *Voice of Masonry* to a curious MS., in the possession of Bro. Yarker, of which he has seen a transcript.

It seems to be a compound of Pritchard, the Great Mystery, and Essex's MS., British Museum, but it may be an independent MS., or rather a transcription of some common original. The fact of the date of 1727, being given is not by itself decisive, but, if Bro. Yarker would kindly let us publish in the *Masonic Magazine* a facsimile of any portion of the MS., we should soon obtain an approximate idea of the true date. It may be that towards the end of the last century and the beginning of this, many similar documents were printed in Scotland, as I have a copy of the *Mason's Word*, printed at Glasgow in 1803. To what ritualistic MS. in the British Museum does my good Bro. W. J. Hughan refer?

Yours fraternally,

EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE."



## Ultimum in Verbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

### THE GRAND MASTERS OF THE "ATHOL MASONS" OR "ANCIENTS."

In answer to Bro. A. T. I must refer him to a complete list of the Grand Masters of the Athol Masons, to be found in my "Memorials of the Masonic Union of 1813."

Should he not have access to that work, and as it is out of print, I have consented for the introduction to be reprinted in the *Rosicrucian* for January, 1877, &c., the first number of which volume contains the list in question, and I hope its publication in that form will induce many brethren to subscribe for that most readable publication, edited by my learned friend and brother, Robert Wentworth Little, D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

I may state that the list of all the Grand Masters connected with the different Grand Lodges in England has also been reprinted in Bro. Mackenzie's excellent *Royal Masonic Cyclopædia*, and a revised list is printed in the portion so far ready of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford's *Cyclopædia*, which I hope will soon be issued, for judging from the proof-sheets already submitted to me I think its publication will be hailed with delight.

Bro. Preston and other writers were misled as to the Ancients having no Grand Master until 1772, but he in his "Illustrations," and other brethren, never made the mistake, many have of late years, in thinking these Athol Masons were in reality the York Masons.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

### IVY LODGE, No. 1441, AND CORRECTION BY W. BRO. B. CASE.

I am very pleased to note the correction by our indefatigable Bro. Robert Case, Prov. G. Sec. of Dorset. How sad it is that so many members will not read the laws, and that Worshipful Masters so often pledge themselves to obey and enforce the "Constitutions," which, apparently, they never take the trouble to read.

I met with an instance the other day of a brother who desired to refer to our regulations, and from his drawer produced a copy of the Constitutions of 1784 to settle the question under consideration, and as he had nothing later the matter was deferred.

I am glad to see the lodges now more generally adopting the plan, so frequently advocated by others as well as myself, to present to each initiate a copy of the Book of Constitutions, and the bye-laws of the lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge.

In time this plan will cut down many irregularities of the kind pointed out by Bro. Case, and the younger members will be able to instruct the "chair."

With respect to the office of "W.S." as a "total abstainer for life," I think I can help Bro. Case to unravel the difficulty. It is not Wine Steward.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on the 21st March. The officers present were E. Comps. H. C. Finch, P.Z. 404, Grand H.; J. R. Cocks, P.Z. 403, Grand J.; F. H. Wilson Hes, P.Z. 404, Grand S.E.; T. S. Carter, P.Z. 1385, H. 403, Grand N.; A. J. Copeland, P.Z. 404, Grand Treas.; R. T. Andrews, Z. 403, Grand Std. Br.; J. Ferry, P.Z. 403, Grand D.C.; T. Thomas, 404, T. Wright, 403, Grand Janitors. A letter was read from the Grand Supt., the M.E. T. F. Halsey, M.P., regretting his inability to be present on account of his being on a Parliamentary committee, on an opposed bill which may sit until the end of April, and deputed the Grand H.E., Comp. Finch, to preside in his stead. The report of the committee upon the bye-laws was read and adopted. E. Comp. Copeland, on the proposition of Grand N., was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The following companions were appointed and invested officers of Prov. Grand Chapter, viz.: E. Comps. T. S. Carter, Z. 403, P.Z. 1385, Grand H.; the Rev. G. Finch, P.Z. 404, Grand J.; F. H. Wilson Hes, P.Z. 404, Grand S.E.; H. G. Martin, Z. 404, Grand N.; G. Ward Terry, Z. 1385, Grand P. Soj.; J. E. Dawson, 404, Grand 1st A.S.; E. A. Simson, H. 403, Grand 2nd A.S.; the Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne, J. 404, Grand Reg.; David Roberts, J. 403, Grand Std. Br.; J. Livingston, J. 1385, Grand Std. Br.; J. Terry, P.Z. 403, Grand D.C.; Thomas and Wright, Grand Janitors. The companions expressed their deep regret at the unavoidable absence of the Grand Supt. Among the other companions present were Comps. Keyser, 404; the Rev. L. Deedes, 403; J. Purrott, 1385; W. Watrener, 403; C. C. Dick, P.Z. 403; H. L. Thomas, P.Z. 403; J. B. Scriven, P.Z.; J. Linzell, 174; Craven Cobham, 1329. The companions afterwards partook of a capital dinner, served by Mr. E. M. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel. A very agreeable evening was spent.

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

An important meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 21st March, and the attendance and the proceedings were of the most gratifying nature.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, 144, was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. W. G. Brighten, the Grand Secretary of the province, and as soon as the ordinary business of the lodge was disposed of four brethren were in regular order duly advanced, viz., Bros. Chas. Coupland, 706; F. W. Goddard, 19; A. D. Everingham, 569; and J. H. Evans, 1017; Bro. F. H. Cozens officiating as Organist, and with Bros. Theodore Distin and H. D. Martin conducting the musical and choral part of the ceremony, which was thereby rendered the more impressive.

By the time the advancements were completed the lodge-room was full in every part, on account of the Provincial Grand Officers and many visitors arriving to witness the working of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge.

The W.M. then called upon the brethren to salute the Provincial Grand Master. The same was done, and the Provincial Grand Master, Col. F. Burdett, replied in most suitable terms.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Wigginton presented Bro. G. A. Rooks, the W.M. elect, to Bro. Brighten, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual questions were put and answered satisfactorily by Bro. Rooks, and Bro. Brighten then formed and declared a duly constituted Board of Installed Masters, probably one of the largest in the Mark Degree.

After the installation of Bro. Rooks in due form the brethren were re-admitted, and listened to the various addresses, delivered by the Provincial Grand Secretary in an able manner, as testified by the applause he frequently received.

The new W.M., Bro. Rooks, then presented the retiring Master with an elegant and valuable Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the brethren of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, and that lodge was closed soon after six.

A procession of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was then formed and entered the lodge-room, and was received by the brethren present in Masonic form.

The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present were the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett; the V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. F. Davison; Col. Stallard, G.S.W.; J. Baxter Langley, L.L.D., G.J.W.; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chap.; E. S. Baikie, G.M.O.; Wm. Wigginton, G.S.O.; Chas. Pulman, G.J.O.; C. Hammerton, G. Treas.; J. M. Klenck, G. Reg.; W. G. Brighten, G. Sec.; G. A. Rooks, S.D.; J. T. Ritchie, J.D.; E. B. Bright, Supt. Works; J. B. Shackleton, D.C.; J. K. Pitt, Assist. D.C.; H. Court, Swd. B.; W. Taylor, Std. B.; F. H. Cozens, G. Org.; and C. H. Rogers Harrison and R. P. Spier, Stewards; and amongst the numerous brethren present were Bros. R. G. Glover, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Parker, P.S.D.; R. J. Moore, P.M., O.; H. C. Levander, G.R.; Geo. Yaxley, 198; A. Wolton, 104; John Close; H. Court, 181; E. Hopwood, 181; A. W. Hall, Chaplain 7; H. A. Pocock, 198; E. Passover, 5; A. W. Hunne, 5; H. B. Cooper Smith, 7; Thos. Distin, 104; A. D'Almanie, 1; Geo. Huddock; Major Harding, 7; Bernard Meyer, 176; Chas. Legg, 198; W. J. Nicholls, 198; S. Griffiths, 198; R. W. Brown, 198; Dr. Ramosey; Louis Beck, E. H. Thielley, 1; and several other brethren of the Grosvenor Lodge, in all upwards of seventy at Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Richmond in July last, having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called over by the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the great increase in the number of members during the past year being observable, and a new lodge, the "Croydon," having been consecrated.

The Provincial Grand Master then said that the special business of the meeting was the nomination of a Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing three years. He had been already re-elected for a second period of three years, which latter period had passed by so pleasantly and quickly, that it seemed scarcely a year ago since that time. As he thought it his duty to leave the brethren free and unfettered in the full discussion of the matter, he would leave the lodge while that business was being settled, and the Rev. Bro. Shaboe at once stated that such a course was not required or wished for by the brethren present (universal applause), and in a few suitable remarks he proposed the re-election of Bro. Col. F. Burdett.

Bro. Col. Wigginton seconded the nomination. The motion being put by Bro. Col. Stallard, it was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Col. Burdett then thanked the brethren, and congratulated them upon the great and increasing prosperity of the Order in general, and this province in particular.

The list of Provincial Grand Stewards not having been filled up last July, owing to the apathy of some of the lodges, who had failed to recommend any brother for such honours, the Provincial Grand Secretary stated how those vacancies arise, and read over certain recommendations now to hand, when the Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. Sanderson, of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge; Bros. Legg and Pocock, of the Croydon Lodge, and a brother to be named by the Macdonald Lodge, as Prov. Grand Stewards.

The Provincial Grand Master then adverted to the great family bereavement lately sustained by the head of the Order, the Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c., &c., the Earl of Limerick, and proposed that a letter of condolence on the death of Lady Limerick be written by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and sent from this province to our Grand Master.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. Dr. Ramosey, it was duly put from the chair and carried unanimously.

No further business being before the lodge, the same was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, at which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided, assisted by the Provincial Grand Wardens. On his right was the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and on his left was the Worshipful Master of the Grosvenor Lodge, the banquet for which was provided at the same table, and, accordingly, Bro. Brighten was assisted by the Wardens of the Grosvenor Lodge in such duties as were required of him and that lodge.

The toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," "Prince Leopold, and the members of the Royal Family" were duly honoured, as was also that of "The Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick;" each of the above toasts, as well as the subsequent ones, were followed according to programme by suitable music, wherein the services of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the Provincial Grand Organist, and Bros. Theo. Distin and Th. D. Martin were rendered in a most agreeable and pleasant manner.

Bro. Levander responded for the Grand Mark Officers.

Then the toast of Colonel Burdett, as proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, was received with much enthusiasm, and the Grand Master replied in terms of unmixed satisfaction, not only with the progress of the province and Mark Masonry, but with the gathering round that table, and expressed his pleasure at being again nominated, for although he felt they might have nominated a better (no, no), he would not conceal the fact that he was pleased to be further associated with the province as Presiding Master now they had reached to their present height of prosperity, which promised yet to increase.

Bro. Brighten then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. F. Davison, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and bore testimony to the manner in which they performed their duties, and all took their part in the work, and to Bro. Davison and the officers was due much of the success they then met to celebrate.

Bro. Davison at the close of his reply said he should turn the tables upon Bro. Brighten, for he was sure that all the brethren would agree with him (Bro. Davison) that Bro. Brighten had been proposing his own health in reality, for the province now owed much to him, and the brethren had this evening been able to see his work as Master of a lodge, and through the ceremony of advancement, and again as installing Master, and the gathering this evening bore testimony to his ability as Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

After Bro. Brighten's reply, in which he referred with regret to Bro. Rooks having been compelled to leave, he then proposed "The Past Masters of the Grosvenor Lodge, Bro. C. Hammerton, the first Master of that lodge, the first Grand Secretary of that province, and the present Grand Treasurer, also Bro. Parker, Past Grand Deacon."

Those brethren having replied, the next toast was that of "The Newly Advanced Brethren," to each of whom Bro. Brighten briefly referred, viz.: Bros. Coupland, Goddard, Everingham, and Evans, and, in reply, Bro. Goddard returned thanks in the most able and entertaining manner, surprising from one new to the Order, for it seemed that during the ceremony he had grasped the whole object thereof.

The toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Dr. Ramosey and Major Harding, was replied to by the former, and soon after concluded an evening which was frequently spoken of as one of the most pleasant and successful ever remembered.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 6, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.  
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 83, United Lodge of Providence, Albion Tav.  
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.



## TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cp. of G. Hope Tav., E.  
" 1267, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.  
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Ptny.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Regent M.H., Regent-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Vill. Club Hall, Wimbledon.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.  
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate.  
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, M.S.A., Balls Pond-rd.  
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 7, 1877.

## MONDAY, APRIL 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Con., Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 673, St John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hot., Widnes.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., Assembly R., Bootle.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lome, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.  
Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescott.  
" 477, Fidelity, M.R. Birkenhead.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1475, Bootle, Assem. R., Bootle.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Alpass Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—ELECTION, APRIL 14TH, 1877.—The un dermentioned Brethren earnestly solicit the Votes and Support of the Governors and Subscribers to the Masonic Institutions, on behalf of

## MARIA EDITH GREGORY,

Aged 8½ Years, younger daughter of the late Bro. Edward Gregory, of Gravesend, by whose decease, and that of her Grandfather, she is left unprovided with the means of education or maintenance, and is a candidate for admission into the Royal Masonic School for Girls.  
The R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Kent.

Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.M. 709, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Fairlawn House, Ashford, Kent.

" A. Spencer, P.M., Provincial Grand Secretary, Bank-street, Maidstone.

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" H. Berkowitz, P.M. 188, Tivoli House, Gravesend.  
And the Charity Committee of the Province of Kent.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked \*

also by the Widow, Mrs. Gregory, 7, Wellington-street, Gravesend.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1877.—Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of HARRY WILLIAM FAIRMAN, Aged 10 years and 6 months.

(Son of the late Bro. George Fairman), formerly of the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, and lately of the New Golden Cross Hotel, Hastings. Bro. Fairman was initiated in the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, in December, 1864; joined the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, in March, 1869; was S.W. the year preceding his death, and was greatly respected; he was an Arch and Mark Mason, and continued a Subscribing Member to all until his death in April, 1876. He left a widow and four young children almost unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

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## Craft Masonry.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).**—The meeting of this lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall on the 27th ult., Bro. Victor Myers, W.M., in the chair. After the raising of a brother to the sublime degree of M.M., the W.M. announced he had received a letter from the Joppa Lodge, 188, requesting the consent of the Montefiore Lodge to join with their committee, and also the Tranquillity and Israel Lodges. Bro. S. V. Abraham said the letter received from the Joppa would naturally affect the discussion which would take place that evening, and it was his intention to move a resolution to the effect that they should agree to meet the committee of the Joppa Lodge on the question, and as no doubt that resolution would be carried, he would bear that in mind in the few observations he was about to make, and he hoped the lodge would endorse the acts of the committee, and they would consider whatever was done was done in a truly Masonic spirit, without attempting to put the Montefiore Lodge forward, but that it was an endeavour honestly to carry out an alteration in that law which appeared to be against the principles of Masonry. The committee's first duty was to make known the resolutions to the various lodges in the United Kingdom; and within seven days of the last lodge meeting every lodge in the United Kingdom was in possession of the petition. The best result he (Bro. Abraham) could show was the bundle of petitions which had been returned to him signed by the various lodges. (Cheers.) There were 120; but he feared there had been a spirit at work which prevented some lodges signing the petition. He said that because communications had been made to some of the London lodges. But at any rate there were sufficient to show they had succeeded. The press had noticed the matter very favourably, and though there had been some anonymous correspondence, yet the moment persons wrote anonymously, finding fault, they might be sure there was not much fault to find. Accompanying the petitions were very many letters from various lodges, sympathising with the movement. He would trouble the lodge only with a few—Harmony, Plymouth; the Province of Worcester; Abbey Lodge, Nuneaton, Warwick; De Grey and Ripon. One letter was from a W.M., enquiring if it was necessary to call an emergency or wait for the regular lodge meeting. This showed how warmly the matter was being taken up; and under those circumstances he felt the committee might safely come to the lodge with some degree of confidence. They did not desire the Montefiore Lodge to be prominently put forward, and they were anxious to join heart and hand with any and every other lodge willing to enter on the subject, to give all the information they could, and to ascertain what assistance and information other lodges could give them. They were told they had said three Grand Lodges had excluded certain men, whereas it had turned out there were only two; but it was not quite so, as it would appear from the correspondence that had passed with Bro. Wendt. Jews were only admitted to the three Blue Degrees, which implied that was all the concessions that were made. A letter had been received from Bro. Findel, who was on the spot, which letter justified the Committee in the course they were pursuing. After some further observations, Bro. Abrahams concluded by expressing a hope that the lodge would continue the confidence they had already placed in the committee. Bro. C. Eskell moved, and Bro. Brall seconded, that having heard the statement of the committee, a further sum of £5 be voted towards the expenses. Bro. S. V. Abraham said, with reference to the letter from the Joppa Committee, the Montefiore Committee would be perfectly willing to meet them, or any other lodge, and discuss the question. But there was one point he must mention. We have (said Bro. Abrahams) a large number of petitions which do not belong to us; they have been returned to us in trust to hand them over in due time to Grand Lodge. It must be borne in mind that whatever position is taken up by the Montefiore Lodge, is bound Masonically and morally to hand over these petitions to Grand Lodge. It is not right to take them up, and what terms we are anxious to meet any other committee. We are most desirous, and shall be very glad, to meet and consult with them with regard to any resolution likely to result in an effective and favourable movement. But on this point we must stand. We were the first to communicate with other lodges throughout the kingdom; it is not for personal aggrandisement, not because this lodge is anxious to be first, but because we have asked others to give us their names that we are bound to hand them up to Grand Lodge, whatever the result. What we should ask you to do is to refer the Joppa letter to the committee, who tell you, through me, they are willing to join with any other committee and discuss the matter. Bro. C. Eskell moved, and Bro. Braule seconded, that the letter from the Lodge of Joppa be referred to the Montefiore Committee. Bro. Breidenbach moved, and Bro. Cooper seconded, that the W.M. do sign the petition. This having been carried the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured.

**URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th of March, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, Saint John's Gate, Clerkenwell. The old Gate is interesting, and within its walls many antiquities are to be seen. Here, in this old building, the *Gentleman's Magazine* was first started by Cave. In the large hall, above the bust of Shakespeare, we read that "Garrick made his first essay in London, as an actor, in that particular place." Savage, Johnson, Goldsmith, Boswell, and many other literary characters, were frequent visitors to the Gate, and it was noted as the home and haunt of learning. Here the Urban Club meets, an institution composed of literary, scientific, and histrionic gentlemen, from which the Urban Lodge sprang. Amongst the members of this lodge we find gentlemen of all branches of the profession. In general literature the well-known names of Bros. William Sawyer, F.S.A.; S. S. Bacca, J. Redding, Ware, J. Dionysius Loverdo, F.R.S.L., and J. E. Carpenter, Ph.D., M.A. Singing: Bros. W. H. Cummings and Patey. Music: Professor Lehmer, Bianchi, and Braide. Dramatic critics: Bros. E. L. Blanchard and J. Callingham. Artist: Bro. Boucher (the cartoonist of *Judy*). Actors: Harry Marston and Creswick. Brethren connected with the law: Edwin Legge and Japhet Tickle; and others more or less connected with the profession. On the last occasion a goodly company of brethren assembled under the gavel of Bro. Simpson, the W.M., assisted by his officers:—Edwin Legge, S.W.; Blanchard, J.W.; Heath, S.D.; Loverdo, J.D.; Carpenter, P.M., Sec.; Eckenstein, I.G.; Harry Marston, P.M., D.C.; Radford, W.S.; H. S. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; and Lehmer, Org. The first business was to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting and to pass the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of the members of this lodge it is desirable that a Royal Arch chapter should be attached thereto, and the sanction of the lodge (upon application having been regularly made for the same) be given to the request of the petitioners." Proposed by Bro. Carpenter, P.M., seconded by Bro. Jonathan Pearson, P.M., and carried. Bro. Cheadle having proved an efficient F.C., was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Ballots were taken for Messrs. Joseph Walter Tacon and Caspar Clarke for admission into the fraternity, which proving in their favour, they were duly initiated. It was nearly nine when the lodge closed, after which the brethren adjourned to supper, provided by the host, Bro. Gay, in his usual liberal style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, the toast of "The Visitors" meeting with the very warmest reception, Bros. Isaacs, P.M. 795; Frederick W. Koch, P.M. 820; Mullet, P.M. 256; Wells, W.S. 1539, and other visitors, replying in appropriate terms. Bro. Hawksley sang a capital song, the brethren joining in the chorus. Bro. Cummings, although suffering from a cold, sang "Tom Bowling," which gave extreme satisfaction, judging by the loud applause which greeted him at the finish. Bro. George E. Fairchild gave, in his best style, "My Pipe," a short dramatic sketch, the declamation of this popular artist drawing forth hearty commendation. Bro. Lehmer played in fine style a value of his own composition, the brethren feeling highly gratified by the professor's splendid performance. It was a late hour before the brethren separated, and no doubt an agreeable evening was well spent and enjoyed by all present.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—This prosperous lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday week, and was well attended. Amongst those present were Bros. J. B. Shackleton, W.M.; Fieldwick, acting S.W.; B. Meyer, J.W.; T. C. Chapman, I.P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Brand, J.D.; H. S. Meyer, I.G.; and Young, Organist. Members: Bros. H. G. Buss, P.G.J.W. Midz.; John Varney, John Stokes, A. Ferrar, E. Dietrich, J. L. Payne, C. W. Smyth, G. Dignam, R. George, F. Brasted, E. A. Harding, C. Larkin, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). The visitors present were Bros. Wardell, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95; Thorn, Domestic Lodge, No. 177; Jones, Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 907; Marsh, Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382; and Fieldwick, S.D. No. 1364. The business of the evening consisted in the raising of Bros. Bonner, Stevenson, G. Ferrar, and O. Dietrich, and the initiation of Messrs. Cracknell, Braine, Watkins, and Benson. Lodge having previously passed a resolution to remove, it was decided that in future the meetings should be held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual toasts being given and duly responded to.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).**—The above lodge held its monthly meeting at the Swan Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The officers and acting officers were Col. Stuart, P.S.G.W. England, W.M.; Alderman Bull, J.P., P.M. and Steward, acting S.W.; Capt. Colburn, J.W.; Capt. E. Green, J.P., I.P.M.; Colburns, S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Thody, I.G.; Dr. Prior, Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, Treas.; Pipet, Org. The P.M.'s present were

Bros. Cuthbert, Cookson, Whyley, and Billson; the brethren, Rev. F. Ward, Thompson, Harris, Roe, Carter, Kilpin, Stafford, Capt. Glubb, and others. Visiting brethren were Hillhouse and Green, of Lodge United Strength, 228. The minutes having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. R. P. Jarvis, of Bedford, who was unanimously elected, and accordingly initiated by the W.M. Other business having been transacted, and another resident of Bedford duly proposed and seconded, the lodge was closed, and twenty-seven brethren partook of refreshment.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—A very numerous assemblage of the brethren of this flourishing lodge met on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, the only business being the installation of Bro. Benjamin Sidney Wilmot as W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge, Bro. H. H. Riach, P.M. being the Installing Officer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Graham Kingston, P.M.; Moore, S.W. 862; Stephens, P.M. 1365 and 1489; and Grist, D.C. 1489. The ceremony was most carefully rendered, and the officers appointed as follows: Bros. W. B. Bacon, S.W.; H. D. M. Williams, J.W.; E. Rawlings, S.D.; W. H. Hodgkin, J.D.; Dunkley, I.G.; J. Burton, D.C. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Provincial Grand Master," the W.M. stated that they were more intimately connected with him, and it was a source of gratification to know he not only took great interest in every matter connected with the province, but was all that could be desired as a ruler. "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. East, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers" was most feelingly proposed. Bro. East would have been present, but illness prevented him; his speedy restoration to health was given most sincerely. Bro. Nicholls, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, responded. In proposing "The Health of the W.M., P.M. Riach spoke of his genial temper and amiable qualifications as a Mason and his knowledge of all the duties appertaining to the office. He had selected good officers, all of whom they were justly proud. The W.M., in responding, was most enthusiastically received. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him in placing him in the highest position in his lodge. He regarded Freemasonry for the doctrines it teaches, its main object being charity, not merely almsgiving charity alone, but charity in respecting the opinions of others; should we ourselves differ, it cemented the strongest ties of friendship, and gives the opportunity of rubbing off the rust which would otherwise exist and of meeting on an equality free from the cares and battle of every-day life. "The Visitors" and "The Officers" were duly proposed and responded to, and the meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

**MOLD.**—Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—The great annual event in the history of every Masonic lodge was celebrated by the brethren of the Sir Watkin Lodge, Mold, 1477, on the 25th ult., when Bro. Algernon Potts, S.W., was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. Although the Sir Watkin Lodge has only been in existence three years it has now upwards of ninety members on the books, and may be regarded as one of the foremost lodges of the Principality. There was a large number of visitors present, many of them being of high rank in the Craft. The annual festival of the lodge this year was marked by an act of true Masonic generosity. The lodge-room of the Sir Watkin has often elicited the admiration of brethren from a distance, but its attractiveness has been enhanced tenfold by the artistic embellishment which it has recently received at the hands of Bro. H. Francis Smith, P.G. Superintendent of Works for Cheshire, who has covered the ceiling with Masonic emblems, executed in the highest style of art. The decorations were designed especially and presented as a free gift by Bro. Smith, who is a decorative artist by profession, and who is also an honorary member of the Sir Watkin Lodge. The ceiling is admirably executed, and has a beautiful effect, the principal enrichments consisting of eight large medallions, each bearing a Masonic emblem. These medallions are supported by the cornucopia, or horn of plenty. From these spring the acacia leaf, which is carried round the entire ceiling, and at intermediate scrolls are pendant the square and compasses. At the corners are panels, with shields in the centre bearing the jewel as worn by the Grand Master of England and that of the Deputy Grand Master. In the centre is the star, or sun, with golden rays radiating from the same, the whole being surrounded by the twelve signs of the Zodiac; in the centre of which is to be seen the triangle, &c. The brethren are indebted to Bro. Smith for a lodge-room of marvellous beauty, worthy of the province, and of the distinguished Mason whose name the lodge bears. A letter was received from Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn, the Grand Master of the province, expressing regret at his inability to be present, but stating that his health had much improved—an announcement which elicited the hearty acclamations of the brethren. Bro. Potts, whose election to the Master's chair had given every satisfaction to the members of the lodge, was installed by Bro. James Salmon, P.J.G.W., who rendered the ancient ceremonies in his usual able and impressive style. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Williams, S.W.; J. Birch, J.W.; R. Lewis, Treas.; R. Williams, Sec.; D. Rowland, S.D.; Dr. Roberts, J.D.; J. Salmon, Dir. of Cers.; R. C. Griffiths, I.G.; — Parry, Tyler; — Corbett, I.P.M.; and G. E. Lyle, Org. Among the brethren present were Bros. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; W. H. Spaul, P.G.S.; Boucher, P.G.O.; R. J. Sissons, P.G.R.; F. Smith, P.G.S. of W. Cheshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; James Taylor, W.M. 415; Thos. Wilcock, P.M. 425; W. Matthews, W.M. 721; T. Lockwood, J.W. 425; R. C. Edwards, S.W.



721; R. J. Davids, I.P.M. 606; and J. Dennis, P.M. 721. At the close of the installation Bro. F. Smith, at the request of the W.M., graphically described the decorations of the lodge-room. They were, he said, from an original design, and it had given him very great pleasure thus to testify his respect for the lodge and his esteem for his friend Bro. Salmon, to whose Masonic labours they were all so much indebted. The installation banquet was held in the Ball-room of the Black Lion Hotel, the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Worshipful Master, who is in delicate health, being occupied by Bro. Horatio Lloyd. A very excellent repast was served, and at the close the Chairman gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Watkin W. Wynn," the Chairman remarked that he had only to mention the name of Sir Watkin to ensure a most enthusiastic reception at the hands of all Masons. Unfortunately, the state of his health did not permit him to be present at their Masonic festival, but he hoped the time would shortly come when he would be restored to his usual health, and again honour them with his genial presence. In proposing "The Health of the Newly-installed Worshipful Master," the Chairman remarked that he had known Bro. Potts all his life, and he felt sure they all regarded his election as Master as a great acquisition to the lodge. He was a gentleman of great intelligence; one whose heart was in the right place, and in every way fitted to perform the duties of Master with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. It was a very great source of pain to Bro. Potts that the state of his health would not permit of his being present at the banquet. He had assured him (the chairman) that he had looked forward during the past three years to that evening, and nothing but the state of his health could possibly have prevented him being present. He was sure, however, he was with them in spirit, and was thinking of them at that moment. The toast was most enthusiastically received. In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," the Chairman said he had now to ask them to honour a brother to whom they were, perhaps, more indebted than any other. If they wanted anything they naturally turned to Bro. James Salmon, who was at all times ready to give them his help. He had installed that day their new Master, and had rendered the ceremony in his usual able style. It was at all times a pleasure to him (Bro. Lloyd) to be present when any ceremonies were conducted by Bro. Salmon; and he was sure they were all of the same opinion. Bro. Salmon had not only originated the Sir Watkin Lodge, but had assisted other lodges in different parts of the province, and he understood that he was now to be installed first Master of a lodge at Rhyl. The toast was received with Masonic honours. Bro. Salmon, in responding, said the chairman had referred to him in very flattering terms; but in doing what he had done he felt that he had only done his duty. He had undertaken to steer the Sir Watkin Lodge through all difficulties, and he could not have done that if he had not had the hearty assistance of the brethren of the lodge. The Sir Watkin Lodge had only been in existence three years, but it had made wonderful progress, and was a credit in every way to their Provincial Grand Master, whose name it bore. It was well known that the province of North Wales deservedly stood high, whether they considered it as a centre of Masonic working, or as a centre of Masonic charity, but it was not generally known that in addition to these cardinal excellences it had the merit of being the most ancient province under the Grand Lodge of England. North Wales was the first province formed by the Grand Lodge of England, in the year 1727, by the Earl Inchiquin, then Grand Master of England. The warrant was dated 10th May, 1727, and Bro. Hugh Warburton was the first Provincial Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) In the same year, on the 24th June, Sir Edward Mansel was appointed Prov. Grand Master for South Wales. They knew what the division of Masonry into provinces had done to consolidate the Craft, and to diffuse its beneficent principles, and it was therefore pleasing to them that the initiation of so important a reform in Masonic government should have been intrusted to the Masons of the Principality. (Applause.) Their beloved Provincial Grand Master, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, was the third oldest Grand Master in England, and during his reign Masonry had greatly extended throughout Wales and Shropshire. Previous to the year 1852, when Sir Watkin was appointed, there were only two lodges in Shropshire, and two in North Wales, but there were now 13 lodges in North Wales, and seven in Shropshire. Bro. Francis Smith, in responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed in flattering terms by the Chairman, said the decoration of the lodge had been to him a labour of love. He had at all times taken an interest in the province of North Wales, having been connected with a very old lodge at Welshpool. During the evening several excellent songs were given by Bros. H. Ellis, of Chester; Williams, Adams, and Lewis. Bro. Francis Smith and his son also materially contributed to the harmony of the evening.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this "crack" lodge, which has shown so much healthy vitality since its consecration last year, was held on Tuesday week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a very numerous attendance of members. The visitors, however, did not attend in the usual strong force. The lodge was opened at 2.30 prompt by Bro. Joseph Bell, the esteemed W.M., and there were also present Bros. B. B. Marson, P.G.S., P.M.; J. W. Chapman, S.W.; Lindo Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; J. Skeaf, I.G.O., Organist; W. W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Collinson, S.S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Henry Leslie, Frank Emery, W. Hildyard, E. Wilkinson, J. Hill, Ballard, Dr. Whittle, Cotton, Savage, Blamphin, P. Buck, Lowe, Burgess, &c.

The W.M., in his usual masterly manner, passed three brethren to the second degree, and raised five brethren to the Sublime Degree of M.M's. At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to banquet in the old Lodge Room, where a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**LOUGHBORO' LODGE** (No. 22) was opened in due form on Monday, 26th ult. Bro. G. Phythian, S.W. of the Neptune Lodge No. 22, worked the ceremony of initiation; Bro. E. P. Storr, W.M. of the Neptune, the Second Degree, when Bro. White, our able instructor, took the chair, and gave a lecture on the first of the five points, or brotherly love, afterwards working the ceremony of raising, &c.

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE** (No. 144).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge of instruction, held at the White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, on Good Friday evening, Bro. Jas. Ardin, P.M. 511, in the chair. Officers: Bros. Bley, S.W.; Sedgwick, J.W.; Cameron, S.D.; Markland, J.D.; Bullen, I.G.; and Birch, P.M. The Sections were worked by the following brethren:—

#### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section, by Bro. Bullen, 160, N.B.
2nd " " Markland, 144.
3rd " " Taylor, 452.
4th " " Allen, W.M. 144.
5th " " Cameron, 180.
6th " " Wood, 145.
7th " " Carlstrom, 730.

#### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section, by Bro. Swallow, 382.
2nd " " Hancock, 511.
3rd " " Baber, 452.
4th " " Caulton, 382.
5th " " Sedgwick, 180.

#### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section, by Bro. Dr. Egan, 858.
2nd " " Bley, 25.
3rd " " Caulton, 382.

Proposed by Bro. Birch, P.M. of the parent lodge, and seconded by Bro. Dr. Egan, that a vote of thanks be recorded for the able manner the W.M. performed the duties of the evening. The W.M., in thanking Bro. Birch (whom he had known for forty-five years) for his kind observations, and also Bro. Dr. Egan for the high compliment he had paid him, and in thanking the brethren for their support, expressed himself highly pleased not only with the correct, but the very impressive manner which each brother worked his Section. The lodge was closed at 10.20. The lodge meets every Friday evening at 7.30.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The quarterly meeting of this conclave was held in the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, March 27th. The conclave was opened by Sir Knt. J. Harrison, M.P.S., at 6.35. The minutes of the former conclave of Dec. 5th, 1876, were unanimously adopted, as also was the balance-sheet for the past year. The ballot was taken separately for Bros. Izod; Cawte, P.P.G.W.; Ellis, P.Z. 342; and E. J. Smith, and proved unanimous in each case. Bros. A. Holbrook, S. W. Ellis, and E. J. Smith being in attendance, were duly obligated and installed; and also proclaimed by the acting H. The historical oration was delivered by P.S. Hillman. Sir Knts. Osborne and Reading signed Grand Conclave certificates. The M.P.S. addressed a few remarks to the Sir Knights expressive of regret at the unavoidable absence of the Dep. Int. Gen. and H.P., from whom he had received letters of apology; more especially as the pleasing duty devolved upon him of presenting to the much beloved Int. Gen., Dr. Knott, the very handsome and costly jewel of a P. Sov., unanimously voted at the last meeting. Sir Knt. Harrison, in contrasting the position of the conclave previous to the appointment of the doctor twelve months since with the present flourishing and hopeful prospects, hoped that he might be spared many years to this conclave, and the division he had the honour of presiding over for the advancement of our beloved and chivalric Order. In reply, the Int. Gen. thanked the members most heartily for this very handsome expression and token of their appreciation of his services. The conclave had certainly increased in numbers and position, and it would be his determination to still further advance the Order in this division; in fact, he trusted that before long the formation of at least one other conclave would have his recommendation. Earnestly impressing upon the Sir Knights the necessity of great care in the selection of candidates, exhorting them at all times to consider quality before quantity, and to be most careful to propose only brethren of good repute, he in conclusion paid a well-earned compliment to their indefatigable Recorder, P.S. Robinson, for his unremitting services to the conclave from its formation to the present moment. The revised bye-laws, as recommended by the Perm. Council, were then read and adopted. The conclave was closed in solemn form at 8.35.

Mount Olivet Sanc. K.H.S. and Com. St. John was then opened by P. Com. Bro. Knt. Alfred R. Robinson. The minutes of the commandery held on Dec. 11th, 1876 (as also the balance-sheet), were unanimously adopted. Bro. Knights below the rank of P.P. and M.E.C. having retired, Bro. Knt. J. Harrison was inducted in ancient form by the acting Com. Bro. Knights were re-admitted and saluted Sir Knt. Harrison as M.E.C. On account of several members being absent, the appointment of officers was omitted until next meeting. Sir Knts. Harries, Adames, Reading, Ellis, and Copus were received K.H.S., and installed Knights of St. John, the traditional oration being delivered by the Int. Gen. The commandery was duly sealed at 10.

#### FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A banquet by the members of the Masonic Craft was given to Bro. H. E. Downer, D.D.G.M., on the eve of his departure for Europe, at Adelaide, on Monday, January 22. About 140 brethren sat down to dinner, including representatives from the three Constitutions—English, Scotch, and Irish—and also visitors from Gawler, Strathalbyn, and Mount Barker. The chair was occupied by Bro. Arthur Hardy, D.G.M., who was supported on the right by the guest of the evening, D.D.G.M., H. E. Downer; S.P.G.M. Muecke, S.C.; and P.D.D.G.M. Dr. Whittell, E.C.; and on the left by D.G.S.C. Bros. Justice Gwynne, E.C.; D.D.G.M. Crowder, I.C.; and D.G.C. the Rev. Henry Reade, M.A., E.C. The vice-chair was filled by Dr. W. Gosse, P.D.D.G.M., who was supported on the right by Bros. P.M. W. Barlow, I.C., and J.W. Townsend, M.P., E.C.; and on the left by Bro. C. Peacock, Mayor of Adelaide, E.C., and W.M. Mais, E.C. Bro. R. Rees acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Chairman read apologies for non-attendance from Bros. Chief Justice Way, Von Doussa, and Willshire, and D.P.G.M. Page, S.C.; also from the G.M. elect and brethren of the Clare Lodge.

The Chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Three Constitutions, English, Irish, and Scotch," which were drunk with the usual Masonic honours.

The Chairman next proposed "The D.G.M.'s and D.D.G.M.'s of the I.C. and S.C. of South Australia."

S.P.G.M. Bro. Muecke responded for the Scotch Constitution, eulogizing the services of Bro. Downer, and speaking of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Scottish Constitution.

D.D.G.M. Bro. Crowder, I.C., responded for that Constitution, expressing a hope that the time would come when they would not be called English, Irish, and Scottish Constitutions, but would become the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Bro. P. M. Clarke gave "The District Grand Lodge Officers, E.C.," which was well received.

Bro. D.G.S.W. His Honor Judge Gwynne responded, and after some humorous remarks anent his own shortcomings as a Mason, spoke highly of the energy of Bro. Downer, and his zeal for Masonry. He hoped that when on his visit to England Bro. Downer would have the opportunity and privilege of attending some of the grand Masonic gatherings there. Brother Downer in the external world gave expression in his actions to the great principles of Masonry.

The Vice Chairman proposed "The Health of the Guest of the evening—Bro. H. E. Downer." He said if ever he felt a difficulty in his life it was at that present time. When he was asked to assist in the banquet to Bro. Downer he said and felt that nothing would give him greater pleasure, but when he did so he had no idea that a letter would be put into his hands asking him to propose the toast of the evening. He felt the greatest difficulty in expressing his sentiments when speaking of their guest, whether as a man, a gentleman, or as a prominent citizen. In any capacity he was one who was deserving of the warmest commendation and support, but that night they had to consider him as a Mason. In that capacity he would like to recall to the brothers a period about ten years previously, at which time he was sorry to say Masonry in South Australia was in a state of chaos. Certain circumstances occurred at that time which were to be greatly regretted; but that happily had all passed away, and the brethren were now working together in friendship and unity. He spoke more particularly of the English Constitution. The present state of things he attributed in no small degree to the action and influence of Bro. Downer. All knew how he had worked in the cause of Masonry. He (the speaker) was not a man of many words, and would merely ask them to join with him in wishing their guest a pleasant voyage to England, a pleasant sojourn there, and safe return and a warm welcome back to South Australia.

The toast was drunk with full Masonic and musical honours.

Bro. Downer, in rising to respond, was met with applause. He said, if Bro. Gosse thought it at all necessary to make any apology, how much greater was the necessity for him in asking them to accept his very best thanks for the very cordial way in which they had received him there on that occasion. He would that he were possessed of much more power, both mentally and physically, to thank them, not only for this, but for the many other acts of kindness which he had received at their hands, for coming there as they had done, and wishing him every kind wish that one's heart could wish oneself. He only wished that he were deserving of half the kind things that had been said of him. If he could go away that night and feel that one quarter of them, or much less, were in any way deserved, he would go away feeling a prouder man than he had ever felt in his life—that was if he thought that he deserved them really, and that his brethren of the Craft were truly recognising what little he had done. As to what had been said about him, he must say that to his mind the man who called himself a Mason could not get his shoulder to the wheel without lending all the force he was capable of to drive the wheel round—that he could not be a true Mason without putting all his strength to help Masonry forward, and that he could not hold office in the Order without devoting a large amount of time and much attention to making himself proficient in its duties. He had joined the Craft when he was 21, and had held office nearly all the time from that period to the present, not as Deputy District Grand Master all the time. He had begun in the humble office of Junior Deacon in the United Tradesmen's Lodge, and he was sure there



were those present who had held even lower offices. During the time he had been a member of the Craft it had had a good many ups and downs, but he thought he might truly say that at no time in South Australia had the Masonic Craft stood in a better position than at the present time. That was not, however, from any effort on his part. Bro. Gosse had referred to the confusion which reigned about 10 years ago. He did not know that it was so long ago, but he knew that the state of the Craft was anything but flattering. If any person connected with the working of their lodges had the misfortune to attend a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge he would soon have found that things were not as they ought to have been; but he was glad that that state of things was now changed. In what he had done he had only walked in the footsteps of one who was energetic in putting Masonic matters on a better footing—Bro. Whittell—who had been mainly instrumental in promoting that harmony and good feeling which had grown ever since. Brother Whittell had had to retire from the office of D.D.G.M. because his private practice required the whole of his attention, and he thought he was correct in saying that the Right Worshipful D.G. Master had, on the advice of Brother Whittell, asked him to take the office. He had accepted it, and had tried, as far as he could, to tread in the paths in which Brother Whittell had trod. He now looked back with pleasure to find that the harsh feelings which had existed had died out, and that the lodges were in better working than they had ever been before, and that there was true Masonic feeling, not only in their own lodges, but amongst the members of the sister Constitutions. Brother Muecke, as representative of the Scotch Constitution, had made some very complimentary remarks regarding him, but he could not think that he had raised the love of Freemasons in South Australia in the slightest degree; officers of lodges required only to be looked at by the Provincial Grand Lodge officers. He would only take credit to himself that he had endeavoured to do his work as Deputy District Grand Master, and assisted in the working of the lodges in every way in his power. To that extent alone he took any credit for carrying on the work which Brother Whittell had begun. One thing that had tended to bring down Freemasonry here was that they had been larger in their ideas than in their pockets. It was not once or twice that the Freemasons here had tried to begin by being big men instead of climbing up gradually. He referred to the matter of Masonic Halls. Three times they had tried to have a Masonic Hall of their own, but on each of these occasions had failed. And on each of these occasions men had severed from active work in the Craft who had taken a deep interest in Freemasonry. Time, however, had, he thought, salved over any feeling, and he saw one brother who had become inactive smiling, as if he agreed with the remark. He hoped that he had found that the rise in the value of property had prevented loss. He hoped that men quite as capable would continue to serve as had served in the past work of the lodges. As he had said, it was the duty of the higher officers rather to watch than to act. They did not want over-legislation, and if it was carried out in Freemasonry they would see many men not taking a part in the work of the Craft that they ought to take. He had merely looked on and assisted when it became necessary. In the town lodges the assistance that the Deputy had had to render was very small indeed, as there were men in those lodges able to do their work well. In the country the services of the Deputy had been more useful, and here his interest in Masonry, and consequent knowledge of it had enabled him to help them. The Worshipful D.S.G.W. Bro. Gwynne, had overwhelmed him with the good things that he had said of him. Every one who knew Bro. Gwynne knew how good a friend he was—always the same. He had never wanted the aid of a sound judgment, but Bro. Gwynne had been ready with assistance and advice. In regard to a remark that he had made as to his (Bro. Downer's) energy, as shown by his dancing at a Masonic Ball at Kapunda till 4 o'clock in the morning, and being at the opening of a lodge in the afternoon, he could only say that Masons proverbially went from labour to refreshment. On both the occasions Bro. Gwynne had referred to, he had been upon Masonic business, the ball, however, being at Clare. A good Mason was thoroughly able to work or to enjoy himself where pleasure was going, and in the latter especially he considered himself a very good Mason. In conclusion, he could only say that he felt himself truly thankful for the kind way in which Bro. Gosse had proposed his health, and for the very cordial manner in which they had received it. It was a matter of very great pleasure to him to find that he was held in such high esteem by the brethren of the Craft, as was shown by their presence on that occasion. He saw that Masonry here was thoroughly represented by brethren of all classes around the table, and that many of his brethren had put themselves to great inconvenience because their residences were a considerable distance from town, and they had sacrificed their time and business in coming to town to show him this mark of respect. It was almost impossible for him to find words to say how very pleased he was, and how grateful he felt for their kind wishes. He hoped when he reached England that he would have an opportunity of watching the working of some of the Masonic lodges there—and seeing whether the working of Lodges here was like the working of those in England. He would go home with a strong opinion that some of the Lodges here were worked as well as they could be worked. He must heartily thank them for this and other acts of kindness that he had received at their hands, and trusted that the time would not be very long before he might return to carry out the duties that he had now the honour to discharge. He had thought it right when he received his leave of absence to offer to

tender his resignation of the office of D.D.G.M., as he thought it unfair to retain the position, seeing that he had all the powers delegated from the D.G.M., and could regulate and rule the Craft without consulting the D.G.M. on the subject. He felt that it would not be fair to the D.G.M., that it would not be fair to the Craft, which was more important still, for him to go away without offering to resign. The interest of the Craft and not his presence was involved. The D.G.M. had been kind enough to say that he ought to be considered in the matter, and so it been finally arranged that he should not tender his resignation, but should go away and come back again with the Masonic title that he held. In conclusion, he wished once more to thank them most heartily for the kind way in which he had been welcomed.

Bro. C. Peacock (Mayor of Adelaide) proposed the toast of "The W.M.'s of Lodges of South Australia."

Bro. W.M. Mais responded for the English Constitution, Bro. W.M. Robertson for the Scotch Constitution, and Bro. W.M. Simpson for the Irish Constitution.

Bro. D.G. Chaplain the Rev. Hy. Read, M.A., proposed "The Past Masters of South Australian Lodges."

Bros. P.M.'s Cunningham, Barlow, and King responded.

Bro. Dr. Whittell proposed "The Banqueting Committee," and Bro. Cunningham responded, saying that the committee had worked hard to make the affair a success, and had spared neither trouble nor expense. They were not responsible for the hitches which occurred in the catering during the early part of the evening.

Bro. H. E. Downer proposed "The Health of the Chairman, the D.G.M., Bro. A. Hardy."

The D.G.M. responded, thanking the brethren for the confidence expressed in him, and conveying some advice on the working of the business of the Craft.

Bro. R. Rees proposed "The Vice-Chairman."

The Vice-Chairman responded, and the proceedings terminated at a late hour.

#### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW TOWN HALL AT STONEHAVEN.

All Stonehaven and the whole of the surrounding district turned out en masse to witness the ceremonial with which the foundation-stone of the new Town Hall was laid by Lord Inverurie, on Tuesday, 20th ultimo. The event which culminated in this interesting and highly picturesque display has been looked forward to for some length of time, and the arrangements having been properly matured, everything passed off in the most pleasing and agreeable manner, there being a very marked want of "hitches"—those frightful bugbears of public ceremonials, which so often reduce them to the level of the ludicrous, and even the contemptible.

The hall, when completed, will be a handsome, compact building, and will supply what has long been a felt want in the county town of the Mearns. The total cost, including furnishings, will not be much less than £4000. Mr. Baird, of Urie, superior of Stonehaven, and who has always manifested a warm interest in its prosperity, has subscribed £200 to the building fund, and liberal subscriptions have also been received from other county gentlemen, from Sir G. Balfour, Bart., M.P., and from the leading citizens. The committee, however, are still short by about £1000 of the requisite sum, and to assist in meeting that deficiency a bazaar is to be held on an early day.

The commencement of the proceedings was fixed for half-past one o'clock, but long before that time large numbers of people, attracted by the excitement of the occasion, as well as by the excellence of the weather, had assembled in the large Market Square, where the procession was to be marshalled by Chief Constable Weir, and whence it was to start on its perambulatory tour. In the square a large quantity of firewood had been gathered, along with other inflammable material, while a large boat, whose sea days had been done for a long time now, and for whose possession an enthusiast invested the sum of 15s. of Her Majesty's current coin, lay for the last time "high and dry" all ready for the great bonfire of the evening. Strings of bunting crossed the streets at intervals, and flags and all the other paraphernalia incidental to this sort of "blow-out" were to be found at every corner. The children from the two public schools of the town—Fetteresso and Dunnottar—were the first of the processionists to appear, and better pictures of happiness and enjoyment than were presented by them could not have been desired. There they were, dressed in their best and out for a holiday, cheering—as only full-hearted youngsters can cheer—to the echo as each new arrival debouched on to the square. Then, after the children, came in quick succession the trade representatives with badges and devices, the Masonic brethren, the Foresters, and the Good Templars, with their insignia, the Town Councils of the old and new towns of Stonehaven—for a river is in the midst of her, which is the line of demarcation—and so on till the hour of the ceremony approached.

Chief Constable Weir, who was on horseback, marshalled the procession.

Most of the lodges were well represented, there being over 200 Masons in full costume in the procession.

After perambulating the principal streets of the town, all of which were lined with spectators, the procession returned to the New Hall, where the foundation-stone ceremony took place, and to witness which a grand stand was crowded with ladies and gentlemen. Prior to Lord Inverurie laying the stone, ex-Provost Soutar presented his Lordship with a beautiful silver trowel for the performance of the work, and expressed a hope that his Lordship would retain the same as a memento of the day's proceedings.

Lord Inverurie having returned thanks, proceeded to lay the foundation-stone in true Masonic style, the usual libation of wine and oil being poured on after his Lordship had administered the orthodox three knocks, the Urie Band playing appropriate music. Three hearty cheers were raised after his Lordship had finished the work. In the cavity beneath the stone was placed a glass jar containing a parchment on which was written a copy of the prospectus of the hall undertaking, with list of subscribers annexed, and copies of local newspapers, and ten current coins of the realm, &c.

Lord Inverurie then mounted the stone and said—Brethren, ladies, and gentlemen,—I am going to begin the few remarks I have to make by expressing my mingled sense of lively satisfaction and regret—regret at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and satisfaction at being myself able to be present. I feel regret that Lord Ramsay could not have been here to-day, feeling as I do that the ceremony would then have been performed by far abler hands than mine; yet I feel great satisfaction in having this opportunity of meeting so many of my Masonic brethren on such a happy occasion. This is the first occasion which has fallen to my lot to preside at such an assembly as this, and I cannot but feel a peculiar satisfaction that this first occasion should be at the county town of a county with which, along with Aberdeenshire, I am more intimately connected than any other, and one to which my forefathers have been similarly attached for generations. It is not my forte to make long speeches, nor have I the time; but I cannot stand down without expressing, in the name of the brethren present as well as in my own name, our best wishes to the Provost and Town Council of this town for the undertaking of which we have now laid the foundation-stone. Stonehaven, if it cannot boast of many noble buildings, can boast of something far better, something for which we are known all over the world—I mean the hardiness and bravery of its fishermen—men who will go anywhere and brave anything to save life if placed in jeopardy on this rock-bound coast. It is with great pleasure I see them represented here to-day. In laying this foundation stone of a more fitting hall for the use of the magistrates and Town Council of this town, I feel sure you will all join with me in wishing both them and the town all success and prosperity in the future; and in conclusion, I pray that this hall may exist through future years alike a memorial of Masonic work and an ornament to this our good town.

Provost Wood congratulated the company on the successful proceedings of the day, and on the prospect of having within a month a commodious Town Hall. He acknowledged the hearty and liberal response that had been made by all classes to the appeal for subscriptions and support. Many of the landed proprietors of the county had shown their genuine liberality in the handsome subscriptions they had given, amongst whom were the present Lord Lieutenant, the Convener of the County, the Earl of Kintore, and Mr. Baird of Urie, the superior of the New Town, who with his wonted liberality was the first to head the subscription list, and who, along with many others, had repeated their donations. To all classes and to all individuals he desired to express his own thanks and those of the members of the Council and Hall Committee. He had in a special manner to thank the noble lord who came forward so readily on this occasion, and who had so gracefully performed the interesting ceremony.

Provost Wood then called for three cheers for his Lordship, which having been enthusiastically given,

Lord Inverurie said that he would like, in the first place, once more to say how much obliged he was for the way in which the company had kindly cheered his name, and in the second place, to say how sorry he was to have to leave before the banquet. At the same time, he would leave what would be an equally good substitute—a little money.

The ceremony then closed, after which a banquet followed.

#### FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS LODGE, No. 1590.

On Wednesday, 28th February, the brethren assembled at the new lodge, for the purpose of dedicating it to Masonic service, and also for installing the W.M. elect. At four o'clock Bro. P.M. Bain took the chair, being supported by P.M.'s Bros. Nettleton, Kemsley, Smyth, J. Bell, Tonks, H. W. Pearson, and Hill, Bros. Dunsterville and Alabaster acting as S.W. and J.W. respectively. The formal business completed Bro. the Rev. G. Smith, Chaplain of the Good Will Lodge, Port Elizabeth, performed the dedication service, and the brethren formed in procession to St. Katherine's Church, where a short sermon was delivered by the same reverend gentleman. This completed, a return to lodge was made in the same order as before, and Bro. Bain, assisted by the other Past Masters, installed Bro. Dr. S.J. Meintjes as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge Southern Cross, No. 1590. The W.M. elect then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. B. Harvey, S.W.; T. Tunbridge, J.W.; C. Holmes, Treasurer; D. S. Esselen, Secretary; Lemon, S.D.; Gibbon, J.D.; Atkinson, I.G.

CONSECRATION OF THE AMATOLE LODGE, No. 1640.

This lodge was opened at Alice on the 28th February, and drew together a very large number of Masonic and other visitors, including the Fort Beaufort Brass Band, whose efficient services added materially to the success of the demonstration. The brethren assembled at half-past three a.m. in the Court-room, and proceeded to St. Bartholomew's Church. On arriving at the church, the procession opened to the right and left, so as to enter in inverted order. After service the procession moved in the same order to the lodge-room, and on arrival again opened



to the right and left, entering in inverted order. Ladies were admitted (by ticket) to view the lodge. The lodge was opened in due form and the constitution ceremony proceeded with. The ceremony of consecration commenced with a prayer by the Chaplain; the lodge being then uncovered and consecrated in form; when being again covered and a blessing given an anthem was sung. The brethren of the new lodge having rendered homage to the Installing Officer, he then constituted the lodge. Bro. P.M. C. J. Egan, D.G.M. designate, then installed the officers of the new lodge, after which the brethren proceeded to luncheon. The following is a list of the officers installed: Bros. E. J. Smithies, W.M.; H. Rowland, S.W.; P. Nightingale, J.W.; G. Murray, Sec. and Treas.; J. Attwell, S.D.; D. Watson, J.D.; W. Wynne, I.G. A concert took place in the evening at the Masonic Hall, which was crowded. About twenty ladies and gentlemen took part in the proceedings. The concert was a splendid one, and we have no hesitation in saying it was one of the best ever given in Alice. Several ladies and gentlemen from Fort Beaufort aided a great deal in the musical line.

#### A ROMANCE, entitled FREEMASONRY IN THE COUNTY COURT.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." So said the great Hebrew bard, father of the Royal Solomon, and if our readers will only read to the end of this sketch, how delighted they will be to find it exemplified in the Province of Devon even unto the present day. Where more suitable for the practical illustration of the foregoing sentiment than Devonshire, for is not the revered and Christian minister the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., the Prov. G.M.? Is it not also close to the residence of the Devon Masonic orator who has for years told the members what their duties are to God, their neighbours, and themselves? But to the point! It appears that a well known, respected, and able Past Master in Plymouth (and a Past Provincial Grand Officer), borrowed a little insignificant and useless MS. ritual, of a portion of the Royal Arch ceremony, long ago obsolete, at least the owner of the said pamphlet declares he did, but the P.M. fails to remember the occurrence. However the owner being a Mason, and the borrower one likewise, they soon amicably settle the matter, for the P.M. promises to search through his numerous papers (being a literary man, a work of time therefore), and proceeds to do so. He fails, alas, to find the missing but useless little MS., and though he regrets the fact, the owner gets wrath, and proceeds to consult a solicitor as to the matter. Herein will be seen the advantage of Freemasonry, and its superiority to any other institution under the sun, for the lawyer so consulted happened also to be a brother, a P.M., a Provincial Grand Officer, and so many things else in the Craft, that he himself rarely succeeds in recounting all his honours to his friends at any one meeting, for "their name legion."

On hearing the name of the P.M. who was charged by his client with the loss of this valuable nothing, he at once reminded the owner thereof that as Freemasons we should all adjust our difficulties amicably, and, therefore, he would strongly advise him (the client) to leave the matter in his hands, and he would obtain a few pence to give some poor beggar from the said loser of the MS. The owner, however, would not hear of this, but decided to seek the aid of the law to recover the value of his property, whereupon, the brother thus consulted, the P.M. of honour, position, usefulness, influence, and appearance, declined to be party to any such abuse of Freemasonry, refused the fee for consultation, and informed the brother that if he, as owner of a paltry and valueless MS., chose to summon a well known and respected brother before the judge of a county court for the value of the same (which was nil), he washed his hands clean of the whole affair, and in most indignant terms rebuked the said owner and brother for asking him to be party to such an intensely mean, shabby, and un-Masonic transaction. He then stopped, the vehemence of his whole nature being so roused that words failed to come, and, being a stout gentleman, the said owner made his exit, being fearful of apoplexy ensuing.

We are happy to state that better feelings in the end predominated, and owing to the fraternal advice of the solicitor in question, the affair was arranged amicably, a few shillings being handed by the P.M. to the South Devon Hospital, in acknowledgement of his supposed carelessness.

#### FREEMASONRY IN THE COUNTY COURT—A STERN REALITY.

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., before his Honour the Judge, was heard "T. Passion, plaintiff, v. S. Honesty Defendant."—The plaintiff claimed a large sum of money for a MS. ritual of a portion of the Ceremonies of the R.A. (long ago obsolete), which he declared had been lent by him to the defendant and not returned. The judge gave a verdict in favour of the defendant, who had wisely paid into court a sum of money much in excess of the value of the MS. in question. When we mention that the sum thus paid did not exceed three half-crowns, our readers will easily compute the small but real value set on the petty little "Ritual." The plaintiff hereafter will doubtless take a lively interest whenever the play of "The Biter Bit" is being acted.

There is, however, a sad fact connected with the case. The plaintiff all through the case was assisted by his lawyer, who is a distinguished Mason, and who knew well the trivial character of the so-called "R. A. Ritual." Had this legal brother but remembered the teachings of the society, which has so bountifully showered upon him honours and offices, and advised his client to accept the sum

previously tendered, there would not have been enacted such a disgraceful exhibition of charlatanism and lack of Masonic fraternity.

#### ROMANCE AND REALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

The majority of brethren have little experience of the advantages derivable from a connection with the Craft, other than those which spring from their enjoyment of meeting steadily with fellow members and visiting brethren, in lodges adjacent to their own homes. There is a deep and valuable reality in this, but ordinarily there is not much romance. Our every-day life, in the Craft as in the world, is so stereotyped, that it brings us little that is new under the sun. But Freemasons that travel in distant lands have a wider and more varied experience. If in the army or navy, they are continually brought face to face with strange scenes and individuals, and not infrequently as well as with great danger; and even if they be only ordinary travellers, their experience is new every day. Valuable as Masonry is to them at home, it proves doubly so abroad, and they are not slow to acknowledge it. Bro. General Sir Charles Napier, while commander-in-chief in India, once said, in response to a toast at a Masonic banquet: "Few Masons can say they owe so much to Masonry as I do. I have been forty years a Royal Arch Mason, and I am glad of an opportunity of acknowledging it to the Craft." He then went on to detail how he was once taken prisoner by the French, without a hope of being exchanged, when he remembered that he was a Mason, and soon found a brother in a strange land, and speaking a strange tongue, who had conveyed safely a letter from him to his family in England (at that time a hazardous undertaking for a French officer), and the result was his speedy and honourable return to his own land.

There is scarcely any country so remote from civilisation as not to have some of its inhabitants initiated into the humane and self-sacrificing principles of Freemasonry. One would not naturally look for brethren among the wild Arabs of the Great Desert of Africa, and yet the tenets of the Craft have more than once been illustrated there, and will be again. For example: "Some twenty years ago a member of Oxford University Lodge was travelling in Egypt, accompanied by his servant, and in proceeding across the desert was attacked by robbers. Finally they were overpowered, but not until they had slain two of the band, and naturally the travellers supposed that their own lives would pay the forfeit of their skilful bravery. But the robber chieftain no sooner found that he had as prisoner a brother Mason than he restored to him every article of property that had been taken from him, and bid him resume his journey in peace. The lessons of Freemasonry are thus the very last that are forgotten. There seems to be a magic force in them, that impresses them indelibly on the tablets of the heart."

Many are the romantic incidents that are narrated of Freemasonry on the battle-field. This one is characteristic, and was related by Bro. Sir Archibald Alison, at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. In the Crimean war an English officer led a small party of soldiers up to one of the guns placed in an embrasure in the Redan. The majority of the men fell, in the deadly fire to which they exposed themselves. Those remaining were gallantly met by a body of Russian soldiers, and the English officer was about to be bayoneted, when he was Masonically recognised by a Russian officer, who struck up the bayonets of his soldiers, led his newly-found brother to the rear, and treated him with the kindness of a Mason.

The following incident of our Revolutionary war is worthy detailing in this connection:

On the plains of Camden, after the militia which composed the principal part of the American forces had left the field, the brave old German, Bro. General De Kalb, was left to bear the brunt of the unequal conflict, with a few tried veterans. They fought valiantly, but could not win against superior numbers. Borne down in the red hurricane of battle, the brave De Kalb fell, covered with wounds, close to where the British general was commanding in person. Prostrate on the ground, though still living, a dozen British soldiers, with savage cruelty, would, in a moment more, have pierced his bosom with as many bayonets. His aide, who was within a few feet of him when he fell, seeing the terrible fate his general was about to meet, rushed towards him, and stretching his hand towards heaven, cried out:

"Save the Baron De Kalb! Save the Baron De Kalb!"

Cornwallis, attracted by the cries, rode to the spot where the old hero was lying in his blood. Springing instantly from his horse, with his own sword he struck aside the bayonets of his soldiers, hailed the German general with a brother's welcome, staunch his wounds, took him from the cold bed of the battle field to his own quarters, where every comfort that wealth or power or sympathy could suggest was afforded him; and if care, attention, and relief could have preserved the life of De Kalb, it would have been done by Cornwallis. But death had fastened its fangs upon him, and although Cornwallis was unable to prolong his earthly existence, he consigned the body to the tomb with all the pageantry of a soldier's burial, and himself performed the grand honours of Masonry at the grave.

Even the possession of Masonic emblems by a brother has proved of signal service to him. Dep. Grand Master Bro. Blaquiére, the veteran Anglo-Indian Mason, had bequeathed to him a snuff-box, covered with the emblems of the Craft, that had a memorable history, and he prized it accordingly. It belonged originally to a medical gentleman, to whom it had been presented by his lodge, as a

testimonial. He afterwards went to Brazil, where he realized a fortune in diamonds and other precious stones. These he placed in a small box, in which he also enclosed his Masonic snuff-box, and returned across the ocean to England. Off the coast of Cornwall the vessel in which he sailed was wrecked, and he reached his native land poorer than when he left it. About a year afterwards a stranger called at his lodgings, drew from under his coat the identical box that contained his lost treasure, and delivered it to him, as a Mason. The Masonic snuff-box, with his name upon it, led the strange brother to find the owner, and his Masonic principles led him to restore to him his lost property.

And not only does the American Mason and brethren in the deserts of Africa and Arabia, but Chinese brethren are promptly recognised when they journey westward, and come to our shores. Some years ago, at a communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, a card was sent in inscribed with the name of a visiting brother. The officers scanned it up and down, down and up, crosswise and obliquely, but to no purpose. It looked more like a spider's caligraphy than anything else. It chanced at last that a brother, learned in the Oriental languages, detected "Celestial marks," and suggested that a Chinese brother was knocking at the outer door. He was then examined and found to be a bright Master Mason, and promptly admitted to the circle of the Mystic Tie.

These are a few of the instances that illustrate at once the romance and reality of Masonry, and added to our own intimate knowledge of the advantages, intellectual, social and convivial, the Craft forms at home, they intensify our admiration for the oldest, noblest and strongest tie ever devised by man for binding together good men and true of every clime, nation and language.—*Keystone.*

#### FREEMASONRY, PAST AND PRESENT.

Masonry is the most ancient, and, so far, has been the most enduring of all human institutions. From the earliest times of the world's history until now, associations and orders have existed among men; some have left their footprints on the sands of time, but most have perished, without the shadow of a name, or one gilded cloud to mark the glory of their setting suns. Nations as well as institutions have arisen and been swept away; dynasties have sprung up and perished; the genius of revolution, with her ever-revolving kaleidoscope, has ceaselessly worked in the transformation of governments—converting, now kingdoms into republics; and now republics into empires. The old nations of the East have passed with the gorgeous civilisation of semi-barbaric opulence and power, down to the dark Plutonian shore, and have bathed in its Lethæan waters. Fair and classic Greece and Rome, eternal and imperial, purpling her seven hills with countless triumphs, have sunk into the decrepitude of age; the new and unknown Muscovite has sprung up like a giant and stretched his long arms and huge proportions over half Europe. The great Christian city of the East, the rival of univalued Rome—the city of the Golden Horn and of the Christian Constantine—has sunk into the arms of the victorious Turk, and become the sacred city and metropolis of Ismail. The Moorish crescent has pushed back the Christian cross from the Mediterranean to the Pyrenees, and in turn the conquering cross has driven the crescent to the sea, and been planted by the Christian Knights of Masonry upon the sacred walls of Jerusalem. New worlds have been discovered and opened to the admiring gaze of men, and our own continent, from a trackless wilderness, has risen by the magic of events to a power and population that transcends belief.

Throughout most of this wreck and reconstruction of the past; throughout most of this alternate chaos and order; throughout most of these mutations and revolutions, which history, in her great moving panorama, has presented to our sight; throughout most of these dissolving views, appearing, disappearing, and re-appearing on the tablets of time, like the tracings of phosphorus on a whitened wall; before many of the ancient dynasties had perished; before most of the nations and governments of the modern world had had their birth, Freemasonry existed and has flourished, and to-day, after the lapse of centuries, it exists and flourishes, striking its roots into every land of civilisation, and distilling from its spreading branches over the people of many nations the precious and healing dews of its benevolence and good works.

We must cherish and preserve it, and do our part to perpetuate it. To do this we must emulate the virtues of those honoured fathers whose death we mourn; we must preserve our vows inviolate; we must execute without departure the obligations we have assumed, and we must show to the profane world, by our actions rather than by our professions, that we keep the faith that we profess.—*Grand Master Bro. Wm. B. Taliaferro, of Virginia.*

Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, having eternity for its duration, and the universe for its space. Its attraction is the mystery in which it is veiled, its key is allegory, its bond morality, its object philanthropy, its result benevolence.—*Masonic Herald.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.—A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Leamington, on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, R.W. Prov. Grand Master. After the transaction of the usual business of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the brethren proceeded to lay the foundation-stone of St. John's Church, Leamington, with Masonic ceremony.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st., on Wednesday, the 25th inst. For full particulars see advertisement on front page.

**THE FORTHCOMING FESTIVAL FOR THE GIRLS' INSTITUTION.**—Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, has kindly undertaken the duties of Steward in connection with the 89th anniversary festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and from the well-known popularity of our brother in Liverpool and throughout the province, there is every prospect that he will receive a goodly sum with which to appear at the festival. Bro. Goepel has already served the office of Steward to one of our three noble institutions.

**LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.**—From the recently published statement of accounts in connection with the old and new Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., is the Honorary Treasurer, it appears that the rents received from lodges during 1876 amounted to £373 13s. 4d.; from chapters, £101; from miscellaneous Masonic meetings, £45; and lodges of instruction, £34—the total income amounting to £769. After all payments there was a balance to the credit of the Treasurer of £5 4s. 2d.

Bro. Emra Holmes delivered a lecture on "The Art of Public Speaking," on the 21st ult., in the Lecture Hall of the Mechanics' Institute at Ipswich, in connection with the Working Men's College. The lecture was an entertaining one, and there was a good attendance. Bro. Holmes has since lectured on "Tom Hood," at Saxmundham, to the members of the Mutual Improvement Society of that town.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN GRAHAM IRVIN.**—The managers and staff of the London and Westminster Supply Association, 10, 11, & 12, New Bridge street, E.C., presented a very valuable gold chronometer watch on the 28th ult., to Mr. John Graham Irvin, the esteemed general manager of the company. The presentation was made in the name of the employees by brethren of Lodges Nos. 11 and 228; and also by a New Zealand brother, all of whom hold prominent positions in this very flourishing company.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall last Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

**THE ROYAL LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1669).**—The consecration of this lodge will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, at half-past three o'clock punctually, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, and that of installation by V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset. The officers designate are Bros. Newington Bridges, P.M. 772, 1216, W.M.; William H. Thomas, S.W.; and Thos. Edmondson, J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction, No. 79, at the Prince of Orange Tavern, Greenwich-road, S.E., on Wednesday, the 25th inst., by Bro. G. Macdonald, W.M. 1158, assisted by fifteen members of the Star Lodge of Instruction. Lodge will open at 7 p.m. precisely.

The consecration of the Ancient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, will take place on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where the ordinary meetings will be held. Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P. G. Reg., will be the first W.M.; Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., the first S.W.; and Bro. J. R. Bottomley, the first J.W.

Mr. Edwin Ward, of Wigmore-st., naturalist to the Prince of Wales, has just completed the mounting of the head of a short-horned cow belonging to the Earl of Bective, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland. This short-horned cow, called "X. Duchess of Geneva," was bought in the American market for the extraordinary price of six thousand guineas. Her head, which is a very fine one, may now be seen at 49, Wigmore-st., W.

**BRITISH ORPHAN ASYLUM.**—This is the jubilee year of this institution, and the jubilee dinner will take place at Willis's Rooms on Friday, April 27th, under the presidency of the Earl of Dartmouth. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be present, and ladies will dine with the gentlemen on this occasion.

The monument erected in Kealakekua or Karakakoa Bay, in the island of Owhyhee, to the memory of Captain Cook, has been newly enclosed and fenced with twelve old 32-pounder guns, which were in store at Esquimaux.

**"THOMAS DE QUINCEY: His Life and Writings,"** with Unpublished Correspondence, by H. A. Page.—This is the title of a work in two volumes now in the press; it will contain about a hundred of Mr. De Quincey's letters, and letters to him from Professor Wilson, Mr. Thomas Carlyle, and others, placed at Mr. Page's disposal by Mr. De Quincey's family. The work will be issued shortly by John Hogg & Co., Paternoster-row. Mr. James Hogg, sen., who was intimately associated with Mr. De Quincey during the last ten years of his life, will contribute some reminiscences, and the appendix will contain the "Medical Aspect of Mr. De Quincey's Case," throwing fresh light on the opium eating, by Dr. Eatwell, formerly principal of the Medical College, Bengal.

The 223rd anniversary festival of the Sons of the Clergy will be celebrated under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday, May 16th. The annual dinner will take place on the same day in Merchant Taylors' Hall, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presiding.

An evening concert in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, will be given in the Opera Theatre, Crystal Palace, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock. Many eminent vocalists have promised their services. The programme will be divided into two parts—1, classical; 2, popular; and in addition to favourite vocal solos, duets, part songs, &c., will comprise concerted pieces (for wind instruments, with and without piano) rarely heard in England.

A new Stock Exchange for Glasgow, erected at a cost of £52,000, was opened on Tuesday.

**ROYAL GENERAL THEATRICAL FUND.**—The annual meeting of the members of this fund was held in the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday, Mr. John Hollingshead in the chair. Mr. Edgar read the financial statement, which showed that the receipts of the year ended 31st March amounted to £2412 os. 8d., and the expenditure to £2238 4s. 1d., leaving a balance to be carried to capital of £173 16s. 7d.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1158).**—The ceremony of Installation will be worked in this lodge on Tuesday, April 26th, by Bro. Govan Macdonald, W.M. 1158. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m. precisely.

The anniversary festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, will take place at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 23rd April. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.; banquet at 7.30. Bro. J. F. Chittenden, M.D., I.P.M. 548, will preside.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-of-Arms, went to Windsor on Wednesday, and removed the banner, arms, and regalia of the late Sultan of Turkey from the choir of St. George's Chapel.

The Queen has sent a donation of £50 to the Princess Mary Village Homes.

**OUR MEAT SUPPLY.**—A correspondent living at Ottawa, who is a large meat and poultry salesman, writes to claim credit for Canada, and not the United States, being the first country which sent a supply of fresh meat and poultry to England. He says that the Canadians will endeavour to compete with the Americans in keeping the markets in this country well provided with cheap and good food.

The Craft in Scotland, we are glad to learn, are once more to have a Masonic newspaper organ, Bro. Kenning having commenced the fortnightly publication of the *Scottish Freemason*, in Glasgow. We wish it the success that has deservedly greeted all of Bro. Kenning's literary labours in behalf of the Craft.—*Keystone*.

**MORE CLANDESTINES.**—Some years ago a number of persons, probably French political refugees, being in London, established a lodge, calling it "Les Philadelphes." For this they had no warrant whatever, even from the facile Grand Orient. Recently they have resolved themselves into a so-called Grand Lodge, and now they will doubtless seek to enlist sympathisers, and grant warrants wherever they can find dupes. In this we see history repeating itself, for their course is but another phase of that pursued by Hamburg, France, and others, with a longing eye to catch the Yankees.—*New York Courier*.

It is expected that Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., will arrive home from his trip round the world in the course of next month.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, held at Leamington on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Lord Leigh, P.G.M., in the chair. Bro. Isaac Silverstone, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, Birmingham, presented the petition on behalf of the exclusion of Hebrews from certain German lodges. Lord Leigh, P.G.M., promised every support in Grand Lodge.

The *Tatler* states the true story of the birth and parentage of the Marchioness de Caux is that she was born neither in Spain, nor in the United States, nor in Whitechapel. Her real name was neither Patey nor Isaacs. Her real name was Patti—Adelina Patti. Her father and mother were Spaniards; she was born in Turin, and was taken to America in her infancy. Spain, therefore, claims the honour of her ancestry, Italy of her birth, and the United States of her earliest education. I know that this account is not piquant enough for gossip, but it has the merit of being true.

The Good Service Pension of £150 a year for Marine officers, vacant by the death of Colonel Digby, has been conferred on Colonel Boyle.

The Emperor William of Germany has appointed Professor Droysen, of Berlin, to be "Historiograph of Brandenburg History."

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Bagehot, the editor of the *Economist*, which took place on Saturday week. Mr. Bagehot was in the 52nd year of his age.

We are informed that the committee of the London Masonic Club have issued invitations to a banquet on Thursday next, "to meet Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs."

News from Tangier says the French Minister-Plenipotentiary proceeding to the Court of Morocco was camped in the interior, unable to proceed owing to the swollen state of the river.

Mr. Frank Topham, one of the oldest members of the Watercolour Society, died suddenly at Cordova on the 31st ult. He left England for Spain with a party of friends less than a fortnight ago. Mr. Topham was about seventy years of age, but was so hale and active that his departure on a long and fatiguing journey was not regarded by his friends as anything extraordinary.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday next, the 14th day of April, 1877, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the institution, to consider notices of motion, and to elect thirteen girls into the school by ballot from a list of fifty-four candidates. The election will commence at one o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at three o'clock precisely.

Spring has set in at St. Petersburg. A change in the weather suddenly occurred last Friday week, when a thaw began. It has been the longest and severest winter known in Russia for years.

Captain Burton has left Suez on a special mission from the Khedive. The object is unknown, but the destination is believed to be Morlah, a seaport on the Arabian coast of the Red Sea, near the entrance of the Gulf of Akabah. Captain Burton left in an Egyptian war vessel.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be consecrated on Friday, the 27th inst., at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. Bro. Frederick Binckes, V.W. Grand Secretary Mark Degree, will work the ceremonies of consecration, and will also instal Bro. J. B. Shackleton as W.M.

The consecration of the Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter, No. 173, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 o'clock. The Principals designate are Comps. John Daniel Massey, M.E.Z.; George Wilson, H.; and George Robert Green, J. The ceremonies will be performed by Comp. James Terry, Comp. Theodore Distin presiding at the harmonium. A full report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

The *Whitehall Review* understands that the Queen and the Prince of Wales have recently had submitted to them by Bro. Wills, the florist, and Mr. Bedborough, the architect, the drawings of a very novel structure which it is proposed to erect as a covering to the Prince Consort Memorial in Kensington-gardens. The proposal is to construct a large building of iron, copper, and glass, octagonal in form, 200 feet in diameter, with projections on four alternate faces of the octagon, 80 feet by 27 feet. The figure of the Prince Consort would stand under a domed roof 340 feet high. East and west of the central structure, and connected with it by corridors, it is proposed to construct gardens containing trees and plants representing the vegetable kingdom of the world. The main entrance would be from Kensington-gore. Could the proposal be carried out in its integrity, London would boast a resort absolutely free to all comers such as no other capital in Europe possesses. Whether or no the Queen expressed any opinion of the design we, however, cannot say, but the Prince of Wales is said to be much pleased with the plans, and to have accepted a photograph of the design.

The German excavators at Olympia report fresh valuable acquisitions. They have discovered a colossal torso of a statue of Jupiter and several heads from the gable-piece of Pæonios; also some bases of statues bearing inscriptions.

Admiral Corbett has been appointed Commander-in-Chief on the East India station, in the place of Admiral Macdonald, promoted.

The eighty-ninth anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on May 9th, 1877, on which occasion the Right Hon. the Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Norfolk, has kindly consented to preside.

Active preparations are going on for the immediate commencement of the long-projected work of draining the Zuyder Zee.

**AN ACTOR IN HANDCUFFS.**—The *Bath and Cheltenham Gazette* reports that an amusing circumstance occurred in connection with the termination of the first piece at the theatre on Monday night. Mr. Cumberland, the popular stage manager, enacted the character of Captain Levison, the "villain" of the piece, and, as every one knows who has seen "East Lynne," is handcuffed, preparatory to going to gaol for murder. All went off successfully till after the "curtain," when the actor applied to the proper person to take the "darbies" off, but the key being worn out would not unlock them. Search was next made in the theatre auditorium for some "active and intelligent officer" who would have in his possession a key to unlock the manacles. No time was to be lost, as Mr. Cumberland had soon to appear in the second piece; but unfortunately no "blue bottle" could be discovered. What was to be done? The actor could not certainly "go on" as Jacob Earwig in handcuffs, and, furthermore, could not take off his coat to dress for the part. As a last resource the erstwhile Captain Levison, growing desperate, rushed from the building, and at last, near a house of entertainment, espied a helmeted guardian of the peace, who, on being assured that it was "all right," released the (stage) murderer.

During the month of March 150 ships passed through the Suez Canal. The receipts of the Company amounted to 3,090,000f.

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Bligh, G. M., St. Catherine's (B. of E.)	0	12	0
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Rastall, J. H., U.S.A. (P.O.O.)	0	14	6
Sedgwick, Dr. W. G., N.S.W. (P.O.O.)	1	4	0
T. W., Ont. (B. of E.)	0	16	2
Wetherill, J., Constantinople (Stamps)	0	8	2

ERRATA.—In the Report of the St. David's Lodge Jubilee at Bangor last week, for "Bro. R. Lloyd" read "Bro. R. Lloyd Owen;" and in the date of the changing the number of the lodge from 811 to 540, for "1852" read "1832."

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemason's Repository," "Keystone," "Le Piramide di Menfi," "Masonic Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Craftsman," "True System of Wood Pavement," "The Illustrated Guide for Amateur Gardeners."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BARBER.—On the 2nd inst., at Shawland Villa, St. James's Road, Brixton, the wife of Bro. William Henry Barber, (Secretary Eclectic Lodge, 1201), of a son.

DONKIN.—On the 25th ult., at Oxford, the wife of W. F. Donkin, Esq., prematurely, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

UNITE—KING.—On the 5th, at St. Mary's, Islington, George Duthy Unite, son of John Unite, of 291, Edgware Road, to Emily, daughter of the late William King, of Canonbury. No cards.

SILVESTER—METCALF.—On the 27th ult., at St. Michael's, Chester-square, James Silvester, of Penge, to Mary, daughter of John Metcalf, late of Macclesfield.

## DEATHS.

HOLLOWAY.—On the 29th ult., at Brighton, Lieut.-Col. Edward Vere P. Holloway, aged 71.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1877.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO MALTA.

For the following statement we are indebted to our contemporary the *Lancet*: "The Prince of Wales is suffering from an abscess attributed to the effects of an injury received while hunting. His Royal Highness's stirrup slipped, and a severe strain resulted. The abscess has been opened, the patient being under the influence of an anæsthetic, administered by Mr. Clover. Perfect relief has ensued, and the Prince is doing well, although some time must elapse before the healing process is complete. The locale of the present injury is probably determined by the fact that induration—the result of inflammation, which first appeared after the attack of typhoid fever to which his Royal Highness was subjected some years ago—still affects the seat of the abscess. The inflammatory induration recurred two years after the fever, and it reappeared previously to the departure of the Prince for India. Some return of the affection was experienced about a fortnight ago, and the strain received, as above narrated, caused considerable ecchymosis. His Royal Highness is under the joint care of Sir James Paget and Mr. Oscar Clayton."

The *Medical Examiner* announces the uninterrupted progress towards recovery of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. There has not been a single unfavourable symptom, and Sir James Paget and Mr. Oscar Clayton confidently hope that their Royal patient will be able to start for the Continent early next week.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales left Marlborough-house last evening shortly after 9 o'clock on a visit to the King and Queen of Greece at Athens. The Princess, attended by Colonel Teesdale and Miss Knollys, drove to the Charing-cross station of the South-Eastern Railway, where a special train had been prepared for the conveyance of her Royal Highness to Folkestone. Her Royal Highness, on alighting, was received by Count Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador, Lord Colville, General Probyn, and Colonel Ellis, Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., the Chairman, Mr. J. Shaw and Mr. Cockburn, representing the South-Eastern Railway Co. The Royal train, under the charge of Mr. John Shaw, manager and secretary, and Mr. Cockburn, superintendent of the line, quitted the station at 9.20 p.m., and proceeded by the short and direct route to Folkestone, which was reached at 11.15 p.m., and upon the saloons arriving at the harbour the Princess and suite embarked immediately on board the South Eastern Railway Company's steamer Victoria, Captain Dane, in which Her Royal Highness' luggage, which had been despatched from Charing-cross at 4.45 p.m., was already stowed. A special cabin had been erected upon the deck for the use of the Princess. The Victoria left Folkestone without delay, and steamed across the Channel to Boulogne. Her Royal Highness would leave Boulogne at 2.13 on Thursday morning and travel by the mail train over the Chemin de Fer du Nord, *via* Amiens, to Paris, which would be reached at 6.20 a.m., the journey from London being accomplished in eight hours and fifty minutes, with a saving of 28 miles. On Thursday the Princess of Wales and suite will rest at the Hôtel Bristol, in the Place Vendôme, where a handsome suite of apartments had been prepared, and in the evening Her Royal Highness would leave the French capital shortly after 8 o'clock by the Mediterranean line, the Princess travelling from Paris, *via* Mont Cenis, Turin, Bologna, and Ancona to the port of Brindisi, where the Royal yacht Osborne has been waiting, and whence Her Royal Highness will proceed at once to Athens, where, as already stated, she will be the guest of the King and Queen of Greece for a week or two. The Prince of Wales is expected to leave London on Tuesday or Wednesday next, should His Royal Highness's health permit, and will proceed to the South of France, returning in about a month with the Princess of Wales to England. We take this from the *Times*.

A telegram from the Boulogne correspondent of the *Times* (Thursday), adds:—The Princess, accompanied by Miss Knollys, Colonel Teesdale, and suite, landed here at 1.40 a.m. after a passage of one hour and fifty minutes from Folkestone on board the steamer Victoria, Capt. Dane, which experienced a strong wind and heavy sea. The landing was strictly incognito, being witnessed only by the officials on duty. A supper-room and two retiring-rooms have been specially fitted up at the railway-station, and tastefully decorated with flowers.

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

In the *Chaine d'Union* for April we find proof, if proof be needed by any dispassionate observer, of the extreme folly and unseasonableness of the revolutionary agitation in the French Grand Orient. It will indeed be very lucky if the effect be not to throw back Freemasonry into the chaos of atheistic and socialistic reveries altogether, and to make it "stink in the nostrils," so to say, of all religious and reverent minded Frenchmen. There never was, in our humble opinion, and we have studied the question very carefully, alike from its historical and actual point of view, a more senseless and hurtful movement, without any real basis or meaning, or possible utility, or probable good, than the present one, by which Freemasonry is convulsed from one end of France to the other, and which can only result, in our opinion, in playing into the hands of the Ultramontane party, isolating the French Grand Orient, and discrediting French Freemasonry generally in the appreciation of intelligent and serious Frenchmen of all classes. Bro. Hubert declares himself, in the *Chaine d'Union*, manfully against the change on his own ground, though he admits that he is somewhat afraid that the popular current of the hour is carrying the French lodges and brethren in just the opposite direction. He, like us, declares the change to be meaningless, mischievous, and inopportune, and equally agrees with us that French Freemasonry, like English, has always declared a belief in God, The Great Architect of the Universe, a needful and pre-requisite condition for admission into our great brotherhood. He mentions that in one lodge in Paris, the "Alsace and Lorraine," the question of the "rejection of the formula" had been shelved by the acceptance of the "Ordre du jour," or "the previous question." He gives us an account of a debate on the subject in the Lodge "Emules de Montyon," Orleans, which practically negatives the proposal. The lodge had remitted the matter to a commission of five, (representing a special committee with us), by whom the "Ordre du Jour," or previous question, was also proposed unanimously. Two modifications of this proposition were submitted, simply denying the opportuneness, which were rejected, and then the Vénérable (W.M.) Gavot proposed the following amended "order of the day":—"La Loge les Emules de Montyon, Or. d'Orleans, considerant que la philosophie deiste et de traditions dans la Maçonnerie décide qu'il n'y a pas lieu de supprimer le sec 2 de l'Article 1, de la Constitution." This "Ordre du Jour" was carried by 17 white balls to 10 black, and the Lodge "Emules de Montyon" of Orleans therefore votes against the change. When we look into the discussion we shall see at once the unwholesome agitation thus fostered by this love of revolutionary alteration, the sad "inopportune" of the entire question, and the harm it must inevitably do to Freemasonry even in France. What the effect may be outside France we do not profess to estimate or realize. One brother, A, says he is a "Positiviste;" another, B, declares he is a "Materialiste;" a third, C, affirms that he is a "Deiste;" a fourth, D, repeats that he is a "Materialiste;" and a fifth pronounces himself a "Voltairean," though he makes a very sensible speech, and these unanimously desire to shelve the question. The argument of the W.M. is simply this, that "if French Freemasons reject the formula of the belief in God, there will be produced, not only among Freemasons, but in the profane world, a great reaction against the Grand Orient, and it will simply fatally become a school of positivism." (The leading positivists in French Freemasonry



seem to be advocating the change.) "The Freemasons of other Grand Lodges will renounce French Freemasonry; it will become smaller and smaller by degrees, and its eventual fall is certain." We may beg to observe here that these are almost our own words on a previous occasion. What good, then, can result from such a "discussion?" We in England shall emphatically, not only reply none, but, on the contrary, the "greatest positive harm." In fact it is apparent, even to the most superficial observer of the struggle in France, that the only persons who profit by this insane controversy are those who detest and denounce Freemasonry. Monsigneur Dupanloup will come out with another "Etude," and will appeal to all the faithful and all the Freemasons with great effect, whether his original words of warning are not made good, in that French Freemasonry has taken the needful and logical step he declared it must take, that it could not stand where it was, and, no longer Theistic, even in outward profession, openly declares its distinct negation of God. We do not actually know who is the leading spirit in this unwise movement, otherwise, (for history always repeats itself), we should be tempted to look, as the Americans say, for a Jesuit "Affinity."

#### THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS.

There are, "place aux dames," 54 candidates for the Girls' School election, April 14th, and 13 to be elected. Of these 54, 2 come up for the 5th application, 1 for the 4th, 13 for the 3rd, 2 for the 2nd, and 26 for the 1st application. We beg our brethren to note this last fact, that since the October election 26 fresh candidates have cropped up for the Girls' School. Of the status of the applicants some curious facts appear before us. There are 21 orphans of tradesmen, 8 of merchants, 5 licensed victuallers, 3 agents and clerks, hotel proprietors, brewers, officers in the army, non-commissioned officers, employers of labour, and solicitors, 2 each; while engineers, officials, architects, surveyors, and farmers are each represented by one candidate. Such an analysis suggests many considerations, as it demonstrates what we have often stated before, that we have, as Freemasons, to provide for the education of contrasted classes, and that therefore any theory of a education purely eleemosynary, the maximum, so to say, of a pauper district school, is most mistaken and mischievous. And we feel ourselves that "maximum" is rapidly and happily, rising, as if education is to be education in everything but name, we must educate up to the actual intellects of the children, and not down to an artificial standard of a dull uniformity. This is now happily an axiom of all true educationalists. In the Boys' School list there appear 59 applicants and 12 to be elected April 16. Of these 1 comes up for a 7th application, 1 for a 6th, 5 for a 5th, 8 for a 4th, 5 for a 3rd, 20 for a 2nd, and 19 for a 1st. As in the Girls' School, the status of the applicants is suggestive of many observations. Of the orphans of tradesmen we have 17, of clerks and agents 8, of officials 6, of merchants and manufacturers 6, of commercial travellers 5, of hotel managers and brewers 3 each, of engineers, master mariners, 2 each, and of schoolmasters, civil engineers, farmers, licensed victuallers, clerk in Holy Orders, no occupation, 1 each. Can any simple facts or figures more clearly testify to the worth and need of our two great educational institutions?

#### OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.

Though, as we have often before observed, we are not politicians in any sense of the word, much less have we, as Freemasons, anything to do with this political party or that, the "ins" or the "outs," yet, as it appears to us, there are many questions of social and general importance which may well attract our own notice, and be considered by us to merit the special attention of our many patient and friendly readers. Thus the question of the National Finances is one which affects us all greatly in many ways, some

more, some less, and as it comes before us at this season may well serve to give variety and interest to the careful columns of the *Freemason*. It has long been a question, with all who study and consider such matters, whether the estimates of the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be realized, whether our National balance sheet would "square," to use a common expression, or whether there would not be a deficiency to announce. Troubled times, bad trade, slack returns, and want of confidence in many departments of business, have greatly affected the returns of the last twelve months, though the result equally verifies the careful and cautious estimates of Sir Stafford Northcote a year ago. He took the returns, as will be remembered, at the sum of £78,412,000. If up to the 24th of March, 1877, from April 1876, they have reached £76,799,676, and when to this is added the return of the week ending April 1st, which may fairly be calculated at a liberal amount; (there are always "sweepings" at the last moment), we may have a small deficiency in the estimate for the year, about £100,000, though even that is doubtful. Supposing that the last week's return does not reach £1,600,000, we do not think that the amount of the actual deficit will at any rate exceed £200,000, and even that is more nominal than real, and is practically matter of very little moment. For the last twelve months up to March 24, the customs have produced £19,580,000, as against £19,665,000 last year; excise, £27,418,000, as against £27,324,000; stamps, £10,670,000, as against £10,779,000; land tax and house duty, £2,249,000, as against £2,446,000; property and income tax, £4,941,000, as against £3,926,000; Post-office, £5,958,000, as against £5,500,000; Telegraph Service, £1,250,000, as against £1,200,000; Crown Lands, £388,000, as against £395,000; and miscellaneous, £4,142,576, as against £3,968,658—in all, £76,799,576, as against £75,673,658. In respect to actual income of the year, there is already over a million of increase, and if the last week be a good one, it will bring up that increase on the year to nearly two and a half millions. But still, the result is below the estimate, and it is stated that the budget for last year, owing to supplemental estimates, and other matters, will exceed £79,000,000. It would appear at first sight as if the look-out was not, financially considered, a cheerful one for the British Tax-payer. But we believe that with reviving trade, if peace is happily preserved, or a close brought to a harassing and embarrassing "statu quo" in the East somehow, the pecuniary difficulties of the Chancellor of the Exchequer will rapidly vanish away, and we have no fear but that 1878, if all goes well, will witness increased returns, and a substantial surplus to relieve the difficulties of our Finance Minister, and to gladden the hearts of a confiding public. Since we wrote these words, the return of the last week is announced, and so much larger is it than estimated, as we fancied, that the estimate of the cautious Chancellor of the Exchequer has been actually exceeded, and he has a balance of £152,883 to his credit. Let us hope that the season of depression is over, and that better days are in store for trade and business amongst us! We may add, that the whole amount received by the Chancellor of the Exchequer is £78,565,036, as against an estimated income of £78,412,153. The return of the last week was £1,760,360.

#### THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.

There are several benevolent and humane societies which appeal strongly to our sympathies and pockets year by year, and as Englishmen we may always feel very proud, in our opinion, of that noble charitable system which is alike both a living proof of ever zealous sympathy for others, and a lasting credit to advancing civilization. Most of us have, probably, some one pet society to which we devote a good deal of our time, thoughts, and means, and very wonderful and very praiseworthy is this great army of self-sacrificing workers in this crowded metropolis, on behalf of that ennobling and goodly principle of active and sympathetic charity, in its widest form and

in its truest sense. There are numberless useful and beneficial societies, which deserve our active countenance, as we said before, but just now, more than ever (when we are talking so much, perhaps just a little too much, of discriminate almsgiving), we seem to look for certain "marks" or features of well-managed associations and institutions. The first of these is, that it shall be self-supporting if possible; the second, that it shall be indigenous, so to say, shall be kept up to a great extent by those by whom it was started, and for whom it was intended; thirdly, that it shall be economically managed; and fourthly, that it shall be doing well its proper work. Perhaps few institutions so answer to these characteristics of a well-managed and effective orphanage as the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, which, though amongst the youngest, is already hardly second to any in the reality of its work, and the practicality of its kindly mission. It is located comfortably at Twickenham, and is carefully educating 200 orphans of the Metropolitan and City Police, of whom 115 are boys and 85 are girls. The Rev. D. Anderson, Vicar of Holy Trinity, gives a favourable report of the Institution, its actual work, its careful progress, and as Mr. Anderson has had much experience in school work, his testimony is very valuable. Those of us who know anything of police work itself, the "wear and tear" of human life it entails necessarily, the strain upon corporeal powers and mental faculties, the accidents to which it is liable, and the dangers which, in a population like that of London, always attend the discharge of police duties, must be aware that by no profession, save that of the soldier and sailor in war time, is the need of such an institution so great, nor by any are its blessings so truly felt. We rejoice to think that the very great and deserved success which has attended the labours of those who have set on foot and have so far carefully conducted this truly valuable institution, valuable both for what it is and for what it yet may be, to a body of men, whose faithful discharge of their duty under often trying circumstances, deserves to be remembered and appreciated by us all—is not only happily maintained, but seems to point even to still greater results. By the balance sheet to the end of 1876 it would seem that there was—

Credit to the end of 1875 .....	£1537	16	1
The Annual Subscriptions amount- ed to .....	2151	10	8
Donations received.....	1029	2	0
Subscriptions of Sergeants and Constables of the Force.....	2314	5	2
Subscriptions of retired Sergeants and Constables .....	42	0	4
Profit on Concerts and other enter- tainments of the Force .....	2888	9	4
Boxes at the Stations.....	67	8	5
Dividends on Stock .....	68	8	6
	£10,099	0	6

#### PER CONTRA.

Repairs .....	£366	12	9
Furniture and Clothing .....	1719	18	8
Salaries and Wages.....	930	10	4
Housekeeping.....	2439	5	10
Taxes, Gas, &c. ....	427	3	0
Fuel.....	99	0	0
Books, Printing, &c. ....	275	6	5
Medical Attendance .....	123	5	11
Postage .....	75	6	2
Sundries .....	117	16	5
Purchase of Iron House, &c. ....	1473	14	0
Purchase of Stock .....	1052	17	5
Balance .....	1044	7	7

There is now in Metropolitan Stock the sum of £3050 8s. od. to the credit of the Institution. We need hardly point out to our readers how singularly healthy and satisfactory is the balance sheet thus submitted to their notice. To one point in it let us, however, give our attention, as it is, we venture to think, the clue to the great success of the Institution itself, namely, that the force itself, one way or another, raises considerably above the half of the whole income of the Orphanage. Here then is the claim for the continued sympathy of all who in this great capital of ours are sensible of the value and importance of the Metropolitan



and City Police, of all who are friends to what is useful and benevolent, practical and charitable, at the same time sympathetic and helpful to our brother man.

### THE MASONIC ENIGMA.

The proprietor of the *Masonic Magazine* has had very great pleasure in sending to his numerous correspondents who have answered the Enigma nearly simultaneously, a copy of the "*Cosmopolitan Calendar*."

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Sir,—

May I be allowed to ask, through the medium of your widely circulated publication, the reason why "tenders" were required at all by the committee for a musical party for the above festival, when surely it cannot be denied, that the preference was given to one—if not the most inferior party—submitted on Friday last? I had often heard (and with no slight amount of truth) that the musical management at "these affairs" were "foregone conclusions." This, however, I will say for the institution represented by our esteemed Bro. J. Terry, that nothing but bona-fide transactions are entertained under his management. I will now mention, for the information of your readers, that the party submitted by me to the "Musical Committee" of the above institution consisted of two sopranos, two contraltos, two tenors, and two basses; also two pianists, and a third instrumentalist (trumpet or flute)—all first-class artistes. And as there were also other lists submitted infinitely better than the one "chosen," I would beg leave to suggest that instead of putting several persons to great inconvenience and expense in furnishing lists of artistes, when, as a matter of course, the better lists are discarded, such committees, now subject to "private influence," and possibly not being competent to judge between one list and another, do, for the future, place the management of the music in the hands of the person whom they believe will give them satisfaction, and thereby "spare the feelings" of many an individual by not throwing it open to competition, which is, in truth, a "baseless fabric."

I am, Sir, yours truly,  
24th March, 1877.

T. L.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"663" does not appear to see the point of my letter in your impression of the 24th ultimo. It had no reference "to the proposing and balloting for candidates out of the regular course," but to the fact, very frequently overlooked, I fear, that the Constitutions do not permit a joining brother to be balloted for at any lodge of emergency.

This regulation is a very sound one, as it is no doubt intended to prevent the admission of a brother, as a joining member, in an irregular manner; and there can be no reason why exception should be given in this respect, as it is not a question of being made a Mason, for which the Constitution provides.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT CASE,  
P. Prov. G. Sec., Dorset.

#### THE DUNDEE WORK.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This is the revelation of a person admitted at Dundee in 1727, and considered in conjunction with the old constitutions and documents is very valuable. It could not be printed in your pages, but is totally unconnected with Prichard in any conceivable form. On comparing it with pre-1717 Masonry in England, I should pronounce it a genuine record of old Freemasonry (operative) in Scotland, as it had come down from ancient times.

It solves the query of your late correspondent a "Mark Master," by proving, as every unprejudiced enquirer knows, that the only Mark ceremony was, what De Quincey terms "fork out," the payment of a fee for registering the Mark.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

#### THE COMMEMORATION LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Sir,—

Can any of your readers inform me if either of the two lifeboats given by Grand Lodge is to be placed at one of the Scilly Islands?—a part of the dominions of Great Britain where it is so greatly needed.

Yours faithfully,

LUCRETIUS.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to plead for votes for the forthcoming election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the 16th April, in behalf of George Samuel

Cox. It is his seventh application, and he has only one more chance. His father, James Cox was initiated into Freemasonry in 1862, and was W.M., and afterwards, indeed up to the time of his death, Secretary of the Fortitude Lodge, 105, Plymouth. Our brother was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He filled the situation of Master of the Stonehouse workhouse for eleven years. On leaving this post in order to take the mastership of the Model Workhouse at Devonport, he received a very handsome testimonial from the Guardians and others. He died after a few weeks illness, leaving a widow with five small children entirely dependent upon her. Mrs. Cox then obtained a situation as national Schoolmistress at Stamstead in Suffolk, where she has been for the past four years, and where she bears a very excellent character. She has succeeded in apprenticing her eldest son, and is most anxious to provide for the present applicant. The case is recommended by the M.W. Bro. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the R.W. Bros. The Lord Waveney, P.G.M., Suffolk; W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants, and Isle of Wight, Rev. J. Hayshe, P.G.M. Devonshire; Rev. J. C. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M., Suffolk; L. P. Metham, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., Devon; Rev. Dr. Ace., P. Prov. G.C., Lincolnshire, and several others, including Bro. the Rev. J. R. Portal, Past G.M., Mark Masters, Bro. James Fowler, P.G.S.W., Lincolnshire; Bro. S. Jew. Stonehouse; Bro. W. J. Poley, Sudbury, Suffolk, &c.

I would most earnestly solicit the help of Brethren to carry the case this time; but great efforts must be made, as the boy has only polled about 380 votes. I shall be delighted to receive proxies, and to give every information, as the case is very well known to me.

I have the honour to be yours faithfully and fraternally,  
CHARLES J. MARTYN, P.G.C.,  
D.P.G.M., Suffolk.  
Vice-Patron of the Institution.  
Melford Rectory, Suffolk.

### Review.

A MANUAL OF THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ART.  
By G. G. ZERFFI, Ph.D., F.R.S.L., &c. (London, Hardwicke and Bogue, 1876.)

Bro. Dr. Zerffi, already favourably known as the author of "Spiritualism and Animal Magnetism," and other high-class works, also as one of the lecturers of Her Majesty's Department of Science and Art, has published this comprehensive volume of the Historical Development of Art, Pre-historic, Ancient, Classic, Early Christian, with special reference to Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, and Ornamentation. The volume is brought down to the art of the Mahomedans, and in a future work the author will trace the historical development to our own times. We fully agree with Dr. Zerffi that in all our educational establishments, colleges, and ladies' schools, the study of art history, which ought to form one of the most important subjects of our educational system, is entirely neglected. The aim of this book is to suggest and excite such a study. With regard to King Solomon's Temple, Dr. Zerffi gives a minute account; and, speaking of the chambers above the Holy of Holies, concurs with the learned Ben David, in a letter to Lichtenberg, in the Berlin "Archive der Zeit," that this chamber must have contained an electric battery, for golden chains connected the room with the pillars of Jachin and Boaz, which are hollow, and could be placed in communication with the altar of brass. At the consecration of the temple, clouds, produced by incense, suddenly filled the interior of the temple, and a flash of lightning ignited the sacrifice. Michaelis tells us that the temple was never struck by lightning—the lightning, therefore, setting fire to the sacrifice must have been produced within the temple. Dr. Zerffi has a very bad opinion of Hebrew art; in fact he says, "Little or nothing can possibly be said of Hebrew art, for it is a nonentity. . . . The temple, whatever its magnificence might have been in precious stones, gold, silver, carved cherubims, brass and silver vessels, washing basins, and candlesticks, was architecturally an utter failure." Chapter VIII., treating with Greek art, is a most exhaustive essay. Art with the Greeks was cherished, cultivated, and loved for its own divine sake. We are sorry that our space will not allow us to give any extracts, but we consider the volume a valuable contribution to Art History, and heartily commend it to our readers.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on the 20th ult., in the library, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Griffiths Smith presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Robt. B. Webster, Major Finney, Thos. F. Peacock, Thos. W. White, H. Massey, (Freemason), F. G. Baker, Jesse Turner, A. H. Tattershall, Hyde Pollen, Dr. Ramsay, H. A. Dubois, H. Potter, J. Faulkner, H. C. Levander, and R. Wentworth Little (Secretary).

Bro. Dr. Ramsay gave notice of an amendment which he would move at the Quarterly Court to Bro. H. G. Warren's motion for the increase of security to be given by the Secretary and clerks, that the matter be referred to a committee to consider and report upon, and that such committee consist of Bros. W. Hyde Pollen, W. Roebuck, D. M. Dewar, Raynham W. Stewart, and Dr. Ramsay.

Bro. Jesse Turner enquired whether this was necessary, as the matter would be considered by the brethren at the Quarterly Court. For himself he believed that the best plan to adopt would be for a guarantee society's guarantee to be taken, the

Institution paying the premium. It was a plan adopted by the Corporation, and was found to work very well. The City Chamberlain had a great many clerks under him, and the security of a guarantee society was taken for all of them, and the corporation paid the premium.

Dr. Ramsay said that several brethren objected to the Institution being put to the expense of some £90 a year for such a purpose.

On the motion of the Chairman, £5 a year was added to the salary of the drawing mistress, Miss Larkin.

A notice of motion by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was handed in, to the effect that the Quarterly Courts in January and July be held at four o'clock in the afternoon, instead of at twelve o'clock.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings, and the Committee then adjourned.

#### THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. QUARTERMASTER WOON.

The funeral of the above-named highly esteemed and respected officer took place at Walmer on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th ult. The procession, which was a very grand one, started from the official residence of the deceased at the North Barracks, past the military church and the South Barracks, turning the corner opposite to Mr. Fleet's house (from whence the procession reached as far as the entrance to the North Barracks), and from thence proceeded to the Military Burying Ground. The procession was composed of all the officers and men off duty—upwards of twelve hundred in number—besides several friends and officers from other divisions, and members of the Wellington Lodge, Deal, of which the deceased had been Past S.W.

The coffin was borne on a gun carriage drawn by four horses draped in funeral garniture, escorted by the Army Service Corps. On the coffin was placed the cocked hat and sword of the deceased officer, also a number of flowers and wreaths tastefully entwined. Immediately behind the coffin walked Lieut. Woon, of the Royal Marine Artillery, and Master Harry Woon, two sons of the deceased, Dr. Bremner, and other officers, the pall-bearers being personal friends of the deceased, amongst whom we observed Colonel Stewart, Colonel McArthur, Major Travers, Captain Fuller, Captain Le Grand, Major Ellis, Colonel Evans, Lieut. Byrch, Capt. Wright, Quartermaster Herring, &c. The band of the 24th Regiment was kindly placed at the disposal of the commanding officer at Walmer by the major general commanding the district, and played the Dead March.

The coffin was met at the Cemetery-gate by the Rev. A. Symonds, the curate in charge of St. Saviour's—the coffin being borne from thence on the shoulders of a party of soldiers who had served with him during the war in China. The funeral service for the dead was then impressively read by the reverend gentleman in the presence of as many spectators as could possibly obtain admission to the ground. After the body had been lowered three volleys were then fired over the grave, and thus terminated the imposing ceremony. After a last parting look into the grave and the dropping of wreaths of flowers on the coffin containing the remains of this gallant, respected, and highly-esteemed officer, the procession re-formed and returned to the barracks to the strains of the excellent band. The weather unfortunately was exceedingly unfavourable, rain having descended from the time of the procession starting till its return. Many hundreds of spectators were, however, not deterred from being present.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND (I.C.)

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Queensland, (Irish Constitution), was held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, on the 8th of January, 1877, at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened in due form in the Third Degree by the Most Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Maurice O'Connell, supported on the right by Bro. Waugh, and on the left by Bro. McDonnell, for the purpose of installing the Masters and officers for the ensuing year of the subordinate lodges—viz., Hiram Lodge, St. Patrick's Lodge, Duke of Leinster Lodge—after which the lodge was solemnly closed.

The brethren, to the number of 100, partook of an excellent supper of sandwiches, dessert, and wine, and dispersed about 12.30 p.m.

#### THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

This is a branch of Masonry, or rather masonic Knight-hood, originally brought from England, and dating from England, and dating from the time of that memorable vision of the first Christian Emperor, A. D. 313. Its spreading rapidly, and is conferred on R.A. Masons except when the Grand Imperial Council makes the additional requirement of the K.T. order. There are eleven Grand Councils in States and several conclaves in other States directly obedient to the Grand Council of the United States, which meets annually in New York. The Grand Imperial Council of Kentucky rule meet in annual session on the second Wednesday in March next, when five conclaves will be represented. Sir R. B. Caldwell is the present Grand Sovereign, and Sir Fred. Webber, the Grand Recorder of Kentucky.—*New York Dispatch*.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—One Shilling Day.—Monday April 2.—Admissions by season tickets, 3402; ditto, by payment, 54,631: total visitors, 58,033.



## THE INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOT AS PROV. G.M. FOR SOUTH WALES.

On Wednesday last, Bro. Sir George Elliot, M.P., was installed at Aberdare into the important office to which he has recently been appointed by the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, performed the ceremony of installation, and amongst other distinguished brethren who were present and assisted in the ceremony, which was conducted in the most impressive manner, were Bros. Col. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M., Middlesex; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; J. C. Parkinson, J.P., P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.A., G.D. of C.; and Capt. S. G. Homfray.

There was also a very large attendance of brethren from lodges in South Wales and Monmouth.

At the close of the proceedings, the Hon. Baronet, who is deservedly popular in South Wales, received the hearty congratulations of the brethren present. The following account of the proceedings we take from the *Daily News* :—

Aberdare, April 4.

This little town, the centre of Welsh mining enterprise and industry, to-day received a very considerable addition to its population in a large number of "working Freemasons" from all parts of England and Wales, who had assembled to do honour and give effect to the Letters Patent of His Royal Highness the Grand Master of the English Freemasons—the English Order including Welsh Freemasonry—these letters creating Sir George Elliot, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, in place of the late Bro. T. M. Talbot.

The position of Provincial Grand Master under the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England is one of great honour and dignity, as is seen by the fact that the present holders of the rank in the various provinces are noblemen and gentlemen of the highest standing in society, among them being his Royal Highness Prince Leopold (Oxfordshire).

The Grand Master, who is elected by the representatives of the Craft in open Grand Lodge, exercises the right to appoint his representatives in all the Provincial Grand Lodges, as well as the District Grand Masters in the many parts of the world where the Craft is "worked" under the jurisdiction of the English Constitution, and the English has the widest range of all the Grand Lodges in existence. Sir George Elliot, who has been called to this high Masonic rank, has regularly "worked" through the Craft, having served as Warden and Worshipful Master of the Bard of Avon Lodge—a lodge which he assisted to bring from Shakespeare's birthplace to be a Middlesex lodge, which is now known as a lodge of literary and artistic brothers. Sir George was afterwards selected by the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex as his Deputy Grand Master, so that by his elevation to be the immediate representative of the Royal Grand Master he has only received one step in the Masonic ranks. The new Provincial Grand Master has been selected for this high position amid the universal acclamations of the province, for Sir George has a seat, Aberaman House, at Aberdare, and his name is closely connected with the industrial progress of this part of the Principality.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the largest building in Aberdare—the Temperance Hall—which is capable of holding upwards of a thousand persons. The building was capable of being effectively "tyled," and the duty of superintending the arrangements devolved upon the brethren of the St. David's Lodge, No. 679 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and of this lodge Sir George is a member. A large number of brethren came from the neighbouring province of Monmouthshire, and the Welshmen generally seemed to feel that the occasion was one upon which they could do honour to their Prince, as well as to one who has spent no small part of his life in developing the trades in which Wales takes an especial interest. The large hall was finely decorated, and made to represent a grand Lodge as nearly as can be done in a building not specially built for the purpose, and it looked especially bright when filled with the brethren decorated with the varied colours of the order—the purple and gold of Grand Lodge, the scarlet of the Stewards, and the blue and silver of the Craft, all standing out in contrast with the smart hangings of the hall. The G. Registrar of England, Bro. Aeneas McIntyre, Q.C., was the Acting Provincial Grand Master, who opened the lodge, and he was assisted by Brother J. C. Parkinson, Past Grand Deacon of England, and Past Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex; Bro. Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex; Brother Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon of England; and Brother J. Monckton (Town Clerk of London), and many other local celebrities. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) was at the last moment prevented from taking the long journey, and his position as Grand Director of Ceremonies was undertaken by Brother Thomas Fenn, who has special qualifications for the office. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and with prayer, the Secretary, at the command of the acting Provincial Grand Master, read the letters patent, signed by H.R.H. the Grand Master, appointing "Sir George Elliot, Baronet, Member of Parliament," to the full enjoyment of the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales. A deputation was then appointed to seek the Provincial Grand Master elect, and these brethren having retired, returned presently with Sir George Elliot, who was warmly greeted with the spontaneous cheers of the assemblage. The brethren were then called to order, and they saluted the Provincial Grand Master elect. The acting Grand Master then put the usual interrogations to the candidate for this high position, exacting from him the usual pledges to guard the rights

of the brotherhood, to adjudge equally between all, and to discharge the duty of Provincial Grand Master subject to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Master. The pledges having been given, Sir George was formally installed into the chair, till then occupied by the Grand Registrar, who presented the newly-installed Master with the emblems of authority, and "clothed" him in the gorgeous raiment of a Provincial Grand Master.

After the usual Masonic honours had been paid to the new Grand Master of the Province, he exercised his prerogative by appointing the following brethren to be the officers of the province for the year:—Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. J. Jones Hewson; Senior Grand Warden, Bro. J. E. Price; Junior Grand Warden, Bro. John Rogers; Senior Grand Deacon, Bro. T. G. Glass; Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. D. Hopkins; Grand Treasurer, Bro. John Jones; Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Vicar of Aberdare; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. P. Garrett; Grand Tyler, Bro. George Butterswell; Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. J. R. Robinson; Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. R. Webb; Pursuivant, Bro. G. H. White. The officers were invested, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was in due form closed.

The company then proceeded to the Market Hall, and the strangers to the town had an opportunity of seeing an ample proof of the high estimation in which Sir George is held, for with great public spirit the town had roofed in the market in order that the guests and visitors might be Masonically entertained at a banquet. The hall, too, was beautifully decorated, the floral ornamentation being specially fine. The usual loyal toasts were given and accepted with Welsh heartiness. The Provincial Grand Master's health was cordially toasted, as were the Grand Officers', who responded. The principles of the Craft were spoken of by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, who, in giving "The Visitors," said that they had come not only to testify their interest on the occasion, but to pay public homage to abstract principles, and he then proceeded to speak of the teachings of the Craft under the English Constitution—that every member of it was to be a good citizen, to support the institutions of the country, to pay absolute obedience to the law, and throughout, he said, the duties of toleration and charity were enforced, and symbolically the great truths of religion were taught. Thus, he said, the Order was a strength to the nation.

A fully detailed account of the proceedings will be given next week.

## FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The *Standard* (Bombay) announces the following elections for the present year in the various English and Scotch lodges:—

Star in the East Lodge, Calcutta.—W. Bros. J. Mumford, W.M.; J. G. Apar, P.M., I.P.M.; Bros. E. J. Trevelyan, S.W.; R. Eames, J.W.; H. M. Rustonjee, Sec.; F. C. B. Siddons, Treas.

Industry and Perseverance Lodge, Calcutta.—W. Bros. C. F. Egerton Allen, W.M.; Col. J. Macdonald, P.M., I.P.M.; Bros. D. Mactavish, S.W. and Treas.; M. B. Rochfort, J.W.; W. Bro. J. C. Macgregor, P.M., Sec.; Bro. Rev. F. W. Robberds, S.D.; W. Bro. W. B. Mactavish, P.M., I.G.; Bro. G. Alexander, Tyler.

Humility with Fortitude Lodge, Calcutta.—V.W. Bro. W. H. Jones, P.M., W.M.; W. Bro. W. G. Amos, P.M., I.P.M.; Bros. F. J. Deans, S.W.; W. Merrett, J.W.; E. G. Sinclair, Sec.; J. F. Abich, Treas.; G. J. H. Maslin, S.D.; E. B. May, J.D.; R. J. Coggan, I.G.; G. Alexander, Tyler.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, Calcutta.—W. Bros. P. C. Dutt, W.M.; N. C. Bural, P.M., I.P.M.; Bros. J. P. Martin, S.W.; Ramkissen, J.W.; G. C. Bose, Sec.; J. Coello, Treas.; S. D. Bonnerjee, S.D.; P. C. Mookerjee, J.D.; S. C. Ghose, I.G.; D. B. Jacob, Tyler.

Lodge St. John, Fort William, Calcutta.—W. Bros. J. W. Puchini, W.M.; J. Watson, P.M., I.P.M.; Bros. J. Nicholas, S.W.; S. Watson, J.W.; J. A. Smears, Sec.; H. F. Mullany, Treas.; J. Duncan, S.D.; K. R. Cameron, J.D.; A. Todd, I.G.; J. C. Parker, Tyler.

Pioneer Lodge, Assensole.—R.W. Bro. J. B. Knight, acting D.G.M., as Dis. G.M.; V.W. Bro. W. H. Jones, P.D.G. Reg., as Dis. S.G.W.; W. Bros. A. H. Gowenlock, D.G. Supt. of Wks., as Dis. J.G.W.; A. L. Le-Franc, P.D.G.D., as Dis. S.G.D.; I. H. E. Beer, D.G. Dir. of Cers., as Dis. J.G.D.; I. J. Whitty, D.G. Swd. Br., as Dis. D.G.S.B.; G. C. Farr, D.G. Sec., as Dis. D.G.S.; and W. H. T. Ayres, P.D.G. Purs., as Dis. D.G.P.; Bro. C. Anderson, Tyler No. 1490, as Dis. G. Tyler.

Allegiance Lodge, Allahabad.—R.W. Bros. J. Russell, R.W.M.; F. T. Atkins, P.M., I.P.M.; A. Locket, D.M.; J. Clark, S.M.; W. Bros. J. Ballantine, S.W.; C. Goode, J.W.; R.W. Bro. J. Russell, Treas.; W. Bros. A. Locket, Sec.; G. Booleg, Superintendent of Wks. and Architect; Bros. E. H. Austin, S.D.; J. G. Sapsford, J.D.; W. Caven, I.G.

St. Thomas in the East Lodge, Calcutta.—W. Bros. T. Currie, W.M.; I. Augier, I.P.M.; Bros. M. Espino, S.W.; H. Douglas, J.W.; J. Hutchison, Sec.; J. R. Angus, Treas.

St. David in the East Lodge, Calcutta.—W. Bro. A. Friedeman, W.M.; S. J. Tucker, I.P.M.; J. W. Pritchard, S.W.; J. Keane, J.W.; J. R. Angus, Sec.

Mooltan Lodge, Mooltan.—W. Bros. J. J. West, W.M.; A. P. B. S. Dunbar, I.P.M.; Bros. J. Baker, S.W.; Dadabhoy Manckjee, J.W., Sec., and Treas.

Khyber Lodge, Peshawur.—W. Bro. W. H. F. Sorell, P.M. of Lodge Felix, W.M.; Bro. W. Taylor, Treas.

Victoria in Burmah Lodge, Rangoon.—Bros. Rev. John Ebenezer Marks, W.M.; R. W. Winter, S.W.; C. T. Baxendale, J.W.; W. Bro. B. Samuel, Sec.; Bros. W. H. Wootton, S.D.; J. G. Hohnen, J.D.; R. A. Mack, I.G.; J. H. Clarkson, Tyler.

Rock of Gwallor Lodge, Morar.—W. Bro. Tyson, W.M.; Bros. Carswell, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; Allan,

Sec.; Abbott, Treas.; W.P.M. Smith, S.D.; Lovell, J.D.; Ingles, I.G.; Ruttonjee, Steward; Burt, Tyler.

Kindred Hope Lodge, Nussacabad.—W. Bro. Jas. Wright, 18° P.P.Z., W.M.; Bros. William Fearn, S.W.; Moore Murphy, J.W.; Pestonjee Furdoonjee, Sec.; Ben. Skelton, S.D.; J. P. Reirson, J.D.; A. J. Jenkinson, I.G.; Wm. Fennen, Tyler.

Chapter Mayo, Mooltan.—This chapter was, under dispensation from the District Grand Chapter of the Punjab, re-opened on the 1st Jan. The following are the officers for the current year: M.E. Comps. R. C. W. Campbell, Z.; H. D. E. W. Chester, P.Z.; A. P. B. S. Dunbar, H.; J. J. West, J.; Ex. Comp. Dadabhoy Manckjee, E. Three candidates were exalted at this convocation.

BOMBAY.—Lodge Caledonia (No. 490 S.C.).—At the annual installation meeting of this lodge, held in the Scottish Masonic Hall, Khumballa Hill Road, on the 31st January, there were present the M.W. the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. H. Morland; the District Grand Master of Bombay under England, Bro. the Hon. J. Gibbs; the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Balfour; R.W. Bros. Thompson, Freeborn, Cama, Mitchell, Waite, Beynon, Mackenzie, Manockjee Cursetjee, Tuddall, Bros. Lang, Rodger, Pirrie, Taylor, Thorpe, Allan, Sharpe, Roberts, Smith, Ogg, Hauscheer, Doolittle, Mapp, Clarke, Purvis, Yates, Coffey, Lafond, Saunders, Wood, May, Patel, Cooper, Gordon, Stone, Weir, Smith, Read, Watson, Rawlins, Piper, Rule, Burke, Inness, Houghland, Hook, and others. The lodge having been properly tyled, was opened in due and ancient form at 7.30 p.m. The Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and the District Grand Master under England with their respective lodges, were then admitted, and were received with all the honours due to their exalted rank. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. J. Y. Land was presented to the W.M. for installation as the W.M. elect for the current year. After being duly installed in the Eastern Chair by the Board of Installing Masters, the W.M. presented the following brethren with their jewels of office: Bros. Taylor, S.M.; Clarke, D.M.; Rodger, S.W.; Doolittle, J.W.; Hauscheer, Treas.; Pirrie, Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Ogg, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Smith, Tyler. The Secretary then read letters of resignation from Bros. Williams, Breslauer, and Adams. There being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30 p.m.

POONA.—Lodge Orion in the West (No. 415 E.C.).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on the 12th January, there were present W. Bros. J. McAlister, W.M.; T. Cooke; C. D. Wise, as J.W.; Bros. J. H. R. Cruickshank, J.W., as S.W.; Adam Smith, Treas., as Sec.; R. Dickie, S.D.; F. Wickham, as J.D.; R. Harvey, as I.G.; B. D'Cruz, Tyler; B. Phillips, Jas. Scorgie, and John Burt. Visitors: Bros. Bailie, Lodge Barton, No. 475 S.C.; and Saunders, Lodge St. Andrew's, No. 343 S.C. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree. Fellow Craft Bro. Scorgie was then put through the usual formula for the Third Degree, and, in accordance with the usages of the Craft, duly raised to the High and Sublime Degree. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when the charitable work before the lodge was disposed of, and the members present were informed by the W.M. that his duties in the outside world would call him away for a time, but that the work would be ably performed in his absence by Wor. Bro. Cooke. Bro. H. F. Macnee, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 343 S.C., was then proposed as a joining member. There being no further work, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.40 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

MHOW.—Malwa Chapter (No. 139 S.C.).—At a regular convocation of this chapter, held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 13th January, there were present Comps. J. W. Butler, P.Z.; J. Street, P.H.; B. V. Hughes, P.J.; Bomanjee Limjeebhoy, P.P.H.; J. Munro, P.P.H.; A. J. Phillips, Scribe E.; J. Geddes, as Scribe N.; J. Gouldsworthy, 1st Soj.; Ardasser Jasanjee, as 2nd Soj.; J. Taylor, 3rd Soj.; A. B. Mercer, Janitor; W. Batt, J. C. O'Connor, and N. Batchelor. The convocation having been opened, the summons convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last regular convocation were also read and confirmed. M.E. Comp. P.Z. then gave a very instructive discourse on Royal Arch Masonry, touching on the final disposition of the Ark of the Covenant, and other subjects of Holy Writ. After which Comp. O'Connor proposed, and Comp. Batchelor seconded that the hour of meeting be altered from 7.15 to 7.30 p.m. There being no other business before the chapter, it was closed in peace and harmony in Royal form with prayer at 8.40 p.m.

MORAR.—Lodge Rock of Gwallor (No. 1066 E.C.).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Monday, the 15th January, there were present Bros. Tyson, W.M.; Abbott, P.M.; Carswell, Smith, Lovell, McEvoy, Ingles, Allan, Ruttonjee, Ledbury, Hunter, Olley, and Burt. The lodge having been opened at 6.25 p.m., the minutes of the last meeting were read. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Olley, 54th Regiment, was admitted and passed to the F.C. Degree. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

Cartes de Visite of Bro. Sir George Elliot, the recently appointed Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, may be obtained at the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London, price, post free, 1s. 1d.

A letter has been received by the Mayor of Manchester from Lord Beaconsfield, with reference to an invitation sent by the Town Council to the Queen to open the new Town Hall in that city, intimating that it is out of Her Majesty's power to comply with the request.



## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 13, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1194, Villiers, G.otto Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H. (Consecration).  
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H. (Consecration).

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

## MONDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 136, Good Report, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn  
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Longs Hot., Bond-st., W.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 834, Ranelagh, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 1604, Wanderer, F.M.H.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwh.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 238, Pilgrim, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.  
" 825, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-st., N.W.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
Royal Union, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Lodge 334, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Copper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
" 1599, Shelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
" 145, Prudent Beethorn, F.M.H.  
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Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
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## FRIDAY, APRIL 13.

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Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
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Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
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" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1398, Balwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
Walton Red Cross Con., 66, St. Lawrence's School, Livrpl.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Con. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

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" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Stanley L. of I., 241, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

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" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

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" 333, Royal Preston, Vic. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The last regular meeting of this old city lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult., and was fairly attended. Amongst those present were Bros. M. Davis, W.M.; Mallett, S.W.; Daney, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Rumball, S.D.; Bye, J.D.; Morrison, A.W.S.; Walls, A.D.C., acting I.G.; and Past Masters E. Hopwood and Thomas. The visitors were Bros. Platt, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Cheshire; and Smith (Pannure). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the agenda of business, which was not a very full one, was proceeded with. Bros. Jordan, Marchant, and Allan, were raised, and Bro. Smith passed. The two different and impressive ceremonies were carried out by the W.M. with his customary ability. Bro. John Marks, late 141, having been unanimously elected as a joining member, and Bro. Titley appointed to represent the lodge at the Girls' festival in May next. The attention of the lodge was then called to the case of Bro. Seagram, a very old member of the "Faith," who is a candidate for the benefits of R.M.B.I. at the forthcoming election. The case of this brother, which is a very deserving one, was earnestly recommended to the brethren by Bros. Stuart, Hopwood, and others, and ultimately a vote was taken that the committee of the benevolent fund attached to the lodge should take the matter in hand, in order that the distressed brother might receive some immediate assistance. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the last Tuesday in the present month. There was no banquet.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge held its last meeting for the season at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 3rd inst., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Higgins, W.M.; H. Reeves, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W.; Everett, P.M. 177, I.P.M.; E. Page, P.G.S., P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Past Masters Koch, Gardner, and Drysdale. The visitors were Bros. Palmer, S.W. 177; Downie, Industry, and Lovell, late 1381. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. Pakeman and passed Bro. Higgins, the ceremonies being well performed. The lodge having been formally closed until the first Tuesday in October next, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. This being an "off night," the toasts were but briefly given. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who congratulated him upon the great success that has thus far attended his occupancy of the chair; and in concluding his remarks, hoped that upon the renewal of their meetings that state of prosperity would continue to the completion of his (the W.M.'s) year of office. The W.M. briefly said that he had entered upon the duties of his position with a certain amount of diffidence, but being subsequently conscious that he should have the hearty support of the whole lodge as well as the assistance and co-operation of the I.P.M. and the rest of the Past Masters, he looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to a very prosperous official year. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. said he hoped that what their newly admitted brother had seen and heard that evening would make a deep impression upon him, and that, moreover, he would always endeavour to act up to the Masonic principles and precepts that had been thus disclosed to him. This toast having been warmly received, the initiate made a short but appropriate reply. The W.M. then, in quick succession, proposed the remaining toasts, viz., "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." Bros. Palmer and Downie replied for the visiting brethren; Bros. Everett, Koch, and Gardner for the Past Masters; Bro. Stuart for the Treasurer and Secretary; and Bros. Reeves, Kohler, and Webb for the officers. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal contributions of Bros. Gardner, Walls, Webb, and others.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge, (No. 913).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge, which has the distinguished honour, this year, of having among its large array of Past Masters the present Provincial Grand Junior Warden for Kent, as well as three other Past Provincial Officers, took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan Tavern, Burrage Road, and was a most successful and happy occasion, calculated

not only to leave many pleasant memories behind it, but at the same time to still increase, if possible, the high prestige that it undoubtedly has among the lodges of the province and district. Bro. W. T. Vincent, W.M., was present, supported by the following officers:—Bros. A. Penfold, I.P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.G.J.W. for Kent; J. McDougall, P.M.; C. Ellis Fermor, P.M.; H. Butter, S.W.; T. D. Hayes, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; Jas. Chapman, J.D.; R. J. Cook, I.G.; C. Cooke, Org.; R. Lester, Tyler. Among the visitors present were W. Weston, W.M. 1536; T. W. Butt, W.M. 700; F. G. Pownall, W.M. 13 and P.M. 1536; S. Goddard, P.M. 700; G. R. Davies, P.M. 13; J. H. Hoyle, 934; G. Kennedy, 1536; J. A. Cahil, 1424; H. Carline, 1536; J. Watkins, 1536; F. J. Sharpe, 1536; T. Forrest, 1293; &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. G. Lawrence was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. J. Haslett initiated into Masonry. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, after supper, reassembled for refreshment, when the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the brethren loyally responding. In proposing "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. for Kent," the W.M., in the course of a warm eulogy upon the merits and character of our distinguished brother, said he was one in whom they had every confidence, and in all matters connected with Freemasonry he was a conspicuous star in its firmament. (Applause.) The next toast was "Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, who, the W.M. declared, was the pride and ornament of the lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Coupland in reply said it gave him great pleasure to have his name coupled with so important a toast; he naturally felt proud of being in such an exalted position, which he attributed, not to any merits of his own, but to the influence of his mother lodge, the Pattison, in the province. (Cheers.) He felt sure that if Bro. Eastes were present he would keenly appreciate their truly Masonic reception of his name; he was a hard-working Mason, earnest and indefatigable in the discharge of his duties, and although he had not yet visited the lodge, they would have him soon, and when he did come they would give him a true and hearty welcome. (Cheers.) Bro. P.M. Ellis then, at the request of Bro. Penfold, the I.P.M., proposed in glowing terms "The Health of the W.M." who he said must be gratified to witness the kind feelings entertained towards him by every member of the lodge; not only under him prevailed that harmony that was characteristic of it, but "law and order" became something more than synonyms under his firm but judicious sway. It had often struck him that there must be some peculiar influence at work in the happy choice they made of their W.M.'s, an influence that shed a halo of success round them and their efforts, and which had for many years attended, and still continued to attend, the Pattison Lodge, and every succeeding Master seemed to catch the lustre shed upon his predecessor. In all societies the one thing necessary for success was to have a leader, who must at times stem the tide not only of interest, but of opinion, and by a judicious but kindly courtesy turn that current into courses that would lead gently and surely to the one grand object in view, viz., communal good and stable prosperity, and in their W.M. they had such a leader. He was a rising man, not only in his present position,—for there he was constantly rising to say something; but better than all he was rising both in Masonry and in their good feeling. Bro. Vincent in reply did not think himself at all equal to his ideal of the Master of a lodge. He thanked Bro. Ellis for his many graceful and kind remarks so elegantly put in proposing his health. He considered it the duty of the Master not only to carry out the duties of the lodge in it, but to act as a sort of arbitrator in all those little differences that at times spring up among the brethren, and so promote continued harmony and good feeling. He was happy to think they were an united and prosperous lodge, and he trusted that when he was relegated to the left of the chair he should have the satisfaction of knowing that in their opinion he had faithfully discharged his duty. "The Health of the Initiate" followed, Bro. Haslett modestly returning thanks. "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bro. Weston, W.M. of the United Military, and Bro. Butt, W.M. of the Nelson, who returned thanks most appropriately. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. spoke highly of their good work done, and justly designated them as the "backbone" of the lodge. Bros. Ellis and Penfold eloquently responded. "The Officers" followed, and in putting it the W.M. said there were two officers, who, because they were generally very silent and subdued in lodge were passed over in the general eulogy, but they were nevertheless the most trusted and valuable officers. He referred to Bro. Jessup, their Treas., and Bro. Denton, their Sec.; they had long and faithfully filled those offices and deserved well of the lodge. Bro. Butter, S.W., replied, thanking them for their enthusiastic reception of the toast, and Bro. Hayes, J.W., added his thanks, and then the Tyler's last concluded one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held by this excellent and influential lodge.

**ECCLESHILL.**—Eccleshill Lodge (No. 1034).—On Friday, the 23rd ult., this prosperous lodge held its annual festival at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was called at the early hour of 3 p.m. There was a numerous gathering of brethren, a considerable number of the Past Masters of the lodge, and many visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Chas. Crabtree, W.M. 600; R. T. Harrison, W.M. 1018; Jas. Powell, P.M. 1301; Ed. Nixon, 1108; Wm. Margerison, W.M. 1522; Jos. Hammond, P.M. 1522; S. O. Bailey, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., W.M. 1648. The lodge being properly opened in the First Degree at 3.30, the ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. Parkinson and Mr. Richard Revell, who were duly elected, and afterwards were each separately and properly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, by the W.M.,

Bro. Jas. Hartop, assisted by Bro. Wm. Beanland, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. The initiations and other business being concluded, the J.W. called the brethren from labour. After a short interval the business of the lodge was resumed, and the W.M. called upon Bro. Wm. Beanland, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., to present Bro. Benjamin Walker Flaxington, P.S.W., for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Flaxington having been unanimously elected at the preceding lodge meeting. The Secretary, Bro. J. W. Nicholson, P.P.G.O., having read the ancient charges, to all of which the W.M. elect gave his unqualified assent. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. B. W. Flaxington was duly and properly installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. C. Pratt, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., acted as Installing Master, and performed the duties in a masterly and most impressive manner. The ceremony of installation being completed the Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for the honour done to him, and pledged himself to maintain to the utmost of his power, the high position of the lodge. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Jas. Hartop, P.M., as I.P.M.; John Davis, S.W.; Joseph Hardwick, J.W.; Rev. A. L. Cooper, Chap.; John Procter, P.M., Treas.; Fred. W. Nicholson, P.P.G.O., as Secretary and Organist; James Southworth, S.D.; Fountain Read, J.D.; Richard Thomson, I.G.; Joseph Lightfoot, O.G.; A. Elsworth, A. Wormald, S. Robinson, Jas. Busfield, W. B. Woodhead, Jos. Hainsworth, Stewards; George Ball, P.J.W., as Master of Ceremonies. Bro. W. Pratt, P.M., was unanimously elected to the office of Charity Steward, and in him the charities will have a most efficient advocate. The late Charity Steward (Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P.M., P.G.S., who has since been appointed Prov. G. Registrar for the province of West Yorks), thanked the brethren for the support they had given him, and expressed his great pleasure at the appointment of Bro. Wm. Pratt, P.M., as his successor. Bro. Pratt, in acknowledging the honour done him, hoped to be able to render a good account of his Stewardship, by keeping the lodge, in respect to its charities, A 1 in the province. After the usual business, alms were collected for poor and distressed Masons, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and according to ancient usage, at 6.25 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist. A most recherche banquet was provided, at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Some excellent speeches were made, the visiting P.M.'s speaking in the highest terms of the manner in which the business had been conducted. Songs, recitations, &c., followed in rapid succession, and the whole of the proceedings passed off in the most agreeable manner possible.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—The general meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. The following brethren were present, Bros. W. T. Christian, W.M.; W. Groom, S.W.; W. B. Brand, J.W.; J. Pinder, P.M.; F. Hallows, Hon. Sec.; C. T. Saunders, S.D.; T. Franklin, J.D.; A. Oldroyd, I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; J. H. Cambridge, W.S.; W. Gilchrist, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the following brethren were passed, viz., Bros. Dendy, Carter, Hunt, Delvalle, and Clark. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. W. Moffatt, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he being present was initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite and custom. The By-laws of the lodge were then submitted to the lodge by the W.M., and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned until Saturday, the 5th May. Amongst the members present were Bros. W. G. Hallows, and A. Field. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Crouch, W.M. 1297; R. Allison, 1602; B. Blimson, 742; J. J. Bere, 1178; E. Brown, 1598; C. Carter, 1607; E. A. Trebeck, 1445; and others.

## Mark Masonry.

**CROYDON LODGE (No. 198).**—An emergency meeting of this Mark Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Friday, the 6th inst., when were present W. Bro. George Yaxley, W.M.; Bros. J. K. Pitt, J.W.; W. J. Nicholls, S.O.; R. W. Brown, J.O.; H. A. Pocock, Sec.; Samuel Griffiths, S.D.; W. J. Purvis, J.D.; Geo. Haddock, D.C.; A. Long, I.G.; Wm. Grant, Tyler; the V.W. Bro. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Bros. Byron Ridge, G. Grossmith, Thos. P. Dixon and visitors, Bros. A. J. Thomas, of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, and Bro. Sheadd. The lodge was opened by Bro. Stevens as W.M.; Bro. Yaxley acting as P.M.; Bro. Sheadd, S.W.; Bro. Nicholls, M.O.; Bro. Griffiths, S.O.; Bro. Haynes, J.O.; and Bro. Thomas, Org. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed, and ballots taken for brethren proposed at the last meeting for advancement, and also for Bro. Wolgemuth, of Fowke, No. 19, as joining members. Bros. Dickinson, Ridge, and Grossmith were then admitted and advanced to the honourable degree. Subsequently Bro. Dickinson was elected as Treasurer, and the W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. Ridge as Organist, and Bro. Grossmith as W.S. Propositions were taken for two candidates for advancement, to be balloted for at the next meeting, and after some further routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, separating at an early hour for London and other trains.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society, will be held at the Royal Masonic Hall, 8, Air-street, Regent-street, on Wednesday next, at half-past 5 precisely.



# INSTALLATION OF SIR GEORGE ELLIOT, BART., M.P., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF SOUTH WALES (E.D.)

On Wednesday, 4th April, a large and influential gathering of Freemasons took place at Aberdare, under the banner of St. David's Lodge, on the occasion of the installation of Sir George Elliot as R.W.P.G.M. for E.D. of South Wales. The ceremony took place in the Temperance Hall, which was fitted up as a lodge-room. At one end, upon the platform, which was draped with crimson and purple cloth, fringed with gold, was placed the throne, enriched by a zone of imitation marble, surmounted by a crown. Banners and bannets were tastefully arranged at various points, and the open spaces of the platform at each end were filled with flowering plants and shrubs from the floor nearly to the ceiling. Imitation marble pillars graced the walls all round the interior, and the gallery was covered with crimson drapery. The windows were all draped with blue and chocolate-coloured drapery, looped up with orange-coloured rosettes, the whole having a very striking effect. Soon after one o'clock the brethren assembled in large numbers, notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, as the rain came down in torrents.

At 1.30 Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Aeneas McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, supported by Col. Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex, as D.P.G.M.; J. B. Monckton, President of Board of General Purposes; J. C. Parkinson, J.P., P.G.D.; and Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., who acted as Director of Ceremonies.

An announcement was then made that the D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, with over twenty of his P.G. Officers, was at the door waiting admission.

Capt. S. Geo. Homfray was then introduced by Bro. Fenn, and took his seat on the dais, and was saluted according to ancient custom.

The warrant of installation was then read.

A deputation, consisting of P.M.'s of the province, was then formed to wait upon the P.G.M. elect.

Sir George Elliot was then introduced, and after being invested and installed, was saluted. He then appointed the following brethren as his officers:—

J. E. Price .....	Prov. G.S.W.
John Rogers .....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. W. Jones .....	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. W. Watkins .....	Prov. G. Chap.
J. Jones Hewson .....	Prov. G. Reg.
Evan Jones .....	Prov. G. Sec.
T. G. Glass .....	Prov. G.S.D.
D. Hopkins .....	Prov. G.J.D.
J. R. Robinson .....	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
D. Watson .....	Prov. G.D.C.
W. P. Garrett .....	Prov. G.A.G.D.C.
R. Webb .....	Prov. G.S.B.
A. S. Streeve .....	Prov. G.O.
G. H. White .....	Prov. G. Purst.
Geo. Bullerwell .....	Prov. G. Tyler.
G. H. Noel, J. Williams, H. Briscoe, W. Dobbs, W. T. Canton, and W. Young .....	Prov. G. Stewards.

Contributions were then voted for Masonic charities, and cordial votes of thanks accorded to Bro. McIntyre for the able manner in which he had performed the installation; to Bros. Col. Burdett and J. B. Monckton for their presence, and to Bro. Fenn for the ability displayed by him in conducting the ceremony.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed by Bro. Sir George Elliot, and the brethren proceeded to St. Elvan's Church, where an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Jones, P.G. Chap.

Amongst the numerous brethren present, numbering over 400, we noticed Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Past A. G.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; C. W. Newmarch, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Rev. W. L. Stradling; T. Marsden; W. B. Broad, P.G.O. Monmouthshire; C. Olliver, P.G.W. Monmouthshire; R. C. Chambers, P.G.W. Monmouthshire; W. Williams, P.G.S.D. Monmouthshire; W. Watkins, P.G.S. Wks. Monmouthshire; J. Piggford; J. Richards; G. Phillips; W. Brown, of Homfray Lodge; W. H. Rees, J. T. Davis, J. Bidder, J. Westren, of Neath Lodge; W. D. Preswell, of Pleiades Lodge, Devon; S. Hern, S. Weichert, C. Manders, J. Newton, J. Woodman, T. Haynes, of Bute Lodge, Cardiff; C. Miles, Neyland, Sladen, Rosser, White, Livingston, Williams, Mitchell, Andrews, Perrin, Roberts, Davis, D. C. Jones-Clare, of Caradoc Lodge, Swansea; and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School.

Banquet was held in the Market Place, which had been tastefully decorated and fitted up for the occasion. The P.G.M. presided.

Dinner being over, the P.G.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was heartily responded to. He then proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and suggested that it should be given with "three times three." The next toast, "The Pro G.M., D.P.G.M., and G. Officers" was coupled with the names of Bro. Monckton, McIntyre, and Fenn.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, in response, said he esteemed it a distinguished honour to reply to this toast, for it was a pleasure to represent one's highly esteemed colleagues—officers of the Grand Lodge—even for a few moments. In their names he begged cordially and briefly to respond to the kind remarks of the Provincial Grand Master. But he was compelled to allude to a further and greater pleasure; he alluded to the privilege of being present in the eastern division of South Wales on this most interesting and most auspicious occasion. There were many present older in Masonry than himself, and although his connection dated many years ago, he could not remember having attended a meeting which had given him greater Masonic pleasure and satisfaction than that of to-day. These might appear somewhat formal words, but it was

not because this was a Provincial Grand Lodge met, to do ordinary provincial work, nor because the lodge was gathered together on an exceptional occasion, installing the new Grand Master, but it was because there was such devoted loyalty to the man whom they rejoiced to see placed over them that induced him to pronounce this an extraordinary occasion. They who had come from the metropolis had been more and more astonished as the day had gone on, and he would tell them frankly that when he was invited to be present at this installation, he thought he was coming to a new country place called Aberdare, and that they would have to get on as best they could. He had no conception when he arrived at the little place called Aberdare that he was going to see such splendid and business-like preparations as were witnessed in the two buildings that day. (Cheers.) And when he heard it whispered that a great deal of the good taste displayed was to be attributed to a young Mason, and a member of the youngest lodge in the province, he affirmed that there must be a great deal in Masonry that could evoke such enthusiasm from a young brother; but that good taste of the young brother would have gone for little without kindly fraternal hands to assist. (Cheers.) It would have been most ungracious to come here and enjoy the hospitality and Masonic pleasures of the day if he failed in the names of those far off to acknowledge the manner in which they had received the toast of the Grand Officers. He, in conclusion, wished prosperity to all present. (Cheers.)

Bro. McIntyre then said the Craft looked with the greatest affection upon their Queen, as well as upon His Royal Highness the Prince who took his chief title from the principality in which they were then assembled, as the chief ruler of the Craft. The Prince of Wales reflected credit upon Freemasonry throughout the whole of England, and particularly in Wales whose title he bore. But when they began to look nearer home, when they found a gentleman whom they all knew personally presiding over Freemasonry amongst those with whom he also was personally acquainted, and among whom he laboured, as Sir George Elliot did, they could not but look upon him with an intensified fraternal feeling as their ruler, and hail him as such with all the warmth of feeling and loyalty at their command. He felt it to be a high honour to propose, as he now did, "The Health of Sir George Elliot" and a very great pleasure to wish him long life and prosperity. (Cheers.) He could not desire to see Sir George Elliot more happily circumstanced than he was then, surrounded by neighbours and friends, nor could he doubt but that he would be at all times as warmly supported, because he would always be found maintaining their Masonic rights and privileges, seeking to retain their regard, and always desirous of promoting good feeling amongst them. (Cheers.) Every man present knew Sir George, and had long known him, and he was quite sure that as years rolled on they would come to regard him as their Masonic ruler with even more affection in the future than they had done in the past, for they would find him a man whose kindness of heart and true Masonic feeling would animate every brother of every lodge in the province, in the exercise of those very qualities which he possessed in so eminent a degree. He proposed with much pleasure "Health and Long Life to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." (Loud cheers.) The toast was drunk with "three times three."

The Provincial G.M., who was warmly received, said that he spoke the feelings of his heart when he declared how proud he felt at hearing his name mentioned so kindly and received so warmly as had then been the case. It was surely from no personal excellence on his part, at least, he was not able to discover it himself if it were so. It seemed to him that there must be some secret worth about him which had brought about this great result, and all he could say was, that he was ignorant of it. Masonry had its secrets to the outer world, and those who were privileged to exercise the rights of brotherhood, saw in the system something which they could not explain, but which brought about results of which the outer world knew nothing. Whether this arose from its moral, social, or religious aspect, he could not tell, but there the something was amongst them which drew them together in the bonds of brotherhood, and friendly intercourse, and he supposed he must look to that something for an explanation of the very kindly way in which he had been received by them. If it were possible for the world to be made acquainted with all they themselves knew and felt, he thought the great acquisition to the Craft which had characterised it of late years, would be even still greater, and the momentum which it had received be still further accelerated. Speaking of himself, if he could be at any time a medium of Masonic strength between a brother and a brother, or between a province and a province, he should esteem it a pleasure to exercise his functions in that behalf, and could only say that throughout his Masonic life he should deem it his duty to further their interests to the fullest extent of his ability. He said this not in a moment of festivity, nor was it a feeling of a common moment only. It arose from a desire to exercise towards Masonry a solid sentiment of fidelity and enduring usefulness at all times, and as long as his Masonic life lasted. (Loud cheers.)

The P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. McIntyre," which was drunk with three times three.

Bro. McIntyre responded to the toast, and thanked them heartily for the kindness they had shown towards him since his advent into South Wales. He had not been long amongst them, but he had made more friends during that short time than he could ever have been made aware of. He invited those who were eligible to attend Grand Lodge to visit them in London, and to see if they would not be received with befitting hospitality. He assured them that this would be the case. He hoped they would visit Grand Lodge often, and would thus help, by giving them in

London an insight of what Masonry was in the provinces, to further the interest of Freemasonry and the welfare of mankind.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson said: As a P.M. of the Aberdare Lodge, and as one who is connected with the adjacent Province of Monmouthshire by the closest ties of friendship and of material interest, I have peculiar pleasure in proposing the toast of "Our Visiting Brethren," and in asking you to pay special honour to the other Provincial Grand Lodges here represented. The St. David's Lodge of Aberdare deems it a high honour that this Provincial Grand Lodge should have been held under its banner, and I am only expressing the feeling of its members, and of the Eastern Division of South Wales generally, when I say that we shall always refer with pride to the number of visiting brethren who have assembled, many of them from long distances, to testify their interest in the occasion. And as no innocent pleasure is ever entirely lost, but abides to enrich the memory and sweeten reflection, so the pleasant fruits of this meeting will remain with us, when this day shall become historical, and when South Wales Masons will date incidents as they happened before or after this great fraternal gathering at Aberdare. We trace in our mind's eye our visitors to their homes. We see them disinterestedly arranging their private concerns, perhaps for weeks beforehand, so as to enable them to be with us to-day; and we all know from personal experience of the struggles, of the turmoils, and the exactions of this work-a-day world, how much may be involved in keeping an engagement, the end and aim of which is to serve no interest, but to pay a semi-public homage to abstract principles, for I place the vast attendance to-day upon no lower ground. There has been no doubt a generous desire to pay honour to the new Provincial Grand Master on his formally assuming the dignities and responsibilities of his high position; but beyond and above this has been the resolve of every man present to testify his deep attachment to the Order, and his determination to uphold it at all times and in every practical way; for Freemasonry, apart from its mysteries and solemn rites, which we all value so highly, is a voluntary association, wherein men are pledged solemnly to principles which are clearly defined. A Mason's first obligation is absolute obedience to law, and throughout our elaborate symbolic system the vital truths of religion, and the duties of toleration and of charity, as well as those stringent rules which are at the foundation of social order, are enforced with great and increasing solemnity, and the discipline of the Craft might be compared not inaptly to the institutions which form nations, make themselves self-contained and endow them with lasting power. Our form of Masonic government, our zealously guarded rights, our absolute obedience to our constitutional head and the wise limitations of his power, our reverence for law, our perfect system of representation, our respect for tradition, our free exercise of private judgment, and our enlightened conservatism, all tend to foster a love for good government, and are brought home to the mind and made familiar by illustration to every working Mason. These are the principles our visitors represent and share, and in the name of which we bid them hearty welcome. There are other and equally important sides to Freemasonry upon which I have not touched. Of its beneficent and far-reaching charity we know our neighbours and friends to be most efficient exponents; and for that we thank them, satisfied that they reap their reward not merely in the successful, but not ungenerous rivalry, but in the highest sense of duty performed and obligation discharged. I give you "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex, and Capt. Geo. Homfray, D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire.

Bro. Burdett briefly responded to the toast. He said that Sir George Elliot had held office as his deputy for Middlesex, and he received Sir George's resignation with great regret. He could assure them that no member of the province was a greater lover of Masonry, or had the Craft more at heart, than Sir George, and the more they knew of him the more they would like him. (Cheers.)

Bro. Capt. George Homfray thanked them sincerely for the kind reception which they had given him, and also thanked his Provincial Grand Officers for mustering in such force as they had done that day. Although Sir George had been installed at Aberdare, they did not forget that he had a large stake in the county of Monmouth, and it had been the wish, this being so, that as many as possible should attend the installation from his province. He assured Sir George that they would always be found co-operating in every way to further the cause they all had in hand. He thanked Bro. Parkinson for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and for the readiness with which he at all times held out the right hand of fellowship to him, and for the assistance he had given him whenever he desired it.

"The Health of Bro. Fenn" was proposed and responded to, and several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to, amongst them being that of "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, responded in his usual forcible manner. A correspondent writes:—There are few social positions in England which are more indicative of high standing than that of Provincial Grand Master of the Fraternity of Freemasons. From the time, now more than sixty years ago, when the Duke of Sussex, as the chief of one portion of the Fraternity in England, and the Duke of Athol, as representative of the other branch, agreed to a solemn act of union, and the Craft worked henceforth under one constitution, its position of trust and dignity have been filled by men of the highest station. Freemasonry has been the special care of the reigning family. Their late Royal Highnesses George IV. (when Prince Regent), the Duke of Sussex, the Duke of York, the Duke of Kent, and the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., all filled high



positions in the Craft, and in our day, under his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, there has been no diminution in the social prestige of the Provincial Grand Masters of England. A mere glance at the present lists of Provincial Grand Masters sufficiently proves it. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., who is the last appointed, was installed Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk in April, 1876, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales himself performing the ceremony. The next junior Provincial Grand Master is His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, who was installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire in December, 1875. So that it will be easily understood that the youngest Provincial Grand Master to-day, Sir George Elliot, his good reason to be satisfied with the position which has two immediate predecessors fill, and running rapidly over the names of the Provincial Grand Masters of England, and selecting almost at random, we find Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., for North Wales, the Lord Leigh for Warwickshire, the Lord Methuen for Wiltshire, the Lord Sherborne for Gloucestershire, the Marquess of Hartington for Derbyshire, the Viscount Holmesdale for Kent, the Lord Waveney for Suffolk, the Duke of St. Albans for Lincolnshire, the Duke of Manchester for Northamptonshire, the Earl of Limerick for Bristol, the Earl of Bective, M.P., for Cumberland and Westmoreland, the Lord Pelham, M.P., for Sussex, the Earl of Carnarvon for Somersetshire, the Earl Percy, M.P., for Northumberland, the Earl of Shrewsbury for Staffordshire, the Earl of Hardwicke for Cambridgeshire, the Lord Skelmersdale for Lancashire (W. Division), the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe for Cornwall, the Earl Ferrers for Leicestershire and Rutland, the Earl of Zetland for Yorkshire (N. and E. Riding). Sir George Elliot's name is now added to this illustrious list, and it will be readily understood that the somewhat unusual delay in filling up this appointment on the death of the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, heir to one of the oldest families in Great Britain, has been due to a natural anxiety on the part of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to select the fittest man for the responsibility.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

By command of Lord Leigh, the Provincial Grand Master, a Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Leamington on the 3rd inst. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present were the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M.; W. Bro. Lieut-Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M.; Bros. J. T. Collins, P.G.T.; Geo. Beech, P.G. Sec.; John Vaughan and E. Worrall, P.G.W.'s; Rev. T. N. Rigby, P.G. Chap.; S. C. Cowan, P.G.R.; C. B. James, P.G.S.D.; J. Gilbert, P.G.J.D.; W. Hammond, P.G.S. of Works; R. Dawson, P.G.D.C.; W. Manton, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Sutton, P.G. Org.; W. H. Haseler, P.G.P.; J. Mavus, P.G.A.P.; J. F. Kekwick, P.G.S.; J. Loverock, P.G.S.; G. V. Hefford, P.G.S.; J. Pursall, P.P.G.W.; C. Lee, P.P.G.W.; Captain Salt, P.P.G.W.; T. Howkins, P.P.G.C.D., There was a large attendance of P.G. officers and of visitors not members of the P.G. Lodge.

The Guy's Lodge, No. 395, was first opened, and the Right Worshipful the Prov. G.M. and his officers were then received.

After the calling of roll, the minutes of the P.G. Lodge, held at the Elkington Lodge, No. 1016, Birmingham, &c., were confirmed.

The report of the Benevolent and Annuity Fund Committee was next received, and the committee's recommendations of applicants for relief were considered.

A collection was then made in aid of the building fund of the new church, and the sum of £52 was collected.

The lodge was then adjourned, and the brethren, headed by the Militia band, marched in procession to the site of St. John's Church, the foundation-stone of which was laid, with Masonic rites, by the Prov. G. Master.

Although the rain was pouring in torrents, a large number of persons witnessed the procession and ceremony.

When completed, the church will accommodate about 1000 persons on the ground floor, the internal dimensions being 152 feet in length and 57 feet in breadth, with a height of 55 feet to the apex. It is being built with the red bricks of the neighbourhood, having windows and other dressings of Bath stone. The style is of very plain early English character, with lancet windows, having nave and chancel, with north and south aisles, and vestries for the clergy and choir. Grants have been made by the Incorporated and Diocesan Societies, but at the present time about £800 is required in order to complete the nave and aisles, which it is hoped will be forthcoming, that this part of the church may be at once completed for use, as the temporary church is altogether insufficient. The architect is Bro. John Cundall, P.M., on whom the plans reflect great credit, and the builder Mr. John Fell, of Leamington.

After the Chaplain and brethren had alternately recited a psalm, the P.G. Master announced the purpose for which they had assembled.

The P.G. Secretary (Bro. Geo. Beech) read a copy of the inscription placed in a phial and deposited with the coins of the realm in a cavity of the stone.

The inscription was as follows:—"Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Warwickshire. At a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Guy's Lodge, Leamington, on Tuesday, the 3rd April, in the 41st year of the reign of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, this, the foundation stone of St. John's Church, Leamington, was laid in solemn form and according to ancient usage by the Right

Honourable William Henry Lord Leigh, Lord-Lieutenant, and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire; assisted by the Worshipful Brother Colonel Machen, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire; the Worshipful Brother John Vaughan, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; the Worshipful Brother Edmund Worrall, Prov. Junior Grand Warden; Brother the Rev. F. M. Beaumont, Brother the Rev. T. N. Rigby, P. Grand Chaplains; J. T. Collins, P.G. Treasurer; George Beech, Provincial Grand Secretary; and in the presence of a numerous body of P. Grand Officers, Past P. Grand Officers, and Brethren of the Province of Warwickshire."

The stone having been lowered, the architect presented to the P.G. Master a splendid trowel, for which his lordship tendered his warmest thanks to Mr. Cundall.

The P.G. Master then addressed the spectators as follows:—Men, women, and children here assembled to-day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honour in most countries to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to assist in laying in ancient form the foundation-stone of this church, which we pray Him to prosper for the promotion of godliness, harmony, and brotherly love, till time shall be no more.

After other formalities had been observed, the P.G. Master gave the stone three knocks with a mallet, and declared it properly laid in accordance with the ancient rules of architecture.

The P.G. Master then placed grains of wheat upon the stone as emblems of plenty; poured wine and oil as emblems respectively of cheerfulness and joy, and prosperity and happiness; and sprinkled salt on the stone as the emblem of wisdom, fidelity, and perpetuity.

The Prov. G. Chaplain offered a short prayer.

Lord Leigh, having laid the stone, then addressed the assembly. He said he had now had the great pleasure and the privilege of laying the foundation-stone, in that important town, of a church, which he prayed the Great Architect of the Universe might prove of inestimable benefit to the district. When he had the honour of being asked to lay that foundation-stone he felt great hesitation in doing so, as he felt that a lady who lived in the district, and who was sitting on his right, Mrs. M. Wise, should do so. It was not until he was assured that neither that excellent lady nor any member of her family would undertake the duty, that he consented to lay the stone, with the assistance of the brethren of their ancient Craft in that province. It was well known and universally allowed, that the old travelling Freemasons in ancient times had erected many of the most beautiful temples of the world. Although Masons of this day could not claim to be, like their brethren of old, practical Masons, still they were as ready as their predecessors to promote any good work that might be for the benefit of their fellow-creatures. If it was necessary to prove that statement he might mention that that was the eighth memorable occasion on which the old and well-worn mallet which he held in his hand had been used. It was the property of the Guy's Cliff Lodge of Freemasons in that town, and, as the inscription would show, it was used in 1832 by the lamented Lord Charles Percy in laying the foundation-stone of the Warneford Hospital. In 1837 the late Bishop of Worcester laid with it the foundation-stone of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. In 1840 it was used by a predecessor of his own in the office which he had the honour to hold—Lord Howe—in laying the foundation stone of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. He (Lord Leigh), as P.G.M. of the province since 1856, had five times used that mallet in connection with occasions similar to the present. He congratulated the district of South Leamington on the commencement of the present work. In reference to the many friends who had so nobly assisted the movement, he must especially mention Mrs. Matthew Wise, who had given £1000 towards it. Her son, the Rev. W. G. Wise, had promised £500. Mrs. W. Hitchman, widow of the lamented Dr. Hitchman, had given the site of the church and £100. Mr. F. Manning, of Leamington, had also given £500; and Mr. and Mrs. Watson £300. He hoped that the rich and important town of Leamington would speedily raise the required sum of £1000, so that in the autumn the Bishop might consecrate the church.

The Rev. T. E. Franklyn, the minister of the district, tendered to Lord Leigh, in the name of the committee, their thanks for his kindness in laying the stone, and their thanks to the brethren of the province for their handsome donation of fifty guineas.

The Rev. T. N. Rigby, P.G. Chaplain, then delivered the following address:—

Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Sir, Brother Wardens, and Brethren,—Although I am fully conscious of my inability to do justice to the object for which we are met together, yet I must express the gratification I experience in giving an address on this occasion, and I am sure I speak the sentiments of the brethren present when I say that it is with peculiar pleasure that we are here assembled in answer to your summons, Right Worshipful Sir, to assist you in laying the foundation stone of a build-

ing—a building hereafter to be dedicated to the service of our God. At all times we as Masons are ready—yes, esteem it a privilege, to aid in any good work, but more especially in the erection of a temple for the worship of Him in the advancement of whose glory every man, but more so every Mason, should take a deep concern; for we know that He who inhabiteth eternity and dwelleth not in temples made with hands is yet pleased with the devotions of His people. Constituted as man is, his duties to his Creator must be expressed by sensible acts, and if we travel back to earlier times we shall find Noah and the patriarchs building altars and offering sacrifices to Him. Coming down the stream of time, we find David purposing to erect a temple for the worship of Jehovah, and although he was not permitted to carry out his heart's desire, yet the same was approved of by God. "Thou didst well that it was within thine heart to build." That high honour was left to Solomon, his son, as a legacy, and he, our Proto Grand Master, carried out the work with a magnificence and a grandeur that exceeded, perhaps, even what his father David had he lived to see it could have pictured. 'Tis true the records of the laying the foundation-stone of that temple have not been handed down to us. We read of its master-workman and of craftsmen; we read of the dedication thereof, with its splendid ceremonial and costly offerings; we read of its marvellous erection, during which

No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung—

Like some tall palm, the mystic fabric spring—  
Majestic silence.

And now, Right Worshipful Sir, you have just declared the foundation-stone of this church to have been properly laid according to the plumb, the level, and the square, in the erection of which the hammer will fall and the ponderous axe will ring, and we would hope, though not amid majestic silence, the sacred fabric will also be successfully completed. It will not, of course, approach many, if one, of those grand and wonderful piles reared in former days by the skill and aid of those members of our ancient and honourable Craft. It will stand, by way of example, at a very, very remote distance indeed in architectural beauty and structural grandeur from that majestic edifice—one of the glories of our land—St. Paul's Cathedral, the fruit of the brain and the masterpiece of the creative genius of one of our Craft, Sir C. Wren—a large-hearted and unselfish brother, in whose epitaph is said, "*Qui vixit bono publico*," and who has no other monument to his memory than a small tablet on the side of the window of the crypt, on which is inscribed, "*Si monumentum queris, circumspice*." But still the house will not be without its beauty and its glory, consecrated as it will be to the hallowed services of our common Father. I will not now, Right Worshipful Sir, enter into any laudation of Masonry. In this county of Warwickshire, where it has borne such fruit, surely that were unnecessary. No words of mine—no words of any man—could add to its lustre, nor could the calumination of any man detract therefrom. It is based on principles which are immortal—immortal because Divine. But I trust I am not in error in making a practical use of those Masonic emblems which have already been referred to in this ceremony. As the building is being raised each stone must obey the plumb-line, the level, and the square, so that all contribute, the one with the other, to the stability of the common structure. So may we hope that the living stones hereafter to be built up within these walls as a spiritual temple to God, by dedication to His service, may answer in all respects to the teaching which these our Masonic emblems so forcibly suggest. May the emblem of corn remind them of the plenteous blessing that comes from Him who is the author and giver of all good things; may the emblem of wine, that maketh glad the heart of man, remind them how much there is of refreshing cheerfulness and joy in squaring their lives according to God's established rule; may the emblem of oil remind them that prosperity and happiness can only be secured by a cultivation of peace and brotherly love, so beautifully imaged in the figure of the oil which flowed down from Aaron's beard, even to the edge of his clothing; may the emblem of salt remind them of that higher wisdom such as that with which our Proto Grand-Master was endued, and which comes only from God, of fidelity to their promises of obedience made, and of perpetuity, in holding fast that which they have that no man take their crown. But what, Right Worshipful Sir, is the foundation upon which this spiritual building is to rest? I unhesitatingly say it is our Great Light—the Book of the Law of God. That alone is the plumb-line by which men are to adjust their actions so that they walk uprightly. That alone is the level that will enable men to regard themselves as equal in the sight of God, and rich and poor to worship together as his common offspring. That alone is the square by which the teaching in that temple should be tried and adjusted, bringing it at all times to the standard of the law and the testimony. And sure I am, Right Worshipful Sir, that if this spiritual work which I have cursorily touched upon, so far as the services of this earthly temple are concerned, be thus carried out, then those who have partaken thereof will see the topstone crowning their faith, and love, and hope, shining under the bright beams of a never-setting sun in another—that upper temple, not made with hands, but glorious in the heavens; and with harps tuned to the most perfect melody will sing—Grace, grace, unto it.

Other formalities having been observed, the procession was re-formed, and the P.G. Lodge was resumed and closed in due course.

In the evening the brethren dined at the Crown Hotel.

It is stated that the Emperor of Russia will not go to Ems this year to take the water as usual. This decision is said to be "unconnected with pending political questions, and adopted solely on medical advice." His Majesty is in excellent health.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

[We take this from the *Bradford Observer*, kindly forwarded to us by Bro. H. Smith, P.G.S. for West Yorkshire.]

On Wednesday, 4th inst., the annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Freemasons was held at the Church Institute, Bradford, under the banner of the Pentalfa Lodge, No. 974, when about 200 brethren of the province assembled. The customary salutations having been heartily accorded to the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir H. Edwards, Bart., and to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew.

The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, in reply, said: Brethren of West Yorkshire, we have assembled by the generous invitation of the Rev. R. W. Loosemore, W.M., and the officers and members of the Pentalfa Lodge, No. 974, for our annual meeting, in the centre of one of the greatest industries of the North of England. Amongst the marvellous towns of the West Riding of Yorkshire Bradford has a remarkable commercial history as interesting as either that of Sheffield, Leeds, Batley, or Dewsbury. Certainly with these the town in which we meet to-day has had a development equally rapid, and in a very brief period of time its inhabitants have done as much as those of any other town in the province to increase the wealth of the nation. In 1811 Bradford had a population of 7767, in 1871 of 146,000, and this population has unquestionably conferred a boon even upon the world at large. Development has succeeded to development; improvement has been made upon improvement, until to-day its commercial importance and magnificence are concurrent with the gigantic prosperity of its trade and the tastes of the times. Let us hope that the present suspension of the intense activity of its pursuits is due not to a diplomatic postponement of painful eventualities in the East, but to the simple awaiting the commencement of a settled basis of affairs, and that Bradford will start again on a course of development as brilliant in the future as in the past (applause). As is recorded in its history since 1811, Freemasonry in Bradford has developed with its commercial developments. Under two previous Chairmen of our Charity Committee—Bro. Manohar Rhodes and Bro. Thomas Hill, names brilliant in Yorkshire Freemasonry (applause)—a policy of Masonic prosperity and success has been built up, which has placed the Freemasonry of West Yorkshire on an influential footing, unsurpassed by any other province in the Grand Lodge of England. Pentalfa Lodge is an offspring of the famous Lodge of Hope, No. 302, and it has striven to emulate in charitable deeds the efforts of its munificent parent. The Pentalfa was established in 1863; in 1864 it was consecrated by Bro. Bentley Shaw, and has now sixty active members. Since its establishment up to this day it has liberally contributed to our charities. We thank Pentalfa for this day's invitation, for its support of our institutions, and Bradford for its fraternal welcome accorded to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Called myself by our Royal Grand Master to the government of this great province, I have now to observe that this day's ceremonial closes another year of my occupancy of this chair, and the commencement of another period of its tenancy. Therefore, in accordance with a practice of my illustrious predecessors, I shall trespass upon your attention with some comments upon the more prominent features of interest to the Craft in this province during the past year. Without flattery to the province, I may venture to say this, perhaps, is the only province in England containing a like number of lodges—sixty-three—of which it could be said that every lodge has made its annual returns for the past year, and thus enables me to put before you its position in the Craft. The income from quarterage fees has been £357 6s. 6d., and we have a balance in hand of £921 2s. 3d. to the credit of next year. But the balance for charitable purposes will be at least six times the amount. I shall be able to say more on that subject at our July meeting. The number of active members returned for this province is 3065. During the past year the lodges have enrolled 250 new members. Fifty-three members have died, and in some of them valuable charitable votes have lapsed, thus increasing the difficulties of the Charity Committee with regard to voting powers. Let me earnestly impress upon Worshipful Masters and Treasurers the importance that subscriptions should be applied for and paid at the commencement of each year instead of at the end of the year, and thus the list of arrears would probably be reduced to insignificant proportions, and many excellent but negligent brethren would be retained on the muster-roll of this province. I have made a written communication to Lord Carnarvon that one of the Masonic lifeboats (in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's safe return from India) should be placed on the Yorkshire coast, and have pressed the special claim of Robin Hood's Bay upon the attention of his lordship, and am glad to inform this Provincial Grand Lodge that, assisted by the co-operation of North and East Yorkshire, the Pro Grand Master has said the application shall have the fullest consideration of himself and the committee (applause). I cannot allow the retiring Provincial Grand Officers to vacate their chairs without expressing to them the obligations of the province for their zealous and able services. To the Mayor of Wakefield and to the Provincial Grand Junior Warden my sentiments towards them are those of unbounded gratitude for the time and ability they devoted in the performance of their executive responsibilities. In the nomination of officers to fill their places I feel myself confronted with the grave and difficult task of selection of a few from a band of brethren of exalted merit, and to entrust these few new officers with the practical administration of the government of this province for the ensuing twelve months, viz., to carry out the duties of a well-organised Provincial Grand Lodge, whose ruling and guiding principles alone are framed and directed on the written as well

as the unwritten laws of the Craft, and which all thoughtful and patriotic Provincial Grand Officers regard as of supreme importance. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the discrimination of this selection, I feel sure you will one and all recognise the justice of the claims of the brethren it is my duty to appoint to office, and that you will give them loyal and hearty Masonic support, and obey faithfully our Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws, accepting my prerogative and resting your approval in accordance with my own upon the sure and solid foundation of that beneficent self-government the superstructure of which has been built up by the letter and spirit of fidelity to the Book of Constitutions. (Hear, hear.) I call, therefore, upon the old and new officers to unite with the brethren in unselfish efforts to secure, as heretofore, to our province, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, the faithful development of justice, piety, and virtue, and the practice of a liberal charity, the principles upon which Freemasonry is founded, that we may exhibit to the outside world that amongst us we fervently decree:—"That all things may be ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundation; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established amongst us for all generations." (Loud applause.)

After the usual preliminary routine business had been gone through, the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follow:—

L. Booth, 61	Prov. S.G.W.
J. Hurst, jun., 337	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. R. Oldfield, 275	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. H. J. Day, 1513	Prov. G. Chap.
R. I. Critchley, 208	Prov. G. Treas.
J. G. Hutchinson, 1034	Prov. G. Reg.
H. Smith, 387	Prov. G. Sec.
J. F. Moss, 296	Prov. S.G.D.
S. Summerscales, 265	Prov. J.G.D.
J. Simpson, 910	Prov. G.S. of W.
T. Collinson, 139	Prov. G.D.C.
George Haigh, 149	Prov. G.A.D.C.
E. Walshaw, 448	Prov. G.S.B.
W. Glover, 1221	Prov. G. Org.
W. Schofield, 290	Prov. G. Purs.
T. E. Yates, 750	Prov. G. A. Purs.
J. C. Malcolm, 304; T. Ruddock, 276; C. D. Mason, 303; A. H. Kirk, 208; T. M. Tindall, 1239; W. B. Alderson, 498	Prov. G. Stwds.
Lee, 290	Prov. G. Tyler
J. Sheard, 208	Prov. G.A. Tyler

The report of the Charity Committee was then read and received, and the lodge was closed.

The July meeting will be held at Sheffield, and will take part in opening the new Masonic Hall there.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School met on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benj. Head in the chair. Among the other brethren who attended were Bros. Geo. Murray, A. H. Lilley, S. Rosenthal, John Boyd, Herbert Dicketts, W. A. Barrett, John W. Dennison, Frederic Davison, C. F. Matier, Geo. Angold, H. Browne, G. M. E. Snow, A. Durrant, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Col. J. Somerville-Burney, James Booker, Hyde Pullen, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Jesse Turner, Robt. B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutie, D. Clarke, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), J. G. Chancellor, Charles Horsley, W. Pass, Geo. J. Palmer, A. J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar; Henry W. Hunt, F. Adlard, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

After the reading of the various minutes, some outfits were granted to boys who after leaving the School had obtained situations. The report of the head master of the School was read to the brethren, and from it the information was given that twenty-eight boys from the School attended the Oxford and Cambridge local examinations, and out of this number only two failed. Fourteen passed with honours, and twelve obtained certificates. This is the greatest success that has ever attended the examinations of boys from this Institution, and the brethren expressed their great pleasure at the result.

Bro. Binckes then read the following report of the House Committee on the subject of providing accommodation at the School for a larger number of boys than are at present maintained there:

The House Committee, to whom, by resolution of the Quarterly General Court of Monday, 15th January, 1877, it was referred,

"To consider the entire question of increased accommodation at the Institution at Wood Green, and to report, through the General Committee, to a Quarterly General or Special General Court," submit as follows:—

They have carefully considered various suggested plans for the contemplated enlargement, and are unanimously of opinion that the best and most feasible is that which provides for the removal of the present laundry and drying ground, and for the erection on the site thereof of a spacious dining hall 100 by 50 feet, extending from east to west, to which access may readily be obtained both through the present west (kitchen) corridor, and by means of the existing covered way from the school and classroom in the main building. One prominent advantage of the locality of the dining hall is its propinquity to the kitchen, which it is believed, by the annexation of the scullery adjoining, will be amply sufficient for the cooking and supplies requisite for the fullest number of boys the increased premises would be capable of accommodating. Scullery room would be found by a re-adjustment of the present store-room and offices.

The new block of buildings would cover an area of 110 by 55 feet, and would comprise three floors. It would start in a line from the eastern end of the new dining-

hall and extend northwards.

On the ground floor would be commodious class-rooms, four in number, with assistant master's sitting-room, lavatory, map-room, and other requisite provisions, with convenient exit to closets, urinals, &c.

The second and third floors would contain six dormitories, each for twenty boys, assistant master's bed-room, assistant matron's bed-room, and servants' bed-rooms, isolated, and with separate staircase.

The number of boys thus provided for is 120, in addition to the 184 in the main building.

The cost is estimated at about £12,000, or, perhaps, it may be more safely stated at £25,000.

In recommendation of this scheme, which may be thought by some to be more expensive than is absolutely required by present exigencies, it may be stated that to provide for a smaller number say 70 boys, would reduce the cost only £3000.

The question of annual maintenance of so large an addition to the present establishment has not been lost sight of by the Committee. It is one which deserves most serious consideration, and at the first blush would seem to present insuperable difficulties; inasmuch as if the whole 120 boys were admitted as soon as the building was ready for their reception, the annual ordinary expenditure could hardly be estimated at less than £12,000, and might possibly exceed that amount, to say nothing of the sum required for "special expenditure," which varies from year to year, the average probably being about £1000.

It must be remembered, however, that heavy and continuous as are the demands upon the resources of the institution, there happily does not exist the necessity at present for the admission of extra boys to anything like the extent of those provided for, nor is it contemplated that such will be the case for some years to come. The Committee are of opinion that an addition of 60 boys would fully meet the wants of the present generation, as it is not considered advisable, or for the interests of the Institution, that every boy qualified as a candidate under the laws of the Institution should as a matter of course be admitted, or, indeed, that election of candidates should be rendered too easy, and indifference and carelessness in selection be thus fostered and encouraged.

The immense and rapid increase in the numerical strength of the Order is an admitted fact, as is also its advance in material prosperity, while the largely augmented contributions in support of our institutions are matter of heartfelt congratulation. The considerations arising out of this favourable condition of affairs are not without weight with the Committee, but they cannot forget the arduous duties of the last 16 years in connection with this Institution, and how much has been done by the Craft at large in assisting them in bringing it to its present position.

The crucial question with the Committee is—Is the Masonic body prepared to find the means to carry out the proposed extension?

In the absence of a favourable response the Committee do not feel justified in undertaking so serious a responsibility within so comparatively brief a period of the release of the Institution from a burden of debt, its invested capital being only £3000, which on no account can they consent to be utilised for the object under consideration.

The Committee therefore conclude:

1. They recognise fully the legitimacy of the demands for further accommodation.
2. They have ascertained the feasibility of carrying out the extension.
3. The issue—Shall such extension be proceeded with?—they leave entirely to the decision of the fraternity.

The Committee, before closing this report, desire to add one word on a suggestion published with reference to a "Preparatory School." They express no opinion as to the advisability of making provision for the sons of Freemasons at an age earlier than at which they can now be received, 8 years, contenting themselves with stating that the suggested scheme, if adopted, would enable the pupils from 8 to 12 to be accommodated in the new building, the elder boys, from 12 to 16, being retained in the present building. The advantages of this arrangement, both educational and disciplinary, the Committee feel will be so apparent as to render unnecessary any enlargement thereon.

Bro. George Snow then rose to move "That this report be not submitted to the Quarterly Court on Monday next." He said that if the report was adopted, and the brethren resolved to carry out the scheme for enlargement mentioned in the report, every child admitted to the Institution would cost £200. What would any of the brethren say to a family of seven children costing £700 a year? It was something preposterous. The London Orphan Asylum formerly accommodated 500 children, and when their school at Clapton was sold to the Metropolitan Asylums Board it fetched £35,000. The Masonic brethren were now asked to expend £22,000 for the accommodation of 100 children. What did the brethren say to going on with this continual expense? Let them advertise for competitive drawings, and let them say in the advertisements that they wished for accommodation in their schools for 100 more children, and required drawings, designs, and plans of a building for that purpose; also that they would not bind themselves to accept any plans, but would give a premium of £50 for the best, £30 for the second, and £10 for the third. He ventured to say that they would get plans for what they wanted, which would show that the building could be erected, not at this enormous cost, but at the rate of 5d. per cubic foot for glorious each child. The Institution was going in for glorious results no doubt. There was a large amount of Masonry afloat at the present moment, and there were a great number of Masonic brethren at the present moment seek-



ing the benefit of the Institution. At this very time there were 60 or 70 candidates for the next election of this Institution, and only one-fourth of that number could be accommodated. The Institution was not a college—that was where they were going wrong—they were not to provide a collegiate education for the children, but a home into which they might be taken and kept from being starved. Why should they see so many of the poor brethren left with children on their hands? There was one case which he knew of where a widow was left with seven children, and why should not this Institution provide a home for three or four out of that number. Let them see if they could not erect a building that would be a home, and give board and lodging for the children of the brethren, and afford them an education equal to the board schools. He maintained that the children could be accommodated at £35 a head. The idea of being asked to erect a building for 100 boys for £22,000 was simply absurd and disgraceful. He would propose that the report which had just been read should be sent back to the House Committee, with the message that it was not wanted. He had not had an opportunity of stating before that the head master's house, which was but a small one, had been painted and papered under the direction of the surveyor. What did the brethren think that work cost? Why, £83. Did the brethren mean to submit to this sort of thing? He would not see the fraternity robbed in the wholesale manner in which they had been robbed by builders, for it was nothing more or less than a downright robbery. (Laughter.)

Bro. S. Rosenthal said that the brethren were used to strong language from Bro. Snow, and consequently heard these observations without surprise.

Bro. F. Binckes remarked that the report said "either this or some other well-considered plan." When the matter was referred to the House Committee, he felt it his duty to take care that the House Committee should not meet without having before them a sketch to guide them in their deliberations. The Committee had carefully guarded themselves against being pledged to a recommendation of the present plan. If the report was read at the Quarterly Court, that Court might recommend that the Institution should advertise for plans. The House Committee would do that, and then when the plans were obtained they would be submitted to a Quarterly Court. The brethren were not going to pledge themselves to spend this sum, or any sum of money. If Bro. Snow told him that they could provide for 100 or 120 boys for £4200, he must beg leave to differ from him.

Bro. A. Durrant said that at the last meeting he supported the proposition that the school should be enlarged, but he did not go the length that Bro. Snow went. He proposed that they should stop at 70 more boys. Could not they have 30 or 40 more, or some number in reason? For his part, he thought the House Committee had not grappled with the matter in the manner they should have done. They were not tied to the number of 120 boys. He agreed with Bro. Snow to this extent, that they should be left in the hands of no one person to give an estimate, but they should have estimates from several people. Bro. Snow had mentioned the subject of education, but that was not the question on this occasion. He thought the House Committee should again consider the matter, and instead of wasting the time of the General Committee with such a report as they had prepared, they should be prepared with some other plan that would be feasible, and enable the committee to do something for a larger number of boys than were at present in the Institution. The Institution was not able to admit as many boys it should. The list for next election was very large—he did not know of any Institution where the candidates were so numerous; and he greatly regretted that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys could not provide for the admission of more than would be elected next Monday. In conclusion, he considered that the report of the House Committee was not in a fit state to be carried to the Quarterly Court, and he would suggest that the matter be referred back to the House Committee to see if it was not possible to devise some plan by which an extension could be carried out in moderation.

Bro. Binckes: Restricted to what number?

Bro. Durrant: 60, 40, or any number.

Bro. Jesse Turner thought the committee deserved great thanks for bringing up the report, for it opened the question, though it was not an exact report. If there were any of those dreadful mistakes in it which had been forecast by his friends who had spoken, the brethren had now an opportunity of discussing them; and he would move that the matter be deferred to the next meeting, in the meantime the report to be printed and circulated among the members of the committee. This would afford them an opportunity of looking into the report and considering whether its statements were true or untrue. The report was in a very crude form, at least it so appeared to him. He had never heard it read before. He could not help thinking that the statements of Bro. Snow were open to a great deal of debate. The statements of the report might be true or untrue; but there was also such a thing as hypothesis. The matter had been submitted to the House Committee to enquire into, and the House Committee brought forward what they considered facts. Now, it was for the brethren to consider whether they were facts. He did not know what the Craft might do. The Institution had been very successful, and he could not help thinking that it was possible to get intoxicated with success. No doubt the brethren had done a great work, but they might do too much. There was such a thing as over educating. The proposition for enlarging the Institution was one of such large proportions that this committee should weigh every part of it well. It might get into the newspapers, and the Craft at large would know all about it. The matter should be discussed in detail, and then

it would go before the Quarterly Court and meet with the approbation of the Craft. He would propose "That the report of the House Committee in reference to the enlargement of the School be deferred to the next meeting of the General Committee, and in the meantime that the report be printed and circulated among the members of the committee."

Bro. George J. Palmer, P.M. No. 11, seconded the motion.

Bro. George Snow moved as an amendment, "That the House Committee be authorised to advertise for competitive plans and drawings for increasing the Institution so as to accommodate 30, 40, 50, 60, or 120 more boys, and that the sum of 30 guineas be awarded for such plans; that the plans be sent in only in lines, and that the cost of enlarging should not exceed £50 a head."

This amendment, meeting with no seconder, fell to the ground, and Bro. Jesse Turner's motion was put and carried nem. dis.

The petitions of candidates, to the number of eight, were then considered, and the proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the chairman.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A Masonic ceremony of more than ordinary interest to Freemasons took place at Newport, on Thursday, the 4th inst., being the constitution of a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Monmouthshire. The district had not previously been formed into a province, but steps were taken to have it so constituted; and the Grand Lodge of England and Wales having been memorialised, a constitution was sanctioned, and Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray, whose name was submitted from the district, was accepted as the first Right Worshipful Grand Master for the province. The installation of Bro. Homfray took place on the 4th inst., together with the ceremony of consecrating the Grand Provincial Lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren of the Mark degree. The ceremony was performed in the Masonic Hall by the Most Worshipful the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., Past G. Mark Master Mason of England, and Past Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight. A full report of the proceedings is in type and will appear in our next.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Western Division of Lancashire (as briefly announced in the *Freemason* last week) was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst. There was a numerous attendance of companions of rank and influence, nearly every chapter in the large province being represented, some very numerous. Comp. the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Superintendent, occupied his place in the Provincial Grand Chapter.

A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

It is said that we are to have two volumes of poems from distinguished authors, viz., Prince Leopold and the Marquis of Lorne. This is the first occasion of publication by His Royal Highness, but he has always been devoted to literary pursuits and studies. The Marquis has already marked his stature as a poet, and his fresh effort in competition with Mr. Tennyson shows that the hereditary courage of the Campbells is not lacking in the heir to the dukedom.

On Thursday the Duke of Connaught, who had been staying with the Earl of Cloncurry, went over to Parsonstown and presented the 53rd (Shropshire) Regiment with new colours.

The Duchess of Edinburgh has appointed Lady Harriet Grimston to be Lady-in-Waiting, in the room of Lady Mary Butler, now an extra Lady-in-Waiting to her Royal Highness.

The Empress Eugenie has left Florence for Naples. Prince Louis Napoleon has gone to Spezzio.

**THE BRITON LIFE ASSOCIATION.**—We have pleasure in directing attention to the financial and first annual report—see last page current issue—of the Briton Life Association. The stability and progress of the company is deserving of all praise, and will especially commend itself to Masonic brethren from the fact that a large majority of the directory are fellow members of the Craft. Under the able management of Bro. John Messent, P.M. 231, Actuary and Secretary, (whose experience of Assurance business extends over a quarter of a century), combined with extensive town and provincial connections, the association ensures a great success, and we commend it to the favourable consideration of our readers. Among the special features comprised in the system of business of the Company is absolute security, the company having made the customary government deposits of £30,000; moderate rates of premium and specially advantageous terms for assurance on Invalid lives and on lives proceeding to India or China. Also a new system on assurance by which policies are made payable during lifetime.

Bro. T. A. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., will preside at the working of the 15 sections in the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, on Wednesday week the 25th inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1435, for the first time on Monday next at 7 o'clock, at the Westbourne Restaurant, 1, Craven Road, Paddington. Brethren are invited to be present.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE LATE PRINCE CONSORT.**—A fine statue in terra cotta of the late Prince Consort, by Theed, and generally considered to be one of that artist's masterpieces, presented to the town of Southampton by Sir F. Perkins, M.P., has just been mounted on a pedestal on a vacant piece of ground under the walls of the old Castle, near the platform, looking eastward down the Southampton water.

Some recent English travellers in Palestine relate that near Mount Carmel they came upon a small German settlement belonging to a band of Christian sectaries who called themselves "Templars." Among other opinions, they hold that as soon as the whole of the soil of the Holy Land is cultivated the Messiah will come. With a view to hasten the millennial period they have become cultivators themselves, and founded colonies at Jaffa, Jerusalem, and Caiffa. Their settlements wear a most prosperous aspect. Small neat houses, substantially built of stone, cluster round their chapels. There is always a good school, and the well-farmed land (such a contrast to the barrenness of the surrounding country) testifies alike to the industry and profits of the colonists.—*Church Bells.* [Query who are these Templars?—Emma Holmes.]

We are authorized to state that Her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, and of June, instead of Saturday, the 25th of May, as originally announced.

Although it is not officially announced, I believe it is understood that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasonry, has bestowed the Provincial Grand Mastership of Dorset on Mr. Montague Gurst.—*Mayfair.*

It is not generally known that the gifted lady amateur who recently stirred the pulses of the critics in London, at the Opera Comique, is the wife of Mr. John Braddick Monckton, the town clerk of London. The fact of "Bro. Monckton" being a high Masonic as well as civic official, perhaps accounts for Mrs. Monckton's next performance being in aid of the two great Masonic schools.—*Mayfair.*

The *Tailor* states nearly the whole of the house has been sold for the performance for the benefit of the Freemasons' Schools on May 5th at the Opera Comique. "Tears," with Mrs. Monckton and Captain Gooch, and "Cox and Box" will be performed.

The new Mark Lodge, designated Scarlet, No. 189, was consecrated with great eclat at the Burnley Mechanics' Institute, by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, on Friday the 6th.

The brethren of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1476, intend giving a Masonic ball at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Monday the 23rd inst., the net proceeds of which will be devoted to the Masonic Charities. Brethren will appear in Craft clothing, a special dispensation for the same having been procured.

Lady Skelmersdale was present at the annual meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held at the Town Hall, on Thursday week, and, on behalf of the Ladies' Committee, her ladyship presented a number of carters, cabmen and donkey drivers with rewards for their general kind treatment of the animals under their charge. Her ladyship also presented prizes to a number of boys and girls who had written essays on "Kindness to Animals." A cordial vote of thanks was given to Lady Skelmersdale on the motion of Mr. Melver, M.P., seconded by Mr. Clark Aspinall, J.P., Borough Coroner.

**SOUTHERN STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,** (No. 1158).—The ceremony of Installation will be worked in this lodge on Thursday, April 26th, not Tuesday as we stated in our last.

Bro. Wm. Malthouse, of the Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, has issued an address to the electors of the Ward of Farringdon Without, offering his services as representative in the Court of Common Council, when a vacancy should occur. Having had many years experience in parochial matters, Bro. Malthouse considers himself qualified for so important a position.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, R.W. Prov. Grand Master Oxfordshire, has most kindly promised to lay the foundation-stone of the new Infirmary of the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, Red Hill, Surrey. Bro. Wm. Nichols, Secretary, will give due notice of the day and proposed arrangements.

We are requested to announce that the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, which formerly met at Winsley-street, Oxford-street, on Wednesday evenings, no longer exists, but "La Tolerance" Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, to which all the members of the late Royal Union belong, is held the same evening at 7.45, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. T. A. Adams, P.M., P.G.P.

A report of the consecration of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669 is unavoidably postponed until next week.

**ST LUKE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION No. 144.** In this lodge on Friday next, the 20th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, Bro. Dr. Egan, W.M. 858, will work the Installation ceremony. The lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—If the action of the skin be suppressed, internal congestion of the Liver, Stomach, and Kidneys often results. This fact should be borne in mind during the Spring months, when a bright sunny day tempts one to throw off clothing and neglect other precautions. Care must be exercised at this season of the year, and if unfortunately unpleasant symptoms arise an alternative should at once be taken. Holloway's Pills soon relieve internal congestions of all kinds, and have a mild aperient effect on the bowels, without causing griping or undue purging, this renders them suitable for all persons, their mode of action being at once simple and yet thoroughly effective. They are thus confidently recommended.—*ADVR.*



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## Answers to Correspondents.

An important letter from Bro. Poynter on the Stamp duty will appear in our next. It arrived too late for insertion this week.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

Keystone; New York Dispatch; Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts from March 7th to Dec. 27th, 1876; Proceedings of the Commandery of Knights Templar and the appendant orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the year ending Oct. 27, 1876; Boletín Oficial del Gran Oriente de Perú; X.Y.Z. Railway Guide; A Selection of Masonic Songs, by Bro. E. P. Philpotts; Glanville's Guide to South Africa.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BRIDGWS.—On the 9th inst., at Court House, Overton, Hants, the wife of Lieut. Col. Bridges, of a son.  
GODDARD.—On the 10th inst., the wife of C. Goddard, of Aldbridge-road-villas, Westbourne Park, of a son.  
ROPER.—On the 9th inst., at Granville Park, Blackheath, the wife of A. Roper, of a son.  
SMART.—On the 9th inst., at Mildmay Park, Stoke Newington, the wife of J. Smart, of a son.  
TURNBULL.—On the 7th inst., at Kelso, N.B., the wife of G. H. Turnbull, M.D., of a son.

## DEATHS.

BRADLEY.—On the 7th inst., at the Park, Nottingham, Bernard Bradley, aged 38.  
GREEN.—On the 14th inst., at 58, James-Street, Oxford-street, after a long and painful illness; William Green, in his 63rd year. Friends will please accept this intimation.  
LECKENBY.—On the 7th inst., at Scarton, John Leckenby, Esq., J.P., aged 62.  
PETTY.—On the 8th inst., at Sidcup Green, Kent, Walter Petty, aged 61.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1877.

## THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

According to the *Times* and the *Daily News* H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Lord Suffield, R.W. Prov. Grand Master Norfolk, and Bro. Knollys, left the Charing-cross station of the South Eastern Railway on Wednesday evening by special train, at 8.30, for Paris, via Folkestone and Boulogne. Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, Count Schouvaloff, M. Villebois, and other gentlemen were assembled on the platform to receive His Royal Highness. The train was in charge of Mr. John Shaw, the manager and secretary, and Mr William Cockburn, superintendant of the line. The Prince of Wales arrived at Folkestone Harbour at 10.14. Here he was received by Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., Chairman of the Company, and immediately went on board the special steamer Victoria. The steamer left for Boulogne at 10.20. The Prince is expected to stay but a short time in Paris, and then to leave for the South of France, en route to Villa Franca, to meet the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh. Our Boulogne correspondent telegraphs that the steamer Victoria arrived at 12.20 this morning, and that His Royal Highness, after a brief rest, would proceed to Paris by special train. With reference to the health of his Royal Highness the *Medical Examiner* says:—"The progress of the Prince's case has been in all respects extremely satisfactory, and, in the opinion of Sir James Paget and Mr. Oscar Clayton, his Royal Highness's health at the present time is excellent." The *Lancet* has great satisfaction in recording the rapid and well-nigh complete recovery of the Prince of Wales. The malady indicated in its previous article has been relieved. The Prince's condition has greatly improved, and it is hoped an early sojourn in a warmer clime may conduce to perfect restoration and renewed strength. Meanwhile, it is but a loyal hope to express, that His Royal Highness may recognize the need of rest, and such abstinence from exertion, physical and mental, as may render the full benefits of change of scene and climate available. It was no mere passing interest which the people of England evinced in the welfare of the Prince of Wales when he lay on a bed of sickness, and it is no mere formal solicitude which this suggestion is intended to convey. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales arrived at Brindisi on the 8th inst. The civil authorities were in waiting at the railway station to receive her Royal Highness, who left at midnight for Athens on board the Royal yacht Osborne. The Osborne is expected to reach Corinth on the 10th inst. Her Royal Highness is in good health. The Princess of Wales arrived at Athens on the 10th inst., at 4.30 p.m., and was greeted with an enthusiastic reception. She was met at Corinth by the King, who accompanied her across the Isthmus to Kalamaki, whence she proceeded in the Royal yacht to the Piræus.

## THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AND FREEMASONRY.

At the approaching meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 25th of the present month, the Prince of Wales will be formally proposed for re-election as Grand Master, and will, of course, be accepted by the lodge. His Royal Highness will then nominate, either personally or through the Earl of Carnarvon (Pro Grand Master), His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Senior Grand Warden, and His Royal Highness Prince Leopold as Junior Grand Warden. Their Royal Highnesses will, in that case, succeed the present Grand Wardens, the Earl of Donoughmore and Colonel the Hon. William Vernon. The other Grand Officers will include the Rev. W. L. Onslow (Chaplain in ordinary to the Prince of Wales), Grand Chaplain; Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; Bro. Aeneas M'Intyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary;

and Bro. Ernest Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence. Should the Prince of Wales be unable to attend, the Earl of Carnarvon will preside at the ceremonial, which promises to be one of unusual interest and importance, as there is no precedent for three princes of the blood in Grand Lodge at the same time.

[We take this from our paper in Scotland, the *Scottish Freemason*, but we have not, however, as yet heard any confirmation of the statement.]

## SUGGESTED INCREASE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The report of the House Committee, presented at the last General Committee, which appears in another column, is we understand to be printed and circulated, so that practically no action can, we apprehend, be taken in the matter at present, or at the Quarterly Court. At the meeting on Saturday Bro. Snow made one or two statements, which require to be received with the greatest qualification, for they are, in fact, altogether erratic as to fact and reality, and very unjust to the school. Were it not that we strongly feel that they might lead to many misconceptions, we should have left them to tell their own tale, as they bear with them their own answer. But experience shows that the most improbable statements are believed, and the most reckless assertions credited, even though the ratification and correction of them be close at hand. Bro. Snow stated that if these alterations were persevered in—on the estimate—the boys would have cost £200 a head. It is quite clear that Bro. Snow has no statistical authority for such a statement, and the way he arrives at it appears to be equally simple, ingenious and amusing. He takes the present number of the boys, and divides the capital expended on the School by them and the 100 to be admitted, at least we presume that such is the basis of his wonderful calculation. But he forgets that such a "divisor" can by no means represent all who are benefitted by the outlay, neither can such a "quotient" answer to those who will hereafter reap the advantages of our labours and sacrifices. We must add to the actual number of pupils, all who have been in the buildings since they were raised, and who are yet to inhabit them; in fact, an "unknown quantity." Nothing could be more fallacious, more unfair, or "ad captandum," than to say, buildings and land have cost so much, we have so many boys to educate, therefore the cost per boy is so many hundreds per head. There is positively no eleemosynary society of late years which could stand such a test, especially in London, where building sites are very dear. With all respect to our worthy Bro. Snow, we may therefore dismiss his florid remarks, as they do not affect the question at issue one way or the other. We shall, we fancy, be expressing the sentiments of all our brethren when we say that the best course of proceeding would be to call a Special General Court of the Institution, when the specific report can be considered, and the architect's statement received. We quite endorse all that Bro. Jesse Turner said on the last occasion, the more so as we believe that the one wish of the Craft is to advance the interests and efficiency of the School.

## A MASONIC LOVE OF LAW COURTS.

There seems to be increasing amongst us a tendency, on any pretence, or often on no pretence, to rush into the arena of a law court, quite contrary to the spirit, at any rate of our older regulations. We commented some time back, (for which we were duly taken to task), on some unwise proceedings, in our humble opinion, on the part of a distinguished lodge, because some initiation fees, which ought never to have been allowed to get into arrear, had to be sued for in a County Court; and we described in the last *Freemason* some proceedings at Plymouth, we believe, which certainly seem to suggest to us the need of a little more Masonic caution, consideration, and charity, in all similar matters and on all similar occasions. Some remarks appeared in our last about the solicitor who counselled one of the litigants, but without knowing all the facts of



the case, we cannot, as it seems to us, quite fairly blame a member of the legal profession, (Freemason though he be), who has to deal, as many have, with a self-willed and pig-headed client. We are using general terms and not adverting to this particular case. But having said this, we cannot but express our sincere regret, that Freemasons should resort to the law courts at all to settle petty differences and Masonic complaints, when they could so easily invoke the principles of Masonic arbitration, and arrange any temporary disputes and suppositious grievances on the broad principles of Masonic forbearance, kindness, brotherly love, and good will. As regards the alleged ritual, it would be clearly worthless, per se, and ought never to have been made a bone of contention between two brethren. At the same time, in this free country the law courts are open to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and we must not even allow our love of Masonry and its regulations to supersede the higher claims of the law of our native land. We say this by way of caution, lest, like our Ultramontane friends, in their zeal for what they consider the superior authority of the spiritual power over the temporal, we should even make so great a blunder, as to assume for one moment, that the law of the land and the authority of the crown were not in all temporary matters undoubtedly supreme, alike in respect of all Masonic customs and all Masonic regulations.

### DID YOU EVER?

We take an extract from our grave and influential and highly artistic contemporary, the *Graphic*, which we think is likely to create no little sensation in all circles and all classes of our readers, whether old or young, aristocratic or plebeian, male or female, grave or gay. Indeed, it is not too much to say that if this statement is to be depended on, and is not to be relegated to the mythical region of transatlantic sea serpents and talkative mermaids, "mit nodings on," a revolution is on the eve of accomplishment in all departments of creation, of artistic excellence, and of human philosophy, which never was contemplated, whether by the erudition of Tyndall, the researches of Lyell, the assumptions of Professor Huxley, or the discoveries of anatomical Owen. Let our readers one and all carefully peruse the following cutting, which we trust they will "think over" (though all don't like thinking just now), carefully and seriously. It is one of the most striking and interesting, and indeed marvellous, we have ever been privileged to make to our numerous and highly respectable patrons:—"The Blue Light Bath Mania across the Atlantic appears to be on the increase, and General Pleasanton, of Philadelphia, having succeeded in raising gigantic pumpkins under cerulean frames, found that little pigs similarly treated developed into monster porkers, that a young calf rapidly became a splendid bull, while a small baby speedily became the admiration of its friends on blue glass being fitted to the nursery windows. Moreover by the same agency a bald-headed dame recovered her flowing tresses." Another correspondent adds that:—"The azure rays are even said to cure consumption, chronic diarrhoea, dyspepsia, delirium tremens, liver complaint, domestic differences and pernicious habits, or a talkative wife, an erratic husband, and even a too demonstrative mother-in-law." We feel sure that when our numerous kind friends in all parts of the known world peruse this striking extract from that very agreeable illustrated paper, the *Graphic*, they will be struck, as we were struck, we may add, "all of a heap" with the intense and overwhelming importance of the announcement, clearly and considerably made. In fact we hardly ever remember, in our long experience, any such an announcement on sound and safe authority, which held out so much hope to those who are oppressed with an overwhelming sense, both of the cares of existence, the disappointments of life, the troubles of the family and the flesh. To be told to believe, to feel assured, to realize, that by the intervention of blue glass, simple blue glass, we shall behold all our fairest hopes and dearest aspirations fulfilled, the germ become

the perfect creature, and a marvellous growth overpass the slow process of sedater nature, is, indeed, a state of things more befitting the researches of the Hermetics, and the experiments of the searchers after the Philosopher's Stone, than anything within the experience of us and ours, poor, dull, sober, plodding mortals! Just think of the possibilities enumerated, almost too cheering to credit, and almost too extraordinary to accept. That the little porker might become a full grown pig, though striking, is not absolutely incredible in itself, as the growth of pigs is, as all who tend them know, very sudden, and often very exceptional; or that the young calf should all at once develop into a fine bull, is no doubt a very great and much to be desiderated change, as all our bucolic readers will at once admit, the propriety of which we are not prepared to deny. But still we do not feel more than wonder at such statements, though remarkable. But to realize that the small baby becomes a big one in a little space, and a bald-headed lady recovers her flowing tresses and capillary attractions at the same time, is a matter for most serious consideration, and when we understand, moreover, that under the influence of these blue rays, (not merely a cerulean sky), we can find a cure for consumption, chronic diarrhoea, dyspepsia, jaundice, liver complaint, and the like, domestic differences, pernicious habits, a talkative wife, an erratic husband, and an interfering mother-in-law, we can only hope that such things are really so, and we begin to believe that the "good time coming," which has been so long approaching, is now close at hand. Well, we have passed through many trials and disappointments ourselves, we have out-lived heartaches very many, and crosses not a few, we have had to encounter the mortal lot of all our race, Freemasons though we be, but we feel with Heinrich Heine in his well-known words, "Herz mein herz sei nicht bekommen," so well translated in "Flowers from Fatherland on English Soil."

"Heart, my heart, be not thou troubled.

Bear thy lot, though sad it be,

For what winter takes from thee,

Spring shall give thee back redoubled."

Yes, we repeat, if there be truth in words, if the announcement of the blue rays, (not blue devils), be a fact, there is still hope for us all alike, whether lonely wanderers, or with a noisy and increasing family, whether grave or timid married men, or free and easy bachelors, whether readers of the *Freemason*, or howling fanatics who rail at Masons and Masonry.

### QUITE UNNECESSARY.

Prince Louis Napoleon and the ex-Empress Eugénie have, through Cardinal Bonaparte, sent assurances to the Pope that the Prince, during his recent visit to Rome, was not made a Freemason, as has been affirmed.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOAT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was greatly pleased to find a letter from "Lucretius" in the columns of your excellent journal a few days ago, asking that a lifeboat should be placed at Scilly, one of the most destructive coasts in Great Britain, and where on an average it appears that between forty and fifty lives, and one hundred thousand pounds worth of property are annually lost. I cannot believe that the columns of any journal can be consecrated to a nobler duty than the advocacy of the whole of "Lucretius's" scheme, which I suppose includes Mr. Festing's (Control Office) ingenious telegraph-buoy. I hope the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will not forget the terrible list of wrecks which the Board of Trade have supplied to "Lucretius."

I enclose my card, and am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

TEBAH.

#### STAMPED RECEIPTS FOR MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LODGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This question was mooted in the *Freemason* a few weeks since, but although some discussion ensued, no definite conclusion (so far as I am aware) was arrived at. It

was, I believe, asserted that the opinion of the stamp office authorities had been asked in some unofficial manner as to whether or not the receipt for lodge subscriptions should or should bear a penny stamp to render it valid, and we were told (as might be expected) that such receipts must be stamped. I for one must candidly confess that I am not at all convinced that this offhand opinion is correct, and I feel perfectly satisfied the subject has not been duly considered in all its bearings. Of course everybody knows that a receipt for money in payment for value received should bear a penny stamp, and that the receiver of the money must pay for the stamp; but everybody does not know that there are cases in which such stamps are not required. I shall cite some of these exemptions, and shall then endeavour to show that lodge subscriptions are on all fours with such cases, and therefore that lodge receipts need not be stamped. Building societies' receipts for the monthly subscriptions are exempt from stamp duty, and the reason for such exemption evidently is, that the receiver of the money derives no benefit therefrom, and that he simply acts as a convenient depositary for the money paid in by the depositor, who at some time or other will receive it back again in some shape or other. To expect the receiver of the money to pay out of his own pocket any sum, however small, because he performs the friendly act of becoming the temporary depositary of the investors' or depositors' loose cash is about as reasonable a thing as when the Irish labourer having borrowed a bricklayer's hod of a friend, and having accidentally broken it, sent it back to his friend to get it mended because he wanted to borrow it again. Now I look upon annual subscriptions to lodges in much the same light as I do monthly payments of depositors and investors in building societies. The Treasurer or Secretary to the lodge does not receive the subscriptions for his own behoof or advantage. He has no interest in any amount paid in, nor has any one else than the member himself, if he chooses to avail himself of it. If he does not care to make use of the money for his own personal wants (that being the purpose for which it was deposited), it is disposed of in some other way to which he has previously given his consent. To render the matter clearer I will assume that the members of a lodge have mutually agreed to meet for labour and instruction, say four times a year, and that they find it necessary after labour to have some refreshment. The cost of this is found to be, say, 15s. per head; instead, however, of paying this amount every time they meet the brethren arrange to pay for the four meetings in a lump sum of, say, £3 3s., the extra 3s. being supposed to suffice for postage and printing. Now it cannot be denied that the brother who deposits with the Treasurer or Secretary of the lodge the aforesaid sum of £3 3s. does it in anticipation of the expenses he may incur at the quarterly meetings. It is therefore his money which is available for such purposes, and if he does not use it he quietly resigns it and allows it to be diverted to other uses. I argue, therefore, that inasmuch as the Treasurer is merely the temporary depositary of the brother's money, which is to be applied to certain special objects for such brother's personal benefit, the Treasurer cannot be called upon to pay for a stamped receipt.

If I were not afraid of occupying too much of your valuable space I could enter at much greater length into this important subject, which requires to be thoroughly and exhaustively discussed and settled one way or the other without loss of time, as if the Stamp Office authorities are right in the offhand opinion they have given, then all the lodges in the United Kingdom are daily running the risk of very heavy penalties, which can be recovered by a very summary process. It should be widely known that whenever a receiver of money above £2 gives a receipt without a penny stamp thereon he incurs a penalty of £10, one half of which goes to the informer.

If you will kindly give me space, on a future occasion I will endeavour to point out what course should be adopted to bring this matter to a settlement.

I am, yours fraternally, W.M. No. 766.

#### FREEMASONRY IN VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A movement is going on here which is of great importance in placing Masonry on a far better footing, namely, the amalgamation of the four lodges in Victoria into two.

To my mind, as an English Mason, they have a plan of paying the Secretaries of lodges here which is to me most objectionable, as all monies, after paying the ordinary expenses of a lodge, should be devoted to Masonic purposes. I never knew a lodge at home where such a plan existed. As a member of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, Stonehouse, Devon, I do not know of its existence, and I shall be obliged if you can inform me whether it is the custom in any English lodges to pay their Secretaries.

Your opinion on this point may assist me in my endeavour to turn the flow of funds into what I conceive to be their proper channel.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
MATTHEW COATES,  
Staff Surgeon, Royal Navy,  
W.M. Victoria Lodge, No. 1, B.C.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

In your issue of the 31st ult., you report the consecration of a new lodge at Camberwell, and state that the W.M., who was then installed, appointed to office and invested a joining brother as Treasurer. In other words, the W.M. nominated and appointed to a somewhat important position a brother who at the time could have had no connection whatever with the lodge. Before any joining brother can become a member of a regular lodge



he must be proposed and seconded at a regular meeting, and balloted for at a subsequent meeting, but these formalities seem to have been dispensed with on the occasion to which I refer. Again, it is surely customary in all lodges to elect the Treasurer by the votes of the brethren present, but in this case it is scarcely possible that such a farce can have been gone through, when the Treasurer designate, or elect, was not a member of the lodge.

I make these remarks not from any wish to be hypercritical, but simply with a view to eliciting from yourself or from some of your numerous readers an authoritative expression of opinion regarding the legality of the proceedings to which I have called attention. My own impression is that these proceedings were irregular, and that the Treasurer must be invested anew, after he has been elected a member of the lodge, and after he has been appointed to his office by the votes of his brethren.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
M.M. 1216.

#### FREEMASONS' CLUB.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask if you or any of your readers are cognisant of the existence of a London Freemason's Club or Institute? Being a countryman, and staying in town for a term, I should much like to avail myself of its advantages. It is some time since that I heard of a London club from my friends, and I have referred to your columns for a few weeks past hoping thereby to ascertain its whereabouts, but in vain.

It unfortunately the club has ceased to exist do you not agree that a united effort on the part of London and country brethren might be made with a view either of re-establishing the old or starting a new club?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
P.P.G.O.

[The Offices of the London Masonic Club are at 101, Queen Victoria-street.—Ed. F.M.]

#### THE REV. J. C. MARTYN, M.A., P.G.C., &c., AND BRO. COX'S SON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must warmly respond to my esteemed Bro. the Rev. J. C. Martyn's appeal, by saying that I will do my best to aid in the election of the son of the lamented and respected Bro. Cox, and but for this appeal coming so late in the day, I should have been able to do something worth while. As the case was made known to me some time since by my friend, the W. Bro. Richard Rodda (Past Prov. G. Reg. of Devon), I understood, however, that the lad's election had been given up as a thing impossible. Surely now it will be assured under such favourable circumstances and distinguished patronage.

Fraternally yours,  
WM. JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.

#### BRO. KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite fall in with the views of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., and Bro. D. Murray Lyon, M.A., Grand Secretary of Scotland, as to the necessity of delaying the publication of the "Cyclopedia" so as to ensure almost absolute perfection, and to avoid all irrelevant matter, as well as to obtain particulars of the latest discoveries in Masonic Archaeology, some of which are only now being confirmed.

Of the latter, I might mention the records of the Prov. G. Lodge of Munster, about which full and reliable information will shortly be given by Bro. J. H. Neilson, P.M. 620, Dublin (Rep. of the Grand Orient of Egypt, &c.), and other subjects have yet to be completely examined in the light of the latest investigations.

The last few years have witnessed most important changes and discoveries, with respect to Masonic History especially, and some points of consequence, affecting the origin of Freemasonry in France, and other parts, are only now in progress of elucidation.

Bro. Woodford's idea is to present to the subscribers, in a compact and handy form, a condensed account of the history of Freemasonry generally, in the form of a "Cyclopedia" for ease of reference, and facility obtained by the alphabetical arrangement, and paragraph style.

Whilst the work will in no case aim at supplanting the "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry" of the learned Dr. Mackay's, or the "Royal Cyclopedia" of the erudite, mystic Bro. Mackenzie, it will fill up a department entirely its own, and be indispensable to all who desire an accurate Masonic vade mecum.

I am pleased to be able to speak in the most favourable terms of the parts submitted to me, and as I have seen the proofs to the letter I, subscribers will not have to wait many months ere the work will be published.

Yours fraternally,  
WM. JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to call your attention to another evil relative to this Institution.

The voting papers for April, 1877, really make men of common sense think there must be something radically defective in the management of the Girls' School.

Read the following extract from the List of Candidates for April, 1877:—

Candidate No. 34, Daly, Gertrude Annie, Father (dead) a Mason for (actually) four-and-a-half years!!! Never subscribed to the Charities. Three children only in

family. Two now in this Institution. The third child is the present candidate.

Was there ever a grosser misapplication of a society's funds attempted than by allowing such a case to be adopted? (I remember one case about two years since, where there were 4 children out of 5 participants in the benefits of the Boys' and Girls' School.)

What are we to say of the bye-laws of an institution permitting the possibility of three members of the family of such a Mason, even at any time, much more the same time, becoming recipients of its funds and advantages?

What is to be said of the managers who allow such bye-laws for one moment to continue in force?

What will the orphans of old and deserving and charitable Masons say when they find they are deprived of their rights through the defects of such improper regulations?

What will Masons generally say?

Why, that it is discreditable to our institutions to permit such a state of things when so many candidates (ten times more deserving by reason of their parent's longer association with the Craft) every half year are thrown over and despoiled of their birthright.

Yours fraternally,  
HENRY C. TOMES,  
P.S.G.W., &c., &c., Wilts.

P.S.—I am writing against the principle and not the candidate, with whom and her friends I am entirely unacquainted.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 173.

The consecration of this new chapter took place last Saturday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. James Terry, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Herts, who occupied the chair of M.E.Z. He was assisted by Comps. G. Ward Verry, Provincial Grand Principal Sojourner Herts, as H.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.Z. 771, as J.; H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer Middlesex, as D.C.; and F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753, as J. The complete list of the companions present included the above names and those of Comps. J. D. Massey, G. Wilson, G. R. Green, C. J. J. Salmon, F. R. Vine, James Blyth, G. H. Humphreys, Wiles, James Burford, D. Betts, H. 507; Chas. B. Payne, P.Z. 177; G. T. Carter, H. Massey (Freemason), John C. Mathew, H. 174; C. A. Woods, 145; W. Steedman, 174; W. Banson, 174; W. T. Parker, P.Z. 507; W. Hilton, Z. 507; Fred. Frampton, Z. 749; Charles K. Killick, 749; H. Cornick, 753; F. B. Davage, 185; W. Watson, P.Z.; H. Middleton, M.E.Z. 2; I. Distin; Frederick H. Cozens, 1216; and T. C. Walls, 185.

After the chapter had been opened and the companions admitted, Comp. Terry shortly addressed them on the nature and object of the meeting, and the Rev. R. J. Simpson delivered the oration, in which he said that he was not much accustomed to the practice of Royal Arch Masonry, and he therefore felt himself in somewhat of a new position when called upon to deliver the oration at the consecration of a new Royal Arch chapter. Still he would say a few words upon the subject of the signs and symbols made use of in the chapter, but more particularly he would allude to the things signified by those signs and symbols—in other words Masonic consistency. At the consecration of a lodge recently he had dwelt especially on the valuable effects of an exhibition of moral courage, and he had shown on that occasion that it was quite possible to speak one's mind without doing so offensively. If this practice was followed up it must produce in all those with whom we had to do a respect for our opinions and a confidence in our utterances, which would never be produced if we expressed ourselves one way and acted another, or hesitated to give expression to our opinions, and yet took any particular course of action. The same might be said of all our actions in life after we became Freemasons—for if we acted without regard to our profession as Masons we were producing an injurious effect on the whole Order. In Royal Arch Masonry as in Craft Masonry there was a moral conveyed in all its symbols, and there was consequently a necessity imposed on all Royal Arch Masons to observe the moral precepts of the Arch, to act up to their profession, and to shew to the outer world that it was not a mere form which they went through when they joined the Order, but that they took upon themselves certain obligations which they intended to influence their daily life. Thus, to take one of the teachings symbolised by the arch-stone which compressed and bound the whole structure—the duty of submitting to every lawfully constituted authority—the non-observance of this rule by a Royal Arch Mason must necessarily prove that the principles of the degree had been in vain taught when he was considered worthy to share its secrets. He had frequently had occasion to exhort Freemasons to carry the principles of the lodge with them when they were without its walls, and he did so in the firm conviction that there was a regenerating power in Freemasonry which must humanise the world on which it acted, and bring about such an improvement in our social state as would spread peace and happiness throughout the community. What he advised in the lodge he advised in the chapter; and as when Masons took the Royal Arch Degree they advanced a step higher in Freemasonry, so should they advance a step higher in the principles they professed, and carry out, if it were possible, even more strictly the practice of virtue and morality.

The chapter was then formally consecrated and dedicated, the ceremony being aided by the performance of sacred music by Comps. Theodore Distin, G. T. Carter, and F. H. Cozens. After the ceremony Comp. John Daniel Massey was installed in the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., respectively; Comp. Geo. Wilson was installed in the chair of H., and Comp. George Robert Green in the chair of J. The following companions were inducted as follows:

C. J. J. Salmon, S.E.; J. R. Vine, S.N.; James Blyth, P.S.; G. H. Humphreys, 1st A.; Wiles, 2nd A.; James Burford, Treas.; and C. T. Speight, Janitor.

The S.E. afterwards read a letter from Comp. John Hervey, in which he expressed his great regret and disappointment at not being able to attend, a circumstance which was caused by his being called upon to consecrate a lodge, through the unexpected illness of the brother who was to have performed the ceremony.

The S.E. afterwards read a long list of candidates for joining and exaltation at the next meeting.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., a vote of thanks to Comps. Terry, Verry, Simpson, and W. Watson was unanimously passed, and the honorary membership of the chapter was conferred upon them.

Comp. Terry briefly acknowledged the compliment, and in the course of his remarks said it was not often that a companion occupied the First Principal's chair in a chapter while he was W.M. of his lodge. He knew that Comp. Massey's working was good, and he trusted that the companions who had just been elected honorary members would have some opportunity of witnessing that working.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a *recherché* banquet was provided by Bro. Dawkins, the manager. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he was very glad to hear Comp. Wilson say, in a little "aside," "Let us be sharp," for it was a very excellent precedent to follow, to make short speeches. He thanked the companions very much on behalf of the Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, as a very humble member of that body. He said what he really felt when he said that to him to enter a Royal Arch chapter was in fact "darkness visible," for he was so supremely ignorant of the working of Royal Arch Masonry that he ought to have been almost ashamed to have shown himself there, and had it not been for the great kindness and hospitality of some of the companions he should scarcely have ventured upon the bold enterprise that he had that evening. He thanked them exceedingly for the kindness which they had shown him; and he also thanked Comp. Terry for the coaching he bestowed upon him before going into the chapter. He merely wished to say, before he sat down, that under the auspices of the M.E.Z. and the two other principal officers he had little doubt that this chapter would flourish. He had certainly been most gratified to see the working of the chapter that evening, and also to have discovered many familiar faces around the table, which made him feel not entirely a stranger. In fact, the word "stranger" was not a word to be used in Masonry at all, for in Masonry one always discovered familiar faces, and was glad to do so. He ventured to think that in Royal Arch Masonry we had what may be called a higher life than they had even in Craft Masonry; in fact, we professed more; and he hoped, according to the very humble advice which he had given in the chapter, they would not only profess more but do more. The more he saw of Masonry the more thoroughly he felt that it might become a great means in England as well as in the world of helping to raise the standard of men's moral worth, both as citizens and as men; and as such he not only cultivated it, but he was happy to tell the outer world he esteemed it as a most important auxiliary, not only in promoting the moral, but the religious advancement of mankind. He believed it was only the abuse of Masonry that would ever bring it into contempt, and the abuse of any gift was a very poor argument against its use. He therefore felt in Royal Arch Masonry, as in Craft Masonry, that there was an important auxiliary to improve man's condition—he felt it daily—and at the same time to advancing the peace and happiness of those around us—not only to cultivating as we ought to do our gratitude to the Most High, but also that brotherly love which we should have one towards another.

Comp. James Terry proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." He was confident the companions had a most efficient officer in Comp. Massey, although he was very young in Royal Arch Masonry, having been a R.A.M. six months. No doubt there were many companions around the table who had aspired to this position, though they had not achieved it quite so rapidly. It was very well known what an excellent Master Comp. Massey was in a Craft lodge, and no doubt he would be equally as good a First Principal in a Royal Arch chapter. There were a large number of exaltees for the next meeting of the chapter, there being no less than 22, so that the M.E.Z.'s working would be put to the test. It was no easy task, but Comp. Massey would be able to go through it, especially with such efficient officers as the H. and J.

The M.E.Z., in responding, said he rose with a great amount of diffidence to thank Comp. Terry for what he had said, which had almost overwhelmed him. As far as in his power lay he would do his duty. Some of the companions knew that in Craft Masonry when he was elected to the chair, though the brethren pushed him on so rapidly, he did his work to the best of his ability. He left it to them to say whether the work had been satisfactorily done. In Royal Arch Masonry he would do the same. They all knew that when once he entered upon a course he would never go back. As far as God gave him strength to do his work he would do it.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Health of the H. and J.," and said he was quite sure they would do credit to their appointment.

Comp. Wilson, H., in his reply, narrated the circumstances connected with the formation of the chapter, and explained to the companions how great were the exertions of the M.E.Z. in promoting it. The Phoenix Lodge had been in existence many, many years, almost a century, but they had never been able to meet a companion who



was a member of the lodge in a chapter connected with the lodge. For a long time a chapter had been in contemplation, and by consultation among themselves, and by the determination of Comp. Massey, they had formed the Phoenix Chapter. The M.E.Z. had really done all the work in connection with the getting up of this chapter himself. The H. and J. would now render him every assistance in keeping up its dignity. During their year of office they would support the chapter as zealously as they had always supported the lodge. He would not leave a stone unturned to make the chapter prosperous, and to have the business conducted in a proper manner.

Comp. Green, J., also responded. He thought he would have great difficulty in copying the M.E.Z., but he would endeavour to approach it.

Comp. Terry responded to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer." He hoped that the Phoenix Chapter would flourish, and be an ornament to Royal Arch Masonry, and that the M.E.Z. might be spared to see many succeeding M.E.Z.'s taking his position. He had no doubt Comp. Massey would take more and more interest in the chapter, especially as it progressed. He felt confident that no one would be admitted to the chapter but those who were true and worthy men.

Comp. H. G. Buss replied for "The Visitors," and said that all the companions felt grateful to the promoters of the Phoenix Chapter for the great treat they had had in seeing the consecration ceremony so ably performed by Comp. Terry, and one of the ablest Masons in the Royal Arch. It was a source of great pleasure to see the Phoenix Chapter arise. He did not know what the ashes might have been on which the bird was sitting, as depicted at the head of the summons, but the companions might depend on it that the life created that evening would be of great service to the cause of Masonry. The energy and perseverance of the M.E.Z. had been spoken of, but perhaps no one had seen it more than he, who had come in contact with Comp. Massey, officially and otherwise, and had heard him express his wish that everything should be done in proper form and order, and that the chapter should be conducted in proper and truly Masonic form. That it had been so accomplished was due to the energy Comp. Massey had put forth, in which he had been ably seconded by the other Principals. The other companions were equally gratified, and they were all delighted with what they had seen and heard that day.

Comps. Salmon, Vine, Burford, and Blyth also replied to the toasts proposed in honour of the S.E., S.N., P.S., and Treasurer, respectively; and Comp. Speight having given the Janitor's toast, the companions separated.

Comps. Distin, Carter, and Cozens entertained the companions with a beautiful selection of music in the intervals between the toasts.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The committee of this Institution met on Wednesday in the Library, Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair.

There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, J. A. Farnfield, Joseph Smith, James Brett, William Stephens, G. Bolton, C. F. Hogard, J. M. Case, John Newton, Thos. Cubitt, W. Hale, Dr. Hogg, Griffiths Smith, Joshua Nuan, Thos. W. White, John M. Stedwell, E. C. Woodward, H. Massey (Freemason), Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Capt. Wordsworth, H. Levy, and James Terry (Sec.)

After Bro. Terry had read the minutes he reported the death of two female annuitants, one after having received £215 in annuities, and the other after having received £385. He said there would now be 21 widows out of 36 to be elected at next election to the Female Fund, and 26 men out of 34 to the Male Fund. Bro. Terry then read the report of the Finance Committee:—

The Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1877, both inclusive, and do find the same correct.

MALE FUND.	
Balance, 31st Dec., 1876 ...	£644 18 1
Receipts:	
Dividends on £14,200 3 per cent. consols, half year...	£210 6 9
Grand Chapter, one quarter	25 0 0
Grand Lodge	125 0 0
Donations from Lodges and Chapters	3242 1 6
Annual Subscriptions	739 16 0
	4342 4 3
	4987 2 4
Disbursements	1465 19 6

Balance on this account..... 3521 2 10

WIDOWS' FUND.	
Dividends	£122 4 1
Grand Chapter, one quarter	12 10 0
Grand Lodge	75 0 0
Donations from Lodges, Chapters, &c.	3225 7 6
Annual Subscriptions	630 19 0
	4066 0 7
Disbursements	1491 15 1
Balance due on this account	2574 5 6
	6095 8 4
Sustentation on Building	27 4 4

Total Balance ..... £6122 12 8

Bro. Col. Creaton, Bros. J. A. Farnfield, and Griffiths Smith were elected the committee to draw up the report to be presented to the annual meeting of the Institution on the 18th of May.

Bro. Terry read a letter from Mrs. Lane, the widow of Bro. W. Lane, late the Collector of the Institution, acknowledging with thanks the receipt of the £100 cheque voted to her. This, she said, she would use to the best advantage of those for whom it had been intended, and she also tendered her best thanks for the condolence of the brethren with her in her bereavement.

Bro. Terry reported that he had engaged Mr. Recknell, who had been educated in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the post of clerk, vacated by Bro. George Knill on his appointment as collector, at a salary of £80 per annum.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, who had known Mr. Recknell for some time, spoke in high terms of commendation of the character of Mr. Recknell.

Bro. Terry read a letter from Dr. Strong, honorary Surgeon to the Institution, inviting the brethren to the Asylum at Croydon on Wednesday evening next, when a concert would be given for the entertainment of the inmates, by the Croydon Amateur Musical Society. Bro. Terry said that Dr. Strong was president of the society, and as it was the last meeting of the society for the season he thought that this entertainment should be given to the inmates of his association. Dr. Strong had gone to considerable expense in fitting up a platform, &c., and he would be very much pleased if the brethren would go down to Croydon and take part in the pleasures of the evening.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *Samplers*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom must be addressed to the Secretary.

The seventy-ninth anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Wednesday, June 27th.

Lady Georgiana Hamilton, accompanied by Lady Victoria Edgcombe, left London on Wednesday for Biarritz, to visit the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 20, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 14.

Quarterly Gen. Court, Girls' School, at 12.—See Advt.  
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond  
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hot., Hampton-court.  
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.  
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 16.

Quart. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.—See Advt.  
Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity.  
" 20, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Lead enhall-st.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Encamp. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord St. Jay Tav., Kingsland.

Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 17.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, Café Royal, Regent-st.  
Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

Gen. Com. Grand Chap. at 3.  
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
" Grand Stewards, F.M.H.  
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Rose Croix, Bard of Avon 33, Golden-sq.  
" Metropolitan, Rosicrucian College, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havlock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 19.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot, Tulse Hill.  
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.  
Encamp. E., Observance, 15, Bedford-row.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 20.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
Mark 104, Macdonald, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
" 176, Era, Bridge House Hot.  
Rose Croix Chapter, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.



## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 21, 1877.

## MONDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 1532, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
 " 425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.  
 " 905, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
 Harmonic L. of I., M.H., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20.

Hamer L. of I., Liverpool.

## Upper Norwood Lodge

(No. 1586)

## BENEVOLENT FUND.

An Evening Concert in aid of the above will take place in the Opera Theatre, Crystal Palace, on Monday, April 23rd, 1877, at 8 o'clock.

Many talented Artists have kindly volunteered their services.

Bro. August Mauns (Mus. Dir. Crystal Palace) has undertaken the entire Musical Arrangements.

Prices of Admission:—Numbered Stalls, 5s. and 2s. 6d.; Unnumbered Reserved Seat Tickets 1s.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH.**—(No. 228).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. James Hill, W.M.; Snare, S.W.; Halford, J.W.; Piercy, S.D.; Todd, J.D.; Flaws, I.G.; Davies, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Hart, P.M., Org.; J. Terry, P.M., D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. Quartly and Sarrol. Bro. J. Terry, P.M., then brought forward the case of a brother in distress, and proposed a grant from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge. It was seconded by Bro. Piercy, S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Davies, P.M., Assistant Secretary, announced with regret that the father of the lodge, Bro. Joseph Crump, P.M., and Bro. Winsland, P.M., Treasurer, were absent from this, the last meeting, on account of severe illness; and Bro. Terry, P.M., proposed, seconded by the W.M., and unanimously carried, that a vote of sympathy be recorded in the minutes, and the Assistant Secretary be requested to communicate the same to the brethren in question. The lodge having been formally closed until the second Tuesday in October next, the brethren adjourned to banquet, to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth the toasts were given, "The Queen and the Craft," followed by the National Anthem, "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was drunk with enthusiasm, the W.M. remarking that he was glad to see that H.R.H. had recovered from his late indisposition, and trusted with the help of T.G.A.O.T.U., the change of climate will restore H.R.H. again to good health. The usual Masonic toasts followed, that of "The Visitor" being responded to by Bro. Dr. Whitmore, who took the opportunity to state that it was over thirty years since he had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge of United Strength, but even in that space of time it had not lost its reputation for good working, as he had witnessed that evening the Third Degree worked by the W.M. in the best possible manner. Several capital songs enlivened the proceedings of the evening. Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Dr. Whitmore, J. D. Loverdo, C. J. Hilliard, S. S. Bacon, and others.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—Under the presidency of our esteemed Bro. F. G. Pownall, W.M., this good old lodge, the mother and most respected of all the lodges in the district, is steadily increasing, not only in years but in strength and position, and we feel sure that no one could have seen the splendid working of the ceremonies on Wednesday, the 11th inst., without feeling both pleasure and pride at the opportunity of being present where such good Masonic work was so well and ably done. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for and approval of Messrs. Debraclair, Jones, and Deans, which being effected, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Masonry, and Bro. Girdlestone received the Sublime Degree from the hands of the W.M. The following officers were present beside the W.M.: Bros. G. Davies, P.M.; G. W. Reed, S.W.; J. P. Moore, J.W.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treas.; H. Syer, Sec.; T. Hutton, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; B. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Masters, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Reilly, acted as I.G. The visitors included Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.G. J.W. for Kent; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; T. Butt, W.M. 700; W. T. Vincent, W.M. 913; A. Jessup, Treas. 913; J. Chapman, J.D. 913; J. Sevenake, 1255; J. W. Miller, 700; J. Frankling, 913; C. J. Bowden, 299; W. Hallerman, 1536; W. Taylor, 1536; S. Standing, 1536; C. W. Harris, 871; W. A. Watkins, 1536; W. Cobb, 700; G. W. King, 77; and C. Jolly, 913. The whole of the work being finished, and charity, the mainspring of all Masonry, not forgotten, the brethren re-assembled for refreshment. The eloquent W.M. put the usual toasts in good and effective style, and the brethren as loyally responded, and a rare flow of harmony conducted to the comfort of this truly happy gathering.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, April 5th. All the officers were present, namely, Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M.;

Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Braham, Sec.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cers.; Carey, P.M. and Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson, Stwd.; Bigwood, Tyler; as P.M.'s of No. 41, Bros. Cooper, Clark, Rubie, and Mitchell; also Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and P.M. 43 and 958; and many members. The visitors were Bros. Gore, W.M., and Dickenson, J.W. 379; Col. Ford, P.M.; Edwards, W.M.; C. Collins, Sec.; W. Collins, Rolfe, Marillier, Hughes, all of No. 53; Tucker, 70; Bedford, P.M. 304; Watts, P.M. 626; Forckler, 35; Pegler, P.M. 304, 54, 578, 1026; Reynolds, Fuller, and Sumson. After the lodge had been opened by the W.M., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for five candidates, which proving unanimously favourable, they will be initiated at the next meeting. The subject of the exclusion of Jews from Masonry in Germany was considered, and the W.M. was commissioned to sign the petition in their favour on behalf of the members of No. 41. Messrs. Harris, Peach, Davis, and Baldwin, previously balloted for, were presented for initiation, and the ceremony was very creditably performed for the first time by the W.M., Bro. Cooper, as usual, giving the charge, and Bro. Falkner the explanation of the working tools. A printed copy of the Treasurer's annual report was presented to every member, which, notwithstanding some heavy expenses during the past year, showed a satisfactory balance of nearly £60. A proposition to reduce the subscription by one half to members, not being officers, who reside more than fifty miles from Bath, having been recommended by the permanent committee, it was carried unanimously. In the course of the evening, considering that there were four initiations, a ballot for five candidates, and proposition of two others, Bro. Ashley, P.M., took advantage of an interval to impress on the members, especially the younger ones, the importance of strict inquiry and perfect satisfaction as to the eligibility of candidates as regards character, and strongly to urge that in no case should a name be brought openly before the lodge until it had been privately mentioned to the W.M. and Wardens, and had received their sanction. A vote of thanks for their attendance was passed to the visiting brethren by acclamation, and responded to by Bros. Gore, Edwards, Bedford, and Pegler. Bro. Mercer proposed a joining member, and Bro. Brown a candidate for initiation. The lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

**TRURO.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 131).—The regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., and was rendered an especial one from the fact that the members decided to add to the list of their honorary members the name of Bro. C. Eugene Meyer, of Philadelphia, U.S.A. Bro. Meyer is well-known to the members of every legal Masonic degree in America, from the First to the Thirty-third, and much respected by the leading brethren, especially of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter (R.A.) of Pennsylvania. As Chairman of the Library Committee of the former, and Past Grand High Priest of the latter, his services on behalf of the Craft especially have been most continuous and valuable for years, and certainly are "beyond all praise." The members of the Lodge of Fortitude had, however, before their minds not only a certain handsome gift he had made to them, in appreciation of the literary labours in connection with Freemasonry by one of their Past Masters (Bro. William James Hughtan), but remembered with evident gratitude the kind assistance he had rendered to an unfortunate member of their lodge, and they intend, by the special honour thus conferred, to mark their warm approval of his Masonic career generally, and as they have witnessed it particularly. The only other brother so honoured is the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. The lodge possesses a centenary warrant, and numbers on its roll some of the best "workers" in the country. We trust that Bro. Meyer will long live to enjoy the deserved honour thus bestowed upon him by an English lodge.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—This lodge held its regular meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the evening of the 11th inst. There was a good attendance both of members and visiting brethren, Bro. Richard Taylor, the W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities pertaining to the Craft, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Melrose, engineer, which proving unanimous, he was duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., the E.A. charge being given by Bro. Geo. Kelland, P.M. A candidate was then proposed for admission at next meeting, and the usual proclamation made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visitors, and the lodge was subsequently closed in love, peace, and harmony.

**BRADFORD.**—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1018).—On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., the installation of Bro. R. G. Latimer as the W.M. of the above lodge took place in the Masonic Rooms, Salem-street, Bradford, Yorkshire, in the presence of a large number of members, and also of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and visitors from other lodges in the town and neighbourhood. Bro. Wm. Morgan, P.M., went through the preliminaries, and the degree was bestowed by Bro. Monkman, P.M. On the re-assembling of the Master Masons, Bro. W. Morgan presented the W.M. elect with the implements of our profession, which are emblematical of our conduct in life. A well-merited compliment was paid to the W.M. elect, who is highly respected in the town, and he received the hearty good wishes of all present. The other officers were appointed as follows: Bros. R. F. Harrison, I.P.M.; Wm. Longley, S.W.; G. H. Swithenbank, J.W.; I. M. Thorpe, Treas.; F. Ronnfeldt, P.M., Sec.; Henry Harrison, S.D.; Ed. Farrand, J.D.; Wm. Hy. Haley, I.G.; Samuel Bulmer, Tyler; Ed. Misdale, Org.; H. Tordoff, John Jolly,

and F. S. Garner, Stewards; and Thornton Wood, S. of W. and M.C. After the close of the lodge a grand banquet was held, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. elect gave the following toasts, which were drunk with full Masonic honours: "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," The following toasts were likewise heartily received and duly honoured: "Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P.D.L., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire," "The Worshipful Bros. Thos. W. Tew, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and the rest of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," "The Retiring Master, Bro. R. F. Harrison," "The Worshipful Master," "The Worshipful Masters of the Visiting Lodges," "The Worshipful Past Masters and Brethren of Visiting Lodges," "The Worshipful Past Masters of the Shakespeare Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge." From the speeches it was gathered that the lodge is in a satisfactory financial position; that the members evince much earnestness in the pursuit of knowledge, and that complete harmony prevails amongst the whole of them. During the evening several songs were well rendered, and some classical music was performed on the grand pianoforte by Bros. Misdale and Atkinson. Throughout the proceedings were most successful, instructive, and enjoyable.

**WESTERHAM.**—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—This lodge held its second meeting of the season on Saturday, the 7th inst., at their lodge house, the King's Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Newsom, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred Sydney Owen was then advanced to the sublime degree of a M.M. Bro. Steele, of the SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, 1410, Newport Pagnell, was elected as a joining member, and Mr. Jno. Carr, jun., was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. This business being completed, Bro. Mortlock, P.M. Industry, 186, proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Edw. J. Dodd. The ceremony was performed in that able and impressive manner for which he is so thoroughly appreciated. The following officers were then invested by the W.M.:—Bros. A. W. Duret, S.W.; W. C. Banks, J.W.; R. Durtnell, Treas.; J. H. Jewell, Sec.; C. J. Dodd, S.D.; Jno. Webb, J.D.; Smeeman Smith, I.G.; T. Baker, D.C.; Owen, Std.; and Fullager, Tyler. Bro. Jewell brought under the notice of the lodge the petition emanating from the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, respecting the obnoxious law enforced in the German lodges in respect to the exclusion of the Jews from the privileges of Freemasonry, on his proposition, seconded by Bro. Webb, the feeling and of the lodge was signified by an unanimous wish that the same should be signed by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, and forwarded to Bro. Abrahams for presentation to Grand Lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form, and marshalled by the D.C. to the banquet-room, where a splendid repast was served. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M., in a neat address, presented the retiring Master, Bro. R. Durtnell, with a very elegant and handsome jewel, bearing the Amherst Arms exquisitely enamelled in colours, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Amherst Lodge to Bro. Richard Durtnell, P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during the years 1875 and 1876." The call for the Tyler brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**GREAT STANMORE.**—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—This summer lodge commenced its third season on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Garrod, W.M., assisted by Bros. Vincent, S.W.; Ledcombe, J.W.; Ebbs, J.D.; Llewellyn Winter, Organist; Rogers, Treas.; Veal, Hon. Sec.; Bros. Best, Peach, Linton; and visitors: Bros. Tickle, P.M. 1196; Hawksley, 1196; Hunt, F.C. 1425; and Garrod, 889. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 4.45, and disposed of the only business on the summons, viz., to confirm the previous lodge minutes and read the bye-laws according to annual custom. At the last meeting in October the brethren discussed and agreed that the day of meeting for various good reasons should be altered from the first Tuesday to the first Wednesday in the respective months, which was fully confirmed at this meeting, and instructions given to apply for permission to the M.W.G.M., and if possible to be procured by the next meeting in May. A petition was also presented by Bros. Tickle and Hawksley, asking the recommendation of the brethren in support of a new summer lodge, to be held at the same hotel, by various members of the Urban and other London lodges, proposed to be called the "Sub-Urban," which met with the hearty support and good wishes of all present. The lodge was closed in the usual form at 5.40, one new member being proposed for next meeting. The usual banquet followed, to the satisfaction of all. The musical contributions of the brethren, and the hearty reception of the usual Masonic toasts ably (and appropriately given by the W.M.) were, as usual at this lodge, very enjoyable, many remaining after the Tyler's toast had disposed of all ceremony, and each contributing to the harmony of the occasion.

**PUTNEY.**—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, 4th inst., under the gavel of P.M. Bro. J. Wright. There were also present Bros. Robinson, Morpew, Holland, Boehr, Collings, Watkins, P.M.'s Smith and Stacey, and a large number of visitors and brethren, including P.M.'s Terry, Swallow, Scott, Wise, Wright, Burrell, and others. The retiring W.M., having raised Bro. Stokes and passed Bro. Hunt, proceeded to instal Bro. Robinson, the W.M. elect. On the re-assembling of the brethren the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed in the



usual manner, and having invested the following brethren as his officers, viz., Bros. J. Wright, I.P.M.; Morpew, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; H. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Watkins, Treas.; Holland, S.D.; Boehr, J.D.; Collings, I.G.; T. H. Smith, D.C.; and Harrison, W.S., proceeded to initiate Messrs. Kohler and Tanner into the ancient Order. Before closing the lodge three candidates were announced, and the lodge was adjourned to October. The usual loyal toasts were given after the cloth had been cleared, and were heartily received, as well as the following:—"The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Terry," and "The Officers of the Lodge." During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and Bro. Stead having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, having spent a very pleasant evening.

### Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—The April meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Companions present: F. D. R. Copestick, Z.; H. Birdseye, H.; T. C. Chapman, J.; G. Phythian, P.S.; George Kenning, Treas.; C. Arkell, N.; Francis Fellows, E.; Thos. Cohn, Charles Lorkin, Wm. Medwin, J. Curle, E. Roberts, P.Z.; T. B. Yeoman, G. Bartholomew, George Newman, P.Z.; J. Kent, W. H. Brand, Cheese, and Vickers. Visitors: Comps. Lee, Darcy, jun., Clarke, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. F. D. R. Copestick proposed, and Comp. Birdseye seconded that a jewel be presented to Comp. G. Newman, for his excellent working during his year of office as M.E.Z. Notice of motion was given by the Treasurer to raise the subscription from 1½ to 2 guineas. A notice of motion was also given by the Treasurer that £10 10s. be granted from the funds of the Chapter to the Muggeridge Testimonial.

Bro. Emra Holmes, Collector H.M. Customs, Woodbridge, Suffolk, has been appointed Collector H.M. Customs, Fowey, Cornwall, by the Honourable Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs.

The installation meeting of the St. John of Wapping Lodge No. 1306, took place on the 11th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A handsome stained-glass window, designed and executed by Bro. Wm. Ramsey was inserted in the Guildhall on Tuesday last. It is a gift from Mr. Alderman Cotton, M.P., the late Lord Mayor, to the Corporation of the City of London, and consists of four divisions, the upper two of which depict the presentation of an address to the Prince of Wales and the lower two illustrating the presentation of the loving cup to the Princess of Wales.

Sir Wyndham W. Burrell, Bart., the new member for, and whose influence is all potent in the Rape of Bramber, is understood to have attained the dignity of P.G.M. for Sussex, Lord Pelham, the late representative of Lewes, having ceased to act.—*Mayfair.*

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon will be held at the Victoria Hall, Queen-street, Exeter, on Monday, April 23rd, at 2 p.m., and the brethren will march in procession, in order of precedence, to the New Masonic Hall in Gandy-street, where the honorary Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Samuel Jones, P.P.G.S.D., will request the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, and Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, P.G. Chaplain England, to dedicate the new premises to the purposes of the Craft, according to ancient rules and ceremony. The ceremony being concluded, and the hall having been dedicated to "Universal Benevolence and Charity," the brethren will march back to the Victoria Hall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge will then be closed. It being St. George's Day, the members of St. George's Lodge will afterwards proceed to the new hall and install the W.M. elect as W.M. for the ensuing year, and at 5 o'clock a banquet will be partaken of. Covers, will, however, only be laid for those brethren who give three days' previous notice of their intention to be present.

**THE ADELPHI LODGE (No. 1670).**—The consecration of this lodge will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, at No. 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand. The ceremonies will be worked by Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary; the officers designate being Bros. John Llewellyn Jones, W.M.; Robert Gallon, S.W.; and H. Western, J.W. A full report will appear in our next.

The anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians was held in the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, who, in proposing the toast of the evening, drew attention to the progress of musical education in England.

Cheap excursion tickets to Stratford-on-Avon will be issued by the London and North Western Railway, available by the train leaving Euston-square on Monday morning at 10.10, and Broad-street at 9.40, to enable London brethren to attend the Shakespeare Memorial Masonic Gathering, and to return the same evening by the 7 o'clock train. The tickets will also be available for any ordinary train on the following day.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Gout, Rheumatism, Sciatica.—These maladies are always more or less connected with disorder of the digestive organs, hence the facility with which they yield to Holloway's remedies. Temporary alleviation immediately follows the proper application of this soothing Ointment, while the Pills, taken internally, reduce the digestive functions to order and avert all inflammatory tendencies. Nervous invalids will derive ease and consolation from the influence of these medicaments, which are free from mercury and all noxious ingredients. Holloway's celebrated Ointment and Pills present, at a trifling outlay, the means of preserving the health or uprooting diseases which have assailed the body through accident, luxury, a dolence, or other causes.—*ADVT.*

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Western Division of Lancashire (as briefly announced in the *Freemason* last week) was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst. There was a numerous attendance of companions of rank and influence, nearly every chapter in the large province being represented, some very numerous. Comp. the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Superintendent, occupied his place in the Provincial Grand Chapter, when it was opened, and amongst those who were present may be named Comp. G. D. Pochin, P.G.J.; H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.; R. Dodgson, P.G.A.S.; T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Buxton P.P.G. Second A.S.; P. Ball, P.G. Janitor; B. B. Mar, son, P.Z. 1356; J. Barker, Z. 1345; J. Bell, Z. 1356; E. B. Harding, H. 1345; R. Pearson, P.P.G. Reg., P.Z. 995; J. Jones, Z. 216; J. Wells, H. 580; J. Thornton, Z. 673; R. A. Brooke, Z. 1225; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G. First A.S.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.; J. F. Roberts, P.Z. 613; J. C. Gillman, P.Z. 1345; J. Wainwright, P.Z. 613; T. Dodgson, P.Z. 995; J. Case, P.Z. 995; J. Frank, 203; P. Macmudrow, Z. 1094; W. J. Chapman, P.S. 1356; T. O. Dutton, 13563; B. Thompson, 249; W. Jones, Z. 1086; J. Sumner, Z. 113; E. Kyle, P.Z. 220; C. Fryer, P.G.S.B. 113; Dr. J. V. Worthington, Z. 220; E. Airey, P.Z. 1051; T. K. Hughes, P.Z. 241; A. Whittle, 1356; T. Chesworth, P.Z. 1086; Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (*Freemason*); J. Baxendale, P.P.G.A.S. 580; S. Wyld, Z. 580; R. H. Evans, H. 292; H. Pearson, Z. 249; W. D. Holbrook 163; T. Evans, Z. 203; W. Fletcher, 292; H. Nelson, P.G.D.C. 673; J. Seddon, 673; J. Kirkman, 673; D. Jackson, S.E. 673; H. Burrows, 673; J. Hayes, S.N. 1094; D. R. Davies, 1094; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G. Reg. 1094; W. Boyle, P.P.G.J. 249; A. Morrison, 249; J. W. Burgess, P.S. 1094; T. H. Arden, 1094; Hocken, P.Z. 673; P. Buck, 1356; P. J. Edelsten, Z. 148; J. T. Callow, P.G.S.B. 673; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B. 1094; A. Woolrich, Treas. 1356; E. O. C. Rothwell, J. 220; R. Young, Z. 86; R. Langley, P.Z. 249; C. Fothergill, 249; W. Inwood, 1094; J. Russell, P.Z. 292; R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., 292; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G. First A.S., 86; and others.

After the Provincial Grand Chapter had been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous annual convocation were read and unanimously confirmed, and the balance-sheet was passed. His lordship then invested the following companions as the officers for the ensuing year:—  
J. Prescott, 580 ..... Prov. G.H.  
J. C. Gillman, 1345 ..... Prov. G.J.  
H. S. Alpass, 680 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G.S.E.  
R. A. Brooke, 1225 ..... Prov. G.S.N.  
J. Sumner, 314 ..... Prov. G.P.S.  
Dr. J. V. Worthington, 220 ..... Prov. G. Ast. S.  
B. B. Marson, 1356 ..... Prov. G. 2nd Ast. S.  
T. Armstrong, 216 (re-elected) ..... Prov. G. Treas.  
T. Chesworth, 1086 ..... Prov. G. Reg.  
E. Airey, 1051 ..... Prov. G.S.B.  
T. Evans, 203 ..... Prov. G. St. B.  
J. Jones, 216 ..... Prov. G.D.C.  
J. Skeaf, 216 (re-appointed) ..... Prov. G. Org.  
P. Macmudrow, 1094 ..... Prov. G.S.  
P. Ball, 1094 (re-elected) ..... Prov. G. Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., seconded by Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.P. G. First Assist. Soj., the following votes were agreed to on behalf of the Charities:—Ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; £10 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons; ten guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; and £10 to the Harmer Benevolent Fund (West Lancashire).

As there was no other business of importance, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in proper form by Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G. Supt.

In the evening nearly all the companions present sat down to banquet in the large dining hall, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M., P.G.S., of the Canton Hotel, was the purveyor, and his catering, as usual, gave much satisfaction. The P.G. Superintendent gave "Her Majesty the Queen," and in submitting the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the First Grand Principal, and the rest of the Royal Family," his lordship enlarged on the many merits of the Prince as a hard-working Mason, having the best interests of the Craft very near his heart, and actuating him in all his Masonic deeds.

Comp. Brooke, P.G. Secretary, gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro First Grand Principal, Lord Skelmersdale, Second Grand Principal and Provincial Grand Superintendent, and Lord de Tabley, Third Grand Principal." In referring to Lord Skelmersdale, Comp. Brooke spoke of the warm interest he took in Masonry generally, more especially in the province over which he ruled; and said that by his genial manner, warm Masonic interest, and strict justice in all his dealings, their Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Supt. had endeared himself to every brother and companion in West Lancashire as well as throughout England.

Lord Skelmersdale, in response, thanked the companions for the cordiality with which the toast had been given and responded to, and assured them that he always felt a delight in coming into the province to attend to his Masonic duties. He also spoke of the Earl of Carnarvon as a most accomplished Mason, to whom no work, either in lodge or chapter, was ever strange.

"The Three Provincial Grand Principals and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter," given by Lord Skelmersdale, was cordially received and fittingly responded to.

Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E., in proposing "The Principals of the Various Chapters in the Province," spoke of the desirability of having uniformity of working in all the chapters, and referred to various other points which ought to be remembered.

Comp. Ball, P.G. Janitor, gave the last toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons, &c."

Excellent music was provided by a small glee companionship, under the direction and with the piano accompaniments of Comp. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

The proceedings terminated about nine o'clock, his lordship staying until the close.

The programme of music was admirably rendered by Comps. C. Haswell, T. Armstrong, P.G. Treas.; J. Jones, P.G.D.C.; and Bro. T. J. Hughes, 216. Comp. H. Gill gave a performance on his enchanting "Fairy Bells," which greatly delighted every one present, and so delighted Lord Skelmersdale that he asked permission to examine the ingenious instrument, which he did most minutely.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A Masonic ceremony of more than ordinary interest to Freemasons took place at Newport, on Thursday, the 4th inst., being the constitution of a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Monmouthshire. The district had not previously been formed into a province, but steps were taken to have it so constituted; and the Grand Lodge of England and Wales having been memorialised, a constitution was sanctioned, and Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray, whose name was submitted from the district, was accepted as the first Right Worshipful Grand Master for the province. The installation of Bro. Homfray took place on the 4th inst., together with the ceremony of consecrating the Grand Provincial Lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren of the Mark degree. The ceremony was performed in the Masonic Hall by the Most Worshipful the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.A., Past G. Mark Master Mason of England, and Past Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight.

At two o'clock the brethren began to assemble. The Keystone Lodge was opened by a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and Bro. J. C. Manning was advanced to the Mark Degree also by special dispensation. The Most Worshipful the Rev. Bro. Portal then opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, and was apprised of the fact that the Provincial Grand Master designate was without, and was desirous of being installed. The patent of approval and appointment was then read by Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary for England, after which Bro. Homfray was introduced in proper form and duly installed, with all the solemnities. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then announced the appointment, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, of Bro. Colonel Charles Lync, Past Mark Master 109, who was invested. The following Grand Officers were also appointed and invested: Bros. Captain S. George Homfray, P.G.S.W.; George Arthur Brown, P.G.J.W.; Henry Hellyer, P.M.O.; E. V. C. Haldane, P.S.O.; R. J. Chambers, P.J.O.; Rev. Edward Jones, P.G. Chaplain; Walter West, P.G. Registrar; William Watkins, P.G. Secretary; Jonathan Piggford, P.G.A. Sec.; James Horner, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Wickey Homfray, P.G.S.D.; Chas. P. Evans, P.G.J.D.; Alfred Taylor, P.G. M. of W.; Captain A. T. Perkins, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; Nichol Bradley, P.G.A.D.C.; John Lewis, P.G. Swd. B.; Henry Howell, P.G. Standard Bearer; H. J. Groves, P.G. Org.; A. McMahon, P.G.I.G.; Hy. Fletcher, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Wheeler, Samuel Davies, and E. Swedenback, P.G. Stewards.

Votes of thanks were then accorded to Bro. Portal for the great ability shown by him in the performance of the installation ceremony, and other resolutions having been passed thanking several brethren of distinction for being present, the lodge was closed. The following brethren were present during the ceremony:—Bros. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., Prov. G.M.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Walter West, 109, P.G.R.; Geo. Arthur Brown, P.M. 185, P.G.J.W.; Nichol Bradley, J.W. 185, P.G.A.D.C.; John Lewis, S.B., P.G.S.B.; J. Horner, P.G. Treas.; Alfred Taylor, P.G. Insp. of Works; C. P. Evans, P.G.J.D.; Henry Bonell, P.G.S.; W. H. Wheeler, P.G.S.; Jonathan Piggford, 109; William Williams, W.M. Ashlar, 185; E. Jones, S.W. 1098, P.P.G.C., S.W.E.; Samuel Bryant, P.G.M.M.O., D.P.G.M. Bristol; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; L. A. Homfray, P.M. 109; S. G. Homfray, P.M.; Henry Hellyer, P.M.; George F. Tuckey, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.S.; W. H. W. Homfray, P.M. 683; John Phillips, D. L. James, A. McMahon, P.G.J.D.; James Stallard, Samuel Davies, Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M., J.W. Studholme; C. R. Davy, P.M.; A. T. Perkins, S.W. 109; E. T. Inskip, P.G.J.D. England; Wm. Watkins, W.M. 109; R. J. Chambers, C. P. Evans, Thomas Gage, H. Richards, H. J. Groves, Alf. Taylor, H. Howell, S. Bryant, E. Swedenbank, W. Williams, W.M. Ashlar Lodge; Thos. Harry, F. G. Lake, R. Bond, Nelson D. Marks, W.M. Langley Lodge; T. G. Glass, Edward Jones, J. T. Firbank, J. C. Manning, and other brethren.

The installation banquet took place at the King's Head Hotel at five o'clock. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master presided. Among the guests, who were numerous, were Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G. M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and Bro. Parkinson, P.D.G.M. Middlesex. Nearly the whole of the brethren who took part in the installation were present at the banquet, which was served up in a way that gave entire satisfaction. Dinner being over,

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England,



His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Officers of Grand Lodge of England." He said he wished to couple with the toast the name of one who was installed at Aberdare on Wednesday as the chief of an adjoining province. He alluded to Sir George Elliot. (Cheers.) They were all delighted to hear that Sir George had so very successful a gathering, which they might accept as a pretty fair guide that the right man had been selected, and he was quite sure the province would prosper very much under his Mastership. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated Sir George on his having taken the office, and he congratulated the province on having so popular and so able a Mason to rule over it. He hoped the two adjoining provinces would co-operate with each other in furthering the best interests of Masonry, which they all had so much at heart. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir George Elliot responded, and while seeking to impress Masons with the true value of Masonry, he hoped the provinces would go hand-in-hand harmoniously together, in furtherance of principles which were calculated to work so great an amount of good socially, morally, and religiously.

Bro. Major Clerke next proposed the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Limerick, and Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." The speaker expressed sympathy with the Earl of Limerick in reference to a recent affliction, and was quite sure he had the sympathy of the entire Order. Major Clerke enumerated six M.W. Grand Masters who had retired from office, one of whom was present among them that night. He proposed the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Parkinson.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, in responding, said the Mark Degree would have good reason to congratulate itself in future upon the very happy selection that had been made that day, in placing Bro. Homfray there as the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masonry in Monmouthshire. (Cheers.) With regard to the Earl of Limerick, there could not possibly be a more estimable gentleman or a better Mason.

Bro. Portal next proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. L. A. Homfray," in doing so he paid a tribute to the ability of Bro. Homfray, in his Masonic capacity, and felt sure from his great popularity that the proceedings of that day would be the starting point of a new era in Mark Masonry in Monmouthshire. He advised them, however, that numbers did not always mean success, and had no doubt, bearing that in mind, that, while doing their best to further the interests of Masonry, they would not forget to weigh members before they counted them. He felt that the matter in this respect, in Monmouthshire, was in very able hands, and he augured exceptional success from their proceedings that day.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, in responding, said he thanked them very sincerely for the hearty manner in which his name had been received by them, and for the kind words which had been spoken in his behalf. He also thanked them for the proud position in which they had that day placed him, and said he felt that the toast which they had just drunk, and which had been so ably proposed by Bro. Portal, was not alone the expression of a wish with regard to his health, but was health and success to the province of Mark Master Masons which had that day been constituted. He had his own doubt whether he was really the right man in the right place. At the same time he would do everything that lay in his power to promote the furtherance of Mark Masonry in the province over which they had placed him. He had always maintained that no province of the same size could boast of a greater number of more enthusiastic Masons than Monmouthshire, and he hoped that when Bro. Portal came into the district next he would find double the number of Mark lodges that he had now found at this, his first visit. He would now propose another toast for their acceptance, that of "The Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne, and Officers of Provincial G.M.M.M. Lodge." (Cheers.) He could not but regard it as a great compliment that Colonel Lyne should have accepted the office of Deputy under him. He regarded it as an honour to the Provincial Grand Lodge that two of his principal officers—the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Warden—should be the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Masonry in the province. He felt that under such auspices the lodge must prosper. (Hear, hear.) He had found some difficulty in fixing upon officers, not that good Masons were too few, but that they were too many, and he scarcely knew how to decide between them. He had, however, adopted the system of seniority, and he hoped the brethren would give him credit for strict impartiality. (Hear, hear.) He might also add that in future selections he should consult Masters of lodges as to the capacities and seniority of brethren, thereby, he hoped, getting the very best men for the vacant places. (Hear, hear.) He proposed the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Homfray Grand Senior Warden.

Bro. Homfray, in responding, paid a very high tribute to the Masonic ability of Colonel Lyne, than whom, he said, he never sat under a better Master. With regard to himself, he felt it to be an honour to be selected by his brother to take office in the new Grand Lodge, and regarded it as a kindly and thoughtful act in being selected to fulfil the duties, which would, at all times, have his best attention, with a view to the success of the lodge and the furtherance of the principles of the Order.

The Right Worshipful Master next proposed "The Consecrating and Installing Master, the Most Worshipful the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.M.M. of England," and commented on the very able way in which the ceremonies of the day had been gone through.

Bro. Portal responded, and hoped the new Provincial Grand Lodge would be attended with abundant success.

The Senior G. Warden next proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Davey and Bro. Major Clerke, both of whom responded.

Bro. Davey proposed "The Lodges of the Province," to which Bro. Davies responded.

The toast of the "Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Parkinson, was responded to in a speech of characteristic eloquence and vigour by Bro. Binckes, which, with the Tyler's toast, brought the proceedings to a close.

It should be stated, in justice to the newly-installed Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, that the whole of the regalia and jewels of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge were a free gift, presented by him to the lodge, and that, a part of the lodge business, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him for his valuable present.

In the evening a Grand Masonic Ball took place at the Kings Head Hotel.

## CONSECRATION OF A MARK LODGE AT BURNLEY.

As was briefly stated in last week's *Freemason*, the consecration of the Scarlet Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 184, took place with great eclat at the Mechanics' Institute, Burnley, on Friday, the 6th inst. There was a large gathering of Mark Masons, to whom the interesting ceremonies of the afternoon appeared to give the greatest pleasure. It may be stated that the Scarlet Mark Lodge has been holding its meetings under a dispensation since towards the close of 1875, but the formal consecration has not taken place until now, as the brethren were anxious that the head of Mark Masonry in Lancashire (Lord Skelmersdale), should perform the ceremony. They therefore waited until his lordship found it convenient to attend and redeem his promise, and, taking the opportunity afforded by the Easter Parliamentary recess, he was present to consecrate on the occasion named. Besides R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M.M.M., there were in attendance Bros. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G.W. and D.P.G.M.; Robert Mc. D. Smith, P.G.J.W.; Augustus A. Bagshaw, P.G.A. Chap.; Jno. Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Jno. Bell, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Hindle, P.P.G.S.O.; Robert Butterworth, G.S.; Thos. Hindle, P.P.G.J.O.; Robert Wade, 159; Joseph Wood, 65, P.P.G. Sd. B. (*Freemason*); Richard Nelson, S.O. 14; Edward Heywood, W.M.M. 159; Geo. Whiteley, 56, Sec.; Jno. Watson, P.S.B.; Christopher Furness, 159; W. Barraclough, S.W.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.J.O. 123; Bury; Ralph Fletcher, 123; Thos. West, 56; Jno. Watson, P.P.S.B.; Thos. Oakden, P.G.M.O.; Jno. Alcock, P.G.J.D.; Thos. Horsfall, P.G. Org.; Geo. A. O. Niel, P.G.O.; W. H. Prince, P.G.O.; Wm. Roberts, P.P.G.S.D.; Ed. Hartley, P.P.G.J.O. West Yorkshire; Ed. Diggle, J.W. 56, S.D. 189; Jno. Greenwood, S.W. 14; Thos. Knowles, M.O. 14; Wm. Pilling, P.M. 56; Jas. Charnock, 14; J. Taylor, W.M.; Tom Bradshaw, P.G.A.D.C.; R. W. Waterson, P.G.P.

His lordship consecrated the lodge with the usual formalities and ceremonies, assisted by prominent members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and at the close of this portion of the proceedings the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year:

Bros. John Rawcliffe, W.M.; H. Wadsworth, S.W.; Tom Bradshaw, J.W.; S. Alexander, M.O.; R. W. Waterson, S.O.; Jno. Bolland, J.O.; Wm. Smith, Treas.; B. Whitaker, Sec.; George C. Ogden, Reg.; E. Diggle, S.D.; W. Morsden, J.D.; Jas. Dent, I.G.

The brethren subsequently banqueted under the presidency of the P.G.M.M.M.

## SAD ACCIDENT TO A BROTHER IN LIVERPOOL.

A large circle of Masonic brethren in and around Liverpool will learn with deep regret that death has suddenly taken away one who was universally esteemed and admired. On Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. Marmaduke George Bateman, a Steward and Auditor of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, who was only 39 years of age, was inspecting a number of houses which he had erected in Bedford-street South, Liverpool. He and Mr. F. Bage, painter and plumber, ascended one of the buildings to inspect the work being done by his men. A plank used by one of the workmen engaged in "pointing" the outside projected, and upon Bro. Bateman and Mr. Bage, who were heavy men, stepping upon the wood it gave way, precipitating both gentlemen to the ground, a distance of twelve feet. The injury to Mr. Bage was not so severe, but two of Bro. Bateman's ribs were broken, and after suffering intense agony he died at his mother's residence, 5, Berkeley-street, on the following Monday. The plank was made of new wood, but it unfortunately gave way at a knot which had not been observed. An inquest was held on the body on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The sudden death of the deceased, who was a master builder, was feelingly alluded to at the annual installation meeting of the Temple Lodge, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Bateman under the distressing circumstances.

The remains of the deceased were interred in St. James's Cemetery, on Friday, the 13th, when the following officers and brethren of the Temple Lodge were present: Bros. R. C. Yelland, W.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; W. Healing, I.P.M.; T. G. Winstanley, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (*Freemason*); J. Tyson, S.; A. Horspool, S.; Dr. Speer,

Deacon, &c. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Eben. Cargill, incumbent of St. Philip's Church, Hardman-street.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The quarterly meeting of the subscribers to this institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut. Col. John Creaton, Vice Patron, was voted to the chair. As usual at these quarterly Courts on which the election is taken there was a very large assemblage of the brethren; and on this occasion there were present among others, Bros. J. Wordsworth, P. Kirke, Geo. Jeffery, Pierce Egan, Henry Smith, S. Rawson, W. H. Tomlinson, Thomas Hill, Raynham W. Stewart, Thos. Massa, T. Prideaux Saunders, Hy. Potter, R. B. Webster, Wm. Stephens, Charles Lacey, J. J. Berry, H. Massey (*Freemason*), C. F. Matier, A. H. Tattershall, G. Bolton, Hyde Pullen, Griffiths Smith, J. Tyerman, H. Browne, H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, F. Pendered, W. H. Spaul, J. G. Stevens, Geo. Kenning, F. I. Pownall, Fredk. Adlard, J. Bodenham, J. Smith, Leopold F. Ruf, Col. H. S. Burney, J. S. Hine, J. Terry, J. A. Birch, Thos. W. White, John Symonds, E. H. Finney, A. F. A. Woodford, H. C. Burt, T. Cubitt, Jesse Turner, H. Hacker, F. J. Sabine, H. G. Warren, W. H. Radley, F. W. H. Ramsey, M.D., W. F. C. Moutrie, Peter De L. Long, H. Cowland, F. B. Davage, and R. Wentworth Little (Secretary).

After the minutes had been read by Bro. Little, Bro. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; proposed the re-election of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G.T., as Treasurer of the Institution.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The following brethren were elected the General Committee for the year:—Bros. H. Browne, jun., Cargill, Corbin, Dodd, Gossett, Law, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Moore, Peacock, W. Spencer, Jesse Turner, and J. W. Berrie.

The undermentioned brethren were elected the Scrutineers of votes for the election:—Bros. A. H. Tattershall, R. B. Webster, S. Rawson, Jardine, J. J. Berry, R. W. Stewart, Cullen, Matiere, Ramsay, Constable and Tyerman.

Bro. H. G. Warren, P.G.S., then rose to propose the following motion, of which he had given notice:—

"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution and the altered position of the Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that Rules 74 and 75 shall be so amended as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1000, the Secretary's Chief Clerk £500, and any other Clerks £250 each. Such security to be provided through an approved Guarantee Society, and the premiums paid by this Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials."

In bringing the motion before the notice of the meeting Bro. Warren said he was induced to do so for the reason mentioned in the motion, the altered position in which the institution stood at the present time compared with what it was when the law was made fixing the securities of the Secretary and Collector. At the time when the securities were fixed at £300 and £200, the whole of the income of the institution did not exceed £3000 a year. He thought he was within the mark when he said that the income of the institution was now £14,000 or £15,000. Therefore when the brethren found, according to the rules, that the Secretary was required to find security for £300, and the Collector for £200, together only £500, they would see that the proportion that the security bore towards the income was small when compared with the proportion it bore to the income at the last time it was fixed; for whereas it then was at the rate of one-sixth of the income it was now about one-forty-seventh. The brethren would probably see therefore that it was proper that the amount of the securities should be increased. How it was to be obtained was a matter of indifference to him. By his resolution he proposed that it should be a guarantee society, for the reason that this plan was generally adopted by the government and all commercial offices of any consideration. He had proposed also that the premium should be paid by the institution, because after the salary of the Secretary had been fixed he did not wish that it should be taxed by the deduction of a premium for security. Under the circumstances that they had now only one person filling the two offices of Secretary and Collector, and that he was only giving the security which the Secretary gave when Secretary only, and when that Secretary's salary was only a third or a half of what it was now, he (Bro. Warren) had thought it right to bring this motion before the court.

The Chairman asked whether any brother seconded Bro. Warren's motion. After waiting some little time, as no one spoke, he added that there being no seconder the motion fell to the ground.

Bro. Warren said that if the brethren were content with so small a security as £300, he had nothing to do but submit to their opinion.

Bro. John Symonds, P.G.D., said Bro. Warren was wrong in saying that the security was only £300. The Secretary being the Collector as well as Secretary gave security for both offices—the £300 and the £200.

Bro. Warren begged to be allowed to say that he mentioned in his opening address that the security required by the law was £500, but at present, in consequence of the alteration made by doing away with a separate Collector they had now security for £300 only.

Bro. John Symonds said that this was a matter for the consideration of the committee.

The next business on the paper was the consideration of Bro. Dr. Ramsay's motion.

"That the proposition of Bro. Warren, as to the Guarantees, be referred to a Select Committee composed of



Bros. Col. Creaton and Col. Burdett, Trustees; W. Hyde Pullen, Wm. Roebuck, D. M. Dewar, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, and Dr. Ramsay, with power to add to their Number."

Dr. Ramsay said he thought after the sense of the meeting with reference to Bro. Warren's motion had been so unmistakably shewn it would be unnecessary for him to bring forward his proposition. He therefore would withdraw it.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., then proposed the following alteration in the laws of the institution of which he had given notice:—"That the Quarterly Courts in January and July shall be held in future at four o'clock instead of 12 o'clock." He said he made this proposition for the convenience of many brethren who were business men, for whom it was very important that they should be able to have as much time in the morning and early part of the day as possible. At these Quarterly Courts in January and July there was very little business to do, and brethren who wished to attend were put to inconvenience for very little purpose. But at the Quarterly Courts of April and October, when the election took place they did not mind the inconvenience of coming at 12 o'clock because there was a great deal to be done, and a great result to be obtained. To come away from the City at half-past eleven o'clock in order to be at Freemasons' Hall at twelve was a serious thing to a professional man. It was a great point with business and professional men to be in their offices in the fore part of the day; and when it was remembered that in connection with these institutions the brethren gave their services gratuitously he thought their convenience should be consulted as far as possible. His motion only affected those two days in the year when there was very little business done, leaving the other two days when there was a great deal to be done untouched.

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion.

Bro. H. G. Warren said he should oppose the motion on the ground that 12 o'clock was a very satisfactory hour for meeting. He was disengaged at 12 o'clock in the day; but at 4 o'clock it would be quite impossible for him to attend, though that perhaps was of no consequence at all. Still there were a great many brethren who could spare an hour in the middle of the day as well as he, or from twelve to two o'clock. At that portion of the day he thought business men were not so much engaged as in the later hours, when they wanted to get their letters off.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., said he spoke quite disinterestedly on the subject because it really did not matter to him what hour was fixed. It was not with every brother as it was with Bro. Warren, who was an independent gentleman. To gentlemen engaged in business it was very important to have to leave their business in business hours. When brethren came to Freemasons' Hall at 4 o'clock they generally finished their day and did not go back to business. A great many went to their lodges at that hour, and they did not go back to business then. All the brethren were not independent and able to attend whenever they might be called upon. He did not think that 4 o'clock was an unreasonable hour. He did not see what could be the objection to the proposed alteration. If there were no others than those mentioned by Bro. Warren he did not see why the alteration should not be made. For his part he should vote for the motion.

Bro. John Symonds said this question should be looked upon as one of convenience to both sides. Bro. Smith seemed to assume that as a matter of course business men could come at 4 o'clock; but really to business men that was a most important part of the day, as they were then preparing their letters for the post. For some of them (among whom he himself was one) 12 o'clock was more convenient than 4. But it was in fact a question of the balance of convenience or inconvenience, and no doubt the brethren would give their votes on the motion according as it affected each individually. If the majority should decide that the hour should be fixed at 4 o'clock he had nothing more to say on the matter; he should be happy to conform as far as he could to the wishes of the majority. He would mention another point which had not been mentioned hitherto, Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion would not effect an alteration in the law of the Institution; it would merely make an alteration in the hour of meeting. The necessary alteration in the law must be made by one of these Quarterly Courts to which notice of motion must be given. The brethren had never been in the habit of leaving to any individual the alteration of the working of their laws, but it would be perfectly competent to Bro. Raynham Stewart on his notice of motion to specify a word which would carry out the object. If that was put instead of the present notice it would take the place of the law. It could only be made then at the next meeting for the collateral alteration of law. He had no doubt Bro. Raynham Stewart, with his facility of words, would very quickly be able to frame his resolution to meet the requirements of the case, and then he could submit it to the meeting.

Bro. Thos. W. White, P.G.S., observed that there was another objection to altering the hour. As Bro. Joseph Smith had said, when brethren went to their lodges they went generally at 3, 4, or 5 o'clock, and it would inconvenience a good many brethren in consequence, especially as there were a good many lodges now meeting on Saturdays, and they all met at an early hour.

Bro. J. Bodenham, Prov. G. Treasurer Staffordshire, said that the country brethren were always very glad to attend these meetings, and as they were held on Saturdays they liked to get home for Sunday, which they would generally be precluded from doing if the hour was altered from 12 to 4.

The Chairman said that as regarded the alteration in the hour he himself was quite indifferent, as he was able to attend whether the hour was twelve o'clock or four; but what he greatly objected to was the eternal changes

in the laws of the Institution. It was not very long ago that the day for these quarterly meetings was changed from Thursday to Saturday. Now it was proposed to alter the time of meeting. As far as he was concerned he did not care whether it was four or twelve, but he did object to the alteration of the laws continually happening.

Col. Somerville Burney asked whether it was not more desirable that the meeting should take place before the election than after.

Bro. Little: The question did not arise with respect to the quarterly meetings in January and July, as there were no elections on those days.

Bro. Raynham Stewart in reply said that with reference to the observations of Bro. Bodenham as to the brethren from the country wishing to get home for the Sunday, he would remind him that the reason the quarterly meetings of the Girls' School were altered from Thursday to Saturday was that the brethren from the country might stay till the Monday for the Quarterly Courts of the Boys' School. He however would leave it in the brethren's hands, he himself making no particular point of it. He would leave it to the brethren to vote, and no doubt they would do so, as Bro. Symonds had said, according as it suited each individual.

The Chairman then read the resolution, which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart had altered as follows:—"That Law, No. 29 be amended by altering the hour of meeting in January and July to 4 o'clock instead of, as now, at 12.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost by a small majority.

The brethren afterwards proceeded with the election of 13 girls out of an approved list of 54 candidates. The list of successful and unsuccessful candidates will be found at page 157.

On the motion of Bro. W. Hale a vote of thanks was passed to the Scrutineers, which Bro. W. H. Tattershall, chairman, acknowledged.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Col. Creaton for presiding.

Col. Creaton in acknowledging the compliment said it always gave him much pleasure to come and assist in any way he could their charities.

The proceedings then terminated.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the subscribers and governors of this Institution was held on Monday, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, Presiding. Amongst a large number of brethren present were: Bros. John Symonds, Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the chair; Col. Creaton, H. F. Martin, A. Durrant, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; S. Rosenthal, Vice-Patron; John W. Dennison, H. Hacker, William Biggs, Geo. Bolton, V.P.; Jno. G. Stevens, Hy. Bartlett, John Colstable, Charles Lacey, Jas. A. Birch, H. Massey (Freemason), R. B. Webster, S. Rawson, V.P.; Henry C. Burt, Raynham W. Stewart, V.P.; F. W. Ramsay, Leopold Ruf, Hy. G. Warren, Geo. M. E. Snow, V.P.; Jesse Turner, Joseph Boddington, Hyde Pullen, Geo. Smith, Jas. Warner, H. A. Dubois, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, Chas. Lee, Jno. Geo. Moore, W. H. Spaul, Fred. Adlard, V.P.; W. H. B. Tomlinson, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, V.P.; F. B. Davage, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the minutes of last Quarterly Court, and of the various Committees held since that meeting, had been read by Bro. Binckes,

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart moved that Bro. George Plucknett be elected Treasurer of the Institution.

Bro. Col. Creaton seconded the motion, which was then put, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Leopold Ruf, the following members of the General Committee were unanimously re-elected:—Brackstone Baker, W. B. Blackmur, Charles T. Dorey, Samuel Gale, Henry William Lindus, H. Law, Noah Martin, Edmund C. Massey, Henry Massey, Percival Sanford, Jesse Turner, and E. J. Tyrrell.

Bro. Binckes said that he might mention here that Bro. Plucknett had called upon him with a letter from the stepfather of one of the boys now in the Institution, a boy who came from the Province of Cheshire. The mother of the boy had married the gentleman who had written the letter, and who said he was well able to support the boy, and considered he was doing an injustice to some other boy if he continued him longer in the school. His desire was therefore to remove him at once. Bro. Binckes added that Bro. Plucknett, who had gone down to the School to see the lad, would take care that the stepfather's wishes were complied with, and he would arrange to take him away on Friday next. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart thereupon moved, and Bro. Biggs seconded, "That an additional vacancy be declared for the present election." Carried nem. dis.

The scrutineers of votes were then appointed.

The next business was the consideration of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's motion, of which he had given notice, of altering the hour of meeting of the Quarterly Courts of January and July to four o'clock instead of twelve, but Bro. Stewart said that he thought after what took place at the quarterly meeting of the Girls' School on this subject on Saturday last he should not like to make an alteration in the rules of the Boys' School which was not carried in the Girls'; and therefore he should defer any proposition he might wish to make on this subject till a future occasion.

Bro. Henry G. Warren's motion for increasing the security to be given by the Secretary and clerks was the next

business on the paper, but Bro. Warren said that after the decision at the girls' meeting on Saturday last he should not proceed with his proposition on the present occasion, as he intended to bring it forward in another form at next meeting. He was about to retire, but before he did so he wished to be allowed to say that he had heard it whispered that he had brought the matter forward in somewhat of an inimical spirit to the Secretaries of the Institutions. Now he begged to say that he had not the slightest feeling in the matter. So little was his feeling on the subject, that he had not interfered in the proceedings of the Institution for nearly twelve years, and he should not have taken the step he had recently adopted but for the alteration in the laws of the Institutions which had been recently made. They had altered one portion of the rules, and he thought he was fully justified in the course which he had proposed to pursue considering that the committee of one of the Institutions had fixed the security to be given by the Collector at £500, and that that security was taken from the Guarantee Society.

The Chairman said it had occurred to him, though he did not know whether it had occurred to Bro. Warren, that it would be desirable that the General Committee should have the power of varying the amount of the security from time to time by giving notice. If it was fixed by the laws it could not be altered without giving notice of motion for one of the Courts, where the brethren would have the opportunity of discussing and considering it fairly and fully. But the General Committee had the appointment of the officers, and it appeared to him that if the law was altered at all it should be left to the General Committee to fix the amount of the security.

Bro. H. G. Warren said that was exactly the object he had in view in saying in his notice of motion that it should be fixed at such sum as might be determined by the committee.

Bro. Jesse Turner said that he was about to remark that at present they had no power to grapple with this question, and that if it was done at all it must be by an alteration in the law. He quite agreed with what had been said by the Chairman.

Bro. Binckes said that with reference to what Bro. Warren had said, as to hearing it whispered that he had a feeling inimical to the Secretaries of the Institution, he (Bro. Binckes) had never mentioned such a thing in any shape or way.

Bro. Warren said he was quite sure of that, and he never intended to intimate that Bro. Binckes had said such a thing. He had heard it, however, in other quarters.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay then referred to the proposal to enlarge the school, and moved "That it be an instruction to the General Committee from the Quarterly Court to consider the propriety of convening a Special General Court of the Institution, at which their report on the enlargement of the Institution directed by the last Quarterly Court, together with the Architect's report and plans and detailed statement of expenditure may be fully and fairly considered." It appeared to him to be a matter of considerable moment that it should not be carried out in a hurried manner, but carefully and properly digested. Entertaining that view he proposed his motion.

Bro. Binckes said there was no motion before the court.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford observed that Bro. Binckes had on a former occasion stated that it was within the power of the court to deal with the question and move "an instruction." Here was a speech of his reported in the *Freemason*, in which he said that if the report was received an instruction would be moved to the Court and to the General Committee that they should advertise for plans. The report had been read for information, as presented to the General Committee, through whom it was to be sent to the Quarterly Court, and, therefore, now equally an instruction to General Committee could be moved.

The Chairman said the report was referred to but not read. (No, no.)

Bro. Binckes informed the court that the resolution come to by the General Committee was to postpone the discussion of the report to the next meeting of the General Committee; therefore it did not come to this Quarterly Court at all.

The Chairman said that although the report to the House Committee was not read, a reference was made to it as being before the General Committee, and he thought Dr. Ramsay was in order in moving what he had moved. The report was ready. This Court, at its last meeting, referred it to the House Committee to consider and report on the subject of the enlargement of the School. The House Committee, therefore, if they had been quite ready, should have reported to-day. They reported, however, to the General Committee, and the General Committee thought they should take time for further consideration. That being so it did not come before the Court to-day, but he thought it was quite competent, nevertheless, for Dr. Ramsay to move an instruction to the General Committee to consider the propriety of convening a Special Court to consider the report.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford seconded Dr. Ramsay's motion, because he thought they would all agree that the matter was of very great moment to the Institution. They all, as he believed, in that room—he did not think there was a brother present who did not desire to increase and support the efficiency of the Boys' School. But it must appear to them, after the discussion that had taken place, that the whole matter required the most careful, thoughtful and dispassionate consideration. They had before them a statement which had gone throughout the length and breadth of the Craft, that certain plans had been before the House Committee; and that a certain estimate of expenditure had been made. Without going further into that matter to-day, they were surely justified in pressing upon the General Committee the desirability of considering carefully those details before bringing them



to the Quarterly Court, and a Special Court was certainly the best place to discuss them, where every one might be fairly heard, and the whole matter put in shipshape, with detailed items of expenditure, instead of a bald general statement, which to his mind told them nothing whatever. When they had it all before them, they might say whether they were in a position to increase the school, whether it was advisable to increase the School at all, and how best they should do it if it was advisable or necessary to do it. On these grounds he begged to second the proposal of Dr. Ramsay.

Dr. Ramsay then proceeded to put his motion in writing. While doing so,

Bro. S. Rawson said he should like in the meantime to bring a matter forward for the opinion of the Court, though he was not going to propose a resolution. It was discussed by the Scrutineers of the votes in the Girls' School on Saturday what should be the course adopted in the Secretaries' offices with regard to voting papers which were sent to them to be presented. He (Bro. Rawson) maintained that if sent to the Secretaries' offices they were there as if at other Secretaries' offices, or at a Post Office, and that those voting papers should be sent in to the Chairman of the meeting as any other paper. He found that the Secretaries considered it their duty (he did not blame them for their zeal), if those voting papers were not in order, to take the trouble of sending them back to the brother who sent them, for correction. His point was that in that they were not doing justice to those who did not take the course of sending their proxies to the Secretaries' offices. He thought that all the proxies should be treated alike; they should not be corrected by any official. He did not know whether the brethren were aware that at every election several votes were lost through the irregularities which occurred in filling up the proxies. On Saturday there were as many as 55 papers rejected. Therefore those 55 did not have fair justice done to them if another 55, taking advantage of the kindness of the Secretaries, were sent to the Secretaries' offices for correction. He therefore wished for an expression of the opinion of the Court whether the Secretaries of the Institutions were justified in amending the proxy paper. As he pointed out to the Secretaries on Saturday evening, if such a course was allowed as the proper course they would have everybody desirous for his own safety sending his voting paper to the Secretary. He had no motion to make, but if the brethren present would give their opinion upon the subject he was quite confident the Secretaries would be guided in the future by that expression of opinion.

Bro. Binckes said he should like to state the case out of which this question arose. At the Scrutineers' meeting on Saturday a conversation turned upon the various irregularities that occurred in connection with the filling up of the voting papers, and he adduced the case of a brother at Tunbridge Wells, a Past Grand Officer of Kent, and liberal subscriber to the Institutions, who had sent to him (Bro. Binckes) a proxy to be handed in. Looking at this paper, which came to him with a letter asking him to poll the paper, he saw that the paper was improperly filled up. He said to himself that here was a brother, the donor of fifty guineas, virtually disfranchised through an error, and he thought it his duty absolutely to give the brother a chance of correcting it. He put it in this way: They knew there were constantly complaints at the elections made on the Scrutineers' return being given that a less number had been polled in certain cases than the number sent in. A correction was voted, and an explanation was given that a paper had been vitiated by being improperly filled up. What would have been the case with Bro. Sopwith if he (Bro. Binckes) had not given him the opportunity of correcting his mistake? He would have been disfranchised because he (Bro. Binckes) had not had the courtesy to tell him of the error he had committed, there being time for it. The consequence was he got a letter from Bro. Sopwith, enclosing the proxy corrected, and thanking him for what he had done. He (Bro. Binckes) thought that anyone in his position, probably having a paper sent to him to be polled, and in such a state that it could not be passed by the Scrutineers, would do no more than was his duty in sending it back for correction.

Col. Somerville-Burney said it was very seldom he disagreed with Bro. Rawson, but he was sorry to say he must do so on this occasion, for he did think that, knowing as he did the great difficulty there was in getting brethren to fill up their voting papers properly, and the extraordinary—he would call it nothing but stupidity of people well informed on other points—where anybody saw a paper improperly filled up, it was only fraternal and only right to return it and give the voter the opportunity of correcting it.

Bro. Binckes said there was a wonderful difference between him or any other Secretary correcting a paper himself, and sending it back to the donor to correct it.

Bro. S. Rawson said it would come to this, he would never deliver a voting paper in to the Chairman himself, all of his and his friends should be sent to the Secretary.

Bro. Henry Smith did not agree with Bro. Rawson in the slightest degree. He was quite satisfied with the course which had been followed by the Secretary, and he hoped it would prevail at all the institutions, as where an error could be corrected it should be. He should not send his votes to the Secretary, but, if necessary, he should hand them in himself.

Bro. Jesse Turner rose on a point of order. It appeared to him that the Chairman was receiving a motion on a matter which was sub judice. The report being before the committee, he could not, for the life of him, conceive why the motion was made. The committee might bring up a report to the court which was so perfect and complete that it might be suitable for acceptance and meet the wish of every one. This motion instead of doing good might do harm, by tying the hands of the committee.

The Chairman said (after reading the motion), that he

did not see why it could not be put, as it did not deal with the report. The Committee presented a report in obedience to the last Quarterly Court. The motion was that an instruction should be given to the General Committee to consider it, so that it might not be handed over to be considered by the usual Quarterly Court. The motion was merely an instruction to the Committee as to the mode in which they should present the report.

Bro. A. Durrant said the matter was really in the hands of the General Committee, and was out of the hands of the House Committee. What took place at the last meeting of the General Committee was the consideration of the report deferred. The matter was now out of the hands of the House Committee.

The Chairman said that he must be allowed to call the attention of the brethren to the fact that in this instance the last Quarterly Court constituted the House Committee as the tribunal to make the report to itself (the Quarterly Court). It was as an act of great courtesy, and a very proper thing to do to bring that report before the General Committee. They were not bound to do so, because it was a reference from the Quarterly Court to the House Committee; therefore they were bound ultimately, whatever they might do in the interim, to make the report to a General Court.

Several brethren said the report was to be made through the General Committee.

Bro. Binckes read the minutes of the Quarterly Court bearing on the point, and it appeared that the terms of the original motion were that the report was to be made by the House Committee, "through the General Committee, to the Quarterly Court." The General Committee had deferred its consideration of the report, so that it was not now before this Court at all.

The motion of Dr. Ramsay, seconded by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, was then put, and carried without a dissentient voice.

Bro. Binckes said he had been authorised by Bro. J. B. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes, to bring to the notice of the Court that on Saturday, the 5th of May, there would be an amateur performance at the Opera Comique under the immediate patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, on behalf of two of the institutions of the Order. Applications for tickets might be at once made at the Opera Comique. Bro. Monckton had guaranteed 100 guineas to this Institution, and 100 guineas to the Girls' School, as the proceeds of this performance.

Bro. Biggs wished to draw a matter to the attention of the brethren, all of whom he knew took a great interest not only in the Institution, but in the boys educated within its walls. Bro. Binckes had read from the minutes that an outfit of five guineas had been granted to George Dodswell. That boy was now out in the cold for want of a situation. If any brother had a berth he could offer him and would communicate with him (Bro. Biggs) he should be glad to receive such communication.

The brethren then proceeded with the election of 13 boys out of an approved list of 59 candidates. A list of the successful and unsuccessful candidates will be found on page 157.

A fourteenth boy having polled the same number of votes as the thirteenth, by resolution of the Court both were declared to be elected.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President; and Bro. J. M. Case, Grand Deacon, occupied the respective chairs of President, Senior Vice President, and Junior Vice President. Among the other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, F. Binckes, S. G. Foxall, William Stephens, H. Garrod, F. G. Pownall, W. T. Howe, John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, H. Browne, H. Massey (Freemason), W. Mann, H. Bartlett, Joseph Egles, Col. Somerville-Burney, H. Phythian, Herbert Dicketts, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Griffiths Smith, John Boyd, C. F. Hogard, M. Weston, C. P. Cobham, C. B. Slec, G. B. Gates, Henry Higgins, J. Fred. Huggins, John H. Cummins, George Tunley, George Angold, C. B. Barham, Walter E. Gompertz, A. H. Alley, E. F. Storr, J. Mowlem Burt, M. P. Barnett, James W. Lambert, G. Waterhall, James Hill, C. E. Walter, George Gregson, John Messent, and Henry Venn.

The lodge first confirmed the grants made at the last Lodge of Benevolence to the amount of £345, and then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were 25 on the list. One, however, had been withdrawn since the petition had been presented. Four cases were deferred. The remainder of the cases were relieved as follows: Two with £150 each (£300); one with £100 (£100); two with £50 each (£100); one with £40 (£40); five with £20 each (£100); two with £15 each (£30); and seven with £10 each (£70).

The lodge having sat three hours and a half, then adjourned.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has kindly promised to take the chair at the Anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, which will be held at Willis's Rooms on the 5th prox.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. Montagu Scott, of Gray's Inn Square, which sad circumstance occurred on Saturday last. We hope to give a short obituary in our next.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and attended by the lords and ladies of the Court, is expected to leave Osborne and return to Windsor Castle about the close of this or in the course of next week. Arrangements, it is understood, had been made for the reception of the Queen at Windsor on Thursday or Friday last, but it is now believed that Her Majesty will not proceed to the Castle so soon as was at first anticipated.

At Windsor, on Saturday, the 20th birthday of her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice, youngest daughter of the Queen, was celebrated with considerable rejoicings. Early in the morning, add at intervals during the day, the bells of the Chapel Royal, of St. George and St. John's Churches pealed merrily, and salutes of 21 guns were fired from the artillery in the Long Walk, Windsor-park, also from Fort Belvedere and the Royal Adelaide frigate, Virginia Water.

The consecration of the Ancient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday last, the 16th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary West Lancashire. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 190, will be consecrated on Friday, the 27th inst., at the Havlock Hotel, Albion-st., Dalston; by the V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, G.S. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, being the W.M. designate.

The many admirers of Mr. Joseph Hatton will be pleased to know that he is writing a new novel "The Queen of Bohemia," which will commence in the May number of the *Charing Cross Magazine*.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1056.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this lodge of instruction at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 25th May, 1877, commencing at six o'clock in the evening, Bro. C. A. Woods, W.S. 145, in the chair.

A warrant has, within the last few days, been granted for a new lodge, to be called the Henry Muggeridge, No. 1679, to meet at the Prince George, Park-road, Dalston. The officers designate are Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M., P.M. Panmure Lodge, No. 715; Francis Fellows, S.W. Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192; and E. F. Storr, J.W., W.M. Neptune Lodge, No. 22. The days of meeting have been fixed for the fourth Saturday in every alternate month commencing in May.

FREEMASONRY IN GERMANY. — A Reuter's telegram from Berlin, dated April 12th, says:—"The assertion that Herr von Dachröden, the Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Prussia (Grosse Landesloge), who is at Rome, had become a convert to Roman Catholicism, is declared by his deputy in office, Herr Gaartz, on the authority of a telegram received by him from Herr von Dachröden, to be an infamous falsehood."

"NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND PARALYSIS, SOHO-SQUARE, W."—To meet the heavy expenses consequent on repairs necessary to the building on termination of present lease, and to afford more space for in and out patients, a bazaar (under distinguished patronage) will be held on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of next month at the hospital, where contributions of fancy goods, etc., etc., will be thankfully received by the committee. A band will be in attendance daily. On the first day a grand vocal and instrumental concert will be given.

We have received the prospectus of the Masonic Building and Investment Society (Limited), which is to be established for the purpose of affording to "Freemasons, their wives and families," all the advantages of a Land Building and Investment Society; and this class of security has so far improved within the last few years, as to claim the support of the Masonic world. A special feature, amongst others, of this Society will consist of a fund called the "Masonic Relief Fund," by which, at the discretion of the directors, certain sums will be devoted annually to "assist the wives and children of deceased brother Masons who may be in distress." Masons, their wives and families only admitted as members of the Society, whereby the institution will become absolutely "Masonic." A general meeting will be held at an early date, and all brothers desirous of joining and assisting in the progress of the institution, will oblige by sending their names and addresses as early as possible, so that they may be invited to attend the meeting to discuss the prospects of the Society. Masons desirous of promoting the interests of this Society, will oblige by communicating with Bro. A. G. Newton, Managing Director at the office, 4, Thavies Inn, Holborn, W.C.

THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON. — If there is anything our brethren in the land of cakes need more than another, it is the benefit of a free press intelligently devoted to the interests of the Craft and determined to break the shell of exclusiveness in which they have heretofore lived. We are glad, therefore, to see that a fortnightly Masonic journal has been started in Glasgow, and that it opens with fair promise of usefulness. We have placed it on our list, and shall be glad to know of its complete success.—*New York Dispatch*.

James Henry Batley being returned a successful candidate at the boys' election on the 16th inst., the mother and friends beg to return their grateful thanks to all who gave their votes to him, the more especially to Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, and Leopold Ref, for their kind and indefatigable exertions at the election, and to Bros. George Kenning and C. Burmeister, for their interest.



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### Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Letters from Bros. Henry C. Tombs, P.S.G.W. Wilts., and Richard Brant, Past G. Sec. German Correspondence. Reports of Lodges Joppa, 188; Ranelagh, 834; St. John of Wapping, 1306; Wandsworth, 1044; Era, 1423; Windsor, 209; Chippenham, 626; Southsea, 1069; Liverpool, 1055; Lancaster, 1051; Liverpool, 1094; Manchester, 1458; Twickenham, 1503; Plumstead, 1536; Hampton Wick, 1656; Chapters, 185, 237; Ipswich, Rose Croix Chapter.

#### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Masonic Eclectic," "Sunday Sun" Philadelphia, "Keystone," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Advocate," "Masonic Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Neah's Sunday Times," New York.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

#### BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—On the 14th inst., at Hollywood-house, Brighton, the wife of Signor E. Campbell, of a daughter.

HAIGH.—On the 16th inst., at Winchester, the wife of the Rev. H. Haigh, of a son.

LITTLE.—On the 7th inst., at Cliff-house, Dawlish, the wife of J. L. C. Little, Esq., of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGES.

DUMBELL.—WOOD.—On the 17th inst., at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, Henry Charles, son of G. W. Dumbell, Esq., of Belmont, Isle of Man, to Winifred Charlotte, daughter of C. L. H. Wood, Esq., of Roslyn-house.

MENNELL.—THOMPSON.—On the 16th inst., at the Church of the Servite Fathers, Fulham-road, Wilfrid, son of G. Mennell, Esq., of Exeter, to Alice Christiana, daughter of T. J. Thompson, Esq.

#### DEATHS.

BARTER.—On the 17th inst., at 367, Edgware-road, W., Mary Ann (Pollie), youngest daughter of Mr. Wm. Barter, in her 22nd year. Friends will please accept this intimation.

SCOTT.—On the 14th inst., Bro. Montagu Scott, aged 55, of Gray's Inn-square.

## The Freemason.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1877.

### THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales arrived in Paris on Thursday week, attended by Lord Suffield and Mr. Knollys, and alighted at the Hôtel Bristol, intending to remain a few days. The Prince made the most rapid journey on record between London and Paris. The time occupied was seven hours and three-quarters, including stoppages at Folkestone and Amiens, but exclusive of an hour and a half at Boulogne for supper and rest. The Prince exchanged visits in Paris with Marshal MacMahon, received Prince Orloff, and had a long interview with M. Krantz, the French Commissary-General of the coming Universal Exhibition. His Royal Highness has since gone on to Cannes. He left Paris at 7.15 on the evening of the 15th for Nice. His Royal Highness is in good health.

### LAST QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

At the meeting on Monday a very wise "instruction" was carried unanimously to the General Committee, namely, to consider the propriety of convening a Special General Court for the purpose of fully and carefully dealing with the report of the House Committee, when ready (be it what eventually it may), with reference to increased accommodation at the Boys' School, as well as the Architect's report, and a statement of the proposed expenditure in detail. Such, we apprehend, is the proper way of proceeding, and one most likely to please all parties. At the Special Court the various conflicting views and opinions can be patiently heard. Those who wish to increase the school at once can receive all attention, when they open out the stern necessities of the case. Those who wish to leave "well alone," or the school in "statu quo," will also be respectfully listened to, while those who may wish for the present to run in, so to say, between the two schemes, on the old adage, "medio tutissimus ibis," will also have an opportunity of clearly expressing their opinion. By this judicious determination of the Quarterly Court, anything like hurry or incompleteness will be avoided, and we shall be able to approach the subject with that calmness of consideration and clearness of vision which the interests of the Institution and the feelings of the Craft generally alike demand at our hands. The matter, as Bro. Dr. Ramsay well said, is a most important one for the best interests of the school, and the sooner, after due notice, that the whole matter is brought "ship shape" before the subscribers in a Special Court, the better, we venture to think, it will be for all concerned.

### THE CITY GUILDS.

Friendly as we are to all measures tending to social improvement and educational extension, we cannot sympathise, as Freemasons, in that attack on the "Guilds" which has been for some time carried on and culminated in a recent discussion in the House of Commons, for we venture to conceive that this attempt to interfere with the management and expenditure of the Guilds of the City of London is alike archæologically, and legally, and equitably, untenable. Archæologically it is quite clear, without any possible controversy, that the Guilds of London, as elsewhere, are voluntary associations, supported by the contributions of the members, not in any way endowed by the Crown or the municipality—simply a sodality of citizens, for the purposes of trade, mutual assistance, craft handiwork, religious usages. If they were incorporated by royal charters, as Guilds in all times have been, even from Anglo-Saxon times, it was simply because otherwise they could not hold landed property, be sued or sue, or have a common seal. No doubt in the time of Richard II., the Parliament ordered a return of all the Guilds to be made, and many hundreds of these

returns then made still may be found in the archives of the Record Office. The Guilds generally were, as it is known, suppressed in the reigns of Henry VIII., 37 Henry VIII., and also by 1 Edward VI., c. 14, the London Companies escaping as trading Guilds. When, then, it is said that the London Guilds own lands without the payment of any duties to the Government, it must be remembered that in the reign of James I., all, we believe, of the City Guilds, as appears from the records in the State Paper Office, paid a composition to the Crown for all lands which could in any way be supposed to have been left for what were termed "superstitious uses." The simple fact as against the City Companies appears to be that they exist, and are rich, or as Mr. Pease ingeniously and ingeniously puts it, their property is three-fold "known, semi-known, and unknown," therefore, according to the oriental logic of the day they must be "squeezed." As the Solicitor General well contends for all sums left for charitable purposes they are responsible to law; for the money left by private members of the Guild they are not bound to give account unless so ordered by an express Act of the Legislature. The *Times* places the matter very truly and logically before us, when it says: "These institutions appeal directly to some of the strongest influences and traditions of English life. They combine some of the characteristics of Clubs, Benefit Societies, Trade Societies, Charitable Associations, and municipal organizations. All these characters were claimed for them or imputed to them in the course of the debate, and with some degree of propriety. They do not fall with exactness under any one of such descriptions, and they differ widely among each other. But in the lapse of long centuries they have assumed one function after another, and they rest on a corresponding range of the most varied interests. Their property is held by some of the oldest tenures in the country, and long traditions at once determine and sanction the manner in which it is employed." Most clear too, is the argument which follows: "The property of the Companies is really of two kinds. There is one class of it which has been bequeathed or bestowed for charitable purposes. This constitutes, strictly speaking, their trust property, and it is to be borne in mind that in respect to its administration the Companies are already under the control and supervision of the law. Their fulfilment of such trusts can be tested at any time, and they can be compelled to give an account of it. But another large portion of their funds was given, beyond question, for purposes entirely confined to the interests or even to the pleasures of the members. A sum, for instance, of £20,000 was left to one Company in order that the members might "make themselves comfortable." Of course it is open to any one to be of opinion that they might have been left for a more useful purpose: but, supposing it had been left to one individual for the same object, neither Parliament nor the law could interfere, and it is hard to see how the case is altered by the fact of the money being left to a number of individuals." We shall all agree with the following neat little bit of argument, ad hominem: "What could be more natural or more reasonable than that it should become a kind of ambition for a man to leave to his Company the means of maintaining such friendly intercourse and of exhibiting the hospitality associated with it? Money left for this purpose can no more be claimed as public property than the funds of the great Clubs in Pall-mall. Of course, if a positively injurious use were made of it, the Legislature would have the same right to interfere for the protection of the public as it has in respect to all other kinds of property. But the injury done must be a definite and unmistakable matter of fact, and not a mere opinion that all the good is not done with the money that might be done." As for the argument that the Companies spend too much on eating and drinking, and too little on public improvements, as one of their duties is "hospitality," there can be no question that they are quite right in carrying out the Scriptural precept, and some of their incriminators may well remember the admonition of "not grudging" a legitimate and munificent hospitality. We quite agree with another remark:



—“At any rate, the Companies have a right to resent the presumption that they make such a selfish and unjust use of their property as the motion supposed. Rogues and swindlers are no more numerous among the members of these Companies than elsewhere; and there will never be lacking plenty of honest men to see that the funds of their Company, whether intended for charitable or social purposes, are duly applied.” We believe that the City Companies, like most Englishmen, fully recognise the duties and responsibilities of an important “cestuique trust,” and that we shall always find them most ready to co-operate in all matters that tend to advance the interests of education, to uphold the credit of the City, to preserve the great principle of local self-government, and to develop the proper regulation of these interesting and important Guilds.

### RIDICULOUS EXCUSES.

The course of journalistic literature, like that of love, is not always a pathway of roses, does not, in fact, always “run smooth.” Few, perhaps, except those behind the scenes, know how many are the struggles of proprietors, publishers, and editors, and how wonderful in their abasement are that littleness of the human intellect, and that unworthiness of human nature, in thought and action, with which they are too often and too closely, for the matter of that, brought into contact. The most idle, the most petty, the most unfair excuses are often made by those who ought to know better, and act better, because they do not feel inclined to recognize the fair claims of that true support, and that kindly countenance which the press, whether Masonic or un-Masonic, has a right to ask at their hands. There are many, for instance, who profess the greatest interest in literary pursuits and studies. Hear them talk, “ore rotundo” (what a wonderful thing is the “gift of the gab,”) you would suppose that no more zealous, intelligent, self-sacrificing patrons of literature can be found than those who speak so nobly and so well. But, wait a bit. Ask them for personal aid—that is a subscription for value received, (90 per cent, in fact, ad valorem, if you like), and what is the reply too often, but the cold shoulder, complete silence? Many a prosperous little literary venture goes down, (some will say not improperly because if it does not succeed it is not wanted), because Higgins, and Stiggins, and Jiggins, great in praise of literature, per se, do not like to pay, whether for results or non-results. We have been led into these remarks by complaints which come before us frequently, and principally in the American Masonic periodicals. In that great brotherhood of over 600,000 members, the position of the Masonic press, for instance, especially appears to us to be unprecedented and inexplicable. Indeed, we shall be greatly obliged to any American correspondent who will try to let in a little light on so dark a subject. In America Masonic literature, even that of a high order, seems to be alike most precarious in its position, and most uncertain in its conditions. It is supported largely to-day, it is given up without a struggle to-morrow; and we read constantly the calm yet almost despairing avowal from publishers that they cannot naturally afford to lose their time and give their paper gratis, and we listen to excuses for non-support also, which appear to us alike most conflicting and most un-Masonic. There is no doubt an amusing side to the entire question, What is the density of the “Excusing Mind,” and the absurdity of the excuses given. Indeed, the latter are so puerile and so ridiculous as to become even amusing from their utter want of appreciation, either of the value of Masonic literature per se, or of the important question at issue. We quote the following choice little extract from an American contemporary, partly a newspaper and partly a magazine. “A country editor received the following: ‘Dear Sir,—I have looked carefully and patiently over your paper for months for the death of some individual I was acquainted with, but as yet not a single soul I care anything about has dropped off; you will please to have my name erased.’” This may be a good joke, but it contains a useful moral. For this is about the

staple of the value of excuses for non-support or discontinuance, which Masonic and non-Masonic publishers and editors often receive, and serves to afford us a laughable and amusing commentary on the “high falutin” of talkative “dilettanti,” and the utter unreality too often of mere profession. The *Freemason* has happily but few complaints to make, and finds itself warmly supported by a larger and more zealous clientele than at any period of its existence. But it is well for us all to bear in mind what is often going on around us, close to our own doors, of which we may be utterly ignorant, and to express for others that sympathy, though we need it not ourselves, which in the great struggle of life is due from all like ourselves, who are sensible of the claims and wants, the difficulties and drawbacks, the condition and progress of journalistic literature. There is as we before observed, no doubt another side to the whole question, which we may be tempted to advert to in an early issue.

### WAR OR PEACE.

As we write these lines these two great alternatives appear to be trembling in the balance. The clouds of contention are hovering over, and the dogs of war seem ready to be loosed, on patient and agitated Europe, and when we next greet our readers it is not beyond the bounds of possibility even that the fell influences of war will have overthrown the smiling hopes and happier influences of peace. As Freemasons we cannot but deplore that war, with its devastating horrors and destructive cruelties, shall be allowed to usurp the more beneficent and blessed regime of kindly and fraternal peace. War is objectionable “per se,” on account of the hateful feelings it invokes, and the cruel bloodshed it sanctions, the deeds of rapine, horror, brutality, which are its inevitable accompaniment. No doubt a defensive war is a justifiable necessity, just as a patriotic and honourable war may be a painful but an unavoidable duty, but as a general rule, and it is of that we are now speaking, all war is, “qua-war,” to be avoided, except as a “dernier ressort.” In our humble opinion no war can be justified, “foro conscientie,” which is not carried on either as a defensive or a patriotic war. If Russia and Turkey commence hostilities, as now appears to be most likely, it is difficult to see or say where it will end, or who may and will be eventually drawn in to it, what complications may ensue, or what disorders may fall on suffering Europe. As Freemasons our only wish can be that somehow peace may be preserved, and that by honourable concessions and a mutual understanding, Europe may yet be spared the sights and the horrors, and the cruel consequences of war.—So mote it be.

### THE RESULT OF THE ELECTIONS.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The following are the successful candidates:—

No.	NAME.	VOTES.
1.	Kingcombe, Clara ...	1603
2.	Ward, Hannah Mabel ...	1522
3.	Feltham, Mary Jane ...	1487
4.	Mills, Kate Isabel (last) ...	1355
5.	Cecil, Alice Warburton ...	1339
6.	Clase, Ada Hayshe ...	1332
7.	Gregory, Maria Edith ...	1260
8.	Ludlow, Eleanor Amy I. ...	1233
9.	Healey, Ada Hartley (last) ...	1162
10.	White, Mary Ellen ...	1106
11.	Langley, Jessie (last) ...	1027
12.	Johnson, Mary Anne ...	916
13.	Collins, Kathleen Isabella Alicia ...	896

The following were unsuccessful. The votes polled by them will be carried over to the next election:—

14.	Nichols, Annie ...	870
15.	Tanare, Ada Blyth ...	838
16.	Morris, Diana Gordon ...	797
17.	Mey, Gertrude Henrietta ...	697
18.	Cates, Annie Susannah ...	477
19.	Hughes, Rosa Marian ...	477
20.	Cowley, Maud Mary ...	466
21.	Kirke, Amy Laura ...	384
22.	Smith, Mary Mildred C. ...	362
23.	Goddin, Maria Gertrude (last) ...	346
24.	Fordham, Amelia Anne ...	333
25.	Skates, Agnes Martha ...	323
26.	Peele, Eleanor Margaret ...	255
27.	Potter, Annie ...	248
28.	Lindeman, Alice Evelyn (last) ...	229
29.	Priestley, Emily Jane ...	224
30.	Scott, Dorah ...	217
31.	Busber, Lucy Jane ...	214
32.	Carter, Ada ...	211
33.	Line, Amelia ...	198

No.	NAME.	VOTES.
34.	Corney, Annie Edith ...	190
35.	Parker, Kate Louisa ...	178
36.	Pelham, Eveline Edith ...	173
37.	Jay, Gertrude Alice ...	160
38.	Spurging, Eleanor Elizabeth ...	143
39.	Hood, Harriett Emily ...	99
40.	Reed, Bessie ...	85
41.	Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth ...	63
42.	Thomson, Louisa Marion ...	62
43.	Moore, Emily Alice Gertrude ...	62
44.	Wilton, Florence Eliza ...	57
45.	Weston, Florence ...	35
46.	Daly, Gertrude Annie ...	25
47.	Cooper, Marion Selina ...	25
48.	Piddock, Helena ...	23
49.	Hopkins, Florence Annie ...	10
50.	Hill, Evalina Mary ...	3
51.	Chrimes, Harriett ...	2
52.	Whyatt, Marion ...	—
53.	Nettle, Alvina ...	—
54.	Stephenson, Lilian ...	—

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following are the successful candidates:—

No.	NAME.	VOTES.
1.	Wisby, Herbert Pattison ...	2129
2.	Sparks, Clifton ...	2100
3.	Owens, Henry John ...	1895
4.	Barnett, William Glen ...	1755
5.	Cunnah, Edward Shaw ...	1706
6.	Pow, Frederick Wildman ...	1620
7.	Sutton, William Arthur ...	1571
8.	Emmott, William ...	1563
9.	Batley, James Henry ...	1553
10.	Percy, Hugh Jocelyn ...	1549
11.	Edwards, Hatton Josiah Henry ...	1523
12.	Bryant, Wrightson Robert ...	1497
13.	Head, Richard George ...	1491
14.	Butterwith, John ...	1491

The following were unsuccessful. The votes polled by them will be carried over to the next election:—

15.	Stevens, Alfred ...	1482
16.	Searle, Harry Bulmer ...	1141
17.	Stanton, William ...	1049
18.	Shury, Solomon Hiram ...	997
19.	Waddington, Thos. Herbert ...	940
20.	Dyer, Frederick ...	726
21.	Shrapnel, Harold Vivian Needham Scrope ...	701
22.	Johnson, William Studer ...	602
23.	Cox, George Samuel ...	551
24.	Sharp, Colin Bell ...	495
25.	Mackay, James Montague Hele ...	448
26.	Crew, Frederick Alt ...	406
27.	Gurney, John Henry ...	360
28.	Wilkinson, Percy Charles ...	358
29.	Fairman, William Harry ...	339
30.	Wait, Emanuel ...	338
31.	Day, Arthur Harris ...	309
32.	Watkin, Hugh Robert ...	249
33.	Deeley, Richard Percy Francis ...	238
34.	Taylor, Ernest George Wm. J. ...	237
35.	Busber, Samuel Longton ...	230
36.	Ceeley, John Robert Gordon ...	215
37.	Watkins, Alfred Charles ...	196
38.	Green, Charles William ...	187
39.	Rogers, Gordon ...	169
40.	Furze, William Ernest ...	163
41.	Tippler, Leonard Charles ...	155
42.	Slate, James Thomas London ...	145
43.	Williams, George Alfred ...	128
44.	Johnson, Arthur Edwin ...	102
45.	Barclay, Henry Gavin Hackett ...	93
46.	Ridpath, Lovel Hope ...	93
47.	Denton, Herbert ...	46
48.	Marshall, Robert James ...	38
49.	Gover, Joseph ...	33
50.	Newbould, Harry ...	27
51.	Evans, John McMillan ...	26
52.	Cole, Alfred Thomas ...	20
53.	Frost, Christian Frederic ...	10
54.	Morley, William Moore ...	8
55.	Allin, Charles James Fox ...	4
56.	Edmonds, Richard Herbert ...	3
57.	Matthews, Robert ...	2
58.	Woodhouse, Sam ...	2
59.	Minshall, Sam Bradford ...	—

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approvers of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### RECEIPT STAMP DUTY ON LODGE DUES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With some degree of diffidence, and after considerable hesitation, I have arrived at the conclusion that the construction of the Stamp Act, 1870, by the Secretary of the Inland Revenue department, cited by Bro. Snowden, P.M., in your impression of the 10th ult., is correct, and that, therefore, written receipts for lodge dues, exceeding forty shillings in amount, require the penny stamp, impressed or adhesive.

Let us examine the language of the latest, and therefore now the governing, statute: 33 and 34 Vict., cap. 97; sec. 120, defining the statutory meaning of the word “receipt,” says:

“The term ‘receipt’ means and includes

(a) “Any note, memorandum or writing whatsoever whereby any money amounting to two pounds or upwards, or any bill of exchange or promissory note for money



amounting to two pounds or upwards, is acknowledged or expressed to have been received, or deposited, or paid; or (b) "Whereby any debt or demand of the amount of two pounds or upwards is acknowledged to have been settled, satisfied, or discharged, or which signifies or imports any such acknowledgment, and whether the same is or is not signed with the name of any person."

If the reader has kindly attended to the division I have above attempted to render obvious, he will see that the legislature apparently intended to provide for two descriptions of payment, or deposit, of money, (a) voluntary disbursements, (b) satisfaction of legal obligations, and to attach, with certain limits, payment of a revenue duty to both.

Now, I suppose, it will be conceded—at all events, I must assume—that with the second class (b) we have nothing at present to do. Lest, however, it should be thought that I seek, by a mere cursory reference, to evade the examination of the question, whether a debt due for dues payable to a Masonic lodge constitutes a legal obligation, I may as well warn the reader that at a later period of this letter, I propose, as an inevitable corollary to my general argument, to bestow a little consideration upon this very delicate subject. At present I have to ascertain whether, assuming payment of lodge dues to be wholly voluntary, a duty to the revenue attaches when the amount paid is above forty shillings.

Now, to clear the ground as we go on, I presume that every brother, certainly every legal brother, will agree with me that the duty is not chargeable upon the payment *per se*, i.e., upon the act or fact of disbursement. It is clearly only payable upon the written voucher, and, if I read the first part of the above section correctly, payable upon that documentary evidence of the amount having been paid, without reference to the object for which the payment is made. Concede that the payment of dues to a lodge is wholly for the purposes of charity—a large concession by the way—*prima facie* there is no intrinsic necessity for taking written receipts at all for money disbursed for the purposes of charitable relief; there is obviously no obligation to give a documentary voucher for the payment unless the donor requires one, but, the recipient electing as an evidence of his good faith to give, rather than to refrain from giving, a written receipt, or, the donor requiring for his own purposes the delivery of such a document, or, putting the case in other words, making his donation conditional on a written voucher being furnished to him, the transaction would appear by the delivery of the instrument to be brought within the provisions of the statute, and the duty therefore to attach.

The Act of Parliament, however, imposing the duty definitively, provides certain exemptions from liability. Starting from my point of view, that the charge is upon the document evidencing, and not upon the manual act evidenced, a claim to exemption must be expressly brought within the category thus specially detailed, or within the general exemptions from liability to stamp duty. The former will be found in Tillsley's Treatise on the Stamp Laws (3rd edition, 1871), page 523; the latter in the same work, page 531.

And before I allude further to these exemptions—reminding my readers that the legal practitioner is trained to make every word of a statute speak, i.e., to give to each expression a meaning—to attribute to the employment of every phrase a well considered and earnest intention, either to enact directly, or by illustration, or analogy, to remove doubts as to the general object of the legislation essayed—I would call attention to the use of the word "deposited" in the section I have quoted above. It is obvious from that word that a voluntary bailment of money—a *depositum* to the bailor's own use—will come within the liability to duty unless that liability be displaced by an express proviso or the general law of exemption; and this is proved by the statute, in its schedule, in the very first exemption (No. 1) under the heading "Receipt," exempting from liability to the duty moneys deposited with a banker; *q. e. d.*, all other voluntary deposits and *à fortiori* voluntary payments exceeding the statutory amount are liable. I readily admit a certain amount of plausibility in the letter in your last impression of W.M., No. 766, but of course no amount of plausible argument will prevail against the express words of a statute. His inference from the exemption of building societies fails, because, as I shall proceed to show, those institutions enjoy a specific statutory exemption, while his argument as to the non-liability of a receipt for a deposit seems to have been specifically answered by anticipation, by the employment of the word "deposited" in the first paragraph of the section cited above.

*Par parenthèse*, I may observe that there is a widely spread delusion that inasmuch as a cheque bears a penny stamp the receipt for a payment of more than 40s. made by cheque is exempt from receipt stamp duty, the penny having been already paid. There was formerly some colour for this impression, for before 1870 an exemption statutorily relieved "Receipts or discharges written upon promissory notes, bills of exchange, drafts, or orders for the payment of money duly stamped according to the laws in force at the date thereof, or upon bills of exchange drawn out of, but payable in, Great Britain or Ireland respectively." But by the act of 1870, cited above, the exemption, by what I venture to think must be regarded as an explanatory or declaratory rather than a restricting or amending enactment, is defined to extend only to a "receipt written upon a bill of exchange or promissory note duly stamped." The exposition thus hazarded may not be without its use to those lodges where considerable payments are usually made by cheques or drafts payable to order or bearer.

\* Of course the italic initials, and the other italics, are my own, and for the punctuation the Parliamentary printer is responsible, acts not being punctuated in their engrossment on the Parliamentary roll any more than the printed pleadings delivered in legal actions, or other legal instruments.

To return to the exemptions. No other class interests us, or can be even remotely suggested as being analogous to Freemasons, than provident or friendly societies; but I need not occupy your space by a laboured endeavour to prove that Freemasons do not come within a category so strictly defined by statute as these voluntary associations. Some doubt is expressed in the editorial postscript to the letter of Bro. Richard Brown in your impression of the 31st ult. as to the exemption of friendly, provident, and building societies, and you courteously request information on the point. The Friendly Societies' Act (England), 18 and 19 Vict., cap. 63, sec. 37, (and see also secs. 2 and 5); the Industrial and Provident Societies' Act, 30 and 31 Vict., cap. 117, sec. 3, and the various acts relating to building societies, too numerous to be cited here, specifically provide these exemptions.

I conclude, then, that even were the dues entirely devoted to purposes of relief a written acknowledgment of their payment to an amount exceeding 40s. would, in each case, be liable, *quid depositum*, to the penny duty.

But are all the moneys so received devoted to the relief of distress? Of course, if my construction be correct, this is an immaterial question; but when Bro. Snowden quotes a view of the law which I, as I have said, believe to be erroneous, as held by a P.M., and goes on to say, "I am at a loss to understand upon what grounds such an opinion could be for one moment entertained by a P.M.," I am constrained to give some reasons why I do not share his expressed astonishment.

Now, a P.M. had two very plausible, very popular, and, as I have tried to prove, two very inaccurate views to rely upon in justification of his contention:—

Firstly. That documents purporting to be receipts for money given in charity were not liable to stamp duty.

Secondly. That documents purporting to be receipts for money not legally recoverable were not so liable.

I have, I think, almost conclusively dealt with the first view, but I must for a moment, in connection with this, bark back to my query—Are all the moneys received as dues devoted to the relief of distress? Roughly—mentally—analyse, say, an annual subscription of five guineas paid to a lodge, the brethren of which like to enjoy themselves, deduct from the sum the proportion payable for the brother as his share of the working and the convivial disbursements of the lodge, would not the charity-devoted residuum in the vast majority of cases be a sum over which no controversy could arise, inasmuch as it would be considerably beneath the statutorily chargeable forty shillings? And here let me protest that I intend no sneer at the propensities to social enjoyment credited or debited to the members of the Craft. God forbid! The proportion of the revenue of an ordinary lodge devoted to charity must necessarily, in the vast majority of instances, be considerably less than the amount directly allotted to ordinary lodge expenses—the very nature of the organisation to render the body, as a philanthropic association, a machine equal to the performance of its duties, necessitates this result; but every one of my brethren will, I presume, readily endorse my view, that the direct amount contributed in each year out of the regular revenue of a lodge to our noble Charities bears but a small proportion to the stream of benevolence its influence evokes from the individual bounty of its members.

Well, then, if I am right, in the vast majority of instances, an immensely preponderating per centage of payments of lodge dues could not claim exemption from stamp duty on the ground of being devoted to objects of charity, even if that formed a legal ground of exemption, which, in my opinion, it does not; but try this by an extreme illustration. The very converse is the case with Grand Lodge. There the proportion of receipts applied to office and general expenses is conspicuously small, the amount devoted to relief overwhelmingly large; yet the authorities at Grand Lodge, with, what of course I consider to be, a sound view of their legal obligations, invariably affix a receipt stamp when they acknowledge payment of a sum above forty shillings.

I have, I am afraid, very nearly exhausted the whole of the space I can in decency ask you to allow me, and I have still greater fear than I have of your individual indulgence of having exhausted the patience of my wearied readers. However, I must just touch upon the above "secondly," the assumed non-liability to stamp duty of receipts for the payment of money not legally recoverable.

In a case cited in Tillsley's work, referred to above, at pages 119 and 435, and the same reference given in the note at each page, the learned author states a judicial decision, that a receipt stamp was not required on a document which did not purport to be an acknowledgment of the payment of "an antecedent debt." It is, however, never safe to adopt the conclusion from any case of an author, however learned, without referring to the report itself, and as in this instance I have spent many hours in vainly trying to find "Carey v. Eccleston" from the unknown and inexplicable reference "1 C. & D.," I am compelled to pass by this authority, which, if it says all the author maintains it affirms, and if—a very large "if"—it has been decided since the statute of 1870, might render necessary a reconsideration of much that I have written above. Familiar as I am, however, with most of our reports, as they must necessarily be in use with me every day, and industriously as I have searched; those learned reporters "C. & D." yet remain to me alphabetical characters "*et præterea nihil*," and the judicial wisdom of "Carey v. Eccleston" is, notwithstanding the digests, hidden from my prying eyes. If I come across it hereafter I will inflict upon your readers, if necessary, my view of how much, if at all, it qualifies the position I have attempted to take up.

As at present but partially enlightened, however, we must, I fear, face the *vetatio questio*: Is the initiation fee, the subscription to a lodge, a debt legally recoverable? This point was argued out before the learned judge of

the Westminster County Court, than whom a sounder lawyer does not adorn the minor judicial bench, on the 10th of October last, and the report, reprinted from the *Sunday Times*, appeared in your impression of the 28th of that month. The able judge (Bayly, Q.C.) decided that a member of a Masonic lodge did not by being initiated and joining (*à fortiori* by joining only) contract any legal obligation for fees and dues, and I confess I think that he was right. My learned friend, Mr. Stone, ably endeavoured to make use of the Judicature Act, 1875, Order XVI., rule 9, and the analogous provisions of the Consolidated County Court Orders, Order V., rule 8, but these would only technically have helped him, by enabling him to substitute a personal entity for an abstract party, whereas I think that upon the merits he had no case, that is to say, no contract with any party could be proved, and that the real cause of the defeat of the plaintiff was, therefore, the exact converse of that stated in the letter of the Master of the Hervey Lodge, appearing in your columns of the 11th November last. I have looked into my learned friend's authority, "Pollock on Contracts," and, so far as I have had time to examine that author's views, taking it fairly and with the context, it appears to me to be rather against Mr. Stone's contention. And here let me, I think justifiably, complain of the slovenly reporting of the original reporter (you, of course, are blameless, as, as you are aware, you merely transcribed from a contemporary). The case cited as "Ruget v. Bishop," with such a preposterous reference as "Law Reports 733," should be "Raggett v. Bishop," and the correct reference is 2 Car and Payne 343, while the reference to Pollock, printed 795, I find should be 595. In the admirable work of the latter author, however, the whole subject of the liability of members of voluntary associations is exhaustively treated at pages 195 to 210.

The matter is of importance, because it might be thought, though, for the reasons above urged, I do not well see how it can be, that receipt stamp duty only attaches to payments made in discharge of a legal liability, in which case it becomes, of course, an indispensable preliminary to enquire whether payments of Masonic dues are legally compulsory or not.

In conclusion, I readily own that my interpretation of the law may be unsound. When a much greater lawyer than ever I can hope to be was gravely informed that he had committed an error of construction, he composedly replied, "And I trust I may be spared to commit many more errors." I can only say that I shall be truly thankful to any brother who, differing from my view, will kindly through your columns set me, and those who think with me, right if we are wrong; and as this is not a case where a professional man should, under the veil of a *nom de plume*, however transparent, affect to conceal his identity, or seem to shrink from the consequences of his deliberately formed opinions, I do not write anonymously, but beg to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
SAMUEL POYNTER,  
P.M. and Treas. Burgoyne, No. 902  
P.M. Athenæum, No. 1491;  
Member of the Board of General  
Purposes, Colonial Board, and  
Lodge of Benevolence.

#### THE INSTALLATION AT ABERDARE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to call your attention to an omission in your report last week of the above important event.

All the officers chosen by Sir George Elliot were mentioned, with the exception of Bro. John Jones, 833, who was re-elected Treasurer of Prov. Grand Lodge.

I am, yours fraternally, J. F. H.

#### Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

##### ORGANIZATION OF CRAFT MASONRY IN ENGLAND.

The *Craftsman* quotes the following passage from that very interesting work, "Fort's Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry":—

According to Findel, Freemasons were first organized as a Craft in England in the year 1202, at the building of Winchester Cathedral; but according to Fort, the English Craft was organized nearly a century earlier, in A.D. 1136, at the building of Melrose Abbey, by John Moreau. Forty years later William of Seas reconstructed Canterbury Cathedral in A.D. 1176. From the inscribed tablets on Melrose Abbey, it appears that John Moreau, or Motow, was the Master, perhaps the Grand Master, of all the Masonic work or lodges, at St. Andrew's, around the Cathedral of Glasgow, and at the churches of Paisley, Niddisdale and Galway.

But it is to be observed, first, that the "Winchester Guild" was only incorporated by Bishop Lucy, to aid in the work of Winchester Cathedral, and that the operative Masonic Guilds themselves were of earlier origin undoubtedly. Secondly, it would, I think, be more correct to say that Bishop Lucy's organization, mentioned by Milner, but of which the original charter has not been printed, though it may still exist in the muniment room of Winchester Cathedral, is first alluded to in "The Annales Wintonienses," published by Henry Wharton in the first volume of "Anglia Sacra," 1691.

The "Annales Wintonienses" are said to have been written by a monk of Winchester about 1454. He gives then, in 1454, the account of the formation in 1202 of a Winchester building fraternity or guild, a "*confratrum pro reparatione ecclesie Winton.*" which was only to continue "*duraturum usque ad quinque annos completos*"—five years.



We still want evidence of an early operative guild charter; and which yet may turn up dating from Anglo-Saxon times.  
A MASONIC STUDENT.

Can any brother recommend me a competent person (a brother if possible), to make a search for me among the chapter archives in Winchester Cathedral, and among the MSS. and books in Winchester College library.

A communication addressed to the Editor of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, London, will be at once attended to by  
A MASONIC STUDENT.

### Review.

"THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE FOR AMATEUR GARDENERS."  
DANIELS BROTHERS, NORWICH.

We have looked over, and we may say, studied this very interesting catalogue, of an enterprising firm, with very great pleasure. It is alike suggestive and satisfactory, in the highest degree, clearly arranged, and full of most interesting information to the amateur and the professional gardener. We have been informed on reliable authority, that a recent order given to the firm has been most thoroughly executed, and the quality of the shipment made has been of the highest excellence. Under these circumstances, without going into details, which is impossible in our crowded columns, we can fairly recommend the circular of Messrs. Daniels to the notice of all who possess gardens, knowing that they will have their orders admirably executed, and have full value for their money, expended in respect of that very tempting outlay for trees and flowers, annuals and plants, shrubs and evergreens, pyramids and standards, flower garden and kitchen garden accessories, which so commends itself to those who know anything of the pleasure and happiness of a garden.

### HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

A meeting of the above Testimonial Committee was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 175, Aldersgate-street. Brethren present: Bros. Hubbuck, Chairman and Treasurer; Myers, Birdseye, Fellows, Phythian, Jonas, Copestick, Geo. Kenning, Storrs, F. Fellows, J.W. 192, Hon. Sec.; J. Hamilton Townend, P.M.; G. W. Gray, P.M. 22; G. Phythian, S.W. 22; E. Jones, W.M. 192; H. C. Levander, P.M.; C. Arkell, 192; R. W. Little, D. G. M. Middlesex; W. Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Swd. B.; W. Hopekirk; E. W. Richardson; F. Newton, J.W. 5; W. Pearce, P.M. 657, 1293, G.R. Middlesex; J. Jonas, P.M. 715; and Eames, P.M. 22; F. Fellows, J.W. 192, Hon. Sec.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported that he had received the names of brethren who had kindly offered to support the testimonial:—

Bro. Lord de Tabley, R.W. Prov. Grand Master Chester.  
" Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar.  
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.  
" Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer.  
" J. B. Scriven, P.G.S., P.M. 5.  
" Sir W. W. Wynn, R.W. Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire.  
" J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President Board of Benevolence.  
" G. M. Hubbuck, Chairman and Treasurer Grand Steward's Lodge.  
" R. W. Little, Deputy Grand Master Middlesex.  
" J. Hamilton Townend, P.M.  
" G. Phythian, Lodge No. 22.  
" E. Jones, W.M. 192.  
" G. Abbott, P.M. 192.  
" H. C. Levander, P.G.D. Wiltshire.  
" C. Arkell, Lodge No. 192.  
" W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.  
" W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179.  
" E. W. Richardson.  
" F. Newton, J.W. No. 5.  
" D. W. Pearce, P.M. 657, 1293, G.R. Middlesex.  
" J. Jonas, P.M. 713.  
" Eames, P.M. 22.  
" Francis S. Smith.  
" J. F. Jackson, P.G.S., P.M. 5.  
" H. W. Scriven, Lodge No. 5.  
" J. G. West, W.M. 169, P.G.S.W.  
" Eugene Bernard.  
" Jas. Burroughs,  
" D. Law.  
" C. W. Hogg, P.M.  
" H. Birdseye, P.M. 715.  
" F. D. R. Copestick, P.M. 869, P.G.D. Herts.  
" Myers, P.M. and Treasurer 715.  
" E. F. Storrs, W.M. 22.  
" J. T. C. Winkfield.  
" George Kenning, P.M. and Treasurer 192, P.G.D. Middlesex.

The first list of subscriptions will be published shortly.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1689.

The above lodge was consecrated at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 7th inst., by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, the officer appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the W.M. was installed by the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. of Somerset.

The brethren assembled in the ante-room and walked in procession to the lodge room under the direction of R.W. Bro. Else, and the Presiding Officer took the chair, and appointed the Wardens pro tem.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the Presiding Officer addressed the brethren on the nature

of the meeting, and called upon the Acting Secretary, Bro. Thos. Preston, to read the petition and warrant.

The brethren signified their approval in Masonic form of the officers named therein, and an oration on the nature and principles of the institution was given by the Chaplain, the Rev. J. H. Gandy, P.P.G.C.

The anthem "Beloved how good and joyful" was then sung by some of the brethren, and the lodge duly dedicated and consecrated in the usual manner.

The Presiding Officer then constituted the lodge, and the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree. Then came the installation of the W.M., and the following officers were appointed:

Bros. W. H. Thomas, S.W.; Thos. Edmondston, J.W.; Thomas Preston, Sec.; A. C. Bradley, S.D.; A. Woodcock, J.D.; T. Wilkins, I.G.; Edward Moody, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; H. G. Jarman, W.S.; and A. R. Crouch, Collecting Steward.

The ballot was taken for Treasurer, and Bro Dakers, P.M. and P.D.G.T. South Australia, unanimously elected. It was proposed and carried enthusiastically, that the R.W. Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c., Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, having been graciously pleased to intimate his willingness to become an honorary member, be elected accordingly. The Consecrating and Installing Officers and the Chaplain were also elected honorary members, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, April 27, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 21.

Audit Com. Boys' School, at 3.  
Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace.—(Consecration.)  
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.  
Mark 104, Macdonald, M.H., Mason's Avenue.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge 4, R. Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
Rose Croix St. Georges, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord's Alley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 24.

Audit Com. Girls' at 4.  
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James'  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.

Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Exceciior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.

Grand Festival, F.M.H.—See Advt.  
Lodge 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.

" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
Chap. 753, Prince Frederick William, St. John's Wood.  
" 857, St. Marks, Surrey M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.

New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Horton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 26.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 1563, City of Westminster, M.H., 68, Regent-st.  
Chap. 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27.

Anniversary Festival Stability L. of I.—See Advt.  
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
" 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art Co., City-rd.  
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Horton.  
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Dist. Bd. of Wks., Catford-bdg.  
Mark 199 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston.  
(Consecration.)

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav. Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
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For the Week ending Saturday, April 21, 1877.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 23.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine B., Neville-st., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 24.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescot.  
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 26.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
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## GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival of Ancient and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Before the Festival, Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Grand Lodge was very numerously attended, there being about 600 of the brethren present. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was not present, he having recently gone to the East for the benefit of his health. His place, however, was occupied by the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was supported on his right by the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and on his left by Dr. Hamilton, the District Grand Master of Jamaica. The Grand Officers of the year were in their places, viz., the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W.; the Hon. William Warren Vernon, J.G.W.; Rev. Robert Spencer Wigram, and Rev. Charles William Arnold, Grand Chaplains; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; Eneas J. McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar; John B. Monckton, F.S.A., President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Ernest Emil Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Lieut.-Col. Thos. Birchall, and Thos. W. Boord, M.P., Senior Grand Deacons; Edward J. Barron, and J. March Cate, Junior Grand Deacons; F. P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies; William Rhys Williams, M.D., Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Francis Nettleship, Grand Sword Bearer; Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist; E. P. Albert, Grand Pursuivant; S. G. Foxall, Asst. Grand Pursuivant; and C. B. Payne, Tyler. Among the other brethren present were the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Tenterden, Lord De Tabley, Captain Platt, James Gashier, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Thomas Fenn, S. Rawson, J. M. Clabon, Raynham W. Stewart, Major Shadwell Clerke, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Colonel Somerville-Burney, Ex-Sheriff Hutton, Cameron Churchill, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon. (Northern Bar Lodge); and H. Massey (Freemasonry).

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Grand Lodge as far as related to the election of the M.W.G.M.

These having been put and confirmed,

Lord Carnarvon said: It is now my duty to proceed, in the name and place of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, to the appointment of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. I have in the first instance to announce that H.R.H. has been graciously pleased to appoint me Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Loud applause.) I have next to announce that H.R.H. has been pleased graciously to appoint my noble friend Lord Skelmersdale as Deputy Grand Master. (Renewed applause.) There is only one other point which I may take the opportunity of mentioning to Grand Lodge, and that is the regret which His Royal Highness the Grand Master feels at being unable to be present here to-day. He is unavoidably, as you are all aware, detained abroad at this moment. Brethren, there is yet one other point to which I wish to direct your attention. Grand Lodge is honoured to-day by the acceptance of the offices of Senior and Junior Grand Wardenship by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. (Cheers.) I regret greatly, and Grand Lodge will regret equally, that neither of these two illustrious Princes can be here to receive the badges and symbols of the office which they have undertaken. The Duke of Connaught is in Ireland, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, I am afraid, is at this moment suffering so much from indisposition that he is unable to attend; and therefore it will be necessary that they should receive the insignia of their office from the hands of some other brethren.

The customary salutes were then given to the Pro Grand Master, after which Lord Skelmersdale was re-invested and saluted as Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Donoughmore and the Hon. W. Warren Vernon were then invested as proxies for the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W., and Prince Leopold as J.G.W.

The other brethren appointed and invested were Bros. the Rev. Charles W. Arnold and W. Lake Onslow, G. Chaplains; Samuel Tomkins, re-elected G. Treas.; E. J. McIntyre, G.C., re-appointed G. Reg.; John Hervey, re-appointed G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, re-appointed G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Capt. N. G. Phillips and Peter De L. Long, Senior G. Deacons; H. C. Tombs and E. J. Morris, Junior G. Deacons; F. P. Cockerell, G. Supt. of

Wks.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) re-appointed G. Dir. of Cers.; F. Robinson, Assist. Dir. of Cers.; Geo. Toller, G. Swd. B.; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; S. G. Foxall and W. T. Howe, G. Purs.; and C. P. Payne, re-appointed G. Tyler.

On investing Bro. Tomkins the Earl of Carnarvon said he had to congratulate him on the appointment, but he had to congratulate still more Grand Lodge on the re-election of so worthy a brother. To Bro. McIntyre he said it was his grateful duty to declare that the services he had rendered to Grand Lodge were many and great. To Grand Secretary he said (the cheers being exceedingly hearty), that it was a satisfaction to feel that on his re-appointment the expression of Grand Lodge was more eloquent than any words he (Lord Carnarvon) could bestow, and he congratulated him heartily. To Capt. Phillips he said it was a very great pleasure to him that an old schoolfellow of his should have obtained this appointment. When Bro. H. G. Buss was invested amid loud cheering, Lord Carnarvon said to him, it was his duty now to confer on him the collar of Assistant Grand Secretary. He entered upon a new office. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, had been pleased to create, or rather he should say, to revive an office, which he doubted not Bro. Buss would discharge well, as he was sure he had hitherto discharged his other duties faithfully. The business of Grand Lodge had shown that tendency to grow which was not inseparable from the increase of an institution so great as Freemasonry; and it had been found justly necessary to re-inforce the staff of Grand Secretary's office. He doubted not that the Grand Lodge would find in Bro. Buss a good and worthy Assistant Secretary, and he congratulated him most heartily on the appointment. Lord Carnarvon, after the other appointments had been made, said he had to announce that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Albert to take the rank and wear the clothing of a P.G. Purs.

Grand Secretary then read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. Charles Edwd. Smith, 58; A. A. Bristow, 14; C. O. Barker, 29; R. Gooding, 1; E. P. Deacon, 2; H. A. Bennett, 4; Major H. Scriven, 5; E. J. F. Fawcett, 6; J. P. Probert, 8; T. A. Macey, 21; C. Martin, 23; A. H. Henry, 26; G. H. Savage, 46; Capt. J. Wordsworth, 60; W. Surr, 91; A. Bell, 99; Thos. Donnithorn, 97; and F. H. Goldney, 259.

Before closing Grand Lodge Lord Carnarvon said: Brethren, nothing now remains but for me to close this Grand Lodge, the business being transacted; and I take this opportunity to express to you a matter of very sincere personal regret to myself, that at the last moment when and after I had fully hoped, and made up my mind to be present at the banquet, I am called away by official business, against which it is perfectly vain to struggle. I shall therefore, unfortunately and sorely against my will and my expectation, be obliged to absent myself immediately after the Grand Lodge is closed. I have only the satisfaction to know that my noble friend and brother, Lord Skelmersdale, will take my place, and discharge my duties as efficiently as I could have done myself.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by the Grand Stewards, and supplied by Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager of Freemasons' Tavern. All the arrangements were perfect, and reflected the greatest credit on the Board of Grand Stewards, who were Bros. F. S. Knyvett, 58, President; Dr. Edmund Nash, 14, Treasurer; Arthur J. R. Trendell, 29, Hon. Secretary; Thos. T. Smith, 1; Dr. W. Hope, 2; B. C. Veley, 4; J. C. Havers, 5; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, 6; J. L. Geiger, 8; Robert Berridge, 21; John Boyd, 23; Thos. C. Tatham, 26; William Kingsbury, 46; John C. Chancellor, 60; Henry John Reynolds, 91; George Marshall, 99; William George Cusins, 197; and Gabriel Prior Goldney, 257.

After the banquet the customary toasts were proposed.

Lord Skelmersdale, in giving the toast of "the Queen," said that her Majesty was Patroness of the Order, and she always acted up to the greatest of its precepts, charity. There was never a charitable case which came under her Majesty's notice to which she did not give a ready response; as witness the great mining accident in South Wales the other day, when she telegraphed to know how those poor men were going on; and ministered to their aid. If she did not belong to the Order as a member, she was one of them in heart.

Lord Skelmersdale then gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," and that of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." He said he took the liberty of coupling these two toasts, not on account of time, but because this was the first occasion on which they had the opportunity of including two other members of the Royal Family otherwise than the Prince of Wales in Grand Lodge. The brethren had been told by the Pro Grand Master the reason the Grand Master was not present; and the brethren all regretted his absence; but when they knew that he had gone abroad for the benefit of his health, and that being abroad was doing him good, they would not regret his absence. The Princess of Wales was also abroad, but he hoped we should soon see her bright, genial face again amongst us. Her Royal Highness had endeared herself to us, he believed, more than anyone thought it possible for any one woman to do. Not to dwell any longer on this subject, he would only add that it was a great day for Freemasonry when they saw three Princes of the blood Royal occupying the three first chairs in Grand Lodge. They were not present, but that was not their fault. The Duke of Connaught was now occupied with his duties in Ireland, and it was utterly impossible that he should have come today among the brethren, and he believed he would be in London only for ten days this season. Prince Leopold likewise was not present, for the reason that he was not in that state to take any liberty with his health. The brethren all wished his health was in better order. Although these two Princes were not present they both had their

hearts in Masonry, and both wished themselves with the brethren.

Lord Skelmersdale, in proposing "The Health of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master," said the brethren had seen in Grand Lodge how sorry his lordship was to leave them, and for his (Lord Skelmersdale's) own part he knew Lord Carnarvon had the fullest intention to be present. It was only within a very short time before the opening of Grand Lodge that he found it would be impossible to remain. There was no better Mason in England, no man who more thoroughly had Freemasonry at heart and who wished to do good to it and encourage it in every possible way.

Lord De Tabley, proposed "the Health of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master."

Lord Skelmersdale in reply said it gave him great pleasure to be present, but at the same time great pain, for he had made up his mind to sit still, enjoy a good dinner, hear some good speeches and some good singing, and have nothing to say. But he was placed in the position of chairman suddenly, and he had nothing to do but to ask the brethren's forgiveness for his short-comings. He had little to say about himself, but what he would say was that he congratulated the brethren presiding and the Craft generally on the way in which the Order was progressing and increasing. He knew it in more ways than one. He knew it in his own province of West Lancashire where it had become almost unwieldy. He knew it in Grand Secretary's office, because he had to sign his name a great many times, and Bro. Hervey's postage bill must be very large. The brethren knew they were prosperous, and they showed that they felt it by the munificent gift they made the other day to the Life-boat Institution that would be a lasting record of the gratitude of the Freemasons of this country for the safe return of the Prince of Wales from a foreign country. He was happy to-day that the Committee appointed to confer with the Secretary of that Institution as to the site of the lifeboats would very soon make their report, and he would say without hesitation that the places selected were those which he thought every one would agree were the best suited for the placing of lifeboats. Coming unprepared for the position of Chairman it was difficult for him to make a Masonic speech, but he might say that the brethren would not differ from him when he said that he thought that with increase of brethren throughout the country they ought also to see a progressive increase in their charities. The brethren would say he was reading them an oft-told tale, and he believed he had spoken on the same subject before; but it was one he had at heart, and he would never stand up in that hall, or any other Masonic place in the world, without saying a word about charity. He had said before that Her Majesty took great interest in everything that was charitable, and he might say of Freemasons that without charity Freemasonry was nothing. They were a grand and magnificent body, increasing day by day; therefore let them see that their charities increased also day by day. His lordship after again thanking the brethren for the toast they had drank, gave "The Health of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

Bro. Laurie, in reply, said he was an old English Mason himself, but had gone abroad in the course of his duties, and at the request of a large number of Masons in one of our colonies, where a new Grand Lodge was lately established, had accepted the position of Grand Master. The matter of forming Grand Lodges had come before the brethren, and finally they came to the conclusion that it was best to encourage it. The R.W.D.G.M. had spoken about the increase of Masonry at home. He (Bro. Laurie) could tell them a great deal about the increase of Masonry on the other side of the Atlantic. It had been his duty and his pleasure to visit Grand Lodges in America. He had seen 8000 in one state of the Union, and 25,000 present at the dedication of a Masonic temple. That was in one state, the State of New York, and the other states had something like a proportionate number. Masonry was strong and very progressive on that side of the Atlantic. Referring also to the fact of recognising Colonial Grand Lodges, it was, he believed, following the policy which was politically followed by our government in giving self-government to the colonies. Instead of their being opposed to the mother country they felt that they had the hearts of Englishmen, and they were a group of children growing round their parent, and willing to take a share when need be in the burdens of the Empire. And so it was Masonically, and in the Grand Lodge over which he had the honour to preside, the lodges held fast to the register of the Grand Lodge of England; they had their number from their own Grand Lodge, but they preferred more—he was staking his own authority when he said so—the number they held on the register of England. He could only say he should do his best to keep them to that duty. With that view, with their desire to build up Masonry, to perpetuate in English colonies the holding fast their allegiance to England, our Queen and our old country, as Masons as well as citizens, they would always strive.

Bro. W. W. Beech, M.P., proposed the toast of "The G. Wardens and other Grand Officers, Past and Present." It marked an auspicious era in the annals of Freemasonry when the Royal Princes were appointed as Grand Wardens of Grand Lodge. He hoped it would be an incentive to additional interest on their part in Masonry. He would say "May Freemasonry flourish under their auspices." They had been told the great English Princes were promoters of the order; but never he thought in the more palmy days of Freemasonry were two Princes made in one day recipients of office in Grand Lodge. He trusted that those appointments would have one effect at least on the outer world, and particularly that section of it who were traducers of the Order, might be convinced that there could be nothing very essentially mischievous in a society of which the Heir Apparent was placed at the head, and in which two of his brothers were glad and



proud to take high office. Let the brethren then drink their health with all enthusiasm. As they were unfortunately not present, he would couple with the toast the name of the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W. His lordship was connected with the Sister Isle, but still he had the interest of Freemasonry so much at heart that he presided at present over a lodge in this metropolis with conspicuous ability.

The Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W., in responding, said there was one reason why he should not make a long speech, he felt very much like the old year which was going out to make room for the new. However, it was a proud position for a man to be the predecessor of such exalted persons who were now in the S.W. and J.W. chairs. It was a different thing to speak for the Past Grand Officers because he was a very young Past Grand Officer now, and very likely they would not like to confide to him the expression of their feelings. Still, speaking for the Past Grand Officers in general, the reception given to this toast was exceedingly flattering to them.

Lord Skelmersdale proposed "The Provincial Grand Masters," whom he looked upon as generals exercising their powers under a commander-in-chief. Without the able co-operation of the Provincial Grand Masters, the Grand Master would be almost powerless. They were the officers who brought the whole system of Freemasonry into true working and kept things together. He would have coupled that toast with the name of the Senior Provincial Grand Master had he been present, but he had been obliged to retire through indisposition. Looking round the table he saw the Junior Provincial Grand Master who had just been nominated by the Prince of Wales. This was Bro. Montague Guest, who he knew to be a good and a true Mason, and one who had made the most rapid progress in Freemasonry he ever remembered, and he would couple his name with the toast.

Bro. Montague Guest, Prov. Grand Master designate of Dorsetshire, in the course of his reply said he believed the duty of a Provincial Grand Master was to promote peace and harmony in his province, as well as the cause of charity. He was convinced that the Provincial Grand Masters present had carried out this duty, and for himself he would say it would be his first object, as Prov. Grand Master, to do the same.

The Rev. C. J. Martin, P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. for Suffolk, proposed "The Masonic Charities." The Benevolent Institution at its last festival realised over £12,000, and he wished the same success for the Girls' School and the Boys' School, the former of which would have its festival that day fortnight, and the latter in June. He asked the brethren to give to the large number of applicants who were knocking at the doors, that relief which by God's mercy they were able to extend to them.

Bro. Binckes replied. Many of the brethren had been charged with attempting to press their appeals on behalf of the charities too strongly. He thought they were more than justified in doing so after the wonderfully kind observation of their presiding chief, that in every assembly he took part in and presided over, he never would permit the great cause of Masonic charity to be forgotten or overlooked. From what was said at the memorable installation at the Albert Hall two years ago, they were all justified by every means, so far as they could exercise the powers they had, to press upon the attention of the brethren the necessity of supporting more and more largely, as Freemasonry increased, those institutions whose object especially was to provide for those of the Order who needed that support which they would not obtain through any other means. To-night was not a charity festival; the brethren had simply to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy which, amidst his many duties, the president of the day had shewn in proposing this toast.

The toast of "The Stewards" was proposed by Lord Skelmersdale, who remarked that the brethren were all indebted to those brethren for the exertions they had made in providing such a successful entertainment.

Bro. Felix Knyvett, President of the Board of Stewards, responded, and said that the occasion had been so successful that it must ever be a bright spot on the Stewards' minds and in the annals of Freemasonry. They would be able to look back for years to come with pride and pleasure to this their year of office. His lordship had been pleased to couple his (Bro. Knyvett's) name with the toast, but he did not know what the Stewards would have done but for the services so worthily rendered by their Secretary, Bro. Trendell.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the Temple, where a concert was given under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G. Org., by Miss Jose Sherrington, Miss Annie Sinclair, and Miss Helen D'Alton, and Bros. Geo. Perren, Baxter, Carter, Thornton, and Distin. Bros. Wilhelm Kuhe and Wilhelm Ganz conducted.

At the banquet Bro. Harker was Toast Master.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).**—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 12th inst., in place of Monday, the 2nd inst., it being Bank Holiday. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary, Bro. P.M. Albert, P.G.P., was unavoidably absent, consequent on the death of his mother. Bro. Henry Hymans, S.D., acted as Secretary pro tem., and it is noteworthy that he carried out the duties with such ease and precision (for the first time), which might put many an old Secretary to the blush. Bros. Osborne, Lenzberg, and Althorp were raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. J. Thos. Burrows was balloted for and initiated into the Order, the respective ceremonies being rendered

in the most impressive and intelligible manner by the W.M., Bro. Lewis Lazarus, which could not be surpassed. There was a notice of motion in the summons by P.M. Diepenheim, that banquets be reduced for the next two or three years from four to three, so as to make a lodge fund for the future. A somewhat peculiar note was read by the W.M. from Bro. Diepenheim, asking that the motion might be deferred, as he was unable to attend. Bro. P.M. Alexander said it was his firm belief that the motion could not be entertained by the lodge, as in the absence of any bye-law to the contrary, it was clearly the prerogative of the W.M. to decide what banquets, &c., the members should have, and it was not competent in any member to dictate to the W.M. in respect to refreshments he should order for the lodge, and the motion, therefore, was entrenching on the privilege of the W.M. Bro. J. S. Lyons made some remarks respecting certain members being largely indebted to the lodge, and were such members to pay their dues regularly the lodge would always be in ample funds. Bro. S. Davis said he thought Bro. Diepenheim very much out of place in attempting to interfere with the banquets, as he paid nothing towards them, being only a country member. After a little more discussion on the subject Bro. P.M. Alexander moved, and Bro. P.M. Levi seconded, "That the motion could not be entertained by the lodge for the reasons already stated," which was put to the lodge and carried unanimously. It was proposed and carried that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. P.M. Albert, P.G.P. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then retired to light refreshment, and passed an enjoyable evening.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., and the members met in strong force on the occasion. The lodge was opened and minutes confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for the admission of Sir C. W. Dilke, M.P. for Chelsea, which proved unanimous. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree Bro. Josey was passed. The next business on the summons was the installation of the W.M., which was admirably carried out by Bro. Knowles, whose working was perfect, and the W.M., Bro. Fish, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Baker, S.W.; Watson, J.W.; Thompson, P.M.; Treas.; Worthington, P.M.; Sec.; Middleton, S.D.; Shaw, J.D.; Warner, I.G.; Bryett, D.C.; Ellingford, S.S.; Webb, J.S. The initiation of Sir C. W. Dilke was then proceeded with, and the candidate seemed greatly impressed with the ceremony. The W.M. presented the I.P.M. in the name of the lodge with a massive 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of services rendered to the lodge. The I.P.M. proposed that ten guineas each should be voted to two of the institutions; this was seconded and duly carried. The brethren then sat down to a recherche banquet, provided by Bro. P.M. Millis, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on the 18th inst. Amongst the members present were the following officers:—Bros. P. Cooke, W.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; G. Howick, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; J. Kewney, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; H. R. Jones, S.W.; W. A. Morgan, J.W.; J. Frost, Sec.; W. Huntley, I.G.; A. N. Newens, S.D.; J. B. Walker, J.D.; J. J. Holland, W.S.; and Bro. S. Stead, Tyler. There were also the following visitors:—Bros. Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, 4; G. W. Usill, 186; E. Swanborough, 1319; F. Mead, 1420; and W. F. Pether, 177. Bro. A. A. Denham was raised to the Second Degree by Bro. E. H. Boddy, P.M.—Bros. H. R. Jones, S.W.; J. G. Carter, J.W.; A. N. Newens, S.D.; J. B. Walker, J.D. Mr. Robert Walker was impressively initiated by Bro. Boddy, P.M., Bro. W. A. Morgan being in his post as J.W., and Bro. H. R. Jones, S.W. The lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. H. R. Jones was unanimously elected W.M., and Bros. H. Wilson and S. Stead re-elected as Treasurer and Tyler. Bro. P. Cooke, W.M., said he should resign the chair with both regret and pleasure—regret, because he knew he had not had sufficient leisure to attend to his Masonic duties as he should have liked; and pleasure, because he knew that a very worthy successor would be found in Bro. Jones. Bro. Jones ably and feelingly replied. Upon the motion of Bro. Boddy, a jewel to the value of five guineas was unanimously accorded to Bro. Cooke, the retiring W.M. A banquet followed. "The Queen and Craft" and other Masonic toasts having been given and drank, "The Health of the Initiate" followed. Bro. R. Walker replied in a humorous speech. The lodge was shortly after closed in peace and harmony. The lodge was in mourning for Bro. Robert McRae, and it was decided that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow. A banquet followed, served in first-class style by Bro. Dougherty. The usual Masonic toasts having been ably given by the W.M., "The health of the Initiate" was drank with enthusiasm. Bro. R. Walker replied in a humorous speech. "The Officers" was followed by "The Visitors." Bro. Dr. Mackintosh, in replying for the visitors, referred to the proverbial hospitality of the Wandsworth Lodge, and notably pointed to the banquet that evening as a specimen of the cordial feeling shown to visitors.

**MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**—This lodge held its first regular meeting on the 14th day of April, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; David R. Still, S.W.; Walter W. Medcalf, J.W.; H. G. Buss, Sec.; James J. Avery, Treas.; W. Vilven, S.D.; F. Morgan, 1572, acting J.D.; J. Johnstone, D.C.; C. Schmidt, I.G.; and H. Shaw, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Howe, Grand Purs.; Morton, P.M. 1056; Rogers, W.M. 1550; Stevens, J.D. 657; Russell, 1572; Watkins, 390; Perkins, 1572; Chaney, 180; Lord, 23; and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed; and it having

been proposed by the S.W., and seconded by the J.W., that the W.M. should act as first Steward at the Girls' festival, the sum of £10 10s. was voted from the benevolent fund to be placed on his list. There were several propositions for initiation, and the lodge closed in perfect harmony at 5.25. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the best style, for which the Albion is so noted. After the banquet the usual toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. H. G. Buss. The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Howe, Rogers, and Morton. The charity box was passed round, and £5 was the result. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).**—The installation meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Gun Hotel, Wapping, on the 11th inst. There were present Bros. J. W. Dawson, W.M.; W. Poore, S.W.; Rae, J.W.; Hamilton, I.G.; Longstaff, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Lacey, P.M., P.P.S.D. Herts.; Mickley, P.M. 554, P.P.S.D. Herts.; Berry, P.M.; Healey, Moss, Smith, and Benj. Wright (Freemason). The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and Bros. Harbert, Sedgwick, and Howard, the candidates for raising, having answered the usual question were duly entrusted. Bros. Mograth and Wooding were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Frogley initiated into our ancient and honourable fraternity. The W.M. then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. W. Poore, who having answered the usual questions was duly elevated to the chair of K.S. The brethren were then admitted, and the new W.M. gave a good specimen of his Masonic abilities by closing down the lodge, which was performed in a very creditable manner. Nothing more being proposed for the good of Freemasonry in general, and the lodge in particular, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in Bro. Mortlock's best style, and reflects the greatest credit on his abilities as a caterer. The usual toasts and a little harmony brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).**—The last meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. C. D. Home, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Schiemann, J.W.; Wilson, P.M.; Treas.; Carter, P.M.; P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Sec.; Nicholes, S.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Org.; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; McIlwhan, P.M.; Long, P.M.; Evans, Radcliffe, Apted, Lancaster, Mitchiner, Crawshaw, Dore, Miller, Duffield, Stollery, and others. Visitors: Bros. Devins, 162; Blundell, 742; Hornblower, 1604; G. Hawkes, 1350; Cantrell, W.M. 1501; Bingham, P.M. 771; Willett, 771; Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Powell, P.M. 771; and others. Mr. Benjamin Hawkes was initiated into Freemasonry, Bro. Crawshaw passed to degree of F.C., and Bros. Apted, Dore, and Miller raised to degree of M.M. The whole of the degrees were worked by the W.M. in his well-known manner. Bro. Petts, of Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, and Bro. Whittaker, of Eden Lodge, No. 73 (I.C.), were unanimously elected as joining members. The W.M. having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the approaching festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the brethren unanimously voted £10 10s. towards that excellent institution, to be added to the W.M.'s list of subscriptions. After some other business the lodge was adjourned until October next.

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—The last meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by Bro. H. Gore, W.M., supported by Bros. Cooper, P.M., acting as I.P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, S.W.; Falkner, S.W. 41, acting as J.W.; G. H. Cook, P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c., by special invitation; Braham, Sec. 41, acting as S.D.; Johnston, J.D.; Baldwin, I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler; and several members. Many visitors were present, among whom may be specially noticed Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M. 41; Captain Peel Floyd, P.M. 41; Forckler, P.M. 25 (S.C.); Pegler, P.M.; Craig, P.M.; Bedford, P.M.; Blomfield, P.M., all of 304, Leeds. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and afterwards in the third, when Bro. Bell was raised to a M.M. by Dr. Hopkins, who also gave him the traditional history, the charge, and an additional lecture upon the tracing board of the degree. The working tools were efficiently explained by Bro. Falkner. The W.M. again took his chair, and resumed the lodge in the Second and then in the First Degree. A vote of thanks to the visitors, and especially to the one who had occupied the chair, was proposed by the W.M., and carried by acclamation. This was acknowledged very neatly by the W.M. of 41, and the P.M.'s of 304, who congratulated the lodge on the style in which the ceremony had been conducted, and particularly on the lecture, to which they had listened with great interest, since it contained matter which was new to them. The W.M. explained the unavoidable absence of three candidates, one for each degree, and closed the lodge at ten o'clock.

**CHIPPENHAM.—Lansdown Lodge of Unity (No. 626).**—A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall. The chair was taken at 5.30 by Bro. Fowler, W.M., supported by Bros. Watts, as I.P.M.; Goldney, P.M.; Gale, P.M.; Milsom, P.M., acting as S.W.; and the other officers in their respective places. There was a good attendance of the members. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the previous minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and then announced that the ceremony of raising would be performed by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and P.M. 43 and 958, who, on receipt of a telegraphic message, had come from Bath at a moment's notice for the purpose. Dr. Hopkins took the chair when the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Brinkworth was duly



raised by the acting W.M., who also gave him the traditional history, the explanation of the working tools, and the charge. The chair was again taken by Bro. Fowler, W.M., who brought down the lodge to the First Degree, and expressed the thanks of the lodge to the visiting brother, who had so promptly complied with the request to do the work. A slight alteration in the bye-laws, of which due notice had been given, was agreed upon, and no other business offering, the lodge was closed at seven o'clock.

**BOMBAY.**—Lodge Concord (No. 757).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Mazagon, on Saturday, the 20th January, 1877, there were present W. Bros. G. R. Henderson, W.M.; W. C. Rowe, I.P.M.; B. Robinson, P.M.; A. King, P.M.; Bros. O. Tomlinson, S.W.; J. Spiers, J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas. and officiating Secretary; H. Watson, S.D.; R. Sowden, J.D.; J. Jones, I.G.; and J. W. Seager, Tyler. Members: Bros. J. F. Grew, J. W. Watson, J. H. Boyne, S. Needs, J. Luke, J. May, J. A. De Gama, and R. Sowden. Visitors: W. Bros. T. Connell, A. Mackenzie, H. W. Barrow, C. E. Mitchell, Geo. Thomson, S. N. Cooper, Bros. J. Lyons, P. Nelson, W. Haywood, Geo. S. Purvis, L. Thomas, J. H. Irvine, H. Parker, E. Parker, J. L. Madden, A. Rule, P. Bellili, J. Jones, S. Babington, D. M. Jeejeebhoy, Rustomjee Cawasjee, Eduljee Shappoorjee, James Bushby, H. Thorpe, B. J. Stone, W. Breslaner, Framjee Dhinshaw Petit, T. C. Brennan, W. C. Taylor, H. Holmes, E. Meiffre, Thos Wood, W. Rodger, R. Brown, P. P. Jeejeebhoy, W. Saunders, Francis Ward, and several others. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m., and the summons convening the meeting read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the last permanent committee meeting having been read, were adopted. Bro. O. Tomlinson withdrew the name of Bro. Middleton as a re-joining member. The Secretary read a letter from W. Bro. T. Leish excusing attendance. The Secretary stated that he had just received a letter regarding the widow of a deceased brother. It was referred to the permanent committee. The Right W. Bro. the Hon. J. Gibbs, District Grand Master of English Freemasonry, with his officers, being announced, were admitted, and the D.G.M. was saluted with the honour due to his high rank. The lodge having been raised to the Second Degree, the W.M. proceeded to install the Master elect, which ceremony was very ably performed, at the conclusion of which Bro. O. Tomlinson was duly proclaimed W.M. of Lodge Concord, No. 757, E.C., and he then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: W. Bro. G. R. Henderson, I.P.M.; Bros. H. Watson, S.W.; R. Ballard, J.W.; F. Burdett, Treas.; J. W. Watson, Sec.; R. Sowden, S.D.; T. W. Brownnitt, J.D.; J. Luke, Steward; J. F. Grew, M.C.; G. A. De Gama, I.G.; J. W. Seager, Tyler. W. Bro. Rowe proposed, and W. Bro. G. R. Henderson seconded, the following brethren as members of the Permanent Committee: Bros. J. Spiers, J. Luke, R. Sowden, T. W. Brownnitt, J. Jones, and S. Needs. Bro. T. C. Brennan was duly elected by ballot as a joining member. The D.G.M. then gave hearty good wishes to the lodge, and said he was very glad to see it working so harmoniously together. There being no further business the lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 8.10 p.m. About 70 brethren, including the D.G. Master and his officers, sat down to banquet, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The usual monthly meeting of this numerous and well worked lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when Bro. W. Wilson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. T. Shaw, I.P.M.; W. Cottrell, P.M.; J. Houlding, S.W.; H. Ashmore, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Cuthbert, Sec.; P. W. Ogleby, S.D.; T. Webster, J.D.; J. Holland, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Fishlock, Org.; J. Boyle, I.G.; T. H. Carefull, S.; J. Beesley, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were about fifty members present, and the visitors' column contained the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. J. Hughes, 216; J. Busfield, 216; J. Queen, 1505; R. H. Evans, P.M. 292; J. Jacobs, 724; A. Mosker, Sec. 1182; J. H. McQuistan, 241; A. Willis, W.M. 1035; R. P. France, W.M. 594; and W. H. Cooper, R.W. 1350. Two candidates were initiated and six passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. in a remarkably effective way, and in the course of a splendid delivery of the lecture in the Second Degree he (Bro. Wilson, W.M.) referred in eloquent terms to the various specimens of the various orders of architecture to be found in Liverpool. Seven guineas were voted for the assistance of widows and orphans in distress. It was also resolved that new clothing should be provided for the officers of the lodge. Bro. Lunt, P.M., Treas., called the attention of the brethren to the death of Bro. Jacob Lloyd, formerly Treasurer of the Everton Lodge; and on his suggestion it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the deceased under her painful trial. The brethren subsequently supped under the presidency of the W.M.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The usual monthly meeting of this influential lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, and was attended by an unusually large number of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. Alfred Willis, W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. J. W. Turley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. F. Newell, P.M.; G. Sculthorpe, P.M.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; T. Fozzard, P.M.; J. W. McWean, S.W.; T. McWean, J.W.; G. Morgan, P.M., Treas.; R. R. Forshaw, Sec.; J. Whaites, S.D.; J. P. Bryan, J.D.; W. Forrester, I.G.; J. Smith, S.; and others. At the conclusion of the usual business, which included an initiation, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, a capital supper being served by Bro. Casey, and was done ample justice to by those present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given,

that of the Provincial Grand Officers being responded to by Bro. J. W. Turley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., after which the most interesting affair of the evening took place, viz., the presentation to Bro. J. F. Newell, I.P.M., and Bro. Bunting, P.M., and late Treasurer, of tokens of respect from the lodge. Before speaking of this it may be interesting to note the previous history of the Prince of Wales's Lodge. Some twelve years ago it was formed as an offshoot of the "Downshire" Lodge, 594, and has gradually become one of the strongest lodges in West Lancashire. Some three years ago the lodge fell into temporary misfortune, and Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M., was elected to the chair under rather depressing auspices. His conduct gave such general satisfaction that he was re-elected, thus filling the chair for two years in succession; while Bro. Bunting, P.M., who had already filled the office of Treasurer for some years, proved a worthy coadjutor. The result has been a complete restoration to its former position; and it was in recognition of the important services rendered by these two brethren that the gifts were presented. Bro. Newell, who so efficiently filled the chair of W.M. for two years, was presented with a very handsome dining-room time-piece, of unique construction; and Bro. Bunting, P.M., whose eight years' valuable services as Treasurer of the lodge well merited the recognition, was presented with a handsome gold watch (specially manufactured by Bro. W. Johnson, Lodge 241). The W.M., in making the double presentations, spoke very highly of the zeal and ability of the late Worshipful Master and Treasurer, and wished them both long life and prosperity. Bro. Newell, in replying gave a short resumé of the history of the lodge, and congratulated the brethren on the present position and working, speaking also of the pleasure it afforded him to do anything for the Prince of Wales's Lodge. Bro. Bunting also returned thanks, and referred to the happy associations connected with his Treasurership, and also to the fact that no deserving case of distress was ever sent away from the Prince of Wales's Lodge. "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Newell, P.M., and duly honoured. "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Fozzard, P.M., "The Officers" by Bro. McWean, S.W., and by Bros. T. Foulkes and J. P. Bryan, "The Musical Brethren." The evening was enlivened by several songs, &c., given by Bros. T. Foulkes, Rees, Pladdy, Forrester, and Smith, the accompaniments being most efficiently played by Bro. J. P. Bryan. After the lodge had been closed in solemn form and harmony the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, was held on Wednesday the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a capital and most enjoyable gathering of the fraternity. The lodge was opened at 5 o'clock prompt by Bro. W. Healing, W.M., and the officers who supported him were Bros. R. C. Yelland, P.M., W.M. elect; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Richard R. Martin, P.M.; Wm. Crane, P.M.; A. Jarvis S.W.; Thos. G. Winstanley, J.W.; J. Wood, Treas. (Freemason); T. Marsh, P.M., Secretary P.P.G.A.D., Cers.; Thos. S. Williams, S.D.; T. Birch, J.D.; H. B. Jones, I.G.; Richard Washington, P.M., D.C.; Josh. Skeaf, P.M., P.G.O., Organist; H. Horspool, John Alexander, Stewards; Peter Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Fred. J. Jeffery, Thos. Carr, Peter Reid, E. Chater, Robert Bethel, Wm. Callow, J. Callow, J. Tyson, G. B. McGachen, A. C. Doe, Wm. Jones, Richard Ingham, Alexander H. Lowe, LL.D., Thos. Durran, H. Jones, J. Dean, David Cutchley, Dr. Joseph Speer. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. John Asberry, 1620; James Bailey, 667; J. R. Bottomley, 1356; John Hill, 1609; Chas. Leighton, 1350; Jno. W. Turley, P.M. 1473, P.P.G.J. Deacon; Jno. Cave, 220; Peter MacMuldrow, P.M., 1299, P.G. Purst; J. Busfield, 216; A. Barnard, 249; M. Ellison, 249; Archd. Gilfillan, and others. After the transaction of some ordinary business, Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Reg. proceeded to install Bro. Richard C. Yelland, P.M., for the second time, in the chair of W.M., a ceremony which he performed with marked ability, the charges to the officers being admirably given. The new W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Healing, I.P.M.; T. S. Williams, S.W.; T. G. Winstanley, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer, re-elected for the twelfth time; Thomas Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Secretary, re-appointed for the twelfth time; Rev. Dr. Lowe, LL.D., Chaplain; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist; T. Birch, S.D.; H. B. Jones, J.D.; J. Alexander I.G.; R. Washington, P.M., D.C.; H. Horspool, S.S.; E. J. Callow, A.S.; J. Tyson, A.S.; and P. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). In the course of the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented by the lodge to Bro. W. Healing, I.P.M., in appreciation of the excellent services he has rendered to the lodge during his year of office. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, supplied by Bro. Ball, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in excellent style by the W.M., Bro. Yelland. Excellent music was furnished by Bros. J. Hill, J. Busfield, A. Child, Gilfillan, T. S. Williams, and others.

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—This lodge held its regular meeting on the 14th of April, 1877, at the King's Hotel. Bros. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.J.D. Midx., P.M., Sec., acted as W.M.; J. T. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Midx., P.M. S.W.; E. W. Devereux, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.S.D. Midx., P.M., Treas.; B. Wright, Asst. Sec.; S. Wolff, S.D.; A. F. Loos, J.D.; J. Johnson, I.G.; J. Faulkner, W. Steward; J. H. Pearson, C. Steward; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Midx., Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. H. Miller, P.P.G. Org. Midx.; J. B. Langley. The visitors were Bros. S. Frankenberg, 73; F. W. Hartley, P.M. 25; George Dore, 376. Bro. F. Walters, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. opened

the lodge, and presided throughout the meeting. The minutes were unanimously confirmed. Ballot for joining was unanimous in favour of Bro. Thomas Fenn, 1288, and Bros. Emiel Woelcke and W. Swindlehurst were passed. An important notice of motion was given by Bro. T. J. Sabine to alter bye-laws. Bro. H. A. Dubois presided at the Festive Board.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (1458).—Time with his mighty pinions brings round the period for work as well as rest; to carry out both these requirements (for after work comes rest) the Lodge of Truth assembled on Saturday, April 7th, at its private rooms in Newton Heath. The W.M., Bro. Batchelder, proved and opened his lodge at 3 p.m. prompt; after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. T. H. Hall, of Boscawen Lodge, 699, as a joining member, resulting in his unanimous election. Bros. Hyams and Smith were passed to the F.C. Degree and Bro. J. H. Pearson was raised to the Third Degree. Since the last meeting a prominent member of the lodge, Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., has suffered a severe loss by the death of his son, who had just arrived at the age to qualify him to embark in commercial pursuits; but the G.A.O.T.U. had in His wisdom decreed it otherwise, by calling him from the corruptible to that that fadeth not away; removed from the battle of life, by faith we doubt not he dwells in the sphere of love and light. May the bereft therefore be cheered by those words of assurance, "Not lost but gone before." It was proposed by Bro. Batchelder, W.M., seconded by Bro. Nicholson, supported by Bro. Needham and resolved, "that a vote of condolence with Bro. Tyers, in his deep grief, be forwarded to him." Instructions in accordance were given to the Secretary. A proposition was then made that Bro. Batchelder, W.M. do represent Lodge 1458 on the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which was carried unanimously. A circular letter was read from Montefiore Lodge, 1017, asking the support of the brethren to a petition, which they were anxious to present to Grand Lodge of England, relative to Freemasonry in Germany; such petition the brethren heartily concurred with; it was therefore signed by the W.M. on their behalf. Lodges 1011, 1077, 1161, and 1219 were ably represented, who tendered their respective congratulations. Business of a formal character brought labour to a close. Refreshment was then proceeded with, afterwards toasts loyal and Masonic were discussed, seasoned with good will and merriment. The Tyler's toast in due course came, reminding us of our brethren in adversity, and wishing them prosperity should they desire or deserve it, soon after this the brethren separated at a very appropriate hour, 9.30 p.m.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A good gathering of the members of this prosperous provincial lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham Station, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Amongst the principal officers present were Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, Treas.; Wigginton, P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middlesex, I.P.M. and Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Vaughan, J.D.; Rev. D'Orsey, Chap. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Richnell to the Second Degree. There being no other business of importance before the lodge, it was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The usual preliminary toasts were given briefly from the chair, and warmly responded to. The I.P.M., Bro. W. Wigginton, replied upon behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very kind terms by the I.P.M., and having been duly honoured Bro. Saunders tersely responded. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the remaining toasts, namely, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Principal Officers," and "The Junior Officers," were but formally given. Bros. Wigginton, I.P.M. and Secretary; Tomlinson, Treasurer; Knaggs, S.W.; Vaughan, J.D.; and Ashley, I.G., having briefly acknowledged the above toasts, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the brethren separated until the second Wednesday in July next.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday the 13th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine Hall on Angelsea Hill, and a large and brilliant gathering of the members and brethren of the district assembled to assist in welcoming Bro. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.G.J.W. for Kent, and Bro. H. Pryce, 913; who for distinguished services to the lodge, both in and since its foundation, were unanimously elected as honorary members of it. Bro. W. A. Weston, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers:—F. G. Pownall, P.M.; G. Spinks, S.W.; H. G. Picken, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; Thos. Cooper, Sec.; H. Shaw, S.D.; J. McCaffery, J.D.; D. Deeves, D.C., but who, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Ritchie, I.G., filled that office. Bros. Wedding and Wright W. Stds.; H. Harding, Org.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Day, 1076; S. Goddard, P.M. 700; C. Coupland, P.M. 13; H. Pryce, 913; W. Keen, 1604; W. Harper, 1604; T. Brooks, 215; A. Cleal, 13; E. Tappenden, 781 and 700; W. Robinson, 1076; T. Hosgood, 13; C. Morris, 1331; W. Ward, 700; W. Hill, 700 and 1043; W. Neighbour, 771; T. Forrester, 1293; and C. Jolly, 913. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, that particular one having reference to the admission of Bros. Coupland and Pryce, as above mentioned, being received with much pleasure by all present. Bros. Thos. Stevens, C. Battery, 24th Brigade R.A., of No. 776, was accepted as a joining member, and received into the brotherhood. Battery Sergt. Major Jas. Cooke, F. Battery, 24th Brigade R.A., was, after approval, initiated into Masonry. Bro. G. Mason was then passed to the Second Degree,



and then, upon the motion of Bro. Pownall, I.P.M., two important alterations were made in the rules of the lodge, one giving admission to pensioned non-commissioned officers, who had during service held the rank of sergeant, or staff sergeants in the army and who had retired with a permanent allowance. Bro. Pownall, in his usual clear and lucid manner explained that it was originally intended so to frame the rules, but on account of some omission they excluded all but those at present holding those ranks in the army. We need hardly say that such a salutary alteration passed unanimously, as it will admit to a home in Masonry many a veteran brother who, after serving his Queen and country all over the world, may feel inclined to pass the rest of his days in Woolwich or the surrounding district. After several propositions for joining members and initiates, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren assembled for refreshment, the pleasure of which is at this lodge much enhanced by the excellent harmony of our military brethren, and the courteous service of Bros. Welding and Wright, the Wine Stewards, who seemed devoted to their office in attending to the wants of the brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently put by the W.M., and responded to as British soldiers should respond to their beloved "Queen and Craft," and Right Royal and Brotherly Prince, our noble "Grand Master." The Provincial toasts were coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, whose reply was received with genuine enthusiasm, as it deserved, and the toast of the W.M., given by Bro. Pownall, rarely stirred the hearts of all present, and well and worthily deserved was the reception of Bro. Weston's name, who in his usual feeling and terse manner replied, taking no praise to himself, but rather attributing, not only the very existence of the lodge, but its subsequent prosperity, to the efforts of his colleagues, especially Bro. Pownall; a sentiment which met with loud cries of "No, no," but which nevertheless showed how much the merits of our Bro. I.P.M. affected the worthy W.M. He however trusted that the lodge was now founded upon the sure foundation of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." After "The Health of the Initiates" had been proposed, and modestly responded to, "The Visitors" were honoured, and at the request of the W.M. Bros. Day, Goddard, C. Jolly, Cleal, Keen, and Forbes responded on behalf of their respective lodges. In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said they were like councillors of whom it was well to take advice in all matters, and proud might any lodge be of such Past Masters as they had. When his day came to be among them, might he be as well worthy their respect and esteem as those whose health he now had the honour of proposing. Bro. Pownall said, in reply, that he was fully aware of the kind feeling that actuated them in the hearty reception of the toast. It was a proud position to be in, more particularly in a lodge like the present one, where truth, honour, and loyalty prevailed, not only as good Masons, but as faithful servants of Her Gracious Majesty, and he hoped to see every officer present some day achieve that position. He felt proud to be the medium of introducing to the lodge, by the alteration he had that evening, by their kind assistance, made in their rules, those who had deserved well of their country in its service, and one brother, who they had received notice of to-night as a joining member was a veteran whose breast was decorated with medals, won in hard service, and who he felt sure would be a credit and an honour to the lodge. He felt proud to see Bro. Coupland sitting by his side as his colleague; he was especially proud of him, he was not only an honour to them, but his large experience in Masonry, and great influence in the province, would give them a greater éclat than ever among the lodge of the district, and at the same time aid them onward in the course they had carved out for themselves in their path to the highest goal of Freemasonry, and its noble purposes. For himself, he trusted he might long be spared to be with them, and by his conduct long to live in their affectionate regard, and remembrance. "The Health of the Officers" followed, and Bro. Spinks neatly and effectively responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. There was a good attendance. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., occupied the chair of K.S., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. Capt. Garnett); the I.P.M.'s chair being filled by Bro. Longman, P.M. 1031. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Schofield having given proof of his proficiency as an Entered Apprentice was entrusted and retired, and the lodge having been raised to the Second Degree, he was re-admitted, when the degree of F.C. was conferred upon him by the acting W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Duff, S.W. The lodge then resumed in the First Degree, when Mr. William Washington, for whom an unanimous ballot had been previously recorded, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the working of the degree being gone through by Bro. Longman, and the working tools presented by Bro. T. Longmire, J.W. The lodge was subsequently closed with the formalities of the Craft.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this new but prosperous lodge was held at the White Hart on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., W.M.; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, &c., S.W.; Bond, P.M.; Dobie, J.W.; Nuthall, Treas.; Ockenden, Sec.; Aston, S.D.; J. Hurst, J.D., W.M. 1512; and T. C. Walls, I.G. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. S. Hill, P.M. Canonbury; Hobbs, P.M. Hervey; Stearnmichz, P.M. 435; Kracutler, J.W. 1303; Stearns, 141; Green, 435; Bowra, 889; Beaton, 889;

Hiscock, 1512; and Kent, A.W.S. 1512. Messrs. Taylor, Jackson, Pinto, and Forge having been duly initiated, Bros. Marvin, Scott, Richer, and Featherstone were passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. Bro. Miller, 1445, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. J. Hammond, P.M. Jordan, W.M. elect 1512, having been unanimously elected an honorary member, the lodge was closed. Upon the termination of the collation which followed the only preliminary toasts given were "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Burdett." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Hill, P.M. Canonbury, who, in the course of his remarks, congratulated the lodge upon possessing a Past Provincial Grand Officer as their first Master. He said that no lodge need wish for a better W.M., as he (Bro. William Hammond) was thoroughly "au fait" in all Masonic duties; and in conclusion he felt confident that they would receive the toast with all the delight that he had in proposing it. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. briefly replied. "The Health of the Initiates" came next, in which the W.M. gave the newly-admitted brethren some very excellent advice and information upon the responsibilities and principles of the Masonic brotherhood. This pledge having been duly and warmly received, the four initiates briefly acknowledged the honour that had that evening been conferred upon them, and hoped that the confidence and Masonic trust thus reposed in them would never be misplaced or regretted. "The Visitors" followed, and, as each visiting brother responded to the compliment, want of space necessarily prevents us giving their replies in detail; but suffice it to say that they all expressed themselves highly delighted with the "working" and hospitality of the Wolsey Lodge. "The Health of the Officers" came next, and was acknowledged by Bro. Sharp, S.W., for himself and colleagues.

### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—The installation and last meeting of the season of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. There were present amongst others, Comps. Loewenstark, P.Z. acting M.E.Z.; Elsam, H.; Wagner, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; P. Robinson, S.N.; Mander, P.S.; T. C. Walls, 2nd Asst.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Whitley, Stewart, Davis. The visitors were Bros. H. Muggeridge, P.G.S.B.; Levy, P.Z.; and Blyth, P.S. Phoenix. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the acting M.E.Z. exalted Bro. Ellborn, Zetland Lodge, to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch in a very careful manner. The installation ceremony was then carried out in its entirety by Comp. Muggeridge, who, although suffering from indisposition, performed the ceremony with his accustomed ability. The Principals installed were Bros. Elsam, Wagner, and Robinson, and the officers invested were Comps. Davage, S.E.; Harfield, Treas.; Mander, S.N.; Walls, P.S.; Moss (by deputy), 1st Asst.; Stewart, and Asst. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Muggeridge for his kindness in attending to carry out the installation ceremony. The resignation of three companions having been received with regret, the convocation was closed until the second Tuesday in the month of October next, and the companions adjourned to an elegant banquet, which reflected great credit upon Comp. Dawkins, the caterer. The cloth not being removed until nearly eleven o'clock the preliminary toasts were necessarily given very briefly. Comp. Muggeridge, P.G.S.B., replied for the Grand Chapter. "The Health of the M.E." was proposed by Comp. Loewenstark in very eulogistic terms, and having been duly acknowledged by Comp. Elsam, the toast of "The Exaltée" followed, and was neatly responded to by Comp. Ellborn. "The Visitors" drew from Comp. Blyth a very able reply. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Past Principals," "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" were proposed in quick succession, and having been duly acknowledged, the companions separated.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).**—This chapter held its installation meeting on Thursday, April 12th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Present: Comps. H. A. Dubois, M.E.Z.; J. W. Baldwin, H.; John Mason, J.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treas.; Frederick Walters, P.P. 1st Asst. S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; J. C. Mason, S.N.; B. Isaacs, P.S.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.Z.; E. Harris, P.Z.; J. H. Spencer, T. W. Clark, W. Dunham, and others. Visitors: Comps. T. Kingston, W. Porter, W. T. Lover, 176. The chapter was opened by the Principals and the Past Principals who were present. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee shewed a good balance in hand. Ballots proving unanimous in favour of Bros. S. Barney, 1567; T. Lamb, 1567; L. Samuels, 1531. Bro. L. Samuels was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Middlesex, installed Comps. J. W. Baldwin, Z.; John Mason, H.; Jas. Cattley Mason, J. The officers invested were Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.Z., Treasurer for the third time; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E., for the fifteenth time; M. D. Loewenstark, S.N., for the third time; B. Isaacs, for the third time; W. A. Maloney, 1st Asst. S.; T. W. Adams, 2nd Asst. S.; W. T. Laing, Janitor. A vote of thanks was given to Comp. W. Smeed, for the able manner in which he performed the ceremonies. The usual five-guinea P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. H. A. Dubois, the M.P.Z., for his services to the chapter. Banquet and dessert followed.

**SWANSEA.**—Virtue and Hope Chapter (No. 237).—On Monday the installation of the Principals

of this chapter, which is held in the Masonic Hall, Swansea, took place, the ceremony being performed by Ex. Comp. Samuel George Homfray, P.Z., D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire. The chapter having been opened in due form, the following were installed:—W. E. Brown, Z.; Jas. Goodall, H.; John Rogers, J.; W. Michell, Treas.; J. R. Davies, Scribe E.; W. Sweeney, Scribe N.; D. C. Jones, P.S.; and G. Bullerwell, S. Ex. Comp. Goodall was absent from severe illness. It was also intended to present the retiring M.E.Z., L. Tulloch, with a P.Z.'s jewel, but he was also absent. Bros. H. J. B. Lawrence, Royal Clarence Lodge, 68, Bristol; Evan Roberts, and James L. Perrin, of the Caradoc Lodge, 1573, Swansea, were balloted for and accepted. Bro. Lawrence presented himself for exaltation, and was duly exalted, together with Bro. Dr. Morgan, who had been accepted at a previous chapter. Owing to the illness of Ex. Comp. Goodall the annual banquet did not take place, being postponed till the convocation in May. The ceremony of installation was performed with marked ability, and thanks were voted to Ex. Comp. Homfray for his kindness in attending from Monmouthshire to perform it.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**IPSWICH.**—Victoria Chapter, Rose Croix.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Ipswich, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present: Ill. Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.M.W.S. 30<sup>th</sup>, Emra Holmes, 31<sup>st</sup>, P.M.W.S.; M. Ex. Bros. Dr. Mills, M.W.S.; W. T. Westgate, P.M.W.S., Recorder; and others. The minutes being read, Ill. Bro. Sanderson was installed M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The ballot being taken, Bro. A. J. Grimwade, P.M., Virtue and Silence Lodge, Hadleigh, and F. Long, of the Stowmarket Lodge, were elected, and having received the subsidiary degrees, were created Knights of the East and West, and subsequently installed Sovereign Princes, Rose Croix. The following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Ex. Bros. the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Prelate; E. J. Robertson, 1st Gen.; W. Clarke, 2nd Gen.; W. T. Westgate, Recorder; F. Long, G.M.; A. J. Grimwade, Captain of the Guard; Westgate, R.; W. Cuckon, Treas.; G. Spalding, Janitor. There being no other business before the chapter, it was closed with the third point, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where a suitable repast was served. The M.W.S. proposed "The Candidates," who, in responding, both expressed the great pleasure they felt at being admitted members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the brethren were loath to separate.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday, 2nd May, 1877:—

The regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the year ensuing.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes:

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th January, 1877, to the 17th April, 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To balance Grand Chapter .....	£414	6	0
" " Unappropriated Account.....	172	1	11
" Subsequent Receipts .....	511	3	5
	£1097	17	4

By purchase of £300 Consols @ 95½ and

Commission .....	£288	0	0
" Disbursements during the Quarter .....	204	9	10
" Balance .....	425	19	1
" " in Unappropriated Account ...	179	8	5

£1097 17 4

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry Penfold as Z., George Fleming as H., and George White as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Pentangle Lodge, to be called the Pentangle Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, in the County of Kent.

2nd. From Comps. Darrell H. Webb Horlock as Z., Charles Gordon Archer, as H., and the Rev. George Ross, as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, Launceston, to be called "The Dunheved Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, in the county of Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Joseph Henry Warren, as Z., Frederick Horspool, as H., and Benjamin Barber, as J., and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Topsham, to be called "The Brent Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Topsham, in the county of Devon.

4th. From Comps. Herbert Tritton Sankey, as Z., Charles Holthim, as H., and John Hemery, as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, to be called "The Bertha Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall, Canterbury, in the county of Kent.

5th. From Comps. James Terry, as Z., John Anthony Winsland, as H., and Robert Griggs, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of United



Strength, No. 228, London, to be called "The United Strength Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

6th. From Comps. John Ross Gallant as Z., William Crawford as H., and Joseph Wright as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London, to be called the New Concord Chapter, and to meet at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington, in the County of Middlesex.

7th. From Comps. Charles R. Dallas as Z., Peter Scott as H., and James Wilkinson as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Industry, No. 1485, Nowlucka, Lahore, Punjab, to be called the Progress Chapter, and to meet at Lahore, Punjab.

8th. From Comps. Christopher William Calthrop, M.D., as Z., Thomas Cooke as H., and Richard Hill as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Morning Star, No. 1439, Palampur, Punjab, to be called the Calthrop Chapter, and to meet at Palampur, Kangra, Punjab.

The prayers of these petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that they be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

Appeals against the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, suspending the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, and the three Principals thereof, for non-payment of Dues to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and for contumacy.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

The Samson Lodge was consecrated on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., P.Z., &c., was the officer appointed by the M.W.G.M. to perform the ceremony of consecration on the present occasion, which he did in his well known faultless manner. At the appointed hour the Consecrating Officer took his position in the chair, and having appointed his assistant officers, proceeded to deliver an oration, which was listened to by the assembled brethren with profound attention.

The lodge was then consecrated in the customary form, and at the conclusion of this part of the proceedings Bro. Muggeridge vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, P.M., who proceeded to install in the chair of K. S., his son, Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, and the latter invested the following brethren as the first officers of the newly consecrated lodge:—viz., J. D. Barnett, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Rudderforth, J.W.; A. Loewenstark, I.P.M., and Treas.; Charles Osche, S.D.; Baron D. Barnett, J.D., and Sec.; Lever, J.G.; and Oberdoerfer, Tyler.

Before the closing of the lodge Bro. Muggeridge was voted an honorary membership, and the brethren who assisted him received the compliment of a vote of thanks.

A banquet followed, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

A novel feature on the present occasion was the presence of several ladies.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Most good men, except the Pope and the Editor of *Truth*, are Freemasons. The Prince of Wales is Grand Master of England, and 'tis said his two brothers are this year to be Grand Wardens. The Craft is prosperous; the Craft is powerful: it is an honour to belong to the Craft; and the world will have it that to be a good Mason you must be a good man. We need not tell our readers, so many of whom belong either to the military or naval service, that, go where they will in either hemisphere, every Mason will find a brother, one not only in name but in fact, one ready to aid him in all his laudable undertakings, and willing to bear his burdens and console him in the hour of his affliction. Now, some Masons are born with silver spoons in their mouths, marked, of course, with armorial bearings and other Masonic signs of material prosperity; but, confound it! there be wooden-ladle babies also in the Craft, and many a poor brother has to work in the quarries, while the chief architects flourish in purple and fine linen in the innermost recesses of the Temple. Among the fortunate there are few whose hearts do not warm to the unfortunate, and even among the easy-going there are few who do not recognise with pride the worth and claims of those who have proved their zeal for the brotherhood by long and faithful membership, recognised by high esteem and promotion in Masonic rank. A good old friend who had seen everything, been everything, and done everything in Masonry, once remarked, "Well, I can go no further, unless the old Earl makes me Past Deputy Provincial Grand Land of Music," and evidently sighed for more Masonic lands to conquer. "Become a Vice-President of the Boys' School," said we, and straightway he drew a cheque for fifty guineas, and entered on a new era of Masonic interest and usefulness. But we know also a brother who cannot draw a cheque for fifty pounds, and yet has been a very worthy Mason, and after paying seventy-two years' dues to the benevolent funds of his lodges, now has to seek the benevolence of his brethren to aid in his election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May. Bro. Richard Barnes has subscribed to one lodge for forty-one years, has been honorary secretary to it for thirty-five years, and is now the father of that lodge. He has subscribed to another lodge for thirty-one years, and is the father of that lodge also. He has been thirty years honorary secretary of another Masonic body, and is the father of that body. Prosperous and respected as a schoolmaster for many years, he is now, at sixty-three years of age, from failing eyesight and other troubles, deprived of his means of livelihood, and with a wife and

three children, to support, is seeking an honourable retreat in the excellent institution we have named. His case is a very hard and a very deserving one; and the Editor of the *Broad Arrow*, knowing the worth and misfortunes of this worthy Mason, asks that those of his readers who have votes for the Masonic Charities unpromised, will kindly forward them to him to be used for Bro. Richard Barnes.—*Broad Arrow*.

#### THE SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL THEATRE AT STRATFORD.

The first stone of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was laid at Stratford-on-Avon on Tuesday, 24th inst., by Lord Leigh, in due Masonic form. The theatre is situated on the margin of the Avon, within a few yards of the church where the remains of the great poet lie. The day was observed as a holiday. There was a very large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, many of whom went down from London, and for these special arrangements were made by the Great Western and London and North-Western Railway Companies. The Freemasons of the provinces of Warwickshire and Staffordshire took great interest in the event, and all the Masonic lodges of the province, as well as the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which Lord Leigh is the Grand Master, were represented. The ceremony was to have commenced at two o'clock, but it was considerably after that hour when the brethren emerged from the Provincial Grand Lodge, and in full Masonic clothing, headed by the 1st division of the Administrative Staffordshire Rifles and their band, marched to the spot where the ceremony was to be performed. On arriving at the scene Bro. Lord Leigh took up his position behind the stone, and was surrounded by the Provincial Grand Officers, Lieut. Colonel Machen, Canon Collis, the Earl of Yarmouth, Bros. Theodore Martin, Tom Taylor, Professor Leo, Henry Graves, W. Sawyer, Creswick, the Mayor of Stratford, Bros. Nason, Charles Lac-y, the Rev. F. M. Beaumont, the Rev. T. N. Rigby, Bros. John Vaughan, Edmund Worrell, J. T. Collins, Provincial Grand Treas.; George Beech, Provincial Grand Sec.; and Charles E. Flower, the Chairman of the Shakespeare Memorial Association.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, in his address, urged that refining the drama would do much, if popularised, to supersede music hall and modern objectionable amusements.

Bro. Creswick also delivered an address, in which he pointed out that provincial theatres, which formerly existed in nearly every town, afforded the preliminary training for the metropolitan stage, and that the Memorial Theatre might in this respect supply a want long felt.

A luncheon followed in New Place Gardens, when the Mayor of Stratford expressed regret that Prince Leopold could not be present, but said the time was not far distant when one Royal name at least would be associated with the project.

Sir Eardley Wilmot, M.P., proposed "The Immortal Memory of Shakespeare," and urged the propriety of his memory being venerated and honoured specially in Warwickshire, though his words were the heritage of the world.

Bro. Tom Taylor, in proposing "Success to the Memorial," considered the project had received its full baptism of disapproval from insignificant people, and that its detractors did not mean all they had said. Believing in the potency of the drama as a means of social culture, he advocated theatres in towns having even smaller populations than Stratford-on-Avon.

Bro. Theodore Martin proposed "Success to the Drama," and advocated theatres subsidised by the State for the training of actors.

#### UPPER NORWOOD LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The concert given on Monday evening last, at the Crystal Palace, in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, was a most brilliant success, the spacious area of the Opera Theatre being well filled by a most appreciative audience, and the performance throughout being of the highest class. A novel and interesting feature was the division of the programme into two parts, classical and ballad; and all tastes were met in the music selected. The first half, classical, comprised two movements from a round quintet by A. Reicher, a composer too little known in England; and Beethoven's beautiful quintet for piano and wind instruments. The former was most excellently rendered by Bro. Dubrucq, oboe, and Charles Wells, flute; Clinton, clarinet; Wendland, horn; and Wotton, bassoon; and the latter not heard publicly in or near London for the last ten years, was splendidly played by the same artistes, excepting the flute, re-inforced by Bro. Henry Gadsby at the piano, the loud applause at the end of each movement shewing that the audience was fully alive to the fact that they were listening to the best music, executed in the best style, by perhaps the best quintet of performers who ever co-operated. Other members in the first part were Bro. Henry Gadsby's new setting of Thawatha's serenade in Longfellow's poem, perhaps the finest love song composed since "Adelaide," and most exquisitely sung by Bro. Barton McGuckin; Mendelssohn's "Garland," Spohr's "Rose, softly blooming," and Gounod's "Oh! that we two were Maying," tastefully rendered respectively by Bro. Stedman, Miss Frances Brooke, and Madame Worrell-Duval; and Mendelssohn's "Hunting Song," given with great spirit by the South London Choral Association. The second part introduced Bro. Geo. Perrin, who excited the greatest enthusiasm by his singing of "Mary of Argyle" and "Come into the Garden, Maud;" and Bro. George Fox, who was in splendid voice, sang "Tom Tough" in grand style. Other numbers were contributed by Bro. Barton McGuckin, whose beautiful voice and perfectly artistic style fairly entranced the listeners to Blumenthal's "Message"

and "Savourneen Deelish;" Bro. Stedman, who gained great applause by his singing "Tom Bowling;" Miss Frances Brooke who sang brilliantly Bishop's "Tell me, my heart;" Mme. Worrell-Duval whose rendering of the quaint old song "The Oak and the Ash," was most effective, and Mr. Alfred Wells, whose perfect finish and ethereal tone on the flute astonished the audience, in a varied piece of Richardson's. The remaining pieces were Sir Robert Stewart's glee, "The Bells of St Michael's Tower," which, admirably sung by the South London Choral Association, evoked the first encore of the evening, responded by Macfarren's "Sands of Dee," and Bishop's "Chough and the Crow," which, as sung by Misses Brooke and Leopold, Bro. George Fox, and the South London Choral Association, brought the concert to a brilliant termination. We must not conclude without adding that Bros. Gadsby and James Coward were most efficient and hard-working accompanists; that Bro. August Manns, of the Crystal Palace, lent not only his powerful name, and his energetic and practical aid in superintending the musical arrangements; and that the pecuniary results must be most gratifying to Bro. W. Hopekirk, W.M. of the Upper Norwood Lodge, who took the initiative in the affair, and who, seconded by Bro. Grist, as musical director, worked most earnestly in season and out of season to bring the undertaking to a successful issue.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

The installation meeting of the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, takes place on Friday, the 27th inst., at the Lewisham Board of Works office, Catford Bridge, at 4 o'clock. The brethren will dine together at the Ship and Turtle, at 7 o'clock. A report will be given in our next.

When we adopted post-cards the Japanese promptly followed suit, and in style and price copied the English system pretty closely. But now they have gone further, and reduced the price of a post-card to a farthing.—*City Press*.

Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., for Chelsea, was at the last meeting of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ballot for his admission being unanimous.

A benefit will be given at the Folly Theatre, next Wednesday morning, in aid of the sufferers and rescuers in the late Welsh colliery accident. The whole of the receipts, without any deduction, will be applied to this purpose.

A vocal and instrumental concert in aid of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, will be given at the Lecture Hall, Woodford, on Tuesday, May 1st, under distinguished patronage.

**THE ALBERT MEDAL AND THE WELSH MINERS**—The Queen has been graciously pleased to express her Majesty's desire that the Albert Medal, hitherto only bestowed for gallantry in saving life at sea, shall be extended to similar actions on land, and that the first medals struck for this purpose shall be conferred on the heroic rescuers of the Welsh miners.

The Maybury Lodge is maintaining its high theatrical and social reputation. Mr. J. L. Toole has just been admitted a member, and Henry Neville was present at the meeting on Wednesday last to qualify himself for ballot. Mr. R. C. Hampton, the well-known and accomplished Secretary of the Conservative Club, and Mr. W. H. Cotton, eldest son of the late Lord Mayor, are the last initiates.—*Mayfair*.

**ANCIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.**—Owing to the pressure upon our space, the report of the consecration of the above lodge (in type) is unavoidably deferred until our next.

At a recent meeting of the United Brothers Lodge the W.M., Bro. Mark E. Frost, P.G. Treas. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, referred to a somewhat remarkable coincidence, viz., the fact that the W.M.'s of the whole of the Portsmouth lodges this year are subscribing members of the United Brothers' Lodge. The several W.M.'s referred to are, Bros. F. Court, Phoenix, No. 257; Guy, Royal Sussex, No. 342; G. Bond, Portsmouth, No. 487; E. B. C. Churchill, Gosport, No. 203; Mark E. Frost, United Brothers, No. 1069, and the Hon. C. Bourke, United Service, No. 1428.

**THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.**—No. 1, Vol 1, published in Glasgow, Scotland, by Bro. George Kenning, is on our table. This new candidate for honours bids fair to be a most excellent workman. We give it a hearty welcome and wish it a long life.—*Masonic Eclectic*.

The third public dinner in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, will be held in the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, 6th June, at which the Most Noble the Marquis of Hertford will preside, supported by Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

The eminent tragedian, Bro. Creswick, will take a benefit at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday, 23rd of May. A farewell dinner is to be given to the distinguished artist the Monday following.

The Amateur Dramatic Performance which will take place on Saturday next, at 2.30 p.m., punctually, at the Opera Comique in aid of the Boy's and Girl's Schools, will consist of "An Unwarrantable Intrusion," "The Ladie's Battle" and "Tears." Places still unlet may be obtained at the Box Office of the Theatre and at the West End Libraries. Admission to the Gallery will be by Ticket, now obtainable at the Theatre.

Mr. Walter Gosden has been appointed manager of the Inns of Court Hotel, in succession to the late Bro. Chas. Gosden.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Letters from J. Baker Ashworth; P.M. and M.W.S. Dutch Constitution; "Commemorative Lifeboat; Prov. Grand Chapter of East Lancashire.

Reports of Lodges:—Royal Albert, 907; Lord Warden, 1096; Great Northern, 1287; Hamilton, 1600; Mark Lodge, 104.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Sanitas Sanitatum et Omnia Sanitas," R. Metcalfe, F.S.S.; "Risorgimento;" "Le Monde Maçonnique;" "East Anglian Times;" Proceedings of the Supreme Council of A. and A. Scottish Rite, Canada; "Bauphütte;" "Yorick;" "Loomis's Journal;" "New York Dispatch;" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "Keystone;" "Nelson Daily Times."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

AUSTEN.—On the 22nd inst., at Wroxall, Isle of Wight, the wife of Capt. H. A. Austen, 49th (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) Regt., of a son.

BIGGS.—On the 21st inst., at Wimpole-street, the wife of G. Biggs, of a daughter, who only survived a few hours.

FITZGERALD.—On the 21st inst., at Brunswick-gardens, Kensington, the wife of G. R. A. Fitzgerald, Esq., of a son.

HOOPER.—On the 18th inst., at Bedford-street, Bedford-row, the wife of W. H. Hooper, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BRENEY—VENESS.—On the 26th inst., at Bexhill, Wm. Breney, of Hastings, to Emma, eldest daughter of Bro. G. W. Veness, of Bexhill and Hastings.

ELIOT—NEVILL.—On the 24th ult., at St. Paul's, Valetta, Malta, John Eliot, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, to Mary, daughter of the late W. Nevill, F.G.S., of Godalming.

## DEATHS.

LANE.—On the 20th inst., at St. John's-wood Park, Jane, widow of Rev. C. Lane, aged 73.

MATHER.—On the 21st inst., at North Finchley, the Rev. Robert Cotton Mather, LL.D., aged 63.

SMITH.—On the 19th inst., at Orleans-villas, Twickenham, Thomas Henry Smith, Esq., aged 66.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1877.

## THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales arrived at Naples on board the Sultan, on the 24th, at midday, and went on shore, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, to visit Prince Humbert and the Princess Marguerita. Prince Humbert afterwards went on board the Sultan to return the visit. On the 25th their Royal Highnesses were entertained at Caserta by the Prince and Princess of Piedmont at luncheon, to which the Prussian Princes were also invited. Their Royal Highnesses leave Naples on Saturday.

## THE GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1877-8.

The following are the officers of Grand Lodge for the current year, as appointed on Wednesday at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.,	&c. (re-elected) .....	M.W.G.M.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon (re-appointed) .....		Pro G.M.
The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale (re-appointed) .....		D.G.M.
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught		S.G.W.
H.R.H. Prince Leopold .....		J.G.W.
Rev. Chas. W. Arnold .....		G. Chap.
Rev. W. Lake Onslow .....		G. Chap.
Samuel Tomkins (re-elected) ..		G. Treas.
Æ. J. M'Intyre, Q.C. (re-appointed)		G. Reg.
John Hervey (re-appointed) ..		G. Sec.
E. E. Wendt (re-appointed) .....		G.S. for G.C.
Capt. N. G. Philips .....		S.G.D.
Peter De L. Long .....		S.G.D.
H. C. Tombs .....		J.G.D.
E. J. Morris .....		J.G.D.
F. P. Cockerell .....		G. S. of W.
Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, (re-appointed) .....		G. D. of C.
F. Robinson .....		A. G. D. of C.
George Toller .....		G. Swd. B.
C. E. Willing .....		G. Org.
H. G. Buss .....		Ast. G. Sec.
S. G. Foxall .....		G. Purst.
W. T. Howe .....		G. Purst.
C. B. Payne (re-appointed) .....		G. Tyler.

In our next we hope to give a short account of the Masonic services of the new Grand Officers.

## THE COMING REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The report of the House Committee of the Boys' School, with reference to increased accommodation for its numerous applicants, when finally settled, will be anxiously looked for by the subscribers to the school. We have no doubt that full justice will be done to all the important considerations involved in the general question, and that all recommendations which pass through the General Committee to the Quarterly Court will be alike marked by the great principles of caution and progress, the one object being the permanent welfare of the School. We have always supported the executive of the School, in their anxious efforts to uphold its efficiency and extend its usefulness, and we always shall, under all circumstances, as we entirely disapprove of any course of action which seeks or serves to ignore the meritorious discharge of their duties by a most painstaking and zealous body of men and Masons. But as we write to-day, as always, in the interests of the School, not of any clique or party, we think it right, as "Amici Curie," respectfully to suggest a view of the matter which we think may possibly have been overlooked in the wider range of alteration and augmentation proposed and planned. It might seem that the matter being before the House and General Committees, we were both premature and presumptuous in thus expressing any opinion on the subject, and that it is alike unfair and impolitic in any one to seek to give advice to a body, like the General Committee, perfectly competent to manage

its own affairs and develop its own opinions. But ours is simply a most friendly suggestion, and need only be taken "quantum valet." If we assume, as we think we fairly may, that some increase is needed in the Boys' School, two questions appear to come before us, first, the opportuneness, secondly, the extent of such increase. It will be borne in mind that the present situation of affairs has arisen from the proposal, which we confess we always looked upon as somewhat crude and undigested, to build a preparatory school for 100 boys, separate from the Boys' School. It was agreed at a previous Quarterly Court, "unâ voce," that the House Committee should be requested to consider the whole matter, and report to the Quarterly Court. The House Committee has reported to the General Committee, and the report has been printed, but that report has yet to pass through the General Committee before it reaches the Quarterly Court. Whatever the eventual report will be, when it is submitted to a Special Court, we cannot, of course, in any way predicate, as it may be materially altered from the one printed for the information of the Committee. But the idea of the report already mentioned seems to be to suggest the building of additional accommodation in the existing School at Wood Green so as to take in 120 or 70 additional boys, just as it is considered advisable to expend a larger or smaller sum, or rather to point out the possibility of such proceeding. But as we said before, without offence to anyone, two great questions come in when we consider the question "in extenso," viz., the opportuneness and the extent. Is it absolutely necessary to increase the Boys' School to anything like the number of boys mentioned, whether 70 or 120? Is it not rather a larger addition of inmates than the actual pressure on the School demands? For we must not, as it seems to us, lose sight of two or three points in the discussion, which deserve very serious consideration at our hands. Is it advisable to enlarge too much the eleemosynary facilities of our Order? Are we not thereby pandering to a growing evil amongst us,—the tendency to make Freemasonry a vast benefit society? And supposing that we can answer these queries favourably, must not a third question force itself upon us? Can we keep up the present high-pressure rate of support to the great charities of our Craft? While, then, we are ready to admit the need of an increase in the Boys' School, we are not quite prepared to concede that we have seen, so far, the proper remedy suggested for the growing demands for admission into the Boys' School. In our humble opinion, there is no absolute necessity for so very large an extension of the Boys' School just at present, a very inopportune season, by the way, for a metropolitan or a provincial appeal. We venture, on the contrary, to think that if the School were now increased to 200, the original number contemplated at its erection, and for which it was designed, by some additional dormitory accommodation being provided, the immediate necessity for increase would be satisfied, and matters might safely remain in "statu quo" for two or three years longer. The Boys' School has just come out of debt, it has begun to fund, and with two or three prosperous years it would be in a condition to begin building without borrowing, as by that time, if all goes well, it will probably have £15,000 or £20,000 in funded property. But now, to begin building operations involving £25,000, and probably more, of expenditure, must either land the institution again in debt, or compel a fresh special appeal to the metropolis and the provinces. It will probably be said that the dormitory accommodation cannot be increased at Wood Green, even for eleven boys, and as we were also told that it was necessary to build elsewhere, because there was no possibility, on sanitary grounds, of increasing the building at Wood-green, which proves, as we considered it), to be an utter fallacy, we do not at all lay any stress upon such a statement. We feel sure that a skilful architect could devise additional dormitory accommodation for 11 boys, and then the school can be left, to do its important work, for two or three years. By that time we shall be able



better to judge the actual requirements of the school than we are now. We are among those who believe in the future of the Boys' School. We feel sure that the eventual increase to 300 will not long suffice to meet the wants of our growing Craft, and that in all probability a preparatory establishment of 100 if not 200 boys may be necessary eventually as a training school for the larger institution. But it is better to leave to the future the things and wants of the future, and utilize the present as best may be done for the improvement of our goodly school, and the welfare of our Masonic Orphan Boys. For all these reasons, and others, which we will not dilate on now, we take the liberty humbly of suggesting, that if we now increase the school to 200 boys, we shall have as much on our hands for the next two years as we can carefully attend to, and comfortably support.

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL VOTING.

As always happens with disappointed candidates, we have complaints to deal with, with respect to those who either have not succeeded, or have been practically rejected altogether, and therefore we think it right to call attention to the matter to-day, as there is no one subject, perhaps, on which more fallacies exist, even in this age of fallacies, of illogical ones, of clap-trap appeals, "ad hominem" and "ad sentiment." We are going to lay down, in the outset, the following two laws of voting action, having had much experience in the matter:—1. That where a candidate fails, it is through the inherent weakness of the case, a want of proper "backing up" by its supporters. 2. That no really good case need be unsuccessful. For, curiously enough, the very cases often which are cited as a proof, if proof be needed, that there is a screw loose somewhere, either as regards the profession or practice of those who support particular candidates. The boy Cox, about whom our esteemed Bro. J. C. Martyn wrote to us a short time ago, (whose communications we always welcome), is a case in point. With all deference to our excellent P.G.C., had Cox's supporters only done their duty, the boy most certainly would have got in. But he has not polled up to the present time the actual repetitive votes of his professed supporters, or of his province. Had his province only duly supported him he must have been carried in long ago. Why, then, are other persons to be blamed because they do not do what the good brethren of Devonshire and his own supporters have left undone? It is idle to accuse the system of weakness or the Craft of unreason, as some do apparently in such a case as this, when, had a proper understanding been arrived at between his friends and the province, he must have been returned. The truth is, we are just now acting under a mistaken notion altogether of what the responsibility of the voting paper means, and in our haste to remedy imaginary evils, more or less, we shall probably perpetrate a lasting injustice on all future applicants for eleemosynary aid and inflict lasting injury on our charitable foundations. It is idle, and more than idle, to suppose that any two or three minds, or any committee of men or Masons, can arrive at an agreement of what is absolutely "the most distressing case." All we can expect to reach, it appears to us, is an agreement, "ceteris paribus," as to "a sufficiently distressing case" to claim our sympathies and invoke our help. It would be quite impossible to lay down any direct conditions of what constitutes the most distressing case, so as to constitute a paramount claim upon our votes. We all of us probably take a somewhat different view of the necessities of the particular applicants. Some may think a total orphan ought to have a preference over a semi-orphan. Others may consider length of Masonic affiliation a great ingredient as to the pressing nature of the application, others contend that the children of those who have subscribed to the Charities themselves should have a prior claim. Some may hold that there ought to be a condition of many years' subscription, while others may look at the number of the family, or the presence of any other member of it in the School already. And then there comes in this

further and most important question,—What is the actual position of the relatives of the orphan? It is to be greatly feared that many candidates are put forward, whom their friends ought to provide for, on this selfish ground, that as the deceased brother subscribed to Masonry, and these institutions exist, therefore he has as much right as any one else to participate in their benefits, though they could afford to educate the child themselves. Now, this, though purely human selfishness, is, we fear, not unknown in Freemasonry, and constitutes, as all are aware who have given attention to the subject, one of the most difficult problems which we have to solve, in common with our charities in general, and charity voting in particular. Hence the difficulties of coming to an abstract agreement as to the most distressing case are inseparable, and we can only arrive at a case, it appears to us, fairly worthy of our support. Any idea that such a realisation of an abstract absolute claim, could be arrived at by a close committee better than by open voting is, we venture to hold, an utter fallacy. In our honest opinion such a system can only lead, from the nature of the case, and in the infirmity of human nature, to the most intensified jobbery. We feel sure, as we have often said before, that as regards our provincial brethren at any rate, there is but one course open to them, if they wish to succeed in the elections, namely, to form Charity Committees of their own, and to select their provincial candidates for whom the aggregate of the votes of the province can be polled. We are aware that such views as these will not commend themselves to the reformers or pessimists of the hour, but they are the result of honest conviction and long experience, and, we have reason to believe, in entire accordance with the opinions of those who have had most experience in the matter. Sure we are, at any rate, that they are dictated by a most sincere desire to uphold the best interests of our great charitable educational Institutions.

### THE WELSH MINERS AT PONTYPRIDD.

It is not without emotion that all Englishmen and all Freemasons will rise from the perusal of the accounts which have been flashed by the sympathetic wire for the last few days from one end of England to the other. All will rejoice to think that the lives of the five imprisoned ones have been spared, thanks, under Providence, to the heroism of their rescuers, though they will deeply regret that any lives have been lost through one of those mournful accidents to which the best regulated collieries are subject. As the *Times* most truly says:—"A scene as tragic and heroic as any that can be presented by the war now about to commence has during the last week been enacted in the depths of a Welsh Colliery. It was on Wednesday evening in last week, nine days ago, that the original catastrophe occurred. On that evening, in the Tynewydd Mine, near Pontypridd, the men were on the point of leaving their work when a roar of rushing water was heard. The men at once fled, and many of them succeeded in gaining the shaft of the mine and escaping to the surface. But fourteen men and boys were found to be missing, and volunteers at once came forward to descend the shaft. A mine of this kind is a labyrinth. From the perpendicular shaft tunnels are cut horizontally, or at gentle inclines, and from these again smaller galleries, or headings, penetrate the coal right and left. The water had broken into the mine from the abandoned workings of an adjacent mine, and, of course, it flowed rapidly into all the 'stalls,' 'headings,' and 'roadways,' until it found its level. The volunteer party at once ascertained that all the workings within a few hundred yards of the bottom of the shaft were filled with water up to the roof, and it was natural to conclude that the missing fourteen men had all been drowned. But a knocking was soon heard, as if from some men who were imprisoned behind a wall of coal; and the volunteers at once set to work to cut through this wall. In this instance the thickness to be cut through was about forty yards, and as the missing men had been without food for five days, it was most improbable they could work at their own side of the wall. All that could be done was

for relays of men to be working night and day, in narrow galleries three feet high, gradually diminishing the distance between themselves and their comrades. They had to do this, moreover, at the cost of imminent and obvious peril to their own lives. The water having once broken into the mine, it was impossible to be sure it could be kept under by pumping; and even if they reached the prisoners, it was too possible that another explosion of air might be fatal to the rescuing party, while the water within, relieved from pressure, would drown those for whom all these efforts were being made. It was a kind of forlorn hope, and the bravery which sustained it deserves as much honour as any deed of arms." The names of the men who first volunteered, and whom the *Times* calls, not improperly, "a band of heroes," may well be recorded here, their names are:—John Hughes, Isaac Pride, Daniel Owens, William Rollins, Thomas Ash, William Parsons, and Charles Parsons, all living at Porth. While remembering the workmen who braved everything the officers in command should not be forgotten, and the name of Mr. Wales, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, Mr. James Thomas, a veteran in coal-mining, whose age would have been sufficient excuse for keeping away, Mr. Edward Thomas, Llwyncllyn, Mr. De Thomas, Brithwemydd, Mr. David Davis, Cilylai, Mr. William Davis, Coedco. While the roar of the tempest was at its highest pitch, and the blue flame of gas flashed in the Davy lamps, they stood with heroic courage with the noble band who were forcing their way towards the men beyond. On Friday at 2.30 p.m., the five sufferers who had been imprisoned this long space of time were brought safely up the surface, and are now under medical care—it is hoped they will eventually recover. All classes have been interested in this extraordinary case, from Her Gracious Majesty, always full of deep consideration even for the humblest of her subjects, to every class and condition of English women, men, and children. We are glad to be permitted in these pages to recount the gallant devotion of Welsh miners, and to express in the *Freemason* our sincere sympathy, especially with that most industrious class of our fellow countrymen, the coal miners, whose good qualities we, from long personal acquaintance with them, much better than most people, perhaps, fully recognise and appreciate. We are not at all surprised at that courage and self denial, and what the *Times* terms heroic devotion to duty, which have been evinced by these humble colliers in Wales.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Many of our readers will deeply regret to note the death of Bro. Montague Scott. He was well known in metropolitan Masonry, alike in his genial qualities and his ritualistic lore, while his ready utterance and his elocutionary powers, no less than his obliging disposition, gained him a large circle of admiring friends, and by very many of our brethren his loss will be truly felt and long deplored.

### WAR OR PEACE.

"Jacta est alea;" the Russian army has crossed the Pruth, and Russia and Turkey are now at war. When we next greet our readers we may have something more to say on the subject.

### Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC WORK BY W. BRO. EMRA HOLMES.

So many brethren are enquiring as to the advent of Bro. Holmes' Masonic Work, and I really cannot afford the time to answer the numerous enquiries, would the author or the publishers (Bros. G. M. Tweddell and Sons), kindly state in the columns of the *Freemason* the probable time of its appearance.

Under the peculiar circumstances of its publication, I have taken a lively interest in its sale, and one friend of mine, to whom I introduced the matter (W. Bro. S. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239, Sheffield), has actually obtained over 100 subscribers for the work. "Deeds speak louder than words," and it is pleasant to find brethren, as Bro. Ellis, always ready to aid a good cause.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHMAN.



## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I have got the words of that famous S. 165, A. 1, of the Book of Constitutions of the "Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes" of Germany, which excludes all non-Christians from Freemasonry, I am very glad to translate it into English, without altering its literal sense, and to send it to you for publishing. It reads as follows:—

S. 165. "In the confederacy of the Grand National Mother Lodge only such a one can be proposed for initiation into Freemasonry who (1) professes the Christian faith, without distinction of creed."

Of the two other Grand Lodges in Berlin the "Royal York of Friendship" has repealed a similar S., but not all her daughter lodges admit non-Christians as yet; while the third Grand Lodge, the "Grand Countries Lodge of Germany," is as intolerant as the "Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes," nay, more intolerant than the latter, as it never wanted to repeal its constitution as the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes several times attempted to repeal that famous S. 165, A. 1; so in April, 1873, in May, 1874, in 1875, and in 1896, the result of the last meeting I reported to you last year.

Yours fraternally,

STRAUSS,  
Harmony, 600.

[Is our good brother quite right in his facts? Is not the Grand Countries Lodge the only Grand Lodge in Germany which still excludes Hebrews for want only of a two-thirds majority?—Ed.]

## THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having just returned from Paris, from superintending the Installation Engraving, permit me, through your columns, to report progress to my subscribers and the Craft generally. All the portraits, 900 in number, are now engraved, and the engraver is busily employed in putting in the effects, viz., light and shade, &c. As the Prince is not expected to be in London until the end of the first week in May, and as every day spent upon the plate will add to its value as a work of art, the engraver most particularly requested me to give him to the 8th of May to produce the first proof, which I am to place before H.R.H. This proof, although very far advanced, will not be completely finished; it will take about three weeks more to produce a final one. I may also state that in the proof that will be submitted for the Prince's approval there will still be some eight or ten vacancies for portraits, two of which are admirably adapted for two friends, and are almost the best in the entire work. These spaces will be temporarily filled up in chalk on the proof, so as not to offend the eye; but I have no doubt when the proof is seen there will be several applications for them. By the first week in June the plate will be in the hands of the eminent printers, Messrs. McQueen, of Tottenham Court-road; and subscribers will receive their copies as quickly as they are issued from the press.

Trusting this information will prove satisfactory,

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,  
EDWD. J. HARTY.

213, Regent-street, W.

April 24th, 1877.

P.S.—As additional expense will be incurred in engraving portraits in the present vacant spaces, intending occupiers should at once communicate with me by letter.

## A DISGRACEFUL OCCURRENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I trouble you to insert the following, referring to a disgraceful occurrence at the last election for the Boy's School, in your valued paper.

At the October election for this institution I exchanged with Bro. H. Hacker 73 Boys' votes, for an equal number of Boys' votes for the April election of this year, for which I received his I O U. Bro. Hacker sent me on the 12th inst. 64 votes, and informed me that he would leave the remaining nine votes with Bro. Binckes, our esteemed Sec. of the Boy's School. On the 14th inst., I received from Bro. Binckes these nine votes and handed him in return Bro. Hacker's I O U.

To my great disgust I was informed on the 16th that this discharged I O U. of Bro. Hacker was again in circulation, and had on the afternoon of the 14th been exchanged by some unknown person against some 55 Girl's votes. It is evident that some scamp must have stolen this I O U. from Bro. Binckes's desk in his office, and then made a criminal use of it, thereby cheating a poor widow (Mrs. Ceeley) out of a large number of votes, which, however, I have promised her to make good at the next election.

I am anxious to have this mystery cleared up, and I am willing to give ten guineas to each of our Schools, if this person, who as I was told styled himself a "Brother," could be found out.

The 55 Girl's votes exchanged by Mrs. Ceeley were collected by brethren supporting the case of John Robert Gordon Ceeley; perhaps this could supply a clue to the discovery of the deceiver.

I remain, yours fraternally,

RICHD. BRANDT.

Past G. Sec. for German Correspondence.  
and P.M. 99.

## METROPOLITAN CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It appears to me that a great deal of strength is thrown away by the metropolitan brethren at the voting for the various institutions.

Would it be possible to have a Charity Committee of all the metropolitan lodges, in which each lodge should be annually represented, say of 25 members, with a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, so that the metropolitan votes might be given to selected candidates?

This is a startling innovation, but is it not needed, and might it not work well?

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPHUS.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The mother of the candidate No. 34 (about whose candidature you were good enough to publish my protest last week) wrote to me a day or two since, and asked me why I did not call attention to case No. 8 in the late election list, and stated that her husband was a Mason for seven years, and she had four children.

On the latter subject, of course, I only had the details furnished by such list, and any question of inaccuracy must be adjusted by Mrs. Daly and the school authorities.

As to the other point, I wrote to her the following letter, which I beg you to publish, as more fully showing the absurdity of the bye-laws regulating the nomination of girls to this Institution.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY C. TOMBS,  
P.G.S.W., &c., Wilts.

[COPY.]

Mrs. Daly, 4, Burfield Terrace, Hammersmith.

Wootton Bassett, 16th April, 1877.

Madam,—I beg to acknowledge your favour in reference to my letter concerning the abuses of three children from the same family being the recipients of the benefits of the Girls' School.

I did not notice case No. 8 or I certainly should have alluded to it, though I don't see how the mother of No. 8 can have "two children in the Institution," and the third a candidate, when she is stated in the voting paper to have only two children dependent on her, except those in the School are not reckoned.

You will, I doubt not, give me credit for not desiring to give pain to you, or anyone else who has had the misfortune to lose one so near and dear to them as a husband.

The postscript to my letter explained clearly my object was to write against the "principle" not the "individual."

Will you look at the case as the mother of say No. 2 does:—Three children; father 24 years a Mason; no children elected; this the fifth election, with only the barest possibility of an election being obtained.

Or the case of No. 52:—Twelve children; father 43 years a Mason.

Believe me, madam, it is a gross and sad injustice that bye-laws should sanction such a candidature as your third child. You have two already in the School.

Is it to be permitted that the mother of No. 52 is to have all her twelve children educated in Masonic Schools?

If not, where is the limitation to commence?

If you were the mother of No. 2 would you like such a thing to be possible, to your great detriment?

Your good sense and kind motherly feeling for others will speak to your own conscience that such a state of things simply means unjustifiable laxity on the part of the managers, and a gross disregard of the interests of the general body of candidates.

I don't blame you for getting all your children educated in the Girls' School, if such a thing is possible to be sanctioned or winked at, or shall I say disregarded or overlooked, by those in authority.

With every respect, believe me, madam, your obedient servant,

HENRY C. TOMBS,  
P.G.S.W. Wilts.

[We publish these letters at Bro. Tombs's request, but we think it rather a pity that he did not send us Mrs. Daly's letter, as we always think it well to have all the correspondence before us. As regards particular cases of election we call his attention to a leader on the subject to-day.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am desired by Mrs. Johnson to ask you to express her sincere thanks to the brethren, through your valuable paper, for the support received on the 14th inst. in gaining a place for her little child, M. A. Johnson, No. 5 on the list, in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

E. CHAMBERLAIN,  
P.M. 1232, and P.G.S. of W.  
Lincolnshire.

Eastgate House, Bourn, Lincolnshire.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—At the change of seasons many persons feel oppressed without knowing why they are so—they are aware something within them is wrong, though they cannot detect the defective organ. A few doses of these powerfully purifying and eminently cooling Pills will restore regularity to every part of the system—will cast out all impurities lurking in the frame, and will thoroughly expel the last traces of disorder, however hidden the disease may be—however obscure its cause. With Holloway's medicine relief is insured without risk; erroneous action is rectified without disturbing natural regularity; health is re-instated, and with it return the cheerful feelings which unmistakably to the recent invalid that all within is right again.—ADVT.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ADELPHI LODGE, No. 1670.

On Saturday last the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, was consecrated at the house occupied by the Crichton Club, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand, and a brother who has made his mark in Masonry by the excellence of his working while occupying the chair of W.M. in the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, was installed the first Worshipful Master of the latest addition to the list of London lodges. It was with great pleasure the numerous brethren who assembled on this occasion saw the merits of this brother recognised by the Most Worshipful Grand Master granting the warrant for the Adelphi Lodge, with Bro. Llewellyn Jones as the W. M. designate, and they also hailed with additional satisfaction the circumstance of the warrant bearing the sign manual of the M.W.G.M. himself. That the lodge will highly appreciate its warrant there is no doubt, as the members are all most worthy Masons, and are anxiously solicitous for the well being of the Order.

The following is a complete list of the brethren present at the consecration: Bros. John M. Gibson, J. Llewellyn Jones, E. W. Chetwynd, Douglas Cox, G. Mc. A. Low, W. A. Tinney, W. W. Stevens, Ralph Thomas, R. W. Dunn, Harry Western, G. F. Thomson, B. Gallon, Wilford Morgan, 34; Alfred Caink, 1256; H. Massey (Freemason), J. N. Chamberlin, P.M. 131; James J. Joseph, J.W. 1420; J. T. Pilditch, J.D. 1420; R. T. Pigott, D.C.L., S. W. 11; Nelson Reed W.M. 1671; G. C. Searle, Organist 1572; James Weaver, P.P.G.O. Middlesex; John Green, P.M. 27; John Hervey, G.S.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Charles B. Payne, G.T.; W. T. Howe, Grand Pursuivant; H. J. Gibbs, 657; Rev. Parkins, P.M. 84; Charles Cooke, P.M. 1319; Harry F. Cox, L.G. 1319; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; J. J. Avery, Prov. G. Treas., Devon; and Roger Cutler, J.W. 231.

The lodge was consecrated by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. J.G.W. Middlesex, as Director of Ceremonies. The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. W. T. Howe, Grand Purs., and the J.W. chair by Bro. Jas. Weaver, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex. Bro. John Green, P.M. 27, acted as I.G. On the procession entering the lodge Bro. Geo. C. Searle, Organist 1572, played his Installation March, and during the ceremony musically accompanied the various portions, in which he was assisted by the following musical brethren:—Wilford Morgan, Robert Gallon, W. H. Stevens, Nelson Reed, and Alfred Caink.

The lodge having been opened in the different degrees, Bro. Hervey said: Brethren, it always gives me pleasure when I have an opportunity of performing the ceremony which I am called upon to do to-day, especially when I am so well supported, which I am, by my rev. brother on my right, because I know that when he is present I can always look for consistent support, and that if I fail in any material point I shall be supported by him and put right. Brethren, we have again met for the purpose of consecrating a lodge, and I trust that this lodge, when consecrated, will so carry out its duties and so set an example to the world, that it may not be a reproach hereafter to the Grand Master that he has delegated the power of initiating, passing, and raising Masons to men who do not know how to perform and carry out those duties. We are now, brethren, progressing very rapidly—I hope not too rapidly; but unless the brethren who are entrusted with the duties of Freemasonry carry out those duties as they ought to do, it would be far better that we go much more slowly, and that our pace was not so rapid; and I may say one other thing, that Freemasonry is a society which contains very excellent precepts, and if those precepts are not properly carried out I do think that those who endeavour to undertake the duties of office in lodges are traitors to that which they undertake, and that they are derelict from the duties which they ought to perform. We are told very frequently of the various duties which devolve upon us as Masons, and when we undertake to perform those duties in every ceremony which we go through, different excellences are pointed out to us, different things which we ought to study and to perform as our duties to Freemasonry; and unless we do carry those out, and unless we let the principle of Freemasonry permeate through everything that we carry out in our general duties, we are not acting as we ought to do, and we are not doing that which we have undertaken to perform. Brethren, I have frequently on these occasions impressed upon those with whom I have come into contact the necessity of being cautious as to whom they introduce into the Craft. I will not say more upon the point to-night, because I feel that it does not always do to harp upon the same theme; and although it is a point which I very strongly insist upon as one that we ought to carry out, yet still I do not want to weary you by again reiterating that which I have so frequently before said; but I do trust that this lodge will so carry out its duties as to merit that distinction which the Grand Master had delegated to it; and I hope that when in future years we look back to the 21st of April, 1877, we shall look back to it with pleasurable feelings, as having introduced into our society a body of men who will carry out the duties of Masonry, not only well but excellently; and I would impress upon the brethren of this new lodge, and especially on the officers of it, the necessity of a due performance of their duties, the necessity of being punctual in attendance when the W.M. calls upon them to attend the lodge at a certain time, because if one or two brethren are absent it is a sort of dislocation of the whole machine; the W.M. may be in his place and so may the Wardens, but if the Deacons are not present as well, then the first difficulty arises, that there is nobody to take their duties, and that the Master cannot proceed with the work in the manner which he ought to do. So again with the Wardens—if they are not in their places the Master is again placed in



a difficult position, and it is not only the Wardens and the Deacons, but with the other officers of the lodge. In each office there is a certain duty to perform; it is not a very lengthy one, and surely through the year the members have an opportunity of attending lodges of instruction, and may get up that little and perform it well. I do not know any more painful display than when a Deacon is piloting a candidate round the lodge room, to see that he does not know what he is about, that he takes him to the right when he ought to go to the left, and "vice versa." Certainly, if there be officers upon whom the W.M. ought to depend it is upon the Deacons. I am sure, sir, the officers whom you will have to appoint to-day will be such as will support you in the arduous duties you will have to perform; and I do trust that the recommendation I have now made to them to be punctual in their attendance to get up those duties which devolve upon them in each office, so that when the lodge is opened it may work as a whole, and that the machinery of the lodge will not be disturbed by the inefficiency or the absence of the officers. Brethren, I will not say anything more, because presently the rev. brother on my right will address you in a much more eloquent strain than I can venture or hope to do; but if any little truth which I can lay before you is of the slightest use, if it induces one of the junior officers to come when he might say, "No, I have got something to do; I have got another letter to write," then I think I have done some good. Again, I think that if brethren undertake office in a lodge they should not have "another letter to write;" they should so arrange their business that they can perform their duties as Masons. Not that I for one moment would recommend brethren to neglect their own business for the sake of Masonry—no man ought to do that; if he does so he is not performing the duty of a Mason, because he is devoting that time which ought to be devoted to the support of himself and his family for that which has frequently been called a luxury, for a luxury it is, and therefore a man ought not to neglect the ordinary duties of life for Freemasonry; but I think he should so arrange his work, both Masonic and private, as to make them combine, and not neglect either for the purpose of performing the duties of the other. (Cheers.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the oration was delivered by

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., who said: W.M., Wardens, and brethren,—In Holy Writ we observe that places have been often intended by Almighty God to bring to the knowledge and remembrance of His people certain remarkable events. It is not without significance that to-day we are met in an old region of London, named Adelphi. It is a happy coincidence that this term, especially meaning brothers and brotherhood, should form the situation of a new lodge in this 19th century. It carries us back to former days in our own land, and, as I have already observed, it carries us back still further, to ancient days in another. I thought, therefore, as I came into town to-day, that this word might be a keynote to a few thoughts for yourselves and myself on an occasion like this. Brotherly love is a very common term amongst us Masons; I would to God that that word should always rule our hearts and acts in Masonry as well as in the world. And perhaps if I say, and say without fear of contradiction, that such brotherly love, to be true, to be steadfast, and to be permanent, must be based upon the love of God, I am only uttering a very great commonplace—a mere truism. We find recorded in one of the Prophets a question put by one who was enquiring what he could do to please the Lord; and he proposed to give a "thousands of measures of oil," nay to give his "first-born for his transgression, the fruit of his body for the sin of his soul;" but he was told by the prophet that he need do no such thing, that he need not make such sacrifices as these; but he was only to do three simple things—grand words to be written on every Masonic lodge as well as upon the tablets of our hearts—he was told, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Brethren, I cannot but feel upon an occasion like this that the recollection of these three sentences from the Sacred Volume may form very apt subjects of meditation. I will very briefly allude to each. "To do justly." Alas! how many of the "wars and rumours of wars" in this our world, how many of the private feuds which disturb society, how many of the family broils which eat away domestic happiness, may be attributable to the want of that simple virtue, justice. "To do justly." There can be no brotherly love without it. To do justice even in the common matters of trade, in our daily business and avocation, whatever that may be, is no trifling part of the prosperity of the State or the happiness of ourselves. I observe, and have heard from the mouths of many of those who have dealt with each other, how exceedingly difficult it is to be just and yet to live. I cannot but feel that if there be a God above us whose essential attribute is justice, the man who does "justly" in his ordinary matters of business must in the long run be the prosperous and the happy man—the prosperous as well as the happy man—for it "has the promise of the life that now is as well as that which is to come." And in society constantly, not a day of our lives passes but we have an opportunity of showing that nice discernment between what is just and what is unjust which may lead to the happiness of others as well as of ourselves. Well has the old dramatic poet said, "Be just and fear not," and well, also, has the old Latin author said, "Fiat justitia ruat cælum." But we are told, also, that we must "love mercy." Need I say, brethren, how constantly we have an opportunity of showing this virtue? We have an opportunity in our own families continually of showing kindness and tenderness; and we have not a few allusions in Holy Writ to the necessity there is for those who are placed at the head of households showing a tender and kind care for those who are

placed by God under their charge. And what holds good of the head of the family holds good of the head of the firm, of the head of the establishment in trade, of the head of every body of men over whom we may be placed. To show kindness and mercy, to endeavour always to do the pitiful, the kind, the courteous act, instead of the self-sufficient, the proud, the unkind, the contumelious—surely this forms a very main part in brotherly love, and amongst us Masons in particular. What would Masonry be without it? It would, to use a very common expression, be "Hamlet without the principal character." We have our noble Charities; God grant we may never cease to support them. And every Mason is bound, according to his ability, to let that be part of his Masonry; and not only to support those Charities, but, I venture to say also especially to London Masons, to see those Charities, to be able in some measure to realise that which we have the blessing and the happiness to have and to uphold. And so I have always tried to impress upon the brethren that it is highly desirable that they should take a happy holiday, and do themselves the luxury of going to see those Charities, and see the children and the old people in happiness and comfort. And, brethren, inasmuch as these two virtues must stand upon some basis, inasmuch as the building must have a foundation, I contend that we shall not "do justly," and not "love mercy," at least permanently and as a habit (for every person may be just by fits and starts, and merciful by fits and starts), unless it is founded upon the love of God, and unless we "walk humbly with" that God. And why is it that the prophet tells us to "walk humbly with thy God?" Doubtless there were many men in ancient days, as in these, that held a high head, and by trusting to their strong arm, or by trusting to their great reason, walked proudly beneath the great canopy in which the great Father and Governor of the world sits supreme. Brethren, it is an awful thing when men use that power and reason, that health and strength which God gives, to walk proudly before their God. I am satisfied that such a feeling as this, if it have place in any of our hearts, can never lead to true mercy to others or justice to our brethren, and I believe if the God we serve and worship were one of those terrible gods which some of the heathen worship, and which are supposed to inflict vengeance continually upon their creatures, we should not attempt to walk proudly, but to walk humbly and softly enough. Let us then when we have strength devote it to His service. If we have reason let us never cloud it with anything like intemperance; but use that reason in His great high service, as well as in that of our brethren and ourselves. Thus, according to that beautiful charge, too seldom given to us now, because we have so much to do, we should do our duty to God, our neighbour, and ourselves; thus will our brotherly love be founded upon a sure and lasting basis, and then, whatever may be the shades of difference which may separate us in the outer world, we can always contribute the beautiful colours of the rainbow to act on one another, and whatever the storms be that come across our families, our houses, our neighbourhoods, or our lodges, we shall see the rainbow with the smile of God coming to cheer us with that "hope which fadeeth not away," and the Adelphi Lodge amongst the rest shall form part of the excellent band that is marching along the course of time to the course of improvement, and is helping to raise according to its ability human kind to the great image which it has lost, and to the blessed and happy lodge to which we all hope to come.

The rev. brother sat down amidst hearty cheering. The lodge was then duly consecrated, and Bro. John Llewellyn Jones was installed W.M. The following brethren were invested with their collars of office: Bros. Robert Gallon, S.W.; Harry Western, J.W.; R. W. Dunn, Treas.; William Shakespeare Webster, Sec.; Grange Mc. A. Low, S.D.; W. H. Stevens, J.D.; Douglas Cox, I.G.; and E. W. Chetwynd, D.C.

After the work of the lodge was completed Bros. John Hervey, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and H. G. Buss were elected honorary members of the lodge, and votes of thanks to them and Bros. W. T. Howe, James Weaver, and Green, who had taken the chairs of S. and J.W. and the office of I.G., for performing and assisting in the work of consecration.

Bro. Hervey acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and Bros. Simpson and Buss, and hoped they might visit the lodge again, say, in twelve or thirteen years' time (laughter); and each of the other brethren responded individually for himself.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Caledonian Hotel, hard by, where a choice banquet was awaiting their arrival.

After the banquet the usual toasts were proposed in regular order.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," said: I thank you very heartily on behalf of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, for the compliment that you have paid them in drinking this toast with such kindness and enthusiasm. I know that my excellent friend on my left (Bro. Hervey) will have to return thanks for another toast, and therefore I am not surprised, perhaps, that I should have been selected, as being senior by accident to himself, to return thanks for this toast. It is no use my speaking of Lord Carnarvon or Lord Skelmersdale, because to "paint the lily" is an exceedingly delicate operation, and one that is likely to cast more responsibility on the artist than the object. I shall not attempt, therefore, to say more than this, that I think we are very happy in possessing such men as rulers in our Order. We have to thank you very sincerely for the kind welcome you have given us this day, and the hospitality which you have shown us in the Adelphi Lodge, and also for the compliment which you have paid us in electing us

as honorary members of this lodge. I hope, with my friend, that we shall visit it again; but as he is a young man, and talks of fourteen years, I will venture to talk of fourteen months, and hope that in fourteen months I may have the pleasure of seeing you again. Brethren, I think we may fairly say that to-night, looking at the working of this lodge, and looking at the men who have been selected to be its rulers, the present lodge appears to very much fall in with the Darwinian theory—I mean of natural selection. (Laughter.) The officers appear to be, as far as we have the benefit of judging, as naturally the officers of a lodge as could well have been selected. But I venture to say that there is another point in this matter which is not to be lost sight of. There is an evolution of species—of Masonic species, of course. I take it, notwithstanding the way we are denounced in some high quarters, we are a species of monkey; and the link which seems to me to be established between the last Master and the first Master—by the Prince of Wales, the major, and the Prince of Wales the minor—is remarkable, if I may judge of the likeness there seems to be along the 1670 generations, or links, or whatever else they may be called, a certain remarkable continuity. (Great laughter, occasioned by the reference to the strong facial resemblance between the W.M. and the Prince of Wales.) Brethren, I thank you very much to-night for having listened, as you have very kindly done, to the address of the Chaplain on this occasion; and I was very much tempted, while speaking of that even-handed justice and that nice discrimination which should characterise us all, to say there is one instance which I think is known to all Masons, and that is of one who, whether a Mason be the Prince of Wales, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Carnarvon, or the humblest Masons amongst us, is always ready with the same kindness and affability, the same obliging, and good and cheerful temper, to minister to our wants, to answer our most unreasonable questions, and to be ready on all occasions to give us his kind aid—I mean our Grand Secretary. (Hear, hear.) But I resisted the temptation because I do not like praising him too much; he gets too much conceited. (Laughter.) Brethren, I have ventured also to depart from the ordinary landmarks of the Order in addressing you, as I have had the privilege of addressing other lodges on the occasion of consecration, and instead of addressing you an oration upon the principles of the Order, I have only ventured to throw off a few desultory remarks upon some point which I have happened to get into my mind. At the same time I trust that there may be a consistency even in that. A late bishop of this diocese had two archdeacons who delivered charges upon these two different subjects: the composition of a sermon was the subject which one archdeacon chose, and extramural interments was the subject of the other; and some persons remarked to the bishop how varied were the subjects which his archdeacons chose. The bishop said "Not at all, I think they are remarkably alike," and upon the questioner expressing his astonishment the bishop said, "Well, after all, they are very near; one is on composition, and the other on decomposition." (Laughter.) Well, I am very much afraid that many of the addresses we give have a certain sameness in them; at the same time we are assured of this, we are amongst brethren and amongst friends, who will make all allowances for our shortcomings, and will give us in charity the best sympathy for our deeds, and will try to get and extract the most benefit from them. (Cheers.)

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," observed upon Bro. Simpson's remark, that it was very difficult to say anything new in response to Masonic speeches, that it was much more difficult to suggest anything new in proposing Masonic toasts. A man might by accident say something new, and if he did it should be taken advantage of. A proposer was not in that happy position, and he asked the brethren to make up for his deficiency in proposing this toast by the heartiness of their response to it. He, however, felt it his duty to say one or two words. He was sure all the members of the lodge wished it might become a credit to Masonry, that it should not only be known as the first of the name, but also a thoroughly brotherly lodge in every respect. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Consecrating Officers for the excellent manner in which they had done their work. The W.M. then named all the brethren who acted as officers at the consecration, and said they had set an example that evening which it would be very judicious to follow, and if they would come to the lodge as often as they pleased he hoped they would not be ashamed of the working; that they might say, "Well, you may be young people, but you are learning to trot very nicely, and you have nice straight legs." (Laughter.)

Bro. Hervey, in reply, said: There is a saying, "Know yourself." I thought I did know myself, and I thought I was a very modest man until I was assured by my next door neighbour (the Rev. R. J. Simpson) that it was quite the contrary. ("Hear, hear," from the W.M.) Well, I, of course, if Bro. Simpson, the Grand Chaplain, affirms that I am not a modest man, and the Master of the lodge ejaculates "Hear, hear," must of necessity give way and plead guilty to being anything but a modest man. Well, sir, if I be not a modest man, at any rate I have enough assurance, whether modest or otherwise, to thank you and to thank the brethren most sincerely for the toast which has just been so cordially proposed and received; and I can only say this, sir, that if I had to do the whole ceremony of consecration myself I do not think I could have done it so well as I have done it if I had not been so efficiently supported by those brethren who are now standing up with me. I am afraid when we take credit for ourselves we frequently ignore those who assist us over the stile, and we forget that those who have been in connection with us in any difficult undertaking have given us aid which we could very ill have spared in bringing the affair to



a successful issue. Now, sir, if the ceremony of consecration this night has gone off well, I am sure I may say, in the name of my brethren, who are all standing up on my right, that we rejoice that such has been the case; we are glad indeed that our combined efforts have produced a salutary effect, and we are glad indeed that we have been enabled justly and properly to launch the Adelpi Lodge into existence. (Cheers.) Having said so much, and having thanked you sincerely for the cordial manner in which this toast has been proposed and received, I would ask the brethren to charge their glasses and drink a toast that I propose with great pleasure for their acceptance. I do not think you will gainsay what I am about to say, that the W.M. has gone through the opening of his career in a very creditable manner. He has, fortunately for himself, had a little preliminary study in a small country lodge on the banks of the Thames. He has so far made use of his opportunity, that he has shown you to-night what he can do, for what he did was well done. He closed the lodge in an admirable manner; he showed that he was not at a loss in the performance of any of his duties, and I am quite satisfied that he will make use of his opportunity at the first meeting of the lodge, and show you what he can do in the initiation. But I mentioned that in the early part of the evening, and I mentioned it again just now that one brother cannot do the whole work of the lodge, and I am glad to see on the present occasion that the Master is supported by officers of the province, who have shown by the combination they have made this evening that they will carry out the duties that have been assigned to them, and that the W.M. when he presides for the first time in this lodge will not be deserted by his officers, but that they will be prepared to support him in every office which he has conferred upon them, and that they will produce an effect on the candidates when they are introduced to the lodge which cannot be surpassed. And I would urge upon you again, and I am sure you will excuse me for doing it, that the introduction of a candidate decides his Masonic life. It depends entirely upon the effect which is made upon him on his initiation whether he becomes a good Mason, whether he will adhere to the Craft, or whether he will leave it in disgust and say, "I was made a Mason certainly, but I left Masonry because its ceremonies appeared to be trivial, and its officers were incompetent." Well, brethren, we have no need to apprehend anything of that sort in this lodge. We may look forward to the work being well done; to the officers supporting their Master, and the Master not requiring from his officers more support than they ought to give him. Our excellent friend the Chaplain has already alluded to the meaning of the word Adelpi, and it does not need any further explanation from me, but I may say that I am sure the brethren will feel they are bound together not only by the name of the lodge, but by those Masonic feelings which every Mason ought to maintain, which every member of a lodge ought to maintain towards all the other members. I think it is mainly from the want of tact on the part of some Masters that differences in lodges are not smoothed over; many differences might be arranged by the possession of a little tact, and I am sure that there will be no want of tact on the part of the Master of this lodge.

The W.M. having replied, The Treasurer gave "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bro. Buss replied. "The Treasurer's Health" was also proposed, as was also that of the Secretary; and the other officers having replied to their toast, Bro. Longstaff gave the Tyler's toast, which concluded the list, and the brethren separated.

Bros. G. C. Searle, Wilford Morgan, Gallon, Stevens, Nelson Reed, and Caink contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by singing a pleasing variety of songs.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Special Committee of Subscribers to this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benj. Head in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. H. Browne, Thos. W. White, Griffiths Smith, T. F. Pocock, Joshua Nunn, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. J. N. Vaughan, Major Finney, J. G. Marsh, Dr. Woodman, Dr. Ramsay, Hyde Pullen, Rev. Dr. Morris, Captain J. Wordsworth, Raynham W. Stewart, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, (Freemason), J. A. Rucker, Peter De L. Long, Herbert Dicketts, F. Binckes, W. Paas, R. B. Webster, J. W. Faulkner, H. Venn, W. F. Kidder, Thos. Kingston, Pierce Egan, Thos. Bull, John Boyd, and R. W. Little, Secretary.

A grant of £15 was made to one girl (Clara Bindon) leaving the Institution and going to learn a business at Clifton.

The following brethren were nominated for the House Committee for 1877-8: Bros. Boyd, Browne, Dubois, Head, Nunn, Long, Peters, Rucker, Griffiths Smith, Tattershall, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Thos. W. White, Faulkner, Hyde Pullen, Raynham W. Stewart, Captain Wordsworth, and A. H. Diaper.

The following brethren were nominated for the Audit Committee for 1877-8: Bros. Chancellor, Dicketts, Kingston, Levander, Levy, Marsh, Roebuck, Webster, Mather, Bailey, Mason, and Paas.

Dr. Ramsay gave notice of the following motion:—"That in the opinion of this Committee the accommodation provided for the officials of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Freemasons' Hall is totally inadequate for the increased and increasing labours which they have to perform, and that it is referred to the Board of General Purposes to ascertain what better accommodation can be provided."

The Committee then adjourned.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. MONTAGU SCOTT.

Bro. Montagu Scott, who died at his residence at Fulham, on Saturday, the 14th inst., was the son of Dr. James Scott, M.D., of Woodhall, in Lincolnshire, and he was admitted into the law in 1845, and for over thirty years served it with unremitting attention, and a kindly generosity to his clients. Early in life he followed his father's footsteps in Masonry, and became initiated in the Lodge of St. James's, No. 765. There he went through every grade, and was retained in the chair for two consecutive years. He became a companion of the Caveac Chapter, of the Domestic Chapter, and was one of the founders of the Carnarvon Lodge. In 1873, at the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (the Prince of Wales in the chair) in recognition of his energy in raising funds for the aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, he was presented with a handsome testimonial; he also received a gratifying acknowledgment of his labours, from the Lodge of St. James's. His illness commenced on the 2nd of the month, and he only lingered on until the 14th, but if it be true, that to live in the hearts of those we love is not to die, then Bro. Montague Scott has not yet passed from among us, for many years must pass away before the interest he took, not only in his own lodges but in Masonry generally, can be forgotten. He was interred on Saturday last in the Brompton Cemetery, and in accordance with his own wishes the funeral was strictly simple, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was a large attendance of brother Freemasons and members of his late Rifle Corps, the 40th Middlesex.

##### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, May 4, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 28.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Ho. Fleet-st.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

##### MONDAY, APRIL 30.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden Square.  
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

##### TUESDAY, MAY 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot.  
" 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 765, St. James's.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Westminster Hot., S.W.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, C. of G. Hope Tav., E.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent's M.H., Air-st., W.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.  
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, M.R., 1, 2 and 3, Little Britain.  
K.H.S. Sanctuary, No. 1, Mount Carmel, F.M.T.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

##### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2.

Grand Chapter, at 7.  
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La. Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.

Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kenish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

##### THURSDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.  
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
Precep. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

##### FRIDAY, MAY 4.

Chap. 3, Fidelity.

" 8, British, F.M.H.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

##### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 5, 1877.

##### MONDAY, APRIL 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
TUESDAY, MAY 1.  
Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1384, Equity, Walker's Hot., Widnes.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants' L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.  
Boole L. of L., Assembly R., Boole.

##### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge, 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of L., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

##### THURSDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1473, Boote, Assem. R., Boote.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
Harmonic L. of L., Adelpi Hot., Liverpool.  
FRIDAY, MAY 4.  
Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Hamer L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE (No. 1017).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, April 25th. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Bordereau was passed to the Second Degree. Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Benjamin and Erstein were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The Hon. Secretary of the Montefiore Committee reported that 230 petitions referring to the exclusion of non-Christians from German lodges had been returned duly signed, together with many letters sympathising with the object the committee had in view. He further reported that the letter from the Joppa Committee had been duly considered, and a reply sent on 28th March, stating that the Montefiore Committee was willing to meet the Joppa and any other committee; but no reply had been received to that communication. It was unanimously resolved that letters of condolence should be sent to Bro. Albert, P.M., P.G.P., Secretary to the lodge, and to Bro. W. Clifford Eskeil, P.M., on their recent bereavement.

**URBAN LODGE (No. 1196).**—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult. at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. The previous evening Shakespeare's memory was duly honoured according to ancient custom by the members of the Urban Club, from which the lodge spring. Under the presidency of the well-known dramatist, Dr. Westland Marston, assisted by Dr. Doran as "vice," a company assembled at the old Gate, numbering upwards of one hundred gentlemen, nearly all of whom are more or less known in the literary world. The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., had announced that he would be present on the occasion, but in the course of the day Bro. Loverdo received a note from the right honourable gentleman "regretting his inability to release himself from Parliamentary engagements." Dr. Schliemann, of Mycenæ, Professor Fawcett, M.P., and the following sat down to dinner:—Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Sir John Bennett, Dr. Carpenter, C. Horsley, F. W. Koch, Dr. W. J. Hunter, Chas. Harcourt, Dr. G. G. Zeff, R. H. Pearson, P. J. Duffy, Dr. Barringer, Jonathan Pearson, W. G. Kent, Donald King, R. Farquharson, J. Dionysius Lovetto, George G. Fairchild, Wilhelm Ganz, Reuben Green, B. J. Jeffery, S. S. Bacca, S. Lehmyer, J. Redding, Ware, and others. In the above list we have Grand Officers, Past Masters, and other brethren well-known in the Craft, and we must congratulate the Urban Lodge on its success. At the last meeting Bro. Simpson, W.M., presided, assisted by his officers, Bros. Edwin Legge, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; Heath, S.D.; Loverdo, J.D.; Eckstein, I.G.; Lehmyer, Org.; Carpenter, P.M., Treas.; Marston, P.M., D.C.; and Radford, W.S. The lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bros. Caspar, Clark, and Tacon were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Fairchild proposed, and Bro. Heath seconded, that the initiation fee be raised to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five, which was unanimously carried. Notice was given that at the next meeting the annual subscription should be raised. After some formal business the lodge was closed and adjourned to the fourth Tuesday in October next. At the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bros. Lehmyer and Bianchi, the accomplished pianists, enlivened the proceedings with several executions on the piano, chiefly their own compositions. Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston) gave a recitation in a very effective manner. Bros. Carpenter, Bacca, Heath, and Jones some capital singing.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).**—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, the 10th ult., there were present Bros. Jupe, W.M.; Christie, S.W.; West, J.W.; Robinson and Arkell, Deacons; Jackson, I.G.; Timberlake, D.C. The business before the lodge was to initiate Messrs. Sommet, Pallett, Edgar, Dobby, and Bradford, but, unfortunately, the four latter only appeared. The W.M. having given these brethren their qualifications, rose in the customary manner, when the name of a candidate was announced for the next assembling, and the lodge was closed in due form. Besides the brethren mentioned above, there were Bros. Lancaster, I.P.M.; Forbes, P.M.'s Statens (Sec.), Reed, and Webb (Treas.); T. Adams, and J. Terry, Hon. Sec.; also a large number of visitors and brethren. This being the last night of the season there was a banquet, and on the clearing of the cloth the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. During the evening P.M.'s Reed, Webb, Forbes, and Bros. Harper, Soden, Kempton, Owen, and Arkell enlivened the company with songs and recitations.

**ALFORD.**—Hamilton Lodge (No. 1600).—The festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. was celebrated on Monday, the 30th March. This is the first anniversary (consecrated) 30th March, 1876) of this lodge, the "Hamilton," named after the lord of the manor, and who, as a good landlord, is much respected and very popular. This day will doubtless be long remembered by those brethren who were privileged to be present, not only on account of the presence of the D.P. G.M., W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, a member of this lodge, but for the splendid working of the installing Officer, Bro. C. Smyth, P.P.G.P., the retiring W.M., who well and worthily installed his successor, Bro. R. Garfit, into the chair of K.S. After the confirmation of the minutes, which showed that the S.W., Bro. Garfit, had received the unanimous votes of the brethren, Bro. W. O. Taylor, an E.A., answered the questions put from the chair in a very satisfactory manner, which reflected credit upon the brother who had undertaken this portion of the work. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Taylor was passed in a manner, we were about to add faultless, but, really, this is perhaps too strong a term; however, in justice to the W.M. and the officers, it may be said that the ceremony was performed as near the "Emulation working" as could be desired. To particularise, the charge and tracing board by the S.W., and the working tools, specially prepared by the W.M.; were to use the term advisedly, splendidly given, and a treat rarely enjoyed; we may say, even in this large province of Lincolnshire. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters opened. Bro. C. Smyth in this difficult work, as in the subsequent addresses, and in a manner that is rarely attained or ever excelled but by the few, installed Bro. Robert Garfit, S.W., into the chair of K.S. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. F. Higgins, S.W. and Treas.; T. C. Johnson, J.W. and Sec.; B. A. Galland, Chap.; C. Brooks, S.D.; E. A. Young, J.D.; T. A. Handsley, I.O.; and Bros. J. E. Mason and G. Boston, Stewards. There was no proposition as to Tyler, and this appointment stood over. The retiring W.M. was appointed I.P.M. This formal business being over, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where Mr. Hibbitt had provided a banquet exceedingly pleasing to the brethren, and most creditable to himself. Time and tide waiting for no man, neither will the railways in this part of Lincolnshire admit of but the nicest arrangements, consequently the D.P.G.M. had to leave at a very early hour, not, however, until the W.M. had secured from him a response (taken out of order to admit of it) to the toast of "The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire." The D.P. G.M. paid a high tribute to the working of the lodge, and he was convinced from personal observation that the Hamilton Lodge, although the last on the roll of the province, yet must be taken to be among the foremost in the work of a proper and well-conducted lodge. In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. C. Smyth, the founder of the Hamilton Lodge," Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, Chap. Apollo, Oxford, and P.M., in felicitous terms, expressed his admiration of the working of the lodge, and, suiting the action to the word, in the name of the lodge, affixed a valuable P.M. jewel to the breast of the I.P.M., who briefly, in a voice broken by emotion, thanked the brethren. The sum of £5, afterwards supplemented by a whip round of £1 5s. 6d., and a sovereign, specially contributed by the worthy Chaplain—total, £7 5s. 6d.—was there and then handed over to Bro. J. Fowler, ex-Mayor of Louth, P.P.G.W., the Charity Steward, to be devoted to the "Oliver Memorial Fund." Bro. the Rev. G. Lowe, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," felt that he indeed was a privileged member of the Craft in being present at this first anniversary of the Hamilton Lodge, for although the I.P.M. was so pat and nice, yet the newly-installed W.M. had taught himself, and he believed, even older Masons than he, how to invest the officers of a lodge, and to conduct the business of the chair. The W.M. deprecated his own work, but felt that the officers of the Hamilton Lodge for the ensuing year would fully maintain the reputation for the good and perfect working it had so justly earned in the past, although it was the first year of its existence. Other Masonic and complimentary toasts followed, and an exceedingly instructive day was very harmoniously closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Little Britain, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. Chas. Horsley, W.M.; E. H. Thielley, S.W.; H. A. Dubois, J.W.; H. C. Levander, Treas., I.P.M.; George Kenning, Sec., P.M.; T. Cubitt, P.M.; T. B. Yeoman, P.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.M.; W. Stephens, E. L. Shepherd, E. Stanton Jones, and George Newman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thielley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Levander, Treas.; and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler.

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).**—This lodge met at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-st., E.C., on Friday, the 20th ult., and was attended by a large muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. T. W. White, W.M.; Alfred Williams, P.G.S.; S.W.; G. W. Verry, as J.W.; E. Moody, M.O.; F. Cozens, S.O., and R.M.; W. P. Collins, J.O.; the V.W. Bro. T. Meggy, P.G.M.O., P.M., and Treas.; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., as Sec.; Bros. N. J. F. Bassett, S.D.; George Yaxley, J.D.; W. C. Hale, Org.; J. K. Pitt, I.G.; Grant, Tyler; also Bros. W. Worrell, P.M., P.G. Org.; C. R. Crommelin, W. Johnston, F. G. Raggett, J. R. Williams, T. de Silva, and others. Bro. R. W. Brown, of the newly-constituted Croydon Mark Lodge;

198, was the only visitor on this occasion. The lodge having been opened, Bro. T. W. Simons was duly balloted for, approved of, and advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., the V.W. Bro. Meggy conducting the ceremony with his usual skill and ability. The lodge then proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Alfred Williams was unanimously elected to the office of W.M., and Bro. Meggy was re-elected as Treasurer. Both appointments gave great satisfaction, and the announcement of each respective election was received with applause. Bro. Grant was re-elected Tyler. Bros. J. R. Williams and R. Johnston were elected on the Audit Committee. Candidates were proposed for the ensuing meeting, which will also be that of installation. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was voted to Bro. T. W. White in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. James Stevens gave notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas be voted by the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed on the list and in the name of Bro. Meggy, who will represent the Mark Degree at the ensuing festival of that Institution." The lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the newly advanced brother, Bro. T. W. Simons, was cordially welcomed, and responded to the good wishes expressed towards him in a neat and forcible speech, and, to the great delight of the brethren gave an admirable specimen of his professional vocal powers. To the toast of "The Visitor, Bro. R. W. Brown," was appended "Success and Prosperity to the Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198, the first god-child of the Macdonald," in reply to which, after Bro. Brown had suitably acknowledged his personal appreciation of the welcome accorded to him, Bro. Geo. Yaxley, the W.M., and Bro. J. K. Pitt, the J.W. respectively of the Croydon Lodge, expressed their sense of the benefits derived by that lodge from association with the Macdonald, the assistance rendered to it by Bros. Meggy and Stevens at its consecration, and their conviction that the new lodge would be a worthy branch of the parent stem. The remaining toasts were honoured, special reference being made, in response to that of "The Officers," to the past exertions of the Treasurer, Bro. Meggy, and the hope that the same be remembered and recognised by liberal additions to his Steward's list at the next Boys' Festival. Another most agreeable evening, enlivened by song and social converse, was added to the many pleasant gatherings associated with the Macdonald.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Lord De Tabley occupied the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. Dr. Hamilton, that of H.; Comp. S. Rawson, that of J.; Comp. John Hervey, S.E.; Comp. Col. Creation, as S.N.; Comp. Rucker, as P.S.; Comp. James Glaisher, as 1st A.S.; Comp. Lieut.-Col. Thomas Birchall, as 2nd A.S.; and Comps. J. J. Barron, Std. Br.; John Case, D.C.; Capt. Platt; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; Benj. Head, P.G.S.B.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Fenn; Robert Gray, P.P.S.; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.P.S.; E. G. Snell, P.G.D.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Lemann, Z. 176; A. J. B. Bumstead, Z. 79; W. F. Nettleship, P.Z. 8; G. T. Talent, Z. 186; F. Davison, P.Z. 1293; B.H. Mallin, Z. 77; W. Hideman, P.Z. 130; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); John Seex, P.Z. 186; John Boyd, P.Z. 145; Matthew Cooke, P.Z. 534; Daniel Roberts, J. 403; W. Stephens, P.Z. 1365; James L. Thomas, P.Z. 13; John Cornham, H. 22; H. Mugeridge, P.G.S.B.; John Coutts, Peter De L. Long, G. W. Paken, Z. 2; Geo. J. Palmer, Z. 11; A. J. Duff Filer, P.Z. 28; Joseph Smith, S. Rawson, P.G. Sup. China; Dr. Robert Hamilton, Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G. Sup.; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Hyde Clarke, P.Z. Polish National; F. Johnson, J. 259; Geo. Moxon, J. 771; Herbert Dicketts, P.Z. 145; Wm. Bywater, P.Z. 19; W. Smallpiece, H. 21; W. A. Bowler, P.Z. 51; G. R. Shervill, Z. 534; John J. Wilson, Z. 25; W. A. Tinney, J. 162 John Taylor, J. 933; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, F. G. Baker, C. Burmeister, Z. 538; J. J. Berry, J. 554; Jas. W. Stobbs, J. 1365; C. F. Hogard, Z. 141; Thos. S. Carter, Z. 503; Wm. F. C. Moutrie, P.Z. 11; Peter Parsons, J. 1348; E. Driver, H. 742; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 1294; Richard Pine, P.Z. 79; John Palmer, H. 1348; Thos. Kingston, H. 862; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; H. G. Buss, P.Z.; and C. B. Payne, Janitor.

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, Comp. Hervey, S.E., read the regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were then read and confirmed.

After this the installation of the Grand Officers for the year was proceeded with, and the following companions were announced and invested as Grand Officers:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z.; Lord Skelmersdale, H.; Lord De Tabley, J.; John Hervey, S.E.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, S.N.; Peter De Lande Long, P.S.; W. Hickman, First A.S.; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, Second A.S.; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; A. J. McIntyre, G.C., G. Reg.; A. J. Duff Filer, Sword Bearer; W. F. Nettleship, Standard Bearer; Francis Robinson, D.C.; and C. B. Payne, Janitor.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was then taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. It was as follows:—

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th January, 1877, to the 17th April, 1877, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:



To balance Grand Chapter ... ..	£414	6	0
" " Unappropriated Account ... ..	172	7	11
" " Subsequent Receipts... ..	511	3	5
	£1097	17	4
By purchase of £300 Consols at 95½ and			
Commission ... ..	£288	0	0
" Disbursements during the quarter... ..	204	9	10
" Balance ... ..	423	19	1
" " in Unappropriated Account ... ..	179	8	5
	£1097	17	4

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The committee having likewise reported that they had received the following petitions, Comp. Col. Creaton moved and Comp. Joseph Smith seconded that the prayers of the same be granted, and the Grand Chapter consequently adopted the recommendation unanimously.

1st. From Comps. Henry Penfold as Z., George Fleming as H., and George White as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Pentangle Lodge, to be called the Pentangle Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, in the County of Kent.

2nd. From Comps. Darrell H. Webb Horlock as Z., Charles Gordon Archer as H., and the Rev. George Ross as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, Launceston, to be called "The Dunheved Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, in the county of Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Joseph Henry Warren as Z., Frederick Horspool as H., and Benjamin Barber as J., and eleven others for a chapter to be attached to the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Topsham, to be called "The Brent Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Topsham, in the county of Devon.

4th. From Comps. Herbert Tritton Sankey as Z., Charles Holthim as H., and John Hemery as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, to be called "The Bertha Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall, Canterbury, in the county of Kent.

5th. From Comps. James Terry as Z., John Anthony Winsland as H., and Robert Griggs as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, London, to be called "The United Strength Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

6th. From Comps. John Ross Gallant as Z., William Crawford as H., and Joseph Wright as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London, to be called the New Concord Chapter, and to meet at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington, in the county of Middlesex.

7th. From Comps. Charles R. Dallas as Z., Peter Scott as H., and Charles Wilkinson as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Industry, No. 1415, Nowlucka, Lahore, Punjab, to be called the Progress Chapter, and to meet at Lahore, Punjab.

8th. From Comps. Christopher William Calthrop, M.D., as Z., Thomas Cooke as H., and Richard Hill as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Morning Star, No. 1439, Palumpar, Punjab, to be called the Calthrop Chapter, and to meet at Palumpar, Kangra, Punjab.

Lord De Tabley then said that the next business on the paper was an appeal against the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of Middlesex, suspending the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, and the three Principals thereof, for non-payment of dues to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and for contumacy.

Comp. Matthew Cooke said he did not know what the exact course of procedure in Grand Chapter was, whether to read the report in extenso or not.

Comp. A. J. McIntyre said the appeal should be supported by one or more of the appellants, who should briefly state the substance of the appeal and the grounds on which the appeal was founded. It was not absolutely necessary that the appeal should be read, though if it was the wish of Grand Chapter there was no reason why it should not be read.

After a short discussion it was ruled that Comp. Matthew Cooke should state his case.

Comp. Cooke then said that his case rested on informality on several points. The first point that he took was that his chapter, being founded some forty years before the Province of Middlesex was reported to be founded, they had done everything that was right and proper. Up to the time the chapter was summoned to appear they did not know officially that there was a Province of Middlesex. They worked as under Grand Chapter, from which they had never received admonition or reproof. That was his first point. His next point was that the whole matter was informal. They had not had statutable notice, nor a peremptory notice before they were suspended. When they were summoned they were summoned to appear out of the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Superintendent of Middlesex; to wit, not more than 300 yards from Freemasons' Hall. He contended that having been established before the province was constituted the Royal Union Chapter owed allegiance only to Grand Chapter.

Grand Registrar said that on the ground that there was no peremptory summons before the suspension, the objection was fatal to the suspension. On the ground that by the first summons the companions were required to appear in a place not within the province that also was fatal; and he should advise Grand Chapter to take off the suspension. On the grounds that the companions of the Royal Union Chapter owed

allegiance only to the Grand Z. and Grand Chapter, he must disabuse Comp. Cooke's mind of that error. The Grand Z. appointed Provincial Grand Superintendents, as he had power to do, and all chapters within that province which had been in existence before that province was formed, owed allegiance to the Prov. Grand Superintendent, as the representative of the Grand Z. The Prov. Grand Superintendent stood in the same position to the chapters and companions of his province as the M.E. Grand Z. stood to the whole body of Arch Masons.

Col. Burdett, Grand Superintendent for Middlesex, explained that a peremptory summons was not issued because he wanted to act in a friendly and kind manner. When summoned to appear in London the companions had their convenience consulted, and it was thought they living in London, it would be more suitable for them to appear in London than to go some distance out of London. As to the companions of the Royal Union Chapter not having official notice of there being a Province of Middlesex, some of the companions of that chapter were Provincial Grand office-bearers. He was very glad to find the suspension taken off, and hoped that hereafter the Royal Union and the Prov. Grand Chapter would get on well together.

After a few words from Comps. S. Leith Tomkins, the G. Registrar, Matthew Cooke, Hyde Clarke, and G. R. Shervill, the suspension was removed.

Bro. Lord de Tabley announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had appointed Comps. Col. Creaton, Benj. Head, and Robert Gray on the Committee of General Purposes. The Comps. then elected Comps. John Boyd, 145; Joseph Smith, 19; J. Ebenezer Saunders, 2; H. C. Levander, 76; F. Adlard, 214; and James Lewis Thomas, 13, as members of the same Committee.

Grand Chapter was then closed and adjourned.

### CONSECRATION OF THE MORNINGTON LODGE, No. 1672.

On Monday afternoon the Mornington Lodge, No. 1672, was consecrated by Bro. John Hervey, at the Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook. Bro. Hervey was assisted in the ceremony by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as D.C.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex, who took the office of Chaplain; Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., as S.W.; Bro. James Terry, G.D.C. Herts, as J.W.; and Bro. Lucking, as I.G. The performance of the ceremony was musically accompanied, under the direction of Bro. Dr. James F. Haskins, by Bros. G. T. Carter, T. W. Simons, and R. Farquharson.

The list of brethren present included the following names:—Bros. Charles Lacey, P.P.G.W. Herts; W. T. Scott, W.M. 9; H. W. Gompertz, J.W. 1364; W. G. Clarke, P.M. 101; A. Lucking, P.M. 160; S. A. Thompson, 91; W. Bristol, P.M. 860 and 1364; Percival A. Nairne, P.M. 176, W.M. 1329; Ernest Wright, W.M. 1364; H. Marfleet, P.M. 217, 898, 1382; Edw. Brown, 1598; B. Blunsen, 742; T. Vale Christmas, 31; W. Bailey, S.W. 49; Wyndham Hart, 49; W. Wilson, 402; Samuel H. Rawley, P.M. 174; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; James T. Westford, 1364; John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Charles B. Payne, G.T.; Frederick Binckes, Grand Steward's Lodge; E. Gottheil, P.M. 141; John G. Stevens, W.M. 933; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex; Thos. W. Simons, 1185; E. Coste, P.M. 9; J. J. Furlong, 1602; Thos. S. Mortlock, P.M. 186; J. W. Litson, 1306; N. G. Thomas, 1612; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; P. A. Bianchi, P.M. 1608; John Turner, 49; S. G. Robinson, 1615; R. Humphrey, 1364; Thos. E. Taylor, W.M. 101; W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860; Jas. L. Hunter, 1598; Thos. Barford, P.M. 55; J. G. Baxter, jun., 206; G. E. Laverach, 917; R. Farquharson, I.G. 99; Watson Carr, S.W. 72; and J. E. Cockett, 1364.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and the petition for the warrants and the warrant itself had been read,

Bro. Hervey said he did not know how it was, but he could assure the brethren that in every fresh lodge he consecrated he seemed to be more nervous and more anxious about how the ceremony would be carried out, and it was only a day or two ago that he could reconcile to himself how that feeling overcame him. But still it was, he thought, a very natural feeling, and one which the brethren would agree with him was not much out of the way, or a feeling that was wrong to entertain. The feeling was that the solemnity of the proceedings might thoroughly impress the brethren who took part in them. This was a feeling which should be held by all the brethren who were participants in the ceremony, for it was necessary that the proceedings should be conducted so as to produce a good end. A great responsibility rested on those who consecrated a lodge. Upon them in a great measure it depended whether the lodge would be impressed with what was done. In a similar way when the W.M. initiated a candidate, upon the impression which he gave was the feeling which the candidate had towards Masonry afterwards. On the consecrating officers and those who were good enough to assist it also depended what the lodge would be considered. The brethren of the lodge, and the visitors who were their guests, naturally were more or less impressed as the ceremony was ill or well performed, and, therefore, on the Consecrating Officer was there a great responsibility. Then, the brethren who were the recipients of the warrant must also feel that upon them devolved a vast responsibility for what they were about to undertake. They were undertaking that a new society, a branch of the main trunk, should in the future be under their control and management; and it would depend upon them whether that society should be a credit or otherwise to the Craft. Upon them, moreover, hung the responsibility of judging of the characters of those who were to be admitted into the ranks of Freemasonry—a responsibility

which was delegated to them by the Grand Lodge of England, and to the Grand Lodge of England they were answerable for what they undertook to perform. Therefore, in both instances, there was a heavy weight on the Consecrating Officer, and not only on him but on the brethren of the new lodge. He had often and often dilated on the necessity of care in the introduction of candidates, and he was not about again to trouble the brethren with any observations of that nature. He would not either advert to another rather favourite subject of his, the necessity of not resorting to the black ball when it was not urgently required by the character of the individual who sought introduction to the lodge. He would rather touch on more pleasing themes, and one was the conviction he felt that the brethren who were about to be entrusted with the rule of this lodge would so perform their obligations as to merit the esteem of the brethren and the gratitude of the Craft generally. He hoped they would do their duties in such a way as that candidates might be impressed with feelings of respect for the society they became members of, that they might become good Masons, and not secede from the Craft as from a body which they did not care to belong to, and into which they ought not to have been introduced. If the duties were properly discharged there would be no question that the child would be led into the path which he ought to pursue, and thus a good initiation would make good Masons in a general way. He trusted that if he had felt at all nervous the brethren would feel that it was not for want of will to do his work properly, but from a certain feeling which he could not control.

The ceremony was thereupon proceeded with, and Bro. Hervey, at the proper time, called upon Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden to deliver an oration.

The Rev. P. M. Holden then said: Worshipful Sir, Grand Officers, and brethren all—The occasion upon which we are met to-day is, I think, interesting, not only to us as Masons personally and individually, but to the whole Craft at large, inasmuch as it denotes the continued prosperity of our venerable order, which, like the famous Indian tree, the banana tree, perpetually renews itself in scions as vigorous and flourishing as the parent stem. It is to myself personally a source of peculiar gratification and pleasure to have been invited to come among you to-day, and to assist our popular and deservedly beloved brother, the Grand Secretary of England, at so important a ceremony as the consecration of this new lodge, the Mornington Lodge, more especially as I have no doubt that the founders of the lodge are brethren admirably skilled and well qualified to fulfil the various duties of the high office to which they have been appointed by the Grand Master. Having, doubtless, in some other lodge, "won golden opinions" for their zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, they are now naturally and very laudably anxious to devote some portion of their abilities, their time, and influence to the still further advancement and development of so noble, so interesting, so ancient, and so very valuable a science. What has been remarked by a very distinguished and learned writer of literary men may, I think, be equally well applied to the brethren of our distinguished Craft. They are a perpetual priesthood, standing forth, from generation to generation, the dispensers and living types of God's everlasting wisdom. And I rejoice to know and to think that there are so many distinguished, learned, talented men to be found in the ranks of our fraternity. To their enfranchised minds Freemasonry must unveil a whole universe of thought; to them it is and it must be a source of keen delight to trace and to interpret those grand and solemn truths which were but dimly foreshadowed in the mystic rites of the ancient world. Looking through the mists of ages they behold in the white-robed Athenians a kindred race, and are familiar with the symbolic teachings of the great philosophers of old. Amidst the darkness and obscurity of occult ceremonies they can have faint gleams of the true light in which we now rejoice. In every land they find tokens and traces innumerable, graven by the hands of skilful Masons upon the walls of ruined fanes and temples, and they establish the affinity of our Order with the Society of Dionysian artificers, with the disciples of Pythagoras, with the College of Architects of Rome, and with the various operative associations of the middle ages. They demonstrate clearly that the grand ethics of Freemasonry were taught and known by the very wisest sages of Greece, whose names to this very hour are revered and honoured by the whole civilised world; they prove that our Order, though often persecuted and often divided, has never yet failed or even faltered in its sublime career, though the greatest and the mightiest empires and kingdoms of the earth have been called upon to submit to the destroying hand of conquest or to the effacing fingers of time and decay. And I would ask you, what nobler exercise of the mental faculties can possibly be found than a calm and earnest search after mystic knowledge, thus gleaming and gathering in our onward path the rich stores of wisdom which it reveals to our view? But it is certainly not to the intellectual pleasure to be derived from the study of Freemasonry alone that I would direct your attention. Our Order possesses other and far more valuable claims upon your sympathy and support. It is founded upon principles that are at once an honour and an ornament to human nature. It bids us hasten to the rescue of the young and the helpless from the snares and the pitfalls of poverty, and of ignorance, and even of vice. It calls upon every one of us to ameliorate the sad condition of those who, from some circumstances or other, in the decline of their lives require our consolation and assistance; and I am proud and happy to say that English Freemasons have ever been distinguished, not merely for their zeal in promoting the welfare of the Order, but for their large-hearted benevolence and diffusive charity. The very best answer that can possibly be given to the sneers and the cavils and the disparaging remarks of the unenlightened world is to



point to those grand—those noble institutions which have been raised for the nurture of the young and for the shelter of the old. Some hundred years have nearly passed away now since the Masonic Girls' School was founded, and who would presume to estimate the vast amount of good that it has achieved? The Boys' School, I believe, was established some ten years later; whilst the crowning of our charitable undertakings was effected by the erection of a suitable retreat for those who, having borne the burden and the heat of the day, and standing as it were on the very threshold of the Grand Lodge above, desired to pass the remainder of their lives in ease, comfort, and tranquillity. My brethren, it is our duty, believe me, to prove to the world that Freemasonry is something more than an empty name, something infinitely better and higher than a mere excuse for social gatherings, be those social gatherings ever so pleasant. It is our solemn duty to prove to the world that its principles are high and lofty—that its designs are grand and praiseworthy; and the clearest and most logical way to convince the sceptic or the scorner is by a steady, consistent, unwavering practice of the benevolent precepts of the Order. Freemasonry will then present not only to the mind of the philosopher an organised system of peculiar knowledge, enfolded in beautiful ceremonies known only to the initiated, but to mankind in general, to the whole world at large, it will appear as a beneficent and a most beautiful institution, teaching, inculcating, and enforcing the purest morality, and visibly bearing fruits of charity and goodwill. May this lodge which we are met to consecrate and to inaugurate this day, prove a conspicuous example of all those virtues which adorn the Masonic character. May it convey to distant generations those august lessons which have been handed down to us from our Masonic forefathers. May it ever be the shrine of intellect and the temple of thought, the home of peace, and the abode of joy, established by a few faithful, earnest, and devoted Masons, and supported by the mighty pillars of intelligence and truth. May it ever remain as an imperishable memorial of its founders, growing year by year in prosperity and happiness, and shining brighter and brighter in the glorious firmament of Masonic fame. Worshipful Sir and brethren, I have now arrived at what, at any rate to me personally, is not by any means the least pleasant part of my duty, and that is to thank you, Sir, and all the brethren for the very kind and patient attention which you have bestowed upon these few, I admit, imperfect remarks, and which I cannot perhaps better conclude than by wishing with all my heart and soul that the grand principles upon which our noble institution is founded, viz, brotherly love, relief, and truth, may ever be present with us in our hearts, and shine forth conspicuously in our conduct through life, so that when we leave this earthly scene our names may be enrolled as members of that glorious brotherhood, who loving their fellow men are loved of God; even as in that well-known little poem we are taught how

About Ben Hamed—may his tribe increase,—  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold—  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Hamed bold—  
And to the presence in his room he said,  
"What writest thou?" the vision raised its head  
And with a look, made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said About: "Nay not so,"  
Replied the angel. About spoke more low,  
But cheerless still, he said, "I pray thee then  
Write me as one who loved his fellow men."  
The angel wrote and vanished. On next night  
It came again with a grand wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,  
And, lo, Ben Hamed's name led all the rest.

The remainder of the ceremony of consecration was then performed, and after the lodge had been dedicated and the brethren constituted, Bro. William Robert Marsh was installed as W.M. by Bro. Hervey. The brethren invested with the collars of office were Bros. J. Edward Cockett, S.W.; G. Blackman, J.W.; J. W. Cook, Treasurer; D. King, Secretary; S. G. Redfern, S.D.; R. B. Salisbury, J.D.; J. W. Pollard, I.G.; Lensen, Steward; S. Coates, D.C.; and Goddard, Tyler. Votes of thanks were then passed, and ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes, to Bro. Hervey and the other Consecrating Officers, and they were also elected honorary members of the lodge. Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren were entertained at a beautiful banquet. The customary toasts followed.

Bro. John Hervey replied to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c. After expressing the great pleasure he had in having his name coupled with the names of two such noblemen as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, he said it gave him additional pleasure to have the opportunity of returning thanks for two other brethren who were standing up with him, one of whom had passed through grand office with credit to himself, and the other a good friend of his own, who for the first time was coupled with "Grand Officers," (Bro. Buss), and who he was sure would do his duty in the future as he had done in the past. The W.M. would permit him to say one word for himself, because it had given him great pleasure to come down to Snaresbrook to consecrate the Mornington Lodge. He trusted that the future would justify the hopes which they all entertained of it. Before sitting down he wished to propose "The Health of the W.M., success to the lodge, and a long career of prosperity to each and all of its members." He hoped the lodge had come into the world in a satisfactory manner; it had shown no symptoms at present of anything like what the married men at the table might have some knowledge of—rickets—or any other complaints which

were the misfortune of young children. He trusted there would be no signs of any disorder in the Mornington Lodge, and he was quite sure that under the able presidency of its present Master it could not do otherwise than progress. He was confident that the brethren who were associated with the W.M. in the founding of the lodge, would do their utmost to support its respectability, to insure its good working, and to shew to the Craft that on the 30th April, 1877, they had added one more lodge and one more good member to the long chain of lodges which were now working under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England.

The W.M., in replying, said he would use every endeavour to carry out those principles which Bro. Hervey had mentioned, not only in the lodge, but just now, over the banquet table. It was his earnest desire to carry out the principles as closely as he possibly could. He had intended to make a speech, but time forbade it; therefore, he hoped the brethren would pardon his brevity in merely thanking them for their kind and hearty reception of the toast. As Master of the Mornington Lodge, he in the name of the brethren expressed its hearty thanks to Bro. Hervey and his assistants for consecrating it. There seemed to him to be none like Bro. John Hervey—a household word in connection with Freemasonry, he did not know what they would do without it; it was known through the length and breadth of the land, and when anything was wanted, Bro. John Hervey appeared to be the man who would do it. Then they had their Bro. Buss, Bro. Terry, Bro. Albert, and others who were well known to them, all of whom did the best they possibly could for the furtherance of the ends of Freemasonry; and, notwithstanding so much had been said against Freemasonry, it was a great testimony to its worth that three Princes of the Blood now were officers in Grand Lodge and that many of the highest and noblest in the land were connected with it. Bro. Scott, W.M. 9, returned thanks for "The Master and Wardens of the Recommending Lodge," and Bro. Rawley and other brethren for "The Visitors."

Bro. J. E. Cockett, S.W., replied for "The Founders," a toast which he thought the toast of the evening, because he considered if it had not been for the founders they would not then have had the pleasure of the presence of the Consecrating Officers. It was quite customary in Masonic matters that brethren should be able to give a good reason for their actions, and he also ought to give a reason why this Mornington Lodge arose. There were several residents in the neighbourhood who were Masons, and they had talked over the benefit of having a lodge of their own. The happy thought occurred to Bro. Pollard. From that happy thought the present happy day had sprung. They had had difficulties to contend with, one of which was the convincing the wives that Masonry was free (laughter); but happily they got over them, as in the performance of their Masonic duties they had previously done. (Laughter.) The next and gravest difficulty arose with the same sex in Grand Lodge. (Great laughter.) He did not mean to say they were old women there (laughter), but permit him to say Grand Lodge was the "mother" of Freemasonry. (Applause.) They were always proud to be under Grand Lodge of England. Their good mother and their good sister, Bro. Marsh (laughter), got up the petition so well, that Grand Lodge granted its prayer when she knew her children so much desired it. He might congratulate the brethren that the consecration took place on the last day of April instead of the first. (Laughter.) But with regard to the difficulty of the ladies, he must allude to that again, and on this point some of the brethren might be reminded of the lines,—

"For me, I neither knew nor care  
Whether a person ought to wear  
A black dress or a white dress.  
I have a trouble of my own,—  
A wife who preaches in her gown  
And lectures in her night dress."

(Renewed laughter.) It appeared to him that on an occasion like the founding of their lodge they, as founders, had to remember that they were not only units, but their lodge, as a co-operate body, was a unit in that grand circle of Freemasonry, the centre of which was everywhere and the circumference of which was nowhere. It appeared to him that this was a fitting occasion for all young Masons to remember that with the consecration of a lodge should commence, if it had not already begun, a consecration of their Masonic lives, and that they should so comport themselves as Masons that they should make Masonry loved not only by their own families, but in the families of their friends, among their homes, by their wives and children. The lodge had been consecrated to the noble purposes of the Craft, and he hoped the brethren would consecrate their lives to Masonry, to all that was true and good in it, and therefore to all that is grandest and best in the brightest examples of the noblest deeds of mankind.

Bro. James Terry responded for "The Masonic Charities," by which time there was only space enough left to catch the last train for London, and the brethren separated after spending a most cheerful and pleasant evening.

There was a beautiful selection of music performed during the evening by Bros. Dr. Jas. Haskins, T. W. Simons, G. T. Carter, and R. Farquharson.

A meeting of the subscribers to the Masonic Institutions will be held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-rd., on Monday, the 14th inst., at 8.30 p.m., to take into consideration the advisability of devising means by which some unity of action may be brought about, to concentrate the votes of the brethren, so that a more equitable return may be the result, and the candidates for admission to the different institutions receive that aid and support, which the urgency of the case may require.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ANCIENT BRITON LODGE, No. 1675.

Masonry is in many respects a progressive science, especially in the Province of West Lancashire, as the rapidly extending list of lodges there clearly indicates. The enthusiasm of the brethren in the Liverpool section of the division was again manifested last week, when the Ancient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, with the greatest éclat. It is a well known fact that Welshmen are hearty and consistent supporters of Freemasonry, and nowhere more than in Liverpool, which is popularly named the metropolis of Wales. The formation of the new lodge has been specially carried out with the view of accommodating the representatives of the principality; and while no creed, sect, or nationality will, of course, prove a barrier to admission, the "Ancient Britons" will be largely composed of the Welsh element. Steps were taken some time since to secure a charter from the United Grand Lodge for the constitution of this lodge, and after a considerable amount of negotiations the petition was granted, the result of which will doubtless prove a substantial and honourable addition to the roll of West Lancashire lodges. The interest in the ceremony was manifested by the attendance of a large number of brethren, comprising an excellent representation of Prov. G. Officers, W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers of various lodges in the neighbourhood.

The consecration ceremony took place on Monday afternoon, the 16th inst., and was performed by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary for West Lancashire, who had been appointed by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire, to do the interesting and important work.

Bro. Alpass accordingly took the position of Consecrating Officer soon after two o'clock, and appointed Bro. J. Pemberton, P.G. Supt. of Works, as his S.W.; and Bro. B. B. Marson, P.G.S., as his J.W. The whole of the consecrating work was most efficiently performed by the presiding officers, who were assisted by Bros. the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap. of Lancashire and Cheshire, Hon. Chaplain of Lodge 1505, acting as P.G. Chaplain; G. D. Pochin, P.G. Reg., acting as P.G. Sec.; J. McKune, P.M. 216, acting P.G.D.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., acting P.G. Assistant D.C.; R. Martin, P.M. 1094; H. Williams, P.M. 249; and J. Hayes, P.M. 249. The fine musical consecration service composed by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist (who presided at the harmonium) was rendered with fine effect by Bros. J. Busfield, 216; T. J. Hughes, 216; C. Haswell, 203; and D. Jones, 155.

The following eloquent oration was delivered during the ceremony by Bro. the Rev. G. H. Vernon, acting P.G. Chaplain:—

Worshipful Sir, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—At the dedication of this, the Ancient Briton Lodge, it has devolved upon me, in the discharge of the duties of the office which I have this day been requested to hold, in the absence of the P.G.C., to address to you a few observations suitable to this interesting occasion. There is always, no doubt, a feeling of solemnity attached to the meetings of the brethren, even when the business that calls them together is of the most ordinary nature, for no degree exempts us from that serious obligation which is the glory of our Craft at all times and under all circumstances at the opening of a lodge solemnly to invoke the presence and continuance of the Great Architect of the World. But to-day we are called together for a purpose so august and sacred that all levity and carelessness must be utterly impossible while in pursuance of dedicating this lodge to His services who, as the Great Master Builder, has originated the principles upon which our Masonic Order professes to be founded. And first, as to principles, which are the foundations of any Order, our principles are—that our members should be mutually beneficial to each other, and instrumental for the good of society, which, in the Scriptural phrase, is "to be of one mind," having compassion one for another, and to love as brethren. Wherever there is a brother, like ourselves, the offspring of one common stock, partaker of the same nature, and sharer of the same hope, so in numberless instances it has proved itself to be; it has gained for the wandering traveller kindness in an inhospitable and savage clime; it has quelled the violence of the pirate by sea; it has in all the various and distinct nations which diversify the map of the world discovered everywhere an object for the display of that beneficence which each brother owes to his fellow. Looking back to the pages of ancient history, we trace, even in the records of the Sacred Volume, the origin of our Order. The pedigree of our Society is both ancient and honourable, for virtue is virtue, whether it be ancient or modern, whether it dazzle from the throne or glimmer from the hut, and having stood the lapse of ages, and the storm of opposition, proves itself erected upon a good and sound foundation. The principles of our Masonic Order are derived from Him who is the Maker and Builder of the Temple of the World. To the Great Master of all, in whose presence alone we seek to be approved, and to whom, as on all occasions, so now much more especially, we dedicate this lodge. Let me entreat you, then, brethren, diligently to search the Volume of the Sacred Law for the secrets of our art; and while you seek to pry into the covenant, the signs and tokens which subsisted and were communicated between the Kings of Judah and of Tyre, O may the spirit of the widow's son be in you, filling you with a knowledge of the points on which they all turned, even wisdom to design, strength to execute, and the beauties of holiness to adorn. Remember that the same pages contain an inestimable pearl of great price, and that they only are the wise and good who make that pearl their own. Gain this and you thus lay hold on the right pillar, both of solid fame and spiritual wealth, whereby you shall be established; and then you may safely rest upon the left, a still higher column in our scientific line, for in that you will find strength. Whether



our lodge meet on the high mountains of worldly grandeur, and is beheld from afar, or in the lowest vales of obscurity, and noticed but by few; whether you hew on the tops of Lebanon, or are in distinguished offices near the sanctum sanctorum, or with the sons of Levi serve at the altar, be zealous in the discharge of all the duties demanded of you, nor faint though it fall to your lot to labour in the plains of Jordan. May we be found workmen that need not be ashamed, and in reliance on the integrity of our Great Master Builder, and on the title we derive from Him. May we humbly but confidently hope that a blessing will descend from the Most High upon our labours, and upon our meetings, and that from associating together as brethren in unity here, we may meet again as brethren in bliss hereafter.—So mote it be.

Besides those who took part in the imposing ceremonial there were present Bros. J. I. Knight, P.M. 241; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Reg. (W.M. designate); R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D. (S.W. designate); Joseph Bell, W.M. 1609, P.M. 1356; D. S. Davies, W.M. 216; J. C. Robinson, J.W. 249; W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 (*Freemason*); G. Turner, P.G. Treas.; W. P. Jennings, J.D. 249; W. Jones, P.M. 220; A. Woolrich, Sec. 1356, Treas. 1609; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; P. Ball, P. G. Tyler; W. Woodcock, E. Jones, H. Pritchard, J. W. Hobbs, J. W. Johnson, 1356; T. Lowe, 1356; W. Kirsopp, 1547; J. Smith, 249; D. Davis, 477; W. Roberts, 1264; H. Wynne Parry, J. S. Warden, 1264; G. W. Irwin, 1264; W. Jones, 1264; P. E. Swallow, 1547; D. Gabrielsen, 1502; F. Barnett, 249; R. J. Kynaston, J.S. 1393; W. H. Jewitt, 1393; W. Davidson, 1276; J. Williams, 1276; W. C. Emin, Adg. Sec. 1393; J. C. Jones, 1570; W. Evans, 1356; D. Webster, 1356; J. Atkinson, I.G. 1609; R. Burgess, 1609; J. B. Mackenzie, S.D. 1609; W. Tomkinson, 1786; W. Corbett, S. 249; H. H. Smith, 1505; Dr. F. J. Bailey, 786; W. E. Cauchie, 580; R. Fairclough, W. Griffiths, J. F. Cowdell, 1609; W. Wilkinson, 1609; C. J. Jones, 249; H. P. Squire, 1356, 1609; M. Williamson, Tyler, 1393; J. R. Bottomley, 1356, J.W. designate; L. B. Goodman, 594; J. Keet, 1609; E. C. Jones, 249; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Thos. Evans, and others.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. Dr. J. Kellert Smith, P.P.G. Registrar, was installed the first W.M. of Ancient Briton Lodge by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., assisted by Bro. W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680.

The following were subsequently invested officers of the new lodge:—Bros. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; J. R. Bottomley, J.W.; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Treas.; T. Evans, Sec.; J. W. Johnson, S.D.; H. Wynne Parry, J.D.; and Bro. M. Williamson was unanimously elected Tyler.

The fact that thirty-four brethren were proposed as joining members and fourteen gentlemen for initiation showed the vitality which is likely to characterise the existence of the Ancient Briton Lodge.

The majority of the P.G. Officers, nearly the whole of the brethren who will belong to the lodge, and a large number of visitors subsequently dined in the large banqueting hall, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Smith, W.M. Bro. W. Vines, P.M. 220, gave the greatest satisfaction in connection with his catering.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

The W.M. gave "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales," &c., and subsequently gave "The Consecrating and Installing Officers," to which Bro. Alpass responded, and wished the greatest success to the new lodge.

"The W.M.," given by Bro. Alpass, was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. Smith in an excellent speech, in the course of which he said that nothing would be wanting on his part to make the new lodge a complete success.

"The Officers" was responded to by the S.W., J.W., Treas., and Sec.; "Our Musical Brethren" by Bro. Skeaf, Bro. T. J. Hughes (who spoke in Welsh), and Bro. D. Jones.

"The Visitors," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. D. S. Davies, W.M. 216.

The proceedings closed at an early hour, and previous to this a special vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, for having kindly agreed to hold their meeting that evening in the Old Lodge Room to accommodate the "Ancient Britons."

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *samples*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

## FESTIVAL OF THE STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The sixtieth anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, more generally known as Bro. Henry Muggeridge's Lodge of Instruction, was celebrated according to annual custom on the last Friday in April, and was honoured as usual by a very large attendance of the brethren, not only of the workers under Bro. Muggeridge's mode, but by those who follow the Emulation formula. The festival was a great success, both as regards the attendance at the banquet and in the lodge, where some brethren, eminent as working brethren, had agreed to assist him in working some sections. The list of brethren who were present comprised Bros. T. White, 22; J. W. Clever, 171; W. Hubbuck, 58; J. B. Scriven, 5; Jardine, 171; Kidder, 171; W. Noah, 140; Roper, 140; Bianchi, 49; Moon, 49; Howard, 49; H. Birdseye, 715; C. Wyche, 715; W. F. Moore, 5; Marchant, 5; T. Eames, 22; Hewett, 235; Rolfe, 235; Krohn, 21; Nixon, 217; Benningfield, 217; Brown, 217; F. Newton, 5; H. Watts, 715; J. W. Cook, 42; Bawmann, 171; Knoeffel, 171; Baine, 715; Westmore, 217; Fuchs, 217; H. James, 5; Woolmer, 217; Crossfield, 715; Gilbey, 715; Bishop, 715; Storr, 22; T. W. Smith, 217; Liell, 217; Williams, 21; G. W. Hemmings, 217; Gray, 22; G. Phythian, 22; A. Paddle, 715; E. Paddle, 715; A. H. Diaper, 5; F. D. R. Copstick, 715; Gladwell, Marns, 217; Ide, 217; Gundlach, 217; Burks, 217; Addington, 217; Bohman, 217; Loewenstark, 1668; Bamber, 715; Wagner, 201; Gerspelt, 201; Brooke, 217; Wilson, 217; Loewenstark, 668; Obert, 22; E. Barnard, 217; Cohu, 192; T. James, 217; Maxwell, 245; S. G. Smith, 715; Paley, 5; Rowe, 22; Weedon, 715; A. H. Tattershall, 140; Benj. Head, P.G.D. 5; E. S. Snell, P.G.D. 5; Woollett, 21; Croft, 140; Borer, 192; Grellier, 21; Sargent, 21; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Winkfield, 8; L. Mills, 49; Gale, 715; Townsend, 715; Furber, 22; Vickers, 715; Arkell, 192; George Kenning, 192; G. H. Hodges, 217; F. Fellows, 192; Warren, 22; E. A. Groos, 1475; Gibson, 1475; Jonas, 715; J. F. Jackson, 5; McCauley, Briton, 22; and H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*).

Bro. H. Muggeridge presided, and after the lodge had been opened the following work was performed:—

First Degree.	1st Section.	Bro. E. H. Hewett, S.W. 235.
	2nd "	" J. W. Clever, J.W. 171.
	3rd "	" E. F. Storr, W.M. 22.
	7th "	" A. H. Diaper, P.M. 5., P.G.S.

Second Degree. Bro. H. Muggeridge lectured on the Six Grand Periods, and the Moral Advantages of Geometry.

Third Degree. Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G. Stwd., lectured on the Lodge Board of this Degree.

When this work was concluded a letter was read from Grand Secretary regretting his inability to attend. On the recommendation of the Treasurer Bro. Scriven proposed, and Bro. Benj. Head seconded, the following grants: £10 10s. to the Girls' School, £5 5s. to the Boys' School, and £5 to the Benevolent Institution. A vote of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge, proposed by Col. Burdett and seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, was unanimously adopted, as was also a vote of thanks to the working brethren, proposed by Col. Burdett, and seconded by Bro. Snell, P.G.D.

Bro. J. B. Scriven having replied, thirteen new members' names were proposed for election, and the lodge was then closed. The brethren adjourned afterwards to an excellent banquet, at which Bro. Col. Burdett presided.

After banquet grace was sung by Bros. T. W. Simons, Fred. H. Rogers, and Chaplin Henry.

In giving the first toast Col. Burdett drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that within a few days her Majesty would have reigned forty years. In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," Col. Burdett reminded the meeting that we had now three Royal Princes Grand Officers, and he had no doubt that the G.M. would be as efficiently supported by his Royal Senior and Junior Wardens as by the other officers of Grand Lodge.

Col. Burdett then proposed the third toast, and spoke in the usual highly complimentary terms of the Pro Grand Master, and his devotion to the Craft. Notwithstanding the great pressure of his public duties he nevertheless found time to attend to Masonry and to take his place in Grand Lodge, and preside over the Craft. Of Lord Skelmersdale he spoke in equally laudatory terms. He was a great favourite with the Order, and was heartily received whenever he made his appearance among them. Whenever he was called upon to perform his duties he did so to the satisfaction not only of himself but of the whole body of the Craft.

Bro. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China, responded. When representing such a grand phalanx of Grand Officers as were appointed on the previous Wednesday evening he thought one must be wanting in all proper pride who did not feel honoured by being their representative. Colonel Burdett had so forcibly expressed the qualities of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master that nothing he could say would enhance their merits, and he felt sure that the brethren quite agreed with Col. Burdett's feelings. Speaking for the more humble junior officers, and thanking the gallant colonel for proposing their health, he was sure that those recently appointed had been well and carefully selected by those whose privilege it was to give the appointment. He was positive they would do their duty, and he claimed the same indulgence for them as had been accorded to those who had preceded them.

Col. Burdett next proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Stability Lodge of Instruction and Bro. Henry Muggeridge." The toast was one which all the brethren were thoroughly interested in, and on which he was sure they would all feel as he did. It had been most deservedly brought before them that evening by the exertions and energy that had been shown by a brother of the

Order having done so much for the lodge. The position of the lodge now-a-days was one of the highest in Freemasonry. It would never have risen to its present position if it had not been for the exertions and interest taken in it by Bro. Muggeridge. (Cheers.) He had worked it up to the position it now held; and no doubt when he took it in hand it was very small indeed. That evening Bro. Muggeridge, by working the lectures and sections, had more than exceeded himself in his knowledge of the art. He (Col. Burdett) felt confident that every brother who had known Bro. Muggeridge for any length of time must love him, because he had always devoted himself, his time, and energies to the interest of Freemasonry, and always made himself agreeable, happy, and comfortable with every brother with whom he had become associated. He was known by many; and by some better than by him (Colonel Burdett), although he had known Bro. Muggeridge a long time. He hoped Bro. Muggeridge would be with them for many years to come. Should this happen to be the case, whenever this anniversary came round he should have the same pleasure in attending to greet Bro. Muggeridge. (Great applause.)

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. H. Muggeridge rose to reply, amidst renewed cheering. He said he felt highly gratified, and no doubt some of the brethren expected him to make a speech—a long one; but he could assure them that he was in the unfortunate position of Mr. Canning's Knife Grinder—"Story! God bless you, I have none to tell, sir." He had returned thanks for this toast so often that he had exhausted everything he had to say on the subject; and having done so on so many previous occasions, there was no necessity for inflicting the same speech on the brethren year after year. He had nothing fresh to tell them, but he would say this, he had attended close upon 40 years—38 years—and they could not expect him to say anything fresh. This lodge of instruction had always been in a prosperous condition. It was founded 60 years ago, he was going to say before he was born, but before his advent into Freemasonry. It was founded in the year 1817 by many celebrated Masons, Bro. Peter Thompson and others, and he (Bro. Muggeridge) joined it the day after he was initiated in 1839. Very shortly after that he had the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the Past District Grand Master of China, Bro. Rawson—it was something like 38 years ago he made his friendship. The lodge of instruction had gone on progressing and flourishing, and perhaps it had latterly flourished more than it did some years ago, because there had been such an increase in Masonry, both in the number of lodges, the number of members, and in the support given to the charitable institutions of the Order. These were supported to a much greater extent than they used to be; and the lodges of instruction were also much more greatly supported than they once were. He hoped to be with the brethren for some years to come; but, as he said just now, he had no story to tell, and so he simply confined himself to thanking the brethren for the toast they had drunk, and for the heartiness and warmth with which his name had been received.

Bro. Rawson, D.P.G.M. China, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." Bro. Colonel Burdett was the Grand Master for Middlesex, and all the brethren knew how the province had flourished under his rule. Some little of that increase might be attributable to the natural and general increase in Freemasonry. Still, without the kind care that Col. Burdett had given to the province of Middlesex, he did not think the brethren would have seen the province in the grand position it now occupied.

Col. Burdett replied. Like Bro. Muggeridge he had responded to this toast so often that he had nothing more to say. He believed he had responded, perhaps not one hundred and fifty times, but an enormous number of times, and he would not attempt to reiterate anything he had before said. He was quite sure that if the brethren did not think he had done his duty they would not have received him in the way they had received him. As a Grand Officer he had been called upon at various times to perform several duties, some of which were arduous. Not only as Grand Master of Middlesex but as representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland he had endeavoured to perform the duties cast upon him, and to exert himself for the benefit of Freemasonry and the good of all around him. Every man who took up any position must, if he desired to discharge its duties as he ought, apply himself to discharging them to the utmost of his ability; and he was satisfied that every Grand Officer who had been appointed within the last twelve or fifteen years had done his duty to the utmost of his power. Some might have done it better than others, but all had done it to the best of their ability. For himself, he knew very well there had been several shortcomings on his part, but the brethren would forgive them. Col. Burdett then gave the toast of "The Working Brethren," and complimented them very highly on the way in which they had performed their work that evening. All the brethren had seen how they had done it, and it was unnecessary for him to speak about it. He begged the brethren to consider what hard work and application there must have been on the part of those brethren to produce the efficiency which they had displayed.

Bro. E. F. Storr, W.M. 22, replied. The working brethren were a band who met together for one purpose, to do Masonic work well. If they had failed that evening it had not been for want of wishing to do the work well, but from a feeling of not being able to comply as well as they hoped to have done with the requirements. Some of them had had more to do than ever to get up the ritual for that meeting. If what they had done had met with the approval of the brethren they were well repaid for any labour they had undergone. They believed there was something more in Masonry than the "Fourth Degree," and to prove this they worked hard at lodge work.

Bro. J. B. Scriven proposed "The Sister Lodge of Instruction." He was sure that any attempt to assimilate



the workings of Masonry and reduce them to a dead level would be, for many reasons which he could not explain, as it always had been, a failure; and as a working Mason he should be very sorry to see it done. As long as there were different modes, one at the Emulation and another at the Stability, there would be an Emulation among the working Masons, and a Stability in their principles. He sincerely hoped, as he had said at the Harmony at Richmond, the Apollo at Oxford, the Emulation at Freemasons' Hall, and at the Stability Lodge of Instruction, that the workings would remain as they were, slightly different in words but the same in sense, and so avoid the learning according to a parrot system. He was very sorry that Bro. Hervey was not present.

Bro. Hubbuck replied to the toast. He knew that the two lodges worked in harmony. The Emulation wished success to the Stability, and the Stability to the Emulation. It was only from an avoidable cause that Bro. Hervey was not with them. As to the remarks of Bro. Scriven he might say that the difference in the mode was only one of verbiage, which was not at all material.

Bro. George Brooke No. 63, the only member of the Emulation Lodge present, said he was much pleased at the working of the Stability Lodge. He was struck with the contrast there was between him and Bro. Muggenridge, the latter of whom was initiated in 1839, while the former had only been a member of the Emulation two years. Bro. Col. Burdett proposed "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Benjamin Head responded. He felt most warmly for the Charities, and if the brethren would only put their horses to the plough they would keep pace with the requirements of the order. The Boys' School had over 180 boys in it, and the Girls' School had over 150 girls. The latter were going to have 50 more. He hoped the brethren would do their best among their friends for the purpose of obtaining assistance in the cause which they all had at heart. The Committees were doing their best to meet the wants of the time, and he asked the brethren to do all in their power to assist them. There was a Bro. Snow in this city who wanted the House Committee of the Boys' School to give orders for building which would come to about £10,000 and to take the risk of getting subscriptions sufficient to keep them up. They did not intend to do it. When the subscriptions came in they would be very glad to build larger buildings. The brethren then separated. Bros. T. W. Simons, Fred H. Cozens, and Chaplin Henry were the musical brethren, who performed some charming selections during the evening.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The following is the result of a ballot for Life Governorships in Bro. Webster's 18. Subscription, April, 27, 1897:—  
240. R. B. Webster, 104, Commercial-street.  
282. G. J. McKay, Kendal.  
821. A. J. Brown, Trafalgar-road, Greenwich.  
863. T. W. White, 6, Barnsbury-square.  
893. Wm. Atkinson, Liverpool.  
1059. John Caved, Deptford Green, Deptford.  
Certified by R. Trill, W.M. 1360, P.M. and P.Z. 79; C. Jardine, P.M. 140; and E. J. Sears, S.D. 299.

Only three minutes' walk from the Gower-street Station, of the Metropolitan Railway, and within easy access by the general railway system of the kingdom, is situated the extensive establishment of Messrs. Oetzmann and Co., complete House Furnishers, Hampstead-road. Some time ago we called attention, in our columns, to a work published by this enterprising firm, entitled "A Guide to House Furnishing," a most valuable work, ably compiled, and affording every information necessary for this important undertaking. Extensive as was the establishment at that time considerable additions have since been made, and, through the courtesy of one of the firm, an opportunity has recently been afforded us of visiting this varied emporium, a rough sketch of which we give to our numerous readers. The several departments are so arranged that one is enabled at a glance to grasp the various appointments, and whether it be Furniture, Carpets, Bedding, Drapery, Ironmongery, China, etc.,—for as we before observed the firm are complete House Furnishers—the several requirements and wants at all prices are before you. A most important feature is the Art Gallery, where are collected Bronzes, Oil Paintings, Water Colour Drawings, Olographs, and Fine Art Engravings, so that the mansion or the cottage may receive the addition that refinement lends to taste. Originality in design and manufacture is a great feature of this house, and, secured by letters of registration, renders piracy impossible. A New Edition of "The Guide to House Furnishing" has been recently published, and for an exhaustive treatise we commend the attention of our readers to this work, whilst a visit to the Show-Rooms (apart from commercial investment) will well repay the time expended. Any of our readers residing at a distance, desirous of leaving the selection of goods to the firm, may rely upon a faithful attention to their wishes and interest. In addition to many others, Messrs. Oetzmann & Co. offer special advantages to customers in delivery of goods by their own large Pantechon vans, and the fixing in position by competent persons. We would recommend to our readers a treatise entitled "Hints on House Furnishing and Decoration," by Mr. John R. A. Oetzmann, which contains much useful information, and forms part of their "Guide to House Furnishing," which they forward gratuitously on application.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The spring meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith, at the hour of high twelve, on Friday, the 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, the Grand Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M., Col. Whitwell M.P., who was supported by Bros. Kirkbridge, S.G.W.; John Bowes, J.G.W.; John Lemon, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; Whitehead, Prov. G. Reg.; Dodgson, Prov. G. Pur.; G. Kenworthy, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Jos. Bintley, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works; John Holme, P.P.J.G.W.; John Talbot, P.P.J.G.W.; Lamonby, P.M.; Isaac Evening, S.W. 1002, and others. The business was of an interesting character and included the presentation of a Charity jewel to Bro. McKay for his valuable services, both in London and in the provinces.

On the motion of Bro. Lamonby, seconded by Bro. Evening, and supported by Bro. Bowes, P.J.G.W., it was unanimously resolved to ask the Prov. G. Master to hold the September meeting of Grand Lodge at Cockermouth.

After the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to an excellent luncheon, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

The eight y-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, takes place on Wednesday next, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-st. A full report will be given in our next.

Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales are to undergo examination for appointment to naval cadships on the 14th May and two following days.

A pension of £100 per annum has been conferred on Mr. Thomas Wilmhurst, in consideration of his meritorious labours for the revival of the art of painting on glass.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was present at the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Literature, of which he is a member.

A SAND STORM IN THE SUZ CANAL.—The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamship Poonah, with the India and China mails, which arrived at Southampton yesterday, experienced, while in the Suez Canal, a severe sand storm, which commenced at sunrise, and continued, more or less furious, until five in the afternoon. During the storm she laid right across the Canal powerless. Tons of sand were thrown on deck, and the masts and gear were covered with a thick coating.

An exhibition of Humanitarian Inventions to save life and property at sea, by Bro. Col. Perez de la Sala, will be open on Monday next until the following Saturday, at the rooms of the National Safe Company, No. 1, Queen Victoria-Street. Brother Masons are especially and fraternally invited to inspect these inventions, there being free entrance to members of the Craft. Brethren are respectfully requested to sign their names in the book placed at the doors for that purpose.

The cocoa-room system is rapidly extending in Liverpool. Another establishment of this class, making the 22nd, was opened on Monday, Mr. S. Smith, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, presiding. It is said that the takings of the cocoa-rooms in Liverpool now amount to £600 each week.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death, from cancer, of Mrs. Knight, the wife of Bro. Alderman Knight, who, we doubt not, will under his bereavement have the cordial sympathy of all who know him.—City Press.

Bro. George Augustus Sala is about to publish his impressions of Eastern life, having just returned from the East. He will shortly be entertained at a dinner to be given by his conferees on the Press.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to contribute to the Caxton Loan Collection some of the literary treasures in the library of Lambeth Palace. The Court of Common Council also agreed to lend Shakespeare's autograph, which is now in the Guildhall Library.

Bro. J. E. Carpenter, P.M., the well-known author of "What are the Wild Waves saying?" and hundreds of other popular songs, and the editor of "Carpenter's Penny Readings," has in the press a new volume of his poems, which will shortly be published under the title of "Later Lyrics," and which will include a series of "Songs for Freemasons."

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.H. 30°, will be held on Tuesday next, at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, at 4.45 p.m., punctually.

Our brother the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. 1460, P.G.C. Middlesex, S.W. No. 1657, was re-elected on Wednesday, the 25th ult, by the Senate, one of the Examiners in the University of London for the ensuing year. We understand that this is the eighth re-election.

The consecration of the Hwlfordd Royal Arch Chapter, No. 464, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest, on Thursday, 10th May, at 3.30 p.m. The Principals designate are Comps. Thomas J. White, M.E.Z.; Rev. W. J. L. Stradling, H.; and Jos. James, J. The ceremony will be performed by E. Comp. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P. Std. B. of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire.

A performance of Lovell's celebrated play "Love's Sacrifice," will be given by the members of the School of Dramatic Art, at Ripon House, Russell-square, this (Saturday) evening, at half-past six o'clock.

The new judge is Mr. Fry, Q.C.

TRIENNIAL HANDEL FESTIVAL.—The period for the triennial musical celebration of Handel's memory has again arrived and the preparations at the Crystal Palace for the colossal festival in honour of the great composer are nearly complete. The dates fixed are Monday, June 25th; Wednesday, June 27th; and Friday, June 29th: the Festival itself being, as usual, preceded by a full public rehearsal on Friday, June 22nd. "The Messiah" and "Israel in Egypt"—the one, as the setting of the sublimest of subjects; the other, as best adapted by the massiveness, breadth, and dramatic power of its choral writing to such a chorus and such a locale—will of course again take their places on the opening and closing day; while Wednesday will be devoted to selections from the composer's order great works, including "Athaliah," "Joshua," "Hercules," &c., the programme also comprising several little-known orchestral pieces. Tickets are now on sale, both in sets and singly; and the Handel Festival Pamphlet, containing full information as to the arrangements, is issued gratuitously on application at the Crystal Palace and Exeter Hall.

The Liverpool Town Council have resolved to invite the Prince and Princess of Wales to open the Fine Art Gallery given by the Mayor, Alderman Walker, to the town. An attempt will be made to have the opening ceremony during the show of the Agricultural Society.

The Queen will visit the camp at Aldershot on Monday next. It is not yet known whether Her Majesty will remain at the Pavilion for the night, or whether she will return to Windsor in the evening after being present at a review of the troops. It is expected that Her Majesty will review the troops composing the division under the command of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Thomas Steele, K.C.B.

A special performance was given at the Folly Theatre on Thursday in aid of the rescued miners and their brave deliverers. Every member of the company, and also the employees, gave their gratuitous services, and the entire receipts will be handed over to the Fund.

Lord Hatherley presided on Wednesday over a meeting in support of the Curates' Augmentation Fund, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, at which the Earl of Harrowby, the Bishop of Winchester, the Deans of Westminster and Bangor, Canons Gregory and Miller, Mr. Coope, M.P., and Mr. Thomas Hughes were the principal speakers.

DISCOVERY OF COAL IN LINCOLNSHIRE.—A Sheffield correspondent writes:—"In sinking a deep well on the premises of Mrs. Barranda, Brewer, Billingborough, the borers have just encountered a seam of bright soft coal. This unexpected discovery solves the question of there being coal in Lincolnshire, in endeavouring to prove this borings have been fruitlessly made at Searle, near Lincoln, for two years past, and which have reached a depth of 2030ft. This accidental proof is therefore of vast importance.

RAVENSBORNE LODGE, No. 1601.—A full report of the installation meeting of this lodge, which took place on Friday, will appear in our next.

The boys of Christ's Hospital, of the foundation of King Charles II, according to ancient custom, exhibited on Wednesday last their drawings and charts to the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty selected a drawing of the Thunderer. Bro. John Derby Allcroft (Treasurer of Christ's Hospital), W.M. Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master for N. Wales and Shropshire, and Lady Wynn are expected to arrive at St. James's-square on Saturday, from the Continent, after a tour of a few weeks in Portugal and Spain.

A sale of wines, spirits, and liqueurs possessing very unusual features took place on Saturday at Edinburgh. The object of the sale was the disposal of the rare and curious contents of the cellar of the late Hon. Lady Menzies. Some of the prices realised were as unique as the wines, spirits and liqueurs themselves. Amidst a number of exceptionally high figures, the following may be mentioned:—Some fine old port, 1834 vintage, and known as the "Violet Port," was bought at £10 £8 10s., and £8 per dozen. The same purchasers obtained another brand of 1834 port at £7 a dozen. "Donna Salvadora," sherry, bottled in 1848, realised £5 10s. a dozen. This was not the highest figure paid for sherry. Nine bottles dated 1710 fetched £7 10s.; and what was left of two dozen and eight bottles of dark sherry of the same date realised £9. Several samples of sherry of the vintage of 1810 were sold for £5 a dozen, whilst a bin dated 1807 mounted up to £9 15s. a dozen. Nine bottles of an old sherry dated 1780 brought £5 10s. Some old Madeira from the vineyards of the Hon. Mrs. Norton also met with eager demand, and was sold at prices varying from £9 to five guineas a dozen. Brandy known to be more than eighty years old realised 95s. a dozen, and a few bottles of whisky which had matured for more than a century, were knocked down at £12 10s. a dozen. Rum was quite as much sought after, £7 10s. having been given for a dozen. One bottle of whisky labelled 1745, another from Benbecula, and a bottle of rum were sold for £5 a bottle.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgia Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.—ADVT.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

Owing to several very pressing matters of Masonic interest, two very important letters on the "Qualification of Candidates for the Masonic Institutions," and "Election of Provincial Candidates to the Masonic Charities," stand over unavoidably until next week.

Bro. R. J. Simpson's letter in our next: unfortunately crowded out. We shall be most happy always to insert any letter from him, but we cannot undertake to print non-masonic communications.

Bro. Strauss's letter in our next.

Reports of the following lodges also stand over:—

Union, 129; Faith, 141; Stuart, 540; Royal Albert, 907; Lord Warden, 1096; Stockwell, 1339; Hemming, 1512. Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge, Bath.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"The London Guide, and Classified Advertiser," "Little Folks," "Le Bulletin du Grand Orient," "Keystone," "Freemasons' Repository," "Masonic Journal," "The Lawyer's Client," "Some Account of a New System of Elementary Teaching," "La Chaine D'Union," New York Dispatch."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BUTLER.—On the 26th ult., at The Laurels, Witheane, the wife of J. Butler, of a son.

SCOTT.—On the 30th ult., at Cornwall-villas, Tufnell Park, Mrs. H. C. Scott, of a daughter.

WHITE.—On the 28th ult., the wife of the Rev. T. A. S. White, M.A., of Baden-Baden, of a daughter.

## DEATHS.

BOWLEY.—On the 28th ult., at Hillside Lodge, Forest hill, Margaret, widow of the late R. K. Bowley, aged 54.

GREGORY.—On the 30th ult., at his residence in Leicester, William Gregory, solicitor, of the firm of Messrs. Miles, Gregory, and Bouskell, in the 74th year of his age. Friends will please accept this intimation.

OWEN.—On the 28th ult., at Bentley-road, Liverpool, Ambrose Myall Owen, in his 61st year.

SNOW.—On the 29th ult., at Tredegar-square, Emma, relict of the late Bro. W. E. Snow, J.P., in her 76th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1877.

## THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The Prince of Wales reached Marseilles on Wednesday morning, the 2nd inst., in the Sultan, and was saluted by a French man-of-war, as also by the guns of the port, on landing. He was expected to reach Paris on the 3rd inst. The Prince was waited upon by the authorities, and landed at 3 p.m. to take the train for Paris. He is said to have received great benefit from his tour.

## BROS. CAUBET AND GRIMAUX.

We have received the *Monde Maçonnique* for April, and note that Bros. Caubet and Grimaux have thought it well to "return to the charge." We therefore take their remarks seriatim, and leave of them at the same time, auguring but little good for the future of French Freemasonry if the spirit evinced by these two well-known brethren be in any sense that of French Freemasons generally. First, as regards Bro. Grimaux. His position, as exemplified in his last "Communiqué" to the *Monde Maçonnique*, is made, in our opinion much worse by the jesuitical sophistry which characterizes it from first to last. Bro. Grimaux originally stated that a "Grande Loge des Philadelphes et de la Concorde reunis," met in London, and that Bro. Valleton had issued a circular "dans l'intérêt des Maçons anglais." We pointed out that no such Grand Lodge existed or could exist in London, and that any body of men calling themselves a Grand Lodge was an irregular and clandestine body. We added that Bro. Valleton had no authority to profess to act "dans l'intérêt" of our English brethren, as English Freemasons are represented by our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, chairman of a national committee in respect of the French Exposition of 1878. We were told in reply by Bro. Grimaux that the Loge des Philadelphes was only irregular "bien malgré elle," that is, because it had no warrant from our English Grand Lodge, and then practically not irregular at all, and that it was not clandestine because it had openly avowed its existence. We then ventured to assert that some Jesuit must have directed the pen of Bro. Grimaux, because no more sophistical unmasonic position had ever been assumed by any one in Freemasonry. We also told Bro. Grimaux that his facts were incorrect, that the Loge "Les Philadelphes," a body about which our Grand Lodge warned the English brethren some time ago, and which has been repudiated by the Grand Orient of France itself, has never applied for a warrant, on the contrary, it has continued a spurious and illegal body, glorying in its own shame. It is true that "La Concorde" had applied and was very properly refused, and to a body composed of these two spurious so-called lodges, the *Monde Maçonnique* gives the name of a regular Grand Lodge. What is Bro. Grimaux's reply? Risum teneatis Fratres! He coolly says to-day that he told us, "comment c'était une loge irreguliere et clandestine," that it was only irregular through its misfortune, not its fault, and not at all clandestine! Can the force of jesuitical subterfuge or verbal chicanery any further go? We think not, and therefore we beg respectfully to take our leave of Bro. Grimaux and the Grande Loge des Philadelphes, as utterly unworthy any further notice by legal and loyal Freemasons. Bro. Caubet affects to be both sarcastic and facetious, and utterly fails in each category. It is quite clear that Bro. Caubet has not realized the word toleration, because we must beg to say to him that profession is one thing, practice is another. In our humble opinion it is most intolerant on the part of the "libres penseurs," to endeavour to erase a familiar, if religious formula, from French Freemasonry, which suicidal act will be a stumbling block to thousands upon thousands of serious and devout Masons. Intolerance is not only shown in the form and letter, which Bro. Caubet apparently forgets, but in the

spirit and the motive. The French Grand Orient has a complete right, we admit (if it be so ill advised), to erase the "belief in God" as a fundamental condition of acceptance from its constitution; but then it must not be surprised if we Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, who look upon this truth as the first great landmark of Freemasonry, if we Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, we repeat, decline to have any thing to do Masonically with our French brethren, who have so deviated from what we honestly consider to be an eternal obligation of cosmopolitan Freemasonry. Bro. Caubet hardly sees either how the Masonic character of the Grand Orient may be affected by this untoward revolution. It is simply because we wish well to French Freemasonry that we have spoken as warmly as we have on the subject. It is because we feel the matter strongly and conscientiously that we have offered our humble advice honestly and fraternally to our French brethren. That it is misconstrued we cannot help; that we are told we have neither "raison" nor anything else is no fault of ours. We have spoken freely, fairly, truly, honestly, in fear of God and in love for man. We have treated the question entirely "au sérieux," as Anglo-Saxon Freemasons can alone treat it, and let us hope will ever alone treat it, and we can only deeply regret that our views and those of Bro. Caubet are as far as the "poles asunder." But Bro. Caubet will permit us to observe, in conclusion, that the tone in which he has "abordé" this most grave question is neither very reasonable, nor very Masonic, nor very courteous to us. There is a menacing manner and an almost bullying temper about it, which are very offensive to high-spirited English Freemasons. Somehow or other there seems to come with it a reminiscence of violent words and unseemly deeds, which proclaimed, so to say, not long ago, in "la Grande Ville," an age of "déraison" and of "barbarisme." We are not accustomed to such language in English Freemasonry as the remarks which have recently fallen from Bro. Grimaux about cheap Bibles, or our much beloved and truly valued Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, or even our humble selves. But we leave the subject here to-day. When Bro. Caubet, and those who think with him, have emerged from their passing excitement and agitation, when all these "fanfaronnades" are over; when we can talk seriously and sanely, and above all, as true Freemasons should discuss such matters, we shall be most happy to look at the matter from its philosophical side, and peacefully compare our opposing systems in France and England. But at present Bro. Caubet and others are clearly not in a fit condition to discuss the subject, having lost both their good sense and their good temper, and we can only recommend some of our worthy but fiery brethren a little calm retreat in a "maison de santé." Then perhaps they will appreciate our honest and English expression of religious reverence and of good will, better than they seem to do "pour le moment."

## THE CITY GUILDS.

The controversy which has been raised recently with reference to this most important question continues; and as most diametrically, opposite views have been expressed to ours last week, we think it well to return to the subject to-day. Mr. Roland P. Phillips has intervened in the *Times* and, "inter alia," has said: "The Solicitor General's argument that the Guilds are analogous in all respects to the West-end Clubs and other voluntary associations shows a brave disregard of history and is sufficiently refuted by the simple fact that the Companies, whatever they were originally, became in time not voluntary associations at all. By their charters they were empowered to compel every artificer or craftsman belonging to any particular trade to take up his freedom in the Company. For this he was taxable, and if he declined, he was not permitted to carry on his calling within the jurisdiction of the Guild—sometimes extending to a district of ten or even 20 miles outside the City area. The fees and dues thus levied were one source of their wealth; for in those simple



days, as every man paid for his dinner, these fees became the nucleus and foundation of all their greatness. Let us, therefore, hear no more nonsense about any analogy between the Guilds and modern Clubs and associations." Now we beg to say that such an argument, however tenable 300 years ago, is no longer so now. 300 years ago, if you like, the trading guilds being formed originally for the purposes of mutual aid and regulation of trade, no doubt were empowered by royal charters to receive members, and give the freedom to the apprentices, and much of restriction attended the exercise of the various Crafts in these Guilds. But even this privilege was not originally granted, only confirmed, as the royal charter only sanctioned what had long existed by custom, common law, and immemorial usage. The Guilds in their original formation and idea were purely indigenous, independent, self-supporting associations, sanctioned no doubt by early law, and regulated from time to time by Acts of Parliament. But they have never received royal or state, or municipal grants, except the privilege of taxing themselves, for the support of the Guild. Latterly, as we know, the restrictive privileges of the Guilds have been abolished, and the London Companies, except for their charitable trusts, the liberty and freedom of the City of London, are purely voluntary associations. No doubt an "ex post facto" law could be passed to compel them to exhibit their private accounts, but, in our opinion, it would be an interference with the rights of property, and set a most dangerous precedent. It appears to us that many of those who attack the City companies do not realize the difference between charitable endowments and general bequests. All the Guilds had, and still have, the right, to assess their members, for their own purposes, and to affix certain fees for taking up the freedom. A large portion of their property is that which is left them by individual members, for the "de bene esse" of the Guild itself, and that is a matter purely within their own direction and decision how it is spent. Mr. Phillips's complaint, that the Guilds, in some cases of charity, only pay now what was paid of old, forgets that by his law if it be correct, (and he gives chapter and verse, apparently, for his statement that such is the case), hundreds of educational charities must be gravely affected. We know of countless cases where, despite the increased value of property, the lay or other holder only gives the amount of the original rent charge or customary payment. If the statement of Mr. Phillips as regards the Waxchandlers' Company and William Kendall's will be correct, then there are hundreds of persons in this country who have been living "on the spoils of the poor." For the guilds are not singular in this view of matters. If, where a rent-charge is to be paid for ever out of property to the poor, as in William Kendall's case, of £8 per annum, and that land then bringing in £9 4s., now returns £300, and the whole £300 belong to the poor, then we need hardly add that the Charity Commissioners have a goodly harvest of corrective administration before them all over England. In all probability, in William Kendall's case the property was given absolutely to the poor on an assumed value, saving the rights of the legatee, otherwise as countless other cases to the contrary are notorious in respect of hospitals, grammar schools, parsons' payments, and the like, it is impossible to realize the effect of a literal application of what Mr. R. Phillips calls the undoubted law on the subject. In Donkyn's case (Merchant Taylors' Company), cited also by Mr. Phillips, his bequest would seem to imply that he left Bell Alley for the purposes of charity, and not merely a rent charge. Of course a good deal turns upon the exact words of the wills themselves, and other considerations which we need not enter into to-day. We may observe that the Companies have paid imposts to the Crown more than once. We think that the indictment drawn up by Mr. Phillips against the Companies in the *Times* of April 17th unfair and unjust, and the more we look into the matter the more we deprecate this Oriental method of dealing with our ancient City Companies, simply, apparently, because they are well to do in the world.

## THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

### SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., was initiated in the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, London, 24th March, 1874; has not taken any office.

### JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G., was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in May, 1874; W.M. in 1876; was appointed Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire 31st Dec., 1875; joined No. 10, London, 8th April, 1875, and is now the W.M.; joined 1478, Warminster, Wilts., on the 29th March, 1876.

### GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. WILLIAM LAKE ONSLOW, (while serving in H.M.S. Euryalus, Captain J. W. Tarleton, C.B., as especial Naval Instructor to H.R.H. the Prince Alfred), was initiated in the Union Lodge, at Malta, on the 28th of Dec., 1859, and duly received the Second and Third Degrees; was admitted into the Royal Arch on the 30th day of Dec., 1859, in the chapter attached to the Union Lodge, No. 588, at Malta; was received into the degree of Mark Master Mason on the 3rd day of July, 1861, in the Virgin Lodge, No. 588, Halifax, Nova Scotia; while serving as Chaplain and Naval Instructor of H.M.S. St. George, Captain the Honourable F. Egerton, he became Chaplain of the Virgin Lodge, and on leaving for England the brethren presented the Rev. Brother with a beautiful Mark jewel, made of pure gold of Nova Scotia; while acting as Chaplain and Naval Instructor of H.M.S. Raccoon, commanded by the Count Gleichen, he became Chaplain of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, at Gibraltar, from Dec., 1863, to May, 1864, and was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain for the province of Gibraltar. Returning to England to take the living of Sandringham at the kind desire of our M.W. Grand Master; he became Chaplain of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, King's Lynn, in 1866, and of which lodge he is still Chaplain; he was appointed, during the regime of the Honourable Fred. Walpole, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Norfolk; he preached the sermon on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at North Walsham, in 1870. Bro. W. Lake Onslow's services as Chaplain in H.M.'s navy have been many and brilliant.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, M.A., Trin. Col. Cam., Principal of the Woking College; late Head Master of the Royal Naval School New Cross, and formerly Head Master of King Edward's School, Chelmsford, was initiated March 23rd, 1854, and raised January 8th, 1856, in the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, Cambridge, No. 645 (now No. 441); was elected W.M. Lodge of Good Fellowship, Chelmsford, No. 276, in 1857; was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain for Essex in 1857, which office he held till 1867; was the first W.M. of the Weyside Lodge, Woking, No. 1395, in 1872; Prov. G. Chaplain for Surrey, 1875; Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey, 1876. Appointed Grand Chaplain in 1876, and again in 1877.

### SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Captain NATHANIEL GEORGE PHILIPS holds the following distinguished offices: Gentleman Usher to Her Majesty the Queen, P.M., P.Z., P.S.G.C., Prov. Prior of Suff. and Camb., Prov. Gd. J.W.M.M., M. Ill. Lieut. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33°; Memb. of Su. G. Chapter of Ireland, G. Repres. of S.C., N. and S.J., U.S.; ditto of Chile, Central America, Costa Rica, Ireland, Greece, Peru, Mexico, Switzerland, and of France; Hon. Mem. of S.C., N. and S.J., U.S. Dep. G.D.M.R. and G.M.

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, on the 27th April, 1866. In about a year afterwards he retired, and was one of the original members of the Buckingham and Chandos, No. 1150, and served all the offices in the lodge, including the Chair, and is still a member of that lodge. He is also a member and P.M. of British Union Lodge, No. 114. He was exalted in British Chapter, No. 8, on the 6th May, 1870, and is now its M.E.Z. Bro. De Lande Long

has been a member of the Board of General Purposes for the last five years, and has occupied the Vice President's chair for three years past, which important office he still holds. He is a Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities, having served as Steward to each, and is a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School.

### JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

The appointment, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of Bro. EDWARD J. MORRIS, of Swansea, and late D.P. Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, to the office of Junior Grand Deacon for the ensuing year, is regarded in the Sister Provinces of South Wales as a very graceful compliment, and as a recognition of Masonic services to the Provinces of no ordinary kind. As a Mason Bro. Morris's career has been a brilliant one. Initiated in the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, Swansea, in May, 1856, he in succession held the office of Secretary, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and in 1860, four years after his initiation, was elected W.M., an office which he again filled in 1864. In 1859 he was appointed Prov. G. Deacon. During his second Mastership of the Indefatigable Lodge, in 1864, he initiated, in Wales, the system of working the Sections, and held Lodges of Instruction for that purpose—on one occasion he, assisted by his officers, worked the Fifteen Sections. In addition to his labours in the Indefatigable, he was the founder of the Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea, of which he was the first W.M. He is an honorary member of the Cambrian, Afane, Caradoc, and Merlin Lodges in the Eastern Division, and of the St. Peter's in the Western. He is the oldest Mark Master Mason in South Wales, and the founder and first W.M. of the Talbot Lodge of Mark Masons, Swansea. In Royal Arch Masonry, too, he has been equally successful. He was exalted in the Virtue and Hope Chapter, 237, Swansea, in October, 1857, served in all the chairs, and filled the first chair three times; he has also been M.E.Z. of the St. David's and Talbot Chapters, of the latter of which he was the founder. It was by his advice and assistance that the Merlin Chapter, No. 476, Carmarthen, was resuscitated, and in which he has also filled the chair of M.E.Z. He is an honorary member of the St. David's Merlin, and St. Elin Chapters, which last he consecrated. He is a P.E.P. of the Palestine Encampment of Knights Templar, Swansea, and held the office of Sub-Prior of South Wales. He is also a member of the Rose Croix and 30th Degrees.

Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS was initiated in 1863 in the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355; is now P.M. of that lodge, and P.Z. of the chapter attached thereto. In 1868 he was appointed, and has since held, the office of Prov. G. Sec. for Wiltshire, under the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lord Methuen. On the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter for Wiltshire Bro. Tombs was appointed, and has since held, the office of P.G.S.E. under E. Comp. Lord Henry T. Thynne, P.G.N., and Prov. G. Superintendent Wiltshire, and was one of the two Wiltshire Stewards on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Albert Hall. A few years since Bro. Tombs organized an efficient charity organization for his province, which has worked most effectually and beneficially, and is now in active co-operation with several surrounding provinces. Owing to professional engagements, he has been recently obliged to resign the Charity Secretaryship, but, fortunately for the province, has been succeeded in that office by Bro. Wm. Nott, of Devizes, P.M., P.Z., P.P. G.R. Wiltshire. In 1876 he undertook Stewardships for the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and the aggregate of his lists amounted to £318.

### GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. GEO. TOLLER, jun., was initiated into Masonry in the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Leicester, in 1866, and after successively filling the Wardens' chairs, became W.M. in 1869; was Prov. G. Secretary of Leicestershire from 1869 to 1872, when he was, at his own request, relieved from office; afterwards appointed Prov. Senior G. Warden, and is again at the present time Prov. G. Secretary; exalted to the Royal



Arch in 1867, and after holding the office of Principal Sojourner, passed the three Principals' chairs of J., H., and Z., is at the present time Prov. G.S.E.; in the high degrees he was advanced to the Mark in the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, Leicester, and after holding various minor offices, became W.M. in 1875, and is now Prov. Senior G. Warden; is a Knight Templar; also a member of the 30°, and of the Royal Order of Scotland, a Past Soy. and member of the Grand Council of the Red Cross Order, a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and an occasional subscriber to the Girls'.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. H. G. Buss was W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, in 1850, Secretary from 1851 to 1874, and is now Treasurer of that Lodge; was M.E.Z. of Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1856, S.E. for several years, and now Treasurer of that chapter. Bro. Buss occupied the post of Secretary of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657 (of which he was a founder in 1856) for the last 12 years. He was a founder and the first Secretary of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, in 1863, and a founder, and now Treasurer, of the Chapter 975; also a founder of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 780, in 1859, and Secretary of that lodge for 14 years. He took an active part in the formation of the province of Middlesex (Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M.), and was appointed Prov. Grand Treasurer from 1870, and was appointed P.J. G.W. in 1876, and is Treasurer of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex. He was also a founder, and is now Secretary of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, and a founder and Treasurer of the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293; a founder and Secretary of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, consecrated in March last. Bro. Buss is an hon. member of many lodges and chapters. He was appointed clerk in the Grand Secretary's office by the late Bro. W. W. White, Grand Secretary in 1855; and has served Stewardships of the three charities, and is a Life Governor of each.

#### GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. W. T. Howe was initiated in the Esphrates Lodge, No. 212, Feb., 1872, and was the founder and first W.M., and is the present Treasurer of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445; he joined the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, in 1874, and is now the W.M. of that lodge, and received provincial honours from Col. Burdett in 1875; he was exalted in the Doric Chapter, No. 933, June, 1873; joined the Chapter of Stability, No. 217, and is the present M.E.Z. of the latter chapter. Bro. Howe is a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Charities, having served four Stewardships; and is Steward for the forthcoming festival in May, and has for the fourth year been elected one of the twelve Past Masters on the Board of Benevolence. Bro. Howe is well known for his rendering of the ritual and the sections, installation ceremony, &c., both in lodge and lodges of instruction. He is also one of the Grand Senate of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and S.D. of No. 1, Mark Lodge.

#### RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

The war has commenced, and Russia has apparently gained some slight successes in Asia Minor, and the Russian troops have taken Bayazid. We can rejoice that the English Government has manfully laboured always in the cause of peace and the best interests of all concerned.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

Most of our brethren who read American Masonic literature will be deeply sorry to hear of the death of that well-known Masonic "litterateur," Bro. Frank George Gouley. His, as the *Keystone* says, was a truly "tragic" end, for he fell a victim to that sad conflagration, at the Southern Hotel St. Louis, on the 10th April last. His wife was saved, but he perished, though how is still somewhat of a mystery. In Bro. Gouley American and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry has lost a most clear and able writer, and a most zealous and highminded brethren, and we sincerely condole with his afflicted family and his many mourning friends in the United States. He will be a missed man in Freemasonry in his native land and the Craft generally.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly allow me to confirm the statements of "Jebah," respecting the serious loss of life and property on the coasts of Scilly. Beyond all question if the statistics furnished by various competent authorities are to be relied on, Scilly waters, according to their area, are the scene of more shipping calamities than any other in Great Britain. No one acquainted with the position of the group of islands there, and the various phenomena of which they are the centre, can at all be surprised at this; yet, although the destruction of one vessel with the drowning of her crew scarcely fades from our memory before another like tragedy is announced, year after year rolls on without any adequate measure being adopted to lessen the casualties or their attendant horrors. From a special and close study of the whole question I am prepared to admit that there are peculiar difficulties in connection with it, but if the proper authorities will but address themselves to it in earnestness I am very well assured that the result would be eminently satisfactory to the nation at large, and I see something very lamentable in the decay of national philanthropy, national prudence, and national genius which this continued apathy, neglect, and timidity very clearly indicate.

I have felt myself, from the data placed in my hands by those most competent to estimate their value, justified in advocating, as preventative and remedial appliances for the protection of the maritime interests of the various nations which send their ships to and from these latitudes, five different kinds of appliances, namely:

- 1st. A steam fog-horn of first-class power to be placed on St. Agnes Island.
- 2nd. A complete system of telegraphy, to embrace the whole of the five inhabited islands, and to communicate with Penzance.
- 3rd. Lifeboats to be placed on each side of the Main or Broad Sound, say at Inesco and St. Agnes.
- 4th. Rocket apparatus for St. Martin's Island.
- 5th. Telegraph-buoys, upon the principle designed by A. M. Festing, Esq., and submitted by myself, with that gentleman's permission, to the Board of Trade.

Most of the features of my plan have been before the world in the columns of the *Times*, *Standard*, and many of the leading daily and weekly journals of this kingdom, ever since September last. They have been brought specially by private letters from myself before many of our leading men, most, if not all, of whom say they agree with me in the main. These views, then, of mine, have been criticised, and generally accepted as sound, practicable, and economic. But nothing has really been done. It is true the Board of Trade have consented to send their Inspector General of Life Saving Apparatus to Scilly to examine and fully report on his branch of the question. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Lloyd's agent says, have, since my complaints were made current, sent Lieut. Jones to the islands, and I suppose from what Mr. Banfield writes in the *Plymouth Mercury*, consented to my proposal, so far as to where lifeboats should be placed are concerned; but no lifeboat has, upon the Lieutenant's shewing, been voted by the Institution, and this is why I have taken the liberty of addressing Lord Carnarvon and yourself respecting the two "Commemorative Boats," given so generously by the Freemasons. The Trinity House write me to say that they have the question of fog signals for Scilly under consideration, but that is not a very encouraging reply, and if it is the best they can give so much the more is it to be regretted.

Let me say, in conclusion, that I do not care as to the form of the appliances, be they what I recommend or not. What I plead for is, that something be done of a practical nature, by which shipwrecks may, if possible, be averted on these uniquely dangerous coasts, and if that be not possible, then to save the lives of those who may have the misfortune to be in the vessels when they come to grief. Freemasonry is essentially philanthropic, and I know that in your columns the cause of the widow and orphan cannot be pleaded in vain, no matter how unskilful the advocate may be.

Yours faithfully,

LUCRETIVS.

#### FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a subscriber to the *Freemason*, I take the liberty to request a space in your columns for the following important matter. My reason for so doing is, that among your numerous and talented correspondents not one is aware of the many causes which tend to create a disunion among the brotherhood in South Africa.

At present we have many lodges in South Africa established under various constitutions, English, Scotch, and Dutch. But, notwithstanding the good and fraternal feeling which appears to exist among the brethren working under these different constitutions, there are barriers which prevent social intercourse, and naturally create a feeling antagonistic to the spirit of Freemasonry.

For instance, a brother working under the Grand Lodge of England, and possessing the Rose Croix degree, is not allowed to enter a Dutch Rose Croix chapter when working the "Elu," which is only the Fourth in the Reformed French Rite.

Again, an English Royal Arch is not admitted to a Scotch Royal Arch chapter unless he is in possession of the Mark degree.

Now, as I consider these serious and important matters, I trust they may not escape the notice of the Grand Officers, and that they will not forget the alliance entered into (at a meeting held on the 25th April, 1770), when Charles Baron de Boetzelaer, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Holland, promised that "if the Grand Lodge of England would agree in future not to constitute any new lodge within his jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Holland would observe the same restriction with respect to all parts of the world where lodges were already established under the patronage of England." Why this was not enforced when the colony became a British possession I am at a loss to understand.

The only remedy I now see is to allow the brethren in South Africa to unite themselves into one grand body, as a Grand United Lodge; then they would work harmoniously together, ever remembering that although each of us are independent of each other, we, like links of the same chain, are bound together.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P.M. and M.W.S. DUTCH CONSTITUTION.

[We do not agree with our good correspondent. We do not think that our English system ought to be made to dovetail in with any other. We recommend our brethren to adhere to our Grand Lodge.—Ed.]

#### THE ORGAN AT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is there any reason why the organ should only be used at the entrance and exit of the Grand Master?

If Bro. Willing be true to his name he would not object to attend half an hour earlier, when more scope might be afforded for both performer and instrument than is possible in the two minutes during which it is now used.

Trusting he may take the hint, and remember that he can do much to relieve the unavoidable weariness of waiting for the commencement of proceedings,

I am, fraternally yours,

P.M.

#### TRUE MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following incident of truly Masonic charity displayed by the brethren of Mount Hope Lodge, Fall River, Mass., U.S. America, has recently come under the notice of the brethren of Hope Lodge, 54, Rochdale, and we think it is one which should be generally made known through the Craft, and we know of no other means better than through the columns of your respected and widely circulated paper; and the brethren requested me to furnish you with the facts, which I now do in the form of a letter. The following are the facts of the case:—

"Some five or six years ago Bro. Luke Schofield, of No. 54, left England for America, where, after several severe struggles for success, he ultimately had to succumb to failing health, and died at Fall River on the 2nd of February, 1877, leaving a widow and four children perfectly destitute. Dr. Tourtellot, a Mason, discovered the deceased was a Freemason, and immediately acquainted his father-in-law, John B. Whitaker, M.D., and who was the Master of Mount Hope Lodge, of the facts of Bro. Schofield's death and the destitute position of his family. The brethren of that lodge, at their own expense, buried Bro. Schofield in due and ancient form, took care of the widow and family, and in due course sent them to England, the passage being paid by Mount Hope Lodge."

I consider that this is one of the noblest acts of charity that ever was performed by any lodge, and at our lodge meeting on the 11th ult. I proposed a resolution, a copy of which, and the letter by which the same was forwarded to the brethren of Mount Hope Lodge, I enclose herewith, and shall be obliged if you can find room to insert the same in your next or the following issue.

Yours fraternally,

T. BAKER ASHWORTH,

P.M. 54, 363, and 367.

"To the W.M. of Mount Hope Lodge, Fall River, Mass., U.S. America.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"I am instructed by the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodge of Hope, 54, Rochdale, England, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th of February, A.L. 5877, informing us of the death of our late Bro. Luke Schofield. The brethren were sorry to hear of his death, and especially as it occurred so far from home and in a strange land; but their hearts rejoice to know that in the midst of strangers he found brethren who, in a truly Masonic spirit, did all they could to relieve the distress of himself and family. As an expression of the brethren's feeling respecting the noble and truly Masonic conduct displayed by the brethren of Mount Hope Lodge towards our late and lamented brother and his bereaved family, the enclosed resolution was unanimously passed at our monthly lodge, held on the 11th day of April, A.L. 5877."

"I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"T. BAKER ASHWORTH,

"P.M. 54, 363, and 367,

"Sec. pro tem."

#### [RESOLUTION.]

"That this Lodge of Hope, No. 54, Rochdale, England, has heard with regret and sorrow of the decease of Bro. Luke Schofield, at Fall River, Mass., United States of America, but their grief is assuaged by the knowledge that, though far from home and in a strange land, he was not without friends, for, actuated by a pure Masonic spirit, the brethren of Mount Hope Lodge of A.F.A. Masons, of Fall River, hearing that one of the Craft lay upon a bed of sickness himself, and that his family were in a state of destitution, immediately went to offer assistance, when they found our late Bro. Schofield dead, whose remains they buried according to the rites of our Order, and



whose widow and children would have been destitute had they not been succoured and sent home to England. These facts prove that Masonry is practised by the brethren of Mount Hope Lodge in its simplest and purest form, and they have set an example which might be advantageously followed by all the Craft, and the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of this lodge therefore fraternally greet their American brethren, and hope that health, peace, and plenty may be enjoyed by every member of the Mount Hope Lodge."

#### HONOUR BESTOWED WORTHILY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Few appointments have ever been made in the Grand Lodge of England which will give more general satisfaction to a very numerous body of brethren than that of the Worshipful Bro. E. J. Morris, the late Deputy Prov. G.M. for the Eastern Division of South Wales, as Grand Deacon of England. There is scarcely an eminent position in Masonry that has not been well and efficiently filled by this talented brother, who has made for himself a well established reputation as one of the best workers in the kingdom.

Although most indefatigable in the performance of his own duties in his own province—for he is anything but a mere show Mason—he has ever been most ready to afford instruction and assistance to the brethren of this, the Western, division of South Wales, to whom his selection to fill the office of Grand Deacon will give as complete and thorough satisfaction as if it had been bestowed on one of themselves.

For myself I shall be much obliged if you will permit me thus publicly to acknowledge in Bro. Morris a kind friend, and a most painstaking and efficient instructor.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

GEO. T. SMITH, P.M. 1072,  
P. Prov. G. Sec., P. Prov. S.G. Warden  
Western Division South Wales.

Aberystwith, 25th April, 1877.

#### THE EXETER MASONIC HALL.

The Freemasons of Exeter held their meetings for many years at the Tuckers' Hall, on Fore-street-hill. Before that date (from 1732) they held their meetings at private houses, and in the assembly rooms attached to the more famous hostilities of bygone days—such as the George Inn, in North-street, the Half Moon, and others. The Tuckers' Hall having become dilapidated, the master and wardens of that ancient incorporation found it necessary, for the safety of the structure to repair it and rebuild the frontage. During the time of these alterations, the brethren had to arrange for the meetings of the Craft at the Royal Public Rooms, but on eligible premises being found, a general meeting of the fraternity in Exeter and neighbourhood was held, and after discussing the advantages of a new building, as compared with adapting premises, and hearing the report of Bro. J. Jerman, the architect, it was resolved to purchase the premises at 29' Gandy-street. These have been altered and fitted up in a convenient way for the use of the several lodges. The premises in themselves are interesting as having been the residence of well-known local families, such as the Fortescues, Grangers, Brakes, Snows, and others. There are architectural features in the building indicating work of the late Tudor, Elizabethan, and Jacobean periods. The old front of the house, set back (after the manner of those days in an enclosed courtyard) from the Gandy-street frontage, was pretentious, and had the usual massive moulded oak construction, with heavy mullioned windows, and projecting upper storeys on handsomely-carved brackets and beams, with quaint dormer gables, and the spaces between the moulded and framed woodwork pargetted on lathwork. The premises, as bought, were recently in private occupation, and presented a number of useful-sized rooms, which, with alteration and ingeniously throwing several smaller rooms together to form larger ones, have been well adapted for the future meetings of the fraternity. The accommodation obtained is as follows:—Spacious entrance halls and covered ways for access from the street where the brethren may be marshalled for processions, several convenient and well-lighted rooms for the use of the three Exeter Craft lodges, to be used for robing, reading, library, and committee rooms. The lodge room, approached by a wide and bold staircase, is on the first floor, and has been fitted up and decorated to suit the purposes of Masonic meetings. The room is of ample size for all local meetings of the Craft, has been carefully arranged as regards ventilation and gaslights, and will be furnished in a comfortable and permanent manner. The walls are stencilled, and the ceiling is adorned with golden stars radiating round a blazing star enclosing the sacred symbol. On the floor of the room will be placed a handsome Brussels carpet, the ground-work of Royal Garter blue, specially designed, and ordered of Messrs. Goff and Gully, the pattern being worked up in Royal Arch and Craft emblems. Round the room are placed benches on a raised floor, and there will be sufficient accommodation for 70 Masons at a lodge. Over the fire-place, in one of the upper rooms, is a portrait of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, which has been presented to the Craft, and the large portrait, in oil, of Dr. Carwithen, will be hung on the grand staircase. A chamber has been formed for the reception of the organ brought from the Tuckers' Hall. This instrument is from the well-known old firm of Walker, of London, but has now been considerably enlarged by Mr. Hawker, of Exeter. Besides the above rooms there are others which are now being used for lodge meetings, and which will be still used for extra meetings, and those connected with the higher degrees of Freemasonry, and the orders of chivalry. There is also a residence for the care-

taker, besides all necessary offices, and a spacious garden behind. On the whole the Freemasons may congratulate themselves on having secured premises so conveniently situated, and well adapted for their object, at a comparatively moderate outlay. A building set aside permanently for the purposes of the Craft in Exeter had been long desired, and the brethren having now attained this, will be able to carry on more efficiently and advantageously the various duties connected with their ancient and honourable institution, for the good of Freemasonry in general, and the Exeter lodges in particular. The Committee have been most zealously assisted in their labours by the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. S. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Bro. J. Jerman is the architect entrusted to carry out the works, and Bro. J. Stocker the builder. The decorations have been carefully and artistically executed by Bro. Algar. Bro. J. S. Warren supplies the furniture and benches, and Bro. R. Rouse the gas-fittings. Much trouble has been experienced in adapting such ancient premises, but the result of the endeavours of the Committee, and those engaged with them, will doubtless commend itself to the favourable judgment of the brethren.

The solemn and imposing ceremony of dedication on Monday, the 23rd ult., brought to a successful conclusion the important work in which, for some time past, the Exeter Freemasons have been engaged. The formal proceedings connected with the opening, commenced at the Victoria Hall, where a Special Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was opened at two o'clock. The brethren commenced to arrive at the hall soon after one o'clock, and continued to drop in for an hour afterwards.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form a procession was formed, and proceeded to the new Hall in Gandy-street, in the presence of a considerable crowd, which had been drawn together by the novelty of the sight. The weather was decidedly unfavourable for out-door show, but although it had rained heavily just before the procession issued from the hall, it cleared up till the brethren had passed along Queen-street to Gandy-street.

On arriving at the new Hall the Lodge was opened in the First Degree, Bro. Rogers acting as D.P.G.M.

An anthem having been sung,

Bro. Jones, addressing the R.W. Prov. G.M., said it was with feelings of satisfaction, but at the same time with some diffidence, he asked him in the name of the Freemasons of Exeter to open and dedicate that building, so that they would on that day commence labour in a home of their own. The brethren must be highly gratified that this had been brought about. A few months ago he was looking back at the records of one of their lodges, and he found that 55 years ago a lodge then numbered 178, passed a resolution that it was most desirable that the Freemasons of Exeter should have a home of their own, and they backed up that resolution by voting a sum of £315 towards the cost of it. Of course they would have liked to have seen a larger hall, and one built especially for the purposes of Freemasons, but they had to cut their coat according to their cloth. The hall was sufficiently large to hold a Grand Lodge for all practical purposes. He concluded by formally calling upon the G.M. to dedicate the building.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, then addressing "Bro. Jones and brethren all," said he could not help being gratified at the task which he was asked to perform. He quite concurred in all that had been said by Bro. Jones. It was a most beautiful lodge, and everything about it was fitted up most satisfactorily, and he most gladly acceded to the request for dedication. Before doing so he requested his acting D.P.G.M. to deliver an oration.

Acting D.P.G.M. complied with the request. He hoped this would prove a new epoch for Masonry in Exeter. He then briefly alluded to the antiquity of Freemasonry, and referred to the statement that it had existed from time immemorial. It certainly was in existence in England 150 years before the date given by their opponents. It was said that Masonry only dated back to the 16th or 17th century. He would not discuss all the opposition views, but if they would look back to 1610 and 1620 they would find then that Freemasonry was denounced by the Roman Catholics especially, who in so doing had certainly overshoot the mark. He traced back the origin of Freemasonry, which had certainly existed amongst the Brahmins, the Mahomedans, and Parsees, so that the Masonic idea was cherished in India as in England. Amongst the Persians, Alexander the Great discovered books which took it back to ages long before his time, even before writing was invented, some 3000 years ago, right back to the times of the ancient Egyptians, some of whose records had only recently been described under symbols and allegory, which showed that some ceremonies that existed amongst the ancient Egyptians were the same as existed in our own day. Even Moses was said to be a Freemason, and from him they were able to trace it down to the time of King Solomon. He asserted that it passed through Egypt to Greece, and from Greece to Rome, and some of the hieroglyphics discovered dated back to ages before Christ. They also found allusions to Freemasonry in the Book of Exodus, as well as in other sacred writings of the Bible.

The dedication rite was then proceeded with, and was performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by the G.M., whose venerable appearance and his rich decorations, including a gold chain which had been presented to him, rendered him a striking figure, even in the midst of the throng of brilliant officials by whom he was surrounded. A procession was then formed, the G.M. being followed by his Deputy and P.G. Wardens, bearing the elements of dedication, and proceeded round the lodge-room, solemn music being played during its progress. On returning to the East, the G.M. was presented with a vessel bearing corn, the emblem of plenty, and scattered it over the lodge, the P.G. Chaplain reading at the same

time Psalm lxxii., v. 16. The G.C. thereupon said the first prayer, and solemnly dedicated the Hall to Masonry, and then the brethren chanted "Glory to Thee, most high God," &c. A second and third circuit were made with the same ceremonial, wine and oil being used, instead of corn, and the Hall being dedicated to virtue, and benevolence, and charity, which they respectively symbolised. On the conclusion of these dedication acts, a prayer was said by the Grand Chaplain, the brethren all standing.

The musical response, "So mote it be," having been chanted, the G.M. used the "salt," being preceded by the Chaplain, acting as bearer of the burning incense. A prayer after the salt and the chanting of Psalm cxxxiii. as an anthem having been followed by the Benediction, and some more chanting, the "Grand Honours" concluded the ceremonial. The procession then returned to the Victoria Hall, in the same order as it had started therefrom, and the actual proceedings of the dedication were thus finished.

In the evening nearly 100 of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at Bro. Pople's London Hotel.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The biennial convocation took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 26th April, and was attended by a more than average number of members.

The chapter was opened by the P.G. Supt., Comp. W. Kelly, assisted by Comp. the Rev. W. Langley as P.G.H., and Comp. H. Deane as P.G.J.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, the P.G. Supt. proceeded to install the Principals as follows:—To the chair of Z., Comp. S. S. Partridge, 279; to the chair of H., Comp. J. T. Thorp, 279, E. F. Mammatt, 779, and H. B. Smith, 1130; to the chair of J., Comp. J. M. Kew, 1130.

On the motion of Comp. the Rev. W. Langley, seconded by Comp. J. C. Duncombe, P.Z., the thanks of the chapter were accorded to Comp. W. Sculthorpe for his services as Treasurer, and he was unanimously re-elected to that office.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent then invested the Provincial Grand Officers as follows:—

The Rev. W. Langley.....	Prov. G.H.
Clement Stretton.....	Prov. G.J.
G. Toller, jun. (re-appointed).....	Prov. G.S.E.
Henry Deane.....	Prov. G.S.N.
Jno. C. Duncombe.....	Prov. G.P.S.
E. F. Mammatt.....	Prov. G. 1st Ast. P.S.
R. B. Smith.....	Prov. G. 2nd Ast. P.S.
Wm. Sculthorpe (re-elected).....	Prov. G. Treas.
Samuel S. Partridge.....	Prov. G. Reg.
Robert Waite.....	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Frederick J. Baines.....	Prov. G. Std. B.
John T. Thorp.....	Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.
T. A. Wykes.....	Prov. G. Org.
C. Bembridge (re-elected).....	Prov. G. Janitor.

Some formal business having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and the regular meeting of the Chapter of Fortitude took place.

The officers for the year were invested as follows:—Comps. E. Mason, S.E.; Dr. Grant, S.N.; J. B. Hall, P.S.; C. E. Stretton, Assist. P.S.; W. C. Shout, Treas.; Jos. Young, Dir. of Cers.; and T. A. Wykes, Org.

Three members of the Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley, were exalted to the Sublime Degree in a very able manner by the newly-installed First Principal, Comp. Partridge.

The mystical lecture was perfectly given by the Prov. Grand Superintendent.

After the close of the chapter the installation banquet took place.

Amongst members present, in addition to those above named, was Comp. Sir Henry Halford, D.P.G.M.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in St. Thomas's Schoolroom, Blackburn-street, Radcliffe, near Manchester, on Wednesday, 18th inst., under the presidency of most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent Le Gendre N. Starkie, supported by Comp. Joseph Lancaster Hine, as Second Principal, and Comp. James Arthur Birch, as Third Principal. There were about 160 companions present from the different chapters in the province, all of which, with the exception of two, were represented. The sum of £10 was voted in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Masonic Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and the P.G.S. kindly promised a subscription of £25 towards the Masonic charities. During the course of his remarks in acknowledgment of the gift, Comp. Hine stated that the subscriptions in England, during the last twelve months towards the Masonic Charities amounted to £40,000. Invitations to hold the next annual Grand Arch Chapter were received from Manchester and Littleborough. A banquet was afterwards served at the Bull's Head Inn Church-street, Radcliffe, of which about sixty companions, partook. Colonel Starkie and Comp. Birch warmly complimented the committee of management on the excellence of the arrangements made for the holding of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The catering was briefly eulogised by the P.G.S., as well as by Comp. Hine, who remarked that during the long number of years he had been connected with Masonry he never remembered partaking of a better served or more palatable banquet. The usual toast list was gone through and was enthusiastically responded to throughout. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. J. Randle Fletcher, P.P.G.O., and were all that could be desired.



## THE JEWS AND THE GERMAN GRAND LODGES.

With reference to this question we are in a position to state that 240 petitions issued by the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, have been returned signed, together with many interesting communications containing expressions of sympathy. The committee of the Montefiore Lodge would be glad if the lodges that have not yet signed the petition would at the earliest opportunity take the matter into their consideration. Copies may be had on application, and will be immediately forwarded. As the matter is of great importance, we take this occasion of urging on our brethren the desirability of complying with the request contained in the circular. The words of the famous 165th Section are as follows:—"In the confederacy of the Grand National Mother Lodge, only such a one can be initiated into Freemasonry who possesses the Christian Faith, without distinction of creed," and to our mind conclusively proves the justice of the application made by the Montefiore Committee. We think that all Masons should unite to obtain the removal of a law, which is not only "obnoxious" in itself, but contrary to the fundamental principles on which the Masonic Order is based.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, May 11, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-street Hot.  
" 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, S.E.  
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1316, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.  
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.  
Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights, K.H. 30°, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9.

Anniversary Festival R. M. I. for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern.—See Advt.  
Com. R. M. B. I., at 3.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Leytonstone.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.  
Mark Lodge 144, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Supreme Council, 30° and 33°, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.

Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Bridge House Hot.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.  
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.  
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hot., Tulse-hill.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Clapton.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
K. T. Encamp. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.  
" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.  
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., W.  
Mark Lodge 198, Croydon, Greyhound Hot., Croydon.  
K.T. Encamp. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh M. J. delton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 12, 1877.

#### MONDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 243, Merchants', M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., 241, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 216, Harmony, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Vic. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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**CAUTION TO FREEMASONS' LODGES.**—Lost or Stolen early in April, on the Harwich route from Antwerp to London, a Masonic Case, labelled C. L. Simmonds, P.M. 141, 554, 1159; containing several P.M., Royal Arch, and Mark Masters' Jewels, Apron and Collar, and a variety of Arch, Craft, and Mark Master's Certificates. As the latter may probably be surreptitiously used, Lodges are cautioned to use circumspection.



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The last meeting of this lodge previous to the summer recess was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. M. Davis, W.M.; Mallett, S.W.; Dairy, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Waygood, I.P.M.; Rumball, S.D.; Morrison, A.W.S., acting J.D.; Walls, A.D.C., acting I.G.; and Past Masters Hopwood, Harris, Taylor, Green, Themans, and Kennett. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. A. Aaron in his usual careful manner. A notice of motion that the subscription should be raised was then fully discussed, but upon being put, it was negatived. The petition to the Grand Master for a centenary jewel having been signed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The visitors were Bros. Parkin, P.P.J.G.D. of Derbyshire; Walter, W.M. 87; D. Davis, late 141; Masters, Doudney, 145; Pratt, 957; and Palmer, 1293, 1503. The preliminary toasts having been duly disposed of, the W.M. proposed "The Initiate," in which he said that from the great attention Bro. Aaron had paid to the ceremony that night he believed he would become a good Mason. The newly admitted brother briefly replied by stating how gratified he felt at having been allowed to enter into the ancient and honourable society of Freemasons. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by each brother present. Bro. Stuart, in the absence of the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very flattering terms. In the course of his remarks he said that since Bro. Davis had accepted the chair there had been very great changes in the lodge. The W.M., however, had endeavoured to meet all difficulties, and also had tried to give satisfaction to them all, and he (the speaker) felt convinced that when the time arrived for the W.M. to relinquish the reins of government he would retire with the proud satisfaction of having won the "heartly good wishes" of his brethren of the Faith Lodge. The W.M., in response, said that he had a very arduous task to perform during his term of office, and that was to stint the creature comforts of the lodge. It was very hurtful to his feelings to have to do this, but the funds of the lodge would not permit him to act otherwise, and he was determined not to leave his successor in debt. He thanked the Secretary for the warmth he had displayed in proposing his health; and in conclusion he called attention to the fact that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls would be represented at its forthcoming festival by Bro. Titley, whom he hoped would be well supported by the brethren of No. 141. The toast of "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Stuart in a very characteristic speech. "The Officers" followed, and drew from the W.M. a very high opinion upon the relative merits of the brethren forming the official staff. This health having been duly drunk, was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. Mallett, S.W., and Dairy, J.W., upon behalf of themselves and colleagues, present and absent. The Tyler's toast was called at a comparatively early hour, and the brethren separated until the last Tuesday in September next. During the evening selections of harmony were given by Bros. Mallett, Walls, Leftly, Clark, and others, and Bro. D. Davis gave a reading from "The Lady of Lyons."

**ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the White Swan Tavern, High-st., Deptford. Present: Bros. J. J. Pakes, W.M.; G. T. Lunn, J.W.; William Andrews, P.M., Treas.; Frederick Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, and P.M., Sec.; R. Harman, S.D.; J. G. Vohmann, J.D.; G. Harvey, I.G.; George Andrews, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Tison, P.M., W. Steward; H. J. Fisher, Org.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler. Visitors: J. Howe, 1326; J. R. Croft, 1326; H. Bartlett, P.M. 147; J. Evans, 797. Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M., opened the lodge, the minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot being unanimous in his favour, Mr. Edward George Goodson Bax was initiated by the W.M. in an efficient manner; the lecture on the tracing board and the charge to the newly-initiated being given by Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. and D.C., for which he received a vote of thanks.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st., on Monday, the 7th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Lewis Alexander, Senior P.M., in the absence of the W.M., and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. On the arrival of the W.M. a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Edmund Cogswell, which resulted in his favour. He was afterwards initiated into the Order. Bro. Althorp was raised to the Third Degree. A letter was read from Bro. Spiegel, J.W., stating in consequence of the death of his father he was unable to attend the duties of the lodge. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Spiegel, conveying the sympathy of the lodge in his bereavement. The lodge was then adjourned till the first Monday in June, after which the brethren, including several visitors, adjourned to supper, and passed a pleasant evening.

**ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 16th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. F. A. White, W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual honours. A large muster, both of members of the lodge and brethren from neighbouring lodges, attended, among the latter being Bros. E. West, P.M. 1076 and 1327, P.P.G. Officer for Herts; F. H. Miller, P.M. 901, and a.P.P.G.O. Middlesex; R. A. Wright, P.M. 505, and P.P.G.S. Herts; C. Nash, P.M. 79; E. S. Parker, P.M. 119; H. Roberts, P.M. 79; W. Nicholls, P.M. 203; W. C. Penny, P.M. 79; T. G. Day, P.M. 1076; Dr. Clarke, 255, Tyler 1625; G. Brown, 13; A. Day, 913; C. Jolly, 913; and many others whose names we could not decipher on the visitors' book. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the W.M., Bro. R. E. Stevenson, in the most impressive manner raised Bro. Strange to the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. White was duly obligated. The lodge was then resumed to the Third Degree, and the chairs filled respectively by Bro. John Dennis, P.M., the Installing Officer in the East, and Bros. Moore and Griffiths, P.M.'s, respectively, in the West and South. The W.M. elect was then presented to a Board of Installed Masters, numbering nearly thirty, and was formally inducted into the chair, and on the return of the brethren saluted in the various degrees. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. F. Hallet, S.W.; R. Jennings, J.W.; Vaughan, P.M. and P.P.G.C. Middx., Chap.; J. Smith, P.M. and P.G.P. England, Treas.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Sec.; H. Lewis, P.M., D.C. and W.S.; W. Snellgrove, S.D.; G. T. Barr, J.D.; S. Butt, I.G.; F. A. Cozens, Org., and Harrison, Tyler. The Past Masters belonging to the lodge present, beside those already enumerated, were Bros. J. Farnfield and Miller. After the ceremony, which was splendidly worked by Bro. Dennis, whose eloquent and forcible manner in giving the charges was most impressive, a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks, to be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, was accorded him, for which he returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a superbly appointed banquet awaited them. After "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Health of our G.M." had been most loyally responded to, that of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. Smith, who, in responding, drew attention to the coming time, when they would have the three Royal brethren in the respective chairs at Grand Lodge. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M.; Bro. H.R.H. Prince Arthur as G.S.W.; and Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold as G.J.W. This, he said, would show the great interest our G.M. took in Masonry, and for it they were proud of him. For the honour done him in coupling his name with so important a toast he thanked them. He then, in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying there could not be a doubt on the minds of any one present who knew Bro. White's assiduity during the time he had filled the minor offices of the lodge, or who had seen the manner he had that day closed the lodge in the Three Degrees, that he had made himself worthy of the position he had been by them unanimously elected to. He (Bro. White) had been initiated by Bro. Dennis, and now that brother had finished his work by placing him at the head of the lodge, and he trusted that Bro. White might reign as worthily as the brother who had placed him there. Bro. White, in reply, thanked them sincerely for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. They had that day conferred a very great honour upon him. He felt how great the responsibilities were in presiding over a lodge that had upon its roll of Past Masters such a brilliant array as that which sat around him. He should always endeavour to follow in their footsteps, and he felt sure that if he did so he would have, as they had, the esteem and best wishes of every member of the lodge. Bro. White then proposed "The Health of the L.P.M., Bro. Stevenson," who he said had, during his year of office, initiated more members than any preceding Master, and whose universal kindness and courtesy to the brethren had won for him their most earnest regard and esteem. He then placed the collar of a Past Master round Bro. Stevenson's neck, and pinned the magnificent jewel of that office upon his breast (both of which were presented by the lodge) and amid cheers wished the worthy recipient long life and brotherhood among the brethren of the lodge and Order. Bro. Stevenson feelingly replied, gracefully alluding to the many kindnesses received by him from both the officers and brethren during his year in the chair; and in conclusion thanked them from his heart for their magnificent present and reception of his name. Bro. White then eloquently proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Dennis," who he had known for the last fifteen years, and during that time he had been to him one of the best of friends and kindest of brothers he had ever known; and all who knew Bro. Dennis would, he felt sure, agree with

him, that he was worthy of every honour that could be paid him for his long and many services to the lodge and its members. Bro. Dennis had initiated him into Freemasonry, and that night, as Bro. Smith had before observed, he had finished his work by placing him in the chair he felt it so great an honour to occupy. The beautiful ceremony Bro. Dennis had so admirably worked that day had made an impression on him that he should never forget, and he knew they must have appreciated the masterly and eloquent manner in which it was begun and finished. For himself, and in the name of the lodge, he thanked him, and called upon them to drink the health of the Installing Officer, Bro. J. Dennis. Bro. Dennis, in the course of an eloquent reply, thanked the brethren heartily for their toast, and the W.M. for so kindly speaking of him and his services. He felt proud to have had the honour of placing Bro. White in the position he was so well calculated to do justice to. They knew it was not his custom to flatter any one, but none could be worthier of the position that he occupied than the brother they had that evening chosen for their W.M. With Bro. White he had had for many years a personal acquaintance, that from its earliest to its present time had been one of close mutual friendship and esteem. Of that friendship he felt proud; but how much more so was he proud now to see him, and to have been the humble instrument of placing him in that chair as Master of the lodge into which he had initiated him as an Entered Apprentice. After advertising most eloquently to the higher aims of Masonry, and the duties attending the proper fulfilment of its tenets, he concluded a brilliant and forcible address, that space prevents the possibility of our doing justice to, by again thanking them for their toast, and resumed his seat amid loud applause. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Wright, W.M. 1364; Bywater, P.M. 19; Roberts, P.M. 76; Fenner, P.M. 162; and Bracebridge, P.M. 781, who severally responded. "The Past Masters" were next honoured, and Bro. J. Farnfield responded. Bro. W. H. Farnfield, P.M., responded for the healths of himself and Bro. Smith, as Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was severally responded to by them; and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the evening. During the proceedings a selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Cozens, was given by Bros. Chaplin Henry, Lester, G. T. Carter, and Montem Smith.

**STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 19th ult., at the Sarrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. A large number of the members were present, including all the officers and several visitors, among whom were Bros. John Green, P.M. 27; Blackshaw, 34; Hopwood, P.M. 22; Bennett, 141; Kent, P.M. 177; White, P.M. 22; Dr. Kimber, P.M. 9; Simmons, P.M. 902; Newman, 1385; Dunn, 813; Lamb, J.W. 1201; Cox, 1314; Dodson, P.M. 72; and Waterall, P.M. 1216. The W.M., Bro. C. J. Pain, having opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, proceeded to pass Bros. Carmona and McKay to the degree of F.C., and to raise Bro. Louhami to the degree of M.M., performing both ceremonies with much ability. Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D. (Surrey), then proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. N. T. F. Bassett, who appointed and invested his officers as follows—viz., Bros. John Bowyer, S.W.; John Coe, J.W.; W. B. Pillinger, S.D.; C. Hinckman, J.D.; H. Hart, I.G.; invested C. Hammerton, P.M., as Treasurer; re-appointed Frances, P.M., Secretary; and appointed Sawyer D.C. and W. H. Boswell, W.S. The manner in which the ceremonies of installing and investing were performed gave great satisfaction to the brethren assembled, and the new Master was cordially greeted. The W.M. then presented the retiring Master, Bro. Pain, with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been previously voted by the lodge, and also presented the lodge with a handsome banner (following the custom of preceding Masters), and the number now adorning the lodge gives it, in the splendid hall in which it now meets, an imposing appearance. The business of the meeting having terminated, the brethren adjourned to partake of an excellent repast. The dinner was heartily enjoyed by the brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, the healths of the W.M., P.M., and visitors meeting with more than ordinary applause. The evening's amusement was enhanced by some excellent vocal efforts on the part of Bros. Kimber, T. F. Harris, Kay, and others.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. There were present Bros. J. E. Mason, W.M.; E. S. Stidolph, S.W.; W. J. Kemp, J.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treas., P.M.; Frederick Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; H. Faija, J.D.; C. Graham, C.S.; W. Y. Laing, P.M. 45, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Bland, P.M. 574; C. G. Rushworth, W.M. 1309; David Smith, 1326. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. C. Mason, W.M.; the minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Bros. F. Mayer, W. J. Harrison, and E. Ricardo, were passed, and Bro. J. Simpson was raised, all the work being well done. A P.M. 62 and 147, Scotch and Irish Constitution, was relieved from the lodge Charity Fund. The petition sent in from Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, respecting the exclusion of Hebrew brethren in Germany, received the unanimous support of the lodge. Business ended, the lodge was closed.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. There were present Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Chas. Hogg, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; P. Saillard, S.D.; W. H. Froom, J.D.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; T. Benskin, D.C.; Rev. Richard Lee, Dr. Herbert Alder Smith, Walter



S. Chapman, Alfred Brookman, Jolliffe, Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; W. W. Landell. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Dr. W. Walford, De Lucca. Bros. Lee, Smith, and Chapman were raised to the Third Degree; Bro. Brookman was passed to the Second Degree; Dr. Samuel Benton, and Mr. John Jackson were initiated into Freemasonry.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last regular meeting before the vacation was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the Lodge was opened at 7.45 by Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; J. Turner, P.M. as J.W.; Ashley, P.M.; and Treas.; Braham, Sec.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cer.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler; Past Masters Cooper, Moutrie, Clark, Rubie, and Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, and P.M. 43 and 958. A few other members were present and many visitors from Nos. 53 and 906. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several matters of no public interest were discussed and settled. On the circular of summons were the names of five candidates for initiation, already admitted by ballot, of whom two only were present, the absence of the others being satisfactorily explained by the W.M., as also was that of the J.W. All preliminaries having been arranged, Messrs. R. Mann and Cartmel were introduced and duly initiated. Bros. Davies, Peach, W. Baldwin, and Harris passed a very satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, were entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. Before they left the room, however, the W.M. announced a very valuable present to the lodge, consisting of a large, handsomely framed portrait in oil of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, in full Masonic regalia, the gift of the new member, Bro. Harris. After comments from several of the brethren on this act of liberality, and proof of his appreciation of his admission into the Order, a vote of thanks to the donor was carried by acclamation, who, in his reply, stated the portrait had been executed by his son, an artist by profession, and that as soon as qualified by age he would seek admission into the Craft. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The candidates were re-introduced, and passed to the rank of F.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Ashley, in highly complimentary terms, brought before the notice of the brethren the admirable manner in which both the ceremonies had been rendered by the W.M. on this, the second occasion of his presiding over a meeting of the lodge, acquiescence in which was afforded by the frequent plaudits of those present, and the Secretary was requested to insert a special record thereof in the minutes. No other business offering the lodge was closed in the Second, and afterwards in the First Degree, and the brethren separated soon after ten o'clock.

**KENDAL.**—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., at 7 o'clock. The W.M., Bro. R. J. Nelson, was supported by Bros. McKay, S.W.; R. Godfrey, W.M. 1074, as J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M.; Banks, Sec.; John Bowes, P.M., P.J. G.W., and a goodly number of brethren. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that as there was an initiation, passing, and raising, he should esteem it a favour if Bro. Bowes, the Senior Grand Warden of the province, would take the Third Degree. Bro. Bowes then took the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. Rodick to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The other labour having been completed by the W.M. in a highly satisfactory manner, the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The brethren of the above lodge held their last meeting for the season at the Swan Hotel. There were present in lodge nearly forty members of the lodge and visitors. The W.M., Col. Stuart, in the chair, supported by Bros. Capt. E. Green, J.P., I.P.M.; W. Finlinson, P.M., S.W.; Capt. Colburne, J.W.; R. H. Coombs, S.D.; J. Allan, J.D.; H. Thody, I.G.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Alderman J. R. Bull, P.M., Steward. Bro. Piper, Organist, not being able to be present, Bro. A. Cookson ably performed on the organ during the ceremonies. Amongst the other brethren present we noticed the following:—Past Masters Cuthbert Whyley, G. P. Nash, Billson, and the Rev. Fawcett Ward; Bros. James Howard, J. P. Fry, Major Taselaw, Stafford, Thompson, Pick, Ayres, Roe, Carter, Whittaker, and Harris; and as visitors Bros. R. Broughton Smith, P.M. 511, 1007, 1560, and P.P.G.A.D.C. Leicester and Rutland; A. Lindsell, St. Andrew's, 803; and Bro. Flower, of the Lodge Perseverance, Bombay, 351. Bro. R. P. Jarvis was duly passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. H. Young, of Bedford, was balloted for, elected, and afterwards initiated, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M.; Bro. Dr. Prior giving the charge in the First Degree in his usual happy manner. The votes for the Benevolent Fund having been disposed of, and other items of business gone through, and another resident of Bedford being duly proposed for initiation, the lodge was duly closed, and thirty-one brethren sat down to an excellent supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

**WALMER.**—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—On Friday, the 30th ult., the installation of Bro. A. H. Des Barres as Master of this lodge took place in the lodge room at Deal. Bro. T. Ayling, the retiring Master, performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and the way in which the new Master and his officers performed their duties afterwards showed they had not suffered from lack of good teaching during the past year. The business of the lodge having been disposed of, the Worshipful Master, on behalf of himself and the whole of the members of the lodge, presented a magnificent jewel (purchased by subscription) to the retiring Master, as some slight token of the high appreciation of his

many excellent qualities, but above all his untiring energy and zeal in the cause of Masonry. The Worshipful Master accompanied the presentation with a few well chosen appropriate words, which were heartily endorsed by all present, and suitably responded to by Bro. Ayling. The dinner was held at the Royal Hotel, to which about forty sat down. In the evening the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to, and the claims of the Masonic charities were prominently brought forward. The following visitors were present: Bros. Hayman, W.M.; Bird, Mason, Ralph, Browning, Apps, Cavell, Gregg, Bent, and Solly, of No. 784, Deal; H. S. Watts, W.M.; Emmerson, Mate, Hill, F. Baker, Woodruff, C. Baker, Hathaway, 1206, Sandwich; H. Sanctuary, 1428; H. M. Baker, W.M., and W. H. Smeath, 1208; Igglesden, of Lodge 199. The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitation, and Bro. Doorne presided at the piano with his usual skill and ability.

**HAMPTON.**—Hamming Lodge (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this lodge, and which was well attended, was held at the Lion Hotel on the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Hurst, W.M.; J. Hammond, S.W., W.M. elect; Hopwood, I.P.M. and Treas., acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; Raw, P.M.; Sharp, P.M. 84; Knowles, acting S.D.; Jessett, J.D.; T. Ockenden, I.G.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; and Kent, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Bowra, Dobie, Scotland, and Jackson, 1656. The W.M. passed Bro. C. Hole and initiated Messrs. Tozer and Forward. The ceremonies were well performed. A Past Master's jewel having been unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. for his services during his year of office, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. In accordance with Masonic custom, the toasts that followed the refreshment of this emergency meeting were few and but formally given. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex" were heartily received. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Hopwood congratulated him upon the success that had thus far attended his year of office. The W.M., in reply, briefly thanked the I.P.M. for the kindness and assistance that he had received at his hands during his Mastership, and which was now nearly at an end. In conclusion he wished the members of the lodge health and every happiness during the summer recess. "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" followed, and those toasts were duly responded to by the brethren thus honoured. The last toast previous to that of the Tyler's was "The Officers." In introducing this the W.M. dwelt at length upon the great assistance he had received during his year not only from the principal officers of the lodge, namely, the Treasurer and the Secretary, but from all his staff down to those subordinate, but most useful officers, the Wine Stewards. He said that no Master could have been better supported, and he considered it his duty to make that open acknowledgment of his satisfaction with their efforts. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bros. Hammond, Hopwood, Ockenden, Walls, and Kent replied on behalf of themselves and absent colleagues. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Hurst, Walls, Knowles, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Thursday in October next, when Bro. John Hammond, P.M. Jordan, S.W., will be duly installed into the chair of K.S.

**LIVERPOOL.**—The Ancient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The first meeting of this lodge after consecration the previous week was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The following officers were present:—Bros. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., W.M.; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; J. R. Bottomley, J.W.; Rev. Rees Jenkins, Treas.; Thos. Evans, Sec.; J. W. Johnson, S.D.; W. H. Parry, J.D.; along with a large number of brethren proposed for joining and several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for thirteen gentleman who had been proposed for initiation, and for thirty-six brethren who had been proposed for joining. All being declared duly elected, the following were then added to the list of officers previously appointed: Bros. Edward Jones, I.G.; Robert Fairclough, Org.; D. S. Davies, W.M. 216, M.C.; Dr. J. Howard Pughe and William Griffiths, Stewards. Nine candidates in attendance were duly initiated by the W.M., the ancient charge being given by the S.W. The work as a whole was done in first-class style, and it was generally remarked that all the officers worked well for the first night. A vote of thanks was proposed, carried, and ordered to be recorded for donations by the following brethren:—Dr. J. Kellett Smith, R. Wylie, J. R. Bottomley, W. H. Parry, E. O. C. Rothwell, Edward Jones, Thomas Evans, and also to Bro. R. Wylie for a box of working tools. Previous to the lodge being closed, it was resolved that all the officers and two private members form a committee for the purpose of framing by-laws for the guidance of the lodge. After hearty good wishes had been given by representatives of numerous sister lodges, the labours of the evening were brought to a close, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. A most gratifying and very unusual announcement was made in the course of the proceedings. The Treasurer stated he had paid all debts and charges, and yet he had £40 in hand on their first regular meeting night. This is a fact which augurs well for the future prosperity of the Ancient Briton, and they deserve the highest credit for thus starting on their career entirely free from the encumbrance of debt, which too frequently hampers and cripples lodges. It may also be incidentally stated that Bro. J. R. Bottomley, J.W., has been most indefatigable and painstaking in connection with the inauguration and organisation of the lodge, and he deserves the highest credit for the very large share of the initiatory work which he has performed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE** (No. 1602).—The usual weekly meeting of this successful lodge of instruction took place on Friday, 4th inst., at the King Edward the 6th, King Edward-street, Liverpool-road, N. Present: Bros. George Knill, 1607, W.M.; A. T. Rowley, W.M. 917, S.W.; Ross, 435, J.W.; W. H. Lee, W.M. 975, Preceptor; Percy, 228, S.D.; Somers, W.M. 1602, J.D.; Fenner, 1227, I.G.; Osborn, 1602, Sec.; W. Rowley, 917; Jones, P.M. 917; Waters, 700; Trevennard, 228; Baily, 917, and numerous other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an excellent manner by the W.M., Bro. W. Rowley acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. W. H. Lee then occupied the chair, and the ceremony of installation was then excellently rendered in his usual admirable manner, installing Bro. A. Rowley into the chair of K.S. The officers were then installed as follows: Bros. Ross, S.W.; W. Rowley, J.W.; Osborn, Sec.; Percy, S.D.; Somers, J.D.; Fenner, I.G. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Lee, P.M., in a most impressive and excellent manner, which gave great satisfaction to the brethren, and the lodge being closed a very agreeable and enjoyable evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—The annual banquet of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, 26th ult., in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. The brethren met at 7 p.m. There was a good attendance of members; the following were the names of those present: Bros. Dr. Kellett Smith, P. Prov. G. Reg., Preceptor; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, Asst. Preceptor; Price, P.M. 249; Rose, P.M. 249; John C. Robinson, J.W. 249; W. Garlick, S.D. 249; W. P. Jennings, J.D. 249; Frederick Barnett, I.G. 249; W. Corbett, S. 249; J. Whittall, F. Cooper, J. Wynne Parry, J.D. Ancient Briton Lodge; C. J. Jones, W. Inwood, J. Tyson, 1094; Robert Collings, Sec. 249; Jas. Simpson, W. Mooney, E. A. Wright, G. C. Beecham, W. E. Vernon, J. P. Jones, John N. Pendleton, W. Gamble, M. Goldstone, J. Jemaway, E. J. Callon, Morris Davies, W. G. Veale, Org.; and T. Poyser. Bro. J. C. Robinson occupied the W.M.'s chair, and opened the lodge in due and solemn form. After the minutes had been read several members were proposed, and then the brethren were called off from labour to refreshment. A capital dinner was provided by Bro. Ball, P.G. Tyler. The cloth having been removed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given. Then followed "Our Masonic Rulers, &c." and "Our Worthy Preceptor, Dr. K. Smith," was received with acclamation. Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, in responding, said he had been prevented by his professional duties from attending the lodge of instruction during the session, but he had been quite easy in his mind respecting its working, as he had left a very able assistant in Bro. Hayes, P.M., who, he was sure, would take every care that instead of the Mariners' Lodge of Instruction deteriorating under his hands it would improve. He, Bro. Dr. K. Smith, had the permission of the W.M., Bro. Robinson, of giving the toast of "The Health of Bro. Hayes, P.M.," a more efficient Masonic worker than whom could not be found. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Hayes in a few suitable words returned thanks. "The Mariners' Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. Price, P.M.; "The Officers of the Mariners' Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the names of the S.W. and the Secretary; "The Temple Lodge, No. 1094," coupled with the name of Bro. Callon, were all suitably responded to. The brethren were afterwards called from refreshment to labour, and the lodge was closed. Excellent songs enlivened the evening's proceedings.

## Mark Masonry.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., at 5 p.m. Bro. Carey, W.M., took the chair, supported by the following officers and many members:—Jas. Dutton, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., P.G.J.W., Chaplain; Thompson, P.M.; Cater, S.W.; John Dutton, J.W., and Treas.; Rubie, Sec.; Falkner, Reg.; C. Wilkinson, M.O.; Braham, S.O.; Brown, J.O.; Murliss, S.D.; Radway, J.D.; Jacob Smith, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler. Bro. Reeves, a visitor, kindly presided at the harmonium. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A communication was read from the relatives of the late Bro. Mann in reply to the letter of condolence received from the lodge on their bereavement. The report of the audit committee was brought up by the Secretary, which, though showing a smaller balance than before, indicated a more favourable position, there being no outstanding debts and considerable arrear of subscriptions due. A ballot was taken for Bros. Sparrow and Stukey, which proving unanimously favourable, they were duly advanced to the degree of M.M. Masons, the first part of the ceremony being performed by the W.M., the latter part by the I.P.M., and the explanation of the working tools given by the S.O. A clear ballot was also taken for Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M. of Craft Lodge No. 41, as a joining member. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, to whom Bro. Cater was presented as W.M. elect for installation. As he had not filled the first chair of a Craft lodge, the Installing Master called upon the Secretary to read the dispensation granted by the M.W. Grand Master, which having been done, and the preliminary part of the ceremony completed, the brethren were dismissed, and in their absence Bro. Cater was duly installed. After the readmission of the brethren, and the customary salutations, &c., he appointed and invested the following as his officers:—Carey, I.P.M.; John Dutton, S.W. and Treas.; Rubie, J.W.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Mitchell, Dir. of Cers.; Braham, M.O.; Baldwin, S.O.; Falkner, J.O.; Murliss,



Reg.; Radway, S.D.; Jacob Smith, J.D.; Howes, I.G.; Dingle, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the ceremony by giving the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, the Overseers, and the brethren, each of which elicited hearty cheers from those present. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and after paying a high compliment to the Installing Master as to the style in which he had inducted him into the first chair, proposed a vote of thanks to him, which was carried by acclamation, as also was a similar expression of kindly feeling towards Bro. Carey, I.P.M. The lodge having been closed, at eight o'clock the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for a banquet, prepared by the host and Mrs. Rubie with their usual care. Musical arrangements had been made, which were well carried out between the toasts by Bros. Reeves, Cater, Falkner, Braham, and others. When replying to the toast accorded to the Installing Master, that brother took the opportunity formally to present to the W.M. a large Masonic chart, which he had himself prepared, not only as a compliment to the lodge, but also as a tribute of respect and personal regard for Bro. Cater. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren, who did not separate till midnight.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

A Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith, on Friday, the 27th ult., by command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, who intended to be present on the occasion, but for some unforeseen circumstances was not able to attend.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was therefore opened by Col. J. Whitwell, M.P., R.W.D. Prov. Grand Master Cumberland and Westmorland; Bro. W. Kirkbridge, P.G. Senior Warden; Bro. Bowes, P.G. Junior Warden; and the rest of the Prov. Grand officers.

There were also present Bros. Lemon, P.G. Treas.; Gibson, P.G. Sec.; Kenworthy, P.P.G.J.W.; McKay, P.M.; Bintley, P.M.; Holmes, P.M.; Talbot, P.M. Kendal Lodge; J. R. Barron, W.M. 339; Thwaites, S.W. 339; Dixon, J.W. 339; Marshall, S.D. 339; Hetherington, J.D. 339; T. B. Arison, Treas. 339; Kidd, I. G. 339; Whitehead, T. 339; Hall, 339; Pearson, 339; Godfrey, P.M. Underley Lodge; Nelson, W.M. Kendal Lodge; Whitehead, P.M. Appleby Lodge; Thornton, Sec. Keswick Lodge; Lamonby, P.M. Cockermouth Lodge; and brethren from other lodges in the province, numbering altogether about fifty.

Business concluded, the brethren retired for luncheon, presided over by Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., D. Prov. Grand Master.

After the minutes of the previous meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale had been read and confirmed, the dues from lodges and fees from officers were received.

The next question was the "locale" for the annual provincial festival, in September, when Bro. Lamonby, P.M. and Secretary, Cockermouth, moved, and Bro. Evening, S.W. Cockermouth, seconded, a proposition in favour of a meeting being held under the banner of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, should the same meet the approval of Lord Bective. Bro. Bowes having spoken in favour of the proposition, it was agreed to, a letter from Whitwell Lodge, Millom, inviting Prov. Grand Lodge to hold its meeting there being previously read.

The last provincial meeting in Cockermouth took place twelve years ago, when the late Bro. Dykes, Dovenby Hall, was Prov. Grand Master, and on the forthcoming occasion it is proposed to consecrate the new lodge premises in Station-street.

A motion by Bro. Lamonby, to abolish the fees of honour due from Stewards was negatived without a division.

The Charity Committee's report was presented, including grants to Aged Masons and their widows, as also the announcement that a boy from Kendal had been elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London.

After a special vote of thanks to the Earl and Countess of Bective for their princely hospitality at Kirkby Lonsdale, last September, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Col. Whitwell, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," mentioned that his Royal Highness had appointed his brothers, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens.

During the proceedings of the day a meeting of Royal Arch Masons was held, at which it was agreed to form a Royal Arch Province for the two counties, with the Earl of Bective as Grand Superintendent.

#### FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

A change has recently taken place in the government of this province in consequence of the resignation of Lord Pelham as Prov. Grand Master. On the 1st of the present month notification was sent from Grand Lodge to the W.M.'s of the province that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. We understand that this appointment has given universal satisfaction throughout the province. Sir Walter Burrell is well-known and popular throughout Sussex. He is genial and warm-hearted, and is very much attached to Freemasonry, and has founded a lodge at Cockfield, where he resides, the Ockenden Lodge, No. 1465, of which he was the first W.M., three or four years ago. Sir Walter has never missed a single meeting of the

lodge since it was established. In connection with the lodge he has formed a fund of benevolence, which has been so well supported by the members that already the W.M. is a life governor of each of the Masonic Institutions.

Sir Walter Burrell has appointed as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. John Henderson Scott, of Brighton. We have reason to believe that this appointment will also be well received by the brethren of the province. That Sir Walter Burrell has taken merit into consideration may be gathered from the following enumeration of what Bro. Scott has done during the last twenty-four years. All his services have been entirely gratuitous.

Bro. John H. Scott was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, at Brighton, February 18, 1853. In 1854 he was appointed I.G., and worked his way, filling every office in lodge up to the W.M.'s chair, in which he was installed in 1859, again in 1865, and for the third time in January of the present year, so that he is the present W.M. of the lodge.

He has been a subscribing member of the Royal Clarence Lodge twenty-four years, and has held office either in lodge or chapter twenty-two years. He is hon. member of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, 732; Ockenden Lodge, 1465; Nova Ecclesia, 1466; Sackville, 1619; St. Cecilia, 1636. He has initiated, passed, and raised a large number of brethren. He has installed nineteen W.M.'s, assisted at the consecration of thirteen new lodges, and worked every section of the Three Lectures.

In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex he was appointed Prov. G. S. Deacon in 1859 and 1860; Prov. J.G. Warden in 1861; Prov. S.G.W. in 1865, 1866, and 1867; Prov. G. Sec. in 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.

In 1875 he was offered by Bro. Col. Dalbiac, the then Prov. G.M. of Sussex, the office of Dep. Prov. G.M., but declined on the plea of youth. He was appointed one of the Stewards for the Province of Sussex on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. at the Albert Hall, and was presented by the brethren of the province with the commemoration jewel.

In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in 1857, and in 1859 was appointed E. of the Lennox Chapter, 271. He has served the office of M.E.Z. twice, H. four times, J. three times. He is the father of the Sussex Chapter, 732, of which he was first P.S. and M.E.Z. in 1868. He was the first M.E.Z. of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 38, at Chichester, and received a handsome Past Principal's jewel for his services. He is an honorary member of the Cyrus Chapter, of the Hartington Chapter, No. 916, Eastbourne; and of the Pavilion Chapter, No. 315, Brighton. He has been twenty years a subscribing member of the Lennox Chapter, and eighteen years of the Sussex Chapter. He has installed, with three or four exceptions, every Principal in the Lennox Chapter since 1862, and several Principals in the Sussex Chapter, and exalted too many companions to enumerate. He has assisted at the consecration of three chapters.

Bro. Scott succeeds Bro. G. J. Fromer, P.G.D., an old and distinguished member of the Royal Clarence Lodge for upwards of forty years. Bro. Fromer was appointed Dep. Prov. G.M. for Sussex 1865, and since then almost the entire burden of the duties of Prov. G.M. have fallen upon his shoulders. For the last two years he has been invested by Lord Pelham with full power to act for him and in his stead. His resignation has caused the deepest regret to the Masons of Sussex, and he carries with him into his well-earned retirement the love and esteem of every brother of the province.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *samples*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Rheumatism or Neuralgia Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.—ADVT.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the subscribers to this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., presided. The other members present were—Bros. J. W. M. Dosell, Geo. Angold, Jesse Turner, H. Browne, John W. Dennison, A. H. Lilley, C. F. Matier, R. B. Webster, Rev. Dr. R. Morris, T. H. Turner, S. B. Wilson, Thos. Meggy, H. W. Hunt, W. Roebuck, H. Massey (*Freemason*), W. F. Collard Moutrie, Joyce Murray, George J. Palmer, S. Rosenthal, Hyde Pullen, F. Adlard, J. G. Chancellor, Alfred Lamb, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the House Committee on the question of providing increased accommodation at the school, which was ordered at the last meeting of the General Committee to be printed and circulated, and its consideration adjourned to the present meeting, was brought up. We reprint it in order that every means may be possessed by the Craft at large to consider the matter.

The House Committee, to whom by resolution of the Quarterly General Court, of Monday, 15th January, 1877, it was referred:—

"To consider the entire question of increased accommodation at the Institution at Wood Green, and to report through the General Committee to a Quarterly General or Special General Court," submit as follows:—

They have carefully considered various suggested plans for the contemplated enlargement, and are unanimously of opinion that the best and most feasible is that which provides for the removal of the present laundry and drying ground, &c., and for the erection on the site thereof of a spacious dining hall, 100 by 50 feet, extending from east to west, to which access may readily be attained, both through the present west (kitchen) corridor, and by means of the existing covered way from the school and class rooms in the main building.

One prominent advantage of this locality for the dining hall is its proximity to the kitchen, which it is believed by the annexation of the scullery adjoining will be amply sufficient for the cooking and supplies requisite for the fullest number of boys the increased premises would be capable of accommodating. Scullery room would be found by a re-adjustment of the present store-rooms and offices.

The new block of buildings would cover an area of 110 by 55 feet, and would comprise three floors. It would start in a line from the eastern end of the new dining hall and extend northwards.

On the ground floor would be commodious class rooms, four in number, with assistant masters' sitting-room, lavatory, cap-room, and other requisite premises, with convenient exit to closets, urinals, &c.

The second and third floor would contain six dormitories, each for twenty boys, and assistant masters' bedrooms, assistant matron's bed-room, servants' bed-rooms, isolated, and with separate staircase.

The number of boys thus provided for is 120, in addition to the 184 in the main building.

The cost is estimated at about £22,000, or perhaps may be more safely stated at £25,000.

In recommendation of this scheme, which may be thought by some to be more extensive than is absolutely required by present exigencies, it may be stated that to provide for a smaller number, say, seventy boys, would reduce the cost only about £3,000!

The question of annual maintenance of so large an addition to the present establishment has not been lost sight of by the Committee. It is one which deserves most serious consideration, and, at the first blush, would seem to present insuperable difficulties; inasmuch as if the whole 120 boys were admitted as soon as the building was ready for their reception, the annual ordinary expenditure could hardly be estimated at less than £12,000, and might possibly exceed that amount, to say nothing of the sum required for "special expenditure," which varies from year to year, the average probably being about £1,000.

It must be remembered, however, that heavy and continuous as are the demands upon the resources of the Institution, there happily does not exist the necessity at present for the admission of extra boys to anything like the extent of those provided for, nor is it anticipated that such will be the case for some years to come. The Committee are of opinion that an addition of sixty boys will fairly meet the wants of the present generation, as it is not considered advisable, or for the interests of the Institution, that every boy qualified as a candidate under the laws of the Institution should, as a matter of course, be admitted, or, indeed, that election of candidates should be rendered too easy, and indifference and carelessness in selection be thus fostered and encouraged.

The enormous and rapid increase in the numerical strength of the Order is an admitted fact, as is also its advance in material prosperity, while the largely augmented contributions in support of our Institution is a matter of heartfelt congratulation. The considerations arising out of this favourable condition of affairs are not without weight with the Committee, but they cannot forget the arduous labour of the last sixteen years in connection with this Institution, and how much has been done by the Craft at large in assisting them in bringing it to its present position.

The crucial question with the Committee is—Is the Masonic body prepared to find the means necessary to carry out the proposed extension?

In the absence of a favourable response the Committee do not feel justified in undertaking so serious a responsibility, in comparatively so brief a period of the release of the Institution from the burden of debt, its invested capital being only £5,000, which on no account can they consent to be utilised for the object under consideration.



The Committee therefore conclude:—

1. They recognise fully the legitimacy of the demands for further accommodation.

2. They have ascertained the feasibility of carrying out the extension.

3. The issue—shall such extension be proceeded with?—they leave entirely to the decision of the fraternity.

The Committee before closing this report desire to add one word on a suggestion published with reference to a "Preparatory School." They express no opinion as to the advisability of making provisions for the sons of Freemasons at an age earlier than that at which they can now be received—8 years: contenting themselves with stating that the suggested scheme, if adopted, would enable the pupils from eight to twelve to be accommodated in the new building; the elder boys, from twelve to sixteen, being retained in the present building. The advantage of this arrangement, both educational and disciplinary, the Committee feel will be so apparent as to render unnecessary any enlargement thereon.

Signed, BENJAMIN HEAD, Chairman.

Wood Green, 23rd March, 1877.

This report having been agreed to be taken as read,

Bro. Jesse Turner said he had seen the report, and he had made enquiries about it. The result of those enquiries was that the report was only tentative. He agreed that it was so. It was all very well to be told that if they had £20,000 or £30,000 at their disposal, they could provide for 120 more boys, and for £3000 less they might provide for seventy more boys. But the question assumed a very different aspect when they had not the money, and appeals would have to be made for it. Bro. Binckes was very zealous, and had obtained very large sums from the Craft on behalf of the Institution by means of the extraordinary exertions he had made. But could the Institution always be worked at high pressure? They had been working at high pressure, and if there should be a war, or bad crops, the attempts to obtain large subscriptions would fare but badly. But another question remained. If by extraordinary exertions the necessary fund was raised for building a school large enough for 120 or seventy more boys, could a sufficient sum be depended on from the annual festivals to keep the school in a good, healthy, and proper condition? Looking at the question from that point of view, he thought there was opportunity for doing the Institution much good at far less cost. He had been over the Institution, and was thoroughly conversant with it, and he found that an addition might be made to it for £1800 or £2000 which would accommodate a few more boys. If it was possible to do anything like that, was it worth while to commence an effort for raising £22,000 at the present juncture in political affairs? He did not think it was; but that it would be better to leave well alone. Let them do all they possibly could for their own day and generation; and let those who came after them do the best they could for theirs. He merely threw these remarks out as suggestions, and not as a plan to be followed. He would like them to get the opinion of others, but he thought that if the matter were now debated the brethren would come to the conclusion that it was not ripe at the present moment, and should be deferred for further consideration. Perhaps some one would propose a smaller scheme than those named in the report, at a less cost.

The Chairman said that Bro. Turner's remark about the Institution having been worked at high pressure was, no doubt, correct, and he agreed that it would be best just now to let well alone. They might create a fund to assist them hereafter in erecting a building, and when they got on further they might increase the number of boys. If it were moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted, a discussion might very properly arise, and Bro. Turner's observations might be usefully taken into account.

Bro. Jesse Turner thought that as the report was merely tentative it could not be adopted.

Bro. Meggy having moved, and another brother having seconded, that the report be received and entered on the minutes, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Binckes observed that the report was as Bro. Turner had said, a tentative report. It pledged the brethren to nothing, and its consideration might be deferred to a future time.

Bro. Turner asked whether such a postponement would be "sine die."

Bro. Binckes said no: they might see what was the result of the next festival first. The object of the report was to bring the subject fairly before the Quarterly Court for them to consider. It had not been circulated half widely enough yet, but it would be competent to consider it at any committee meeting.

The Chairman said he thought it would be best to defer it till it had come before the next meeting of the House Committee.

It was then agreed to defer the consideration of the report.

Bro. Thos. Meggy said: before the committee quitted the subject he would like to know one thing, which must throw light on the matter. It would be a very good plan for increasing the accommodation to open out an "Extension Fund" from the receipts of this year; they could take a certain portion of the income which was not absolutely required for providing for the necessities of the Institution, and make up a fund. They could then go to the Craft and say, "we have put so much to the Extension Fund," and by-and-bye they might get all they wanted. They might begin by putting by £5000. (Laughter.)

Bro. Binckes would remind the brethren that Bro. Meggy's motion was unnecessary. Already when they had a surplus they invested it.

The Chairman said that Bro. Meggy had better give notice of motion for his proposition.

Bro. H. W. Hant thought the plan suggested by Bro. Meggy would not be a good one, because if they started an "Extension Fund" they would be pledging themselves to a certain thing.

The consideration of the report was then postponed.

Three candidates were then placed on the list for election.

Bro. Binckes said it was now his duty, although the letter was addressed to him, to bring before the committee a complaint of Bro. Knott, the Secretary of the Charity Organisation of Wiltshire, of the lateness of the issue of the proxies for last election. He did not think, however, that Bro. Knott had much to complain of when all the circumstances were taken into consideration. There was an unusual number this last time, and no doubt they were somewhat later, and this arose partly from the official who was employed to get them out being new to the work. They were all got out, but his arrangements for the future were so organised that there would be no ground for complaint on the score of delay. He had a complaint also from another brother, who said that as a subscriber to the Boys' School he had not received his voting paper. On making enquiry it was found he was not a subscriber entitled to votes which he said he had not received; but that for his life subscription of five guineas he had received his vote. He still persisted that he was, and in support of his statement wrote to say that Bro. Muggeridge received his subscription. On referring to the Girls' list, it was found that the brother was a subscriber to the Girls' School, and as such was called upon by Bro. Muggeridge, who gave him the receipt for the Girls' Institution. Bro. Muggeridge never was the collector for the Boys' School. He brought the matter forward to show that before brethren made complaints they should be careful to see that they had grounds for them.

Two late pupils of the Institution, who had obtained situations, were granted outfits. At the former meeting of the Committee a request was made by another boy who had obtained a situation, for an outfit: but the question of granting it was deferred. Bro. Binckes informing the Committee that he thought it his duty to let the Committee know that after this boy had left the school he had written a letter to another pupil, inciting to insubordination. The Committee allowed the matter to stand over for further enquiries, and the result of these enquiries was even a worse report than that. The mother of the boy had been to Dr. Morris, and requested him not to let the Committee know, as the boy was in a good situation and was doing well; and if the knowledge of what he had done came to his employers' ears it would be his ruin. Dr. Morris was present, and the Committee could put to him what questions they liked.

The Chairman thought Dr. Morris should let them know.

Dr. Morris said that of course if the Committee required him to do so he must; but as the mother of the boy said it would be the boy's ruin, he would put it to the Committee whether they would call upon him to make the statement.

The Committee unanimously resolved under the circumstance that they would not ask Dr. Morris to make the statement.

The following brethren were nominated for the House Committee for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Browne, J. G. Chancellor, Benj. Head, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Paas, Hyle Pullen, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, J. B. Scriven, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Wood (Birmingham), Geo. Rowe, 1185, T. B. Grabham, P.G.W. Middlesex; Alfred Durrant, P.M. 1185; and George Newman, P.M. 192.

The present members of the Audit Committee were re-nominated.

Notice of motion was given by Bro. Dr. Ramsey to the same effect as that given by him at the last General Committee of the Girls' School, for increasing the office accommodation at Freemasons' Hall for the Boys' Institution.

The Committee then adjourned.

## "OUR BOYS."

By OUR "V.P.C."

There's nothing like a good beginning, but then it's so difficult to begin; at least, when you've a good deal, or else nothing at all, to say. Now, I'm just in one or other of those plights or predicaments, and I hardly know which, although I think I have an idea, if not two, like Talbot What-his-name-you-know of our respected Bros. James and Thorne, that is the latter. Well, I think I really have an idea, only our Editor—he's a capital fellow, but awfully particular, that is with me; and he does let his "O.P.D." as he calls himself, make absurd remarks in the middle of my best passages—they'd be better than they are, I believe, if it were not that I stand rather in awe of him—but if I don't start I shall never say what I started to say, and so, as there is a slight kind of indecision as to where to begin first, I'd better do as we used to on frosty mornings when we stood shivering on the river's bank, plunge at once "in medium" (watery, of course, not spirituous like Dr. What-do-you-call-him), because, as our own poet says—

"In middle is riveris veri-simpliciter Igo."

Which I leave our Editor's obliging "O.P.D." to translate. Leaving our admired "Roman Father" Jacobus, then, as being too well known and appreciated to be dwelt upon now (except pausing to say that if so many people would not insist on going to see him at once there would be more room), we will make the fatal plunge into

\* "You may take an ass to water, but it doesn't make him into a horse?"—O.P.D.

our subject, which is, by the way, some other "Our Boys" than the ones already alluded to.

Once for all, then, I have a complaint to make, and I'll make it—for there's nothing like well airing a grievance if you don't want your spirits damped. I've been regularly victimised by somebody's changing the time of Grand Lodge.

The other day, Jones—you know him very well, for I have spoken of him before—has been, so he said, using his influence with somebody high at court, as we say—I fancy it must be the august somebody who takes care of the things at Grand Lodge, for Jones just slyly hinted that this somebody "had a key that would open the door, my boy"—to get me appointed a Grand something. Well, Jones said that he had received an intimation that I was to be sure to be present at the Festival, and that I should be sure to see and hear all about it. Accordingly, I went up to London last Wednesday on purpose, for I have quite made up my mind to take high rank, as I aspire to

"Blow a repetition bubble,

Of imperceptible soap and invisible water,  
With a cannon's mouth."

The poet meant of course a good deal bigger one than you can get out of a tobacco pipe, were it to extend even to the proud dimensions of an almost fossil "Churchwarden." Besides, I could not but think how lovely the gold chain and jewel of Second Deputy Pro Grand Assistant Organist (Gy. Grand Bellows-Blower?—O.P.D.) would look, and in our lodge ("Perspicacity, Reciprocity, and Veracity," No. nineteen hundred-and-a-half, Mudford-on-Sprey) would make me—

"The glass of fashion, and the mould of form,

The observed of all observers."

Though why on earth Shakespeare should take "moulded" glass and not "cut," as his pink of perfection, I can't think. Well, I went, fully persuaded that I was to be raised to that high office, and whilst I was waiting to go to the hall I was indulging myself with delicious dreams of the glorious music that we should treat the brethren to—I say we, for Milton most certainly had the idea that the assistant had, if possible, more to do with the music than the head man himself,—

"Let me the pealing organ blow,

To the full-voiced quire below,

A s'rice high, which, when I start,

May, by the skill shown on my part,

Dissolve them into ecstasies

And bring all heav'n before their eyes."

But what an awful disappointment; just as I got to the hall I met all the brethren coming away. I had mistaken the hour of meeting, and so was late, and lost my appointment. And to think of this, after the way that Jones had been congratulating me beforehand on "getting the purple," which he now turns into ridicule by declaring that I did get it, but only "in the face."

I shouldn't have cared so much but I'd had my portrait painted to give to lodge. Jones said the portrait of the jewel was perfect; it was painted (i.e., the jewel) after his instructions, and here they are.

"The jewel of the Second Deputy Pro Grand Assistant Organist is a handle proper, bent three-quarterly; borne by a windbag, (enamelled 'guil') I think he called it) pierced in the rear; the whole bearing an eye not very wide open, with a large spot of vert displayed in the corner." However, its of no use crying over milk spills, and I'll say no more, save that if Jones, who always greets me now with

"Bless thee, Bottom, bless thee, thou art translated," gets another opportunity of laughing at me in that particular way I'm rather more green than my dear old aunt generally considers me.

However, although I was dreadfully disappointed, especially as I had a neat little speech already in my pocket in which to have returned thanks for my health at the banquet, I was amply rewarded for all my trouble by hearing the proclamation made that the three august Princes were the occupants of the three chairs. I could not help thinking how delighted the beloved patroness of our Order must be to see "Her Boys" at the head of such a loyal body, and I could share most thoroughly her pleasure when I reflected that if they were "Her Boys," they were, indeed, "Our Boys" too.

This makes me say something about yet another "Our Boys." I mean the proposed alteration, or addition, to the school. Now, I should like to see the child of every poor brother well cared for, but I really think we had better go on as we began, do as much as we can, but no more than we can do thoroughly well; it is always better to build than to pull down, be the pulling down ever so little. Verb. sap.—as Dr. Watts says in the classics; though I fancy, from the terrible number of his dear little ditties, Verbs would have been nearer his mark. However,—we really ought to put everybody's nose to the grindstone, no, I think I mean everybody's shoulder to the wheel, that we can, so as to give a long pull and a strong pull, which makes me call to mind that a kind-hearted lady is going to give a belle-pull (which I hope will prove a real good draw) at the Opera Comique in aid of the good cause. By-the-by, Smith of our lodge says that they want a really efficient prompter and stage manager, and that he will introduce me if I will only consent to act—I don't quite know whether to do it or no—but I would—yes, I really would—if I thought it would do a good turn to our poor brethren's girls, and, therefore our Girls and

"OUR BOYS."

The Historic Society of Liverpool has issued its twenty-eighth volume. It contains, in addition to some preliminary matter, articles on Roman antiquities in Cheshire and Lancashire, and some biographical notices, amongst which is a sketch of the late Mr. T. T. Wilkison, F.S.A., of Burley.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The 89th annual festival of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk. The noble lord was supported by Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain; Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas.; Dr. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; Col. Somerville Burney, Dr. Barringer, James Lewis Thomas, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; W. Paas, Dr. Ace, Rev. P. M. Holden, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, Col. Peters, James Terry, F. Binckes, H. A. Dubois, Edward Cox, Hyde Pullen, C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; H. C. Leander, John Boyd, G.S.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Capt. Wordsworth, H. Barwell, P.G.S. Norfolk; J. S. Offord, I.P.M. 213; Dr. George Archbold, 807, Yarmouth; Richard Martins, W.M. 100, Yarmouth; Herbert Dicketts, George Kenning, P.M. 192; and many others.

The festival was one of the most successful in the annals of the Institution, and the list of Stewards was very strong. For the information of our readers we give the list in full as follows:—

President: W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., V.P. Vice-Presidents: V.W.-Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, G. Chaplain and D.P.G.M. Surrey; W. Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Bros. W. T. Howe, Asst. G.P.; J. Boyd, P.G.P. and P.G. Steward; J. M. P. Montagu, D.L., J.P., D.P.G.M. Dorset; R. Wentworth Little, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, V.P.; T. W. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M. W. Yorkshire, V.P.; J. Walker, P.S.G.W. Gloucestershire, V.P.; W. Harrison, D.L., J.P., F.S.A., P.S.G.W. E. Lanc.; C. P. Chater, D.J.G.W. China, V.P.; Col. J. Duff, M.P., P.S.G.W. Norfolk; H. Le Strange, P.J.G.W. Norfolk; H. O. Wakeman, P.J.G.W. Oxon; Capt. H. A. Bennett, P.P.G.W. and G. Std., V.P.; Major S. H. Clerke, P.P.G.W. Devon; J. Shilcock, P.P.G.W. Herts; R. J. Emmerson, P.P.G.W. Kent; J. Sutcliffe, P.P.G.W. Lincolnshire, V.P.; S. Rosenthal, P.P.G.W. Middx., V.P.; G. W. F. Loftus, P.P.G.W. Norfolk; J. Marson, P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, V.P.; J. Juggins, P.P.G.W. Oxford; W. Cartwright, P.P.G.W. and P.G. Sec. Staffordshire; W. H. Lucia, P.P.G.W. and P.G. Sec. Suffolk; T. Frolope, M.D., P.P.G.W. Sussex; J. Chandler, P.P.G.W. Wilts; M. M. de Bartolomé, M.D., P.P.G.W. W. Yorkshire; W. H. Brittain, P.P.G.W. W. Yorkshire; J. Craven, P.P.G.W. W. Yorkshire; H. Day, J.P., P.P.G.W. W. Yorkshire; Capt. J. Wordsworth, P.P.G.W. W. Yorkshire and G. Steward, V. Patron; Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.P.G.C. Lincolnshire; Rev. Dr. E. Brette, P.P.G.C. Middlesex; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.P.G.C. Middlesex; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.P.G.C. Middlesex; Rev. A. W. Hamilton, M.A., P.P.G.C. W. Yorkshire; Alderman T. Randall, P.G. Treas. Oxon.; R. J. Critchley, J.P., P.G. Treas. W. Yorkshire; R. J. Sisson, P.G. Registrar N. Wales and Salop; T. Peel, P.P.G. Registrar W. Yorkshire; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec. Hants and I. W.; H. G. Barwell, P.G. Sec. Norfolk; Sir O. Wakeman, P.P.G. Sec. Oxon; H. Campkin, P.S.G.D. Herts; J. Sutcliffe, P.J.G.D. Linc., V.P.; E. Simpson, P.P.G.D. Cheshire; Col. H. Somerville-Burney, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. Tanner, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. A. Wardell, P.P.G.D. Essex; R. A. Wright, P.P.G.D. Herts; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.D. E. Lancashire; J. M. Taylor, P.P.G.D. E. Lancashire; G. Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, V. Patron; Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; G. J. Woodwork, P.P.G.D. Norfolk; Jas. Walker, P.P.G.D. Staffordshire; C. G. Reed, P.P.G.D. Sussex; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.D. N. Wales and Salop; F. W. Ansell, P.G.S. of W. Oxon; T. M. Humphries, P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; C. F. Hogard, P.P. G.S. of W. Essex; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire; R. Newland, P.P.A.G.D.C. Hants and I. of Wight; H. G. Quilter, P.P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; E. Sewell, M.A., P.P. G.O. W. Yorkshire; J. E. Dawson, P.A.G.P. Herts; E. Farthing, P.P.G.P. Surrey; R. Gooding, M.D., B.A., F.L.S., G. Steward; J. P. Probert, P. G. Steward; W. C. Glen, P.G. Steward; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G. Steward; Griffiths Smith, P.G. Steward; T. W. White, P.G. Steward, V.P.

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Joseph Hartley, S.D. 495; W. H. Saville, 495; J. Clever, 503; F. Rath, W.M. 534; W. Milner, S.W. 537; W. T. Toms, 574; C. Crabtree, W.M. 600; J. Bealand, P.M. 600; W. Buck, I.P.M. 657; E. Phillips, J.W. 715; J. W. Hobbs, W.M. 749; D. Hopkins, W.M. 750; G. Burford, S.D. 754; H. Platt, 384 and 755; E. B. Webb, W.M. 773; T. Bartlett, P.M. 816; J. Bateman, C.E., W.M. 828; J. Nicholas, W.M. 829; T. Hastings, W.M. 822; J. Bond, P.M. 880; H. T. A. Stewart, P.M. 898; C. H. Perrot, 904; H. J. Lewis, P.M. 907; R. E. Stevenson, P.M. 907; E. Lord, P.M. 910; W. H. Gulliford, S.W. 1017; A. Ash, 1019; J. Huartson, W.M. 1021; J. C. Lunt, P.M. 1086; A. H. Des Barres, S.W. 1096; H. J. Moxon, M.D., W.M. 1159; Rev. Dr. R. Morris, 1185; N. Bridges, P.M. 1216; H. Hammond, S.W. 1216; J. Webb, J.D. 1223; G. H. Grimwood, P.M. 1224; Captain C. Thompson, J.W. 1237; Dr. W. R. Thomas, S.W. 1232; R. Roberts, 1239; J. Robertshaw, 1239; P. M. Vaughton, 1016 and 1246; T. W. L. Emden, J.D. 1261; T. Massa, P.Z. Chapter 1293; J. J. Pope, 179 and 1305; W. Seaman, P.M. 1314; F. West, jun., W.M. 1328; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1339; P. Parsons, J. 1348; G. R. Soper, W.M. 1365; T. Taylor, J.W. 1410; J. Mason, Org. 1423; J. Marx, 1435; T. Hunchliffe, P.M. 1466; C. J. Smith, P.M. 1469; A. Potts, W.M. 1477; J. Purrott, 1479; W. S. Cantrell, jun., W.M. 1501; T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512; J. Bastard, 1513; T. W. Holmes, 1545; T. Hands, W.M. 1551; B. H. Swallow, P.M. 1563; J. A. Hammond, 1563; F. Green, W.M. 1567; J. Wright, 1585; R. L. Sindall, W.S. 1597; J. E. G. Sim, S.W. 1602; J. Garner, W.M. 1622; T. W. Poley, 1629; C. Stuart-Barker, W.M. 1632; Rev. J. Robbins, W.M. 1635; J. Pinder, P.M. 1662; N. Reed, W.M. 1671.

Honorary Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Secretary to the Institution.

The Ladies' Stewards were Bros. Capt. Bennett, 4, 44, 62, 64, 321; J. Bingham, 1599; J. Boyd, G. Com. Club; W. H. Brittain, 139; J. Clever, 503; J. W. Clever, Chapter 12; R. Douglas, 23; E. Farthing, 101; W. C. Cunningham, 197; Rev. A. W. Hamilton, 139; J. A. Hammond, 1563; G. W. Hawksley, 139; C. F. Hogard, 205; W. Jervis, 139; E. Jones, 192; G. Kenning, 192; A. Lefaux, 30; H. J. Lewis, 907; E. Lord, 910; J. Mason, 1423; A. J. Melhuish, 55; T. Massa, Chapter 1293; Dr. Morris, 1185; H. J. Moxon, M.D., 1159; R. Newland, 342; R. E. Pixley, 29; N. Reed, 1671; E. Sewell, M.A., 974; R. L. Sindall, 1597; R. J. Sisson, 1143; R. W. Sprague, 121; E. H. Stammwitz, 435; J. K. Stead, 21; R. E. Stevenson, 907; E. F. Storr, 22; B. H. Swallow, 1563; S. L. Swann, 139; A. M. Thomas, 134; F. R. Vine, 173; C. H. Webb, Chapter 174; R. B. Webster, 140; T. W. White, Chapter 907; Capt. Wordsworth, 380.

The banquet, which was admirably supplied by Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, was everything that could be desired, and was laid out in the large hall of the tavern. The time fixed for sitting down to it was six o'clock, and very shortly after that hour the proceedings of the evening commenced. The ladies, who were very numerous, were entertained at a banquet in separate rooms, and the ladies' Stewards were unremitting in their attention to the wants of the fair sex. When the brethren had finished their banquet the ladies were admitted, and grace having been sung by the musical brethren and the lady assistants, the toasts of the evening were proposed. After the toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured, and that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales" had received the customary enthusiastic reception, that of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," was proposed.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C., in reply, said: I am proud to have to thank you this evening for the kind way in which you have received the toast which I know is always one which Masons receive with honours, that is, the health of our Pro G.M. Lord Carnarvon, and also that of the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale. No more need be said by me with regard to those names, but with respect to the Grand Officers, I feel much honoured by having to return thanks for them. There are many among Masons who think the Grand Officers of England are men who have retired from business, and that they enjoy an otium cum dignitate. I can assure you, that is not the case; and all those present at the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in November last, which was presided over by Bro. John Hervey, will confirm me in the assertion that there is life and vigour among the Grand Officers of England, and that on such an occasion they can set an example which every Mason in England may be glad to copy. With regard to the present Grand Officers, all I can say is, that I thank you most sincerely for them, and I hope by our conduct during our year of office, we may at all events prove ourselves worthy of the kind recognition of our names which you have just bestowed. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Burdett proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said it was one of the most difficult duties he could ever have to perform. He referred to the many acts of his lordship as a Mason as a proof of his truly Masonic feeling. Comparing his lordship with his predecessors in the chair, he found him not excelled by any one of them. In his province, which was an important one, he had given the greatest satisfaction to the brethren, and both as Prov. G.M. and as a nobleman of the locality, he was held in the highest honour by those who knew him best. He trusted he would long live to enjoy the esteem of all by whom he was known, and to be revered as much as his predecessors, in the chair of Prov. G.M. for Norfolk, Bros. Cabell and Walpole. Looking at the energy he had thrown into the performance of his duties as a ruler of the Province of Norfolk, he believed the brethren would never find that any one had performed his duties better.

Lord Suffield, who on rising to respond, was received with loud and long continued applause, said: My friend and brother on the right has said that he thinks it one of the most difficult duties he has ever had to perform to propose the toast which he had proposed to night. Allow me to say, if it is so for him, what must it be for me. You are unknown to me, and it does not certainly become me to speak of myself. I can only say with regard to myself that I am exceedingly gratified; and exceedingly grateful to all my brother Freemasons present here to-night, for the kind and the cordial manner in which they have responded to the toast. Although, brethren, I have been a Mason for a length of time, it is, as my brother has said, almost for the first time that I have had the honour of presenting myself before a body of my brother Freemasons in this great metropolis. I feel the honour you have done me in coming in such large numbers as I see before me, and I am very much gratified by it; but I can assure you that whatever may be my humble capacity I shall always exercise it to forward the interests of the Craft, and in the good cause of Masonic Charity I shall ever be found in the foremost rank. (Loud applause.)

Lord Suffield then proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." His Lordship said: I now, brethren, come to what may certainly be called the toast of the evening, it is "The Success of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," with which toast I have also to couple the name of the Treasurer, Bro. Tomkins. Much, indeed, may be said about this most noble Institution. You all, brethren, have before you the reports and the statistics of the School. It is unnecessary, therefore, for me, perhaps, to remind you of what you will there see in a much clearer form than I can give. But two or three things I have to say, if you will be so kind as to bear with me. With regard to the good which this Institution has done much may be said. It has had a long life; it is the oldest Masonic Institution, I believe, in the world; and within the last few years it has made extraordinary strides. With these strides we must always recollect there is attendant expense. It is true that the Masonic body has latterly very much increased, partly no doubt by the influence of our Royal Grand Master. There is no doubt that the Order has greatly extended, and I am sure you will all agree with me in the hope that not only may we increase in numbers, but in those material interests for which the Masonic art has always been so celebrated, and that we may have an increased pecuniary support of this institution, for which I am called upon to-night to plead, in order that we may increase its usefulness. The financial position of this institution you will hear from the Treasurer, and so I am not going now to trouble you with it, but I cannot forbear saying, in the language of the book that is before you, because I think it explains in a more business-like manner than I can in a speech, that a special appeal has been made by the Stewards for even more liberal support than has ever been previously extended to the Institution, inasmuch as the School building is now being considerably enlarged to enable the Committee to accommodate sixty additional children. That will make up the number, which is at present, I believe, 161, to the number of 220. I also quote from a report which the brethren have before them: "A detached laundry is also about to be erected on the grounds, and the present laundry, which is situated within the walls of the main building, will then be converted into classrooms, and adapted to other useful purposes. The cost of these additions and improvements must necessarily be defrayed out of the funded property of the Institution, unless the brethren determine so to increase their subscriptions and donations in 1877, as to place the Managing Committee in the proud position of being enabled to announce that the great work has been accomplished solely by the Freemasons of the present day." I must say, brethren, I think that would be a proud position. We have always been celebrated for the charities, and among all, as I have said before, I am quite certain none can surpass this in interest and usefulness. I may venture to hope that I shall not appeal to you in vain to come forward to the extent of your ability in furtherance of the object which we all have in view. You all know the expense of the Institution. There is one thing to be recollected, that the funded property of this School forms only one-twelfth part of the revenue. It is, therefore, apparent to everybody that without individual support, and without increased support, this noble Institution cannot flourish, as I am sure we all wish it should. It is an unfortunate thing that this year we have not been able to pay the annual Steward's visit to the School, but I look forward with great pleasure to having to do so in a short time, accompanied by the Stewards, when we shall have the opportunity of testing the value of the education there given from personal observation. You have all read about it; and I have the best reason to believe that everything is there conducted in the best possible manner, and that very few things could be improved. But it would be a satisfaction to myself as it would be to the Stewards, to go there and see for ourselves what is going on. I believe the system of education has been very successful; and I am glad to find that one of the most successful branches, considering the humble lot of those who are recipients of your bounty, housewifery and cookery, are not forgotten. Not only are they not forgotten, but they form a considerable part of the education in that establishment. We should not lose sight of the probability that the girls in this School may become wives and mothers; and it is of the utmost consequence and importance that they should not be "found wanting" in those accomplishments which may make them good wives and mothers. (Hear, hear.) I will not detain you longer on this subject. As I have said before, you will hear from our Treasurer the financial position of the Institution, and a great deal that no doubt will be very interesting. I am sure



you have heard enough from me, and I only wish my powers were greater to do more than I have done to induce you to subscribe liberally to this ancient, most noble, most honoured, and useful Institution. (Great applause).

Bro. Samuel Tomkins in acknowledging the toast said: The great point the brethren had to keep before them was to increase among each other the feeling of sympathy in the work of charity. The Girls' School was one in which they all felt a particular interest, and they thought it their first duty to support the Girls' School. It was their great pleasure to strive to keep it in full and efficient working order. That could only be maintained by the most strenuous efforts of the Craft generally, and it was very gratifying to see so many brethren from the country then present. The Institution was as much for the country as for London, and it was the duty of the brethren throughout the country to strive to support it. With respect to the financial matters which the chairman had said he (Bro. Tomkins) would give them, he thought it was quite unnecessary, because the whole of the accounts were in the hands of the brethren.

Bro. Thomas W. White, P.M. 21, and P.G.S., a member of the House Committee, then read the following Stewards' lists

Lodge	1	Bro.	Gooding, R., M.D., G. St.	37	16	0
"	1	"	Ellis, Alderman	10	10	0
"	1	"	Hartridge, Fras. J.	12	12	0
"	2	"	Philbrick, F. A., Q.C.	92	8	0
"	4	"	Hall, R. G.	15	15	0
"	5	"	Diaper, A. H.	54	12	0
"	6	"	Novelli, L. W.	10	10	0
"	8	"	Probert, J. P.	11	11	0
"	10	"	Le Strange, Hamon	34	13	0
"	11	"	Pigott, Dr. R. Turtle	34	2	6
"	13	"	Kidder, Wm. B.	138	17	0
Chapter	12	Comp.	Clever, Joseph W.	42	0	0
Lodge	14	Bro.	Turner, Chas. H.	13	13	0
"	18	"	Huggins, J. F.	45	3	0
"	21	"	Stead, J. K.	30	9	0
"	22	"	Stur, E. F.	69	6	0
"	23	"	Douglas, R.	31	10	0
"	28	"	Neilson, J. G.	53	11	0
"	29	"	Pixley, E.			
"	30	"	Lefaux, A.	49	7	0
"	33	"	Strouts, E.	69	6	0
"	55	"	Melhuish, A. J.	57	16	0
"	58	"	Smith, F. W.	55	13	0
"	60	"	Wordsworth, Capt. J.	10	10	0
"	65	"	Mather, E. C.			
"	75	"	Klingenstein, W.			
"	83	"	Murton, C. A.	201	12	0
"	91	"	Sprague, R. W.	46	4	0
"	96	"	Slee, C. B.	87	3	0
"	99	"	Harrison, S. B.	68	5	0
"	101	"	Farthing, E.			
"	134	"	Thomas, A. M.			
"	140	"	Webster, R. B.	198	1	0
"	141	"	Titley, T.	34	10	6
"	144	"	Allen, G.	68	5	0
"	145	"	Leggott, J. H.	220	8	0
"	162	"	Theodor, F. E.	22	1	0
"	173	"	Vine, F. R.	115	10	0
"	174	"	Hilliard, G. J.	23	5	6
Chap.	174	Comp.	Webb, C. H.	64	1	0
"	176	Bro.	Liebman, R.			
Lodge	179	"	Benet, L.	27	6	0
"	180	"	Bubb, G.	67	4	0
"	181	"	Stanton, E. W.	31	10	0
"	183	"	Todd, C. W.	103	8	6
"	188	"	Davis, C. S.	15	15	0
Chap.	188	Comp.	Levy, H. M.	31	10	0
Lodge	192	Bro.	Jones, E.	66	15	6
"	193	"	Leah, H.	21	0	0
"	197	"	Glen, W. C.	135	8	0
"	198	"	Cooper, G.	55	13	0
"	205	"	Hogard, C. F.	72	0	0
"	235	"	Ross, G. E. A.			
"	256	"	Birch, Chas.	44	2	0
"	259	"	Wakeman, Sir Offley, Bart	68	5	0
"	435	"	Stammwitz, E. H., First List	57	15	0
"	534	"	Rath, F.	88	10	0
"	657	"	Buck, W.	106	1	0
"	715	"	Phillips, E.	42	0	0
"	749	"	Hobbs, J. W.	38	3	6
"	754	"	Burford, G.	32	0	0
"	813	"	Bartlett, T.	94	10	0
"	820	"	Bateman, J.	65	2	0
"	822	"	Nicholas, J.	31	10	0
"	898	"	Stewart, H. T. A.	56	3	6
"	907	"	Stephenson, R. E.	68	5	0
"	977	"	Lewis, H. J.			
Chap.	907	Comp.	Vaughan, Rev. J. M.	52	10	0
"	907	"	White, T. W.			
Lodge	1017	Bro.	Gulliford, W. H.	37	0	0
"	1159	"	Moxon, Dr. H. J.	14	8	6
"	1185	"	Morris, Rev. Dr.	22	1	0
"	1216	"	Bridges, Newington	48	6	0
"	1216	"	Hammond, H.	10	10	0
"	1261	"	Emden, T. W. L.	25	0	0
"	1305	"	Pope, J. J.			
"	1328	"	West, jun., F.	58	16	0
"	1339	"	Kleuck, J. M.	110	5	0
Chap.	1348	Comp.	Parsons, P.	44	2	0
Lodge	1364	Bro.	Wright, R. A.	75	12	0
"	1365	"	Soper, G. R.	38	6	6
"	1383	"	Clerke, Major Shadwell	282	9	0
"	1563	"	Holden, Rev. P. M.	31	15	0
"	1563	"	Swallow, B. H.			
"	1563	"	Hammond, J. A.	52	10	0
"	1585	"	Wright, Joseph			

Lodge	1599	Bro.	Bingemann, J.	64	10	0
"	1601	"	Thompson, C. W.	47	5	0
"	1602	"	Sim, E. G.	58	16	0
"	1615	"	Burney, Col. H. Somerville	30	4	0
"	1622	"	Garnar, J.	159	12	0
"	1629	"	Poley, T. W.	26	5	2
"	1632	"	Stuart-Barker, C.	19	1	0
"	1635	"	Robbins, Rev. Dr.	35	14	0
"	1662	"	Pinder, Jas.	46	4	0
"	1671	"	Reed, Nelson	64	1	0
"		"	Miscellaneous	91	7	0

Lodge	209	Bro.	Hume, C. D.	24	3	0
"	574	"	Toms, W. T.	32	11	0
"	1410	"	Taylor, T.	21	0	0
"	1501	"	Cantrell, jun., W. S.	36	15	0

Lodge	321	Bro.	Bennett, Capt. H. A.			
"	537	"	Milner, W.	10	10	0
"	1565	"	Simpson, E.			

Lodge	164	"	Thornton, R. T.			
"	444	"	Woodman, Dr. W. R.	52	10	0

Province, Montagu, J. M. P., Dep. P.G.M.	180	12	0
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Province, Bro. Boulton, Babington	286	2	6
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Lodge 1000 Bro. Wardell, J. A.	28	0	0
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" 1457 " Tanner, J.	9	9	0
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Lodge 82 Bro. John Walker	135	9	0
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Lodge 130 Bro. Le Feuvre, J. E.	169	1	0
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" 342 " Newland, R.	53	11	0
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Lodge 404 " Dawson, J. E.	110	15	6
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" 449 " Shilcock, J.	1	1	0
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" 403 " Campkin, H.	26	5	0
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" 1472 " Purrott, J.	5	15	0
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Lodge 503 " Clever, J.			
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" 829 " Hastings, T.	16	16	0
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" 1096 " Des Barres, A. H.	66	19	0
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" 1206 " Emmerson, R. J.	10	10	0
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" 1223 " Webb, J.	10	10	0
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" 1314 " Seaman, W.	70	9	6
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Lancashire (East Division).			
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Bro. Harrison, W.	10	10	0
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Lodge 37 " Brockbank, G. P.	52	10	0
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" 204 " Rev. P. Hains	15	15	0
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" 221 " Taylor, J. M.			
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" 369 " Anderton, J. E.	10	10	0
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Lancashire (West Division).			
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Lodge 155 Bro. Gorpel, J. R.	268	0	0
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" 1021 " Huartson, J.	34	8	0
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" 1086 " Lunt, J. C.	8	8	0
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Lincolnshire:—			
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Lodge 1224 Bro. Sutcliffe, John			
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" 1232 " Ace, Rev. Dr.			
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" 792 " Sutcliffe, Jack	42	0	0
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" " Sheen, R. M.	10	10	0
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Middlesex:—			
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Bro. Hammond, W.			
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Province, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Deputy Prov. G.M.	285	10	0
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Lodge 1460 Bro. Howe, W. T.	77	11	0
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" " Kenning, George	10	10	0
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" " Peters, Lieut.-Col. J.	10	10	0
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Lodge 1494 " Knyvett, F. Sumner	55	13	0
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" 778 " Webb, E. B.	40	8	0
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" 1237 " Thompson Capt. C.	21	10	0
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Chap. 1293 Comp. Massa, Thos.	45	3	0
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Lodge 1423 Bro. Mason, John	57	15	0
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" 1512 " Ockenden, T. W.	30	0	0
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" 1567 " Green, Frank	47	5	0
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" 1597 " Sindall, R. L.	36	15	0
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" 1656 " Bond, John	25	14	6
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Norfolk:—			
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Province, Bro. Barwell, H. G.	141	15	0
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Lodge 93 Bro. Loftus, G. W. F.	5	5	0
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" 107 " Woodwork, G. J.	36	15	0
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" 52 " Amburst, W. A. F.	21	0	0
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" " Duff, Col. Jas., M.P.	5	5	0
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Northampton and Hunts:—			
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Province, Bro. Marson, John	105	0	0
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Nottinghamshire:—			
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Lodge 1435 Bro. Marx, Julius	43	1	0
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North Wales and Shropshire:—			
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Lodge 1143 Bro. Sisson, R. J.	16	16	0
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" 605 " Mellor, R. C.			
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" 755 " Platt, Henry			
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" 1477 " Potts, Algernon	10	10	0
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Oxfordshire:—			
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Lodge 478 Bro. Wakeman, H. O.	24	3	0
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" 340 " Juggins, John			
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" 340 " Randall, Alderman	21	0	0
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" 340 " Ansell, F. W.	17	6	0
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Staffordshire:—			
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Lodge 460 Bro. Cartwright, W.	63	0	0
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" 419 " Walker, Jas.	22	1	0
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" 539 " Humphries, T. M.	76	2	0
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Suffolk:—			
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Lodge 1224 Bro. Grimwood, G. H.	30	0	0
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" 1008 " Lucia, W. H.	61	19	0
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Surrey:—			
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" Arnold, Rev. C. W., Dep. P.G.M.	10	10	0
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Lodge 370 Bro. Mitchell, F. W.	30	9	0
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Sussex:—			
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Lodge 40 Bro. Trollope, Dr. T.	130	19	6
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proposer of this toast this evening, when commercial matters are not quite as we would wish them to be, perhaps we have more anxiety than we ordinarily have. The first of our festivals was celebrated in February last with an enormous success, on which we all congratulated my good friend and brother who stands on my immediate right, and all connected with that Institution, most heartily. You have celebrated another success this evening, not perhaps so far in its amount as that which was celebrated in February, but still a magnificent amount, and which reflects honour upon the Craft. Well, now, you know there is another anniversary festival to take place in June. (Great laughter.) Well, now, brethren, why this laughter? I am endeavouring to treat a serious question in a serious way: why do you meet me with smiles and laughter? I say there is a third anniversary to be celebrated at the end of June; and there are three degrees of comparison, as is very well known to any one who has learned his English grammar. I did not know how these three degrees would be compared until the result was announced this evening; but I consider this evening has been very good; last February was better; but do let me indulge in an earnest hope that June next may be very much the best. It is not for me to say which Institution is more or less deserving of your support. I have always said, and I do not hesitate to repeat myself this evening, that I believe the whole of our Institutions deserve the very best support that Freemasons can render; and we stand on one common platform—we are doing all we can, I know, to rival each other in the amount of support we get, and I, for one, shall be a very disappointed man if I am not able to announce at the Alexandra Palace on the 27th June, a larger amount than has been announced up to this present moment by the other Institutions. Now, never mind what has been said about the Boys' School; we are doing the best we possibly can to maintain in that Institution the largest number that we can accommodate. The question of increased accommodation is before the Craft. It is for you to judge, for you to decide, and for you to determine. All we ask is, give us the means, and we will do everything in our power to answer your requirements and your requisitions. Without your support we can do nothing. But while, I am sure, it would be idle for me to take up any portion of your time this evening in speaking of the magnificent results you have achieved for this Institution, I hope for a larger number of brethren to rally round the Boys' School; and let us say from year to year as we have in the past, we have not to lament over a decreased amount of subscriptions, but still keep ahead of the other institutions, and thereby induce on their part an increased rivalry, and so do good to all our Institutions. There is only one observation I have to make: Our excellent and good friend, Bro. Philbrick, in proposing this toast said that last year we achieved £20,000. Our Bro. Philbrick made a very great mistake, because the amount was very nearly £40,000—at all events, it exceeded £39,000; and, therefore, I think the credit should not be withheld from the Craft, all the credit due to it for this most magnificent and liberal support. But, bear in mind, brethren, that what you have done in the past is nothing to what you will be called upon to do in the future. The Order you know is increasing to an enormous extent; the demands are increasing in a relative proportion; we must open our doors; extend our benefits; and give more liberal accommodation to those you force upon us as the recipients of our benefits.

Bro. James Terry, in response to loud and repeated calls said, I am sure you will not require from me any lengthened remarks at all, after those you have had the pleasure of listening to from my good friend, Bro. Binckes; but permit me, in the absence of Bro. Little, simply in his name, to thank this great gathering for all they have done on behalf of the Girls' School on this occasion, and I truly wish that he were present and had the power, as I am sure he has the will, to express to you his unmitigated feelings of gratitude to the Board of Stewards, and to the noble lord who presides, for everything that has been done on the present occasion. For myself my lord, speaking for that which is past, I can but thank very many who are now present for having in February last given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the largest amount that that Institution ever had the honour of recording, viz., £12,866. (Cheers.) My lord, I can only hope that what has been stated to-night by Bro. Binckes, that we have three degrees of comparison, the positive, comparative, and superlative, may prove the case with respect to the results to our three Institutions, that large as has been the increase in the subscriptions to the Benevolent Institution, large as has been the amount to the Girls' School, Bro. Binckes in June next may have the honour and gratification of announcing an amount in advance of what he had last year as Bro. Little and myself had to our Institutions. I thank you for giving me the opportunity of speaking in Bro. Little's absence, and I thank my lord also for having granted myself the privilege of speaking as the Secretary of the youngest Institution which is doing the largest amount of work of either of the three. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Hervey, G.S., proposed "The Stewards," and in submitting the toast complimented those brethren on the excellence of their arrangements for the success of the evening.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, President of the Board of Stewards, responded. The Stewards had endeavoured to carry out the duties which they took upon themselves when they accepted office; and if they had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren that was the best reward they could hope for, and in obtaining it they had more than secured the end that they had proposed to themselves.

Lord Suffield gave "The Health of the Ladies," to which Dr. Woodman responded, and the brethren then

joined the ladies in the Temple, where a charming concert was given by the following distinguished artists:—Bros. Baxter, Carter, Montem Smith, and Chaplin Henry; Miss Florence Lavender, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Kate Baxter, and Bro. Theodore Distin.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Theodore Distin, whom we have to congratulate on the success of his pupil, Miss Lavender, the young lady obtaining encores in "Robert, toi que j'aime," and "The last Rose of Summer." Bro. F. H. Cozens presided at the pianoforte.

Bro. Harker was Toast Master at the banquet.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday, the 7th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Depute Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Gray, Grand Chaplain; Lord Inverurie, Captain Harriot, Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright; F. A. Barrow, Depute Provincial Grand Master, Glasgow; A. Hay, Grand Jeweller; Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible-bearer; Muller, Grand Director of Music, &c. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Wm. Mann, G.P.S.W., and W. Hay, Grand Architect, Acting J.W. Among those in the hall were Bros. Monro, R.W.M., Lodge Commercial; Stobo, R.W.M., Lodge Plantation; Jas. Thomson, R.W.M. No. 102; McNaught, R.W.M. No. 556; W. H. Bickerton, Provincial Grand Secretary; J. Wallace, Halkett, Wheeler, Glasgow, &c. After the lodge had been opened it was intimated that presents had been received from Grand Lodges of Virginia, Connecticut, and Missouri, and a vote of thanks was awarded to these bodies. Petitions in favour of the following new lodges were considered and granted:—St. Andrew, Campbeltown, near Fort-George; Leucophibia, Whithorn, Grenville, Canada; Robert Burns, Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z.; Eureka, Christianstadt; St. Croix, Danish West India Isles; Rosslyn St. Clair, Roslin; and Prince's, Glasgow. The following Provincial Grand Masters were appointed:—The Hon. Frederick Whittaker, New Zealand, North Island; Bros. Connor, South Australia; and Provost Forrest, of Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Middle Ward. Bro. Walker, P.G.M., was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. The report of the special Committee appointed to regulate the duties of Grand Secretary and Cashier was next taken up. The Committee then recommended that the appointment of Bro. Kinnear as cashier should be confirmed at a salary of £200 a year. After some discussion the report was adopted.

A petition and appeal was submitted by Bro. Robert Steven of Lodge St. Vincent, Sandyford, No. 553, Glasgow, who had been suspended from all Masonic privileges for five years by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.

Bro. Law (Springburn) read a statement in reference to the dispute, in which Bro. Steven stated he had been the originator of this lodge, and the cause of his suspension was the opposition he made to the fixing of the bye-laws, which he alleged were designed to deter the majority of the members from entering the lodge. At a meeting of the lodge where Bro. Barrow acted as Provincial Grand Master he stated that they had come to the resolution to confirm the bye-laws. When Bro. Steven heard this statement he craved admission to retire, and in doing so protested against the proceedings. At the word protest Bro. Barrow ordered the Wardens to put him out. This the Wardens were reluctant to do, and when he again asked permission to retire. Bro. Barrow suspended him from membership. Several of the members of the Provincial Lodge went to the support of their Master, and some disturbance arose. The whole affair did not last two minutes, and the appellant asserted that he was not in any way responsible for any unseemly or "unmasonic" conduct.

Bro. Barrow, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, made an explanation of what steps had been adopted to ascertain whether the bye-laws had been carried by a majority of the members of Lodge St. Vincent. The deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge had made a

very careful examination into the whole subject before they formed their opinion that the majority had approved of the bye-laws. When he (Bro. Barrow) announced the decision Bro. Steven rose and menaced him in such a manner that he was really afraid. (Laughter.) The course followed by the Provincial Grand Lodge had been perfectly justifiable, and they did no more than was necessary to maintain the dignity of their position. He denied however that he had been personally interested in what had been done, and declared that the sentence passed on Bro. Steven of suspension for five years had been given unanimously by the Provincial Grand Lodge. ("No, no.")

Bro. Stevens was heard in support of his appeal, and asked that the Grand Lodge should give him every consideration. The decision of suspension for five years he asserted was most atrocious, and was passed on him for asserting his own rights, which could not possibly be construed into un-Masonic conduct.

Bro. James Wallace (Glasgow) moved that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Glasgow be rescinded. If Bro. Stevens was required to apologise for his conduct he thought that apology should be made to the Grand Lodge. As far as he was aware the appellant had been tried and condemned without a hearing.

Bro. D. Robertson seconded the motion. This suspension, he thought, was merely a piece of great favouritism, and the appellant was a victim. He was of opinion that the case should not only be dealt with justly, but mercifully.

Bro. Halkett (Glasgow) knew the whole of the facts of the case, and considered the decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge was just and reasonable. He therefore moved that it should be confirmed.

Bro. Thomson (102) seconded the motion.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to rescind the decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A petition, memorial, and appeal were next heard from a number of members of Lodge Clydesdale against a decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. The complaint of the brethren in this lodge was in regard to the last election of office-bearers. Between the date of nomination and the day of election it was alleged that a number of members were affiliated into the lodge for the purpose of influencing the election. Those who objected to the office-bearers chosen appealed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge ruled that those who had been affiliated between the day of nomination and the election were not entitled to vote. Thereupon a new election was ordered, to which a number of members objected, and protested and appealed.

The facts of the case having been submitted to Grand Lodge, and representatives on both sides heard, it was resolved by a small majority to confirm the decision of Provincial Grand Lodge, and declare the present office-bearers of Lodge Clydesdale duly elected.

The remainder of the business consisted principally of amendments in regard to a number of the Grand Lodge laws.

With the return of spring, our hospitals begin to look gay with flowers, and, according to the *Lancet*, there is scarcely a ward to be found which is not decorated with its quota of primroses and hyacinths. Do those who so thoughtfully send these beautiful things from the bright country into the sick wards of our dusky town ever think how their presents are displayed? The "putting up" of flowers is an art that hospital nurses are often little skilled in, and between a lack of talent or of time, and a want of suitable vessels, the flowers are often not shown to the best advantage. Wallflowers tightly jammed into a half-pint mug scarcely look their best, and a common washing-basin is hardly a suitable vessel for the display of primroses. But what is to be done if no proper flower-vases are to be had? No hospital committee would feel justified in spending money on such trifles, and no one seems ever to think of making such a present, which would be most acceptable to a hospital. In the present day when the fashion in table decorations changes every season, one would suppose that disused and obsolete flower-stands are to be found in almost every glass or china closet, and we feel sure that we have only to make this little want of our hospitals known to ensure its being speedily satisfied.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Powis to be Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Montgomery in the room of the late Lord Sudely.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

Reports of the following lodges stand over:—United Mariners, 30; Metropolitan, 1507; New Cross, 1559; Union Waterloo Chapter, 13; Alps Encampment, Liverpool.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Origin and Development of My Inventions for Saving Property and Life at Sea," by P.P. De La Sala.  
"New York Dispatch," "Keystone," "Il Risorgimento."  
Proceedings of Special Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

CLARKE.—On the 5th inst., at Riverside House, Strand-on-the-Green, Chiswick, the wife of G. H. Clarke, of a daughter.

IRWIN.—On the 2nd inst., at Newbiggen-by-Sea, Northumberland, the wife of the Rev. A. W. Irwin, of a daughter.

MONTAGU.—On the 5th inst., the wife of C. Montagu, Esq., of Colville-square, Bayswater, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

NESHAM—PINDER.—On the 30th ult., at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Thomas Cargill Nesham, M.D., to Nellie, daughter of the late J. Pinder, of Linton, Yorkshire.

## DEATHS.

DEACON.—On the 30th ult., Katharine, wife of F. Deacon, of Preston.

GRANT.—On the 4th inst., at Hillesden House, Collumpton, William Charles Grant, Esq., J.P.

JOSLAND.—On the 5th inst., Bro. Richard Josland, of Falcon-street.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1877.

## THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

Our readers will be glad to see and to hear that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has returned to England from his continental trip, and is much benefitted by it. He has as usual been hard at work since his return home, holding a levee the afternoon of his arrival, having travelled by night from Paris, and presiding on Monday evening at the gathering of an excellent object "The Licensed Victuallers' Benevolent Institution" with his accustomed geniality and eloquence, to which Lord Granville very happily alluded. It may also be added, that the returns of the festival amounted to £5000.

## FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School was held on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, and we are happy in announcing that the returns amounted to £9828 3s., with 22 lists to come in. We shall recur to this subject in our next.

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

Bro. Hubert in the *Chaine d'Union* for May reproduces some words of ours at page 276, to which he is good enough to apply the epithet of "sages paroles." We thank Bro. Hubert for his friendly and fraternal recognition, alike of the intent of our remarks, and of the spirit by which they were actuated. They were permeated, as Bro. Hubert has had the rare sagacity to see, with the most friendly feeling to all French Freemasons. We feel sure, with Bro. Hubert, (as we are happy to note that he and we almost entirely agree), that if this untoward movement has a successful result, if such a "betise" can be "bien vue" by our French brethren, French Freemasonry is preparing for itself a great fall, and a sad future. We beg to say once for all, that we have no interest in the matter, but that of French Freemasonry itself, and of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, as far as we understand the true position of the one or the other. Our worthy opponents, Bros. Caubet and Grimaux and others, think that our "lunettes" are very much obscured just now, and that we see all things in France, "a tort et a travers." But we assure them and all who read our humble lucubrations, that we venture to express our honest opinion warmly and clearly, because we feel strongly the importance of the whole question, and because we think we see, and see with deep regret, the undoubted and melancholy "avenir" which some French Freemasons are preparing for their Order in France. For just let us look on a little, and try to realize what the position of the Grand Orient will be, if this new agitation against the recognition even of belief in God be triumphant, Bro. Caubet and his co-sympathisers may carry the suppression of Article 2, et puis? What then? What will be the position of the French Grand Orient as before the world? It has overthrown one of the universal and abiding landmarks of Freemasonry, profession of belief in God, and how does it stand in relation to Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry? to German Freemasonry? In fact, to the whole Masonic family? In our humble opinion it unmasons itself, if we may use such an expression. It ceases to be a true Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and it imperils its lawful jurisdiction over Freemasons at home. As regards Freemasons abroad, it forfeits all international Masonic rights. It, in fact, is no longer a proper, lawful, regular, Masonic body. To use the language of an able friend of ours, "the foundation being cut away, the building falls." It will be impossible, as Bro. Hervey pointed out in a recent friendly warning, to maintain any longer, if such a revolution be

carried through, any "entente cordiale," as between the English and French governing bodies. Nay, we venture to think, as he did, though of course it is only our individual opinion "quantum valet," as it was his, but speaking unofficially of course, that in such a portion of affairs the English Grand Lodge will be unable any longer to recognize the Grand Orient of France, to admit the validity of its certificates, or to consent to mutual representation, or, indeed, any international intercourse. And then comes in this further question: will not the English Masons resident in France and Belgium, (for the same perversity is apparently there also succeeding), have a right to petition our Grand Master, and ask for warrants to enable them to meet in countries in which Freemasons have abjured the very foundation truth of our Order? We fancy that they will; and that in truth, under such circumstances, there can be but one reply to such petitions for relief, and for permission properly to carry on the work and teaching of true Freemasonry. For they cannot clearly enter French and Belgian Lodges, and are they to be debarred from all Masonic life and work? According to Bros. Grimaux and Caubet, indeed, (whose views on international Masonic law appear very queer), there would be nothing contrary to Masonic law or order, if English brethren met together now, in France and Belgium, with or without warrants. For if Bro. Grimaux's special pleading, which the *Monde Maconnique* appears to approve, be correct as regards *Les Philadelphes*, then, according to their principles, there is nothing to prevent English brethren meeting qua English brethren in lodge whether in France or Belgium, without referring to or considering those who claim Masonic authority in those two countries? We do not ourselves, however, go so far as such a very remarkable assertion of Masonic "Communism," but we do venture to hold that where there is no proper national Masonic authority, or lawful jurisdiction, any Grand Lodge may issue its warrant for lodges to meet. And, as we said before, this question must supervene: *If the Grand Orients of France and Belgium actually do away with the recognition of God, will they not have forfeited, by the great common law of Freemasonry, all claim to jurisdiction, authority, and even the name of lawfully constituted Grand Lodges, the power of national and International Masonic jurisdiction?* Our readers will see, as we have been trying to point out to them, the great seriousness of the whole question, and the important issues involved in these regrettable and revolutionary proceedings of a section of French Freemasons. Let us trust as Bro. Hubert does, that the good sense of our French brethren will yet put an end to the sterile discussions, and prevent unhappy complications, by the maintenance of the existing constitutions, and the determination "Stare super vias antiquas."

## PEACE.

As Freemasons, we must all deplore the advent of war and the loss of peace to Europe and to mankind. For peace represents, let us not forget, tranquil progress and civilizing influences, the development and victory of the arts that embellish, the liberties which uphold social society, and that real agglomeration of humanity which we term the world. War, on the other hand, symbolizes all that is most destructive and antagonistic to order, law, true happiness, and national prosperity. We do not mean to say that no war is justifiable, or that no war is ever needed alike for the defence of a country, the honour of a people, the stern and vindicating requirements of justice, truth, and right. We do not because we are Freemasons belong to the peace-at-any-price party. We freely admit, that there are to-day, as there ever have been in the past annals of nations, as there ever will be in the future of our race, times and seasons when we must draw the sword in defence of all that we hold most sacred, of all that we count most dear. But, on the other hand, we must be ever on our guard against the many temptations and tempters to hasty wars, to rash wars, to unjust wars, to uncalled-for wars. Bro. Sala, always an eloquent writer, puts it well in



the *Illustrated London News*, when he says:—

"The bodies of some 8000 Englishmen moulder peacefully in this (Scutari) graveyard. I fancy that the remembrance of their deaths might moderate the frenzy of the politicians who seem bent on hounding England on to a fresh war with Russia. Surely those politicians must be mainly young men, or they must have very short memories. I remember the episodes of the Crimean War as though they had happened yesterday, for then, as now, I was earning my daily bread by literature and journalism, and the war brought me every day fresh materials for my pen. I was within an ace in 1856 of going to Sebastopol, but I went to Russia instead. Can you not recall, you who are middle-aged and whose memories are good, those two miserable years between the fight at the Alma and the fall of the Malakoff? Do you remember the Ghost's Derby Day of 1855? Do you remember when, on the cliff of Brighton and the Marina at St. Leonard's, you could hardly walk ten paces without meeting groups of ladies and children clad in deepest mourning for their fathers, husbands, brothers, sweethearts, slain in that wretched Chersonese, or who had sickened and died in the cheerless wards of the Scutari Hospital. Are we to have these years of private agony and bereavement, of public blundering and mismanagement, over again? I suppose so; glory is a very fine thing. I am only a *pékin*, a civilian, and I know nothing about glory; but I confess that my blood grows cold and that my heart sickens when I hear politicians prating about the 'arbitrament of the Sword,' and 'war clearing the atmosphere,' and so forth. I never met Glory yet, and I don't know what he or she is like; but I have met War face to face half-a-dozen times in as many countries. I have looked into the whites, or rather the crimsons, of his eyes, and I have gazed upon the Sisters who follow him wheresoever he goes. They are three Sisters, and their names are 'Rapine,' and 'Disease,' and 'Death.' This is, of course, a miserably craven and spiritless way of looking at War. I cannot help it. I have seen only War's madness and wickedness, its foulness and squalor. To me it has represented nothing but robbing and profligacy, but famine and slaughter; and I can but think that if the warlike politicians were to witness just half an hour of actual warfare as I have witnessed it in America, in Italy, in Mexico, in France, in Spain, their martial ardour would cool down a little, and they would not be quite so prompt to blow the bellicose trumpet." We fully agree with these straightforward manly words. We can recall some touching lines of Præd, which we think serve to cap, as poetry, the eloquent prose of our literary brother—

"And all the bitter tears we wept,

In those our days of fame,

The dread that o'er our heartstrings crept,

With every post that came;

The home affections waged and lost

In every far off fray,

The price that British glory cost.

Ah! take the sword away."

We fear that our hopes are vain, but we still cherish the assurance that even under the present most inauspicious appearance of affairs, some peaceable intervention may yet induce the Turks to listen to reason, and thus best advance and best uphold the rights of suffering populations, and insure peace to the world. The English Government has manfully laboured from first to last to bring about (perhaps an impossible result) namely, the safe maintenance of the liberties of all, and the great blessing of peace.

#### BRO. HARTY'S ENGRAVING OF THE INSTALLATION OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

We have been favoured with a view of this interesting souvenir of the above memorable event, in a very advanced state, and Bro. Harty will give our readers next week a full account of the present position of the engraving. There are still about six portraits required to fill up the picture, which promises to be alike worthy of the artist and the occasion it seeks so fitly to commemorate.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must, I am sorry, refute your remark at the foot of my letter I sent you last week, wherein you question the correctness of the facts I reported to you. And I again repeat my statement, which is based upon very sure fundaments. So I say again, of the two other Grand Lodges in Berlin, the Royal York of Friendship has repealed (already) similar sections, but not all her daughter lodges admit non-Christians as yet; while the third Grand Lodge, the Grand Countries Lodge of Germany, is as intolerant as the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, nay, more intolerant than the latter, as it never wanted to repeal its constitution as the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes several times attempted to repeal that famous section 165 A.C., so in April, 1873, in May, 1874, in 1875, and in 1876. The result of the last meeting I reported to you in October, 1876. I searched for the *Freemason* of 21st of October, 1876, and I find that the name of the Grand Lodge in question is not quite correct as you have it in the letter of mine, "Grand National Lodge;" this is not the full name, it is "Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes."

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

J. STRAUSS.

[We have written to Bro. Findel for an accurate statement of the whole affair, as Bro Strauss will see.—Ed.]

To Bro. Findel, Leipzig.

Dear Bro. Findel,—

We have had, as you will doubtless be aware, the most contradictory statements, as to the exact position of the Hebrew exclusion question in Germany. In a recent *Bauhütte* one able writer rather smiled at our ignorance of the "status in quo," and to say the truth, I hardly know what to accept myself amid this plethora of assertion and counter assertion, of affirmation and denial. I had understood, alike from the *Bauhütte* and other sources, that, in both the Grand Lodges of the Three Globes, and the Royal York, Hebrews could now be admitted, and that in the Grand Countries Lodge alone, their exclusion was unwisely maintained, for want of a two-thirds majority. Bro. Dr. Strauss, thinks that I am wrong; so will you enlighten us in England as to the actual state of affairs, give us the simple facts of the case, and tell us in what Grand Lodge this unjust persecution of a worthy body of men and Masons is really perpetuated.

I am, dear Bro. Findel, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have frequently to pass our noble school on Wandsworth Common, both inside and out much to be admired, but from the main road the approach to it is a disgrace to the neighbourhood. The only approach from Clapham Junction is over a miserable, shaky little iron bridge, in wet weather one long puddle, in dry a dust trap, the two ends closed by awkward swinging gates, the stones in which they are fixed being well worn with holes, so that the rain water is caught, and so are the passengers' feet. One pities the neat little feet of our school girls that must be daily subject to such an ordeal, and surely it is a matter for our Craft to undertake to set right. The bridge crosses the South Western Railway. Do, Sir, insert this, and let us hope it will lead to the matter being set right.

Yours truly,

A CONSTANT READER.

#### QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very glad to see the question of the qualification of candidates for our Schools raised in your columns. I think it deserves the serious attention not only of the Committees of the Schools, but of every Mason anxious for the best interests of the Craft.

Before reading your last article, and Bro. Tombs' second letter, I had prepared some facts as lessons from the results of the last elections, and, with your permission, I will lay them before your readers. Fourteen boys and thirteen girls have just been elected. Of the 27 brethren, parents of these children, ten only supported our charities. The average number of years during which the parents of the successful girls subscribed to a lodge, omitting four exceptional cases of 28, 24, 13½, and 13½ years, was 5½ years; the average in the case of the boys, similarly omitting four cases of 17, 17, 16, and 13 years, was four years.

The daughter of a brother who has been a non-subscriber to a lodge for 27 years, and who has only subscribed for five years, was elected. The son of a brother who had been a non-subscriber of a lodge for 15 years, and who had only subscribed for four years, was elected, he having a brother in the school at the present time.

None of the parents of these two cases had supported our charities.

The father of the boy at the top of the poll had subscribed 2½ years to a lodge.

The father of the girl at the top of the poll had subscribed 1½ years to a lodge.

A friend of mine, not a Mason, tells me the moral of these facts is, that Masonry is not a lottery with respect

to the pecuniary benefits to be derived from it, but that the less a Mason subscribes to our Benevolent Fund, the less he supports our charities, the more likelihood is there of his children obtaining the advantages of those charities. The deduction I draw from the above statistics is, that if a child be of the required age and can obtain friends enough to defeat other candidates at the poll, it matters not how little the services of the father may have been to Masonry, there is no protection on the part of the managing committee of the deserving as against the undeserving candidates.

I think there should be a regulation providing that the parent of a candidate, before he or she be accepted, shall have subscribed a minimum number of years to a lodge, I should like also to require some support on the part of the father to our charities. I would also thoroughly urge the desirability of a certificate of the good character of the father being required. During the last few days I have been asked to support a child whose father is said to have misconducted himself, and I must confess that, whilst pitying the mother and the family, if the allegation be true, I cannot consider the case a deserving one.

I find lodges recommend cases brought before them; solely with reference to the official record of dates, &c., that is, that a lodge considers itself responsible only for the dates of initiation or joining, and the number of years the brother has subscribed; and that the certificate of the lodge will be attached to the form, whilst the opinion of every brother signing may be that the case is not a deserving one.

I would urge that some special circumstances should be required to be stated respecting every candidate. There will be no want of deserving cases. Of the 113 candidates, 40 are children of parents who have subscribed 10 years and upwards, and, other claims being equal, I cannot but regard these as having a prior claim on us, yet 8 only were elected.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE,

P.G. Sec. Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

#### ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL CANDIDATES TO THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read your excellent article on Boys' and Girls' School voting in the *Freemason* of the 28th ult., and the same has suggested to me that in many provinces there is a great waste of voting power, and I think the plan adopted for some years in the Province of Staffordshire, if generally known and adopted (with such improvements and alterations as may suggest themselves to the brethren), would be found of immense help in securing the return of candidates for the various charities.

In the first place, I would suggest that some worthy brother should be appointed by each Provincial Grand Lodge to receive the voting papers from the whole of his province, and, by this means, to bring the whole voting power of provinces to one centre. And in order to carry out the same, a brother shall be appointed annually in each lodge, whose duty it shall be to secure the voting papers belonging to members of his lodge, and to forward them to the provincial centre. By this means each province can at once ascertain its voting power, and be enabled to borrow votes to secure the return of their candidate should circumstances render it necessary so to do. And I would recommend that the brother appointed by the province should have full power to use all the voting papers so received in any manner which may be most advantageous to the interests of candidates belonging to his province. The names of all candidates (before receiving such support) shall have been brought before a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the case, after full enquiry, be approved of by same. This, if adopted, would check any abuse of the charity as alluded to in the recent correspondence of Bro. Tombs.

We all feel justly proud of our Grand Masonic Charities, and it is the duty of every true-hearted and earnest Mason to guard them from abuse, and, at all times, to further their interests by all means in his power. In many country lodges I fear that the charities are not sufficiently well known, and if, in each lodge, a brother were appointed whose special duty should be the work of the charities, he would be able, at convenient periods, to bring the subject prominently before the members of his lodge, and, possibly, by this means, induce many brethren to take a more lively interest in, and give to them support which as yet may not have been given, simply because it has not been directly brought under their notice.

Quoting from a speech of our very respected Bro. the Rev. R. J. Stimpson, P.G.C.:—"Every Mason is bound, according to his ability, to let charity be a part of his Masonry." I sincerely hope the day may yet come when every lodge under the register of the Grand Lodge of England shall pay over to one or other of our noble charities a part of the initiation fee received from every newly-admitted brother. And, further, that every brother may, according to his means, assist forward in some way the great and good work of our noble institutions.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

F. MOUNT HUMPHRIES, P.M. 539,

Prov. Grand Sup. of Works Staffordshire.

#### CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In accordance with your kind permission, contained in the *Freemason* of last week, I proceed to give you a few extracts from the last circular of our Charity Voting Reform Association, in the hope that they may suggest some reforms worthy of consideration in regard to the elective system of our own noble charities.

The Committee of the Charity Voting Reform



Association, in their report, rendered at a public meeting held in July last, were enabled to point to many and very decided proofs of the prevalence of a more enlightened opinion among the supporters of Voting Charities, showing that they were beginning to recognise the evils which had grown up around the present mode of admission to the benefits of these institutions. Recent changes in the direction recommended by the Committee were cited in proof of tangible progress in no less than ten metropolitan charities, and the cordial support of a considerable number of subscribers to the Voting Charities was attested by the fact that upwards of 4000 members have joined this association—nearly all being subscribers to such institutions—no less than 1200 having added their names during the preceding year.

The Committee further had the satisfaction of seeing their exertions emphatically approved, on public occasions, by many of the most enlightened men of the day; notably by Mr. Gladstone at the Mansion House; Lord Wharncliffe at the annual meeting of the Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles at Lancaster; by Lord Aberdare at the last public meeting of the association; by letter from Lord Overstone, Lord Shaftesbury, Sir Sydney Waterlow, the Bishops of London and Peterborough, the Dean of Westminster, Miss Florence Nightingale, and a large number of distinguished persons well known for their philanthropic labours. These have, one and all, borne the same undeviating testimony in favour of the efforts of this association, and against the evils of the voting system.

The main object of the association is to abolish the great abuses which have gradually overgrown the voting system, such as—

- The absence of comparative selection;
- Trafficking in votes;
- Canvassing by applicants, either personally, or by card or circular;
- Public polling days.

The Committee venture to offer the following suggestions, as calculated to correct existing evils arising from admission to charities by the votes of the whole body of subscribers:—

- 1st. The circumstances of the candidates recommended by the subscribers should be investigated by the Committee, both as to their positive eligibility and relative urgency, special reference being had to the consideration whether the candidates have claims for support on friends or relatives prior to those upon public charity.
- 2nd. Those candidates who are proved by investigation to be eligible should be arranged according to the strength and urgency of their claims, such moderate number only being included in the list as would be likely to be elected within a reasonable time.
- 3rd. Lists so prepared should be sent to the subscribers, and be returned by them to the Committee, with marks against the names of the candidates for whom they vote. The lists should then be handed to the scrutineers, and the result should be made known by public advertisement; thus abolishing public polling days.
- 4th. Trafficking in votes, and the use of canvassing cards and circulars, should be prohibited under pain of forfeiture of the candidate's claim.

It is further suggested that committees of charitable institutions should intimate on their voting papers that subscribers who have no means of ascertaining the comparative merits of the candidates, or who, for any other reason, decline to exercise their privilege of voting, should sign and send their proxies to the committees to be distributed amongst the poorest and most deserving.

One important function of the association, already employed with success, is to prevent, in the case of new charities, the introduction of the present system of election, or at least of its admitted abuses. And the Committee may here mention that "the managing body of the Railway Servants Orphanage having unreservedly adopted the suggestions of the Charity Voting Reform Association, have reported that their first election was carried on with perfect satisfaction to their subscribers, and without a penny of expense to any applicant."

To release hundreds of poor toiling widows and other applicants from cruel and unnecessary labour in canvassing, as well as from heavy and useless expenditure of time and money; to spare poor maimed and crippled invalids a weary and painful hunt for hospital and other letters; to discourage that systematic and shameless habit of begging, which is the fruitful source of pauperism, begging-letter writing, and imposture; to cover rather than coarsely expose the domestic woes and wants of our less fortunate neighbours by not compelling them to parade their sorrows in thousands of printed cards and circulars; to try and ensure a measure of attention and justice to the candidates and their comparative claims, rather than to foster a desire to "oblige friends" or gamble in votes; in fine, to help the most helpless and befriend the most friendless, are objects worth earnestly contending for, even against the most formidable opposition; objects which, in the opinion of the association, appeal not merely to the sense of justice and fair play of Englishmen, but to the hearts and the tenderest sympathies of a Christian and humane people.

That the Committee are justified in thus speaking of the work of the association is well expressed in the words of one of the Vice-Presidents, a most munificent subscriber to all the great charities, and formerly a large and influential employer of labour. He writes:—"If my poor name will be of any use as a Vice-President to your very valuable society, pray use it, for I firmly believe when you succeed, as I hope you will, you will more benefit the impoverished, respectable, suffering classes, than any of the societies I have the privilege of supporting."

Their conviction remains unshaken as to the great hardship, injustice, and waste of money which are perpetually

recurring owing to a faulty system of election. In the words of Mr. Gladstone, at the Mansion House, they emphatically claim to "belong to that section of the community who believe that the system of election for charities, with the expensive operations it entails, is a most ingeniously constructed machine for intercepting on its way to other benevolent ends a large portion of the alms of the community."

Let me add that there are few, if any, associations (except Masonry itself), that can point to men of such varied opinions in politics and religion banded together for a common object.

In addition to those named in an extract already quoted I may mention as members and Vice-Presidents the Dukes of Northumberland and Westminster, Lord Derby and the Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Shaftesbury and Lord Grey, Earl Percy and Lord Ebury, Lord Overstone and Mr. Plimsoll, Sir Charles Trevelyan and Lord Chelmsford, Mr. W. H. Smith and Mr. Pease, Lord Lichfield and Canon Miller, Sir Rutherford Alcock and Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., and a host of others, including Lord Justice James, Mr. Russell Gurney, Recorder of London, Bishops of London, Winchester, and Manchester, &c. You have, dear sir and brother, ably contended that Freemasonry is not a mere benefit society, and that its three great charities ought not to be based on this idea, and this is in perfect keeping with the spirit of Masonry and of the expressed profession we make on entering the Order. It is obvious that the principles and practice I now advocate set in strongly in the same direction, and may I hope commend themselves favourably to you and to a large majority of our brethren.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C.

142, Clement's Inn.

#### MASONIC HISTORY.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I have seen in your last *Freemason* an address of our worthy Bro. Rogers, Acting D.P.G.M. in Devonshire, which, in these critical times, appears to demand a few queries from one who, like myself, have been for some years carefully verifying all the facts of our Masonic history. I confine myself, however, to-day to three queries, which, I trust, our good brother will kindly answer. 1. Bro. Rogers states, that in 1610 and 1625 "Freemasonry was denounced by the Roman Catholics especially." But I know of no earlier Roman Catholic attack than the Bull of Clement, 1738. Where, then, did this condemnation take place? 2. Bro. Rogers states, that "among the Persians Alexander the Great discovered books which took it, (Freemasonry), back to ages long before even paper-making was invented—some 3000 years ago." To what transaction does Bro. Rogers allude? 3. Bro. Rogers states, "they also found allusions to Freemasonry in the Book of Exodus, as well as in other sacred writings of the Bible." What are these? Now, I ask these questions in no captious spirit. I agree with Bro. Rogers' exposition of the historical lines of Masonry, but think it is always better to keep to strict and indubitable facts. Perhaps our worthy brother can give us the authorities for these statements of his, which must have much interest for Masonic students?

Yours truly,

MASONIC STUDENT.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A P.M. jewel has engraved upon it the 47th proposition, 1st Book Euclid's Elements. Kindly tell me what is the connection this proposition has with Masonry? The brethren here cannot enlighten me. I am a young M.M., therefore pray excuse my ignorance and the trouble I give you.

Yours fraternally,

J. W. MAYER.

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your account of the Grand Officers in your impression of last week, I observe that you describe Prince Leopold as W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. This is a mistake, as Bro. Reginald James Mure is the W.M. Prince Leopold is a member of the lodge, but at present holds no office in it.

Yours fraternally,

OCTAVIUS HENRY PEARSON, I.P.M. 10.

#### Review.

LA CHAÎNE D'UNION.

The May number of this interesting periodical, most ably edited by Bro. Hubert, is before us, and we venture to commend it to the attention of all who are anxious to know anything about French Freemasonry. The number for May is full of a vast deal of information, quite new to English brethren, and though we do not pretend to say that all French Masonic intelligence will commend itself to our English Craft, yet we can say this, that the *Chaine D'Union* deserves the perusal of all who can read and understand French.

Three memorial windows, by Messrs. Ward and Hughes, have been placed in the chancel of the Church of Teversal, Notts, in memory of the late Henrietta Anna, Countess of Carnarvon, by her tenantry and other friends, to record their gratitude for her unwearied beneficence and reverence for her Christian character.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE CHAPTER OF FELICITY, No. 58.

On Friday, the 27th ult., the Chapter of Felicity, No. 58, was consecrated by Bro. Dr. Hamilton, Grand Superintendent of Jamaica, at the City Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. He was assisted by Comp. John Boyd and Comp. Hyde Pullen as H. and J., and by Comp. H. G. Buss as D.C. The other companions present were: Comps. A. R. Marten, F. S. Knyvett, W. Smithett, O. H. Colvin, C. E. Smith, W. S. Crump, Fred W. Smith, Thos. Reynolds, jun., James Ford, Capt. N. G. Phillips, G.S.N.; Alex. Cameron, P.Z. 180; J. Reed, P.Z. 160; A. J. R. Trendell, P.S. 10; Edw. B. Grabham, 9; G. T. Carter, 27; John Large, H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*); W. Pink, 180; A. Tisley, 1319; Fred. H. Cozens, Org. 1216; John Hervey, G.S.E.; John A. Rucker, P.G.P.S.; Lovell Keys, 49.

After the chapter had been opened, the introductory portion of the ceremony performed, Comp. Hyde Pullen delivered an oration, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with. Comps. Theodore Distin, G. T. Carter, Fred H. Cozens, and J. Large performing the musical portion. When the chapter had been duly constituted, Comp. Arthur R. Marten was installed M.E.Z., Comp. F. Sumner Knyvett, H., and Comp. William Smithett J. Comp. O. H. Colvin was elected and invested as Treasurer, Comp. Charles E. Smith S.E., and Comp. Radford, janitor. The whole of the ceremony was most fluently and impressively performed, and when the ceremonies were over Comp. Knyvett proposed that Comps. Hyde Pullen, John Hervey, S.E., Capt. N. G. Phillips, H. G. Buss, and J. A. Rucker be elected honorary members of the chapter. The motion was seconded by the M.E.Z., who said that all the companions were much indebted to those companions for having so kindly given up a great deal of time and shown so vast an amount of ability in assisting in consecrating the chapter. It was a very small return to make to them to elect them honorary members of the chapter, and the members of the chapter wished them every happiness, and hoped that as often as they could use their privilege and come to visit them they would do so. The motion having been carried unanimously, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Hamilton for performing the ceremony of consecration with such distinguished ability.

Dr. Hamilton, in acknowledging the compliment, said that it was a labour of love to him to perform such a work, and he was very much pleased that his efforts had given satisfaction, though he felt he had not been in his usual training.

Comps. Hyde Pullen, Boyd, Buss, and Hervey also acknowledged the vote.

Comp. Knyvett then proposed, and Comp. Smithett seconded, the names of nine brethren as exalted at the next convocation of the chapter. One joining companion was proposed, and the chapter was afterwards closed.

Before adjourning to the banquet, the companions were shown a handsome present made to the chapter by Comp. Burroughes, which consisted of a handsome walnut-wood case containing three dozen firing-glasses, elegantly engraved. The banquet was then partaken of. It was of a recherché description, and was provided by Comp. G. S. States, the manager of the club.

When the banquet was disposed of, the M.E.Z. proposed the customary R.A. toasts. After disposing of that of "The Queen," and "The Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," he proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, H.; and Lord De Tabley, J.; and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Lord Skelmersdale, who had been invited to attend, had written to say that he had every evening fully engaged up to the end of June, and he exceedingly regretted he could not be among the companions. Many of these evenings would be spent in the service of Masonry, and the companions fully appreciated how hard the noble companion's work was as a Grand Officer. The other Grand Officers also did their very utmost to promote the good of Freemasonry. Some of them were present, and among them was Grand Scribe E., whom it was no small pleasure to the companions to see among them. He was a very old visitor at the Lodge of Felicity, and he was present there when he (the M.E.Z.) was initiated in Freemasonry. So often was he a visitor there, that any of their meetings without him were incomplete.

Comp. Hervey, in reply, said the M.E.Z. in proposing the toast had done so, much too kindly and favourably, as far as he (Comp. Hervey) was concerned. He did not remember that he was present in Lodge of Felicity when the M.E.Z. was initiated; but such was the case with many brethren—they forgot things which had passed but a very short time ago, and yet recollected things which had occurred many years ago. The M.E.Z. had run his course thus far very rapidly, and they found him now at the head of a new chapter, which he hoped was destined to play an important part in the Masonic body of the country. He would not take out of the hands of Comp. Dr. Hamilton what he would say at a later period of the evening, but would content himself with thanking the M.E.Z. and the companions for the toast. He felt also that he ought to thank the chapter for having so kindly elected him an hon. member. He was taken quite by surprise that such a proposition was made, because he had done nothing to deserve it. As far as he was concerned he felt that he had simply to look on and admire the manner in which the ceremony was performed, and all must confess that it was admirably performed. He had no claim and no expectation to be among the honorary members; but as they had done him the honour to make him one, he had nothing to do but to accept the compliment, and to thank the companions for it. The peculiar honour, though most gratifying, was quite undeserved. For the rest of the Grand Officers he



might say they felt equally honoured, and they were equally pleased, and as deeply impressed with the ceremony as he had been himself.

The M.E.Z., in giving the next toast, "The Consecrating Officers," said, on a June evening, some 140 years ago, the Earl of Darnley went to the Gun Tavern, in St. James's-street, to consecrate the Lodge of Felicity. On a May evening in 1877 the Grand Master of Jamaica had done the companions the honour to come to the City Masonic Club to consecrate the Chapter of Felicity. He asked the companions to drink his very good health, thanking him very cordially indeed for the kindness he had shown them in coming to take the very arduous and onerous burden upon him of the work which he had done that night. With him he coupled the other companions who had so kindly and readily given their time and ability to assist him, and to make the ceremony successful, which, he was quite sure, would live in the minds of all who witnessed it as long as they remembered the ritual of R.A. Masonry. It was the first consecration of a chapter he had seen; but he was quite sure, that although some of the companions had seen many, none of them could have seen a consecration performed in a more solemn, careful, and thoughtful way than that of that evening. He coupled with Dr. Hamilton's name the names of Comp. Boyd, Comp. Hyde Pullen, and Comp. Buss, thanking them at the same time for the great services they had rendered to the chapter.

Comp. Dr. Hamilton, in replying, said he remembered reading some time ago in a leading article—he was not sure whether it was in the *Daily News* or the *Daily Telegraph*, a paragraph, in which it was said that something or other was like the Provincial Grand Masters in Masonry, who might be compared to the fifth wheel of a carriage, more for ornament than for use. Now, while he did not repudiate the last part of the simile, he was happy to say, from the expressions which had fallen from the M.E.Z. that night, he believed it was felt that a District Grand Master, or Superintendent, could do some little good, and that they were not all like the fifth wheel of a carriage, only to be admired. He was greatly obliged to the M.E.Z. for the honour he had done him in asking him to consecrate this chapter. He was about to return soon to his own province, so that he could not hope to see the companions of this chapter very often, but as Jamaica was but the short distance of a three weeks' voyage, it was more than probable he would soon be back again. When he came back he hoped to have an opportunity of witnessing the progress which this chapter should have made. It was one thing to do work, but to have that work carried out properly it was necessary to have assistance, and, as they well knew, if everything had succeeded that evening it was because others had so admirably filled the different parts of it, and made of them a good whole. As those companions were present, perhaps they might have their own opinions; and as they had all taken part in the ceremony, and had also had the honour of being elected honorary members of the chapter as well as himself, he should simply return thanks generally for them, and particularly for himself, leaving them to express their own views of the honour which had been done them.

Comp. Hyde Pullen said he thanked the companions for electing him and his companions to the honorary membership of the chapter. He would say for them as well as for himself, that they would watch with something more than simple and common interest to see the progress the chapter made. It was something to start a chapter like this; it was something more to keep the chapter in all its excellence, through all its workings, trials, and difficulties, and steer it through troubled waters which it might encounter; but he hoped and trusted that however great or difficult those trials and troubles might be, the head of the chapter, from time to time, might have the capacity to steer through them. If the Consecrating Officers had by their little efforts given satisfaction, pleasure, or gratification to the companions, they were pleased, and they could only trust that the success of the chapter would be all that the members of it desired.

Dr. Hamilton proposed "The M.E.Z., and the two other Principals," and in the course of his address said he hoped for the chapter all the good which Comp. Hyde Pullen had wished. He complimented the M.E.Z. on obtaining that high position, and said that a great responsibility rested upon him, but there was no doubt whatever that he was fully alive to that, and would discharge his duties efficiently. The companions knew the M.E.Z. better than he (Dr. Hamilton) did. They knew he was an earnest Mason, and would perform his work with zeal and fidelity, that he would strictly adhere to the forms and ceremonies, and would be as able throughout his year as he had shown himself that night.

The M.E.Z. in reply said that for the confidence the companions had shown in him he hoped he should prove himself grateful. He trusted he should not abuse that confidence, and that the chapter would even exceed the anticipations which had been entertained of it. They had had an excellent example set them by the lodge to which the chapter was attached, and which had been established since 1737. It had always been a bright and shining light in Masonry. It was a small lodge, but by its working in the Craft had obtained a high position. It was selected as one of the Grand Stewards' Lodges, and had done much good in the cause of Freemasonry. In addition to returning Grand Stewards it had within the last five years provided a Treasurer, a President, and a Secretary to the Board of Grand Stewards. The chapter would follow the example of the lodge; and from what he knew of the members of the lodge who had been proposed that evening as candidates for exaltation, he saw before the Chapter of Felicity a bright and glorious future.

In giving "The Health of the Visitors" the M.E.Z. said they were honoured that evening by the presence of several distinguished visitors. It had always been in Freemasonry one of the stand-points to shew hospitality

as well as good brotherhood and charity. In the Lodge of Felicity they had always prided themselves on their pleasure at seeing visitors, and he trusted that the chapter would not be behind the lodge in the virtue of hospitality.

Comp. J. A. Rucker, P.G.P.S., said he could very well understand what the M.E.Z. said with reference to the Lodge of Felicity. Although he had never had the pleasure of being there, he had often heard of it much in the same terms as the M.E.Z. had expressed. He would not detain the companions by expatiating on the enjoyment he had experienced by what he had heard at the consecration ceremony, but he should feel that he was doing an injustice to himself if he did not personally express the very great pleasure he had had in the work which had been done. He earnestly prayed that the work in the chapter that night might be only a simple augury of what would be done in the future. They could hardly desire to improve on what they had seen and heard, but they could earnestly desire to follow it closely.

Major Shadwell Clarke in responding said he was in the position of one who had to speak at a late period of the evening, when all the pretty things and true things which he might wish to say had been said before his turn came. As he did not like to plagiarise he must content himself by keeping to the simple facts. In his own instance, as in the instance of the other companions, he had been honoured by the invitation he had had to visit the chapter. They had met some very pleasant companions, they had seen some excellent work, they had had a capital dinner, they had received great kindness and hospitality, and for all these many blessings they were deeply thankful.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Officers of the Chapter." They had not appointed many officers that evening. As there were so many distinguished Craft Masons proposed for exaltation they had left that open till another evening. They had, however appointed a Treasurer and Scribe E., and what they had known of them for some time warranted them in saying that their duties would be properly discharged.

Comp. O. H. Colvin replied, and said they had honoured him by making him Treasurer of funds they had not got. But he was very proud of the office, and would do all in his power to deserve their confidence.

This closed the business of the evening, which was enlivened by some beautiful part singing by Comps. Theodore Distin, G. T. Carter, and J. Large.

The Janitor's toast was given before the companions separated, and the companions left the City Masonic Club with hearty good wishes for the success of the Chapter of Felicity.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

The consecration of this, the latest addition to the rapidly increasing roll of lodges of the Mark Degree, took place at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 27th ult. Bro. F. Binckes, the Grand Secretary of this degree, officiated, and was ably supported by the following brethren, viz., Jas. Stevens, as S.W.; S. Lazarus, J.W.; C. F. Matier, Chap.; and J. B. Shackleton, I.G. The officers and brethren engaged in the interesting ceremony having taken their respective places, Bro. Binckes proceeded with the consecration, which was performed in that brother's usual able and impressive style, giving the customary oration with an eloquence seldom equalled and never excelled.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration the chair was taken by Bro. C. F. Matier, who in an impressive manner installed the W.M. designate, Bro. J. B. Shackleton. This duty performed, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Meyer, S.W.; H. Meyer, J.W.; Dietrich, M.O.; Fieldwick, S.O.; Lovelock, J.O.; Stokes, Reg.; Bonner, S.D.; Dietrich, Org.; Lorkin, I.G.; and Gilchrist, Tyler. The other appointments were left open till next meeting.

A special dispensation having been obtained from the Grand Master, the following brethren were advanced at an early hour, so as to enable the new members of the Order to be present at the consecration and installation, viz.: Bros. Fieldwick, Lorkin, W. Ferrar, Johnson, Delafons, Lovelock, Dietrich, Stokes, Godfrey, Bonner, G. Ferrar, Kelday, Brewster, and Thompson, S.C.

Several brethren were proposed for advancement at the next meeting, and after electing as honorary members the brethren who had taken part in the consecration and installation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, to which full justice was rendered.

The cloth having been removed the usual loyal toasts, and those peculiar to the Mark Degree were given and responded to.

After replying to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," Bro. F. Binckes proposed "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," congratulating him upon the position he had attained in the Mark Degree, concluding by wishing prosperity to the lodge and its members.

The W.M. having suitably responded on behalf of himself and his officers, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bro. S. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239, responded.

Some other toasts having been given the Tyler's toast ended the proceedings of an evening agreeably spent.

**VISIT OF "GRECIANS" TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM.**—On Tuesday afternoon the Grecians of Christ's Hospital were taken by Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, the head master of the college, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, the treasurer, (W.M., Lodge 1657), to inspect the antiquities in the Assyrian galleries of the British Museum. They were met at the Museum by Dr. Samuel Kinns, F.R.A.S., who conducted them through the rooms, and delivered an entertaining and instructive lecture on the History, Manners, and Customs of the Assyrians, as

illustrated by the various bas-reliefs, bronzes, vases, &c., contained in this valuable collection.

A meeting of the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Thursday next, May 17th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, at half-past three o'clock precisely.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, R. W. Giraud, J. Newton, F. Adlard, Capt. John Wordsworth, Raynham W. Stewart, J. M. Case, Griffiths Smith, C. J. Remont, Geo. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Stephen, I. A. Mansfield, James Brett, W. Hilton, L. Stean, M. Levy, Hyde Pullen, C. F. Hogard, H. Massey, (Freemason), and J. Terry, (Secretary).

Bro. Terry reported that the death of four annuitants had taken place, viz., Bro. Robert Old, after having received his annuity to the total amount of £383; Bro. John Wood, £39; Bro. D. S. Potts, £111; and Mary Richards, £277 5s.

Bro. Terry then read a letter from Bro. J. A. Farnfield, with respect to the field opposite the asylum at Croydon, which the Institution sought to lease. The lessors had waived their objections, for the lease was then completed. Bro. Terry then obtained the authority of the Committee to lodge the deeds with the bankers of the institution.

The Wardens' report was then read, giving an account of the amateur musical entertainment given by the Croydon Amateurs, through Dr. Strong, to the inmates of the Asylum.

The attendances of the different members of the Committee of management were then read by Bro. Terry, and the retiring members, Bros. J. Bellerly, R. W. Stewart, and R. W. Little, were nominated for re-election.

The Draft report of the Committee to be read on Friday next was submitted to the Committee and approved.

Bro. Griffiths Smith moved, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the following resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this Committee the accommodation provided for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in Freemasons' Hall, is totally inadequate for the increased and increasing labours which have to be performed, and that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to ascertain what better accommodation can be provided.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The chairman said that the accommodation was really so limited as to be no accommodation at all.

The Committee then adjourned.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY.

We announced Bro. Gouley's tragic death in our last. We take the following obituary of our distinguished and lamented brother from the *Keystone*, which has justly commended his worth:—

Bro. Gouley was made a Mason during his residence in Washington. Soon after settling in St. Louis he became a member of Missouri Lodge, No. 1; St. Louis R.A. Chapter, No. 8, and St. Louis Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. In 1864 he became the assistant of Bro. Anthony O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Masonic bodies of Missouri, and immediately after Bro. O'Sullivan's death in 1866, Bro. Gouley was chosen Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Missouri, to which position he has been annually elected ever since. He also succeeded to the office of Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of all the other Masonic bodies of the York Rite; and was appointed chairman of the various committees on foreign correspondence year after year, for eleven successive years. Bro. Gouley was also Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri. He filled all his Masonic offices with marked ability and honour, and performed all his Masonic duties with zeal and fidelity. He was an acknowledged power in the Masonic fraternity of Missouri, and won a national reputation as a Masonic writer. For several years he edited and published the *St. Louis Freemason*, a Masonic journal, which gained a wide circulation and influence amongst the Craft.

Bro. Gouley's body was taken, after the accident, to the Masonic Hall, where it was laid in state from Friday until the burial on Sunday. It was placed in a handsome casket, mounted upon a catafalque, and surrounded with flowers arranged as Masonic emblems. The coffin lid bore the inscription: "George Frank Gouley, Past Master Missouri Lodge, No. 1, R.W. Grand Secretary M.W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, A. F. and A. M. Died April 11, 1877. Aged 45 years."

A guard of honour of Knights Templar was in attendance, detailed from St. Louis Commandery, No. 1; Ivanhoe, No. 8; Ascalon, No. 16; and St. Aldemar, No. 18. Missouri Lodge conducted the services at the Hall. A lodge was opened at 1 p.m., and the members escorted to the large room under escort of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

The following was the order of the funeral exercises:—Prayer. Hymn. Address by M.W. Xenophon Ryland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Address by W. Bro. John Goodin, P.M. of Missouri Lodge, No. 1.

Missouri Lodge No. 1, having the place of honour, then took the casket in charge, and the funeral procession formed, with the Knights Templar in front of the hearse and pall bearers, followed by the Master Masons. The



procession was a very large one. The body was taken to Bellefontaine cemetery and placed in a vault, where it is to remain for ten days, when it will be brought East, and finally interred in Wilmington, Delaware.

#### BRO. JOSEPH SAMUEL PULLIN.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Joseph Samuel Pullin, one of the oldest members of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, which took place at Old Windsor on the 19th ult. Bro. Pullin was initiated in the Etonian Lodge in 1856, elected to the chair in 1860, during the three following years he filled the office of Secretary, and from 1864 to 1875, inclusive, that of Treasurer. Bro. Pullin during his lifetime, by his general urbanity and kindness, made many friends. In the lodge his death will cause a gap which cannot easily be filled, he being essentially one of those truly Masonic men whose absence the brethren will sincerely deplore.

#### A FEAST OF UNREASON.

We have received the official transactions of the Grand Orient of France, at its Annual Assembly in September last, and feel it is a duty to call attention to the treatment of a most important question, that the Masons of this continent may be enabled to judge how much claim the Grand Orient really has to be considered and treated as a Masonic organisation.

The first section of the French Constitution contains these words:—"Freemasonry is based on the existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul," than which nothing could be more strictly and literally true. It is clearer and more direct than the language employed in the Ancient Charges published with the first English Constitution, and still regarded as declaring the foundation of the principles of the Craft, thus:

"A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, what ever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only obtain that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour or honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry became the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance."

Of which, it may be explained that the words "irreligious libertine" mean what our modern euphuists call a Freethinker, or, in plain English, one who scouts at the existence of God, and hence at all religion, so that it is a law frequently enunciated in our lodges that "No atheist can be made a Mason." On this point there can be no compromise. A candidate may affect any religious belief he chooses, and we have nothing to say, but he must answer affirmatively the question, "Do you believe in the existence of God, the Almighty and ever living," or we cannot admit him.

When, therefore, any body of men departs from this, the original plan of Freemasonry, it steps at once beyond the pale, and ceases to be Masonic, in fact, whatever it may call itself.

Starting from this point, the reader will be able to appreciate the action of the French Orient, to which we now proceed to call attention. A proposition was presented to the body to strike from the Constitution the words quoted above. It was referred to a committee, which reported in favour of indefinite postponement. Upon this a lengthy debate ensued, and as the speakers were requested to furnish copies of their argument, in writing, to the Secretary, we are justified in believing that they are fairly reported in the volume before us. We cannot of course, give these arguments in extenso, but we select a few paragraphs to show the avowed belief of the speakers. The first one said: "I recognise the fact that Masonry is neither Deism, Atheism, nor even Positivism. As an institution affirming and practising human unity, it is a stranger to every dogma or religious creed whatever. Its only basis is absolute respect for liberty of conscience. In matters of fact it neither affirms nor denies anything, hence our doors open with equal facility to the Protestant and the Catholic; the Mussulman and the Christian; the Atheist and the Deist."

A speaker on the other side remarked: "I am in favour of absolute liberty of conscience. You cannot change the fact that an immense majority of the Masons, spread over the surface of the globe, believe in the Great Architect of the Universe and in the immortality of the soul; yet this in no wise affects the liberty of conscience, since it is provided in paragraph 3 that Masonry regards the liberty of conscience as the personal right of every man, and excludes no man for his belief. Let me relate a fact recently occurring in a lodge. A candidate, with excellent recommendations, was unanimously accepted. Before his final admission, however, he was asked, among other things, whether he ever prayed, and upon his answer, that in moments of suffering he had addressed his prayers to the Supreme Being, twenty-seven black balls were cast against him, and initiation was refused! And yet our lodges will admit a candidate who believes in nothing." Another insisted that the contradiction of requiring belief in God, and at the same time according perfect liberty of conscience, must be cured by striking out one or the other, and as a belief in God is a form of religion (Deism), and Masonry cannot be the champion of one form more than another, the first should be stricken. And so of others. Finally the vote was taken, when sixty-five voted in favour of indefinite postponement, and one hundred and ten for accepting the proposed amendment and sending it to the subordinates for discussion preparatory to final action next year.

This, of course, is not such action as would justify any one in saying that French Masonry has become Atheistic, nor that the amendment will be finally adopted, but it does demonstrate that in the French lodges an Atheist can be initiated, which, as has been seen, they justify under the plea of perfect liberty of conscience. As will also have been seen, Masonry proper limits this liberty, and it does so on the ground that to one that has no belief in God conscience is an idle term, having no fixed standard and no boundary but such as the individual himself may fix. The conclusion is inevitable that the Grand Orient of France is not a Masonic organisation, and that its adepts do not receive at its hands what it has not given, Ancient Craft Masonry, and that the sooner Masons everywhere disentangle themselves from its alliance the better it will be for them and for the institution. *New York Dispatch.*

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

We are informed that Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been appointed Great Prior of the Order of the Temple (Ireland), in the place of the Marquis of Conyngham. His installation will take place shortly in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin.

#### HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).

The consecration of this lodge, which bears the name of the esteemed Preceptor of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, and late collector for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will take place on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the Prince George, Park-road, Dalston. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be worked by Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. The officers designate are Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; Frank Fellows, S.W.; and E. F. Storr, J.W. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. George Bilby.

The dedication and consecration of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, will take place on Tuesday week, the 24th inst., at the Town Hall, Newark-upon-Trent. The ceremonies, commencing at 2 o'clock, will be performed by V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by P.G. and P.P.G. Officers of the Province of Nottinghamshire. The W.M. designate is Bro. Wm. Newton, P.M., and P.P.G. Registrar.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Louise, the Marquis of Lorne, the Lord Mayor, the Dukes of Westminster and Sutherland, and a numerous company were present at the Grosvenor Gallery, on Wednesday evening. The gallery was decorated with the choicest exotic plants, and lit up with crimson coloured lamps.

**ROYAL LITERARY FUND.**—The eighty-eighth anniversary dinner took place at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday evening, the Earl of Derby (president), being in the chair.

The installation of Bro. Montague John Guest as R.W. Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Dorset, will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, under the presidency of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge will assemble at the Masonic Hall, Wimborne Minster, at 2 p.m. precisely. Among the distinguished brethren who are expected to be present we may mention His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W. Prov. Grand Master Lincolnshire; Lord Holmesdale, R.W.P.G.M. Kent; Lord Methuen, R.W.P.G.M. Wilts.; Sir George Elliot, R.W. Prov. G.M. South Wales, E. Division; Lord Donoughmore, Past Grand Warden; Lord H. Thynne; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treas.; Wilhelm Kue, P.G.O., and Sir Albert Woods. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The foundation-stone of the first building to be erected specially for the purposes of the National Penny Bank, will be laid in Great Eastern-street, Shoreditch, on Tuesday next, at 5 o'clock, by Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.

A report of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, will be given in our next.

The South-Eastern Railway intends to run (in connection with the Granville) during the whole of the summer season the special train to Ramsgate. It will leave Charing-cross and Cannon-street every Friday, and do the journey in the short time of a little over one hour and a half.

The Inverboyndie Distillery, near Banff, has been burnt to the ground, damage being done to the amount of £9000.

The *Times* is requested to contradict the rumour of the sudden death of Mrs. Bravo, which appeared in a provincial paper last Friday, and was copied into a London evening contemporary on Saturday.

The word "Bankrupt" is derived from two Italian ones, banco rotto, broken bench; because bankers and merchants used formerly to count their money and write bills of exchange on benches in the street, and when a banker or merchant lost his credit, and was unable to pay his debts, his bench was broken.—*City Press.*

**MACE FUND.**—Bro. W. Portlock Dadson's letter on this subject reached us, unfortunately, too late for insertion in this week's issue. The communication shall appear in our next number.

The Volunteer Inter-Regimental match was shot off on Wednesday, from teams selected from upwards of sixty corps throughout the United Kingdom. In each case the shooting took place at the three ranges of 200, 500, and 600 yards, Wimbledon targets. It will be some time before the complete returns are obtained in order to ascertain the final results.

#### FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

##### CENTENNIAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

This anniversary occasion was suitably observed on Thursday, March 8th, by our Massachusetts brethren, and a large number of invited guests. Massachusetts Freemasonry dates from 1733, when Henry Price was made Provincial Grand Master. In 1769 the Grand Lodge of Scotland commissioned Joseph Warren to be Grand Master of New England, and afterwards increased his authority to cover the whole of North America. In 1777, after the Revolution had progressed too far to admit of any compromise between the colonies and the mother country, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts declared itself independent, and from that time forward has exercised all the rights and privileges of a sovereign Grand Body. It was the anniversary of such new departure made a hundred years ago that was celebrated on the March 8th. A select re-union and banquet, at which about 300 Masons were present; an address by Grand Master Everett, and an historical oration by Past Grand Master Charles L. Woodbury, constituted the order of the day. The exercises were of great interest and most suitable to the day and the dignity of Freemasonry.

##### GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS.

The proceedings of this Grand Body with accompanying papers make a volume of almost 300 pages, for Texas, like California, gives in print the number of its entire membership, and in a jurisdiction of some 400 lodges these names of themselves take a good deal of room. The Report on Correspondence, from the pen of the R.W. Bro. Cushing, is brief and to the point. Considerable space is given to Ontario, the matter being of more than ordinary interest, as Texas had given its recognition to the Grand Lodge of Ontario soon after the formation of the last named body. After presenting the case, with the arguments relied on by the opposing parties, the committee came to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Ontario has no legal Masonic existence, and recommend a resolution annulling the act of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, passed by the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1875.

##### GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND.

On the 13th March the seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, was held. Grand High Priest Wardwell presided with grace and dignity. His address was brief and to the point, setting forth his official acts for the year, and giving a general account of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. A considerable amount of business was transacted, including the adoption of a new Constitution, the merits of which were fully discussed. M.E. Comp. W. T. C. Wardwell received the compliment of an unanimous re-election to the office of Grand High Priest, and the other officers were chosen with a substantial unanimity. M.W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master of Masons, administered the official obligation and installed Comp. Wardwell into his high office, after which the other officers were duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

##### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 18, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

##### SATURDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
" 176, Caveau, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

##### MONDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
" 136, Good Report, Cannon-street Hot.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
Chap. 720, Panmure, Morris Tav., Kennington.  
Rose Croix, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

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Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.



St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

## TUESDAY, MAY 15.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.  
Lodge 163, Honour and Generosity.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
" 857, St. Mark's Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 569, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beaumont, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 1381, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot. Fleet-st.  
Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany, Twickenham.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
" 1623, West Smithfield, Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.  
Mark Lodge, 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.  
Encampment E., Observance, 14, Bedford-rd.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Fusbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, MAY 18.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
Encampment 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 19, 1877.

## MONDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess, Preston.  
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, Custom's Buildings, B.-in-Far-ness.  
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1398, Ballwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.  
Egerton Mark Lodge 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
Walton Red Cross Con., 66, St. Lawrence's School, Livrpl.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bottle L. of I., 146, Berry-st.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

Lodge 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
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### JANE WHITEMAN,

Widow of the late Dr. R. Harland Whiteman, of Putney, who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Unions, now No. 256, in the year 1854, and served the office of W. Master in the year 1860. He was also one of the founders of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, and served the office of W. Master in the year 1861. He served as Steward to all the Masonic Charities, and qualified as a Life Governor on such occasions, he was also an Annual Subscriber. Dr. Whiteman carried on his profession of a Surgeon, at Putney, but owing to a painful disease, from which he suffered, his practice decreased to a considerable extent during the last few years of his life; and at his death, on the 29th August, 1876, it was sold, realising a small sum sufficient only to pay the funeral expenses and his debts. The case is strongly recommended by:—

- Bro. Rev. D. J. Drakeford, W.M. 256, Elm-grove, Sydenham.  
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**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION** for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.—MAY ELECTION, 1877.—The Votes and Influence of the Governors and Subscribers are respectfully solicited on behalf of

### AMY RACKSTRAW,

Aged 76, Widow of Bro. William Rackstraw, (formerly of the Gun Tavern, Pimlico, and the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge), who was for forty-eight years a zealous and liberal supporter of Freemasonry, having been initiated in 1818 in the Old Concord Lodge, subsequently Father of the Albion Lodge, Treasurer for twenty-two years of the Masonic Benevolent Society, and a prominent member of the St. Luke's, Faith, United Strength, Beadon, and Royal Alfred Lodges, Mount Sinai Chapter, &c. A series of pecuniary misfortunes and severe illness during her eleven years' widowhood render this appeal urgently necessary, as Mrs. Rackstraw is unable to contribute towards her own support by reason of advanced age and acute chronic rheumatism. Her case is earnestly recommended by—

- Bro. \*J. Smith, P.G. Purs., 14, Greek-street, Soho, W.  
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**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION**.—MAY ELECTION, 1877.—Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

### MRS. ALLATSON,

Sixty-three years of age, Widow of the late Bro. William Allatson, Watch Maker in the Old Bailey for nearly thirty years, was a Member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, nearly eighteen years, till his death on the 29th of August, 1869. His Widow is now totally unprovided for, and resides at 31, Mansion House-street, Kennington. The Case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

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### BRO. GEORGE SMITH,

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).—**This lodge held its last regular meeting of the season at the Guildhall Coffee-house on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Lefaux, I.P.M. (who presided in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Smith, from domestic affliction), assisted by Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M., as S.W. pro. tem., and Bro. Charles Davey, J.W., also Bros. Wm. Ansell, P.M.; Joseph Harling, P.M.; Jesse Turner, P.M. and Treas.; R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; H. Cosedge, J.D.; S. Hoare, D.C.; A. Coudry, Organist; J. W. Crossley, I.G., and other brethren and visitors. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and Bro. Marks having proved his efficiency, the lodge was opened in ancient form in the Second Degree, when Bro. Marks was regularly introduced and passed to the degree of F.C. The lodge was closed in due form in the Second Degree, when Bro. A. Lefaux, I.P.M., informed the lodge that a serious domestic affliction had occurred to the esteemed W.M., which prevented his attendance. On a motion duly proposed and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, "That the lodge having heard with sincere regret the serious domestic affliction which had befallen their highly esteemed and respected Bro. Thomas Smith, W.M., beg to assure him of their sincere sympathy in the hour of trial, and trust it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant him every support and consolation under the painful circumstances which have attended his bereavement, and that a copy be forwarded to Bro. Smith." In order to assist the funds of the Masonic charities, it was resolved that 20 per cent. be deducted from the annual subscriptions for that special purpose. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. A. Lefaux," who presided in the absence of the W.M., said: Brethren, the only toast I have the pleasure of proposing is that of our I.P.M., Bro. A. Lefaux, who has so ably presided over us this evening. Let us give honour to him to whom honour is due. I, as an old P.M. of this lodge, must say, and those present will agree with me, that the manner in which the ceremonies have been performed by him during his year of office, and on the present occasion, reflects great credit. He not only enters into the duties with ability, zeal, and energy, but endeavours to carry that true Masonic spirit away from here into the outside world, hoping he may be spared to be in our midst for many years to come. Bro. Lefaux, in reply, said:—Brethren, I thank you very much for the very cordial manner in which the last toast has been received and responded to, and can assure you I do not look upon it as an empty compliment coming from the members of this lodge, feeling that, during my year of office, I gained the good wishes and respect of the brethren of our ancient lodge, and it is still more gratifying to find I still retain them. I little thought I should have the pleasure of once more occupying my old seat. It is my good fortune, but, unhappily, our respected W.M.'s misfortune—you all know the reason of his absence to-night. We can, indeed, brethren, congratulate ourselves upon the prosperity of our old lodge. The Treasurer has a good balance in hand, and we mean for him to always have a good balance, in that as well as in every other respect. We are not united in name only, but in reality. We have individually and collectively sent a good sum of money to the various charities connected with our Order, and trust ere this year closes we may be enabled to send a still larger amount. I hope we shall all meet at our next gathering in October in as good health and spirits as on the present occasion. Bro. Lefaux, W.M., P.M., then proposed "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," viz., Bros. Jesse Turner, Wm. Ansell, J. Harling, and J. Driscoll, to which the worthy P.M.'s severally responded. To "The Health of the Visitors" Bro. Mather, P.M. 65 and 1471, responded, expressing his great pleasure at the good working of the lodge, and the truly fraternal reception that himself and brother visitors had received that evening, and hoped, on a future occasion, to have the pleasure of paying a visit to the United Mariners' Lodge. The Tyler's toast concluded a very happy evening.

**EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—**This lodge met on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Swan Tavern,

Battersea. Bro. Gibson was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bros. Goutham and Kempster, P.M.'s., and the W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. Joseph, S.W.; Miller, J.W.; Pidditch, S.D.; Sinclair, J.D.; Young, I.G.; Giles, D.C.; and Austin, W.S. The following visitors were present: Bros. Thos. Read, 913; Geo. Jeffery, P.M. 7; H. E. Wallace, S.W. 33; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. 1237; F. H. Meredith, W.M. 1257; C. W. Hudson, J.W. 315; W. Grove, I.G. 749; L. Coleman, 186; Major A. G. J. Jocelyn; John Osborn, Sec. 1602; Chas. F. Poupard, W.M. 1441; P. Cooke, W.M. 1044; John Elliott, W.M. 1348; F. Binckes, G.S.; Thos. Baxter, 145; G. J. Carter, 145; and S. A. Ardotti, 145. After the labours of the evening the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent repast. Several excellent speeches were made, and many capital songs sang during the evening.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—**An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Thursday, May 3rd. Bros. Williams, in the chair; Kingham, S.W.; Side, J.W., owing to the absence of Bro. Douglass, through indisposition; Willing, jun., P.M. and Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Scaler, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; H. Stiles, I.G.; P.M. Michael; Bros. Tuck, Solomon, Saintsbury, Hewison, Brooker, Gilbert, Child, Lovegrove, Rogers. Visitors: Bros. Dyer, P.M.; Fortescue, Pinhey, Harris, Levy, and many others were present. Bros. Boschart, Trotman, and Bruton were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. Hatch, Pouchot, Edmonds, and Wiltshire were passed Fellow Crafts, and Messrs. Fortescue, Parfitt, Denham, and Tombs having been balloted for, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremonies being given in a distinct and emphatic manner. This being the last meeting at the Club, owing to the great increase of members, 218, was voted towards the testimonial to Bro. W. Smith, which is being raised by a committee of the lodges and chapters meeting at Anderson's Hotel, of which committee Bro. Willing, Treasurer, is chairman. The testimonial is to be presented on Bro. Smith having completed his twenty-third year of service. Bro. McEwan was unanimously elected a joining member, and the brethren, nearly sixty in number, sat down to a most excellent banquet, and separated after a very pleasant evening. The next meeting will be the installation of Bro. Kingham, which will take place in October.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—**Saturday last was the occasion of the usual quarterly assemblage of the brethren of No. 1559, but considering the total strength of the members' list, and the fact that the lodge meets but four times in the year, the muster of members upon the present occasion was a wretchedly poor one. The hour for opening lodge was 3 p.m., and punctuality was observed to a greater degree upon the present occasion than we ever remember to have been the case before. The W.M. and Sec. were the first on the scene of action, but the Deacons were close at their heels; the two initiates however by the respect they showed for time give promise of future excellence in the matter of punctual attendance. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Keeble, P.M., the following officers occupying their respective posts at one time or other during the afternoon: Bros. Walter B. Woodman, I.P.M. and W.S.; E. Thielay, S.W.; Walter Simmons, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, J.D.; Solomon Jewell, I.G.; T. Grumman, Sec.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer. The following brethren were also in attendance: Bros. H. Henton, Moss, Ernest Smith, Cowley, Metham, Steers, Buck, Macgillivray, Knibbs, Swain, Thornton, Willson, C. J. Hogg, P.M., P.G.S. Visitors: Bros. John Keeble, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M.; G. Andrews, P.M.; Aimé Hugon, 145; Kitson, Wellington, Bonner, 1287, and one or two others who did not sign the book. Lodge having been duly opened, Bros. Swain and Thornton, candidates for passing, were interrogated. The ballot having been favourably taken for Messrs. Stephen Wise and Edmund Fry, they were admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Swain and Thornton were then passed to the degree of a F.C., and subsequently Bros. Knibbs and Willson were similarly privileged. The W.M. having risen thrice (two gentlemen for initiation at the next meeting being proposed), the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given the I.P.M., Bro. W. Woodman, gave "The Health of the W.M." in his usual happy and facetious manner. The W.M. in replying regretted that sickness at home, as well as his own ill-health, had operated against his working in the manner he should have liked, but he should during his year of office do just as well as he was able to, and more than this the brethren could not expect. We may here put in a word to the effect that Bro. Keeble, although struggling hard against severe indisposition, acquitted himself in a highly satisfactory manner. "The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Fry replied on behalf of himself and fellow initiate. The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Ives, Andrews, and Bonner. To "The Officers" Bro. Jewell replied, and "The Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. C. J. Hogg, P.G.S., evoked from that brother one of his interesting addresses. Some capital harmony was extracted from Bros. P. H. Woodman, Swain, Louis Beck, Bonner, and Steers, while Bro. Hogg delighted his hearers with his clever recital of "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

**RAVENSBORNE LODGE (No. 1601).—**The first anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, April 27th, in the Board Room of the Lewisham Board of Works, Catford Bridge. The Rev. W. Taylor Jones, W.M.; C. W. Thompson, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Bache Roberts, J.W.; Nelson Reed, S.D.; Dr. Steele, J.D.; F. Burdett, I.G.; and Shaw, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Magnus Ohren, J. Terry, Sec., Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; W. J. Tasman, J. Kimpton, A. G. Hennell, C. Couchman, R. Moss, S. Jerrard,

B. Horton, W. H. Young, L. Sindell, E. Howard, &c., and the following visitors:—E. Rumsey, P.M. 235; T. Sewell, P.M. 21; Henley, 181; G. Honey, 1319; Laver, P.M. 211; C. Thomas, 969; J. Norton, 969; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158; (Freemason), Littell, P.M. 860; Bishop, P.M. 66; David James, ("Our Boys"), P.M. 969; H. Neville, (Olympic Theatre), W. Smallpiece, P.M. 1395; C. Stewart, 1319; Sir John Bennett, No. 1; Todd, P.M. 183; A. Stewart, 969; R. Smith, 101; J. W. Burt, W.M. 18; J. West, P.M. 548; Fletcher, 1050; F. Keiley, P.M. 1293; and Prov. Grand Treasurer for Middlesex; Wilcox, 1752; Sanders, 905; and Harcourt, 1319; &c. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. F. E. Wilkinson, P.M., presented Bro. C. W. Thompson, the W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, the retiring W.M., the benefit of installation, and it was unanimously admitted that that important rite as well as the concluding addresses, were never delivered in a more correct, able, and impressive manner than was done by the reverend brother on this occasion. The new W.M. having been duly installed into the chair by a Board of Installed Masters, and the brethren below the chair admitted, he appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Roberts, S.W.; Nelson Reed, J.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.M., Treasurer; S. Edwards, Secretary; the Rev. Taylor Jones, I.P.M., Chaplain; Francis Burdett, S.D.; Magnus Ohren, J.D.; S. J. Jerrard, I.G.; Dr. F. E. Wilkinson, P.M., and Dr. C. Steele, P.M., Stewards; H. Shaw, Tyler. At the conclusion of the investment of the officers a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones on his retirement from the chair, which he suitably acknowledged. After some other business had been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren, according to previous arrangement, proceeded to the Ship and Turtle, in Leadenhall-street, where the installation banquet was to take place. Shortly after seven o'clock the brethren sat down, the W.M. presiding, and all the officers in their proper places, and one of the most recherché banquets was served up ever seen in Bro. Painter's famed hotel, and from its variety, quality, and quantity it really left nothing to be desired. On the withdrawal of the cloth, and grace said, the W.M. rose and said he hoped that night the brethren would not complain of long speeches, as they all knew what were the Masonic toasts, and they might always be given in a few words. He therefore without further observations asked them to join him in drinking "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," a toast which was heartily responded to. The W. Master said: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose is one that I know will be received with enthusiasm by every brother, as it is "The Health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and we must all regret that the state of his health prevented him from being present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday last. Still we all know the deep interest he takes in all that appertains to the welfare of the Craft on every occasion, and I am sure that a more hearty and enthusiastic brother could never be at the head of the Order. I therefore give you "The Health of the Prince of Wales." The toast was enthusiastically received. The W. Master said the next toast was one of the greatest possible interest to Masonry and to the members of the Craft, as it was "The Health of the Grand Officers," and he particularly referred to those two distinguished members the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and he was sure that all the brethren would feel great interest in drinking that toast. In their own little lodge he was happy to say that they numbered two Grand Officers; one of them was not able to be present with them though he took a great interest in the lodge, and regretted that he was unable to come amongst them that evening, but he had given a very good reason for his absence. Bro. Brackstone Baker, who was an old and most distinguished Grand Officer, however, was present, and he would call upon him to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers. Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., said he would endeavour to follow the example so worthily set by the W. Master as to being brief in their speeches, as the hour was getting late and they would hardly be enabled in time to complete the duties of the evening. The officers of the Grand Lodge, and he was sure every one else, must feel gratified by seeing the two chairs in the Grand Lodge occupied by two of the Royal Princes, which they had not seen since 1812, when the Prince of Wales, afterwards Prince Regent, was Grand Master. They would now see two Princes of the Royal blood occupying the two chairs in Grand Lodge, which showed that Freemasonry was in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding all the Papal allocutions and anathemas which had been hurled against it, and, therefore, most gratified must every one be at its extension. At that time last year the Ravensbourne Lodge was last on the list, but now there were sixty lodges beyond it, and if Freemasonry went on progressing as it had done he did not know where it would end, or where they would find accommodation for all the lodges appointed to meet at Freemasons' Hall. He thanked them for their estimation of the services of the Grand Officers, and said they highly appreciated their recognition of the duties they had performed. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Jones, I.P.M., said the toast he had to propose was one that the brethren would at once understand by seeing the gavel, the emblem of authority, once more in his hands. He cordially welcomed the Worshipful Master into the chair, and he sincerely wished him a good and successful year of office. He congratulated him on the accomplishment of his ardent desire as the founder of the lodge, for it was from his brain that arose the Ravensbourne Lodge, and most heartily did he rejoice that he now occupied the chair. He trusted that every wish he entertained for its prosperity might be fulfilled, and that he might be blessed with health and success during his year of office. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking "The Health of their Worshipful Master," a request which was most



heartily responded to. The Worshipful Master said: Brethren and Past Master Jones,—I thank you most sincerely for not only drinking my health but for placing me in this chair, which it was an ardent object of my ambition to fill. I was most desirous to have a lodge in Catford, and when it was called the Ravensbourne Lodge, it was not to serve my own ambition, but in connection with my public duties to be associated with gentlemen in the Craft. We had, too, a building which was suited for the purpose, and I thought it would be a desirable thing to found a Masonic lodge there, and I am happy to say that I was warmly supported by you and all the brethren I see around me in the lodge to-night. We overcame some little temporary difficulties at first, and made a most successful start; and since last year most gratifying has been our success. In succeeding you, Bro. Jones, I cannot hope to emulate you in consequence of your greater experience in Freemasonry. I am afraid I cannot do that, but I will endeavour, although a long way off, to follow in your footsteps, and do my best to discharge my duty and make myself acceptable to the brethren. With me this Ravensbourne Lodge, and all I have done in connection with it, is a labour of love, for from its inception I have taken a keen interest in its welfare, and not only has its success in the first little year of its existence been marked and clear, but we have a happy augury for the future, and I hope those who have to follow me to preside over the lodge will be surrounded by as many good and kind friends as are with us to-night. In conclusion, I thank you most cordially for having placed me in this chair. Bro. Walter Pelham gave a comic recitation on "Penny Readings," which was eagerly listened to, and excited roars of laughter. The W.M. said the next toast he was about to propose was a toast that was always welcome in every Masonic lodge. It was always particularly welcome to the Ravensbourne Lodge, for it was essentially a social one, and possessed great advantages in promoting sociability amongst them, for it would be materially injured if visitors did not come amongst them. He was certain that within the last few minutes one of their visitors, Bro. Pelham, had amused them very much. He (the W.M.) had visited many Masonic lodges, and he never failed to find that the toast of the visitors was received with great pleasure by the brethren in every lodge when that toast was proposed. They had never yet had a meeting without having visitors amongst them, but that night they were distinguished both by rank and number, and the number of them was so imposing that a mere recital of their names would be somewhat of a lengthened task. He would ask them to drink "The Health of the Visitors" most cordially, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Sir John Bennett, Norton, and Emmanuel. (Drunk with honours.) Bro. Sir John Bennett said he felt it almost impossible to do justice to the toast, for when he saw several Grand Officers near to him it appeared that he was hardly the man who should be called upon to respond for the visitors. They had that night a most remarkable festivity, and he had come by invitation to do honour to the Craft, but more especially to pay his respects to the Worshipful Master who presided over them, and who possessed qualities of the highest order. He not only held the highest character as a Mason, but in his other duties he had laid the foundation and formed the plan of some of the most vast architectural buildings in the City of London. Himself a good Mason, in the course of his duties he had to deal with thousands and tens of thousands of pounds of property, and although there was the old proverb that it was impossible to please everybody, yet he (Sir J. Bennett) must say, at the same time, that he never heard anybody say that they were dissatisfied with him. Having alluded to the wealth of the people and charming scenery of the neighbourhood in which the Ravensbourne Lodge was held, he said that in years hence the W.M. would look back with pride to being nearly the father of the lodge, and when the visitors heard his cheerful voice, and knew his good qualities and cultivated genius, they must all feel gratified at being present that night. On behalf therefore of the visitors, he returned them their best thanks, and thus ended the first lesson, but they would endeavour to improve upon it on some future occasion. Dr. Norton, W.M. of the Maybury Lodge, congratulated the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge on having installed so excellent a Master, and he had no doubt he would be a great credit to the Maybury Lodge when the Ravensbourne had finished with him, and that, at no very distant day he should see him installed as Worshipful Master of the Maybury Lodge. Bro. Emmanuel, P.M. 213, also returned thanks, bearing testimony to the excellent qualities of the W.M., and expressed the delight he had experienced in being in the lodge at Catford Bridge to witness the beautiful manner in which the ritual of installation had been rendered by the immediate Past Master. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one that would not only be drunk with pleasure by the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge, but by all who were present that day at Catford Bridge, and witnessed the able manner in which their Past Master had performed the ceremony of installation. All who knew him had a real affection for his good qualities, and as "good wine needs no bush," anything he could say could not add to their esteem of him, and therefore he asked them one and all to drink health, long life, and prosperity to the esteemed Past Master of the lodge, Bro. William Taylor Jones. (Loud cheering.) Bro. Jones, P.M., said he returned his sincere thanks in simple language for the honour they had done him, and he wished he deserved the encomiums the W. Master had passed on him, but he accepted the kindly feelings which he had expressed towards him for having presided over the lodge. He knew at that time of the evening they could not go into what had been done during the past year, but he might say that they had not failed to support the Masonic charities; there had been complete harmony and no difference of opinion amongst them; and in addition

to supporting the charities, they had carried out the same principles in their daily life, and had not only worked for the support of their Masonic festivals, but as individuals, in either a public or private capacity, endeavoured to do good and confer the greatest happiness upon the greatest number. After a few other observations, he thanked them most cordially for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and hoped to see the lodge go on in continued prosperity. The W.M. then, in very eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Bros. Lemon and Edwards," the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge, for which those brethren respectively returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one essentially Masonic in its nature, as it was that of the great charities with which they, as Masons, were so intimately connected, and which it was their pride to own. Their charities were dear to all of them, as they knew their value and recognised their importance. In that lodge the toast was always well received, and after alluding to the presence of Bro. Terry, asked the brethren to drink "Continued Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." Bro. Terry, in responding, said that although the Ravensbourne Lodge had only been twelve months in existence, it had made its mark in the annals of Freemasonry, for he recollected that at their first meeting the W.M. accepted the office of Steward to represent the lodge at the festival for the Benevolent Institution, and the present Master would represent them at the festival of the Girls' School. He then alluded to the large number of candidates, and the inadequacy of meeting them for want of the necessary funds, although in 1876 no less a sum than £39,000 was collected for the three institutions, which were in themselves most glorious results. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," which having been responded to by Bro. Roberts, S.W., the Tyler's toast was given, and this brought a very harmonious meeting to a close before eleven o'clock.

**FAVERSHAM.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 133).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the drill hall of 2nd Kent Artillery Volunteers on the 7th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Penton, was duly installed in the presence of a numerous gathering of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, Bro. J. M. Goldfinch, P.P.G.J.D., and R. Griggs, P.M., acting as Installing Masters. The other officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows:—Bros. J. M. Longhurst, S.W.; F. Whiting, J.W.; W. H. Drake, S.D.; G. Trench, J.D.; C. A. Faure, I.G.; F. W. Underdown, D.C.; F. A. Gauge, Treas. and Almoner; F. Jackson, Sec.; and Bro. J. E. Cook, Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where the banquet was served, the newly installed W.M. presiding, the members of the lodge and visitors numbering over forty, and altogether a most profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

**DARTFORD.**—Lodge of Emulation (No. 299).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Bull Hotel, when Bro. Thos. Wills was duly installed in the chair according to ancient custom, the ceremony being most ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Davison. The W.M. selected as his officers the following: Bros. W. G. Wingrove, S.W.; G. W. Churchley, J.W.; E. J. Sears, S.D.; W. Healey, J.D.; A. W. Wells, I.G.; Peter Harvey, Sec.; Noah Martin, Treas.; Miles, Charity Steward; Boardman, Org.; W. Egerton, D.C.; Light and Neech, Stewards. A handsome banner was presented to the lodge by Bro. Pearce. At the banquet which followed (superbly furnished by Bro. Bray), the W.M. was supported by Bro. A. Spencer, Grand Secretary of Kent; Bro. the Rev. J. Jamblin, Vicar of Wilmington; Bros. Spurrell, Neate, French, Hicks, T. Smith, Nettingham, Earnshaw, and many others. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Secretary reported that Freemasonry was in a flourishing state throughout the province. The warrant of the Emulation Lodge is dated 1794, but there are nine others in the province of older date, while thirty more are its juniors.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Harmonic Lodge (No. 216).—The brethren of this first-class lodge set a noble example in the direction of charity at their last anniversary meeting, which, while rarely if ever equalled in the history of Freemasonry in the extensive province of West Lancashire, is certainly worthy of imitation and cordial approbation. The meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, where Bro. D. S. Davies, W.M., presided over a large assemblage, which included Bros. W. Derryhouse, I.P.M.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., P.M.; J. McKune, P.G.S., P.M.; J. Beesley, P.M.; W. Laidlaw, P.M., Treas.; John Jones, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W.; H. R. Burrell, J.W.; Dr. D. D. Costine, S.D.; Counsellor G. Fowler, Dr. Kisch, T. J. Hughes, J. Shaw, J. Busfield, and others. Bro. Cohen having, most satisfactorily and accurately answered the usual questions, was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. D. S. Davies, in a manner which elicited universal admiration from even the oldest Mason. In accordance with previous notice, Bro. W. Laidlaw, P.M., the venerable and esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, moved that a sum equal to nearly £120 should be voted from the funds to the following Masonic charities: The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, forty guineas; the Hamer Benevolent Fund, twenty guineas; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, twenty-five guineas; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, twenty-five guineas. These separate votes were cordially proposed and seconded by leading members of the lodge, and most heartily carried by the members without a single dissentient. It may here be stated that the "Harmonic" has already been a large subscriber to the Masonic charities, so that its latest gift will greatly enhance its position and voting power. The W.M. expressed the pride and pleasure he felt in presiding over a lodge which had so nobly assisted that day in carrying out the true principles of charity. After hearty good wishes from a number of visitors, amongst whom

was Bro. J. Allan Jones, P. District Grand Sec. for Egypt, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts during the evening with much pointedness. Excellent music was furnished by Bros. J. Busfield, T. J. Hughes, J. Jones, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Kisch, &c., Bro. J. Skeaf, P.M., P.G.O., playing the accompaniments with fine taste.

**LEICESTER.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The meeting of this old lodge, held on the 2nd inst., was the largest assemblage of brethren that has been witnessed in an ordinary lodge for some years. Such a large attendance is, however, easily accounted for by two very special attractions, viz., the deserved and increasing popularity of the young and talented Master, Bro. C. E. Stretton, and the initiation of five gentlemen, who came, well and worthily recommended, to participate in the privileges of our mystic Craft. The W.M. performed the impressive ceremony to the expressed delight and satisfaction of two old Past Masters of nearly forty years' standing, and placed his first stones in the north-east corner of the building in a truly workmanlike manner. The candidates on this occasion were Dr. R. S. Mutch, L. P. Chamberlain, W. Langmore, R. Michie, and Mr. Scott, also Bro. C. McBride as a joining member. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S., P.P.G.M.; J. Buck, P.M.; C. Stretton, P.M.; A. Palmer, P.M.; J. W. Smith, P.M.; J. M. McAllister, P.M.; George Toller, hon. mem., Grand Sword Bearer of England; R. A. Barber, P.M. 1391; F. J. Baines, P.M. 523; W. B. Smith, P.M. 523; S. Cleaver, S.W.; J. Farndale, Sec.; C. Gurden, Treas.; O. Law, S.D.; E. Newton, J.D.; J. Jessop, D.C.; T. Colman, T.G.; and a large number of members and visiting brethren.

**CHESHUNT.**—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The first meeting of the season of the Gresham Lodge took place in the Old Baronial Hall of Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park (so kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by their venerated Chaplain, the Rev. Chas. Erskine Mayo), on Saturday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. E. Giggott, P.G.S.W. of Herts, W.M., assisted by the Wardens and officers. The lodge being opened, the ceremony of initiating Mr. H. A. Johnson into the mysteries of Freemasonry was performed by the W.M., after which (the lodge being opened in the Third Degree), Bro. Mabey was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Gompertz, both ceremonies being performed in a very impressive manner. The next business was to elect a W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year; Bro. Etherington, S.W., being elected to the former, and Bro. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.M., to the latter office, by the unanimous votes of the brethren. The Treasurer next proposed that the sum of two guineas be given to the Henry Muggerridge Testimonial Fund, and in doing so spoke of the many advantages the brethren had derived from the Masonic teaching of that revered and eminent brother. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Cheese and carried unanimously, and the lodge being closed the brethren repaired to the Green Dragon Hotel to partake of the good things provided. The usual toasts were duly given and responded to, and altogether the evening was a very pleasant one. The brethren present were Bros. J. E. Giggott, W.M., P.S.G.W.; Gilbert, P.G.J.W.; Copestick, P.P.G.J.W.; Bruce, P.P.G.D.; Gompertz, P.P.G.P.; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. and Treas.; Pottle, P.G.S.B.; Chapman, P.G. Steward; also Bros. Etherington, W.M. elect; Mugliston, P.M.; Perry, Cheese, Mayo, Chap.; Hughes, Mabey, Regnal, Gompertz, jun.; Dickie, Clegg, Johnson, and others.

**MANCHESTER.**—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—The festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. was celebrated on Monday, the 7th inst., by the members of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. The lodge was opened at four p.m. precisely. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Anthony Marshall, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. R. L. Mestayer, W.M., for installation, the Installing Masters being Bro. R. L. Mestayer, W.M.; C. H. Coates, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Y. Bradshaw, P.G.C.; and C. E. Austin, P.M.; Bro. F. Hepton, P.M., acting as Director of the Ceremonies. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. G. Smith, S.W.; Hollins, J.W.; Caswell, S.D.; Psarafis, J.D.; Wilson, I.G.; Constantines and Duncan, Stewards; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.G.C. East Lancashire, Chaplain; V. Kilborn, P.M., D.C.; C. E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Cox, P.M., Sec.; H. T. Robbards, Org. The formal business being over, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the following brethren acting as Stewards:—Bros. Richard Hartley, P.M.; W. A. Duncan, and G. W. Wilson. The menu and toast list, compiled by the retiring Secretary, Bro. W. Talford Gunson, was graced by a *à propos* and most judicious selection of mottoes from Shakespeare. The first toast on the list, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" ("Highest Queen of State"—*Tempest*), was proposed by the W.M., and drank with musical honours. "The Princess of Wales and the Members of the Royal Family" was the second toast, proposed also by the W.M. The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" ("He is the Prince of the World"—*All's Well*), was received with great cordiality. Bro. Petty, P.M., gave "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M." Bro. Coates proposed "The Health of Bro. George Mellor, J.P., Deputy Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. Mellor was unavoidably absent through indisposition. "The Immortal Memory of William Shakespeare" was proposed by the Chaplain, Bro. Bradshaw, in a speech of great learning, giving an account of the life of the great bard and an analysis of the immortal plays of the poet. The toast was drank with great enthusiasm. Bro. Mestayer proposed "The Health of the



W.M." in most eloquent terms, Bro. Marshall responding in a neat and forcible speech, thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him to preside over such a distinguished body of Masons. Other toasts followed, the brethren separating at a late hour. Amongst the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. Hooper, P.G.T. E. Lanc.; Heywood, Hind, Bonehill, Allison, Church, Benton, Timberley, Darbyshire, &c. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. T. Roberts, Thomas, and Shorrock.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at private rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, May 5th. The W.M., Bro. James Batchelder, was unable to be present at the opening of the lodge, having been prevented by a professional engagement. Bro. Caldwell, P.M. and D. of C., therefore opened the lodge at 3.30 p.m., supported by Bro. J. Kinder, S.W., and Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W.; Bro. T. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., was also in his place; and there was also a fair gathering of the brethren generally. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas., thanked the brethren for their kind expression of sympathy with him in his recent bereavement. The lodge was next opened in the F.C. Degree, and then in the Third Degree. Bro. Richardson was raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. Caldwell, P.M., Dir. of Cer. Bro. Hyams received the same advancement from Bro. Tyers, P.M. and Treas. At the close of the last ceremony Bro. Batchelder, the W.M., was announced and admitted, and having taken his proper position, he raised Bro. James Smith to the Third Degree. Bro. W. J. Kinder, S.W., then presented the working tools, and delivered the Historical Lecture relating to the M.M. Degree; we are proud to record that the lecture was given in a very clear and impressive manner, and appeared to impart great interest, not only to the newly-raised, but to the brethren generally. Bro. W. J. Kinder bids fair for being a Mason well versed in Masonic lore; he is at the present time W.M. of Lodge 367, and we think we shall be correct in saying the youngest Master in the province of East Lancashire. The business in the circular having been disposed of, it was proposed by Bro. C. J. Kent, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Taylor, J.D., that the lodge adjourn during the months July and August. The result of this proposition will be declared at the June meeting. "Hearty good wishes" were brought from Lodges 467, 1011, and 1140; also from Revere Lodge, Boston, U.S.A. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The cloth having been withdrawn, "The Health of the Queen" was drunk with that loyal fervour to which Freemasons are accustomed. Then followed the toast to her illustrious son, "Our Grand Master," coupled with that of his consort, a princess whose virtues all would do well to imitate. After the usual toasts had been duly disposed of, including that of "The Visitors," and "The Officers," the brethren separated at 9.30 p.m. During the evening the brethren were favoured with some capital singing; Bro. J. H. Pearson, the well-known member of the cathedral choir, sang "The Maid of Athens" with grand effect. Bros. Goodchilde and Hyams introduced a little of the volatile element, causing more than one brother to laugh heartily.

**PONTYPRIDD.**—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).—Twelve months ago the Merlin Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was consecrated with becoming eclat. Some of the notabilities of Freemasonry from the East and Western Provinces of South Wales and other provinces; the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. E. J. Morris, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and a great gathering of the Craft met to do honour to the occasion, and to instal as first Master Bro. J. E. Price, a well-versed and deservedly popular member of the Craft. The lodge proper then consisted of the magic and Masonic number of seven, but the roll at present musters seventy. Although it was evident at the initial stage of the lodge's existence that it would be a vigorous offshoot of the wide-spreading tree of Freemasonry, it could hardly have been anticipated that the young plant would flourish to such an extent in so short a period of time. Bro. Price worked zealously for his lodge prior to its establishment, and during his term of office, and he may with good and sufficient reasons turn with pride and pleasure to the splendid results which have been achieved during a brief twelve months. It was intended to present him with a jewel at the annual festival, but it did not arrive in time. It would be invidious if we refrained from mentioning the large assistance heartily afforded him by his staff of officers, and speaking of these generally we may point to them as a model set of Masons working hand-in-hand to bring about good and harmonious results. Nothing "succeeds like success," but the gratifying results produced by the master and officers of "The Merlin" during the past year could only have been obtained by dint of great industry, discrimination, and a generous exercise of the best Masonic qualities. On Monday last the annual festival was held, when the retiring Past Master, Bro. J. E. Price, resigned the chair in favour of his worthy coadjutor, Bro. Matthew Wayne Morgan, and there was a large and influential gathering of the Craft, representing lodges from various parts of the province, including Aberdare, Aberavon, Cardiff, Llanelly, Merthyr, and other towns. The appointments of the lodge were much admired, and some of those who were present recognised the handsome canopy and W.M. chair, which had been lent by the brethren of the "Merlin" for installation purposes, at Aberdare, when Sir George Elliot was elevated to his exalted post in Masonry. The lodge-room was also chastely decorated with the choicest flowers of the season. The ceremony of installation was performed by Immediate Past Master Bro. J. E. Price in a manner which gave further illustration of his efficiency, and elicited the warm encomiums of experienced members of the Craft. The W.M. Bro. M. W. Morgan, invested the following officers

for the coming year:—Bros. G. T. Alexander, S.W.; J. Jones, J.W.; the Rev. W. Watkins, Chap.; Wm. Williams, Treas.; W. Merchant, Sec.; Dr. Hunter, S.D.; Dr. Dickson, J.W.; Dr. Leckie, D.C.; J. Rees, Org.; F. M. Cooke, I.G.; Bairstow, Tyler; Male and Morgan, Stwds. The appointment of the officers having been completed, a vote of thanks was given to the retiring W.M. for the efficiency of his services in the chair during the past year. Bro. Hurman was elected P.M. of the lodge, and notice was given to appoint Bros. Evan Jones and Weichert hon. members. The W.M. elect returned thanks in a brief and suitable address for the honour they had done him in electing him to the chair, and after the usual Masonic ceremonies the lodge was closed. In addition to those already named the following were among those present:—Bros. Evan Jones, P.M.; J. Hurman, P.M.; Rev J. D. Griffiths, W. Merchant, Sec.; W. Tolfree, J. Williams, J. D.; A. F. Lucas, Frederick Atkins, Org. There was a full attendance of the Merlin Lodge, and among the visitors were Bros. S. G. Homfray, P.A., D.C., D.P.G.M. Monmouth; Evan Thomas, P.G.D.C. 679; M. Tennant, P.P.G.W. 833; T. G. Glass, W.M. 36; Wm. Taylor, 36; D. Watson, P.G.D.C. 36; J. W. Morris, P.P.G.P. 679; J. W. Mayor, 38; Wm. Weichert, 6; S. Weichert, P.M. 960; D. Hopkins, W.M. 960; J. Jones, Prov. G. Treas. 833; R. Sothorn, 36; D. T. Alexander, 37; J. Hemming, 833; S. Cooper, P.M. 36. In the evening a banquet was held in the lodge-room, to which about seventy sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. M. Morgan, who was well supported by the members of his lodge and visiting brethren. The repast was served up by Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of the New Inn Hotel, in a manner which deserves the highest praise. The menu was of the choicest kind, and the catering liberal and praiseworthy in every respect. The wines were also of excellent quality. The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner, and the toast list was well discussed by the various speakers. "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, as also "The M.W. Grand Master" and the "R.W. Prov. Grand Master," Bro. Homfray proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in doing so referred to the rapid strides which the Merlin Lodge had made under the able presidency of Bro. Price, who had that day so perfectly installed into office a good and able successor, and he was sure that the newly-elected Master was greatly esteemed by them all. He was one who would do his best to maintain the prestige of his lodge; and he had all the capacity and generous willingness to do it. He felt sure that the W.M. had not taken the onerous duties of his office without a firm intention of carrying them out to the full extent. They had in him a good man and true, and he asked them now to cordially drink his health, and to rally round him in his year of office. The Worshipful Master, who was received with loud and prolonged cheering, suitably acknowledged the toast which had been so warmly given and responded to. The office he had obtained was one which it was only laudable ambition for every Mason to strive to gain at some time or other of his Masonic career. He should strive to carry out the duties to the best of his ability, and he relied on the support of the officers and members of the lodge to enable him to do this. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat. "The Health of Past Master J. E. Price" was warmly drunk, and replied to in an eloquent and feeling address. "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Weichert, and replied to by Bro. Major Powell, of Aberdare. Bro. M. Tennant proposed "The Lodges of the Provinces," and Bro. Hopkins, W.M. Bute Lodge, responded. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Jones, J.W., foundable advocates in Bros. Tennant (Afan) and Taylor (Merthyr). Several excellent songs were sung by Bros. Jones, Leckie, Dickson, Homfray, Rosser, &c., a most convivial evening being concluded with the Tyler's toast.—*Central Glamorgan Gazette.*

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—The general meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th May, 1877, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present: Bros. W. T. Christian, W.M.; W. Groome, S.W.; W. H. Brand, J.W.; J. Pinder, P.M.; F. Hallows, Hon. Sec.; C. T. Saunders, S.D.; T. Franklin, J.D.; W. G. Hallows, acting I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; J. H. Cambridge, W.S., and W. Gilchrist, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Clark, Carter, Dendy, Delvalli, and Hurst were asked the usual questions entitling them to be raised to the Third Degree. These being all satisfactorily answered the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the above named five brethren were raised in the usual manner according to ancient rite and custom. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wm. Moffat was passed. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and two candidates were proposed and seconded for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. The ordinary business was then gone through, and the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until the 6th October. Among the members and visitors present were Bros. H. Field, John Bell, 1178; Walter Claridge, 1598; C. Carter, 1507; E. Brown, 1598; G. E. Laverack, 917; Samuel Morris, 1421; J. S. Baxter, 206; T. Elves, 174; J. Lake, 1471.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**JORDAN LODGE** (No. 201).—This lodge, which has been dormant for many years, is likely to find a new home at Bro. Hiscox, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-street. A preliminary meeting was held on Tuesday last, Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 201, in the chair, Bros. Peter Robinson, Sec. 201; Savage, P.M. 201; Harper, J.D. 201; and a large number of brethren from the neighbourhood were present. Certain details were

arranged, and another meeting at the above address will be held on Tuesday next, at eight o'clock, to discuss the question of Bye-laws, and other matters. Brethren, especially those of the mother lodge, are particularly invited to attend.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 14th inst., at the Sussex Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M. 874; H. B. Wilmott, I.P.M. 874; Williams, S.W. 874; Bates, J.W. 874; C. Graham, J.D. 1326 and 1540; Spencer, I.G. 874; Dunkley, and others. The lodge was opened in ancient form and minutes read and confirmed, when the W.M. vacated the chair. Bro. Wilmott occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation (Bro. Bates acting as candidate) in an excellent manner, and afterwards gave the charge of the First Degree. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the lodge was opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees, and finally closed in due form, and the brethren separated shortly.

#### Royal Arch.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—One of the most successful meetings of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Comp. H. Bickerstaff, P.Z. as Z.; Comp. E. Denton as H.; Comp. Fred. G. Pownall as J. Amongst the companions present were C. Coupland, M.P.Z. 13 and 913; J. Henderson, P.Z.; W. A. Weston, P.S.; J. Warren, A.S.; H. Shaw, A.S.; G. Kennedy, Scribe E.; J. Scott Mutch, D. Deves, T. Hutton, J. Wilkins, H. S. Syer, T. D. Hayes, P.S. elect 913; H. Pryce, Scribe E. 913; and F. Cartland, 913. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ballot being unanimous in favour of the admission of Bro. T. B. Wylie, United Military Lodge, No. 1536, to the privileges of this degree, and he being in attendance, was duly admitted and exalted, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner by the M.E.Z. and his officers. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to present Comp. Coupland, who had occupied the First Principal's chair for two years, with a valuable P.Z.'s jewel, which had been voted to him at the previous meeting in recognition of the eminent services he had rendered the chapter. In so doing, Comp. Bickerstaff said it afforded him very great pleasure to present to Comp. Coupland the jewel on behalf of the chapter. It was hardly necessary for him to mention the many services he (Comp. Coupland) had performed in the interest of the chapter, or the high estimation in which he was held—his efforts had been so successful, and were known to them all. He trusted, in conclusion, that he would live long to wear in the chapter of which he was so brilliant a member the decoration that he had now the pleasure of fastening on his breast. Comp. Coupland, who seemed much affected at the cordial expression of feeling evinced, said he considered the present one of the proudest moments of his life. He would prize the jewel very highly, not on account of its intrinsic value, but of the associations connected with it. It had been his good fortune to have served, with one or two exceptions, every office in the chapter; and he enjoined the companions to be equally assiduous in the discharge of their duties to the chapter. For his part, nothing would be wanting to promote its prosperity, and to the best of his belief he had never yet missed a meeting. He again and again thanked them for their appreciation of his services. The remaining business having been disposed of, the companions adjourned to an excellent repast at Comp. De Grey's, Freemasons' Tavern.

#### Mark Masonry.

**WHITEFIELD.**—Wike Lodge (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Derby Hotel, Whitefield, on Wednesday, 9th May, to instal the W.M. elect. Bro. Jas. Barlow, W.M., opened the lodge at 3.30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; Bro. John Jones was afterwards advanced. The chair was assumed by Bro. William Barlow, P.M., Sec., and Reg., as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Heap, S.W., was presented by Bro. Nathaniel Horrocks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Lancashire. The Worshipful Master appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. John Davison, S.W.; Orlando Startup, J.W.; Joseph Bentley, M.O.; W. H. Kirkman, S.O.; Thomas Laycock, J.O.; Rev. George Chatton, Chap.; Richard Chambers, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Barlow, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Lancashire, Sec. and Reg.; Ralph Brinkles, S.D.; Jos. Ragdale, J.D.; J. Eccles, I.G.; Whitworth, Tyler. The lodge closed at 6.15 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to banquet and an enjoyable evening, under the able presidency of Bro. Heap, W.M. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Thomas Cort and J. Brooks. The evening was enlivened by several good songs. The brethren separated at an early hour, full of zeal for the coming year.

#### Knights Templar.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alpass Encampment.—The annual convocation of the knights of this illustrious encampment for installation and other purposes was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 30th ult. The encampment was opened at five o'clock by Sir Knight J. E. Jackson, E.P., and he was supported by Sir Knights H. S. Alpass, P.E.P., P.G. Std. Bearer of England; W. Doyle, P.E.P., Prelate; Thos. Clark, P.E.P., Treas.; H. Burrows, acting as sst. Constable; Richard Brown, and Constable (E.P. elect) W. H. Shakespeare, Registrar; J.



Gallagher, Captain of Lines; Thos. Evans, 1st Std. Br.; Wm. Fletcher, Samuel Hickins, Henry Firth, Joseph Skeat, Thos. Chesworth, P. Ball, Equerry. The visitors were Sir Knights Captain T. Berry, P.E.P., Jacques de Morlay, P.G. Std. Br. of England, P.P. 1st G. Capt.; an Sir Knight Joseph Wood, Treas. William de la More (Freemason). The muster roll having been called over, Sir Knight H. Alpass, M.E.P., took the throne, and at once commenced the installation of Sir Knight Richard Brown as Preceptor in a manner that did honour to his name and fame in Masonry. After the E.P. had been saluted in the usual form, he proceeded to invest the following as his officers: Sir Knights Thos. Chesworth, Prelate; M. Mawson, 1st Constable; W. H. Shakespeare, 2nd Constable; H. Firth, Treasurer; J. Gallagher, Registrar; J. E. Jackson, Almoner; W. Doyle, P.E.P., Dir. of Cer.; J. Capell, Expert; J. Skeaf, Organist; H. Burrows, 1st Std. Br.; J. Widdows, 2nd Std. Br.; W. Fletcher, Capt. of the Lines; S. Hickins, 1st Herald; Chisnall, 2nd Herald; P. Ball, Equerry. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, and other formal business transacted, the Sir Knights adjourned to a first class banquet, where the usual loyal toasts were given.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held under the auspices of the Knights of Malta Lodge, at Hinckley, on the 3rd inst., and under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S.

Amongst the Prov. Grand Officers present on the occasion were Bros. Rev. Wm. Langley, M.A., D.P.G.M.; George Toller, jun., P.G.S.W.; Clement Stretton, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.G. Chaplain; R. B. Smith, P.G.S.C.; J. G. Tippetts, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Taylor, P.G.I.G., and others.

It is gratifying to remark the increasing interest evinced in the prosperity of the Mark Degree in this province, and it is most satisfactory to be able to announce that, according to the reports from the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, that the interest continues unabated.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed his officers as follows, and invested those present:—Bros. S.S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; T. W. Clarke, P.G.S.W.; R. B. Smith, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., P.G.C.; Wm. Sculthorpe, P.G.M.O.; C. S. Preston, P.G.S.O.; Wm. Adcock, P.G.J.O.; Robert Waite, unanimously elected, P.G. Treas. J. M. McAllister, P.G. Sec.; R. S. Toller, P.G.R.M. C. McBride, P.G.S.D.; J. Nugent, P.G.J.D.; Dr. Meadows, P.G.D.C.; R. Taylor, P.G.A.D.C.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.J.W.; Captain Goodchild, P.G.S.B.; T. G. Tippetts, P.G. Standard Bearer; Wm. Vial, P.G. Organist; George Odell, P.G.I.G.; and J. H. Biggs and B. H. Burges, P.G. Stewards.

The heartiness of the welcome, and the arrangements made by the Hinckley brethren for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge, were highly gratifying and satisfactory.

#### Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

##### ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

In *Notes and Queries* of April 28th (5th S. vii., 336) under the head of "Citizen and Girdler" appears the following: "There was a company of girdlers incorporated in 1448 or 49. There were a Master, three Wardens, twenty-four assistants, and eighty-four liverymen. Their hall was in Basinghall Street (now at 39, Basinghall St.) Burke describes their armorial ensigns thus: "Per fesse arg. and or, a pale counter charged, three gridrons of the last, the handles in chief. Crest: A demi man proper, representing St. Lawrence with glory round his head or, issuing out of the clouds of the first, vested arg., girt round the body with a girdle of the second, holding in the dexter hand a gridron of the last, and in the sinister a book ar. Motto: Give thanks to God."

"These arms were granted by John Smith, Garter, 32 Henry vi., 1454."

Did the Masonic Order of St. Lawrence take its rise from this guild?

J. F.

BRO. EMMA HOLMES'S TALES, POEMS, AND MASONIC PAPERS.

In answer to our dear Bro. W. J. Hughan, and to numerous others, kindly allow me to state, that the subscribers to this little work may expect to receive their copies within a few weeks from the present time, the whole of the letterpress being nearly completed.

The work, I may add, will be supplied to subscribers only. There will be a second series, uniform in size and price (2s. 6d.) with the present, the profits to be devoted to the same benevolent and Masonic object; and the few copies of the first series still unsubscribed for will be kept for completing both series for subscribers whose names are not yet on the list, of which more anon.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Every Freemason knows how worthily, persistently, and energetically the Secretaries of the Masonic charities plead for the several causes in which they are interested. Their good tempered advocacy is well known and highly appreciated. Was it therefore by accident or design that on the occasion of the great Masonic banquet, when the toast of the "Masonic Charities" was proposed, and while Bros. Binckes, Terry, and Little were collecting their thoughts, the vocal brethren present sang, "The Three Chafers?"—*World*.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY.

It is our melancholy duty this week to record the very sudden and unexpected death of Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, which sad event took place at an early hour on Friday morning, the 11th inst., at his town house, Dover-street, Piccadilly. His lordship was in his usual health up to a late hour on the preceding evening, but feeling faint on retiring for the night it was thought advisable to call in medical advice. Sir James Paget and Mr. Prescott Hewitt met Mr. Venning, his lordship's usual medical attendant, but after consultation it was considered necessary for Mr. Venning only to remain. He, however, at a subsequent hour recommended that Sir William Gull should be sent for, who, on arrival, spoke hopefully, like those who had left, but his lordship did not rally, and eventually in their presence his heart ceased to perform its functions. The late Charles John Chetwynd Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, Earl Talbot of Hensol, county Glamorgan; Viscount Ingestre, county Stafford; and Baron Talbot of Hensol, county Glamorgan, in the peerage of Great Britain; and Earl of Waterford, in the peerage of Ireland, was the eldest of the five sons of Henry John, eighteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, by Lady Sarah Elizabeth Beresford, eldest daughter of Henry, second Marquis of Waterford. He was born 13th April, 1830, and married 15th February, 1855, Anna Theresa, eldest daughter of the late Captain Richard Howe Cockerell, by whom he leaves issue an only son, Charles Henry John, Viscount Ingestre, born 13th November, 1860, who succeeds his father as twentieth Earl of Shrewsbury and fifth Earl Talbot, and three daughters, namely, Lady Theresa, married to Viscount Castlereagh; Lady Gwendolen, married in January last to Lieut.-Col. E. Chaplin, M.P.; and Lady Muriel, married in December last to Viscount Helmsley. The deceased peer was hereditary Lord High Steward of Ireland, as declared by the House of Lords in 1863. He was from 1851 to 1853 in the 1st Life Guards, but retired in the last-mentioned year; and was for some years major in the Queen's Own Royal Staffordshire Yeomanry Cavalry. In February, 1875, he was appointed, on the resignation of the Marquis of Exeter, Captain of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms. He was a deputy-lieutenant of Staffordshire, and a magistrate for the county of Middlesex. The following account of the noble lord's Masonic career will, we think, be of great interest to our readers. His lordship was installed Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire June 24th, 1871, and at once took great interest in the various lodges in his province, establishing quarterly communications for the different parts, holding a meeting in each part every three months, so that all Masons could have an opportunity of attending Prov. Grand Lodge, and becoming acquainted with its members. He himself regularly attended these meetings, and, consequently, soon knew all the prominent members of each lodge, which enabled him much better to select the P.G. Officers at the annual meeting at Stafford. He also caused at each of these four meetings the charity box to go round, giving largely himself; the proceeds to go to a fund called the "Shrewsbury Fund," for local charity only. His lordship was installed a Knight Templar in the Godefroi de Bouillon Encampment, then meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyne, on September 13th, 1872, and served the office of Preceptor in that preceptory in the years 1873 and 1874. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order on April 7th, 1873, Lord Shrewsbury was appointed Great Marshal in Convent General, and also a Knight Grand Cross of the Order. On the death of Lord Athlumney in December, 1873, the late Earl was appointed Great Constable in Convent General, and this office he held until his installation as Great Prior of England and Wales on the 8th December in last year. His lordship's death occurred on the morning of the regular annual day of meeting of Great Priory. But few members knew of the loss the Order had sustained until they reached the place of meeting, and then not until it was announced from the chair. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior of England and Wales, opened Great Priory for the purpose of formally announcing the sad intelligence, and immediately closed it, no business whatever being transacted. The announcement was a great shock to many. His lordship took very great interest in the three great Masonic charities, volunteering to take the chair of each at the annual festival dinners in rotation. He began with the Boys' in 1872, at which £5510 was collected, Lord Shrewsbury himself giving a large sum he had collected from his friends to the Stewards from his province, who supported him on that occasion. In the following year he presided at the Girls' School, giving away at Wandsworth the prizes to the various young ladies who had earned them, assisted by Lady Shrewsbury and his daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot; expressing his great delight at the splendid schools, and the proficiency of the scholars. To celebrate the event the Masons of his province subscribed, and Lady Shrewsbury presented the

schools with an entirely new service of pottery ware, breakfast, dinner, &c., sufficient to supply the whole school, and a few over in case of breakage. Each article is impressed with a design of the schools, and under is the Staffordshire knot, which gives a very pretty effect, and will remind the girls of the donors. In 1875 he presided at the dinner for the Aged Freemasons, when £7020 was collected; and at the festival of the same institution, which was held on the 12th February of the present year, he presided, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, when £12,656 13s. was collected, being the largest amount yet obtained at any of this Institution's festivals. Perhaps, however, Lord Shrewsbury's Masonic love for the brethren of his province was best shown when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed at Albert Hall as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Knowing that a good many brethren would then be in London who were not in the habit of often going, and that they would not know where to go on their arrival, he caused his P.G. Sec. to issue circulars inviting all the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, P.G. Officers, &c., who were going, to meet at his house in Dover-street, Piccadilly, where he had a splendid lunch ready, and sufficient carriages and omnibuses to take the whole of the brethren to the Albert Hall, giving to each a ticket on which was the number of his carriage, to prevent confusion, and appointing a place to meet again. When the installation was over the carriages were again waiting, and the brethren were taken back to Dover-street, the noble lord driving first in his own carriage to welcome the brethren on their arrival at his house, where another substantial meal was ready for those who would partake of it, and wine in profusion was served during the whole time the brethren were present. Such a truly Masonic gathering did not take place in any other house in London on that great day, and the Staffordshire Masons felt justly proud of their Prov. Grand Master, and it was with very great pleasure when, at the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, it was arranged to present a marriage present to Lady Theresa Talbot, who was about marrying the Viscount Castlereagh. Almost every member of the province subscribed, feeling that in so doing it would in a small way shew the respect and esteem in which they held his lordship.

The funeral took place at Ingestre, near Stafford, on Wednesday. The body was brought down from London on the previous evening and removed from the train at Colwich Junction, and from thence taken in a hearse to Ingestre Hall. The ceremony took place in the afternoon, and the body lay in state. A procession was formed at half-past one (A.M.), the coffin being carried on the shoulders of bearers to Ingestre Church, which is close to the hall. The bearers of the pall were Lord A. Paget and B. Paget, Captain A. Duncombe, Hon. A. Morgan, Mr. Iveson, Mr. Præ, Lord Lovatt, Hon. A. Cockerell, Hon. H. Langham, and the Hon. G. W. Finch. The mourners consisted of the Countess of Shrewsbury, Viscount Ingestre, Lord and Lady Castlereagh, Lady Waterford, Viscount Helmsley, Hon. Mrs. North, Colonel Chaplin, Miss Chetwynd, Hon. Captain Carpenter, Lord Eglington, Hon. and Rev. T. C. Talbot, Lord Rendisham, Hon. F. Montgomerie, Hon. W. North, Hon. G. Vernon, and other relatives, besides deputations from the Stafford Town Council and members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire. The coffin was covered with a crimson and white pall, with wreaths of hothouse flowers resting on the surface. The deceased earl's coronet was carried in front and Colonel Kerr was present as representing her Majesty. The funeral service was read by the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Talbot. The body was deposited in the family vault. Although the funeral was considered to be strictly private, a considerable number of persons resident on the estate and in the neighbourhood were present.

The *Daily Express* states: By the sudden and lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Church has lost one of her most faithful and staunch supporters. His death will be deeply and widely felt by many who had learnt to reckon upon that clerical help which was never withheld from any true and hearty Church work. In London, as well as at Ingestre and at Alton Towers, many benefactions attested his kindness of heart. The clergy found in Lord Shrewsbury a ready friend. None who had the privilege of spending a week at Alton Towers, when the Church Congress was held at Stoke, can ever forget the heartiness with which he threw himself into all the arrangements for the comfort of his guests, amongst whom were several of the American bishops and other clergy. We are reminded at the present time how his lordship spoke twice at the Congress, dealing, in his latter speech, with the subject of Christian burial, and pleasantly drawing a picture of the kind of funeral which he should desire for himself, of the simplest and plainest kind. On the day before his death, Lord Shrewsbury attended and spoke with his wonted geniality at the annual gathering at St. John's College, Hurstpierpoint. None then could have anticipated that so sudden an end was at hand to one who was loved by many, and respected by all who knew him.

##### BRO. MAJOR HAMILTON RAMSAY.

We regret having to announce the death of Bro. Major W. Hamilton Ramsay, 30° (of Garion), Grand Viceroy of the Red Cross Order in Scotland, and which melancholy event occurred somewhat suddenly on the 28th ult. Bro. Ramsay was a very energetic Mason, and amongst other offices held for many years the posts of Prior of the Lothians and Treasurer of the Scottish Order of the Temple. In 1875 he was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We understand that Lord Inverurie will succeed the deceased as Grand Viceroy of the Scottish Grand Council of the Red Cross Order.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

Who was the first Freemason, or when the ancient fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons was established, are questions which we shall not attempt to answer. It is quite clear that somebody, at some time, and somewhere, conceived the idea of a great brotherhood, drew the plan, and to day the sun never ceases to shine on Masonic institutions. There have been periods in the history of the Craft when the aims and objects sought to be accomplished by the members have been misunderstood by the outside world, and even at the present time it seems that in Catholic countries the ban is put by the priesthood upon Freemasonry, on the plea that it is a secret society. But whatever may have been the disadvantages under which the Craft was placed in bygone days in this country, or even at the present day in some parts of the continent, it is quite certain that in Great Britain and America, Ancient Freemasonry never occupied a higher or more prominent position than it now does. Royal patrons, from the days of King Athelstan, who granted a charter to Freemasonry in 926, have not been wanting, who were willing to give their support to Masonic institutions, and to cast in their lot with the brotherhood, and at the present time it is no small matter of satisfaction to every member of the great fraternity to be able to point to the fact that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne of this great country, is the Grand Master of the United Lodges of England and Wales. It is also a matter worthy of note that at no period in the history of the Craft have the various provinces been governed by a higher class of men—as Provincial Grand Masters—than at the present time. Gentlemen, moving in the very first ranks of society, and of unimpeachable character, have readily undertaken the duties appertaining to the office, and the result has been that many persons who were averse to Masonry have been led to review their fancied objections, and not a few of them have sought admission into Masonic lodges.

The Province of Dorset, which consists of thirteen lodges, has been governed from the earliest days of its formation by a succession of Grand Masters, who have sought at all times the advancement of the Provincial Grand Lodge and also the subordinate lodges in the province. The result has been that the membership during the last twenty years has greatly increased, and the Province of Dorset, small as it is compared to that of those of the more thickly populated counties in the north of England, has sent up to the Masonic charities in London larger subscription lists than have many other provinces with double or even treble its membership. The late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Gundry, &c., of the Hyde, Bridport, was greatly respected and honoured by the brethren, and as a tribute to his great worth a deputation attended his funeral from almost, if not every, lodge in the province. The question was then very generally asked by Masons of each other—"Who is to be our Provincial Grand Master?" There were those in the province who had gained great credit for being good Masons, and who from their social positions were mentioned as probable successors to the office, but generally the name of Bro. Montague Guest came uppermost, and when it was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, had appointed this gentleman to the high office, every Mason regarded Bro. Guest as "the right man in the right place." It is a trite saying, and often used in a meaningless way, when it is said of a person that he is "respected by everybody who knows him," but to say this of Bro. Montague Guest is only to utter what is true to the very letter. His appointment, therefore, was received with unbounded satisfaction, and we are sure that Masonry in Dorsetshire under his rule will gain many fresh adherents, whilst the lodges in working will vie with each other in seeking to extend the principles which they are established to propagate.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, which assembled at Wimborne on Saturday afternoon last, was probably the largest Masonic gathering which has ever taken place in the county. Certainly not less than 350 members assembled at the Corn Exchange, which, we should mention, is the property of the members of Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622. The large room was prepared in due form by the Wimborne brethren, who seemed to consider no amount of trouble too great to render the meeting a success. No doubt they regarded it a great honour that a member of their lodge was to be elevated to so high an office, and that on this account the installation ceremony was to take place in Bro. M. Guest's own lodge. According to announcements the lodge was to be tyed at two o'clock, but this did not take place until after three o'clock. As a matter of course, it took some considerable time to obtain a correct list of the brethren present, together with their various titles. This was got over more easily than might have been expected. Bro. R. N. Howard, Provincial Grand Secretary, was quite equal to the occasion, and the names of all present were duly recorded. On the members entering the lodge they arranged themselves under their respective banners, and Bro. William Smith, P.M., the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, was indefatigable in his exertions in getting everything in perfect order previous to the arrival of the Grand Lodge Officers. About three o'clock the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master of England; Sir A. Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies; G. Kuhe, Grand Org.; Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent; Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and other distinguished members arrived, and entered the lodge with Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers. The Deputy Grand Master, on entering, was saluted according to ancient Masonic form. After some routine business had been gone through, the Right Worthy

Deputy Grand Master briefly addressed the lodge, stating the object of the meeting that day.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Shaftesbury on the 14th September last, were then read. These minutes included a resolution to the R.W. Bro. W. Eliot, Past P.G.M., congratulating him on having been a subscribing member of the Lodge of All Souls, No. 170, Weymouth, for an uninterrupted period of sixty years, and on his being the oldest member on the provincial roll, and that in recording this interesting fact on its minutes, this Provincial Grand Lodge would bear testimony to the highly moral and religious character of the R.W. Bro., who has thus during his long life so well and worthily represented the true principles and practical teaching of our Order.

The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate, Bro. M. Guest, having been announced, and the patent directing his installation duly examined, a deputation of Masters retired with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce him to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony of installation, which was of a very impressive character, then took place, and on the new Provincial Grand Master taking the chair he was duly proclaimed and saluted. We may here mention that all the brethren, with but few exceptions, were attired in evening dress, and as most present wore jewels of various kinds and Masonic clothing, according to their respective offices, the scene at the installation ceremony will not soon be forgotten by those whose good fortune it was to be present.

It is the custom among Masons for the Provincial Grand Master to appoint his own officers, and this was done on this occasion by the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master. The appointments were as follows:—  
T. B. Hanham, P.M. 472 ..... Prov. G.S.W.  
C. Tucker, P.M. 707 ..... Prov. G.J.W.  
Rev. H. Everett, 417 ..... Prov. G. Chap.  
R. Case ..... Prov. G. Treas.  
R. Leigh, 1,367 ..... Prov. G. Reg.  
R. N. Howard, P.M. 170 ..... Prov. G. Sec.  
G. M. Evans, P.M. 707 ..... Prov. G.S.D.  
A. J. Budden, W.M. 622 ..... Prov. G.J.D.  
R. Eyres, W.M. 1266 ..... Prov. G.S. of Wks.  
W. Smith, P.M. 170 ..... Prov. G.D.C.  
G. F. Stokes, W.M. 1168 ..... Prov. G.A.D.C.  
W. H. Dean, S.W. 417 ..... Prov. G. Swd. Br.  
S. Champ, 707 ..... Prov. G. Org.  
J. Fenn, P.M. 1331 and 417 ..... Prov. G. Purs.  
J. Lovelace, 417 ..... Prov. G. Tyler.  
Stewards: Bros. T. Wootton, 1367; E. Tolman, 1367; J. Lowe, 707; J. S. A. Herford, 622; W. D. Dugdale, 137; J. K. Shopland, 1266.

We may mention that the above officers, with one exception, are the same as those appointed at the provincial meeting held at Shaftesbury in September last. The exception is that of Bro. Case, as Treasurer, who has well earned his appointment by the assiduity with which he has worked in various ways in his own lodge—Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester—and also as a Provincial Grand Lodge officer.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was brought to a close by the passing of votes of thanks to the installing officers and to the members of Cuthberga Lodge for making the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting that day.

Amongst those present were:—Officers of Grand Lodge—Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and P.G.M. West Lancashire; Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wilts; Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M. Kent; M. J. Guest, P.G.D., P.G.M. Dorset designate; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Hervey, G. Sec.; Sir A. Woods (Gariter), P.G.W., G.D. Cers.; T. Fenn, P.G.A.D. Cers.; C. W. Kuhe, G. Org.; Lord H. Thynne, Hon. R. Harbord. Officers and members of Prov. Grand Lodge—A. E. Guest, V. F. Bennett-Stanford, T. B. Hanham, C. R. Rowe, H. S. Edwards, J. P. F. Gundry, G. R. Crickmay, L. H. Ruegg, Rev. W. M. Heath, P.P.G.S.W.'s; J. Jacob, J. Graves, J. S. Webb, G. L. Thorne, H. C. Burt, P.P.G.J.W.'s; Rev. H. Everett, P. G. Chaplain, G. H. Gutch, W. P. Cockeram, F. T. Johns, P. Hooper, H. T. G. T. A. Hanne, J. T. Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; R. N. Howard, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Case, P. Prov. G. Sec.; J. New, S. S. Moore, H. Ling, J. Lundie, E. T. Budden, J. Soppitt, P. Prov. G.S. Deacons; W. Chick, C. F. Arden, W. S. Gillard, T. R. Charles, W. W. Stickland, C. Yearsley, A. J. Budden, P. Prov. G.J. Deacons; G. J. Gregory, W. J. Fletcher, C. W. Wyndham, E. Edsall, J. W. Luff, J. Hudson, R. Eyres, P. Prov. G. Supts. of Works; W. Smith, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; G. W. Good, H. W. Abbott, R. C. Gillman, G. F. Stokes, P.P.G.A. Dirs. of Cer.; R. G. Long, J. T. Green, J. B. Cole, W. A. Dean, P.P. G. Stl. Brs.; J. Robinson, C. Keats, R. Radford, J. T. Hillier, S. Champ, P.P.G. Organists; T. Radcliffe, W. Osmond, S. S. Hunt, T. Hunter, J. Fenn, P.P.G. Purs.; E. Tolman, J. Lowe, J. S. A. Herford, W. D. Dugdale, J. R. Shopland, P.G. Stewards; and a numerous attendance of brethren from the lodges in the province and numerous visitors.

[The proceedings at the banquet will be given next week.]

A Special Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 18th instant.

Bro. E. J. Harty's letter on the Grand Historical Steel Engraving reached the office too late for insertion in this week's issue. It shall appear in our next.

Bro. George Powell, of the Norwich and London Insurance Office, has been admitted to the livery of the Spectaclemakers' Company.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual General Meeting and Election of this Institution takes place on Friday at twelve, too late for a report to appear in this issue of the *Freemason*. A SECOND EDITION will be published on Saturday morning, and will contain a full report of the proceedings, including a list of the successful and unsuccessful candidates, with the number of votes polled. Subscribers wishing to have a copy of Saturday morning's edition sent to them, will please forward 2½d. in stamps to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, has most kindly consented to preside at the Seventy-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 27th proximo.

There will be an "Old Wellingtonian" dinner at the Criterion on Tuesday, June 19th, at half-past seven p.m.

The consecration of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, when Bro. H. Muggeridge, late collector to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be installed first W.M. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

It is the intention of the Prince of Wales to inspect H.M.S. Thunderer, at Portsmouth, early next week. The Lords of the Admiralty will go over the ship with his Royal Highness.

It may interest the Craft to know that the amateur performance, promoted by Mrs. Mouckton, resulted in a net balance of 210 guineas, to be divided between the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

The medals awarded to the officers and crews of Her Majesty's ships Alert and Discovery, and the Pandora, for services in the Arctic expedition, are in course of distribution.

A NEW LODGE FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT.—The consecration of the Tonbridge Lodge, No. 1678, is to take place on Wednesday next, when Bro. G. Langridge will be installed as W.M., his Wardens being Bros. Fredk. Spencer and Rev. Jas. Amos, M.A.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft presided at the distribution of prizes won by students of the Protestant Educational Institute at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday last.

Comp. George Newman will be installed M.E.Z. of the William Preston Chapter, No. 776, at the next convocation, which will be held on Thursday next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, at half-past 4.

The dedication and consecration of the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, will take place on Thursday next, the 24th inst., at the Town Hall, Newark-upon-Trent.

Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Kent, has selected Erith to hold the next meeting in, of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge. A preparatory meeting will be held at Ramsgate.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. TWEDDELL.—The *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* thus notices the testimonial now being got up to our well known brother:—"A testimonial is being got up to be presented in the agreeable shape of a purse of gold to Mr. George Markham Tweddell, the well known Cleveland poet, essayist, and lecturer. The appeal is a touching and affecting one. The testimonial is intended to help Mr. Tweddell through heavy losses and family affliction, over which he had no control. The Cleveland district has always been rich in men abundant in literary ability. Before iron was discovered and Middlesbrough was made, Cleveland, like the Tyne, had a reputation for literary culture and scientific research. It is quite a mistake to treat Cleveland as a modern place. It has a character of its own. Cleveland has an old life, as marked as that of Newcastle, and its literary reputation is greatly due to such men as Mr. Tweddell." We have already alluded to it favourably and warmly in our columns. Bro. George Kenning is the London Treasurer to the fund.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Robert Wentworth Little on his recent appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, in the room of Bro. Sir George Eliot. Our worthy brother's labour for this distinguished province has entitled him to this honour, and we sincerely wish him an early restoration to better health to enable him to enjoy his new office.—*The Masonic Record of Western India*.

The installation meeting of the Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge, No. 1602, will take place at the Agricultural Hall, on Friday next, at four o'clock. The installation of Bro. Edward G. Sim as W.M. will be performed by Bro. E. Somers, I.P.M.

The Queen has expressed her desire that some adequate provision should be made for the Misses De Foe, the lineal descendants of the author of "Robinson Crusoe," and Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct that a pension of £75 per annum should be granted to each of these three ladies.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

Father Burke (W. E. G.)—Many thanks, will appear in our next.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Hospital Sunday Fund," "Masonic Record," "Key-stone," "New York Dispatch," "Scottish Freemason," "Masonic Journal," "Official Directory for the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall," edited by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, "The Treatment of Iron."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

CLERK.—On the 12th inst., at Priston, Bath, the wife of A. Clerk, Esq., of a daughter.  
HARRIS.—On the 27th ult., at Llandefalle, Rectory, Brecon, the wife of the Rev. W. Harris, of a daughter.  
MARRYAT.—On the 12th inst., at Sheddfield Grange, the wife of G. S. Marryat, of a daughter.  
WELCH.—On the 13th inst., at Southsea, the wife of Capt. W. D. Welch, of a daughter.  
WOOD.—On the 9th inst., at The Hall, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, the wife of J. B. Wood, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

BONNEWELL—WARREN.—On the 12th inst., at the Parish Church of St. Sepulchre, London, Bro. William Henry Bonnewell, of Old Bailey and Fleet-street, E.C., eldest son of Charles Bonnewell, Esq., H.E.I.C.S., to Caroline, elder daughter of the late Thomas Morton Warren, Esq., of Mincing-lane, E.C., and Mrs. S. Thompson, of Bennett Park, Blackheath, Kent. No cards.

## DEATHS.

ARNOLD.—On the 29th ult., at Ellough Rectory, the Rev. Richard Aldous Arnold, in his 85th year.  
CARD.—On the 16th inst., at 1, Clifton-villas, Upper Lansdowne-road, South Lambeth, Edward J. Card, Esq., Professor of Music, late of 29, St. James's-street, in his 61st year.  
DARBY.—On the 13th inst., at Warbleton, Sussex, in her 83rd year, Sarah, daughter of J. Darby, Esq.  
SHREWSBURY.—On the 11th inst., at his residence, 39, Dover-street, Charles John, 19th Earl of Shrewsbury, and 4th Earl Talbot, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Staffordshire, in the 47th year of his age.  
VANE.—On the 7th inst., at Brynderwen, near Usk, Morgan Vane, Esq., in his 43rd year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1877.

## DEATH OF LORD SHREWSBURY.

We deeply deplore the loss which the Craft in general, and Staffordshire in particular, has sustained by the loss of our distinguished brother, the Earl of Shrewsbury. He died very suddenly on Friday morning at 6 a.m., having only been taken ill at 2. The cause of his death, the *Times* of Saturday states, is "believed to be syncope of the heart." His love of Masonry, and his kindly presence will long be remembered by the brethren, and he will be a very missed man among his tenantry and a large circle of friends, and especially in that great Order of ours, of which he was so distinguished a member. We print an obituary elsewhere.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. M. J. GUEST, AS PROV. G.M. FOR DORSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., an influential gathering of Freemasons took place at Wimborne, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Montague John Guest, P.G.D., as Prov. Grand Master of Dorsetshire. The ceremony was conducted in the Masonic Hall, Wimborne, under the direction of Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter) P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D. and P.A.G. D.C. The R.W. Dep. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, presided as Installing Master, and was supported by the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Wiltshire, Lord Methuen; the R.W. P.G.M. of Kent, Lord Holmesdale; the R.W. P.G.M. of Hampshire, Bro. Beach, M.P.; the V.W. Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. Hon. Ralph Harbord, Bros. Vere Barnett Lanford, M.D.; Arthur Guest, J. P. Gundry, Kube, P.G.O., and many other distinguished brethren. Bro. Joseph Parks Gundry, son of the late Prov. G.M.; was appointed P.D.G.M., and the other officers were re-appointed. After the ceremony the Prov. G.M. entertained nearly 300 of the brethren at a magnificent banquet at the mansion of his brother, Sir Ivor Guest, Canford Manor. The dinner was supplied by Messrs. Gunter's in a style which could scarcely be surpassed, and the hospitality of the Prov. G.M. was acknowledged with the most enthusiastic cheers when his health and that of his brother, Sir Ivor Guest, were proposed. Our readers will see a report in detail in another column.

## A LABOUR OF LOVE.

We are most glad to call attention to a paragraph in another column by which it is stated that the talented wife of our very esteemed brother, the President of the Board of General Purposes, assisted by a genial band of skilful amateurs, has most kindly, by the successful theatricals at the Opera Comique, obtained for the two great Schools of the Craft, 210 guineas. We thank very much, as all our brethren will do, that kindly company and our "gifted sister."

## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

Our second great charity gathering has passed over for 1877, and may be said to have resulted in the return of £10,000, in round numbers, to that most admirable Institution of ours, the Girls' School. There is, as our readers will note an apparent falling off in this amount, as regards the first collection this year, for the Benevolent Institution, but it is one which we think is explicable by several causes, which are just now very active. One of the speakers, (we believe Bro. Binckes), spoke of the positive, comparative and superlative degrees of the charity returns, but in this special case it was rather an Irish way of putting the cart before the horse, unless, indeed, he meant, as he probably did—for Bro. Binckes is very facetious—that the positive represented Bro.

Little, the comparative Bro. Terry, and the superlative himself. Be it so. We shall join in the superlative wish, that Bro. Binckes may be favoured with superlative everything—weather, attendance, results, for his great gala in June. Yes; let us all say—"So mote it be." But do not let us run away, on the other hand, with the idea that the charity returns are going to fall off, (as we are all often alternately over sanguine and over depressed in things Masonic and profane), because the Girls' School festival is a little behind Bro. Terry's magnificent "throw off" for 1877. In the first place, trade has not recently been flourishing, and is still lagging sadly behind, affecting, no doubt, Freemasons as much as any one else. The returns of the Bankers' Clearing-house show this most conclusively, and though they are somewhat formidable to the non-expert in figures, and to those who, as we say, have forgotten their "tallies," yet we think it well to repeat them here, as they make this fact quite clear and conclusive. During the last year these wonderful returns amounted to the enormous sum of four thousand eight hundred and seventy-three millions of pounds sterling. And even this amount, large and marvellous as it seems, is 500 millions less than last year. As trade is slowly recovering, and would recover at once were it not for Eastern complications, we may hope that better days are in store for Freemasons generally. In the next place, we must remember that we have been working at "high pressure" for some time as regards our charities, and that in all human affairs and efforts there is always the ebb and flow, the elevation and the depression, the advance and the retrogression. There is nothing, therefore, abnormal or alarming in this slight falling off. Again, it is a mistake to suppose that the Craft is a very wealthy body. We have many very opulent members, but the great bulk of our fraternity are hard-working bread winners, to whom a life governorship represents a considerable sum. We do not deny that there is yet a virgin soil to be tilled by our good brethren the Secretaries as regards lodges and chapters, and therefore we do not yet see the limit by any means of what may be done for the charities. So that, on the whole, when we call to mind what a few years ago we considered a "noble return," and what zealous brethren have done for the goodly cause of charity, we feel strongly more than ever how much cause we have to be proud of our charitable brotherhood, and we sincerely congratulate the executive of the Institution, and especially our esteemed and worthy brother R. W. Little, on the result of the Girls' School Festival in 1877 which is about £1200 in excess of last year. As regards the returns themselves they are very suggestive indeed. The metropolitan brethren have contributed, (all honour to them), the goodly figure of £5228; West Yorkshire, always active in the cause of charity, and keeping up its high character, has sent up forty-six Stewards and £840; while Middlesex has manfully supported Bro. R. W. Little with £745, and Lancashire, W. Division, has forwarded £310 16s.. Then follow Durham with £286; Sussex, £233 7s. 6d.; Hants, £222 12s.; Norfolk, £209; Dorsetshire, £180 12s.; Warwickshire, £176 5s.; Kent, £175 4s. 6d.; Hertfordshire, £143 16s. 6d.; Gloucestershire, £135 9s.; Wiltshire, £122; Berks and Bucks, send £114 9s.; and Northamptonshire and Hunts, £105. There are several smaller amounts, making up the Provincial returns £4600. The twenty-two returns which are wanting are not likely to make any material difference in the net amount, but, on the whole, we may congratulate the Craft on a return of subscriptions of about £10,000 for our Girls' School.

## THE INCREASE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The proceedings of the General Committee, reported in our last impression, suggest one or two very serious considerations. In the first place we cannot disguise from ourselves, do what we will, and with the best feelings in the world to all concerned, that matters are assuming a rather hazy and incongruous appearance. There is, it



seems to us, a forgetfulness of the original reference of the Quarterly Court to the House Committee, and we do not note that any reference whatever has been made to the recent "instruction of another Quarterly Court." We cannot understand, either, why the matter has again to go to the House Committee. The House Committee having reported to the General Committee, for the duty of the General Committee, as we understand it, is to pass the report on to the Quarterly Court, and if the General Committee does not see the need of a Special Court it should say so by distinct resolution. The consequence is, and will be, that the matter will be "hung up" until the next Quarterly Court, and the subject, perhaps, hastily decided, without giving to it that cool, calm consideration which it undoubtedly demands. We regret this, as we feel sure that all that is wanted is a clear business-like statement of needful additions to the School to secure the assent of our liberal Craft. We remark also that in the report reference is again made to the "preparatory school," and it is suggested that the boys from eight to twelve shall be located in the "new buildings," and from twelve to sixteen in the "old." Now, this is an entirely novel suggestion, and we apprehend scholastically unworkable and quite contrary to the normal condition of similar institutions. It is one thing to have a preparatory school in another building, which may be a good thing, and quite needful in the progress of time, and development of the larger school; but it is quite another thing to have the actual school and the preparatory school in the same building and under the same head master. We cannot believe that it will answer, and we know no precedent for it. We are also struck, as all must be, with the financial calculation. On what authority is based the apparently singular statement that you can accommodate 120 boys for £25,000, and seventy for £22,000? We do not profess to understand on what system of probable expenditure such an estimate can be founded. Altogether we feel bound to repeat our humble opinion, previously expressed, that the proposal as originally contemplated for the preparatory school, and the suggestion of the increase at Wood Green, are rather hasty in their inception, and incomplete in details, and require alike architectural estimates and more minute information, in order to be appreciated and understood. We are very glad to see that Bro. Jesse Turner, whose business habits are well known, agrees with the view we have ventured to express, that by a small outlay for dormitory accommodation, £1800 or £2000 (which he says is quite feasible), we may increase the school to 200, for which number it was expressly built, (with additional dormitories), and so with the increase of eleven boys (a very sensible augmentation), the school may be left for the next three years to work on in peace and quiet. It may be then a question of large needful increase. We shall not grudge it if it be really required, but just now, for many reasons, we feel sure that it is most inopportune and unwise to announce fresh building operations, and to make a new appeal to the Craft.

### CHARITY VOTING.

We have read the remarks of our able Bro. R. J. Simpson on this very difficult subject with the attention which they deserve, and we feel bound to say, at the outset, that we are like the lady in dispute with her good husband in the old story—we are "not convinced." We think that our respected P.G.C., with the best intentions in the world, over-estimates the "evils" he complains of, and that the "remedy" he suggests would be decidedly "worse than the disease." After giving the very closest attention to the subject in all its bearings, alike theoretically and practically, for years, having incidentally seen more of the minute and actual working of the Masonic voting system than falls to the lot of most of the Craft, we beg at once to demur to Bro. Simpson's theory of great abuses or evils existing in our present charity voting system. Like all purely earthly institutions it has its weak points

no doubt, and is susceptible of improvement, for nothing is perfect here. But the "reform" which Bro. Simpson suggests, would simply be revolution, in that it would bring with it evils greater than any now existing, and would put a stop to all personal interest in the charities, and would, as far as the provinces are concerned, simply take away from them the voting privileges for which they have liberally paid and manfully laboured. To delegate to a committee in London, made up only of metropolitan brethren, the whole voting power of selection for the charities—for no provincial brother could afford time or money to attend the needful assemblies of the central committee—would introduce a very questionable novelty, and would practically deprive the candidates of all provincial support or local interest, and would, ipso facto, "kill the golden goose." We say nothing of the breach of faith involved, as regards those who have largely subscribed on the faith of certain well-known rules and regulations. Who of us, seriously speaking, is prepared to delegate to a committee sitting in London, composed if you will of the elite even of the brethren of our Order, either the power of selection or the power of erasure; the right of limiting the number of candidates or recommendation of special cases? The only result of such a system must be—we say it with all respect to our good brother the Past Grand Chaplain—favouritism and partiality. Nay, do we not open the door to possible jobbery of the most malignant character? At the present moment the only evils we know of are counterbalanced by publicity, open voting, and free discussion; but give us the proposed central committee, shadowed out by our kindly critic, and all these requisites will be wanting. In the next place, there are no evils attendant on the present system which cannot be checked by careful supervision, by the action of open discussion and public opinion. The polling days are admirably conducted, and fair play is given to all petitioners and all cases. By no possibility could a central committee advance the cause of comparative or absolute selection, because in the nature of things we defy any one to lay down infallible canons and absolute axioms of what constitutes the "most distressing case." So long as an application for relief is a bona fide and proper one per se, so long has it a "fair claim upon our charity," and in so far as it conforms to our regulations in so far as it is a befitting case to be submitted to the notice of the subscribers. It is impossible to believe that 10 or 20 brethren, however gifted, would be in a better position to select the most absolutely distressing cases than the subscribers, and until we can agree upon some distinct conditions of ineligibility, all cases which conform to our regulations, and are in themselves prima facie proper and justifiable, have an absolute right to be entertained. On one point only do we agree with Bro. Simpson, viz., that in the original reception of the case the committee of the institution should make a little more enquiry, and require a little more evidence of absolute poverty! Why should not a special paper of questions, be prepared by each charity and made a condition of acceptance? This is a common pre-requisite in all well conducted charities. The questions need be few, but they might be pertinent and go to the root of the matter, the distinct need of eleemosynary aid. For, as we recently observed, the greatest evils lie in the want of conscientiousness in those who put forward applicants for relief, when their family or relations might fairly spare the funds of the charity. But how this evil is to be remedied by our good Past Grand Chaplain's proposals we do not profess to see or understand. We feel sure that the general feeling of the Craft will be to "let well alone," inasmuch as the evils in our Masonic charity voting are so few that they can very easily be removed by the public opinion of the Craft, while the "cure" proposed for the imaginary malady savours, in our humble opinion, something like those imaginative advertisements, which skilful empirics put forth for the attraction and edification of the easy-going and credulous. We deprecate in conclusion the use of great names as an "argumentum ad rem," or "ad hominem," as we feel strongly that we all have reason and intellect

given to us by T.G.A.O.T.U. for good purposes and proper use, and we decline to submit our own clear perceptions of what is needful and right, to any "Pope," or any number of "Popes" in the world! Thanking our worthy brother for the kindly enunciation of his views, we regret that we can neither record our agreement with his argument, nor our approval of his suggestions, though made, we know and believe, with the best motives, and with the most fraternal feelings. We will next week go into the question of exchange of votes, to which some objection is raised.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By a singular error you do not seem to be aware that H.R.H. Prince Leopold is W.M. of the time honoured Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. H.R.H. was elected W.M. February, 1876, and is still W.M., our esteemed Bro. Philbrick, G.C., being the Dep. Master.

I am, yours obediently and fraternally,

A MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUITY.

[We have to apologise for the error, which certainly ought not to have appeared in the *Freemason*.—Ed.]

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to contradict the statement contained in your report of one of the speeches at the recent festival of this Institution, that I was not present on that occasion. With the exception of the forenoon, when I was engaged with the noble Chairman at his lordship's house, I was at Freemasons' Hall the whole of the day and evening, examining and arranging the Stewards' lists, in which work I received the able assistance of Bros. T. W. White and R. B. Webster. These brethren accompanied me into the dining hall where Bro. White kindly announced the lists, in consequence of my voice being weak.

I should not trouble you with this correction were it not for the fact that the statement has somewhat startled some of my friends.

Yours truly and fraternally,

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.  
To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With pleasure I make you the following statements, as you wish:—

About ten years ago some German Grand Lodges denied not only the initiation of Jewish aspirants, but also the right of visiting the lodges to brethren of Jewish faith. It was the first step, when all German Grand Lodges conceded the right of visitation. The next position was gained when the Grand Lodge of Concord at Darmstadt, the independent Lodge Minerva at Leipzig, and the Grand Lodge of Royal York at Berlin altered the sections in the constitution which prohibited the initiation of non-Christians. A new position was won, when the German Grand Lodge League (Grand Masters' Union) voted and published a series of fundamental principles, which should be a common basis for all German lodges. In this declaration there was no profession of faith required for admission into pure ancient Freemasonry is an universal brotherhood in the sense of the Old Charges of 1723.

Notwithstanding all these progresses, there were some daughter lodges of Royal York, in which all Jewish candidates were blackballed, as they did not like to have any Jewish brother in the ranks of their members. But this is, as you will perceive, only a local prejudice, as the law of Royal York does not hinder the initiation, and a great many of its lodges have initiated Jewish candidates and affiliated Jewish brethren.

At present there are only two Grand Lodges which rest on a unimasonic basis—viz., the Grand Mother Lodge of Three Globes and the Grand Countries Lodge (Swedish Rite) at Berlin.

At the annual Grand Lodge Conference of the Grand Mother Lodge of Three Globes, the Jewish question was discussed three times, and twice the majority of lodges voted for repealing of the famous section 165 of the constitution, without success, as some brethren voted against it and so prevented the necessary majority of two-thirds. We hope for better success this month, as the great majority of lodges, and the whole of the Grand Lodge Directory will vote in the sense of Masonic universality. In the Grand Lodge of Three Globes the matter is only a question of time, for the abrogation of the section which demands a two-thirds majority.

Of the Grand Countries Lodge (Swedish Rite), which rests on thorough unimasonic principles, laws, and traditions, or, as Bro. Schiffmann has proved in accordance with the statements of my own ("History of Freemasonry") "only by fraud." I say of the Grand Countries Lodge nothing is to be hoped, as it is intolerant in all its convictions and traditions, and neither Masonic in doctrine, nor in law, nor in its historical fundamentals, nor in its usages. Founded by a Masonic swindler (Von Zinnendorf) without any legal warrant, this Grand Lodge is the worthy rival of the Roman Catholic Church and of



Papacy; it is a shame of our brotherhood and the permanent source of discord and scandal within our holy circle. Some years ago I declared that I could not acknowledge it as a regular, just and perfect Grand Lodge, but as the very contrary of all Masonry, and some months ago I made the proposition that the German Grand Lodge should no longer acknowledge it, and have no connection with it at all.

This Grand Countries Lodge has excluded from the whole fraternity the venerated and merited Bro. Schiffmann, because he has written some historical articles of great value, but the German Grand Lodges have not acknowledged this unjust verdict of exclusion, and have nominated Bro. Schiffmann as honorary member.

So, I hope, you will now be clear, that only the Grand Countries Lodge (Swedish Rite) is to be expelled from the fraternity.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. G. FIMBEL.

Leipzig, May 14, 1877.

#### PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A short time since I accidentally met with Mr. Emanuel Deutsch's Report on the Operations of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and I was so much interested in perusing his observations on the singular marks discovered on the foundation courses of the great wall of underground Jerusalem, that no apology is necessary for introducing them to the notice of your readers and the Craft in general. These marks were discovered ninety feet below the present surface of the city, and Mr. Deutsch in reference to them says:—"I have come to the following conclusions. 1. The signs cut or painted were on the stones when they were first laid in their present places. 2. They do not represent any 'inscription.' 3. They are Phœnician." He considers them to be partly letters, partly numerals, and partly special Masons' or quarry signs. Some of them are recognisable at once as well-known Phœnician characters; others, hitherto unknown in Phœnician epigraphy, he was able to identify on undoubted antique Phœnician structures in Syria such as the primitive substructure of the harbour at Sidon. He also observed these marks on the bevelled stones taken from ancient edifices and built into later work throughout Phœnicia. A striking and obvious instance of this is the ruined citadel standing above Saida, the stones of which are old Phœnician stones immured in their present place at subsequent periods. These stones teem with "fantasies" identical with those of Jerusalem. The signs have never been noticed before, Mr. Deutsch having been the first to point them out to the excavator of the Ashmunazar Sarcophagus. He further states that although he found extremely well preserved painted frescoes in Phœnician tombs, all the stone marks just alluded to were cut, not painted.

Mr. W. K. Loftes, in his "Researches in Chaldea and Lusiana," gives six columns of builders' marks found by him in "Shushan the Palace," now Shush. Those he gives are from composition bricks, and the marks, when not scratched in the wet clay while the composition was soft, are framed with dark-coloured enamel, or are laid on in glaze. It also appears that marks of a similar kind occur upon many ancient stone buildings in the East, as at Takte Suleyman, near Persepolis; also at the base of the sculptured rock of Bisutun; in blocks near the Zenderund, and in the garden of the Chehil Situn at Isfahan; and especially on the walls of Al Hadhr, near Mosul. It is not improbable that those observed in the Chehil Situn were derived from more ancient structures erected by Adeshur Bubezan, A.D. 230. With regard to others of similar kind elsewhere, it has been suggested that they are the marks of Chaldean masons. However this may be, it is curious to find them existing on edifices far apart, and erected at various periods from 335 B.C. to the end of the sixteenth century of our era.

In the ninth plate of Dr. Aveling's "History of Roche Abbey," founded in 1147, there are fifty-nine Masons' marks, very clearly given, all found at Roche.

In my reading I have also found some very interesting information about Freemasons as ecclesiastical builders, but my present communication has already encroached so much on your valuable space that I must defer this subject to a future occasion if you will kindly allow me space for the purpose.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. E. N. No. 766.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is a respectable and well-conducted man ineligible to be made a Freemason on account of his being illegitimate by birth?

Yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

[Undoubtedly, by the old rules of the operative guilds the candidate must be born in wedlock, and be the issue of a lawful marriage; and the "filius nullius" was inadmissible. The rule of the Craft is adverse to the reception of all not born of "honest parentage."—Ed.]

#### MASONIC CLUBS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly inform me, through the medium of your journal, if there are in or about London what are called Masonic Clubs, as I am told there are many.

A Masonic Club, I am told, is a Lodge of Instruction held without a warrant on Sabbath evenings by brethren

that cannot attend Lodges of Instruction, with a warrant, during the week, and are called Masonic Clubs because neither the M.W.G.M., nor any private lodge, will issue a warrant for a Lodge of Instruction to hold its meetings on the Sabbath day.

If you would kindly state if such meetings are held by the brethren in London I would feel greatly obliged.

Yours fraternally,

T. B.

N.B.—The Masonic Club held at 101, Queen Victoria-street, I presume is altogether of a different nature to those to which I refer.—T.B.

#### THE MACE FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have much pleasure in announcing that the result of our appeal on behalf of the above fund has been so far satisfactory as to have enabled Mr. Mace to have studied at Queen's College, Cambridge, for the last six months.

He has passed his preliminary examination, and will be sufficiently prepared by a few months' further study to undergo his final examination prior to presenting himself for ordination.

We feel that, having gone thus far, the brethren will not allow the fund to lack support for so worthy an object as assisting one of our Masonic boys, who, having carried off the silver medal and Maybury prize at our school, pursued his studies at his own expense, after his day's work was done, in the evening classes of King's College, London, and there, by hard work, gained the Divinity prize, several first-class certificates, and the associateship of that college.

We feel, therefore, justified in appealing for further subscriptions, which we hope to receive early, as the fund at present is entirely exhausted.

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

#### THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the leading article in the *Freemason* of the 12th inst. on "The Struggle in France," I would beg leave to remind you that for very many years Craft lodges have existed and worked in France under two separate jurisdictions, namely, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Grand Orient. Now, whatever the Grand Orient may think fit to decree, or its lodges to practise, the Supreme Council and the lodges under its jurisdiction, are bound to acknowledge the Great Architect of the Universe, and this was most explicitly acknowledged by the delegates sent from that body to represent it at the Lausanne Congress in 1875.

It is now as ever the rule of the Rite.

In Belgium the Supreme Council possesses the undoubted power of establishing Craft lodges under its jurisdiction, but for weighty reasons that body was anxious to follow the example of the Supreme Council of England, and leave the government of the Craft degrees to their Grand Orient. Should the Grand Orient of Belgium, however, follow the example of France, it is possible that the Supreme Council, which also is bound by the treaty of Lausanne, will assert its rights and powers.

Should England, therefore, be forced to cease Masonic relations with one or both of the Grand Orient and the lodges under their jurisdiction, there is no reason why the large number of Craft lodges working under the authority of the Supreme Council of France should be included in the same measure, nor why it should be extended to those which exist, or may be established under the Supreme Council of Belgium.

Would it not, on the contrary, be but right to extend the hand of fellowship to those Masonic bodies which are combating for the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and who acknowledge the Deity even as we do ourselves.

As many lodges will thus exist which English Masons can conscientiously visit, there can be no valid reason or necessity for petitioning the Grand Master of England to establish English lodges in foreign jurisdictions.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

ONE OF THE ENGLISH DELEGATES TO THE  
LAUSANNE CONGRESS.

[We do not profess to understand how the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite anywhere can claim to establish Craft lodges, though we are glad to note the statement of our esteemed correspondent.—Ed.]

#### FREEMASONRY IN PERU.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication:—

"An answer to Mr. Artidi Martin's extracts from the 'Bulletin' of the so-called Supreme Council of Peru, pages 137 to 139, of the *Chaine d'Union* for March."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I take the liberty of addressing you under this fraternal title, although you do not deign to use it in your extracts when referring to me I beg to inform you that I am no doctor, but merely a brother Mason.

After extolling the Peruvian brethren with complimentary gallantry, for which accept my thanks, although I do not hail from the section of the fraternity that you defend, or whose publications have served you for extracting your information, but rather representing the Grand Orient of Peru, in the name of which I permit myself the liberty of addressing you now. Allow me, as a Mason that should always speak and write the truth, to protest also, as a resident of Lima for the last twenty-three years, and have never been absent from this city during that period for six months in succession, against your assertion of having seen in this capital, in the processions, women

dancing before the same, disguised and masked (*travestis et masqués*) in the streets of Lima, to the airs of dances from "Traviata," or any other tune or tunes.

Probably you may have seen the Indians on some festive occasion, masked and disguised, dancing in the streets in commemoration of some of their ancient usages, but it appears strange that during my long residence here I have never seen the burlesques that you refer to in the religious processions in Lima.

Notwithstanding the state of ignorance of the population of Peru, they have not found a "Miraculous Virgin of Lourdes," nor the salvation of their souls by the celebrated waters of that place, which is imported here from France.

Your astonishment at learning that from the Entered Apprentice's Degree to the Thirty-third pays into the treasury of the so-called Supreme Council 4743 francs, may be increased when you learn that although 10,000 Masons have been initiated in Peru, the aforesaid body has not got a foot of ground they can call their own, nor even a house on lease, and this after thirty years' administration, whereas a symbolic lodge (Peace and Concord, No. 445) installed ten or twelve years since by your humble brother, in union with two others in Callao, have built a Masonic Hall which has cost them 100,000 francs.

I must request you to take note that the majority of the members of the so-called Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and last degree of the A. and A. S. Rite in Peru are foreigners, and the Peruvian brethren cannot be blamed for the sins of others, as Dr. Antonio Sausa Ferreira (Sov. G. Com.) is a Portuguese, and his son-in-law, Richard H. Hartley, says he is an Englishman; these two worthy Sov. G.J.G.G. have managed to get and keep hold of that lodge, and as to the funds, all I can say is that they have not five hundred francs in the world, either in cash, stock, or valuables.

You will find this corroborated by reading the bulletin, No. 23, of the Grand Orient of Peru, which I have the honour to forward by this mail to your address, and therein you will see, pages 490, 492, 503 to 509, why the Grand Orient of Peru still exists, the Bulls of the body that receive its life from the Grand Orient not producing any effect against us.

The Masonic Hall in Lima has existed in the Calle de San Francisco since time immemorial, say for the last thirty years; the address printed on the official paper of the Grand Secretariat of the Grand Orient of Peru is that of San Francisco. Probably this may be the reason why the brethren that publish the Calendar of the Grand Orient of France may have supposed that all regular Masonic bodies in Peru held their communications and meetings in the Lima Masonic Hall, Calle de San Francisco. But I appeal to those illustrious brethren to say whether I ever gave them the address, as you appear to insinuate.

The decree that you mention from the spurious bulletin in question, of the building of a Masonic Hall, will never produce any other effect than the consignment of it to printed pages.

Referring to your last extract about the History of Freemasonry in Peru, I have the honour of being its author and compiler from the archives of the Grand Orient, and that the second and last parts of that history were never seen by the members of that so-called Supreme Council till they saw the former in the pages of the *Chaine d'Union*, and will read the last part in the *Freemason* when published. This is not the only one of my compilations, that the said brethren have laid hold of, having others belonging to yours fraternally,

ARTHUR M. TINSLEY, 33<sup>rd</sup>,  
W.M. Order and Liberty Lodge, No. 1,  
P.Z. R.A. Chap. Agemmonon, 167,  
G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Peru, and  
G. Sec. of the Grand Orient of Peru.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 1lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *samples*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgia Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.—A.D.V.



## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

The ceremony of installing Bro. William Simmons Hammond, P.M., as District Grand Master of Tasmania, and of opening the District Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, took place in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 27th February, 1877. The dais was reserved for the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and other members of the District Grand Lodge; the west end of the hall was set apart for the Master Masons. Admission to non-members of the District Grand Lodge was by card, and the proceedings, which were on a grand scale, were, of course, of a semi-private character. The number of brethren present was about 120.

Out of 27 who could claim to sit in the District Grand Lodge, 23 signed their names in the attendance book. Among those present were the following:—Lodge 536, Hobart Town: Worshipful Master, Dr. Huston; Past Masters, C. Toby, F. H. Wise, L. Susman, John Clark, W. A. B. Jamieson, and W. H. Burgess, jun.; Wardens, R. Fitzgerald and John Perkins, jun.—Lodge 618, Launceston: Past Masters, J. F. Hobkirk, W. R. Davey, G. Smith, R. M. Johnston, R. J. Sadler, and C. W. Rocher.—Lodge 801, Hobart Town: Worshipful Master, T. H. Magrath; Past Masters, Rev. R. D. P. Harris, H. Nelson, J. R. Scott; Acting Senior Warden, T. M. Evans; Junior Warden, G. Richardson.—Irish Lodge, 345: Worshipful Master, B. Webb; Past Masters, J. T. Robertson, S. Smith, C. H. Miller, and R. Hood. In addition to these, there were several other Masters, Past Masters, and officers of both the Irish and Scotch Constitutions. The brethren all appeared in evening dress, and full Masonic (Craft) regalia; the officers of lodges wore the insignia of their respective offices.

The doors were opened at 5 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock they were closed. The authority of the R.W. the District Grand Master for opening the District Grand Lodge having been read, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that Bro. P.M. Toby act as Installing Master; Bro. P.M. Wise acted as Senior Warden; Bro. P.M. Susman as Junior Warden; and Bro. P.M. Clarke as Sword-Bearer.

The District Grand Lodge was then opened in form, and an announcement was made by the sound of the trumpet, by Bro. P.M. Smith, as Herald, that the R.W. the District Grand Master desired admission, to receive the benefit of installation, which having been duly reported, and his patent of appointment received and read, a deputation, consisting of Bros. P. Masters Jamieson, Scott, Davey, and Smith, the Chaplain, and four Stewards withdrew, for the purpose of introducing the Grand Master, and re-entered in the following order:—Two Stewards, bearing the Grand Master's insignia (apron, collar, and jewel) on a cushion; the four Past Masters, the Chaplain, the D. Grand Master, and two Stewards.

As the procession moved up the centre of the hall, the organ, at which Bro. H. W. Chapman presided, played a march. The D. Grand Master having been introduced by the Past Masters, was conducted to a seat on the left of the Presiding Master, and presented for installation. The Installing Officer addressed him in prescribed form on the importance of the office to which he had been appointed. He was then requested to kneel while the Chaplain offered up the installation prayer; and, still kneeling he was obligated by the Installing Officer, after which he was clothed and invested with the insignia of his office and conducted to the chair. The Herald sounded the trumpet, and Bro. P.M. Wise proclaimed the installation, and the brethren saluted the Deputy Grand Master according to ancient form, passing round the lodge, the organ playing the march from "Eli."

The Deputy Grand Master then appointed his Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. P.M. George Smith, who was obligated, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient form. The D. Grand Master appointed the other officers of the D. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. H. Wise, District Grand Senior Warden; L. Susman, D. Grand Junior Warden; Rev. R. D. P. Harris, D. Grand Chaplain; C. Toby, D. Grand Secretary; W. A. B. Jamieson, D. Grand Senior Deacon; C. W. Rocher, D. Grand Junior Deacon; J. A. Ferguson, D. Grand Director of Ceremonies; John Clark, D. Grand Sword-bearer; Geo. Beaumont, D. Grand Tyler; Jno. Hamilton, D. Grand Steward for Lodge 536; W. R. Davey for Lodge 611; and G. W. Fletcher for Lodge 801. Bro. W. H. Burgess, jun., was elected by the D. Grand Lodge to be the D. Grand Treasurer. All these officers, with the exception of the D.G.D.C., were severally invested with the insignia of office. Bros. Jno. Hamilton and T. M. Evans were appointed as Auditors, and the following brethren as a Committee of General Purposes, viz., the Senior and Junior D. Grand Wardens, the D. Grand Chaplain, D. Grand Treasurer, D. Grand Secretary, Senior and Junior D. Grand Deacons; G. F. Huston, W.M.; T. H. Magrath, W.M.; J. Perkins, jun., and R. Fitzgerald, Wardens of Lodge 536.

The D. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren retired, the processional march being repeated.

At eight o'clock there was a grand banquet in the hall, about 110 members being present, on the invitation of the D. Grand Master. Everything was prepared in splendid style, the caterer being Bro. Currie, of the Club Hotel; the wines were of really first-class quality, and highly praised. The D. Grand Master presided, supported on the right by W.M.s, and on the left by the P.M.s, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. P.M. Wise. After the removal of the cloths, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," and "His Excellency the Governor," were proposed by the Chairman, and enthusiastically received. Bro. F. H. Wise, in proposing "The Right Worshipful

District Grand Master," said: Right Worshipful Master and brethren—After some twenty-three years' active experience in Freemasonry in Tasmania, to be permitted the pleasure of witnessing such a gathering as assembled in lodge this evening to do honour to you, Worshipful Sir, was indeed truly gratifying. The toast placed in my hands at so short a notice is one that I cannot render that justice to which it deserves upon the present occasion. Upon so memorable an event I could have wished, had time been allowed me, to offer for the information of this younger brethren a short history of Freemasonry in the colony, but, as I cannot do so, I must content myself with recalling to mind a few of the events which have passed under my immediate experience. It will be in the recollection of some of our older brethren how, years back, we had to carry on the good work of Freemasonry under serious difficulties. Many will remember occasions during the last twenty years when we could scarcely gather enough members to open a lodge, and others will recollect when for a time we did not meet at all. But, thanks to the indomitable perseverance of a few brethren, who, knowing they were associated in a good cause, strove manfully to preserve our ancient and honourable institution, and to tide it over the difficulties which surrounded it, happy am I, Right Worshipful Sir, that those difficulties have been satisfactorily surmounted, and that instead of meeting few in number and in an unsuitable building, we now hold our lodges in a hall which is the admiration of our visitors, and in which our brethren can assemble in numbers with a feeling of honourable pride and comfort. (Cheers.) The Fund of Benevolence, contributed to by the lodges in this city, has done much good, and is now, owing mainly to the continued exertions of its energetic Secretary, in a most flourishing position. (Applause.) Yours, indeed, Right Worshipful Sir, must have been a pleasing duty this evening to preside over so many brethren occupying high social positions, not only in the city, but also in the northern capital and in other parts of the island. When I observe that besides the brethren who were to-night invited to your District Grand Lodge, the attendance included nearly the whole of those entitled to that distinction, I cannot but feel that you, Right Worshipful Sir, must be satisfied that the honourable position which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master of England has been pleased to bestow has fallen upon one justly considered by his brethren worthy of precedence. The power now placed in your hands, Right Worshipful Sir, will, I feel assured, be conscientiously exercised for the general benefit of the Craft; and should differences of opinion arise amongst Masons, I believe all here present have sufficient confidence in your ability and good judgment to bow to your ruling, and cheerfully abide by your decision. In conclusion, I earnestly hope that henceforth a brighter era in Freemasonry is dawning upon us, and that those brethren who to-night have assisted in the ceremony of your installation will all combine, under your guidance, in forwarding the cause of Masonry in Tasmania. The pleasing duty is mine now, Right Worshipful Sir, of asking the brethren to unite with me in wishing you health and happiness and a long and prosperous Masonic career.

The toast was received with Masonic honours and heartily responded to.

The District Grand Master, in reply, returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the kind and considerate remarks of the proposer. He was fully sensible of the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and he trusted that he should realise the hopes that were entertained respecting his performance of the duties entrusted to him; at all events, he should endeavour to exercise the power he had for the general benefit of the Craft, and he knew that he should have the support of his brethren. He could endorse all that had been said by Bro. Wise concerning the Craft in this colony, and he trusted with him that Masonry would progress in Tasmania more than it had ever done before.

The remaining toasts were: "The Deputy D. Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Smith, D.D. G.M.; "The W.M.s and P.M.s of Tasmanian Lodges under the E.C.," proposed by Bro. J. T. Robertson, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Huston, W.M.; "The W.M.s and P.M.s under other Constitutions," proposed by the D.D. Grand Master, and responded to by Bro. J. T. Robertson, P.M., and Bro. Conway, P.M., for the Irish Constitution; "Our Visitors," proposed by Bro. F. H. Wise, and responded to by Bro. Conway, P.M.; and "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. C. W. Rocher, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Coates.

The entertainment was interspersed with songs by Bros. Dr. Smart, Ferguson, Chapman, R. J. Harris, Rogers, Moir, and others, Bro. Packer presiding at the piano; and a most enjoyable evening was closed by the company singing the National Anthem.

## ROBERT BURNS LODGE, S.C.

Thursday, the 22nd February, 1877, will long be remembered in the annals of Christchurch Masonry, for on the afternoon of that day the first lodge, holding under the ancient Scottish rite, established in the Canterbury capital, was consecrated to the service of the Craft. A large number of brethren assembled at the St. Augustine Lodge room, and the lodge was duly opened by Bro. Donald, District Grand Master of E.C., kindly acting as deputy for Bro. J. Hislop, the Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand, Scotch Constitution. After the opening ceremonies were concluded Bro. Donald addressed the brethren assembled in a very eloquent manner, pointing out to them the importance of the step which they were about to take in establishing a new lodge devoted to the sacred principles of Freemasonry. After the charter and dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland had been read, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with,

and the Robert Burns Lodge was opened in ample form. The following officers were then installed by the W.D.D. G.M.:—Bros. Jas. P. Parker, R.W.M.; W. M. Smith, W.D.M.; W. Ferguson, W.S.M.; L. A. Elerig, W.S.W.; J. Johnson W.J.W.; Fulton, Treas.; Spence, Sec.; R. Brown, S.D.; W. McLean, J.D.; T. J. Newbury, I.G.; R. McLean, O.G. A banquet was held in the evening. Songs, recitations and toasts were given with great spirit, and the company present seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. A large number of visiting brethren attended the opening and the banquet, and several country lodges were represented on the occasion. The only Dunedin Lodge represented was the Celtic, S.C., the representative of which offered "hearty good wishes" for the success of the Robert Burns, on behalf of the Dunedin Masons.

## Reviews.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL, Edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M., P.G.D., P. Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall.

We are glad to note that this useful little work is in its seventh year of publication, and edited by our well-known and able Bro. W. J. Hughan, comes before us with every sign of vitality and utility. It contains a great deal of information in respect to the province of Cornwall, alike most valuable and needful, and we always hail its appearance, in common with many other equally serviceable Provincial Directories and Calendars. The only one addition we should venture to announce is the last "Annual Balance Sheet." It seems that there are in Cornwall twenty-seven Lodges and 1467 Masons, an average of sixty-one members per lodge. There are also nine chapters. We thank Bro. Hughan for his little work.

DAME EUROPA'S REMONSTRANCE AND HER ULTIMATUM. Kerby and Endean, 180, Oxford-street.

We have received this little brochure, which we have read with much interest, and which we see has already reached a tenth edition. Its very reasonable price of 6d. will command for it, we feel sure, a ready sale and a large circulation. At this time, when the East is once again likely to become the theatre of stirring events, and war has again loosed its angry "dogs," all that fixes attention on that remarkable portion of the world, has its deep interest for the reflecting and the discriminating. We agree with the view of the writer of this little "piece d'occasion," whosoever that writer may be, and we sincerely trust that the result of this great struggle may tend to the pacification of Europe, and the liberty of oppressed populations. It is quite true, high time, indeed, in our humble opinion, that such atrocities as have been perpetrated in Bulgaria should be put an end to, and Europe has a right to demand that if the Turk is unable to pursue his abnormal position in Europe, for the reign of a Mahomedan victor in Europe is practically a solecism, that Christian populations shall be protected and preserved alike in safety and honour and in peaceful progress, and under good government. How far it may be true that the time has come that the Ottomans should retreat to their original country, we do not pause to enquire, nor do we profess to lay down, as the slim logic of facts, what will probably overthrow all the dispatches of diplomats and all the supposition of politicians. We do not, however, believe that the balance of power depends on the maintenance of the Turks in Europe. At the same time, we feel satisfied that the dominant interests of Great Britain in all that especially concerns the East, will be carefully watched over, and gallantly upheld, by Her Majesty's Government. We commend this little pamphlet to the notice of our readers. It is most clearly written and admirably expressed.

## THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.

We greet No. 7 with much pleasure, and we sincerely trust that the *Scottish Freemason* has a long career of usefulness before it. If the Scottish brethren will accord to our zealous publisher the support he so fairly asks from them, we have no doubt but that the *Scottish Freemason* will soon "pay its way." We see many papers day by day, and we know of none that excels it in neatness of appearance and the thorough workmanlike style in which it is produced. It promises to be a very valuable and readable journal.

MASONIC MUSIC.—New Masonic Anthem. "Hail thou Source of Love." Manchester: J. S. Jones and Co., 44, Corporation-street.

Bro. J. Batchelder, W.M. of Lodge of Truth, 1458, Manchester, has issued this very effective anthem, which he has dedicated to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. for E. Lancashire. We beg to call the attention of our brethren to it, for the purpose of consecration and church service, as they will find it alike most suitable and seasonable for such interesting occasions.

## THE MASONIC ADVOCATE OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The *Masonic Advocate* of Indianapolis is in its eleventh volume. We wish it all success. The *Masonic Advocate* is most interesting to Masons, and we read it regularly, and "pleasure and profit" are the "mutual result."

The *Globe* states that Lord Zetland has intimated that with the sum, amounting to between £4000 and £5000, which he has received as compensation for the abolition of patronage in Orkney and Shetland, he intends to found several bursaries in connection with the Faculty of Arts in Edinburgh University. His lordship, in so disposing of the money, has in view the advancement of the educational interests of those islands, of which the intending bursars must be natives.



### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, May 25, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 19.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 " 1339, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London-Bridge.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
 " 1679, Henry Muggelridge, Prince George, Park R. Dalston, Consecration.  
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate St.  
 " 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
 Rocleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, MAY 21.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.  
 " 8, British, F.M.H.  
 " 31, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 " 730, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingland.  
 Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
 Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
 London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 22.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's R., St. James's.  
 " 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Waltham.  
 Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
 " 31, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 169, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
 Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge.  
 Lodge of Benevolence.  
 Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 " 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., St. John's Wood.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
 " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
 Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 24.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.  
 " 538, Vane, F.M.H.  
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor Hot., S.W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 Bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 FRIDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 " 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Artillery, City-rd.  
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N. Chap.  
 862, Whittington, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Encamp 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 26, 1877.

#### MONDAY, MAY 21.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-Buildings, Southport.  
 " 763, Clifton, Clifton Arms Hot., Blackpool.  
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 22.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
 " 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescott.  
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
 " 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H. Rusholme.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 24.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.  
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Stanley L. of I., 241, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
 SATURDAY, MAY 26.  
 Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

**THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON.**—We have received the first number of this new periodical, which is very creditably got up in style and contents. Several attempts were hitherto made to establish a Masonic periodical in Scotland, but after a short time the journal ceased to exist. Bro. George Kenning, the spirited proprietor of the London *Freemason*, has established the new paper, and there is not the slightest doubt that it will keep its place in Masonic literature, and we sincerely hope, for the honour of Scottish Freemasonry, that the brethren in Scotland will support the new journal. There are a great many Masonic irregularities which require looking after in Scotland, and the discussion of these matters will meet with greater attention if ventilated in a journal on the spot than in one at a distance.—*The Masonic Record of Western India*.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate. Bro. R. Taylor, the W.M., presided, and there was a very good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Melrose having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree he was re-admitted, and duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the S.W. presenting the working tools. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and a unanimous ballot having been recorded for Mr. Edmund Johnson, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the J.W. A candidate was proposed for admission at the next meeting, after which the usual proclamations were made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. T. Butt, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bro. T. Ward, P.M.; C. Hobson, P.M.; G. Crawford, P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; S. Waters, S.W.; A. C. Woodley, J.W.; J. Henderson, Sec.; J. Warren, S.D.; E. B. Hobson, J.D.; C. Cooke, Org.; W. McCoy, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Weston, W.M. 1536; W. Hogg, P.M. 1349; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; W. A. Watkins, 1536; J. Frankling, 913; and C. Jolly, 913. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for as joining member of Bro. J. Epsom, of Lodge 1107, and Mr. J. Epsom as an initiate. Both being approved of, Bro. John Epsom was formally introduced, and Mr. James Epsom duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Glocock and Skillen were then passed, and Bros. Lacey and Hillier raised to the Sublime Degree. The three ceremonies were, as usual in this lodge, splendidly worked. After two charitable appropriations had been made the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been most enthusiastically responded to, Bro. Ward, the I.P.M., proposed the toast of the W.M. in flattering terms, and Bro. Butt in reply said he fancied Bro. Ward had been listening to an old song in which it said "His virtues were so rare," and attributed to him virtues that he was afraid he did not possess; however, he trusted that during his year of office, that had now so nearly expired, he had done all he could, as Bro. Ward said he had, for the benefit and welfare of the lodge. "The Healths of the Joining Brother and Initiate" followed, Bro. J. Epsom responding. "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Weston and Jolly, followed, and was responded to by those brethren as well as by Bro. Osbourne, 387, I.C., Malta, who gave a very interesting account of a visit he had paid to an Italian lodge, and the earnest way in which the work was carried out in that lodge. To a very cordial toast of "The Past Masters," Bros. Ward and Crawford replied, the latter regretting the unavoidable absence of P.M. Dawson, their esteemed Treasurer, through domestic affliction; and after "The Health of the Officers" had been proposed, drank, and responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded the business of the meeting.

**EGGLES.**—Bridgewater Lodge (No. 1213).—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., the ceremony of installation was rehearsed at this lodge by Bro. J. Gibb Smith, P.P.G.J.W. East Lancashire. The lodge met at its usual trysting place, Bro. J. Pearson's, the Cross Keys Hotel, Eccles, and about seventy brethren, including visitors, were present. Bro. J. Gibb Smith having opened the lodge in the different degrees, proceeded with the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Distin Wills, a brother well known for his probity and high character among the members of the Craft in Yorkshire and Lancashire, the whole ceremony being given beautifully. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Harry Lynill, S.W.; Chas. V. Brown, J.W.; J. Cater (Worsley), Chap.; W. Bowden, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Shepley, Sec.; H. E. N. Puenjer, S.D.; J. H. Hassall, J.D.; John Willis, I.G.; T. Cavanah, P.M., D.C.; G. Wait, Isaac Sim,

and W. Powell, Stewards; Stanislaus and Brenner, Musical Directors. A banquet afterwards followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

**WEST DERBY.**—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this suburban lodge was held at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.M., P.G.S., the W.M., presided, and amongst other brethren present were Bros. R. Bennett, I.P.M.; P. Macmildrow, P.M., P.G. Pur., Treas.; J. Capell, S.W.; J. Sellar, P.M., acting as J.W.; T. G. Fisher, Sec., &c. There was a good representation of visitors. Mr. H. Bloomer and Mr. H. Lyon, jun., were duly initiated, and Bros. T. W. Rudd and W. K. Greenway were passed to the Second Degree. A sum was voted from the funds of the lodge in order to qualify the J.W. as a Life Governor of the Hamer Benevolent Fund. Refreshments followed business, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1560).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 4th inst. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren, among the latter being Bro. Johnson, Prov. G. Steward for West Lancashire. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B., occupied the chair of K.S., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Capt. Garnett, W.M. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, when Bro. Schofield, having proved his proficiency as a Fellow Craftsman, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Schofield having been re-admitted he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Dr. Moore, the working tools being presented by Bro. Longman, I.P.M. 1051. Bro. Duff, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation taking place on the 1st proximo. A candidate was proposed for admission, and the usual routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

## INSTRUCTION.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at 101, Queen Victoria-street, there being present Bros. Hawksley, W.M.; Tickle, S.W.; Shand, J.W.; Wall, S.D.; Howard, J.D.; Willett, I.G.; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; J. Mander, Precep.; S. E. Shaw, Sec., and other brethren of the Masonic Club. The lodge having been opened in usual form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the initiation of Bro. Eastgate, E.A. 1563, was rehearsed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hogg was passed to the Degree of F.C., after which the lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. Tickle, 1196, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which takes place at 6 p.m. on Monday next.

## Royal Arch.

**WIGTON.**—Chapter of St. John's (No. 327).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion and Lamb, High-street, Wigton, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present: Comps. John Gate, P.P.G.R., Z.; Henry Bewes, H., and James Gardiner, J.; and others. The chapter having been opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Harris, of St. John's Lodge, No. 327, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was introduced, obligated, and exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Ex. Comp. Barr, P.Z. 119, assisted by Comp. Bewes, H., the beautiful Mystical Lecture being given by Comp. Barr with his customary elocutionary power, and the Historical and Symbolical by Comp. Bewes. The companions were greatly struck at the admirable way in which the degree was worked and at the solemnity and decorum which pervaded the proceedings. Two brothers having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, the chapter was closed and the brethren retired for refreshment.

**HAMPTON.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this new chapter was held at the Island Hotel, on Saturday, the 12th inst., to consider a notice of motion "That the chapter should be removed from the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, to the above-mentioned place." There were present Comps. Sabine, M.E.Z.; Moss, P.Z., acting H.; Baldwin, M.E.Z. Lebanon, acting J.; Faulkner, acting S.N.; Dubois, acting S.E.; Walls, P.S. 185, acting P.S.; Johnson, acting 1st A.S.; W. Hammond, P.Z., D.C.; Gilbert, Janitor. The subject of the removal of the chapter having been fully ventilated, it was unanimously resolved that it should be forthwith carried out. The convocation having been adjourned until the second Saturday in the ensuing July, the companions partook of a well served collation. The customary preliminary toasts having been fully done justice to, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Thielay, the Second Principal. In introducing this toast the worthy companion expatiated at length upon the great services of Comp. Sabine to the cause of Freemasonry in general. He had but recently vacated the chair of the Chaucer Lodge; he was on the road to the Master's chair of the Era Lodge, and last, but not least, he occupied the high position of founder and First Principal of the Era Chapter. He went on to state that the principal members of both lodge and chapter were the proud recipients of Provincial Grand honours, which distinctions not only gave a lustre to their own names but shed a ray of brightness upon No. 1423. In conclusion, he said that he hoped the M.E.Z. would live many years to enjoy the society of his colleagues and companions of the Era Chapter. Comp. Sabine, in reply, made a very telling speech, in which he augured a very bright future for the Era Chapter,

which had met under such happy auspices that day. In conclusion, he told them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the chapter a great success. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent the companions separated.

## Mark Masonry.

**MARYPORT.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, May 17th, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. James Gardiner, W.M., P.G. Inspector of Works, was in the chair, supported as follows: Bros. Thos. Moore, as S.W.; T. Mandle, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; P. Dodgson, Sec.; G. M. Tickle, as Chap.; J. R. Banks, M.O.; J. Quay, as S.O.; J. H. Banks, J.O.; J. Smith, P.G. Org., Org.; J. Thompson, S.D.; J. W. Robinson, J.D.; E. G. Mitchell, I.G.; other brethren also being present. The minutes of the April meeting being read and confirmed, a communication was read from an approved candidate for advancement, apologising for unavoidable absence. A ballot was then taken for Bro. R. Hetherington, Craft Lodge No. 371, which being unanimously favourable, he was duly advanced to the degree of M.M. by Bro. Gardiner, in his usual workmanlike style, whilst the candidate was ably chaperoned by the veteran, Bro. Nicholson, as S.D. The next business was to elect W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The Secretary having read the list of those qualified for the chair, the W.M. mentioned that Bro. W. F. Lamsonby, a recently joined member of Whitwell Lodge, was also qualified. Bro. Lamsonby, however, withdrew his claim on the present occasion, and intimation of the remainder, with one exception, having adopted the same course being severally announced, Bro. T. Mandle, J.W., and W.M. of Craft Lodge No. 371, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mandle having expressed his acknowledgments for the high honour conferred upon him, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gardiner for his services in the chair. Bro. Nicholson was next re-elected Treasurer with acclamation, and Bro. Harris was also elected Tyler. The lodge was finally closed in form a little after nine o'clock. The installation festival will take place in June. We may mention that the Grand Mark Lodge of England will hold its next annual meeting within the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland during the present year.

## Knights Templar.

## THE KEMEYS TYNTE ENCAMPMENT.

—The installation meeting of this encampment took place at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, W., on Friday, the 18th inst., V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.P. Prior of Essex, as E.P. There were present Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub Prior; Major General Henry Clerk, F.R.S., R.A., P.P. Prior of Kent; Captain N. G. Phillips, P. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.P. Prior of Bengal; Capt. Portlock Dadson, R.B.G., P.E.P., P.D.P. of Kent, Treas.; Colonel C. W. Randolph, late of the Grenadier Guards, as Constable; James Lewis Thomas, F.R.G.S., as Marshal; the Rev. P. M. Holden, as Chaplain; Thos. Harrison, P.E.P., as Registrar; Peter Laird, P.E.P., as Almoner; John T. Gibson, Captain C. F. Compton, Captain Adolphus Nicols, P.E.P., S.; Graham Bake, Capt. Henry S. Andrews, Edwin M. Lott, and Capt. Francis Pavy, R.B.G. Also as visitors Sir Knts. Dr. R. J. Nunn, of the Palestine Encampment, Georgia; the Hon. R.W.H. Giddy, P.E.P. Diamond of the Desert, South Africa; and Charles S. Jekyll, as Organist. A resolution was entered on the minutes expressing the deep sorrow of the members at the death of the Great Prior of England and Wales, the Right Hon the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, who had honoured the encampment with his presence at the last meeting. A communication was read from Convent General, ordering mourning to be worn for the next six months. Comps. F. J. Ricarde-Seaver, Capt. Francis Pavy, Capt. William Arthur Hicks, Edwin Matthew Lott, and Capt. Kilner, A. A. Brasin-Creagh, were balloted for and approved, together with Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker and Sir T. Douglas Forsyth, C.B., K.C.S.I., and Comps. Capt. Pavy and E. M. Lott being in attendance were duly installed as Knights Templar, and proclaimed accordingly. Comps. Lieut.-Col. Bousfield, M.P., and Capt. W. M. A. Barnes were proposed as candidates for ballot at the next meeting. The Treasurer's report was submitted by the Audit Committee, showing a balance in favour of the encampment of £66 5s. 6d., and on the charity account of £2 17s. 3d., after giving donations and subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls, and other charities. Sir Knt. Captain Adolphus Nicols, P.E.P., proposed, and V.E. Sir Knt. Col. Somerville Burney, E.P., seconded the following resolutions:—"That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Sir Knt. Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, P.E.P., in recognition of his services, in having by his indefatigable zeal raised the Kemeys Tynthe Encampment to its present very high position, both in strength of arms and the status of the knights (such vote to be entered on the minutes), and that in addition thereto some appropriate gift, or token of our regard, to the value of ten guineas, from the funds of the encampment, be also presented to our worthy brother, the Audit Committee being instructed to consult his wishes as to the form of the gift." This was supported by Sir Knt. Peter Laird, P.E.P., and carried nem. con. Sir Knt. Colonel Randolph was then duly installed and invested as E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, by Sir Knt. Colonel H. Somerville Burney, and appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knts. J. Lewis Thomas, F.R.G.S., as Constable; the Rev. P. M. Holden,



as Marshal; Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, P.E.P., as Treasurer; Thomas Harrison, P.E.P., as Registrar; J. Sandilands Ward, as Sub-Marshal; Edwin M. Lott, as Organist; Capt. C. F. Compton, as Master of the Ceremonies; Peter Laird, P.E.P., as Almoner; Capt. R. P. Leeson, as Captain of the Guards; John T. Gibson, as 1st Standard-Bearer; W. H. Kempster, M.D., as 2nd Standard-Bearer; Capt. H. S. Andrews, as 1st Herald; Capt. W. S. Gilbert, as 2nd Herald; Frater George Austin, as Equerry. The encampment was then closed in solemn form and with prayer. The members appeared in mourning, and the annual banquet was postponed in consequence of the death of the Great Prior. The following interesting account of the family of Tynte was given by the P.E.P., Colonel Burney. Of the surname of this family, tradition (says Burke), has handed down the following derivation:—"In 1192, at the celebrated battle of Ascalon, a young knight of the noble house of Arundel, clad all in white, with his horse's housings of the same colour, so gallantly distinguished himself that Richard Cœur de Lion remarked publicly after the victory that the maiden knight had borne himself as a lion and done deeds equal to those of six crusaders. The king then rewarded him for his prowess, conferring on him for arms a lion argent on a field gules between six crosslets of the first, and for motto 'Tinctus cruore Saraceni.'"

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

[This report appeared in the Second Edition last week.]

The annual meeting of the Subscribers and Governors of this excellent Institution was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P., presided. There were likewise present Bros. E. C. Woodward, Hyde Pullen, Henry Smith, Henry Day, Thos. Hill, Samuel Gale, Capt. J. Wordsworth, A. H. Tattershall, John Symonds, Henry C. Burt, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Joseph Smith, H. J. Thompson, James Kindred, Raynham W. Stewart, George Kenning, J. P. Platt, William Hale, Griffiths Smith, Thos. J. Sabine, V.P.; Frederick Adlard, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thos. W. White, Charles Godtschalk, Alfred A. Garter, J. W. Case, Geo. Page, G. R. Shervill, Josh. Driscoll, Stephen Austin, H. Massey, (Freemason), W. Langley, James Brett, John P. Roberts, J. L. Hime, W. H. Perryman, E. Harris, Charles Raydon, G. Ward Verry, L. Stean, John G. Stevens, William Payne, S. Rawson, C. A. Cottelbrune, C. P. Cobham, William Stephens, Thos. Fenn, Wm. Boby (Ipswich), Henry Bartlett, W. Watson, George Everett, George Newman, J. M. P. Montagu, and Capt. N. G. Philips, S.G.D.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read, they having been printed and circulated; and they were then confirmed.

Bro. Terry (Secretary) read the following letter from Bro. Francis Knollys, Private Secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales:—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.  
May 11th, 1877.

Dear Sir,—

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales approves of the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, being fixed for Wednesday, 13th Feby., 1878.

I am, yours faithfully,

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

The following report of the Audit Committee was then read and approved:—

We, the undersigned, having audited the Treasurer's accounts from the 1st of April, 1876, to the 31st of March, 1877, inclusive, and the several vouchers having been produced, do find the same correct.

#### MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March, 1876 ...	£3825 7 2
Subsequent Receipts ...	7495 7 8
	£11320 14 10
Disbursements ...	£5919 12 0
Purchase of £2000 3 per cent. Consols. ...	1880 0 0
	£7799 12 0
Balance on this account	£3521 2 10
WIDOWS' FUND.	
Balance 31st March, 1876 ...	£1341 17 11
Subsequent Receipts ...	6792 19 0
	8134 16 11
Disbursements ...	£4620 11 5
Purchase of £1000 3 per cent. consols. ...	940 0 0
	£5560 11 5
Balance on this account ...	£2574 5 6

#### SUSTENTATION FUND.

Balance 31st March, 1876 ...	£6 18 7
Receipts ...	30 0 0
	£36 18 7
Disbursements ...	9 14 3
Balance on this account ...	27 4 4
Total balance...	£6122 12 8
Cash at bankers ...	£6073 7 8
Less overpaid ...	0 15 0
	£6072 12 8
Secretary's petty cash ...	50 0 0
	£6122 12 8
(Signed)	JOHN SYMONDS.
	HENRY G. WARREN.
	A. H. TATTERSHALL.
May 10, 1877.	

Bro. Terry afterwards read the following report of the Committee of Management:—

The year which has just passed has been the most successful the Committee of Management have ever had to report to the Governors and Subscribers since the formation of this Institution.

The annual festival, which was held on the 12th February last, the committee had hoped would have been presided over by H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W. Prov. G.M., Oxon., and J.G.W. of England; but, unfortunately, and to their great regret, at the last moment he was compelled to decline, owing to the state of his health. His place was taken by the late Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. for Staffordshire, who very graciously consented to do so, that the Institution might not suffer. The amount announced was £12,866, being an increase of nearly £3500 beyond any previous festival. Your committee have unfortunately to announce that his lordship has, to the great regret not only of themselves but of the whole Craft, been suddenly called away. While deeply deploring this fearful visitation, they will ever have in grateful recollection the ability with which he presided, and the earnest manner he advocated its claims upon this and other occasions. To the Board of Stewards, 274 in number, who worked so strenuously and zealously to make the festival a success, their thanks are justly due.

There are on the list for election to-day 70 candidates, 34 men and 36 widows. The deaths during the past year has been 14 men and 9 widows and the Committee with such a large list of candidates claiming election determined to fill up the vacancies thus created but also to place an additional number upon the funds, and considering that the Craft had very generously subscribed nearly £13,000 at the festival they felt themselves justified in adding 30 more annuitants to the list, viz., 15 men and 15 widows; so that the total to be elected to day will be 29 men and 24 widows. When this has been done there will be 145 men and 125 widows recipients of the fund. In addition to this there are 13 widows receiving half the amount of their late husband's annuity, and which is paid them unless they are previously elected to the full pension, for three years—a boon, it is believed not conferred by any other Institution. The payments to these annuitants will absorb a sum of £10,035, being an increase during the past five years of 99 annuitants, and £4608 in annuities.

To meet this larger expenditure the Committee cheerfully rely upon the continued and increasing liberality of the Craft, which during the last few years has been evinced in a manner totally unprecedented in the history of the Order.

Two vacancies in the Trusteeship of the Male Fund have been created by the deaths of the R. W. Bro. Alexander Dobie, P. Prov. G.M. for Surrey, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. for Staffordshire, and will have to be filled up to day.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to the Grand Lodge of England for their renewed grant of £70, which has enabled them to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon during the whole of the winter months with coals.

To the Honorary Surgeon, Henry Jno. Strong, Esq., M.D., they also tender their sincere thanks, not alone for the manner in which during the past year he has ministered to the comforts and alleviated the sufferings of the residents, but for the kindness invariably shown by him during the fifteen years he has given the Institution the benefit of his valuable services.

The Institution at Croydon requiring a thorough repair the committee have given directions for the same to be done, necessitating the outlay of a considerable amount, which it is hoped will not exceed £1000.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year ending the 31st March, 1877, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

#### MALE FUND.

Receipts.	
Balance 31st March, 1876 ...	£3825 7 2
Donation from Grand Lodge	£500 0 0
" " Chapter	100 0 0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and individuals ...	4907 19 0
Annual Subscriptions ...	1148 3 0
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ...	828 18 11
Profit on Fire Insurance ...	8 9 3
Repairs at Asylum ...	1 17 6
	£7495 7 8

#### Disbursements.

Annuitants ...	£4851 0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	303 6 8
Collector's Commission ...	231 15 0
Messenger ...	5 0 0
Secretary's Provincial Expenses ...	42 19 0
Medicine for Inmates at Asylum ...	12 10 0
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener at Asylum ...	64 0 0
Taxes, &c., at Asylum ...	28 4 4
Repairs and Furniture at Asylum ...	43 5 10
Surveyor at Asylum ...	5 5 0
Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	110 11 2
Advertising ...	14 6 8
Postages, &c., including expenses at Election ...	98 3 5
Petty Expenses ...	10 4 5
Entertainment of Stewards and Inmates ...	22 9 6
Fire Insurance ...	8 11 0

Gratuity to Mrs. Lane ...	£50 0 0
Rent, &c., of Office ...	18 0 0
	£5919 12 0
Purchase of £2000 3 per cent. Consols. ...	1880 0 0
	£7799 12
Balance on this account ...	3521 2 10
WIDOWS' FUND.	
Receipts.	
Balance 31st March, 1876 ...	£1341 17 11
Donation from Grand Lodge	£300 0 0
" " Chapter	50 0 0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and individuals ...	4847 15 6
Annual Subscriptions ...	1009 6 9
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ...	532 8 3
Profit on Fire Insurance ...	8 9 3
Legacy of the late Bro. W. Brooks Gates, £50 less duty ...	45 0 0
	£6792 19 0
	£8134 16 11

#### Disbursements.

Annuitants ...	£3645 10 0
Salary (Secretary and Clerk)	303 6 8
Collector's Commission ...	188 15 0
Messenger ...	5 0 0
Secretary, Provincial expenses	42 18 11
Medicine for Inmates at Asylum	12 10 0
Matron ...	30 0 0
Rates and Taxes ...	28 4 6
Repairs and Furniture ...	41 8 3
Surveyor ...	5 5 0
Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	105 9 1
Advertising ...	14 6 6
Postage, &c., including expenses of Election ...	88 5 0
Petty expenses ...	10 2 0
Entertainment of Stewards and Inmates ...	22 19 6
Fire Insurance ...	8 11 0
Gratuity to Mrs. Lane ...	50 0 0
Rent, &c., of Office ...	18 0 0
Purchase of £1000 Three per cent. Consols. ...	940 0 0
	£5560 11 5

Balance on this account ...	£2574 5 6
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Balance 31st March, 1876 ...	£6 18 7
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ...	30 0 0
	36 18 7
Repairs ...	9 14 3
Balance on this account ...	£27 4 4
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report	£6122 12 8

The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.	
Annual Grant from G. Lodge	£500 0 0
" " G. Chapter	100 0 0
Dividends on £28,950 Stock in the Government Funds	828 18 11
	£1428 18 11
WIDOWS' FUND.	
Annual Grant from G. Lodge	£300 0 0
" " G. Chapter	50 0 0
Dividends on £18,450 Stock in the Government Funds	532 8 3
	£882 8 3
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Dividends on £1000 Stock in the Government Funds ...	£30 0 0
	£2341 7 2

(Signed) JOHN CREATON.

This report was then received and adopted. Bros. J. Bellerby, Raynham W. Stewart, and R. W. Little were re-elected on the Committee of Management, on the motion of Bro. Joseph Smith, seconded by Bro. James Brett. Bros. John Symonds, H. G. Warren, and A. H. Tattershall were re-elected Auditors on the motion of Bro. Joseph Smith, seconded by Bro. Captain Wordsworth.

Bro. Terry said that in consequence of the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, another Trustee would have to be elected, as well as one in the place of the late Bro. Dobie. He had received the following letters:—

Carlton Club, May 17, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
I shall have much pleasure in accepting the Trusteeship of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, providing I shall not in any way be made pecuniarily liable. Awaiting your reply, believe me, yours fraternally,  
Bro. JAMES TERRY. FREDK. M. WILLIAMS.

37, Portman-square, 16th May, 1877.  
Dear Sir and Brother,—  
I shall be happy to accept the Trusteeship of the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our brother, Lord Shrewsbury.  
Yours truly and fraternally,  
J. TERRY, Esq. LEIGH.



Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D., rose, and said: Before you proceed to elect a new Trustee in place of the late Lord Shrewsbury, I propose that we should pause to pass some testimony of the great loss this society, as well as the other Masonic societies generally, have experienced in the death of Lord Shrewsbury. At the last festival of this Institution Lord Shrewsbury took the chair, under circumstances which redounded greatly to his credit. Our Royal Bro. Prince Leopold, was unable, on account of illness, to preside, and the Institution was at some loss to know how to supply his place. The Secretary, with commendable alacrity, looked round for some one to occupy the chair, and with great discrimination he applied to Lord Shrewsbury, who agreed, at a very short notice, to occupy the chair. How successfully he did so I need not call to your minds; the result of the meeting amply justifies me in saying that it was successful. As I happened to be President of the Board of Stewards on the occasion, I had an opportunity of seeing how readily he took the office, and how successfully he performed its duties; and, therefore, I beg to propose that we should now offer our testimony of respect to the late Lord Shrewsbury; and of the great loss this Institution has sustained by his death. He was a Trustee and a Vice-Patron of this Institution, as well as a great supporter of it. But he was equally a supporter of the other Masonic Institutions, though this is not a place to advert to that circumstance. I propose that we pass a resolution to the effect I have mentioned, and also expressing our sympathy with the Countess of Shrewsbury and her family in their bereavement. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman said: I shall have great pleasure in seconding the resolution, but I would suggest that an addition should be made to it to the effect that a letter expressive of our sympathy should be written to the Countess.

Bro. J. M. Case said he would adopt the proposed addition.

The motion was then put and carried nem. con.

The Chairman proposed, and Bro. Raynham Stewart seconded, Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., as a Trustee in place of the late Bro. Alex. Dobie, and Lord Leigh in place of the late Earl of Shrewsbury.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. S. Rawson rose to move an alteration in the laws of the Institution with respect to the annuities to widows. He said it was not with the object of altering the rules so much as to afford aid in the interpretation of them that he proposed the amendment. On a recent occasion, at a meeting of the committee, a widow of a Freemason, who married again after her husband's death, came forward as a petitioner to be placed on the list of candidates for election. It was announced by the committee that the rules excluded her, as she was not qualified for the widow's fund. Some of the brethren, though a very small minority, thought that that reading was not right, and therefore she submitted an addition to the law, which should admit, in the event of a widow marrying again, and being again left a widow, still being eligible as a candidate. If the brethren carried this motion, they would only be applying the same rule as was now applied by the Government as regarded the army and navy, and the East India Government, that if a widow who had been in receipt of a pension lost it by reason of her marrying again, if she for the second time became a widow, she could again receive her pension. He thought he need say no more, and therefore he would propose that an addition should be made to the laws on the subject, that in the event of the widow marrying again, and a second time becoming a widow, she should be eligible as an annuitant.

Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.P., seconded the motion. At the time the subject came before the committee he was confined at home by illness, but when he read an account of what had taken place he was afraid there was some misapprehension on the subject before the brethren. The Institution being a Benevolent Institution, one of its objects should be to extend its benefits rather than to narrow them; and, as in other institutions which he knew of, widows' pensions reverted to them when they became a second time widows, he took the opportunity of mentioning the subject to Bro. Rawson, who at the next meeting brought it forward. He (Bro. Case) had in his hand an extract from the book of rules of the Admiralty Navy List, bearing on this subject. It was as follows:—"In all cases of a widow remarrying, since 3rd December, 1830, (up to that time a widow lost her pension if she did re-marry), 'her pension shall be suspended from the date of her re-marriage; but, in the event of her again becoming a widow, her pension may be restored upon proof being adduced to the Admiralty that her private income does not exceed the limit fixed from time to time by the Admiralty for the rank last held by her husband, and that she is otherwise deserving the public bounty, but it will be again liable to suspension during future re-marriage.'" He had also a book of rules of the Royal Naval Benevolent Society, with which he had been associated for fifty years. The rule on this subject was: "No widow, orphan, mother, or sister of any naval officer shall have any claim to relief from the corporation during coverture, nor if the subscription of the officer shall be in arrear for three years preceding his death, provided the officer held wardroom rank so long. But this rule is not to affect the relatives of subscribers who died before the 21st of April, 1851." With these precedents for the guidance of the brethren he begged leave most strenuously to second the motion of Bro. Rawson, feeling that the desire of the Institution should be to extend its benefits and not to restrict them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., said he thought the brethren were much indebted to Bro. Rawson for bringing forward this motion, and asking the meeting to decide what should be the course to be pursued for the future. He apprehended that Bro. Rawson did not say that if a widow

who had received the annuity, married, and lost it, and a second time became a widow, she was to receive her annuity without being a second time elected. (No.) The brethren should certainly be the judges of her qualification. There might be a very strong case. A widow might marry some brother who had held a very high position in the Craft, and if she was not a very old woman, some brother in the Craft who had known her before might marry her. He might be a very influential man, who had taken an active part in Freemasonry, and if he died it would be a very unjust thing to say that his widow should not be eligible for the annuity. He thought Bro. Rawson meant that she should become a candidate a second time, and if the subscribers chose to elect her she should have the annuity. The brethren must remember that by marrying again she did the Institution a benefit, for she saved the Institution the amount of the annuity by being married.

The motion was carried unanimously and the Chairman declared it carried subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson was not present to move on a subject of which he had given notice.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed for the election, and the Chairman said that in consequence of deaths which had occurred since the proxies were issued the number of men and women to be elected would be 29 men, and 24 widows.

At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

#### SUCCESSFUL. MEN.

NAME.	VOTES.
Bro. Watson, William...	1847
" Smith, George ...	1510
" Barnes, Richard E. ...	1266
" Phipps, Osborne G. ...	991
" Wright, Henry ...	907
" Neeve, Henry ...	851
" Barnard, Alfred T. ...	829
" Goddard, Cornelius ...	802
" Seabrook, Edward ...	801
" Polkinghorne, Edwin S. ...	757
" Lovelace, John ...	625
" Barnard, John C. ...	616
" Holmes, Joseph J. ...	616
" Jones, Richard ...	582
" Le Page, John ...	577
" Doorne, John C. ...	558
" Burgess, George ...	557
" Russell, James ...	326
" Newton, Henry ...	518
" Langlands, Nathan ...	515
" Haworth, John ...	507
" Luter, John ...	494
" Wilkinson, Benjamin ...	456
" Fauvel, John ...	453
" Hodson, Samuel ...	448
" Ball, William ...	443
" Bence, Edward O. ...	412
" Chapman, William H. ...	412
" Stening, James ...	363

#### WOMEN.

NAME.	VOTES.
Mrs. Flockton, Maria I. ...	1099
" Whitteman, Jane ...	1082
" Heming, Rhoda ...	873
" Jenkins, Jane M. ...	850
" Woods, Eliza ...	797
" West, Maria A. ...	745
" Buck, Susan ...	738
" Eastes, Frances ...	735
" Farnham, Sarah ...	691
" Sumner, Charlotte ...	690
" Naylor, Martha ...	667
" Allatton, Margaret ...	659
" Haselwood, Lucy A. ...	635
" Trotter, Ann ...	624
" Dewar, Mary A. ...	623
" Masters, Rebecca ...	603
" Dixon, Margaret ...	600
" Emery, Harriett ...	565
" Clarkson, Hannah ...	564
" Brown, Ann ...	514
" Tilbury, Ann ...	507
" Packwood, Emily ...	455
" Rackstraw, Amy ...	416
" Busher, Mary A. B. ...	365

#### UNSUCCESSFUL. MALES.

NAME.	VOTES.
Bro. Allen, James P. ...	273
" Holdaway, Henry ...	46
" Morton, Hiram ...	14
" Cushen, Thomas ...	9
" Gray, John ...	Dead.

#### FEMALES.

NAME.	VOTES.
Mrs. Fletcher, Betty ...	325
" Thompson, Julia ...	292
" Sherry, Maria G. ...	277
" Brinkley, Eliza ...	216
" Beale, Sarah ...	215
" Shearer, Anne ...	120
" Elliott, Issabella ...	110
" Lewis, Jane D. ...	75
" Wakefield, Ann ...	9
" Crispin, Martha ...	2
" Stafford, Jane ...	2

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSETSHIRE.

(Continued from page 199.)

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge (the proceedings of which were fully reported in our last) the brethren were invited to a magnificent banquet provided in the great hall of Canford House, by Messrs. Gunter, of London. A number of carriages were in readiness in the Square, Wimborne, ready for the conveyance of the brethren to Canford, and the entire company were speedily conveyed thither. According to the notice on the agenda paper, the brethren appeared at the banquet in Masonic Craft clothing. The tables were splendidly laid out, and the liberality which prompted Bro. Montague Guest to invite so large a company to so sumptuous a banquet called forth the highest praise. As a matter of course, the newly-installed P.G.M. occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; Bro. J. Hervey, G.S.; Bro. Sir Albert Woods, (Garter), P.G.W., G.D.C.; Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, G. Org.; Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. Kent; Lord Methuen, Prov. G.M. Wiltshire; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, Bro. W. T. Benett-Stanford, M.P.; Bro. J. M. Brymer, M.P.; Bro. A. E. Guest, Bro. the Hon. R. Harbord, Bro. C. Hambro, and other distinguished Masons.

Grace was said before and after dinner by Bro. the Rev. H. Everett, of Dorchester.

Bro. Winn, of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal and Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral; Bros. Baxter and Carter, of Westminster Abbey; and Bro. Beckett, of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, during the evening sang a number of glees in excellent style, which called forth repeated applause.

The Chairman proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of Freemasonry." He said that he felt he need not say anything to commend the toast, for it was always well received (cheers).

The Chairman next proposed "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." Those who were present two years ago at the installation of his Royal Highness would, he was sure, never forget the imposing and impressive sight. He thought no person in England could maintain the dignity of the office of Grand Master better than did the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) Two of the Prince's brothers were also Masons—the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold. (Cheers.) The Princess of Wales was also deserving of their esteem and regard. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed as the next toast, "The Health of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon." He felt so much had been said in praise of his lordship during the last few years that he need not on that occasion say anything respecting him, because they all knew how much his lordship had done. (Cheers.) He had hoped their Pro Grand Master would have been present with them that day, but was prevented by other duties, his lordship sending a very kind letter, expressing his regret, and hoping they would have a pleasant evening and fine weather. (Cheers.)

The Chairman said he was sure they would be pleased to receive in the most enthusiastic manner the next toast which he would have to propose. It was "The Health of their Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale." (Cheers.) He felt he could personally do no more than the Provincial Lodge had already done, viz., thank his lordship for his great kindness in coming down on this occasion to assist them. This he could assure their Deputy Grand Master was no idle praise. He had known his noble friend for many years, and he knew how many matters his lordship had to engage his attention, and also how he had to tear himself away from other important duties so as to be with them that day. (Cheers.) Whatever his lordship did was always successful, and he felt that his coming down to them that day had made the meeting a success. (Cheers.) His lordship was always successful, whether as a breeder of short-horns or as a hardworking member of his party in the House of Lords. The Chairman concluded by again commending to them the toast.

Lord Skelmersdale said he thanked them most warmly for the kind way in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured them it had been a real pleasure to him to meet them that day. He was glad that the meeting had been fixed for Saturday, as that was his free day. The Chairman had said that whatever he took in hand proved successful, and he hoped that in this present instance this would prove true, and that his coming amongst them that day would be an augury of the future prosperity of the province under the rule of its newly-installed Grand Master. (Cheers.) His lordship then referred to the death on the previous day of the Earl of Shrewsbury, than whom, he said, no person took a greater interest in Freemasonry, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset." (Cheers.) The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman, in responding, thanked the Deputy Grand Master for the way in which he had proposed his health, and for the good wishes which he had expressed towards him. He felt that a sorrow overshadowed their meeting that day, occasioned by the death of their late Provincial Grand Master—Bro. Joseph Gundry, who for 18 years ruled over the Province. They all knew how well he had worked, and he was sure they would agree with him that he filled the office with impartiality and ability. He felt it was an exceedingly difficult task to follow after one who was so much appreciated, but he was certain it would be his endeavour to fill worthily the post to which he had been appointed by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. It would be his endeavour to personally work amongst them, and he should be pleased to listen to any suggestions which might be made by any of his brethren for the furtherance of the interests of



Masonry in general, and of that Province especially. The Chairman then proposed the health of four Grand Masters of other provinces—Lord Methuen, Wiltshire; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Hampshire; Viscount Holmesdale, Kent; Lord Skelmersdale, West Lancashire. He most sincerely thanked them for attending that day, and he could only hope that he should prove as good a Provincial Grand Master as they were.

Lord Methuen briefly responded. He said Masonry was largely compounded of loyalty and charity. They all knew that their charity abounded, and that nothing could destroy their loyalty.

Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., in responding, said he could not help coming down that day to see his old friend, Bro. Montague Guest, installed as Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., in responding, referred to the thoroughly amicable feelings which existed between the Provinces of Hampshire and Dorsetshire.

Lord Skelmersdale said he appeared that day before them in two characters—as Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. He could assure them, as Grand Master of a Province having more than 80 lodges, with the largest Masonic constituency of any province of England, that the brethren of Dorset had the hearty greetings of the lodges over whom he had ruled.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Officers Past and Present, of the Grand Lodge," and he associated with the toast a gentleman whose name was familiar to all of them, Lord Henry Thynne. He knew the toast would call forth the hearty response which it always did. He would mention in connection with the toast the names of Bros. Hervey, Grand Secretary; Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and Chevalier Kuhe, Grand Organist.

Lord Henry Thynne, in responding, said he could assure them that for various reasons he had much pleasure in being present. He was greatly pleased at seeing the enthusiastic way in which his old friend, Bro. Montague Guest, was received into this province. He also expressed his satisfaction at seeing the good fellowship which existed between the provinces of Dorsetshire and Wiltshire.

Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, said he had been much gratified with the manner in which the proceedings of that day had been carried out. When he looked at the services rendered by Bro. Sir Albert Woods he felt they must acknowledge that the officers of the Grand Lodge were alive to the duties devolving upon them, and were always ready to perform those duties. Although that was not the first time he had been present at their Provincial Grand Lodge he was impressed that day by the manner in which everything had been carried out, and by the hospitality shown them—(cheers)—and which he had never seen exceeded—he might say he had never seen equalled. He felt he must pay this tribute to the generosity and kind feeling of the chairman. (Cheers.)

Sir Albert Woods also briefly responded. He said that he, like the previous speaker, had felt it his duty to be present on that occasion, and to render any assistance in his power, which every officer of the Grand Lodge was always ready to do, and if he had contributed in any way to the success of the ceremony he was pleased. (Cheers.)

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist, in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present that day. Twenty-one years ago he spent his honeymoon in that very house, and he had a dim recollection of several lads who at that time were dressed in jackets (laughter). These were now men, and it was a great pleasure to him to be there again that day to witness Bro. Montague Guest's Installation as Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.)

According to custom the box was passed round in aid of the Masonic charities. The collection amounted to £27 3s. 3d.

The Chairman said although the toast he was about to propose came at a late hour of the evening, yet he was sure it was not to them the least in importance. It was "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers." The Chairman made special allusion to Bro. W. Eliot, of Weymouth, a Past P.G.M. of Dorset, who had been 61 years a Mason, and was the oldest member of the fraternity in the county. He regretted Bro. Eliot, owing to his great age, was unable to be present that evening, but he should like to read the following letter which had been received from him:—

Weymouth, 12th May, 1877.

To the Right Worshipful P.G. Master, Deputy G. Master, and Brethren of the Province of Dorset.

My dear Brethren,—

During the long period I have been a Freemason, having been initiated in the All Souls Lodge, Weymouth, in the year 1816, I have on many occasions received from the brethren of the Province of Dorset repeated marks of their kindness and brotherly affection towards me, but the address, or I may say the resolution, passed at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Shaftesbury on the 14th September, 1876, affords me still greater gratification. In the evening of my life, whilst memory gifts the past and hope looks brightly on the future, my proudest consolation is the recollection of your brotherly esteem and affection towards me, not only on the present occasion, but during the period I had the happiness to preside over you as your P.G. Master.

And now R.W. Master, I sincerely congratulate you on your appointment as P.G. Master of Dorset, a high and distinguished situation, and I congratulate you, my brethren, on having a P.G. Master who will do honour to Freemasonry, and whose life I earnestly pray may be prolonged for very many years to rule and direct Freemasonry in this Province.

In conclusion, my dear brethren, let me most earnestly

impress on your minds not to neglect the practice of the fundamental truths of our Order, and may that bright morning star whose rising brought peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race be your shield, buckler, and stronghold, and may the Grand Architect of the Universe, the disposer of all events and the giver of all good, instil into all our hearts a deep sense of His power, goodness, and mercy, and may He pour down His blessing on you, my dear brethren, and at the termination of your earthly career receive you into His heavenly lodge, where peace and joy reign to all eternity. With fraternal regard I remain, very sincerely, WILLIAM ELIOT.

Past P.G.M. of Dorset.

I very much regret that the infirmities of old age prevent my joining you this day to assist at the installation of your P.G. Master. My best wishes are with you.

The Chairman proceeded to say that it would be his endeavour to work with the Grand Officers of the Province, and he was sure they would assist him to the best of their power. He would connect with the toast the name of Bro. T. B. Hanham, who was for the second time the Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

Bro. Hanham, in returning thanks, said he did not think he should be called upon to respond to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers of Dorset, who attended on that occasion, and whom he so unworthily represented. They gave their thorough acquiescence to the appointment of Provincial Grand Master that had been made, and they were determined to show that was their feeling by supporting their Provincial Grand Master, and maintaining that position which the province of Dorset had achieved. He hoped all the Provincial Grand Officers would concur in his remarks.

Lord Skelmersdale said he rose to propose a toast which was not strictly Masonic, viz "The Health of Sir Ivor Guest." He was sorry that Sir Ivor was not one them. (Hear, hear.) They all owed him a debt of gratitude for enabling his brother to entertain them so regally that evening. He was sure they would drink the toast with hearty cheers (Applause.)

The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Visitors," connecting with the toast several brethren present belonging to the Meridian Lodge of the 31st Regiment, stationed at Portland, and particularly mentioning the names of Bro. Montagu, the son of their Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Ralph Harbord, brother of Lord Suffield—Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk—who was an active Mason.

Brother Montagu briefly responded.

Brother Rev. Dr. Collis also responded.

The Chairman then proposed "The Masonic Charities." Lord Methuen had said that the motto of Freemasonry was loyalty and charity, and he could not help asking them to drink the health of Bro. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School, and Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. F. Binckes said the toast had come home to them when they heard all present join in wishing happiness and prosperity to the institution just mentioned by the Provincial Grand Master. But another toast ought not to be forgotten. There was a large amount of Masonic distress which they were called upon to relieve and assist in every way they could, but he should not take advantage of an exceptionally auspicious occasion like that to occupy their time with regard to it. He thought they might boast upon their inexhaustible loyalty and charity, and he asked them to give their thanks to Mr. Bennett-Stanford, who had accepted the position of Steward of the Boys' School this year, and to assist him in taking up a good list of subscriptions with him. He hoped the brethren would support him both materially and personally, and he was proud to acknowledge the present Right Worshipful Grand Master as one of the most munificent supporters of the benevolent institutions. (Cheers.) He had every confidence that, under his benign rule, the Province of Dorset would reap the greatest advantage. (Applause.)

Bro. Terry said he thanked them very sincerely on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He was most grateful to them for the support which it had received from the province, and he felt certain that the effort which would be made on the following Friday would result more successfully.

The brethren then separated, highly gratified with the princely liberality with which they had been entertained.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE, NO. 1679.

On Saturday last this new London lodge was consecrated by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, at the Prince George Hotel, Park-road, Dalston. The arrangements which had been made for the ceremony were perfect, and Bro. E. B. Crichton, proprietor of the hotel, had exerted himself to the utmost to render the day a complete success. On entering the hotel the brethren found all the approaches to the lodge-room bordered by a profuse collection of elegant ferns and flowers, while the lodge-room itself was decorated with Masonic and national flags. The room provided was a very commodious one, and Bro. Crichton had at his own expense adapted it to the wants of the Craft by shutting it off from the outside portion by a double door in one part of the wall, and placing a new door to lead from the clothing and preparing room to the lodge. The room was admirably adapted for holding a Masonic lodge, as it had the advantage of a quiet locality, wherein passing street sounds would not be likely to interfere with the due performance of the ceremonial observances.

The ceremony was opened shortly before four o'clock, when the brethren were marshalled by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted as D.C.; and the brethren who joined in the procession were Bros. John

Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. T. Howe, Assistant Grand Pursuivant; Henry Muggeridge, P.M. 192 and 715; Francis Fellows, S.W. 192; Edward F. Storr, W.M. 22; J. Lorkin, 192; Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715; John Jonas, P.M. 715; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Joseph Defriez, W.M. 45; J.D. 1278; W. J. Hunter, 228; Thomas Goodes, S.W. 1288; H. J. Thompson, P.M. 192, 869, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; J. B. Scriven, P.G.S., P.M. 5; S. W. Iron, D.C. 1579; Henry John, 749; R. W. Robinson, 177; S. Lazarus, 53; G. C. Young, 820; Thomas White, P.M. 22; T. Burdett Yeoman, S.W. 1460; Thomas Richardson, 1599; J. H. Weedon, P.M. 715; C. Lorkin, 1524; George Phythian, S.W. 22; Edwin Payne, Organist 1261; William George, 742; Mark Hubbard, 22; John Elves, 174; H. Watkins, 72; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); W. Fredetick, 1264; G. Blackie, S.D. 1426; Henry Leah, J.W.; 193; Ernest Dietrich, 1524; Oscar Dietrich, 1524; Thomas Charles Chapman, P.M. and Treas. 1524 E. B. Crichton, S.D., 869 and 192, and H. P. Matthews, 569. Bro. Geo. Bilby, Org. 185, presided at the harmonium, and played a march as the procession entered. Bro. Hervey, on taking his seat, placed Bro. Henry Muggeridge on his left as P.M., Bro. Birdseye as S.W., Bro. John Jonas as J.W., Bro. J. B. Scriven as Sec., Bro. George Phythian as I.G., and, as we have said above, Bro. H. G. Buss as D.C. He then formally opened the lodge in the three degrees, and offered up the prayer usually rendered by the Chaplain. After the brethren had taken their seats, Bro. George Bilby played a voluntary on the harmonium, and at its termination,

Bro. John Hervey said: Brethren, it is usual on these occasions to address a few observations to the brethren round the room, but I shall not trouble you with many remarks on the present occasion, but I should not like the business of the day to commence without expressing the great gratification I feel in coming down here to-day to perform the ceremony of consecration of a lodge which is about to be presided over by so eminent a Mason as my good brother on my left. I can assure you I feel much complimented by being invited to perform the ceremony this day, and nothing should have interfered with the pleasure which I anticipated in having the opportunity of placing him in the chair of a lodge bearing his name. It is not often that one has the opportunity of installing an old friend, I may say, in a new place; it is not often that it falls to the lot of old Masons like Bro. Muggeridge and myself to come before the Craft to take the control of a lodge when we are not quite so young as we used to be, and once more enter into the arena of competition perhaps with not more experienced brethren, but at any rate with our juniors in the science, and those who from circumstances of health and other reasons are probably more vigorous than we are ourselves; therefore it is to me a peculiar pleasure to come here this day. I have known you—our—respected Bro. Muggeridge many years, and I believe that to know him is to respect him. Therefore it is that we are assembled here this day, and I see around me many of those with whom I have been associated some years past in various grades of Masonry, assembled here to take part in the proceedings of the day. That those proceedings may be carried to a successful issue is my earnest hope, and that the lodge which we are about to consecrate now will, under the experienced guidance of our good friend, attain to a position which will be second to few in the Craft, I sincerely trust. Young as it is, it will be guided in its course by a very experienced brother, and a brother who knows how to carry out everything which he undertakes in Masonry with success, and with, I may say, éclat. We all know the gatherings which take place annually, now, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and I recollect the time when they used to take place at Radley's, and I am quite sure they tend to stimulate the feelings of brethren who are entering Masonry to exert themselves, to show that they are willing to work for the honours which the Craft gives, and for the offices which may be conferred upon them. No lodge can be carried on without good officers, and if the officers be good, yet if they do not attend, then there is a lapse which we all know who have worked a lodge, creates a difficulty. If either of the officers are absent or incapable they injure the working of the lodge. Our good brother here will, I know, so tutor his officers that there is little chance of their not being efficient in the various offices they undertake to fill. But, brethren, I would ask those who are about to take office this day not to leave Bro. Muggeridge in the lurch when their services are wanted, but to attend at the time named in the summons, and to be ready to perform the duties they have to fulfil at the proper time; or if they are unable to attend at the proper hour, that they should give him timely notice of their inability to attend. You will pardon me for making these few observations. I have told you already how glad I am to perform the ceremonies of to-day, and how pleased I am to see an old friend, not with a new face, but at any rate in a new position. (Cheers.)

Bro. Henry Muggeridge, in place of the Chaplain, thereupon delivered the oration, which all brethren who have seen Bro. Muggeridge consecrate a lodge are well acquainted with, wherein he sketches the three degrees of Freemasonry, and explains their application to the life of man upon the earth, and his preparation for a future state of bliss.

When this oration had been concluded, Bro. Hervey proceeded with the consecration and dedication of the lodge. This having been performed, Bro. Henry Muggeridge was installed by Bro. Hervey as W.M., the new Master being presented by Bro. Buss, and declared to be found well skilled in the noble science, and fitted to preside over the lodge. The installation took place before a numerous board of Installed Masters, who, on Bro. Muggeridge being placed in the chair, offered him their hearty congratulations on his selection by the Prince of



Wales to take the management of the new lodge. Bro. Scriven was invested as I.P.M. The board being then closed, the brethren below the rank of an Installed Master were admitted, and the customary ceremonies in the three degrees having been observed, Bro. Muggeridge invested the following brethren with the collars of their respective offices:—Bibb, Francis Fellows, S.W.; Bro. Edward F. Storr, J.W.; Bro. J. Lockin, S.D.; Bro. Henry John, J.D., pro tem.; Bro. J. H. Wilkins, I.G.; Bro. W. F. Darnell, Steward; and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler.

Bro. Hervey delivered the addresses, and afterwards, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W., the lodge passed a vote of thanks to Bros. Hervey and Buss for attending and consecrating the lodge. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W., a vote of thanks was also passed to Bros. Bilby, Birdseye, and Jonas for performing the duties of Organist, S.W., and J.W. respectively during the consecration ceremony; and on the motion of Bro. Fellows, S.W., seconded by Bro. Storr, J.W., the honorary membership of the lodge was conferred upon Bros. Hervey, Buss, and Bilby. Responses in acknowledgment of these compliments having been made, Bro. Muggeridge read the list of names proposed as candidates for joining and initiation at the next meeting of the lodge which takes place to-day, the proposals were duly seconded, and the lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an elegant banquet, arranged with great taste by Bro. Crichton, and late in the evening honoured the usual toasts.

The W.M., after the brethren had fully recognised the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," proposed that of "The M.W.G.M." and in doing so, said that he intended to make very short speeches during his year of office, unless he had something particular to say, in which event, he should not hesitate to say it, they might rely.

In giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master," &c., the W.M. observed, that though the brethren did not so often meet Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale as they did the rest of the Grand Officers, they had not that intimate knowledge of them as they had of the latter brethren. As they met these brethren often, they knew perfectly well their great merits, and it was with peculiar pleasure that they found Bro. Buss recently enrolled among the ranks of the Grand Officers. He was a brother who richly deserved promotion, not only for his long devotion to Masonic working, but for the great support he had afforded to the different Masonic charities. The brethren of the lodge were greatly indebted to Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, and their good friend, Bro. W. T. Howe, who had such a good feeling towards the promoters of the lodge as to come and consecrate.

Bro. John Hervey responded. He was glad he had not to return thanks for the Foreign Secretary instead of the Colonial Secretary, inasmuch as they might then be induced to embark in political allusions, which would be best left alone at this time. But he had great pleasure in responding for the Colonial Secretary, because he dealt only with those subjects which were connected with our own kingdom and our own colonies. There was no man in this country more worthy of having his health proposed and responded to than the Earl of Carnarvon. He was a man who in every position of life had proved himself to be a good man and true; whether as a literary man, or as a politician, or as a Minister of the crown, or as Pro Grand Master of Freemasons, he had shown himself equal to the occasion; well able to cope with the duties he had to perform, and capable of holding his own well and worthily. He might say the same of Lord Skelmersdale and the Grand Officers who were now present, as well as he himself, were proud of having their names associated with those of such noblemen, feeling that they borrowed some of the reflected light of such characters, so amiable in themselves, and whose principles were unchallenged. With regard to the toast it might be said to be more of a personal than a general one, and he could only repeat what he had said in the lodge before the consecration, that nothing had given him greater pleasure for a long time than to come to Dalston to consecrate the lodge which bore a name which was connected with Masonry in every shape and way; which was known not only through the length and breadth of London but through the length and breadth of England. Bro. Muggeridge was associated with Masonry in other ways than as regarded lodge working. He was connected with the charities as a great contributor to them, and he must say that this was a more intimate and gratifying association than any, and it was combined with kind feeling, with good fellowship, and with uncompromising integrity. Those were really points which any man might be proud of; and therefore he (Bro. Hervey) had come down with very great gratification to consecrate the lodge. He hoped he had performed his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and he trusted the Henry Muggeridge Lodge would not, after their good friend had been called to his last home, fail to perpetuate his memory, so that if any man in ages yet to come should ask who was Henry Muggeridge, they would get their answer in this lodge. After thanking the brethren again for the toast, and also for the hospitable entertainment which they had given the Grand Officers, Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren might perhaps think he had in some measure anticipated the remarks to be applied in this toast by those he had previously made with reference to the Henry Muggeridge Lodge. He would only repeat one thing, that the respect in which Bro. Muggeridge was held in the Craft generally was not one likely or lightly to be interfered with. Bro. Muggeridge was one of those whose popularity was universal. Long might it continue, and long might Bro. Muggeridge continue to be the ornament to the Craft which he was now. In conjunction with the name of Bro. Muggeridge he would propose "Success and Prosperity to the Henry

Muggeridge Lodge," and it was with all sincerity he wished both health to the W.M. and success and prosperity to his lodge.

The W.M. in reply said he need scarcely tell the brethren that he rose with a great deal of pleasure to return his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which the V.W. Grand Secretary, his esteemed friend, Bro. Hervey, had proposed this toast, and for the kind way in which the brethren had responded to it. He could assure them he was very pleased, and now they would permit him to depart a little from the rule he had laid down to make short speeches, for he wanted to say a little more than he would like to say on all occasions. In the first place he felt highly honoured and exceedingly gratified by his name being attached to this lodge. To take events in the order of their occurrence, the idea had been conceived by somebody, and it had been realised, and he had to thank the brethren who conceived the idea of calling the lodge the "Henry Muggeridge Lodge." That was an honour to him—a very great honour, and he esteemed it as such, felt deeply grateful for it, and fully appreciated it. The authorities had recognised the wish of the promoters of the lodge that it should be named after the humble individual who now had the honour of addressing the brethren. It was an honour conferred by the promoters, and it was no less an honour conferred by the authorities. Twenty years ago he was the promoter of a lodge called the Panmure Lodge, in the same neighbourhood, which was consecrated at the Pembury Tavern. It was then numbered 1017, and he (Bro. Muggeridge) was the first W.M. He took a great deal of pains in obtaining the warrant for the lodge, and in the course of his proceedings he had occasion to feel deeply indebted to his good friend, the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Buss, because he got the Canonbury Lodge, of which he was Secretary, his friends, the Master and Wardens, to sign the recommendation. The Panmure Lodge was consecrated by Bro. Havers, P.G.W., in 1857, assisted by Bros. Edwin Fox, P.M. 235, H. G. Buss, W. G. Clarke, G. Sec.; J. B. King, P.G.D.; George Biggs, and several other distinguished Masons. It gave him great pleasure to be after the lapse of so many years, in the same parish again in the same position. He was not however the prime mover in getting the present lodge, but Bro. Fellows was; and Bro. Fellows asked him to accept the office of first W.M. He hesitated and required time for consideration, not from any affectation. He felt proud to have his name given to the lodge. He liked to have his own way, and he told them that if he became Master he must be allowed to rule the lodge his own way. He could assure them he did like a good dinner, but at the same time he liked Masonry better; and he would rather spoil a dozen dinners than one Masonic ceremony. The great object of the lodge should be not the dinner, but Masonic working: it should be Masonry. They would not hurry over work, but when they got to their banquet they would endeavour to enjoy it; and they would enjoy it much better for knowing that they had done the work well in the lodge. He knew he was expressing the feelings, sentiments, and opinions of the founders when he said they did not wish to make this a numerous lodge—there was no occasion to do so. They might depend upon it that the most numerous lodges were not the most comfortable or most happy. They would study the true interests of the lodge if they endeavoured to keep it within moderate bounds. As to the initiation ceremony, he thought it the best way to initiate only one candidate at a time, an opinion which was shared by a late Grand Secretary, William Henry White, a letter of whom he had in his possession stating that it had been most injudicious to initiate more than one candidate at a time.

The other toasts were then given and honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

## Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

### GRAND LODGE OF MUNSTER.

I have the pleasure to announce through the favour of my esteemed friend and brother, J. H. Neilson, P.M. 620 (Representative of the Grand Orient of Egypt at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, &c.), the following curious addition to the History of Freemasonry during the third decade of last century.

In the Records of the Council of Cork the following entries occur:—  
2nd Dec., 1725, "That a Charter be issued out for the Master, Wardens, and Society of Freemasons, according to their petition."

31st Jan., 1726, "The Charter of Freemasons being this day read in Council, it is ordered that the further consideration of said Charter be referred to the next Council, and that Alderman Phillips, Mr. Croker, Foulks Austen, and Mr. Corn Speaker do inspect same."

A careful search has been instituted, but nothing more on the subject can be discovered in the minutes of the Council. There is, however, no doubt as to the references being to Freemasons, not "Freemen," and thus we have a record unexampled in the annals of our Fraternity.

Our distinguished Bro. Neilson has been so much engaged in Masonic matters of international importance that he has been unable as yet to fulfil his promise to me, to thoroughly investigate the character and extent of the Grand Lodge of Munster Records, still happily preserved at Cork (City), and we thankfully accept the foregoing as an earnest of the contents of those very valuable and interesting minutes.

It will be observed that the records herein noted refer to the Registers of the Council, which are quite an unexpected source of "Masonic light."

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held in the Corn Exchange, Horncastle, at one o'clock p.m., on Thursday, the 7th proximo, by order of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.P.G.M. The banquet will take place at the Bull Hotel, at three o'clock.

A complimentary dinner will be given on Monday next to Bro. Wm. Creswick, the eminent tragedian, prior to his departure for Australia. The dinner will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, at three o'clock, Dr. Doran, F.R.S. in the chair.

NEW CONCORD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed in this lodge on Wednesday next, at seven o'clock, by Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, and 1366. Brethren will be in Craft clothing.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson's letter reached us too late for insertion this week, but shall appear in our next.

A meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge for the Province of North Wales and Chester, was held on Saturday last. A report will appear in our next.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—ONE SHILLING DAY.—MONDAY, MAY 21.—Admission by season tickets, 4,329; ditto by payment, 55,605. Total visitors, 59,934.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on Wednesday inspected the Thunderer, Minotaur, and Vernon at Portsmouth, and from the latter vessel witnessed a number of experiments with torpedos, mines, hand-grenades, and other explosive materials. In the evening his Royal Highness was the guest of the officers of the Thunderer.

A Reuter's telegram from Athens states that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will start on Monday on her return to England.

The Manchester Guardian says:—The best known monastic liqueurs are the Trappist, made by the Trappists; the Benedictine, distilled by the Benedictine monks, once world-famed for their book erudition; and above all the Chartreuse, the queen of liqueurs, the unrivalled production of the monks of the Grand Charterhouse in the mountains of Dauphiny. The head of this latter firm—or to give him his religious title, the General of the Order—Dom Saisson, has just died, and it has therefore become necessary to give him a successor. This is a matter of great importance for the religious prosperity of the monastery, as every gourmet, French or foreign, acquainted with the extensive sale of Chartreuse, white, yellow, or green, can tell. The profane will be surprised to hear that the profits of the business are figured by millions of francs; but out of this—by way, no doubt, of sanctification—a yearly tribute varying from 300,000 to 500,000 francs is sent by the venerable brothers to the Pope. We have it on the authority of one of the lesser prophets that "Il y a avec le ciel des accommodements." The recipe for making this deservedly famous liqueur has been a secret for the last three centuries, and the only copy of it extant is said to repose beneath the centre stone of the high altar of the chapel of the monastery; in the spot, that is, where in other churches and chapels the relics of saints are deposited. It is only when a new General of the Order is elected that the stone is unsealed and taken up. According to a French contemporary, that ceremony will take place in a few days with great pomp.

BAYARD LODGE No. 1615.—A full report of the proceedings at the meeting of this lodge on Monday will appear in our next.

LONDON COFFEE TAVERN.—The first temperance public-house of the Coffee Tavern Company was opened on Tuesday, at 344, Edgware-road, London. The house is called the Glasshouse Tavern, and is elegantly fitted up. It is open daily from 5 a.m. till 12 p.m., and hot and cold beverages are served up at a moment's notice. Amongst the company at the opening ceremony were the Right Hon. W. F. Cowper Temple, M.P. and Mrs. Cowper Temple; Hon. Rollo Russell, Canon Duckworth, Dr. Norman Kerr, and Mr. Ernest Hart. The tavern has been already extensively patronised, and it is hoped that many other houses will shortly be opened. The Market Tavern, close to Billingsgate fish market, is nearly ready.

We have been favoured by Messrs. Locke and Whitfield, of 178, Regent-street, with four excellent portraits of the late Earl of Shrewsbury, to which we beg to call the special attention of our readers, as many of them would like to possess a souvenir of our noble and lamented brother.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have accepted Sir John Bennett's invitation to visit him in state at his country seat, The Banks, Mountfield, Sussex, June 30th. The Mayor and Corporation of Hastings and about a thousand guests are expected. The Garden Party will include, as did the one two years since, some of the most eminent individuals, in politics literature, art, science, and public life.

PROVINCIAL MAYORS.—The Lord Mayor intends giving a ball at the Mansion House to the provincial mayors on the 21st of June.

On Tuesday evening General Sir Hastings Doyle, K.C.M.G., had the honour of entertaining H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at dinner, when his magnificent set of Masonic gold plate decorated the table.

LONDON GENERAL OMNIBUS COMPANY.—The traffic receipts for the week ending May 20th amounted to £18,890 18s. 7d., against £11,237 1s. 9d. last year.

Henley-on-Thames Regatta is fixed for June 21 and 22.

The Floating Swimming Bath on the Thames, near Charing-cross, is now open for the season.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire; St. Aubyn's Lodge, 958; Rowley Lodge, 1051; Lebanon Lodge, 1326; Era Lodge, 1423; Blackpool Lodge, 1476; West Smithfield Lodge, 1623; Wolsey Lodge, 1656; Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, 753; Mount Lebanon Chapter, 73; Priory Chapter, 1000.

"The Instructed and the Preceptor," next week.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Bathing in London," by Bro. Hadley Prestage; "The Lodge of the Nine Muses," by Bro. Walter Webb, W.M. (a review in our next); "Keystone," "Monde Maçonique," "New York Dispatch," "Craftsman," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Herald."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

CARTER.—On the 20th inst., at Shanghai, the wife of W. H. Carter, of a son.

JOHNSON.—On the 18th inst., at Wytham-on-the-Hill, Bourn, Lincolnshire, the wife of A. C. Johnson, Esq., of a daughter.

ROBERTS.—On the 18th inst., at Popstone-road, Earl's-court, the wife of J. Roberts, Esq., of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

ALDRIDGE—LITTLE.—On the 17th inst., at the parish church, Frindsbury, John Thomas Aldridge, of Paddock-terrace, New-road, Chelsea, to Emma, daughter of W. B. Little, Esq.

TIBBETTS—SOUTHERNWOOD.—On the 22nd inst., at Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone, by the Rev. W. Cadman, rector, James Kirby, second son of the late William Holliday Tibbetts, of Buckingham, to Bessie, fifth daughter of the late Eleazar Southernwood, Esq., of Tring Park, Herts.

## DEATHS.

CANNON.—On the 18th inst., at Brentwood-road, Romford, George Cannon, formerly of 7, Primrose-street, Bishopsgate, aged 66 years.

GRAHAM.—On the 17th inst., at Cornwall-terrace, Regent's Park, James Graham, Esq., in his 68th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1877.

H.R.H. The DUKE of CONNAUGHT  
at the MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOL  
GATHERING, DUBLIN.

All the members of our Craft will read with the deepest interest the record of the day's proceedings of that interesting anniversary, the manly speech of our Royal Brother, and the account of the prosperity of these useful institutions. They will be pleased to think that so much prosperity is attendant on the charitable educational efforts of our good Irish brethren, and we propose to recur to the subject in our next. But we note with pride and pleasure—and we feel sure that the Craft in Great Britain will coincide with us in the feeling—that, like our Royal Grand Master, his brothers lose no opportunity of evincing their kindly sympathy and attachment as regards our often calumniated Order, a sympathy and attachment which are as becoming to our august brethren as they are grateful and consolatory to us. The words of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of being present, and by the children to whom he spoke so naturally, so kindly, and so well.

THE LAST ELECTION FOR THE  
BENEVOLENT ANNUITY FUND.

We rejoice in being able to report that 24 widows were elected out of 36, and 29 men out of 34 male applicants, at the election on Friday last. All our brethren will be glad to realize the great prosperity attendant on this invaluable charity of our Order, and we congratulate the executive and Bro. Terry warmly and sincerely on that most happy position of affairs, which marks the onward progress of that well-managed Institution, the Royal Masonic Benevolent. As regards its exact financial condition, it is one of unexampled prosperity. Up to the 31st March, 1877, the Male Fund stood thus:—

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 31, 1876 .....	£3825	7	2
Donations from Grand Lodge ..	500	0	0
" " Grand Chapter...	100	0	0
Donations and Subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren	4907	19	0
Annual Subscriptions.....	1148	3	0
Dividends .....	828	18	11
Small sums.....	10	6	9

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants .....	£4851	0	0
Salaries .....	303	6	8
Collector .....	231	15	0
Messenger.....	5	0	0
Office expenses.....	42	19	0
Medicines, Asylum .....	12	10	0
Salaries, Asylum .....	64	0	0
Taxes, Asylum.....	28	4	0
Repairs, &c., Asylum .....	43	5	10
Surveyor .....	5	5	0
Stationery and Printing .....	110	11	2
Advertising .....	14	6	8
Postage .....	98	3	5
Rent .....	18	0	0
Petty expenses .....	10	4	5
Entertainment .....	22	9	6
Fire Insurance .....	8	11	0
Gratuity to Mrs. Lane.....	50	0	0
Purchase of £2000 Consols....	1880	0	0

£7799 12 0

Balance to Credit .....

3521 2 10

## Widows' Fund:—

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 31, 1876.....	£1341	17	11
Donation from Grand Lodge.....	300	0	0
" " Grand Chapter...	50	0	0
Donations from Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren .....	4847	15	6
Annual Subscriptions.....	1009	1	0
Dividends .....	532	8	3

Legacy of the late Bro. W. B. Gates	45	0	0
Small sums.....	8	9	3

£8134 16 11

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants .....	3645	10	0
Salaries .....	303	6	8
Collector .....	188	15	0
Messenger.....	5	0	0
Rent .....	18	0	0
Secretary's Office expenses .....	42	18	11
Medicines, Asylum .....	12	10	0
Matron .....	30	0	0
Rates and Taxes ..	28	4	6
Repairs, &c. ....	41	8	3
Stationery and Printing .....	105	9	1
Postage .....	88	5	0
Gratuity to Mrs. Lane .....	50	0	0
Small sums .....	61	4	0
Purchase of £1000 Consols. ...	940	0	0

5560 11 5

Balance to Credit .....

£2574 5 6

The united balances amount to the large sum of £6122 12s. 8d. The Male Fund has now invested £28,950, and the Widows' Fund has £18,450. Certainly Bro. Terry may well claim credit for the good fraternal work this excellent Masonic charity of ours is doing.

## THE EXCHANGE OF VOTES.

With reference to the question of a reform of the "voting system" in our Masonic institutions, one of the points often alleged is the "exchange of votes." The argument on this head seems to be this. "The voting paper is a responsibility (per se), and therefore the brother voter ought to give it to one of the cases presented to his notice." Now, this we maintain, in our humble opinion, involves two fallacies. First, it is not necessary that the voter should exercise his franchise, he may refuse to vote at all, and, therefore, he cannot be compelled to vote, just as he cannot be required to vote in lodge, unless he thinks fit to do so. There is no compulsory voting in Freemasonry. Secondly, the voter has a clear right to take this view of his privilege. Bro. A., for instance, says to Bro. B., "You have Case 24 this time, which you deem a most deserving case, now I have a case coming on next time that I consider a most distressing case. If you will vote for me, or obtain for me so many votes this time, to carry my candidate in, I will vote for you and endeavour to obtain an equivalent number of votes for you next time." There is surely nothing wrong in this; and all exchanges, as a general rule, whether by individual or charity committees, proceed on the assumption of a special case, which is considered most pressing. We have seen that no one voter can be compelled to vote at all. We have before pointed out that it is impossible to lay down what is absolutely the most distressing case; and therefore there can be no necessity for any one directly to vote, if for any reason the voter thinks it best to allow another person to use the votes which belong to him. For all cases are supposed to be deserving "per se," (whether they are all equally so is not the point for the voter, but the committee to consider), and we assume as a matter of fact, that no improper case is on the list, and that therefore the exercise of the voting power becomes simply a matter of private judgment and of individual discrimination. It must be remembered also that all exchanges, presuppose, the eventual good of some one or more candidates. They are not made at hazard or corruptly. They are not entered into from any unworthy motive. There is nothing *prima facie* wrong, legally or morally, about them, but they simply represent a use of the voting power, clearly within the voter's competence, to effect the election of a particular candidate, a special case. Now, let us suppose, as an illustration, the following incident, which as we know has taken place more than once. A charity committee of a province takes up the Girls' list, and finds that it has no candidate. But it knows, as a fact, that it will have a candidate at the October election. It has, say, 800 votes of its own, and it is aware that it will require 1200 to succeed. Is it not justified in saying to the charity committee of another pro-



vince, "You have a case which you are anxious about, we will give you our 800 votes, on the condition that you give us 800 votes next April, which will ensure the return of our candidate, and leave us 400 to carry to the credit of our second candidate?" Is there any technical or moral wrong in such course of action? Nay, is it not both a fair and prudent course of proceeding? Admitted, if you like, that the votes might have been given to another case, yet, as these votes need not have been polled at all, the committee, as acting for the voters, having their "power of attorney" so to say, have a distinct right to use them so as to bring about the successful election of a fitting candidate, at another election, of their own. The great object of all provincial voting is to secure the election of provincial candidates, by the great power of voting aggregation, who otherwise would be "left out in the cold," and we feel sure of this, that any theory that you are bound to take a list of thirty names, say, and select the most distressing case, is an ideal and transcendental view of duty, alike unreal and unpractical, and unworkable to boot. If it were possible, which it is not, to lay down any abstract canons which could mark out infallibly the most distressing case, or cases, something might be advanced for so hyper-sentimental an argument, but as it is, we feel bound to relegate it to the "limbo" of many of those dogmatic declarations, those visionary and partial theories, however well meant, which practical experience must criticise, and common sense and kindly feeling must equally resist and reject.

### THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

Thanks to Bro. Findel, we have now the case clearly before us, divested of all doubts and disputes, on a matter of fact. Two of the Grand Lodges of Germany, the Three Globes and the Great Countries G. Lodge, still unwisely keep out the Hebrews from initiation, and some private lodges of the Royal York. Bro. Findel thinks that the exclusion by the Three Globes will not long be maintained, though he seems to apprehend that it will be perpetuated in the Great Countries Lodge. We deeply regret the fact, that any German Grand Lodge should still maintain a relic of what may be fairly termed the despotism and superstition of the dark ages. We had hoped that we had outlived all such theories of intolerance, and all such teachings of irreligion. But it seems that there still linger among the Freemasons of Germany the crude dogmata of a mistaken mysticism, and the untenable assumptions of a so-called religious bigotry. We hope and trust that the day is not far distant, when all the German Grand Lodges will see that their unwise and unjust exclusion of Hebrews is put an end to, and that the sacred principles of toleration are practised as well as professed in all Masonic lodges and under all Masonic authorities in that important section of our great Masonic world. We do not go into the question which Bro. Findel has treated with his usual frankness and forcibleness of expression, as regards the position of the Great Countries G. Lodge, because we do not deny that the Great G. Countries Lodge is a lawful Grand Lodge, and has an inherent right to lay down its own laws for its own members, for those who belong to its lodges and acknowledge its jurisdiction. Though we should gladly wish that that Grand Lodge would have its avowed teaching, such as we consider Masonic, and equitable, and tolerant to all, yet, we must not forget that it is a lawful body, and has all along acted on these, to us, unwise and obsolete principles. It is no new law, no sudden act of retrogression, which has left the Hebrews out of its pale, and we therefore, while we deeply deplore its persistence in such intolerant principles, cannot say that it is "hors de la Maçonnerie." But it will be perfectly competent for all Grand Lodges, which uphold principles of Masonic toleration and philanthropy, to say to it, that until it removes from its laws an unjust exclusion, a most unfair proscription, it cannot expect to enjoy any recognition or mutual interchange, whether of representatives or courtesies. We do not say that all Grand Lodges are bound, so to speak, but all may

say so, though we feel, that there is a good deal to be urged for the actual independence of each lawful Grand Lodge, and that this is a most important truth in itself, which cannot be lightly treated or carelessly overlooked. But our opinion is unchanged, that the exclusion of Hebrews from Freemasonry anywhere, under any pretence, is most impolitic and un-Masonic, and most antagonistic to the aims and teachings of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. As a fact, we know, all of us, that the Hebrews make excellent Masons, and to say to any one, "you shall not be admitted because you are a Hebrew" is both, in our opinion, an outrage against justice and propriety, toleration and liberality, religion and brotherly good will. We have not gone either into Bro. Schiffmann's case, though we recognize that brother's literary merits and Masonic worth, because we feel strongly that, as outsiders, it is impossible for us to express our opinion on a matter (except generally and abstractedly), which requires us to act as judges, and hear both sides of the pleadings. We thank Bro. Findel, however, very warmly for his letter, which has the singular merit, in these long-winded days, of putting the whole matter, as a "matter of fact," clearly and condensedly before us.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The above engraving, as you and several friends are aware by ocular evidence, is now in a very advanced state, but I find on close examination that there is fully six or eight weeks of close and constant application to be given to it yet before I can pronounce it fit for the hands of Messrs. McQueen, the printers. As it is my ardent desire to produce a work worthy of the great event, and I trust satisfactory to all, I feel convinced, from opinions already expressed to me, that brethren will not grudge this delay in publication. It affords me much pleasure in stating that the encomiums of eminent official brethren, so far, are very encouraging, and I hope will but prove a forecast of the general verdict of the Craft. The blank spaces I expect to have finally occupied with portraits by Tuesday next, after which the efforts of the engraver will be occupied solely in producing effects of light and shade.

Thanking you heartily for your kind indulgence in permitting me to occupy your space so frequently, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, very truly and fraternally yours,  
EDWD. J. HARTY.

213, Regent-street, W., May 17th, 1877.

#### ILLEGITIMACY AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to take exception to your answer to "Enquirer," in which you state that the "rule of the Craft is adverse to the reception of all not born of honest parentage."

As it is not the fault of the individual that he is illegitimate, I shall be glad to be favoured with a copy of the rule or law by which he is excluded from Freemasonry, according to the Grand Lodge of England.

One of our most talented Masons of the last century was an illegitimate, viz., Thomas Dunckerley, Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of a host of provinces, and according to the authority of the Grand Secretary of Scotland, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, that Grand Lodge has been equally liberal in its reception of such persons, if otherwise worthy.

Yours fraternally,

REVIRESCO.

[There is no law on the subject. We were talking of the unwritten "common law" of Masonry, and the "tongue of good report." Dunckerley is not quite a case in point.—Ed.]

#### CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me, Brother Editor, to warmly support your able leader on the subject of "Charity Voting," and to differ most positively from the previous communication of the Rev. Bro. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C.

It appears to me that the only security we can have that the various Royal Masonic Institutions of London shall be, in the main, used only for the purposes intended by the numerous donors, is by the present system of voting.

Each subscriber has now an opportunity to record his votes for the candidates he favours, whereas to delegate that power to a small committee would be to introduce, as you say, "favouritism and partiality."

It seems to me quite impossible that these excellent Institutions can be much abused under present circumstances, and, indeed, we know that they are not, but judging from other societies we have a sure index to guide us as to their fate if in the hands of a few individuals.

I think, however, that it is advisable that the petition of each candidate of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, &c., should be signed by the Master and Wardens, and a

majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the lodge to which the father did or does belong, or by the lodge supporting the petition. As it is now any two subscribers can sign the application, which I consider an insufficient test.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.

#### MASONS' MARKS.—LAUSANNE CONGRESS AND THEIR BEARING UPON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am interested in the letter of "W. E. N." in your last issue, and should like to see him contribute copies of these Masons' marks from both Jerusalem and Shushan. I do not doubt that Mr. Deutsche is correct in his statements and conclusions, and some years ago I pointed out that a large proportion of the old English marks were well formed letters of the Runic alphabet, but occasionally Masonic symbols, and even Roman letters. But as this truth did not square with the assertions of the recently concocted and modern Mark Degree, I was voted heterodox, and some Manchester agents, jewellers, and tailors went about saying, "Do not read his books and writings, they are spurious!" with a sign of horror.

This brings me apropos to the remarks of "One of the English Delegates to the Lausanne Congress," who is proposing that we should ignore the lodges of the erring Grand Orient of France, and that English Craft Masons should seek refuge and protection in the spurious Craft lodges of the spurious Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France. This is to seek legitimacy in a way which the Craft will appreciate, but perhaps the letter is intended merely as a hint to their own members. The carefully concealed cloven-hoof of the English "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" is coming out with a vengeance. Will this worthy delegate oblige your readers by explaining fully what Lausanne adopted in relation to the Deity? I am told that they fell back upon the ancient Chinese Yang and Yin theory, which we explain by attraction and repulsion, and upon a denial themselves of the Being—God.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

#### THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A jealousy (pardonable I trust) for the reputation of my province respecting the charities, and specially so at the present time while mourning for the loss of our late highly esteemed and respected R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Shrewsbury, to whom is due to a great extent the awakening of the brethren to their duties in connection with the charities, will, I trust, be a sufficient excuse for my trespassing upon your time in calling attention to your article in last week's issue on the above subject. I find that the province of Staffordshire, although contributing the sum of £161 3s., is passed by without special notice, while the provinces of

Hertfordshire, contributing	...	£143	16	6
Gloucestershire	"	135	9	0
Wiltshire	"	122	0	0
Berks and Bucks	"	114	9	0
Northampton and Hunts	"	105	0	0

have all had special reference made of their returns, Staffordshire being classed among the "several smaller amounts," making up the provincial returns £4600. As I do not think this fair, either to the memory of our late lamented Prov. Grand Master, or to the charitable spirit of the province, which has for some time taken a respectable position at each of the festivals, I shall esteem it a favour if you will make some note of this in your next issue.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. MOUNT HUMPHRIES, P.M. 539,  
Prov. G. Sup. of Works, Staffordshire,  
Steward at Boys' Festival, 1876,  
Steward at Girls' Festival, 1877.

P.S.—Out of the twenty-six lists as given out at the festival, Staffordshire then stood tenth in amount. I presume lists sent in subsequently have improved the position of Warwickshire.

[We quite agree with our brother's remarks. The omission was a pure oversight, and certainly most unjust to Staffordshire.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to the letter of Bro. Little in your issue of last week, I shall feel obliged if you will allow me to inform your readers that the report was accurate, and faithfully represented the statement referred to. Whether the statement was inaccurate or not, there was no inaccuracy on the part of

Yours fraternally,

THE REPORTER.

#### MY LITTLE REVIEW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to call attention to the numerous errata in my little review of "Dame Europa's Remonstrance" in your last, which make my humble words read like utter nonsense. Whose fault that may be, I do not stop to enquire. "It is quite true," should be "It is quite time;" "able to pursue," "able to maintain;" "slim logic of facts," "stern logic of facts;" "Christian populations," "the Christian populations;" "diplomats," "diplomats;" and "supposition," "suppositions."

Be so good as to insert this explanation, and oblige, yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER.

[Mistakes, like misfortunes, will occur in the best regulated "Chapels."—P.D.]



## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me to direct attention to one incident of the election on Friday, the 18th inst., which may be considered not only as an act of injustice to a poor candidate, who has been deprived of the benefits of the Institution, but as seriously damaging to the principle of election by the votes of subscribers.

Briefly, the circumstances appear to have been these:—

A brother representing a Prov. G.M. had been entrusted with a number of votes more than sufficient to ensure the election of a particular candidate, but in marking a portion of the proxies a tick was placed on one side of the name and the number of votes on the other, the number inadvertently being in the wrong column, so as to read opposite the name of another candidate, to whose credit the scrutineers (after observing the contradiction) passed the votes. A first appeal to the chairman was somewhat abruptly replied to by one of the scrutineers, and a subsequent demand for a scrutiny, after the declaration of numbers, was ruled out of order.

The consequence was a triplicate error. 1. A candidate whom a large number of subscribers desired to elect was excluded. 2. A candidate, who friends had already polled sufficient proxies for his election, received a large number of votes to which he had no right, and of which he had no need. 3. A candidate, for whose case comparatively few votes were recorded, was declared elected.

How can such a miscarriage of justice be rectified, and a repetition be avoided at future elections?

The only possible rectification would now appear to be that the excluded candidate should be declared by the Committee elected to fill the first vacancy subsequent to the day of election; and to prevent the recurrence of so serious a mistake, the duties of the scrutineers should be more clearly defined. Cases of doubt or difficulty should be always referred by them to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision alone should be recognised. Had this been done in the case under notice, this unpleasant circumstance could not have occurred. The chairman would at once have referred to the brethren representing the interested cases; one of whom would have claimed, the other repudiated, the proxies in question.

The case is a chapter of errors, to which each of the parties—candidate, scrutineers, and chairman—have contributed a verse. It will not, however, prove altogether an evil, if it should result in an improvement of our election regulations, and it is with this object that I ask you to invite attention to the matter.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
H. T. THOMPSON, P.M.

## MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

The annual festival of Masonic charity was celebrated on the 8th May, in the Exhibition Palace, with a success alike worthy the cause and the influence of the Order. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, presided. Round him was gathered the cream of the Order and of Irish Society. There were noble lords and landed proprietors, merchant princes, the leading members of the learned professions, and of the middle classes—all these representing learning, rank, wealth, and commerce assembled under the chieftainship of a Prince of the Blood Royal in proclaiming to the world that the general outcome of Masonry is good will and charity. That his Royal Highness has faith in the principles of the Order, and desires initiation into all the arcana, the fact of his advancement beyond the domain of Craft Masonry fully attests. In conjunction with Lord Pelham Clinton, of the Rifle Brigade, he has lately obtained at the Freemasons' Hall in this city, the Mark Degree, the Royal Arch, and the other day, he became a Knight Templar. His Royal Highness is now Great Prior Elect for Ireland, and would have been in office ere this but for the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was to have come over specially to instal him. The sight which presented itself to his Royal Highness must have confirmed his opinion of the power and utility of the Order. Before him was arrayed a fashionable multitude of Freemasons and their lady friends, numbering fully seven thousand. Of the Masons the numbers who displayed badges were remarkable, showing to the eye what a widespread interest there exists in the cause of charity, and which the figures in the reports likewise testified to those who heard them read. The figures may be repeated here. During the year the receipts for the Boys' School amounted to £2375, exceeding those for the previous year by £493, and making, after paying expenses, a total to credit of £8869. In this school twenty-two boys are maintained. Of the Girls' School the account was still more satisfactory. During the year the receipts amounted to £5315, and the total to credit, after paying expenses, £8850. Forty-five girls are maintained. The foregoing figures demonstrate the thoroughness of the interest taken in this branch of the Masonic charity. Still they do not approach the sums contributed in England. At the annual Festival of Masonic Charity in London no less a sum than £12,000 is taken; and the liberality of the subscriptions may be inferred from the ability of the Grand Lodge to grant for two lifeboats, the sum of £4000, as a thank offering on the safe return from India of the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The enlightened, who know that Masonry is "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory," prize it and practise its tenets, while the ignorant question its principles and sneer at its mysteries. Freemasonry, the ignorant allege, is opposed to religion, social order, and the rule of kings. Yet Popes in past days granted the Masons bulls of protection and recommendation, as the precursors of religion and civilisa-

tion. Kings and princes of the present day are the chief rulers of the Craft. Its Chaplains are in most instances eminent divines, one of those of the Irish Grand Lodge being a Bishop. For sixty-four years the late Duke of Leinster—clarum et venerabile nomen!—was head of the Order in Ireland. There are those who will remember his grace's testimony in the House of Lords to its worth, obtaining, despite the ungenerous opposition of the emissaries of dogma and superstition, its exemption from the Illegal Oaths Act. Again, witness the testimony of Ireland's late popular viceroy, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the present Grand Master of Ireland, delivered this time twelve months, on an occasion similar to the present: "It gives me most sincere gratification (said his grace) that my first public appearance in the high position in which I have been placed as Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland has been an occasion which so fully exemplifies the leading object of our great and ancient Order. These objects are unity, benevolence and charity to all men; and in no way can these great principles be better or more usefully carried out than in contributing as far as lies in our power to the education and instruction of our rising generation in such a way as, by God's providence, may serve to render them sincere and good Christians, and also useful members of the universal brotherhood of mankind." On that same brilliant occasion another speaker, Colonel Ffoliot, who is remarkable both for his piety and loyalty, testified that the charity in whose cause they had met was "the noblest example of Masonry, in which everything was carried out in the exercise of practical Christian feelings and principles." Few there are, whatever they may think of Masonry, who will not regret that the cause of the absence of the Duke of Abercorn from this ceremonial is the continued indisposition of the Duchess. It may not be amiss to mention here that the present viceroy, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, is also a brother of the mystic tie. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Marquis of Headfort, Senior Grand Warden; the Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary; the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Meath, Grand Chaplain; the Hon. David R. Plunket, Q.C., M.P., Senior Grand Deacon; the Earl of Huntingdon, Provincial Grand Master of the Midland Counties; Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., Provincial Grand Master of Wicklow and Wexford; the Marquis of Donegall, K.P., Provincial Grand Master of Antrim; Lord Harlech, Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught; and the Right Hon. Edward Gibson, M.P., Attorney-General for Ireland. All these noblemen and gentlemen, clerics and laymen, including those who make the laws of the land and those who administer them, are responsible guarantees for the utter untruth of accusations that the Order is anarchical, anti-social, and anti-religious. The repudiation of the "facts and fictions" in a vile print published in Dublin, purporting to disclose the secrets of the Order, will be hailed with satisfaction by the public, who do not doubt that Masons have their hearts in the right place. The Duke of Connaught, too, testified to the excellence of the Order, showing that "charity has ever been the first principle of Freemasonry;" and he also regretted the absence of the Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn, "who takes a deep interest in the institution and in everything connected with Freemasonry." It is needless to say that his speech was cheered. The other speeches were characterised by ability and earnestness, vindicating "The Christian principles of Masonry."

The Solicitor-General was particularly happy in his speech of "thanks and hope," inculcating the performance of the grateful duty of "protecting the orphans of those brethren who die by the hands of those who survive," and pointing out that the present meeting was an answer to the calumnies uttered against the Order. The fraternity, he said, was one not of crime and secret, but of love and charity—the love beginning at the throne extending to the poorest brother of the Order. His announcement that the Grand Lodge of England was at present governed by three brothers, the sons of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen, was greeted with prolonged cheers.

On the arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught at 1.30, he was received by the Stewards, the band playing the National Anthem. A procession was then formed, consisting of the Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, Foreign representatives, and the officers of the Dublin lodges, who conducted his Royal Highness from the robing-room to the dais in the Grand Concert Room, through an avenue composed by the brethren; Bro. Charles Grandison playing Gounod's "Marche Romaine" on the organ, and the combined bands of the 3rd Dragoon Guards, under Bro. J. Brophy, and of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, under Bro. H. Murray, playing Mendelssohn's march from "Athalie" until the processionists took their places on the dais, in proper order.

Then came the pupils of the schools two-and-two, led by Stewards, the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. J. F. Elrington, Q.C., Major L. H. Deering, and the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Whitty, and some members of the committee. The girls were dressed in blue and white, and presented a pleased and happy appearance. They took their places on the front tier of the dais to the left, the boys occupying the right. Though absent, a salute, according to ancient usage, was given to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, by a running fire of eleven "on the third coming down," taking the fire from the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master (R. W. Shekleton, Q.C.), who announced that the Duke of Abercorn is in the south of France. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was then accorded a similar salute, the even cadence of the fire in both instances telling with fine effect. Led by the Right Worshipful the Rev. John James MacSorley, Grand Chaplain, the rooth Psalm was sung, "With one consent," the ladies joining the brethren in producing a glorious volume of praiseful sound to the Almighty Architect of the Universe.

His Royal Highness wore the collar of the Senior Grand Warden of England, and on his left breast the stars of the Orders of the Garter and St. Patrick.

The following brethren took part in the ceremonials of the evening:—

GRAND OFFICERS—Right Worshipful Robert W. Shekleton, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Marquis of Headfort, Senior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Lord Dunboyne, Junior Grand Warden; Right Worshipful Robert Warren, D.L., Grand Treasurer; Right Worshipful Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary; Right Worshipful the Rev. John James MacSorley, Grand Chaplain; Worshipful Alderman Joseph Manning Junior Grand Deacon; Worshipful George A. Stephens, Grand Superintendent of Works; Worshipful Theophilus E. St. George, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Worshipful George Moyers, LL.D., Grand Steward; Worshipful Harry Hodges, Grand Sword Bearer; Worshipful Charles Ogilvie Grandiron, Grand Organist; Worshipful Humphrey Minchin, M.B., Grand Inner Guard; Worshipful Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. Archibald St. George Assistant Secretary; and a large number of other distinguished Provincial Grand Officers, Masters and Wardens of lodges and representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges.

Amongst those also present were Bros. Lord Muskerry, county Limerick, G.M.L.; Charles P. Cotton, Thomas K. Austin, Sir John Barrington, D.L.; H. O. Barker, LL.D.; Dr. Barker, Joshua Bewley, jun., Wm. F. Black, J. P. Omagh, P.G.T. Tyrone; Samuel H. Bolton, Wm. Keatinge Clay, George Crowe, Lucius H. Deering, Samuel H. Dobbin, Henry T. Dockrell, Thomas Drumin, George Drury, John Dunne, Mus. D., P.G.O.; John H. Elliott, Dr. Fitzgibbon, Rev. B. W. Gibson, Alderman Harris, R. W. Gamble, Q.C.; G. A. John, Dr. Kidd, G.M.L.; Dawson T. Knox, Rev. L. A. Le Pan, E. F. Linton, Q.C.; Robert W. Lowry, J. P. Dungannon, G.M.L.; J. H. Luby, LL.D.; Alfred McDermott, J. W. Mangoon, Plato Oulton, G.M.L.; Dr. G. H. Porter, G.M.L.; Francis Quin, P.G.O.; Richard S. Reeves, John Rigby, John P. Ryan, George Tickell, J.P., T.C.; Edward D. Thorpe, W. Grove White, George T. Whitestone, Henry Wilson, J. L. Dames, Q.C.; R. Bourne, Joseph Henry Woolsworth, Thos. Wright, William Allen, Holt W. Archer, Major A. W. Bailey, A. M. Baird, John A. Baker, J. Guinness Beatty, M.D.; Mons. P. Belin, Samuel Boucher, Rev. Wm. G. Boyce, Swords; Jessop Browne, William J. Burnside, J. W. Casson, J.P.; James Charles, jun., Lieut.-Col. Colclough, D.G.M. Wicklow and Wexford; Major Chas. A. Cooper, Philip R. Patman, H.K.T.; John Henry Edge, Thomas Fitzgerald, Andrew Fitzpatrick, P.M.; Adam Fletcher, Charles Foot, J. Forsythe, Edward Hamilton, John Hodges, George H. Kinahan, James S. Kincaid, Philip T. Lyster, James H. Macauley, Major George Hill, Benjamin McDowell, M.D.; Thomas McGovern, J. C. Meredith, LL.D.; Robert Mitchell, Echlin Molyneux, J.A. Scott, Fletcher Moore, James H. Neilson, W. J. O'Donovan. Samuel Parker, Thomas S. Pearsall, Thomas Rice, William Rigby, Charles J. Sidford, George H. Smith, W. J. Smyly, Maurice Solomons, Joseph R. Sutcliffe, W. G. Ternan, Robert Thacker, Davys Tockey, Anthony Wilson, James Winstanley, B. Newport White, J. C. Atkinson, H. A. Johnstone, H. Hunt, Rev. S. F. Cresswell, D.D.; Adolphe Davis, Wexford, William Draker, M. de Groot, Henry A. Dillon, Thomas A. Drew, Alexander Johnston, A. Fitzpatrick, Rev. J. J. Westby, Wm. Roper, Barrister-at-Law; Martley, the Vice-Chancellor, Stewart Blacker, B. Mackay, Sir George Owens, R. C. B. Furlong, Sir John Arnott, Captain Harris,—Craig, Solicitor, and others.

Bro. Dr. Elrington, Q.C., Hon. Sec., read the Governor's report of the Female Orphan School for the year ending the 31st December, 1876:—"The amount received from all sources, including the balance of £825 12s. 2d. from the former account, and proceeds of sale of stock, amounting to £1772 17s. 8d., was £5315 12s. 3d. The net revenue exceeds that of the previous year by £75 7s. 3d. The expenditure, including the purchase of a plot of ground adjoining the schoolhouse, and £1000 invested in railway securities, amounted to £3746 10s. 3d., leaving at 31st December, 1876, a balance of £1569 2s., out of which £1046 2s. 5d. has been invested in Indian Four Per Cent. Stock since the commencement of the present year. The increase in the receipts of the school arises principally from the annual subscriptions of individual and official governors, which is a very satisfactory source of increase. This class of subscription exceeds that of last year by £128 3s. 6d., [while the donations of Life Governors of all classes presents a decrease in the whole of £47 2s., which makes the net increase from donations and subscriptions amount to the sum of £81 1s. 6d. for the past year."

The report of the Boys' School was next read, from which we learn that "The total receipts from all sources exceeded those for the year 1875 by the sum of £493 19s. 5d. During the same period—the year 1876—six boys left the school. The number of boys at present maintained in the Institution is twenty-one, and they are still in the establishment of Bro. the Rev. S. S. Skeen, at Merriem. The committee continue to have special examinations of the boys at Midsummer and at Christmas; and they are happy to be able to state that the several examinations generally reported favourably on the results of the examinations. The committee cannot close their report without again urging the brethren in the country to come forward and support the Institution more liberally than they have hitherto done, and thus enable the committee to extend the benefits of the school, and to provide for a larger number of the orphans of their deceased brethren."

The Right Worshipful R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master: I ask the brethren to assist me in saluting the patron of the Order represented by the Senior



Grand Warden of England H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The salute was given according to ancient custom.

Bro. Shekleton: I have been directed by the M.W. Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, to express his deep regret that he is not able to be present. He is absent in the south of Europe, and but for that he would have been at the annual distribution of prizes to the children of the Masonic Schools, in which he takes a deep and warm interest. I desire on behalf of the Order at large to return our thanks to the fairer portion of the audience for their kindness in attending here to-night. It is a great satisfaction to us that they have not been deterred from venturing amongst Masons by certain pictures which were exhibited recently in reference to Masonry. I am sure our lady friends do not consider that we Masons in Ireland, or Masons in any country, would participate in those barbarous and cruel atrocities which are portrayed in those pictures to which I refer. I can assure you those pictures and these facts are as unfounded as their anatomy is at fault. In these pictures they represent Masons as having their hearts at the right side. Now, I can assure you Masons hearts are at the left side, but though at the left side, they are in the right place.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, on coming forward to propose the first resolution was received with enthusiastic applause. He said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, my lords, ladies, and brethren, I have the pleasure to propose "That the report now read be circulated, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the Institution, and also to the medical officers of the school, for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them, and for the lively interest they manifest in everything conducive to the prosperity and progress of the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School." I hope I may be allowed, sir, this opportunity of expressing to every one here present the great pleasure I feel in being present on this interesting occasion. As a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, this pleasure is very much enhanced by my being enabled to express to you the deep sympathy and interest taken by our Fellow Craftsmen in England with their brethren in this country. I have to thank you, sir, for affording me this opportunity of meeting so large and so influential a number of the Freemasons of Ireland. Charity has ever been the first principle of Freemasonry; and I am sure, when we look on this charming array of girls and boys, who show by their appearance and by what we have just heard, that everything connected with the mind and with the body is cared for. I say when we see this, I am sure you will agree with me, we should congratulate those connected with the Institution on the admirable manner in which they carry out this principle. I cannot sit down without expressing my deep regret that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, should be absent on this occasion. You all know the deep interest he takes in this Institution, and in everything connected with Freemasonry.

Judge Townsend, in seconding the resolution, spoke of the flourishing financial condition of the schools. He remembered the time when the total annual expenses did not amount to as much as one item of the expenses did now. A great deal of this was owing to those who were called governors, but who were merely subscribers. It could not be expected that the large number of those who were governors would pay any attention to the government of the school, and so it was managed by committees elected from out of these, and he (Judge Townsend) was quite certain everyone would agree with him that they had performed their duties well. The appearance presented by the pupils of the school that evening was a sufficient proof that their temporal condition had been well cared for, and the result of the examination showed how well their education had been looked after. They were a credit to the Institution in which they had been brought up, and to the exertions of the committee who directed the school.

The resolution was passed amidst applause.

General Darby Griffith moved the following resolution:—"That while acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance with which the Institution had hitherto been favoured, the governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren, in order to still further extend its usefulness." He said that as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who always felt the sincerest interest and sympathy with the Freemasons of Ireland, he had very great pleasure in being present that evening, and on being called to propose a resolution in favour of the noble Institution in which the interest felt was plainly manifested by the magnificent assemblage that evening. He felt the greater pleasure and an additional pride owing to the presence that evening of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the orphans of their deceased brethren, the pupils of the Female Masonic School, which was a noble example of Christian charity. The report which had been read showed that the financial condition of the school was satisfactory; but the governors had further efforts in view, and they were deserving of hearty support.

The Solicitor-General in eloquent terms seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

In the intervals between the speeches a selection of music was admirably played by the pupils on the piano-forte. Considering their tender age and the time they have been in the Institution, the proficiency they displayed was a satisfactory test of their training and talent. Each performance was cordially applauded.

The National Anthem having been sung, the procession was re-formed, and conducted the Duke of Connaught to the dais at the northern end of the glass building, where he performed the ceremony so gratifying to the students—namely, the distribution of the prizes.

[We are indebted for this admirable report to the courtesy of an Irish brother, and the Dublin Morning Mail.]

## CONSECRATION OF THE HWLFFORDD CHAPTER, No. 464.

On Thursday, the 10th May, the Hwlffordd Chapter was consecrated at Haverfordwest by Capt. S. George Homfray, P. Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire, assisted by Ex. Comp. Thos. Powell, P.Z. of Virtue and Hope, 237, and Ex. Comp. H. J. Gratte, P.Z. Silurian, 471, as H. and J.

Amongst the companions present were Comps. Dr. Jas. Hall, P.Z. Talbot, No. 1323; Thos. Margrave, P.Z. St. Elwes, No. 671; W. J. Morgan, H. Merlin, No. 475; H. J. Groves, Org. 471; Jas. Phipps, G. Butterwell, T. J. White, Rev. W. J. L. Stradling, S. Read, and others.

After the chapter had been opened and the introductory ceremony performed, Comp. H. J. Gratte delivered a short oration, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Comp. H. J. Groves. P.G.O. of Monmouthshire.

When the chapter had been duly constituted Comp. Thos. John White was installed M.E.Z.; Comp. Rev. W. J. L. Standing H.; and Comp. Thomas James, J. The whole of the ceremony was most ably performed by Ex. Comp. Capt. S. George Homfray.

A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to Comp. Capt. S. G. Homfray, for his kindness in coming such a distance to perform the ceremony, which was duly acknowledged by him.

Comp. T. J. Homfray then proposed and Comp. Stradling seconded over twenty-three candidates to be exalted.

The chapter was then closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Salutation Hotel, presided over by Bro. T. Rule Owen.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, and in responding to "The Health of the Consecrating Officer" Comp. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him, and said that it afforded him great pleasure to attend to the wishes of their P.G.M., Major T. A. Lloyd Phillips, an old esteemed friend of his, by attending to consecrate the chapter, and regretted that a family bereavement prevented his attendance.

Comps. H. J. Groves and Captain S. Geo. Homfray contributed much to the harmony of the evening.

A chapter was held on the following day, when twelve candidates were exalted, the ceremony being most ably performed by Ex. Comps. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray as M.E.Z.; H. J. Gratte as H.; and W. J. Morgan as J. and their skill in Masonry will be long remembered in the town of Haverfordwest.

## Obituary.

### BRO. FREDERICK PATTISON, P.G.W.

Another of the old familiar forms and faces in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will now be missed. Bro. Frederick Pattison, P.G. Warden, died at his residence, 11, Montague-place, Russell-square, on the 10th inst., with but little previous warning. The announcement will take the Craft by surprise, as, at his last appearance in public, he had about him all the external signs of the possession of the best bodily health. As an old Past Warden of England he usually occupied the J.G.W. chair when the J.G.W. for the year was unable to attend; and the regularity of his visits to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, caused him to be looked upon as almost an essential part of the quarterly meetings of these two great bodies. Bro. Pattison was initiated on the 14th Feb., 1839, in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, of which lodge he became W.M. in 1849. In 1850 he joined the Royal Alpha, No. 16, and in that year he was appointed, by the late Earl of Zetland, Junior Grand Warden for the year. On the 26th of June, 1840, he was exalted in the Chapter of Friendship, No. 6, and became Z. of that chapter in 1856. In addition to being Grand Warden of Grand Lodge, Bro. Pattison was a Past Scribe N. of Grand Chapter; and his services to the Masonic charities, were comprised in his Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

### FATHER BURKE AT ST. FINBARR'S.

The concluding sermon of the very successful retreat preached during the past week by the Very Rev. Fr. Burke, O.P., for the Men's Confraternity of the Holy Family and the working men of the south parish, was delivered on Saturday morning, immediately after the celebration of five o'clock Mass, at which a very large number of men communicated. Father Burke said—My dear brothers, I suppose we have not gone through our retreat, and opened our hearts to God, without making some resolutions, and I suppose these resolutions, principally are the following. First, never to neglect the monthly communion; secondly, to try in preparing for confession, to find the sorrow that springs from the love of Christ rather than from the fear of Him; thirdly, to try to sanctify our day and our day's work (as I told you yesterday morning) by mingling it with prayer, by offering it to God, and by thinking of God throughout the day, as often as we can making a little interior act of faith, of hope, of sorrow, or of love, as the case may be; fourthly (and perhaps I should have put this first), a resolution to avoid every occasion of sin, especially anything that could lead us, no matter how remotely, to the sin of drunkenness, or to the sin of impurity. I ask you also, my brothers, to make another resolution—to try and induce as many of your friends and your acquaintances as you can to enter the Confraternity, to become members of the Holy Family, to try to bring them within the sacred sacramental influences that it is your privilege to possess. Remember that whenever St. Joseph had a friend, or

made an acquaintance, he always said to him, "come with me; there is a little child at home in my house, and I would like you to see him;" and he brought his friend, and brought his acquaintance, and the Child from Heaven blessed them, and they were saved. The Blessed Virgin also occupied herself amongst her neighbours and her friends, and brought them to Our Lord, saying, "Come, until I show you the little boy I have at home." And she would bring the women and all humble friends to Jesus, and He laid His hands upon them, and they were saved. Remember, you are members of the Holy Family. Remember, my brothers, you belong to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Ah, try to bring your friends to them. Try to bring every poor fellow you may know or that comes under your influence—try to bring them to Jesus, to Mary, and to Joseph. You may, perhaps, think and say in your humility, "I have no influence. I have no power to bring any man." I deny it. I tell you you have. I tell you any Catholic man with the education that you have—and, now, I am speaking to the humblest man amongst you—with the knowledge of your faith that you have, with the education that you have, and above all, with the character that you have for morality and for sobriety—I say that that man has influence. He has influence amongst his fellow men, amongst his fellow labourers, he has an influence as great as I, perhaps, may have amongst my fellow priests. Use it, use it for God, use it for Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Ah, my brothers, though I am speaking to you from this pulpit, in heart and in mind, it is on my knees I am before you—on my knees I am before you, because so many amongst you, sitting around me here, have my Lord and my God in your hearts. You know how grand a thing it is and how sweet a thing it is to belong to the Holy Family of Nazareth. You know that there is nothing in this world—nothing that money could give, nothing that the world could give of honour or of dignity, nothing that genius or talent could give—to be compared with the joy of going up to the altar rail and receiving the Son of God, the Lord of Heaven, into your hearts; and you have done it this morning. Try to bring others, my dear brothers to the same happiness as you possess, and to make them members of the Holy Family. And if there be here this morning one man or boy who has not yet been enrolled, it is my parting request, and I beseech such a one to enter at once into the Confraternity—at once. For, we live in an age when the world is divided into two great camps—into two great confraternities—one belongs to God, the other belongs to the Devil. Freemasons, you have all heard of them, and they may call themselves by a dozen other names—they are banded together by secret oaths and obligations—for what purpose? To oppose the Catholic Church, to pull down the Catholic altar, and if possible, to put to death the Catholic priest for no crime under Heaven except that he chooses to lead a chaste life, and to speak the Word of God to his fellow Catholics. They are banded together, you know it. There are whole nations—Italy, a great part of France, Portugal, the Republics of South America—I know it, for I have been in those countries, and I have asked the priests and bishops—"What is your difficulty here? Why is it that you cannot manage your people?" "Ah! they are all Freemasons. We never can come near one of them." Now, if the devil is able to band his children together, why should not Almighty God, and the Lord that is in that tabernacle, band us together? And if we only unite and keep together, in humility, in charity, in poverty and prayer, we will be more than a match for all the devils in hell, and for all the men that choose to serve the devil upon this earth. In the darkest day of our national history, when there was a cloud of persecution over Ireland that rained blood upon the land; when our grandfathers—for we may start with them and go back two hundred years—were ground to the very earth in slavery and in bloodshed for the Catholic Faith, was not Ireland still more than a match for all her enemies? And to-day, with our improved education, and with our magnificent religious organisation, surely we can still triumph, and triumph easily, over every enemy and every power that Hell can bring amongst us, if we are only banded together. Therefore, oh my brothers, I ask you to be faithful to the great Confraternity, be faithful to the Holy Family, be united in God; and if you are united in God, you shall always be able to conquer everything, for "This is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith," says St. John the Evangelist. But, my brothers, I must also ask you now that I am taking my leave of you—I must also ask you to persevere. It is not the man that begins, nor it is not the man that perseveres for a time that is crowned; but it is the man who perseveres unto the end. "Be thou faithful unto death," that is to say, to the last moment, "and I will give thee the crown of life." These are the words of Christ. And now, if you ask me, How am I to be faithful? I will give you the secret in one word. If you want to be faithful unto death and to persevere, don't look beyond to-day. Be faithful to the graces of to-day. Say to yourself, "I don't know whether I will live until to-morrow. I don't know whether there is any to-morrow for me. I will just do what I ought to do to-day, as if it was the last day of my life. I will say my prayers to-day the best way I can, just as if I was certain that to-morrow I would be before my Judge. I will try to avoid temptation, and to fulfil all my duties to-day as well as I can." Don't be saying, "Oh, how on earth will I be able to live this way for the next twenty years?" Who told you you would live for twenty years? Who told you you would live for a day? Remember the words of our Lord "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," and sufficient unto the day are graces thereof too. Whatever confession then, you make, or whatever other duty you perform, just say to yourself, "Perhaps I will never have a chance of doing this again; I may be dead before to-morrow. I will try, then, to do it as well as I can." Live, as the proverb says, from hand to mouth from day to day. Be faith-



ful to-day, and God will give you grace to be faithful to-morrow, and the next day, and the next day, until at length the day arrives which will crown your lives with the crowning grace of final perseverance; for "as a man liveth, so shall he die;" and the man that lives faithful to the grace of God in that grace shall die; and by that grace he shall be translated from glory unto glory, until he beholds the face of the Lord his God in the eternal kingdom.

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; James Brett, P.G.P.; and Bro. W. T. Howe, A.G.P., occupied the chairs respectively of President, Senior Vice-President, and Junior Vice-President. Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; and W. Dodd, attended from Grand Secretary's offices. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Past District G.M. for China; Henry Browne, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Ex-Sheriff Hutton, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; J. Wright, P.G.P.; W. Smith, C.E., P.G.S.; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; S. G. Foxall, G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, Capt. Hunter, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire; M. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 1668; T. H. Meredith, W.M. 1257; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Charles E. Walter, W.M. 87; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445; James Muzie, W.M. 1150; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 1672; Wm. Poore, W.M. 1506; John Bingham, P.M. 1599; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; W. Stephens, P.M. 1365; J. J. Defries, W.M. 45; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; Charles Cutler, P.M. 245; H. Bartlett, P.M. 1158; W. Fooks, W.M. 136; E. J. Hart, W.M. 1201; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; Israel Abrahams, P.M. 188; Charles Sewell, W.M. 1382; Walter Hopekirk, P.M. 1586; George Tunley, W.M. 183; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Wm. Browne Kidder, W.M. 12; Col. Somerville Burney, W.M. 1615; John J. Pakes, W.M. 871; W. Hilton, P.M. 780; Jno. Norton, W.M. 969; James Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts.; F. W. Koch, P.M. 1381; E. Spooner, P.M. 1420; W. J. Parish, W.M. 1604; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; Charles E. Walter, W.M. 87; Capt. J. Wordsworth, P.M. 380; Ed. Cox, P.M. 360; H. Massey, (Freemason); J. Awley, W.M. 907; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Edwd. Baxter, W.M. Great Steward's Lodge; J. M. P. Montagu, P.M. 707; Ed. Jones, W.M. 192; J. B. Sorrell, P.M. 176; J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1360; S. J. Hilliard, W.M. 174; J. K. Abel, W.M. 957; J. P. Collier, W.M. 205; E. Bonye, P.M. 1580; J. P. Villiers, W.M. 834; S. J. Harvey, W.M. 1658; P. G. Jupe, W.M. 1287; J. D. McGachen, P.M. 827; J. W. Sugg, W.M. 452; and C. L. Brown, W.M. 1237.

At the Board of Masters which preceded the Lodge of Benevolence, the paper of business for Grand Lodge of 6th June was settled. At the Lodge of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed the grants made at the Lodge of Benevolence of April last to the amount of £170. The brethren then proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were twenty-two. Of these three were dismissed, and three deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £425, composed of one grant of £100, one of £75, one of £50, one of £40, four of £20, and eight of £10 each.

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

The sitting lasted three hours.

**RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.**—The Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, will be consecrated at the Masonic Rooms, Micklegate, York, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at three o'clock.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—Every variety of sore, ulcer, eruption, boil, and carbuncle is safely stopped by the timely application of this healing Ointment. It arrests unhealthy and substitutes healthy action, thus curing the inflamed, irritable, and spreading diseases affecting the skin. Holloway's Ointment has gained an imperishable fame for its facility in healing old inflammatory sores about the shins and ankles, and for bad legs and old wounds it cannot be equalled; nor is it less efficacious in gathering breasts and abscesses. When the complaint has been of long continuance, Holloway's Pills will expedite recovery if taken in those doses which act as alteratives on the stomach and tonics on the constitution.—ADVT.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 1st, 1877.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 1451, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness.

" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.

" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot. Fleet-st.

" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., King'sland.

Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.

Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Tow.

Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.

St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.

Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.

Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.

Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 29.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.

Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.

Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.

Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.

Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-pl., Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg-rd.

Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.

New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.

Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.

Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.

United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.

Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.

Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 31.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.

Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.

Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.

Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hot. Greenwich.

" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Ball's-Pond-rd., N.

Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.

Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.

Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.

Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.

Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.

St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.

Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.

Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.

Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.

Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.

St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.

Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.

Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.

Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.

St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.

William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 2, 1877.

#### MONDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.

Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.

Derby L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 29.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.

" 1384, Equity, Com. Hot. Widnes.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.

Merchant's L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.

" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.

" 1403, W. Lancashire, Com. Hot., Ormskirk.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 31.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.

" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.

Hamer L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 18th May, 1877, W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Creaton, P.G.D., in the Chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election of Twenty-nine Male Annuitants from an approved list of thirty-four candidates, and Twenty-four Female Annuitants from an approved list of thirty-six candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:

#### MALES.

NAME.	VOTES.
Bro. Watson, William...	1847
" Smith, George ...	1510
" Barnes, Richard E. ...	1266
" Phipps, Osborne G. ...	991
" Wright, Henry ...	907
" Neeve, Henry ...	851
" Barnard, Alfred T. ...	829
" Goddard, Cornelius ...	802
" Seabrook, Edward ...	801
" Polkinghorne, Edwin S. ...	757
" Lovelace, John ...	625
" Barnard, John C. ...	616
" Holmes, Joseph J. ...	616
" Jones, Richard ...	582
" Le Page, John ...	577
" Doorne, John C. ...	558
" Burgess, George ...	557
" Russell, James ...	526
" Newton, Henry ...	518
" Langlands, Nathan ...	515
" Haworth, John ...	507
" Luter, John ...	494
" Wilkinson, Benjamin ...	456
" Fauvel, John ...	453
" Hodson, Samuel ...	448
" Ball, William ...	440
" Bence, Edward O. ...	412
" Chapman, William H. ...	412
" Stening, James ...	364

#### WIDOWS.

NAME.	VOTES.
Mrs. Flockton, Maria I. ...	1099
" Whiteman, Jane ...	1082
" Heming, Rhoda ...	873
" Jenkins, Jane M. ...	850
" Woods, Eliza ...	797
" West, Maria A. ...	745
" Buck, Susan ...	738
" Eastes, Frances ...	735
" Farnham, Sarah ...	691
" Sumner, Charlotte ...	690
" Naylor, Martha ...	667
" Allatson, Margaret ...	659
" Haselwood, Lucy A. ...	635
" Trotter, Ann ...	624
" Dewar, Mary A. ...	623
" Masters, Rebecca ...	603
" Dixon, Margaret ...	600
" Emery, Harriett ...	565
" Clarkson, Hannah ...	564
" Brown, Ann ...	514
" Tilbury, Ann ...	507
" Packwood, Emily ...	455
" Rackstraw, Amy ...	416
" Busher, Mary A. B. ...	365

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked \* are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY

Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. Herts, Secretary.  
18th May, 1877.



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).

—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill, and the fineness of the day attracted a numerous attendance. Bro. G. Kelly King, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Palmer, S.W.; Haigh, J.W.; Dyte, P.M.; Treas.; J. R. Stacey, and the rest of the officers, as well as several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. H. Thompson, P.M. 177 (*Freemason*); Durrant, Zetland, and several others whose names were not ascertained. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Ward and Rubenstein were passed; and afterwards it was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Sherrington and Croft were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, the next business was to proceed to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice fell unanimously upon Bro. Palmer, the S.W., and when it was announced that the vote was unanimous, there was loud cheering, which Bro. Palmer acknowledged. The next business was the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Dyte, P.M., also received a unanimous vote in his favour. It was then proposed that a Past Master's Jewel should be given to Bro. Kelly King, W.M., as a small testimony of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, which was carried unanimously, and after some other business had been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid and sumptuous banquet, provided by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, which left nothing to be desired, for it embraced every delicacy of the season. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W.M., in proposing the first toast, said that Masons were proverbial for their loyalty to the throne. The Heir-apparent to the throne was their Grand Master, and two Royal Princes occupied the other two chairs in the Grand Lodge, and notwithstanding all the Papal denunciations, Freemasonry continued to increase and flourish. To make the toast Masonic, he proposed "The Queen and the Craft," a toast which was heartily responded to. The W.M. said that having sworn allegiance to the Queen, he asked them to drink the health of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, who did them the honour of presiding over them. They all knew how well he discharged all his engagements, and it was a great honour to them to have as their chief the heir to the throne, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness had thoroughly identified himself with the Craft, whose fame had not only spread in this country, but throughout the world. As time was getting late, to save it, he coupled with the toast that of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present. Drunk with great cheering. The acting I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that he had filled the chair for two years. That was the last occasion upon which they would have the pleasure of drinking his health as W. Master, and he was sure that as that was so, they would drink it with all the cordiality it deserved. The W.M. in reply, returned thanks for the kind manner in which they had accepted the toast proposed by their worthy brother. He felt great interest in Freemasonry, and especially so, as the original projector of that lodge, although not the originator, but without the assistance of kind friends he could do nothing. It was gratifying to him to have been connected with the lodge from its commencement, and also to see its prosperity, and he might say that they had scarcely any drawback from the beginning. As their first Master was unfortunately not able to be much with them his duty had devolved upon him, and although there might have been shortcomings on his part, he had done his best, and he believed he had presided over a truly happy family, and if they would allow him to say so, he looked upon them all as his children, and congratulated himself on having such a happy family. He hoped and trusted that that lodge would make its mark in the Craft, and having alluded to those connected with the press, and others who constituted the members, said he could not wish to meet with more social, genial, and hearty companions than the members of that lodge. The next toast was "The Visitors," which was briefly responded to. The W.M. said that without a good superstructure the edifice would soon

fall to the ground, and without fresh members Freemasonry would soon come to an end, and he had to propose the health of three gentlemen who had become members of their Order, and he believed that they were proper persons to become Masons. He gave "The Health of their Brother Initiates." Bros. Rubenstein and Ford severally returned thanks. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Rooke, P.M.," who returned thanks, and also that of Bro. Doyle, Treas., and Bro. Stacey, Sec., and who also severally returned thanks. "The Health of the W.M. Elect" was next given, but as that worthy brother had been compelled to leave for Peterborough, Bro. Lee, his locum tenens, returned thanks in his stead. Some other toasts were given and responded to, and a very happy evening was brought to a close shortly after nine o'clock, when the W.M., members, and visitors returned to town by the Great Northern Railway.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).**—This lodge held its installation meeting on Friday week at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bro. Elias Somers, W.M., presiding. The lodge was draped in consequence of the death of Bro. Ellen, J.D., whom the brethren followed to the grave two days prior to the meeting of the lodge. Lodge was fully attended, and all the officers were in their places. The members present were Bros. E. Somers, W.M.; Ed. G. Sim, S.W., W.M. elect, I. J. Coombs, J.W.; I. Weston, Treas.; J. Osborn, Sec., A. F. Rowley, S.D.; W. F. Poulton, D.C.; W. Morris, I.G.; J. H. Appeakein, C. Knight, J. G. Revell, H. Field, N. Dawson, J. H. Rafferty, R. Allison, G. Tarrant, T. Franklin, E. Adams, I. Gibbs, R. G. Thomas, N. Payne, J. Hiscock, C. I. Parslow, S. Rowley, G. S. Furlong, T. Upward. The visitors were Bros. Albert, P.G.P., P.M. 188 and 1017; Buss, Asst. G. Sec., Johnson, P.M. 468; Jones, P.M. 917; Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); Lazarus, P.M. 53; Wilson, P.M. 1298; Levy, P.M. 188; Howe, P.M. 1445, Asst. G. Purs.; Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts; Todd, P.M. 183; Tongue, P.M. 534; Jaffa, J.D. 1579; Nathan, 205; Braine, S.W. 1471; Field, S.W. 917; Barham, W.M. 754; Pare, J.W. 185; Todd, P.M. 183, and Lee, W.M. 775. The lodge having transacted some business which was on the agenda paper, Bro. Edwd. G. Sim, S.W. and W.M. elect, proposed "That Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M. 975 and P.M. 1524, be elected an honorary member of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, in recognition of his services to it." He said there was nothing more difficult in founding a lodge than to be without a P.M.; but in this lodge Bro. Lee came forward at their W.M.'s request, and had been present every time of their meeting, and had done everything in his power to render the different ceremonies a success. In showing their appreciation of such services he (Bro. Sim) thought it the bounden duty of the brethren to pass this vote, in proof of the obligation they felt they were under to Bro. Lee. He believed that lodges were permitted to do this for brethren who had performed acts which called for some special mark of approbation. In making the motion he felt sure that it would meet with unanimous approval. Bro. Coombs, J.W., seconded the motion which was put by the W.M., and carried unanimously. There were no initiations, passings, or raisings before the brethren, and the only remaining work to be done was to instal Bro. Edward G. Sim, the W.M. elect, and this ceremony was performed by Bro. Somers, who also delivered the address to the W.M. Bro. Lee delivered the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. The officers appointed were Bros. Coombs, S.W.; Rowley, J.W.; J. Osborn, Sec.; Weston, S.D.; Norris, J.D.; Poulton, I.G.; Upward, Org.; Field, D.C.; Oppenheim, W.S.; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Somers, P.M., gave notice of motion, that the founders of the lodge be allowed to wear a founder's jewel; and Bro. Furlong afterwards moved a resolution of condolence on the part of the members of the lodge with the widow of Bro. Ellen, late J.D. He said that Bro. Ellen was one of the founders of the lodge, and was well known and respected by all the brethren. He was sure he was only echoing the sentiments of all present when he said that to know Bro. Ellen was to respect him. Bro. Ellen worked very hard for the purpose of establishing the lodge, and during his year of office he gained the affection of all with whom he came in contact. His death was a matter of very great regret to the brethren, and while the W.M. expressed his regret, the lodge felt equal regret that so promising a brother as their departed friend had been taken from amongst them so soon. Bro. Ellen had left a widow and orphan to mourn his loss, and to them it would be some consolation in their affliction to know that the brethren with whom he had been associated had passed a resolution expressing their feelings at the loss of this brother, and directing that a letter of condolence should be sent to his widow and child. Bro. R. G. Thomas seconded the motion. The W.M., in putting the resolution to the lodge, said he felt that though the family of their late brother might like to have this expression of feeling in writing, they could not wish a stronger mark of the esteem in which Bro. Ellen was held than that which was given two days ago, when all the brethren of the lodge, with one or two exceptions assembled at the cemetery to witness the committal of his remains to the earth. Nearly every member of the lodge was there, and no stronger token of their regard for their brother could be paid than was paid then. The motion was then put and carried unanimously. Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Cock, Highbury, where a banquet was elegantly provided by Mr. R. Baker. The toasts followed, and "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro Grand M." having been received with the most loyal enthusiasm, the W.M. next proposed "The D.G.M. and the Grand Officers." He said that if it were not for the Grand Officers the lodges could not exist, and it was because the Grand Officers did their duty that the lodges got on so well. Everything was sure to go on amicably

and well while a ship was well commanded and steered, and lodges had to look to Grand Lodge to take the helm of affairs in Masonry; and while it might be said that it did not depend upon one brother they knew the ark was made up of units, and it was to each one individually doing his duty that the success of the whole was attributable. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, responded. In the person of the D.G.M. they had one of the best Grand Officers that ever took that rank. He was at all times alive to everything that required attention in Masonry, and he gave that attention without hesitation. The same might be said of every other Grand Officer. Bro. Albert, who was present, had gone through his year of office, and had thoroughly applied himself to its duties. All the Grand Officers felt as sensible as he (Bro. Buss) of the great compliment that had just been paid them. They were all anxious to perform their duties, and it was in the power of all to become Grand Officers some day or other, if they applied their minds to it (cries of "Oh, oh"). Well, here was Bro. Albert, who four years ago would not have thought it possible to become a Grand Officer; and Bro. Howe, who equally, a few months ago, would not have thought it possible that he could ever become a Grand Officer. Again, he (Bro. Buss) a short time ago could not have expected that he would be enrolled in the ranks of the Grand Officers. He supposed that there had been something in their abilities which had led the Grand Master to give them preferment. Of this, at least, he was quite sure, that the brethren chosen for Grand Office had always the best interests of the Craft at heart, and those Grand Officers who were present were not the least among those so disposed. Bro. Somers proposed "The W.M." Another captain had now the command of the ship, and he hoped the new commander would do it as well as he (Bro. Somers) had endeavoured to do. He had no doubt of it. The vessel was equally well officered; every appliance had been carefully provided, and he trusted the ship would be well manned. He looked to the brethren to support the new captain with the same readiness as they had the old one. He (Bro. Somers) had retired (he could no say on half pay), but he should still use his best exertions to persuade all volunteers who might join the lodge to help the W.M., and as far as he (Bro. Somers) was concerned, he would take care that Masonry was properly carried out. The brethren were all pleased to see his friend, Bro. Edward George Sim, installed in the chair of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, which he hoped would be a credit to the Craft. The brethren had endeavoured to the utmost to raise the lodge to the highest point; and when there was such an endeavour it was very seldom that failure was experienced. The W.M., replying, said he felt under a very great obligation to Bro. Somers for the remarks he had made, and to the brethren, not only for the cordiality with which they had received these remarks, but for having placed him at their head. He trusted that he should occupy the chair to their satisfaction, and that the duties which would devolve upon him during his year of office would be carried out with efficiency. In any way that they could command him in connection with the lodge he should consider himself at their service; in fact, he would consider himself under an obligation to them to do anything in his power for the benefit of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge. He trusted that his year of office would be a happy one, and a prosperous one for the lodge; and that, at the end of his year, he would have the same good feelings evinced towards him as had been shown on the present occasion to the worthy brother who now occupied the distinguished position of the P.M. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said that the brethren were always pleased to hear the expression of the opinion of the visitors on the subject of the conduct of lodge business. He was happy to say that visitors, especially those who held high offices in Masonry, considered it their privilege to express their opinions. It was as well that they should do so. For himself, he never would suggest for one moment that a visitor who held any position in Masonry, and who saw anything wrong, should not at once take the opportunity of having it corrected. By that means, lodges would do the thing that was right, and always keep Masonry pure. He then read the list of visitors as given above, and called upon Bros. Barham, Todd, and Braine to respond. These brethren having complied, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and remarked that that brother had performed his duties in a very able manner. At the same time he would present to Bro. Somers a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, upon which when Bro. Somers looked at any time he would recal many pleasant evenings he had spent with the brethren. He could not look upon it without great pride, because it must remind him that he was one of the founders and the first W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, which he believed would occupy one of the first positions among all the lodges in the world. If it did not it would not be for want of its members endeavouring to raise it to its proper standard. He hoped the name of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge would, like that of the man whose name it bore, be a password for straightforward, honest, and honourable conduct. Bro. Somers, in reply, said that as one of the pioneers in the formation of the lodge he had learned that although he had succeeded the path was a rugged one, but those who did their duty honestly and satisfactorily to the Craft must not expect for a moment that they were going to find it a smooth, comfortable, or convenient way of travelling. Still it was a maxim in Masonry that the difficulties they found in the way should stimulate them to the performance of higher duties, to the which if they attained they would be placed ultimately in the proud position he had the honour now of occupying. He could only add that he had used his best exertions for the benefit of the lodges with which he had been associated, and he could distinctly assert that he had worked honestly and sincerely,



and could proudly point to the jewel just presented to him with the feeling that he had endeavoured to earn it. He would not wear it as a bauble, but as one of those things he had earned, and on which he could look with gratification. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities." All the brethren knew that charity was their great aim, that a brother who came into Freemasonry and professed charity and did not practise it in its pure sense, was not a Mason. They would remember the great principles of the Sacred Law, wherein it was laid down that charity consisted, not in giving of the abundance of what a man possessed, but in denying oneself some pleasure in order to assist those who were unable to provide for the wants of nature. He was very pleased to know that the Masonic charities were year by year increasing their income, that the brethren were feeling more and more the responsibilities pressed upon them, and that they were all striving towards one great end—to render assistance to those who well deserved it. None of them knew while they might be there that night, little thinking of the future and perhaps little caring for it, as others had before them little known, that they might perhaps some day be recipients of the bounty of others. Therefore he would call on the brethren when the opportunity for giving assistance occurred, to remember in what charity consisted. If they could only give half-a-crown, half-a-crown a piece in the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge signified a great deal. He hoped that this lodge would develop into one of the great supporters of the Masonic charities. The lodge was but twelve months old, yet their I.P.M. had represented it as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and had taken up a sum of £31 10s. He (the W.M.) represented the lodge at the recent festival of the Girls' School, and Bro. Abrahams had already accepted the Stewardship for the Boys'. When he (the W.M.) was Steward he did not take up a very large amount, only sixty-five guineas, which was very much below what he took up when he was Steward once before, but he hoped the time would come when the lodge would never send up a Steward without one hundred guineas on his list, and that no year would elapse without a Steward going up for each charity. Bro. Terry, who represented the Benevolent Institution, was present, and could tell the brethren more than he (the W.M.) could about them, yet he was very much pleased to propose the toast, because he could couple with it one of the most zealous Secretaries that any institution could boast of possessing—in fact, he was the most zealous Secretary—whose genial conduct, happy disposition, and engaging manners had endeared him to every Mason. While proposing this toast he would remind the brethren that that day was Bro. Terry's birthday, and in drinking his health they should remember the circumstance. Bro. Terry replied. In the first place he had to thank the W.M. for recalling to the brethren's recollection a little event which occurred some 46 years ago that day, when he was sure two persons most concerned, his father and mother, never contemplated that he would have the pleasure of responding on behalf of the Charitable Institution he now represented. With respect to the Institutions, they were extremely indebted not alone to this Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, but to a vast number of lodges formed within the last 18 months or two years, for all the support they had extended to the charities of the Order. It had been his pleasure within the last year to consecrate 19 new lodges. Of those 19 lodges 16 had each kindly sent a brother to represent them at the Benevolent Institution; and those 16 brethren took up with them over £900. That spoke well for the great desire there was to do good on the part of the petitioners for new lodges. The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge was one year old that day, and it was numbered 1602. During the 12 months of its existence, warrants for 90 new lodges had been granted, the number of the last warrant which had been issued being 1692. If they looked to that fact, and contemplated the possibility of each of those 90 lodges extended a similar support to the Institutions as had been given to this Institution out of the 19 lodges he had mentioned, they might judge of what would be the future outcome of the Masonic efforts on behalf of charity. The W.M. had been pleased to say the income of the charities were increasing. Well, in February last at the festival of the Benevolent Institution £3800 was brought in beyond the amount which that Institution had ever before received, and the total, £12,866, was larger than any of the Masonic Institutions had received in one year. But even this amount left other 18's which had since come in. The last of these lists had been received in the present week, and its amount was £600. The total therefore received by the Benevolent Institution for the late festival was now £13,686. That certainly was very gratifying, and certainly repaid any labour on the part of the executive officers, whose care it was, and whose duty it was, to realise these sums, not for their own aggrandisement, not for their own advantage, but for the benefit of the Institutions, which endeavoured to relieve distress whenever it occurred. That (Friday) week saw the closing scene for the year in the work of the Benevolent Institution, when fifty-three poor old men and women had their latter days made comfortable by the generosity of the brethren. On that day twenty-nine old men and twenty-four widows were put in receipt, the men of £40 each per year, and the women £32 each. If the brethren could only realise what that meant—a relief from the cares and anxieties of life, and the putting the recipients in the possession of comparative comfort for the remainder of their days, they would be able to judge of the benefit conferred by Masonic charity. Instead of a bleak prospect standing before a widow deprived by Providence of her support by her partner being taken away from her, calm rest and repose that should attend age spread itself before her face. If the brethren could but realise what the sensations of these poor old people must have been on the day of election while they were awaiting the return of the scrutineers of votes

into the room, while it was undecided whether the candidates were or were not successful, and then when the scrutineers announced the result, to become aware of the gratifying intelligence that they were successful, it was a pleasing fact for all subscribers to know they had contributed to so much ultimate pleasure. He was pleased to say that the Girls' School was also eminently successful this year, having received £1500 above any amount yet contributed to it in one year. Thus £5300 had been realised at these two festivals beyond what had been obtained for these two charities in one year. If report spoke truly, he believed that at the next festival of the Boys' School at the Alexandra Palace on the 27th June, although he as Secretary of the Benevolent Institution had been able to announce the receipt of £13,300 on its behalf, a still larger amount was to be announced for the Boys' School. Well, the 190 boys now receiving the benefits of that Institution amply repaid all the amount laid out upon them. It might seem a large sum that each boy cost, and they were large sums that each Institution had to do with, but all he had to say on behalf of the Secretaries of the other Institutions, the Boys and Girls' Schools, was that they appreciated as well as himself (Bro. Terry) the efforts which were made by the lodges, and this lodge especially, for having sent in twelve months Stewards to bring in these large amounts. He had no doubt that the brother who would represent the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge at the Boys' Festival would be as eminently successful as the W.M. had been, and he could only express the wish that as the Worshipful Master's list had nearly doubled the list of Bro. Somers, the Steward for the Boys' Festival might be able to take up a list proportionately in advance of the Worshipful Master's. Year after year he hoped similar strides would be made, and that the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge would prove as great a benefactor to the Institution as Sir Hugh Myddelton was himself to the whole of humanity in London. As each new member was made in the lodge he hoped it would be impressed upon him that the whole success of the Institutions depended mainly on that one brother. If each brother would only follow up what the W.M. had said, and remember that charity consisted not in giving out of their abundance, but out of their acts of self-denial, they would be acting up to the true spirit of Freemasonry. After making a further appeal for the support of all the Masonic charities, Bro. Terry resumed his seat amidst loud applause. The brethren then honoured the other toasts and separated. A pleasing selection of music was performed by Bros. A. Hubbard, T. W. Simons, J. Fountain Meen, and F. H. Cozens, under the direction of Bro. A. Hubbard. Bro. J. F. Meen presided at the piano.

**BAYARD LODGE (No. 1615).**—The installation meeting of the Bayard Lodge was held on Monday evening, at 33, Golden Square. The lodge was presided over by Col. Somerville Burney, W.M., the other brethren being Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Essex, W.M.; Capt. R. P. Leeson, S.W.; Alfred E. T. Watson, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Captain Charles Hunter, P.M. 755, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, as P.M.; Frank Richardson, P.M., 14, as Treas.; Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.B.G., as Sec.; Capt. C. F. Compton, S.D.; Robert D. Fyers, J.D.; Francis C. Compton, as Org.; the Chevalier Habicht, P.M. 197; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.M. 1383, G.S.D.; Major Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M., W.M. 1383, P.P.S.G.W. Devon; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Hugh H. Riach, P.M.; Major George Barlow, S.W. 1383; Captain T. Morris, P.M.; John Shadwell, P.M., P.G.S. Deacon, Somerset; Captain Henry Lumsden, Herr Edward Sanesbury, Walter B. Lethbridge, S. H. d'Avigdor, Arthur White, Major J. G. Skene, Frederic la C. Thorne, Edward B. Bernard, Vava-saur Sandford, M.D.; Captain W. Oughton Giles, Captain H. S. Andrews, Rev. G. Sutton Flack, M.A.; Lieut. G. V. C. Egerton, R.N.; W. Bezley Thorne, Rev. Hugh Pearson, B.A.; C. P. Kempe, Captain Stewart J. Dyer, Frederic Calrow, Lieut.-Colonel Bousfield, M.P.; William Rogers, Dr. R. C. Messel, B. L. Rose, Capt. M. Robertson. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Thomas Fenn, P.G. Deacon; the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie; Prov. G.M. for Kincardineshire, No. 1, Scotland; W. H. Hood, No. 1, Scotland; T. W. Gordon, No. 523, Scotland; Col. Randolph, J.W. 1383; George L. Eyles, 1383; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M. 142; F. H. McCalmont, No. 130, P.P.G.R. Oxon.; George Coyte, [No. 1]; W. A. Bannett, St. Andrews; Colonel Maydwell, P.M. 1216; W. E. Stewart, P.M. 140; Chas. Dickens, P.M. 261; F. H. Haynes, P.M. 284; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); P. de L. Long, G.S.D.; A. Sadler, P.M. 14, and others. The prosperity of the lodge has been very marked, as will be seen from the following facts, which has transpired in connection with it during the last twelve months. The lodge was consecrated on the 17th May, 1876, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. for Bristol. Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney was its first W.M. There are now seventy-eight members, of whom twenty-nine have been initiated in the lodge, or only one less than could have been made, according to the constitutions, at the six regular meetings. These members include, one peer one count, one baronet, two chevaliers, two M.P.'s, one ex-M.P., five priests, five justices of the peace, seventeen holding university or literary degrees, and thirty-eight who hold or have held commissions in the army, navy, or militia. Donations have been made of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £50 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; thus qualifying the lodge as a Vice-President of all these charities, a thing never before done by any lodge in the first year of its existence. The lists of the W.M. for these charities were large ones, and one member of the lodge became an annual subscriber of five guineas to each of the three charities. The Treasurer's account

shows receipts £638 9s., and an expenditure of £624 0s. 11d. Nothing has been spent on banquets, agreeably with the bye-laws of the lodge; but several donations had been made from the charity fund of the lodge for special cases recommended, leaving a balance to credit of that fund of £6 0s. 3d. The W.M. having initiated, and raised candidates, Bro. Richardson did the passings, and Colonel Burney proceeded with the ceremony of installation, for which purpose Bro. Captain R. P. Leeson, S.W., was presented to him. Bro. Col. Burney then formally installed Capt. Leeson, and after this ceremony had been completed, the new W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Alfred Watson, S.W.; Wemyss, J.W.; Frank Richardson, Treas.; Capt. Portlock Dadson, Sec.; R. Fyers, S.D.; Francis Compton, J.D.; Capt. C. Compton, D.C.; A. J. Dyer, Steward; Sauerbery, Org.; Rigby Thorne, I.G.; and George Austin, Tyler. After Capt. Leeson had been installed, he said to Col. Burney that he was exceedingly glad to have received this honour especially at the hands of Col. Burney, as it was on the introduction of that brother twenty-two years ago that he became a Mason. Col. Burney said that if Capt. Leeson remembered this circumstance with pleasure, he (Col. Burney) remembered with equal pleasure that in the founding of this lodge he received very great assistance from Capt. Leeson; and it was with eminent satisfaction he now handed over the government of the lodge to a brother who had its interests so thoroughly at heart, who knew so well how to exercise his powers, and was so well qualified to carry out the principles of the Craft. Before the lodge was closed a massive Past Master's jewel was presented to Col. Burney, I.P.M., and a similar jewel to Bro. Frank Richardson, Treasurer, for their great services to the lodge during the first year of the lodge's existence. The W.M., in moving the votes, recalled to the brethren's recollection the exertions of Col. Burney on the lodge's behalf, and the admirable way in which he had conducted the lodge business; and with regard to Bro. F. Richardson he said that brother had not only been Treasurer, but had also acted as P.M., and his time was always at the disposal of the W.M., which to a business man was a very great sacrifice. Capt. Hunter seconded both motions, and returned his best thanks to Bro. Richardson for having performed the office of the P.M., which he (Capt. Hunter), through being away on his professional avocations in Scotland and the country, had been unable to perform. When he accepted the office of P.M., his inability to attend was entirely unforeseen by him, and the lodge was under a debt of gratitude to Bro. Richardson for supplying his place. Col. Burney, in acknowledging the presentation to him, said he felt most grateful for this token of the brethren's approval. The prosperity of the Bayard Lodge had been a great source of gratification and pride to him. Twelve months ago he first conceived the idea of forming the lodge, and he was fortunate in accepting for it a name which not only was a name known in history as applied to a knight who had for his motto "Sans peur et sans reproche," which motto should at all times govern the actions of the lodge; but from circumstances which occurred at the moment he was enabled at second hand to pay a compliment to a brother for whom he had the highest regard and esteem, and who stood so high in the Craft generally (Capt. Philips). From the good feeling that had existed in the lodge from its commencement, he felt very proud to have originated it, and he felt sure and confident that in handing over the gavel to his worthy successor no one could have been selected who would more carry out the principles on which this lodge had been founded. He prayed God to grant the W.M. health and strength, and a long and prosperous career to the Bayard Lodge. Bro. Frank Richardson in returning thanks for his jewel, said he was sure that the prospects of the Bayard Lodge amply compensated one for any little trouble taken in the formation and work of the lodge. Such a lodge was a credit to the Craft and a credit to the members who belonged to it. He should always consider the jewel the brightest he had ever worn. Col. Burney said that although time pressed he felt bound to say a word with reference to a remark of Capt. Hunter. That brother was one of the first founders of the lodge, and he (Col. Burney) was only too pleased to appoint him as acting P.M. circumstances however occurred which prevented Capt. Hunter's regular attendance. Such circumstances did not often occur in a man's life, and the brethren wished him every happiness and a long life under those circumstances. In Capt. Hunter's absence he, Col. Burney, naturally turned to Bro. Richardson, who was also one of the founders of the lodge. He most kindly and readily agreed to act as P.M., and in addition to his duties as Treasurer rendered very great assistance as P.M. There were many little things in the government of a lodge of which the members knew nothing; and in the midst of Bro. Richardson's active professional engagements he was always open to come and render assistance. It was chiefly in a new lodge that such assistance was most felt. Bro. Frank Richardson here presented the lodge with an elegant offertory bag in place of the charity box. This bag bore the Bayard arms on one side, and Bro. Frank Richardson's arms on the other. A vote of thanks was then passed for Bro. Richardson's handsome present, and the vote was ordered to be recorded in the lodge minutes. The vote was moved by the W.M. and seconded by Col. Burney, who hoped that the bag might be well filled. Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where a choice banquet was provided for them. After partaking of the same, grace was said, and the usual toasts were proposed. In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said the brethren all knew that her Majesty took a pleasure in relieving the wants of the most humble of her subjects, and in sympathising with the griefs of those highest in the social scale. After the toast of "The M.W.G.M." had



been duly proposed and honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., &c.," and, in reply, Bro. Monckton said that the way in which the W.M. had proposed, and the brethren had received the toast was nothing short of truly touching. It really brought the Grand Officers up with a run, and if he could emulate the short, sharp, and decisive fire with which the W.M. proposed the toast he would be glad. He would be in harmony with the W.M.'s style if he said merely "Thank you," and sat down, but there would be a want of grace about it. This was the first anniversary of a lodge that had had no precedent in the history of the Craft. It really was a most remarkable condition of things that at the end of the first year, on the second installation in the Bayard Lodge, they had subscribed so much to the charities. They had heard it, not to-night for the first time, but for some time past; it had been a sort of table talk in the lodges they had visited what the Bayard Lodge had done under its gallant chief, Col. Burney. As visitors they would be altogether wrong, and as Grand Officers of the Craft they would be altogether wrong, if they had let the opportunity slip by without thoroughly and fairly speaking of what was really a matter of very considerable comment in Masonry. He felt that it was due to this young gallant, and great lodge, that he should make a few remarks on this topic. They knew that Masonry was charity, and that Masonry without charity was nothing worth. What this lodge had done was a grand and almost incomprehensible act. The lodge had done a great thing, and the brethren of the Craft were proud in consequence to belong to a Craft to which such a lodge was attached. Col. Burney proposed "The Health of the W.M." They had heard stated in the lodge that twenty-two years ago he (Col. Burney) was the favoured individual who introduced the W.M. into Freemasonry. It had almost escaped his (Col. Burney's) memory, till it was recalled to him. He remembered having twenty-two years ago made the acquaintanceship of the W.M. From that day to the present he had felt most strongly and friendly towards him, as he had had an opportunity of seeing and knowing his worth, not only in Masonry but in other walks of life. He felt that a certain apology was due to the brethren of the lodge for taking on himself that evening a duty which would have been better performed more by a experienced brother but he had two reasons for doing so, the one Masonic, the other un-Masonic. The Masonic was that it was the duty of the outgoing Master to instal his successor; the other, non-Masonic, was a selfish one, because he felt the great pleasure in installing in the chair of this lodge a much esteemed and valued friend and brother. Now, he did not take credit to himself for the prosperity of the lodge, though he did as the founder. Thirteen months ago it was not thought of. As they had been honoured by the remarks of a most distinguished Grand Officer, there was nothing to be ashamed of in this lodge, and he would therefore offer with the greatest pride and satisfaction to the brethren the toast of his well beloved brother, Bro. Leeson, long life, health, and prosperity to him, and every happiness that he so richly deserved. The toast having been enthusiastically received the W.M. in acknowledging it said that the enthusiasm of the brethren was sufficient to make him think they were on board the Thunderer, had it not been that he knew that vessel had broken down. For this display of their feeling he was greatly indebted to them. It was a very high honour to be second W.M. of the Bayard Lodge. It was said that a rolling stone gathered no moss. Now, he had gathered none for twenty-two years, but he was now glad he had not, because if he had he would probably not have gathered the moss he had now acquired. As to his own capacity to carry on the lodge, he was in a certain sense aware that he had it, and he thought that a man who had not some self-reliance was nobody. At the same time he should rely on the advice and experience of the P.M.'s, the co-operation of the officers, and the good feeling, the "entente cordiale" of the members of the lodge. He would say nothing more. "The Health of the I.P.M." was responded to by Col. Burney, who said that the W.M. had thrown out a hint that the best way of returning thanks was in two words, "Thank you," and he would adopt that hint on this occasion. He would sit down with that, but he would take this opportunity of returning his most grateful thanks to the officers and the brethren of the lodge for the support they had given him during the past year. They would understand that these few words came from the bottom of his heart. Most heartily he thanked them. In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M., after referring to the great services of Bro. Hervey, reminded the brethren that they had present the Prov. G.M. of Kincardineshire among them. The lodges of the United Kingdom pulled together, and there was between them that "entente cordiale" of which he had before spoken. He himself knew what the welcome of a Scotch Mason was as he was raised in Scotland after being initiated in England. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., replying, said that he and all the other visitors had been delighted with the manner in which the business of the lodge had been carried out that evening, and he could appeal to the other visiting brethren for confirmation of his opinion of the hospitable reception they met with at the banquet. Of the I.P.M. he could confidently say that what he had done was most satisfactory. Onerous as the work was he had performed not only the three Craft Degrees that evening, but had installed his successor with an ability which must make the lodge as well as the visitors proud of him. There was another officer, too, the Treasurer, who deserved a word of praise, for his catering had been marked by the most liberal regard for the wants of the brethren. It would be a satisfaction to the lodge to know that the visitors had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Capt. N. G. Philips, G.D., as one of the godfathers of the lodge, heartily congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory way in which the first year of its existence had come to a close, the lodge having qualified as Vice-President of

the three Masonic charities. If every lodge would follow its example of being a non-dining lodge, and would devote its money to the charities in lieu of banquet, it would be very much to the advantage of the Order. Lord Inverurie, in his reply, alluded to the remark of the W.M. as to the lodges in the United Kingdom getting on well together, although occasionally their opinions differed slightly. The Bayard Lodge had made its name and its mark in the province of which he was Prov. G.M. in the north of Scotland. It was thought of so well down there that when Dr. Sandford asked him what lodge he should be initiated in in London, he immediately replied, the Bayard Lodge, 1615. Bros. Giles and Sandford replied to the toast of "The Initiates," both expressing their gratification at what they had seen, and their appreciation of the ceremony they had passed through. Bro. Alfred Watson, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Officers." He and his brother officers had served the I.P.M. with all possible loyalty and devotion, and had derived a great deal of pleasure from doing so, because they felt they would have been very ungrateful if they did not do all in their power for one who had done so much for them. The W.M. who now so worthily occupied the chair would also do everything he could for the officers and brethren, and therefore they would do everything they could for him. If, under such circumstances, the Bayard Lodge did not progress during the coming year as it had in the past, it would not be the fault of the officers of the lodge, who very much admired and had great affection for their W.M. Bro. Frank Richardson, Treasurer, thanking the brethren for the toast proposed for "The Treasurer and Secretary," in which the W.M. had said that without a good Secretary it was impossible for a lodge to have a good Master, said that in Bro. Portlock Dadson's absence, concurring with what the W.M. had said, he could safely assert that Capt. Dadson was one of the best Secretaries that ever acted for a lodge. As to the Treasurer, his duties were most pleasurable in one respect, that of receiving the money; to pay was the difficulty. He felt it a great honour to be elected Treasurer of such a lodge as the Bayard. He confessed that he had embarked in it with his good friend Colonel Burney, and had taken it up *con amore* and to promote the interests of the lodge. As long as the Bayard Lodge lasted, at all events as long as he lasted in good health and activity, he should be connected with the lodge and would use his best endeavours to promote its interests. Bro. Riach proposed "The Charities." In the exceptional position in which this lodge was placed by having become in its first year Vice-President of all the charities, he thought the brethren would be forgetting their duty to the Craft and to themselves if they did not drink "Success to all those Charities." As many of the brethren present had served the office of Steward in various lodges, he could not do better than select as a sponsor for this trust Major Shadwell Clerke, who represented the Friends in Council Lodge. In the last four, five, or six years that brother had perhaps done more for Masonic charity than any brother; and he had served as Steward for all the charities in that time. Major Shadwell Clerke responded. He had during his life had many surprises, but he confessed that he had never been taken so much aback as he was now by having his name coupled with this glorious toast. He must protest most strongly against it being supposed that there was any applicability between his name and this toast, because he had never done more than other brethren to justify it. Bro. Riach had proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, and he presumed somebody must say something on the subject, and he very kindly named him (Major Clerke). Having been called upon he would say that Masons should try to show that Masonry was not all pleasure, that there was a certain amount of work connected with it; it was not all banquets and pleasant jovial meetings; for when they were enjoying themselves they should remember their poor and distressed brethren, the widows and the orphans of their deceased brethren. If they could afford to enjoy themselves at the festive board, they should also be able to put their hands in their pockets—try to do something for those poor and distressed people, whether they be their ancestors, forefathers as it were, their brothers' widows, or their brothers' orphan children. He hoped this would be always present to their minds, that they would not say as some people said, that the Masonic charities were a bore and a nuisance; but let them remember that the more charity they exercised, and the more they did, they were the more fully carrying out one of the leading features of Masonry—charity. In every possible way they should try to exercise that grand feature. It was not for him to say more about this. They all knew the great and glorious Institutions of the Order; they had two grand Schools and a Benevolent Institution. They knew what good these institutions did, and it was quite unnecessary for him to expatiate upon it. The thanks of those Institutions were due to no lodge more than the Bayard Lodge, which had so nobly and munificently come to the front during the past year. Let them hope that that lodge would persevere in the course it had marked out for itself, and that other lodges would follow its example. Some other toasts followed, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

**HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).**—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince George, Park-road, Dalston, on Saturday, May 26th, the lodge having been consecrated the Saturday previous. Bro. Henry Muggeridge W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Francis Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; James Lorkin, S.D.; Henry John, J.D.; J. H. Wilkin, I.G.; W. F. Darnell, D.C. Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G.S., P.M. No. 5, acting as P.M., was elected a joining member. Messrs. Alfred Lack, Edwin Charles Dyer, and Compton F. Brown were balloted for and afterwards initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony of initiation was finely rendered by Bro. Muggeridge. The officers, by their attention to the duties, assisted in making it a great success. So soon did all settle down

to the work that you could scarcely imagine it was the first meeting of a new lodge. The visitors were Bros. Benj. Head, P.G.D.; A. H. Diaper, P.G.S. 5; F. D. R. Copestick, P.G.S.B. Herts; S. G. Myers, P.M. 715; Chas. Arkell, 192; H. J. Thompson, P.M. 192, 869, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; S. W. Clarke, D.C. 1348, who expressed themselves delighted with the business-like manner in which the lodge was opened and closed, also the solemn and impressive working. Bro. J. B. Scriven was unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge. Notices for initiation and joining members were given for next meeting. The lodge was afterwards closed and adjourned till the fourth Saturday in July. The brethren then sat down to a very prettily decorated table, and partook of a banquet exceedingly well served. The W.M., after "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured, proposed that of "The M.W.G.M.," and in doing so expressed his gratitude for the great honour the M.W.G.M. had conferred in granting a warrant for the lodge. In giving "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, &c.," the W.M. said: We are honoured this evening by a Grand Officer, Bro. Benj. Head, a brother in every way worthy of his position, not only for a lifetime devoted to Masonry, but the great services rendered to the different Masonic charities. Bro. Head, in responding, said the brethren all knew how great were the services rendered to the Craft by the Earl of Carnarvon. He (Bro. Head) had been a Mason fifty years, and if successful in his services he was very pleased, and trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him for a few more years to be useful to the Craft, for in trying to do good it really does oneself good. In conclusion, he remarked that the Henry Muggeridge Lodge was fortunate in having as their first W.M. a brother who had done such great service in Masonic education. He wished the new lodge the success it deserved. Other toasts were given and responded to, and the W.M. in proposing "The Officers," remarked that on this occasion he had something particular to say in reference to Bro. Francis Fellows, the S.W. It was Bro. Fellows who conceived the idea of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, and asked him (Bro. Muggeridge), to accept the position of First Master. Bro. Fellows was a hard-working Mason, also a charitable one, and without him the Henry Muggeridge Lodge would not be an accomplished fact. The Tyler's toast followed, and the brethren of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge extended the hand of good fellowship to each other, and the first meeting was brought to a close.

**LANGTON LODGE (1673).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated on the 17th ult., by Bro. John Hervey, assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was held on Wednesday evening, at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, under the presidency of Bro. H. D. Stead W.M. The brethren present were Bros. Joseph Langton, S.W.; F. C. Dobbins, J.W.; J. K. Stead, Treas.; A. Rosenthal, S.D.; J. A. Read, J.D.; T. A. Rumpff, Steward; A. C. Cooper, Steward; J. Ridley, D. F. Cooke, and John Morley. The visitors were Bros. A. C. Hunter, 1494; J. Morrell, P.M. 111, P.P.G.S. of W., Durham, H. Thomas, P.M. 277; John Gale, W.M. 715; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); and Bro. Dunn, Sec. London Masonic Club. After the lodge had been opened the following brethren were balloted for as joining members:—Bros. T. Land, Sec.; J. A. Reid, S.D.; A. Rosenthal, J.D.; the Rev. W. Rosenthal, D.D., Chap.; F. S. Fuentes, I. G.; T. A. A. Rumpff, A. C. Cooper, Stwds.; T. J. Smith, D.C. The ballot having proved successful, after ballot the following gentlemen were introduced separately and initiated by the W.M. in first rate style: Joseph David Langton, Charles Edward Barnett, Peter McKinlay, G. C. Boor, W. W. Blackstone, D. F. Cooke, F. Flint, A. P. Fabian, B. T. Fountain, H. Rockingham, Gill, H. Mathews, J. F. Morley, E. W. Parkes, J. Ridley, E. G. Sim, Geo. T. Thorns, W. F. Taunton, S. White, J. P. White. There was no other business before the lodge, and it was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. At the conclusion of the feast grace was said and the toasts were proposed. The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and the Craft" said he rose with peculiar pleasure at this first business meeting of the Langton Lodge to propose the toast which was always first in the estimation of Englishmen in general and Masons in particular, "The Health of the Queen." He was sure he would have all the brethren with him when he said there was no sovereign on the earth who took a deeper interest in the well being of the subject than did her Majesty the Queen of England; and when they considered that that interest was not only extended to Englishmen in general but to Masons' own immediate constitution, when he saw the three chairs at their glorious Grand Lodge filled by three Princes of the Blood Royal he could not help coming to the conclusion that another link was forged in the chain which united Royalty to the noble Order. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates." He said, as this was an emergency meeting Masons at such meetings dispensed with some of the formal toasts, and having done due honour to the toast of "The Queen" he would on this occasion proceed to propose another toast. This was something out of the ordinary course of proceeding at a regular lodge meeting, and with the permission of the brethren they would next drink "The Health of the Initiates." It was said that new blood was always required in old and ancient institutions. It was his opinion that if new blood was necessary in old institutions, it became doubly necessary in a new one like this lodge, and they were indeed pleased to see so many initiates contemplated joining the Langton. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," he would remind those brethren that a very important charge was given to Masters of all lodges on their installation. They had had the beautiful ceremony of consecration there on the 17th of May, performed by the worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey; and it was given in a



style worth remembering. That brother said, "impress upon your initiates the dignity and value of Freemasonry, seriously admonish them never to disgrace it; teach them to practise outside the lodge those excellent precepts they are taught within it; that by discreet, virtuous, and modest conduct, they might prove to the world the beneficial effects of our ancient institution; that when any one is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, to whom the distressed may pour forth their suit, whose hand is extended by mercy, and whose heart is expanded by the benevolence that actuates humanity. That was the mode in which the initiates had taken their obligations that evening, and he was sure there would be no cause to say they had been backward in imbibing these precepts. The initiates would carry out all the obligations they had agreed to perform to the best of their power, and he trusted there would be many successors to them in the Langton Lodge. Bro. Langton, who was the first initiate of the lodge, replied first. He said he thanked the brethren exceedingly for the way in which they had drunk the toast, so feelingly proposed by the W.M. It was a great pleasure for him to be there for the first time, to call those around him brethren. There were, however, other pleasures connected with it; one was being initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and it made him long to see more. It was also a great pleasure to be initiated in a lodge which was named after his own father. But there was still a greater pleasure in being the first initiate in the Langton Lodge. He hoped that what he had done to-day would only become a stepping-stone to some thing higher in Masonry than the position he now held. Bro. McKinlay next replied. He had been very much pleased at his first step in Masonry. The discourse from the W.M. was of a nature which made it go straight to his heart. It was something we should remember through life. He would not say he had not been practising to become a Mason, because such an observation would be considered fulsome; but at any rate the ceremony he had impressed quite harmonised with his own feelings, and he hoped he should not be in any way a disgrace to Freemasonry, but on the contrary somewhat of an ornament to it. He should endeavour to carry out to the best of his ability the principles, the tenour of which he had heard in the lodge. Bro. Barnett also responded. He had been very deeply impressed with the ceremony he had gone through, and he hoped he should fulfil the promises and undertakings that he had uttered. On a future occasion he hoped to have an opportunity of addressing the brethren at greater length; but for the present he would content himself by simply thanking the brethren for the cordiality they had shown in the drinking of the toast proposed by the W.M. Bro. J. K. Stead, P.M., Treasurer, proposed "The Health of the W.M." It was scarcely necessary for him to say with what pleasure he did so, first as Treasurer, and secondly because the W.M. was his revered father. The brethren would agree with him that they had in the chair a Master eminently gratified to do credit to it, and when they heard, as they had that night, from one of their brother initiates that the ceremony he had performed was such that he would recollect as long as he lived, he thought that was a great testimony in favour of the ability with which the ceremony had been performed. The W.M. was well known to most of the brethren, and the fact was an ample excuse for not troubling them with a long speech in proposing his health. The W.M. in responding said,—"I rise under peculiar circumstances this time, because it is to thank you for a compliment which I really cannot feel I deserve; but at the same time I thank our good P.M. Stead for the kind way in which he has introduced my name to you, and I thank you also, brethren, for the very cordial response to his proposition. It affords me great pleasure to attend these meetings of the Langton Lodge, and I assure you nothing will give me greater pleasure than to be able to behave when my duty calls me, and to perform the duty to the best of my ability. I shall be delighted to find if my performance is to your satisfaction. While I am upon my legs, brethren, and offering you my warmest acknowledgments for the honours you have conferred upon me, there is a toast which I always feel great pleasure in proposing, and that is "The Health of our Visitors." Of them we have to-night a very distinguished assemblage. We have Bro. Morrell, P.M. 111, and Prov. G. Sup. of Works, Durham, Bro. H. Thomas, P.M. 277, Bro. Massey, P.M. 619, Bro. Gale, W.M. 715, Bro. Hunter, 1494, and Bro. Blunt, 1492. I beg to propose the health of those visitors, and to assure them that the more frequently they honour our lodge meetings with their presence the more we shall be pleased. It will afford me always the greatest pleasure when those visitors are here, and I hope that as our meetings increase month by month the number of our visitors may increase, and that we may always give the same welcome as we give them at this present hour. A very hearty reception having been given to this toast, Bro. Morrell in acknowledging it said it had afforded him great pleasure to be present to witness the beautiful rendering of the ceremony of initiation which had been given by the W.M. He had been now a visitor for many years at 16 or 17 Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, France and Italy, and he had never been so well pleased as he had been that night with the performance of the Masonic ceremonies. He did not think there had been a word missed or misplaced, and he believed heartily what the candidates said that it would never be forgotten by them. He had also been much pleased to find that the son of the worthy brother after whom the lodge had been named was the first initiated in it. He was sure that candidate was a good one, but he thought equally well of the other two. They had as fine a three initiates as could have been

got together, and one of them (Bro. Barnett) had proved himself to be a good musician as well as a good Mason. He wished the S.W. every success and that he might see his "bairns," as the Scotch called them, rise to the chair of the lodge. Not only that, but he wished to see the other initiates attain to the same honourable distinction; and he had no doubt from the way in which they had conducted and expressed themselves that they would do so. Bro. Gale also replied: As W.M. of 715 he felt great interest in Masonry. He had been connected with it some seven, eight, or nine years, and it was a pleasure to him that evening to see so goodly a company. He had come by the invitation of Bro. McKinlay with whom he had been associated some time, not in Masonry, but in something which was quite as good as Masonry, in the City of London, which was promoting the cause of charity. He had listened very attentively, as he always did, to the ceremony of initiation. Belonging to one of the chapter lodges, he had paid much attention for some years to the working of the sections, which were as beautiful a thing as a man could listen to, and when he saw any ceremonies performed it was a great delight to him to see them performed well, as the ceremony of initiation had been performed that evening. Bro. Thomas said that the brother opposite had made so good a speech that there was scarcely anything left for him to say. It was with feelings of great pleasure that he had been there that night to see the ceremony of initiation performed on one who was very dear to him. He hoped and believed it had made a deep impression on him which would last during his life. Masonry, if properly applied, could do nothing but good to every one who was a Mason. He could not help, although it was reiterating the remarks of his friend opposite, expressing the great pleasure he had experienced at the admirable manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremony of initiation. He himself was initiated in the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, and he then went to Lancashire, where they thought they could teach a great deal; but he came back to London, and he found that in London the Masons could equal the Masons of Lancashire. It was no untruth to say that the ceremonies could never be better performed than the initiation of candidates had been performed that evening. Bro. Blunt thanked the brethren in nearly the same terms, and expressed the pleasure he had had in seeing Bro. Barnett introduced into the Order. The W. M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge." In doing so, he said he would not expect the brethren to feel as he felt just then, but as Master of the lodge he would be worth very little if he had not a first-class crew. He had a first-class crew, and he had to propose their health. He had to thank them for their close attention to the business of the lodge in all its preliminaries. In the formation of a lodge there was a great deal to do. The officers had rendered him great assistance in getting up the lodge, and he had to thank them for what they had done so enthusiastically. Bro. Langton, S.W., in his reply, said he fancied the W.M. had rather flattered the officers in speaking of their ability, for up to the present time he had had very little opportunity of testing it. He hoped, however, that on future occasions they would be able to prove the justice of his remarks. In answering for himself and his brother officers he was quite certain they had but one feeling and one desire, and that was to be as efficient as they possibly could be and to work with their W.M., whom they all were proud to have over them, and whom they would all endeavour to assist to the utmost. With reference to the remarks made by the visitors as to the working of the lodge, as those brethren came from many old lodges where the work was perfect, he thought that it was in the kindness of their hearts that they spoke so highly of the lodge working. This lodge was young, but by and bye it would improve, and the officers would then show that they were worthy of the kind observations that had been made. In speaking to this toast he wished to be permitted to make one observation, which, perhaps, would not be considered out of place, considering that this was the first meeting of the lodge after its consecration. Personally, he felt very proud to think that he had been so honoured by having a lodge named after him, not owing to any good quality in himself, he knew, but the reason of it was, and he thought the visitors ought to know it, that he had been one of the founders of the London Masonic Club, and being chairman of the club, those members who wished to form a lodge thought they could not do better than name it after him. But there was one interesting part of this proceeding which he could not pass over, that his son had been permitted to become the first initiate, and he had also to return thanks to Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, for the very great interest he evinced, and the cordiality he exhibited in obtaining a dispensation for his son, who was under age, to be the first initiate. He would like to mention another matter. The Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Simpson, had delivered an excellent oration at the consecration of the lodge, in which he made some very kind observations on the circumstances connected with the name of the lodge, and with his (Bro. Langton's) son being the first initiate. It certainly went very much to his heart to hear the kind observation made by Bro. Simpson. He also thought that all the brethren would regret that a reporter of the *Freemason* was not present on the occasion, not for himself or for the members of the lodge, because they all knew one another and what took place; but when they found the Grand Officers came down in such large numbers, and the great interest they displayed, and the great trouble they took, that no record was preserved or what took place, must be a matter of regret to them all. It was no wish of any of them to exclude reporters from that meeting; it was only the result of pure accident. Bro. F. C. Dobbing, J.W., said after the exhaustive speech of Sir Bro. S.W., really he felt in the position of being

considerably flashed, but the S.W. had fortunately given him one opportunity. Before he availed himself of the opportunity he must thank the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had proposed the health of the officers, and also the brethren for the very kind and cordial way in which they had received the toast. He spoke for himself only. The S.W. had mentioned the circumstance that at the consecration of the lodge the reporters of the press were conspicuous by their absence. He had had the misfortune to act as Honorary Secretary for the incipient Langton Lodge, and he must take upon himself to express his very sincere regret that the reporters were not asked to come. The fault was quite his own. Being entirely new to the very important duties of Secretary, until about five minutes before the ceremony of consecration took place, he had forgotten there was such a being as a reporter to the Masonic press. It was then suggested that the reporters should have been invited, but it was thought that it would be a very poor compliment to send for them at only five minutes notice. As a reporter was now present, he thought it best to explain the matter in order that it might go forth that no slight was intended, but that the want of an invitation to the press for the consecration ceremony was the result of a pure oversight. Bro. J. K. Stead added that as Treasurer he should endeavour to do his duty to the lodge, and requested that the brethren would give him the power to do it nobly. Bro. Laing then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday, 6th June, 1877.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March for confirmation.

The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April for confirmation.

Election of the Members of the Board of General Purposes.

Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of	
Virtue and Silence, No. 332, Hadleigh	£75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206,	
London	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the old Dundee	
Lodge, No. 18, London	150 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Burlington	
Lodge, No. 96, London	100 0 0
A brother of the Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569,	
London	50 0 0
A brother of the Polish National Lodge, No.	
534, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22,	
London	150 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Welchpool Lodge,	
No. 998, Welchpool	100 0 0
A brother of Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster	
	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the British Kaffrarian	
Lodge, No. 863, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good	
Hope	50 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes :—

1. It having been represented to the Board that a brother had been raised to the Third Degree in twenty-five days only after having passed to the Second Degree, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and, in result, it was ordered that the brother be re-obligated, and the Lodge (No. 529) fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

2. A complaint having been laid before the Board alleging that a candidate had been initiated into Masonry by the W. Master of Lodge No 820, whose name and description had not previously appeared in the lodge summons, as enjoined by the Book of Constitutions, such candidate being afterwards passed to the Second Degree, in the face of a protest, the lodge was duly summoned to appear before the Board by its Master and Wardens with the lodge warrants and books, and after the complaining Past Masters had been heard, as also the W. Master J. P. Master and other members, the Board arrived unanimously at the conclusion that not only was the Masonic offence fully proved, but so unsatisfactory a condition of things was found to exist in the lodge, that the Board suspended it from all its Masonic functions for the space of six months, and directed that the candidate in question should be regularly initiated and passed, before being entitled to Masonic position and privileges.

3. The Board of General Purposes further report that the number of the trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge, originally ten, has become by death and resignation reduced to four, and the Board recommend that the original number be made up by Grand Lodge, and that it be referred back to the Board to take the necessary steps for vesting in them the real property of Grand Lodge.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON.  
President.

At the meeting of the 16th May, after the ordinary business was concluded, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the members of the board are eminently merited by the President for the great attention he has paid to the duties of the office, for the admirable manner in which he has discharged them, and the great courtesy and kindness he has on all occasions evinced to his colleagues, and they are therefore fraternally tendered to him.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDER LONG, Vice-President.



To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £5,035 3s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servant wages, £96 15s.

Appeal of Bro. John Locke, W. Master of the Royal Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 857, Trinidad, against a sentence of expulsion from the Craft, pronounced upon him, and the erasure of the lodge, by the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 17th of May, 1877, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alterations in the rules, which was then agreed to, will, in accordance with the laws of the Institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz:—

To add to Law 1, page 15, after the words "husband's petition" the following:—"And in the event of a widow marrying again being left a widow, she shall still be eligible to become a candidate."

Proposed motion by Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D.:—That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

The list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, twenty-five in number, will be given in our next.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

By Bro. W. J. HUGHAN.

The new bye-laws have just been issued by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent, under the Prov. Mastership of the R.W. Bro. Lord Holmesdale, M.P., the Deputy Prov. G. Master being the energetic Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.Mc 709, Ashford, P. Prov. P.G.W. of Kent.

Of the bye-laws it is not my intention to say much just now, save to note that they are generally well arranged, and most suitable for the purpose intended.

We see that no "fee of honour" is payable on appointment as a Prov. G. Chaplain, but a guinea for that of P.G. Organist. We have known the latter to be balanced by another law, which provides that on the Prov. Grand Organist appearing professionally at any Prov. Grand Lodge he shall receive one guinea for his services, thus practically requiring no payment at all.

The duties of the various officers are well defined, and cannot fail to ensure efficiency.

The dues appear heavy as compared with other provinces we know of. Two shillings to the Prov. G. Lodge Fund, and two shillings to the Prov. G. Lodge Fund, payable every year for each member of a lodge in the province, making a total of four shillings in a payment, is we believe, in excess of most provinces, the maximum being generally two shillings. Not that we object to the raising of the annual payments much, only we think that the class to pay the increase should be the initiates. Many become initiated, and after taking the Three Degrees, decline to contribute any more, and as those who do contribute are really the main support of the Prov. and Grand Lodges, it hardly seems fair to make them pay the additional. We beg to suggest the payment of five shillings at least on each initiate for the year, especially as it appears in Kent no payment is levied for them whatever, save as with the regular subscribing members from year to year. The Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Fund is applied in obtaining for the lodges of the province the advantage of Life Governorships in the various Masonic Charities as the Prov. Grand Lodge shall direct.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent was constituted in the year 1773, when the Hon. Robert Boyle Walsingham was appointed Prov. Grand Master by the M.W.G.M., Lord Petre.

In the following year the R.W. Bro. Captain Charles Frederick became the Prov. G. Master; Captain George Smith was installed Prov. G.M. at Chatham on the 7th July, 1777, and continued as the Masonic chief of Kent for some four years. Captain Smith is well known as the author of the "Use and Abuse of Freemasonry," published in London, A.D. 1783, and likewise as the author of "A Charge to the Lodge of Friendship," at Dover, December 27th, 1778.

The R.W. Bro. was Inspector of the Royal Academy at Woolwich, and took an active part in the progress of the Royal Arch degree in connection with the regular Masons.

In 1785 Colonel Sawbridge was installed in the City of Canterbury, and ten years afterwards a similar honour was conferred upon the R.W. Bro. William Perfect, M.D.

At Maidstone, A.D. 1810, Sir Walter J. James, Bart., was saluted as Prov. G.M., and was succeeded in 1814 by General Sir Samuel Hulse, who was the first Master of the distinguished Prince of Wales' Lodge, London, and took an active part in its eventful career.

The Hon. Twisleton Fiennes (afterwards Lord Saye and Seale) was appointed his successor in 1830, and was installed at Chatham, 10th August of the following year.

Lord Saye and Seale died 31st March, 1847, and in August following the R.W. Bro. Lebbens Charles Humfrey, Q.C., was placed in the chair of the Province.

The R.W. Bro. Charles Purton Cooper, Q.C., succeeded his brother Q.C. in 1853, having been installed at Folkestone on the 20th June. His name is well known to the readers of the late *Freemasons' Magazine* as the writer of a series of answers to correspondents, many of which

evinced much appreciation of the character and scope of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. These communications were made subsequent to his resignation of the office of Prov. G.M. in May, 1860, after which he appears to have resided in France.

The successor, happily for the Province, was the able craftsman Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., installed at Greenwich, 22nd October, 1860.

Ten Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed since 1774 to 1859. In 1860 Bro. William Francis Dobson, M.P., was invested and installed in that important office, and was succeeded in 1873 by Bro. Edward Water, P. Prov. G. Secretary; and from 1874 Bro. James Smith Eastes has been the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Prov. S.G.W. 1861.)

We are sorry to notice that in 1860, the Prov. G.M. conferred the rank of Past D. Prov. G.M. on Bro. Thomas Hallows Past Prov. S.G.W., and that there were also other appointments to past rank. All such honours are illegal, the Book of Constitutions especially provides that past rank can only be conferred by the M.W. Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, and never by a Prov. G.M. or a Prov. G. Lodge.

In 1869 two clergymen were Masters of lodges in the province during the year, and were appointed Prov. S.G.W. and Prov. J.G.W. at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Brompton, on July 14th, 1869. We do not remember another such series of appointments, and from these unusual character we make note thereof, at the same time we hope that the recipients of the honour (Bros. the Rev. G. W. Ticklemore, M.A., and the Rev. J. H. Timmins, M.A.), will be preserved for many years as useful ornaments of the Craft.

From 1777 to 1839 the office of Grand Orator has been held by five brethren, the last being Bro. Thomas Hallows, on whom the position of Past Deputy Prov. G.M. was conferred as before noted. It has since 1839 been discontinued, and advisedly, as it is not provided for in the Constitutions.

The Grand Registrars, now termed Record Keepers, until 1839, and in 1831 and 1836 two brethren were appointed Grand Seal Keepers, but since then the office has been discontinued.

From 1860 to 1872 eleven appointments were made of Assistant Grand Secretary, but being contrary to the laws, that office has also been shelved. The Grand Superintendents of Works were called Grand Architects until 1839, and from 1777 to 1836, Grand Architects occur among the lists of officers. The Grand Directors of Ceremonies were known as Masters of Ceremonies until 1839, and the Grand Pursuivants as Inner Guards until 1840. The number of Grand Stewards of the Province from 1777 to 1860 seem to have been a matter of fancy, sometimes as many as twelve being so honoured, and at other times as few as two.

There have been but six Grand Tylers appointed from 1777 to 1874, one holding that office for apparently more than half a century, and another for fifteen years.

After the list of Prov. Grand Officers, is the roll of lodges in Kent for 1876, numbering in all forty, ten of which were warranted last century and twenty-two since 1860, so that the majority of the lodges date from a very late period. The oldest is the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, chartered originally to meet in London A.D. 1723. All the following, however, have wrong dates ascribed to them by the compiler, and doubtless being of the "Athol" Constitution, has led to the error; the Grand Lodge Calendar leaving their dates of origin blank. Many interpret these blanks to mean ditto, and so insert the years noted before, on which the moderns were granted.

31 Canterbury	1727	should be	1755
125 Hythe	1763	"	1771
158 Sheerness	1766	"	1768-97
184 Brompton	1769	"	1787
199 Dover	1771	"	1791

Those of the Regular Grand Lodge for the last century, inclusive of No. 20, Chatham are

20 Chatham	1723
77 Gravesend	1751
127 Margate	1763
133 Faversham	1764
299 Dartford	1794

From the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Fund we find that grants of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have been made to seventeen lodges from 1851 to 1862 inclusive, and of £20 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to thirty-three lodges in the provinces from 1862 to 1876. Also grants of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls thirty-four times, and a similar sum thirty-three times to lodges in Kent, and in addition to these grand contributions qualifying the W.M.'s of such lodges to votes in perpetuity, the Prov. Grand Lodge has given from 1860 to 1876, in different sums, about £650, making in all a total of nearly £2000. This very large gift, be it remembered, is exclusive of the donations of the particular lodges and the brethren. All honour to the Prov. Grand Lodge and its members!

At the end of the interesting little book is a record of the Provincial Grand Festivals, and where held from 1777 to 1876. Chatham comes first, having entertained the Prov. Grand Lodge thirteen times, and is followed by Gravesend, and then Faversham and Margate, etc.

The following on the record of No. 20, as quoted in the Prov. G. Lodge By-Laws and History:—

"Whereas it appears by the records of the Grand Lodge that a warrant bearing date the 28th March, 1723, was issued under the Seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the Crown, Cripplegate, London, under, called, or known by the number 13, and whereas by the general

closing up of the list of lodges in the year 1740, the said lodge became number 12. In the year 1748 the same lodge was removed to Chatham, in the County of Kent and by the closing up of the list of lodges in the year 1756 it became number 10, and which lodge, in consequence of the union of the two fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th day of December, 1873, became and is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge No. 20. In the year 1873, on petition by the lodge a Centenary Charter was granted, with permission to wear the Centenary Jewel."

In conclusion, we should note especially that office has been held on the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent by two distinguished brethren, one now numbered with the departed, the other, we are glad to state, active as ever in the interests of Freemasonry—viz., the Rev. Jethro Inwood, B.A. Prov. G. Chaplain 1806, and the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A. P.M. 88 and 709 Prov. Senior Grand Warden 1874. We consider the little work reflects great credit on the compilers.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

We have seen four very excellent photographs, which we greatly admire, of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, which have been taken by Bro. Haigh, (of Haigh and Hemery, 213, Regent-st.) We commend them to the notice of our brethren.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held this (Saturday) afternoon at 3-45 at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, for the purpose of the installation of Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the Province. The ceremonies will be performed under the presidency of V.W. Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, by members and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A full report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

The next meeting of the Original, or Premier Red Cross Conclave of England will be held on Monday next, the 4th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, 8, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on which occasion V.I. Sir Knt. Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette (G.H. Prelate), will be enthroned as M.P.S.

The regular half yearly Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, will be held on Tuesday, the 5th June, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock. The business of the lodge will include the installation of the M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year.

A Lodge of Instruction has been formed under the sanction of the Royal Alfred Lodge No. 780, to meet every Friday evening at 7 30 p.m. at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

The yacht *Sunbeam*, with Bro. T. Brassey, M.P. for Hastings, Mrs. Brassey, and family on board, arrived off that town between twelve and one on Saturday last, after accomplishing a trip round the world, the distance traversed being 36,000 miles under steam and canvas, the journey occupying forty-six weeks.

On Wednesday, the 29th ult., a conference and public meeting on the subject of spelling reform were held at the Society of Arts. The conference was presided over by the Rev. A. H. Sayce, Deputy Professor of Comparative Philology at Oxford University; and Bro. the Rev. R. Morris, LL.D. (Head Master Royal Masonic Institution for Boys), was chairman in the evening. Among the speakers were Dr. Gladstone, Dr. Angus, Dr. Murray, Sir C. Reed, and Mr. I. Pitman. Letters in support of the movement were read from the Bishop of Exeter and Mr. Lowe. The object of the meeting was to support the resolution of the School Board for London in favour of a Royal Commission of Inquiry on the subject. Resolutions were passed, and a deputation was appointed to lay them before the Education Department.

The consecration of the Stortford Royal Arch Chapter No. 409 will take place on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Bishops Stortford, at four o'clock. The officers designate are Comps. J. B. Scriven, Z.; V. W. Taylor, H.; and B. Head, J.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold arrived in Oxford on Thursday, and at once proceeded to his rooms, in Canterbury Quadrangle, Christ Church, where he will stay for a few days. His Royal Highness was expected to have arrived on Monday to receive a Past Master's jewel for the Apollo Lodge, but he was unable to attend.—*Evening Standard*.

ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.—The approaching anniversary of her Majesty's birthday will be marked by an important extension of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. The several classes of the Order will be enlarged, a step rendered necessary by the growth of the Colonial Empire, and the old offices of Prelate and Chancellor of the Order, which have been in abeyance since the revision of former statutes, will be revived. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will, on this occasion, be appointed an Extra Grand Cross of the Order, and there will be an unusually long list of honours conferred on persons who have rendered distinguished services or held high offices in the Colonies! His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge continues to be Grand Master of the Order. Her Majesty has nominated as Prelate of the Order the Bishop of Lichfield, long eminent as first Bishop of New Zealand. Mr. Charles Cox, who has ever held the combined offices of Secretary and Registrar, will be promoted to the office of Chancellor; Sir Albert Woods will retain the office of King-of-Arms, and Mr. R. G. W. Herbert and the Honourable R. H. Meade, of the Colonial Office, will be appointed respectively Secretary and Registrar of the Order.



## NOTICE.

In consequence of the heavy pressure of matter again this week, many reports, &c., are unavoidably crowded out: A Supplement will be given with the next number (June 9), which will contain reports of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge and the Half-Yearly Meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge.

The following will also appear—

Letters from J. Strauss; W. P. D.; C. F.; Alfred Waldhen, B.A. Reports of Lodges, 590, 656, 958, 1000, 1264, 1326, 1428, 1476, 1489, 1502, 1609, 1623, Victoria Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Chapters, 78, 249, 862, 1000, 1423.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

## Answers to Correspondents.

## REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Abbott, G. H., Canada (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
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Fisher, H., India (P.O.O.)	0	17	4
Foster, C. H., Ontario (Draft)	0	12	0
Graham, S., California (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
Hill, W., New Zealand (P.O.O.)	0	13	0
Laurie, G., Constantinople (P.O.O.)	1	5	0
Lees, W., Ontario (Draft)	0	12	0
May, J. J., Greymouth (P.O.O.)	0	11	0

WALTER HILL (Wellington, N.Z.)—Received your two letters, but, for obvious reasons, think it more prudent not to publish them. Thanks, also, for the "Australian Freemason."

A leader on the Charity Voting will appear next week. We shall also publish a letter from an old Chairman of a Prov. Charity Committee on the same subject.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Jewel," "Michigan Journal," "Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "Il Risorgimento."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

SMITH.—On the 29th ult., at Laurel Cottage, Lyndhurst-grove, S.E., the wife of Bro. Ernest Smith, of a daughter. (May Marguerite.)

ST. ALBANS.—On the 25th ult., at Grosvenor-gardens, S.W., the Duchess of St. Albans, of a daughter.

WORRELL.—On the 23rd ult., at Knowle-road, Brixton, the wife of Bro. W. Worrell, of a daughter.

## DEATHS.

KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH.—On the 26th ult., at Cromwell-road, Sir James Phillips Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart., aged 72.

VIGOR.—On the 25th ult., Bro. Charles John Vigne, of Westfield House, Bath, aged 70.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1877.

## THE IRISH MASONIC ORPHANS' SCHOOLS.

We are glad to note that the report of these useful and valuable institutions is so satisfactory. The receipts for the Girls' School amounted, it is stated, to £5315 12s. 3d. This was made up of balance, £825 11s. 2d.; sale of stock, £1772 17s. 8d., the remaining amount being annual subscriptions and donations—which exceeded the former year by £81 1s. 6d.; the excess of the gross income over last year being £75 7s. 3d. The expenditure, including the purchase of a plot of ground, and the investment of £1000, amounted to £3746 10s. 3d., leaving on December 31, 1876, a balance to account of £1569 2s., out of which the further sum of £1046 2s. 3d. has been invested. There are now forty-five girls in the school, five have left, four having found the positions of governess, and one a situation in a business establishment. As regards the boys, the receipts appear to have amounted, during 1876, to £2375, being £493 5s. 6d. in excess of 1875, there being twenty-one boys in the establishment of the Rev. S. S. Skeen, at Merriem. During 1876 six boys left the school, of whom two have obtained clerkships in railway companies, three are studying for the medical profession, and one is pursuing his general education. We congratulate our good brethren in Ireland on the satisfactory state of their educational institutions, to which we wish all success and development.

## NOT BAD!

In our entirely reliable contemporary the *Key-stone*, whose weekly pages we carefully peruse, we find the following paragraph, which has naturally startled and affected us very deeply:—"A tramp was arrested in New Jersey last week, taken before a magistrate, and sentenced to three months. The justice, in explaining the sentence, remarked that while there was no evidence that the prisoner had been guilty of any crime, he thought it prudent to commit him, as he had the wild, haggard look of a man about to start a Masonic periodical." How far, for once, our sagacious contemporary has been taken in by some slipshod exchange, or how much of truth lies at the bottom (not of the well), but of this little story, we do not profess to say or attempt to realize, but we feel strongly that if it be based on any particle of verity, it has much to commend it to the serious attention of all grave and laughing philosophers amongst us. Alas! at the outset we all must feel, we think, what a remarkable commentary is thus offered, both on the value of Masonic publications, and the success of Masonic publishers. The joke is too pointed and too true. Those of us who have had much to do with Masonic literature, know well, that the difficulty of offering to a fastidious body like ours palatable and tempting literary wares is very great indeed. Some like one thing, some another; some prefer reports of lodge meetings, some dislike reports of lodge meetings; some look for archæology, others for addresses, and a large portion of the Order rather doubt whether there is much of use or good in a Masonic publication at all. Hence come constantly the accounts to us, and mainly across the Atlantic, of periodicals started only apparently to vanish away; of prosperous ventures rapidly defunct; of the obstacles which, even amid 600,000 brethren, Masonic publishers, and editors find in securing an audience or establishing a Masonic journal on a permanent basis and with a margin of fair profit. The *Freemason* makes no complaints, because, thanks to the liberality of its publisher and the friendliness of its large circle of readers, it has assumed a position at home and abroad which no other Masonic journal has ever been privileged to assert or to maintain in this country. But we should not be doing our duty to our Craft, if we did not point out, (yes, for selfish motives if you like, good Brother Growler), that the support of the Masonic press generally, is capable of large extension and more fraternal consideration.

For many, like the brother humorously described in a letter a little time back, read the *Freemason* not at their own expense, others have it at their club, others look at it in their lodge, others don't see it at all. Were all to act so, nothing in the shape of Masonic literature, we beg respectfully to observe, could stand, as Masonic literature save the *Freemason* never has stood in England, mainly owing to the great apathy of thousands of intelligent Masons. Luckily, the *Freemason*, as we said before, is now so well established that it pursues the even tenour of its way, both independent and fearless, asking for no support, bidding for no popularity, offering good value for money received, and simply appealing, on its own merits, to the best of all courts, after all, the great public court of Masonic approval and criticism. But it is not insensible to the sufferings and lamentations of others. If it be successful itself it owes its onward march of prosperity, augmenting year by year, to the manly efforts and straightforward course of its publisher alone. He has had no one to "back him up," or "run with him." He has had no purse to fall back on except his own; he has looked for no support, beyond what a Masonically conducted paper can fairly ask for, from a kindly and considerate Craft. And, therefore, when to-day we hear of one Masonic journal failing, another failing—when we listen to the outspoken complaints of those whose best hopes have been disappointed—the *Freemason* takes jest and faultfinding, the skit and the grumble, quite complacently and calmly, as knowing that its friends are many and its circulation large, and feeling sure that in future, as in past and present, it will zealously uphold the fair fame of Masonic journalism, and earnestly labour for the best interests of the Craft.

## THE INTOLERANCE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

We take from the *Monde Maconnique* for May the following story, which appeared originally in the *Independance Belge*, and which we allow to speak for itself, in the language of the *Monde Maconnique*: "Un médecin de Mons devait épouser une jeune fille appartenant à l'une des familles les plus honorables de Fraternités, et il avait consenti, quoique libre penseur, à sacrifier au préjugé mondain et à passer par l'église. A la date fixée pour la publication des bans, aucune annonce n'est cependant faite au prône. Le père de la fiancée de courir chez le curé, qui le rassure:—Soyez sans crainte, M. M., il n'y a eu qu'un oubli, le cas s'est déjà présenté, et le mariage pourra avoir lieu à la date arrêtée par vous; mon vicaire se rendra à Tournai et reviendra avec l'autorisation nécessaire. Et M. M., d'attendre en toute quiétude la célèbre du mariage. Mais, le jour de la noce, au moment où la fiancée donnait les derniers soins à sa toilette, arrive une lettre de M. le curé notifiant à M. M., qu'il ne pourra y avoir bénédiction religieuse que si le futur s'abjure sa foi maconnique." Le futur de s'écrier qu'il n'abjure rien, et la fiancée de s'en rapporter, en femme intelligente, à la décision de l'homme qui, dans quelques instants, doit devenir son époux. Les parents hésitent un peu,—hésitation compréhensible, le préjugé est là,—puis enfin une bonne résolution est prise: pas de bénédiction religieuse. L'intolérance cléricale sert admirablement, on le voit, la cause de la libre pensée." By this it will be seen that the Roman Catholic Church in Belgium not only refuses to bury the dead, but to bless any living Freemasons. It is most lamentable, indeed, in 1877 to peruse such a record of rampant bigotry, to realize such a state of things, defended too on the grounds of religion and, pro pudor, Christianity. The Roman Catholic church need not feel astonished that "libres penseurs" abound, when such proceedings, so repugnant to right, reason, and common sense, take place openly, when such fanaticism prevails, which, condemned by all liberal and upright minds, must shock all deeply who are not hopelessly prejudiced by the irreligious outrages of a semi-pagan teaching. We say nothing of the young lady, of the story herself, whose sensitive feelings at that most serious moment were so unaccountably injured, but who was probably



able to support even this "excess" of religious intolerance with the chivalry of a well dressed bride, and the presence of mind of one who was "quite in earnest." We call attention also, favoured by a kind correspondent, to a pretty little outburst of Roman Catholic intolerance in Ireland, which appeared in last *Freemason*, page 213. What, we would venture to ask, is the cause of the Rev. Father Burke's fervid diatribe? Whence this unceasing fear and hatred of Freemasonry? Is it that, like those whose empire is assailed by the progress of education and religion, the Roman Catholic clergy dislike light and truth, and loyalty and charity, and good feeling and brotherly love? Is it that they are making frantic efforts to preserve the faltering "regime" of intolerance, violence, irreligion, and superstition? For whatever be the cause just now, these violent words and unseemly oburgations and intemperate assertions pass all bounds of decency and decorum. Their dismay and their delusions, their fears and their facts, are equally contemptible, and we shall henceforth class all Ultramontane assailants among those nuisances which everybody most anxiously avoids and guards against, whether cantankerous complainants or Colorado Beetles, whether dancing dervishes or hopeless fanatics.

### WHERE ARE WE GOING TO?

A French brother, H. Valleton, who lives in London at this moment, and is mixed up with the spurious so-called Grand Loge des Philadelphes, (a great impertinence, by the way, to the Grand Lodge of England, the only lawful and legal authority in this country), coolly makes the following proposition in the last *Monde Maçonique*, and which we regret to see in any way sanctioned by that Masonic periodical, to which we have elsewhere alluded in friendly terms. This ingenuous and ingenious youth suggests (page 23) a panacea of his own to take the place of the suppressed article of the Constitution relative to the "existence of God," &c., and which suppression, he calmly adds, draws with it the invocation to the G.A.O.T.U. This is his modest suggestion as a substitution:—"A la gloire et au développement du Progrès Humain! A la gloire de tous ceux et celles qui, illustres ou obscurs, Franc-maçons ou profanes, y ont contribué, y contribuent, ou y contribueront généreusement." This is Masonic socialism, revolution with a vengeance, and anything more childish, ridiculous, or pitiable we have never seen, and can only suppose that the writer is seriously suffering from "communism on the brain." We wish that Bro. Valleton would be particular as to his statements. He declares, "catégoriquement," that he has published these "formules claires, brèves et universellement compréhensives," . . . "sous notre initiative individuelle dans les journaux Maçonniques," "de Londres." We ask him openly as before English and French Freemasons, in what English journal this farago of nonsense has been allowed to appear? As far as we know the statement is utterly unfounded in fact. We shall recur to the subject.

### THE "MONDE MACONNIQUE."

With the number for May the *Monde Maçonique* commences its twentieth volume. We congratulate it on its past; we wish it all good for the future. It is true that the *Monde Maçonique* and the *Freemason* have recently had a few words, but, like honest and honourable opponents, we bear each other no ill-will, and as brother Masons we are happy to shake hands. It is because we don't believe in "mealy mouthedness" at all, that we have spoken, as we always do, and always shall do, frankly and fearlessly, but our "heartly good wishes" go with the *Monde Maçonique* on its own merits, which are very great. We are fully sensible, and none more so, both of the importance and the difficulties and drawbacks of all Masonic journalism. The last number of the *Monde Maçonique* is a most interesting one in many respects, and we trust that it will retain its high character, carefully avoiding the Charibdis of Masonic twaddle, and the Scylla of Masonic socialism.

Some of its contributors do not appear to us either the wisest of mortals, or the most Masonic of Masons.

### A LITTLE APOLOGY.

In our last *Freemason* appeared, in a letter of Bro. John Yarker's, which, unfortunately, escaped editorial supervision, the following line:—"Some Manchester agents, jewellers, and tailors." Now, on our avowed principle of non-personality, such a paragraph ought never to have appeared at all, inasmuch as it violates the two great canons of Masonic toleration and courtesy. "Agents, jewellers, or tailors," even may be just as good Masons as our correspondent, or anybody else, and have as much right to their opinion, and we are bound to pay as much respect to it. We can only repeat that the publication of these words was an oversight, and that we will be "better boys for the future." We apologise to those for whom, (be they who they were,) the remark is meant, which should never have appeared at all.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although your article on "Charity Voting" takes an opposite view to that held by many, in common with myself, I am glad you have opened up the discussion, and I will ask your permission to say a few more words on this subject.

And, first, I must beg to take exception to the very basis on which your whole article was founded. I certainly did not in any sentence of my letter propose the abolition of voting, on the contrary, I clearly contended for a reform of the abuses attaching to the voting system.

I proposed to take from no brother or lodge their "voting privileges," and hence suggested no "revolution."

I proposed no "committee in London," although I am ready in all Masonic "charity" to believe that such a committee could act without "favouritism or partiality."

I hope, therefore, dear Sir and Brother, that you will kindly reconsider the real points at issue, which perhaps I did not put with sufficient perspicuity to avoid misapprehension.

I am very glad to find there is "one point" on which you agree with me, and that is a very fundamental one, the need of "a little more enquiry"—I would venture to say much more—and I look forward with hope to your urging this point at least on the attention of the brethren. The other points will, I hope, speak for themselves.

I must strongly demur to your arguments in favour of "the Exchange of Votes." It is true no one is compelled to use his vote; but, if he does so, he is bound to do so intelligently and with a sense of responsibility. If he does not do so, it is clear that the main object of the vote is left out of sight altogether—namely, the personal claims of the candidates. To vote, merely "to oblige a friend," or to assist A., about whom you know nothing, in order to aid B. next election, about whom you know something more, is, in my humble opinion, a mere gambling in votes, and sounds oddly, when mentioned in connection with the sacred name of "charity."

You say "all cases are deserving," and "assume that no improper cases are on the list."

If many of your correspondents and of our brethren be worthy of credit, these two assumptions cannot hold water for a moment. Besides, it is well known that amongst even twenty cases passed as "eligible," the antecedents, the surroundings, the relative claims are as far removed as the North and South Poles.

On principle, exchanges cannot be justified. In practice, they are the fruitful source of much misunderstanding, much bickering, much heart-burning. They have often led to something like dishonesty, and have been the subject of an expensive and not very creditable law-suit.

As to the poor candidates, what between canvassing, exchanging, and polling day, every struggle of self-help, and every sense of self-respect are apt to be stifled in waiting for the issue of a haphazard competition, the chances of which defy calculation. The anxious expectation of a whole family may end in nothing but an acquired taint of mendicancy. The lesson of solicitation once learned thoroughly, is likely to be repeated again and again at other times, and for other purposes.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

[We will call attention to our worthy brother's letter in our next, and explain what he appears to have misunderstood. As regard exchanges we hold our brother to be quite in error.—Ed.]

#### THE ANCIENT FREEMASONS AS OPERATIVE MASONS AND RELIGIOUS BUILDERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has long been a very general belief among the uninitiated that the world is indebted solely to the monks and regular clergy of the Church of Rome for the many splendid

edifices that have been erected in mediæval times, more especially for religious purposes. Recent archaeological research has however given this general belief a rather rude shaking, and it is now considered by thoughtful enquirers into the subject that it is scarcely reasonable to suppose that the stupendous cathedrals, the famous castles, and grand cloisters which have been erected in mediæval times, with less wealth and, fewer mechanical aids than we now possess, can have been contributed by mere churchmen, however talented they may have been as artists or mere designers of outline. Even if it be conceded (for argument's sake) that we are to a very great extent indebted to the churchmen for the design of those splendid edifices, it must be admitted that the construction of these buildings would have been impossible without the intelligent co-operation of superior minds (such as the old peripatetic Master Masons) to direct the labours of the skilled workmen or fellow Craft Masons. This will be self-evident to any one who will take the trouble to consider what would be the result of placing an ordinary modern architect in command of a number of bricklayers, masons, carpenters, and other artisans without the assistance of a directing head who is perfectly familiar with the mechanical appliances required for the task. The architect may make a very beautiful design for a new building (say a cathedral), but he has not the least idea how to instruct the "hands" to carry out his design. This is not his business, and it requires many years and great experience to do this kind of work properly. Considering the greater invention, more accurate diversity, purer taste, superior judgment, and higher knowledge displayed in the old buildings in comparison with the wretched imitations of after ages, it must be self-evident that the builders of these edifices were a highly educated, intelligent, special class of men, such as were the Freemasons of old. A work I have lately been reading contains (although it is in no way connected with Freemasonry) some curious information which will be found very interesting, and bears so directly on the question above referred to, that it is desirable these particulars should be more generally known among the Craft. From this source we learn that the education and science of the old Freemasons remained known only to themselves, and were transmitted, not so much by writing as by memory. They handed down their special knowledge from one generation to another by word of mouth and by a rigid system. This knowledge included their science of memory, their methods of calculation, and the principles upon which they proceeded. It is said that they were trained to recognise and trace the laws of God's creation and the government of His creation in animal and vegetable life, and to combine the deductions of such study with the properties, the relations, and the combinations of the powers and proportions of numbers; the universe itself, the very elements, and the whole world, being in their belief created and preserved by the rhythm of numbers.

It will be interesting to Royal Arch Masons to know that Ravius in his "Steinmetzen Grund," published A.D. 1548, calls the Circle and the Triangle "the two most distinguishing principles of stone-masons," and also that "the divisions of the equilateral triangle are the primitive and most distinguishing marks of ancient cathedrals." Arithmetic and geometry were typified by those two signs, and were held to be the sole and only laws or stand-points which prevailed the whole of creation; laws so fixed and immutable that neither necessity nor time could influence them. These signs were given to the ancients as emblems of the highest science, and they remained among the Eastern nations as symbols of Deity itself. In India the Triangle and the Circle are recognised as the unchangeable Yantras or symbols of the Hindoo religion. The chronology of the Triangle is fixed as the mark or Yantra of Siva, the equal of Brahma, the Triune. The Triangle within the Circle represents the Yantra of the Hindoo Triad; the Circle within the Triangle the Yantra or symbol of Unity in Trinity; and the crossing of one Triangle on another Triangle is the Sherkum or sign of Vishnu and Mahadeva, signifying [their union and the oneness of their power. Those very Yantras or God-signs present the same shape and forms as Gothic architecture embodies in every possible combination and variety, from the first proposition of Euclid (the construction of the equilateral triangle), which gives the fundamental forms of the Cathedrals of Cologne and Milan, to all the other distinctive features of the old cathedrals. It appears that these primordial roots of form (which were the signs of Hindoo faith) were also the usual and ordinary signs by which the old Freemasons designated themselves in signing their work for the inspection of the overseer or master. It is stated that these marks are to be found very widely spread throughout nearly the whole of the then civilised world. This communication has however already so far exceeded all reasonable limits that I must defer to another occasion the further consideration of this most interesting subject.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. E. N., No. 766.

#### ILLEGITIMACY AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Neither the answer to "Enquirer" in your issue of the 19th of May, nor the editorial remark on the letter of "Revivisco" in that of the 26th of May, seems to me fairly to meet the question raised by "Enquirer."

I had fully expected some remarks on the subject from some better known brother than myself, but I trust that you will allow the following observations to appear in the next number of your widely circulated paper, because, I think, there should be no misapprehension on such a matter.

You remark, in answer to "Enquirer," "The rule of



he Craft is adverse to the reception of all not born of "honest parentage," and in commenting upon the letter of "Reviresco" you say, "There is no law on the subject," and then speak of the "unwritten law," and "the tongue of good report."

I would venture to remark that, on the contrary, the rule of the Craft is, in fact, clear and decided, "Every candidate must be a free man, his own master, and, at the time of his initiation, in reputable circumstances." I can find no reason for your putting the words "of honest parents" in inverted commas, as though it was a quotation from some written law.

Masonry, as I understand it, has nothing to say as to the circumstances under which any applicant was born, and, as regards his admission, "the tongue of good report" applies to him alone and individually.

The sole requisites are that a man shall be free, his own master, and in reputable circumstances.

Undoubtedly it is desirable for the safety and well-being of the Craft that he should be known as a good and moral man, and a believer in the Great Architect of the Universe.

We refuse admission to those who are under age, because in the eyes of the law they are not free, or their own Masters, but infants, and under the control of parents or guardians. At the age of twenty-one, or in the case of royalty at the age of eighteen, a man becomes his own master, and is therefore free.

I contend, therefore, that a "respectable and well-conducted man," who is a believer in God, and against whose individual moral character no objection can be raised, is not "ineligible to be made a Mason on account of his being illegitimate by birth."

"The majority of members present at any lodge duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the laws and regulations of the Craft" (Const., page 80, sec. 4), but I apprehend that unless on the ground of some collateral disqualification, by reason of ill temper, want of courtesy, or immoral conduct, which could hardly be expected in a "respectable and well-conducted man," no true member of a body whose actions should be regulated by the charity which is kind, which thinketh no evil, and which hopeth all things, would ever raise his voice against a "respectable and well-conducted man," and one who might ultimately reflect honour on his choice, solely on account of illegitimacy, which could not in any way affect his conduct as a just and upright man.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
H. JOHN HATCH, P.P.G.C. Essex.  
18°, W.M. 160.

#### CHARITY VOTING AND CHARITY ORGANISATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a member (since its first formation) of the Charity Organisation Committee of one of, if not the, largest Provincial Grand Lodges, I beg to be allowed to most cordially endorse your article and Bro. Hughan's letter.

I would not for a moment deny that Bro. Simpson may find flaws in the present system—but, then, what system is, or can be, absolutely perfect? But I must say that the experience of some years leads me to believe that the present system, supplemented by a charity organisation committee in every province as suggested by you, and as already tested by us, is about the best that can be devised.

The advantages are these, where this system is worked, and would be in all were it extended to them:—

1. An absolute certainty that the best case in every province, and that one only, is brought to the front.
2. That the entire voting power of that province is centred in that particular case; and, therefore,
3. That such case is certain of election, most probably at the first trial.
4. That from the number of vacancies to be filled compared with the number of provinces, all provinces (especially if the weaker ones join in partnership), would return a fair proportion of candidates.
5. That from the number of vacancies and the number of candidates being pretty well equalised, there would be fewer disappointments.
6. That from every candidate being thus vouched for, after selection, by his province, there could be but little, if any, discontent among subscribers.
7. That lists being issued as heretofore of all candidates, independent votes could be given from the description of candidates contained in such lists with far greater certainty as to the bona-fide nature of the claim for help than is, or ever can be, now the case.

I should have hesitated to have intruded upon your valuable space, but remembering that "a grain of fact is worth a bushel of fancies," I beg to forward you the former, and to remain, with kindly greetings of esteem,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
P.P.G.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much pleased with many of the excellent and pertinent remarks in the letter of our R.W., Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, published in the *Freemason* of May 12th, in reference to our great Masonic Charities, and although not yet prepared to endorse quite all he has written, there is, I think, very much in the scheme that might be adopted with great advantage, and this without revolutionizing our present system of election, as some brethren think any change would do; I certainly was very glad to find he does not propose to deprive individual subscribers of their right of voting and vest it in the hands of a Committee,

to do that would I think be simply to lose, after a year or two many individual subscriptions altogether. I quite think that more care should be exercised by the House Committees in their selection of candidates so that none are selected for election but those who are really deserving, and there can be no objection to the names of the most deserving and masonically stringent cases having a prominence given them over others; a few stringent questions put by letter both to the candidates and their nominators could soon settle this question, and I cannot help thinking that this plan might be much assisted and simplified if every province had a voice in the preliminary selection of their candidates, surely one or two "good men and true," might be appointed in each province to examine into and select from the list, (when more than one is brought forward), the most deserving case for recommendation to the House Committee, they must know more of local cases than strangers, at the same time I would not give them power to withhold the name of any candidate who was eligible, there would then be no necessity for the present plan of issuing cards and soliciting votes, both productive of many evils, nor would it be necessary to do away with the public polling day, as many of its evils would much mitigated, and all would then enjoy the extra security which they seem to think this gives them, although there is but little doubt but that, even this under proper management might be dispensed with eventually.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
P.P.S.G.W.

[We shall allude to this matter next week.—Ed.]

#### GRAND LODGE OF MUNSTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with pleasure our esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan's note in the *Freemason* of 26th ult., as to the late valuable discoveries relative to this Grand Lodge.

For these discoveries I deserve no credit, they having been entirely made by our valued and esteemed brother the V.W. Robert Walker, P.G.S.W. Munster.

I am glad to inform you matters are being arranged as rapidly as possible for the publication of the History of this Grand Lodge, the profits of which are to be handed over to our Irish Masonic Schools. The R.W. Bro. Cooper, P.G.M., and Bro. Walker are most anxious about their being published.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. BILSON, P.M. 620, I.C.;  
P.P.G.M. New Zealand, I.C.;  
P.G.S.W. Grand Orient of Egypt, &c.

#### MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I saw in an illustrated book sent to me by a brother, a copy of an antique Master Mason's Jewel engraved on the two sides every emblem of Craft Masonry. Two or three brethren here (myself included) would like to have one each, but the question arises could we wear it in lodge? It is a gold jewel, and certainly very handsome. But I am in some doubt as to whether it could be worn in lodge; for this I apply to you, and beg that you will answer this question in the *Freemason*. Whilst on the question of jewels, will you kindly inform me if there is any kind of jewel recognised by Grand Lodge for Past Scribe or Past Sojourner in Royal Arch Chapter. Of course there are many good and zealous brethren who never pass the Principal's chair, but who may, nevertheless, have been Scribe or P.S. for years. They would, no doubt, be glad to be able to wear some such jewel if only to show that they had done something besides simply attending chapters or lodges; and I think a Past Warden equally deserving some such mark of distinction. Trusting you will favour me with a reply to this (I fear too long) letter, I am,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SOJOURNER.

#### IRISH MASONIC NEWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I rejoice to see some proofs in your paper that there is Masonic life going on in the "Green Island." But why is it that you have so few reports from Ireland? It is not that there are none, because I continually read reports of Masonic proceedings in Ireland in non-Masonic and even Ultramontane journals. Why, then, this reticence—this silence in the *Freemason*?

Yours fraternally,

SHAMROCK.

[We are most desirous to publish Irish Masonic intelligence, but the truth is, there is a great indisposition in Ireland, especially in official quarters, to publish anything. We suffer much from the inconsistency alluded to, inasmuch as reports will frequently appear in the *Freemans Journal* which we cannot obtain. We have often asked ourselves what is the reason of such a short-sighted policy.—Ed.]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rawson, V.P., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. John A. Rucker, S. Rawson, Joshua Nunn, Col. Somerville Burney, Captain Leeson, W. F. C. Moutrie, Herbert Dicketts, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, E. Harris, C. F. Matier, Peter de L. Long, Rev. P. M. Holden, Joseph Smith, H. W. Hemsworth, H. C. Levander, Thos. W.

White, A. H. Tattershall, W. T. Howe, Raynham W. Stewart, C. F. Hogard, H. Potter, R. B. Webster, Benj. Mallam, G. B. Wilson, Thos. Kingston, E. S. Snell, John W. Dennison, Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, W. Dodd, H. G. Buss, F. Binckes, D. Ramsey, Rev. J. Edmund Cox, Thomas Meggy, J. Sabine, Benjamin H. Swallow, M. Levy, Thomas Cubitt, George Kenning, H. Browne, A. H. Diaper, H. W. Hunt, Rev. Dr. Brette, J. Wm. Dosell, J. R. Kenyon, Dudley Rolfs, Thos. Bull, A. J. McIntyre, H. A. Dubois, John Faulkner, J. G. Chancellor, Charles Hammetton, Charles Lacey, F. H. Ebsworth, W. Paas, Charles A. Long, John Geo. Marsh, Henry Venn, Frederic Davison, W. Roebuck, Thomas Bacon, Henry Norman, George Angold, W. A. Malony, E. H. Thiellay, F. H. Hunt, G. R. Shervill, C. H. Waters, S. Rosenthal, E. J. Sears, J. G. Stevens, A. D. Loewenstark, J. Lewis Thomas, J. K. Stead, F. G. Baker, Thos. J. Barnes, Sir Albert W. Woods, Charles Jardine, B. C. Marshall, John Gibson, M. Loewenstark, James Chynoweth, H. Pendred, Charles Daniel, F. Waterworth, H. Bishop, Hyde Pullen, Thos. Griffiths, C. E. Habicht, Edwin March, Alfred Richards, E. H. Steimnitz, L. Ruf, J. B. Monckton, H. J. P. Dumas, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren proceeded to elect the House and Audit Committees for the year.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay brought on his motion for referring to the Board of General Purposes the want of accommodation in the Secretary's office for the transaction of business of the Institution.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Kenyon, and supported by Bros. Joseph Smith, J. A. Rucker, Rev. J. E. Cox, Raynham Stewart, and F. A'ldard, all of whom testified to the deficiency of the accommodation afforded in the offices of the Secretaries of all the Masonic Institutions.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Several petitions were read and received, and the candidates were placed on the list.

The following brethren were declared elected on the House and Audit Committees, at the close of the poll:

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Bro. John Boyd	...	...	...	146
" John A. Rucker	...	...	...	128
" Joshua Nunn	...	...	...	124
" Benjamin Head	...	...	...	118
" Lieut.-Col. James Peters	...	...	...	117
" A. H. Tattershall	...	...	...	116
" Thomas W. White	...	...	...	116
" Henry Browne	...	...	...	115
" Griffiths Smith	...	...	...	115
" Henry A. Dubois	...	...	...	113
" Peter de Lande Long	...	...	...	110
" Richard Jos. M. Vaughan	...	...	...	96

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts	...	...	...	133
" Henry C. Levander	...	...	...	125
" Joshua Nunn	...	...	...	117
" R. B. Webster	...	...	...	111
" John G. Chancellor	...	...	...	105
" Wm. Roebuck	...	...	...	96
" Thos. Kingston	...	...	...	94
" H. M. Levi	...	...	...	90
" Wm. Paas	...	...	...	60

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

#### THE MASONIC MEETING AT DUBLIN.

Dublin was, on Friday, May 11, the scene of a ceremonial, in which a large number of the citizens took remarkable interest. The enormous Exhibition Building was filled, and the even greater desire shown than formerly to procure tickets could only be attributed to the attention bestowed upon the Masonic Order lately by its curious local enemies. The vigilant *Freemans Journal* was represented, we are sure, in the "function;" and if its reporter did not wear a decoration he was the better fitted to discover what the enthusiasm of others prevented them from seeing. He had ocular demonstration that many of the members are *Reds*, and they are sworn, of course, to revolutionize Europe and abolish Cardinals. What other worse iniquities lie in a lower deep of their guilty secrets he may have failed to fathom, but the crowd of ladies, and the gentlemen uninitiated, were the subject of a perfectly shocking deception. They thought these Masons innocent and estimable people, from the Duke of Connaught to the humblest brother, on the same level, and—"if they only knew but all." The pictures, pamphlets, and philippics of our contemporary at any rate have not made Masonic spectacles less attractive to the community. The brilliancy of the procession pleased every beholder. The mystic signs might be enigmas, but the closest scrutiny saw in them nothing deadly. The salutes, in admirable time, meant no harm to anybody. In a clasp of the hand there is nothing sectarian, and nothing political in the piano-playing of an orphan child. The speaking, if not sparkling eloquence, was genial, and in the interest of harmony and good will. There was no bitterness—no returning of railing for railing—no anxiety about absurd attacks—the result of a jealous ignorance or the work of a malignant rivalry. The evening passed over pleasantly, and the Order made new friends. We really condole with our contemporary on the disappointment which such an occurrence inflicts. The poisoned arrows of Ecclesiastical street fall blunted from the Masonic buckler. The journalist's club is wielded with just as little effect. The unpardonable sin of Masonry is that it brings men together



creating confidences which differences of creed cannot disturb or necessary separation of classes obstruct. This process of union destroys monopolies of influence. It makes much of the individual, but enforces his social duties, and deprives him alike of narrowness and subversive. This is not conspiracy—it is good-fellowship. It contemplates no heinous ends—it dwells upon and magnifies the finer impulses of frank and manly association. Why should such an Order be held in abhorrence of Sacerdotalists? We must leave them to reply. It seems to us their craze. The fact that in Masonry Religion is without sect and Morality without other authority than the command of Heaven, may account for the opposition of those who wish to be thought the authors of religion and the source of authority. It may be so. But whatever the explanation, it is plain that the heavy cannonade of the *Freemason's Journal* has not diminished either the roll of actual Masons or the number of those eager to embrace the opportunity of witnessing their formalities, and sharing, so far as is possible in externals, in their public ritual. In the Exhibition last night was a splendid gathering, which the foes of Masonry, at all events, cannot parallel, and the spirit of the whole was peace. The Duke of Connaught—our own Prince—was welcomed with great heart, and is a workman that needs not to be ashamed.—*Dublin Evening Mail*.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND CHESHIRE.

On Saturday week a provincial Grand Lodge of the province of North Wales and Cheshire was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.

The following were among the principal officers present:—Bros. the Rev. E. Spencer Stanhope, D.P.G.M.M.; the Rev. N. Tanner, P.G.M. Chap.; Coates, P.G.M. Treas.; Newhouse, P.G.M. Sec.; Dr. Roden (Llandudno), acting P.G.M.S.W.; Higgins (Beaumaris), P.G.M.J.W.; and others.

In recognition of Dr. Roden's services to Mark Masonry the title of P.P.G.M.O. was conferred on him.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—The Deputy P.G.M., the P.G.M. Treas., the P.G.M. Sec., and the P.G.M. Chap. were re-appointed; Bros. Higgins, P.G.M.S.W.; W. Matthews (Chester), P.G.M.J.W.; Stevenson (Liverpool) P.G.M.M.O.; C. H. Hind (Stamford), P.M.S.O.; G. H. Woodley (Llandudno), P.G.M.J.O.; J. Salmon (Chester), P.G.M. Reg.; W. S. Stanton, P.G.M.S.D.; Collins, P.G.M.J.D.; F. Mothershill (Stamford), P.G.M.D. of W.; Richard Baxter (Stamford) P.G.M.D. of C.; T. Coxhead (Holt), P.G.M.A.D.C.; J. Corbett (Mold), P.G.M.S.B.; R. M. Townsend, P.G.M. St. B.; J. W. Burgess (Birkenhead), P.G.M.I.C.; A. Harrison, S. Mattison, and John R. Rees, P.G.M. Stewds. After the lodge had been closed in due form the brethren assembled at a banquet, which was presided over by the P.G.M.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

#### THE ROYAL FAMILY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Some of our Irish Roman Catholic fellow-subjects, not satisfied with the religious freedom they enjoy, are greatly excited at the sight of the demonstration of general religious freedom made by the three Royal brothers—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold—in occupying the three highest positions in the ranks of the English Freemasons. The heir to the Throne of Great Britain and Ireland was elected to the high position of Grand Master, and it was a mark of his esteem for the brotherhood (which is nothing if not "free") to select for his Wardens his natural, as well as "regular initiated," brothers. This is a demonstration of peculiar significance, regard it from whatever point of view we may. The Masonic brotherhood, though anathematised by the Pope, is an unsectarian religious body, restricted only in its tenets by the principles that the candidates for its mysteries shall be "good men and true," and that "let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality." Thus we have the future King of England declaring, for one thing practically, that he will respect the religious liberty, which is the glory of our Empire, and will ever take the Bible for his guide. We see, too, that he and his Royal brothers, by their being English Freemasons, give public testimony of their faith in the Great Creator, and in these days of fashionable infidelity this testimony is of no slight value in proving an example to those who need guidance. Then, again, when part of the Church of England appears to be drifting Romeward in doctrine and ceremony, the action of the Royal Princes is at once a protest against the action of the Ultramontanes, and a contradiction to the falsehoods freely spread abroad as to the inclinations of the Royal Family being in the direction of that encroaching thralldom, miscalled a Church. They probably knew how widely this falsehood was being spread in order to allure the aristocracy into the net of Rome, and they, doubtless, could see the recruiting sergeants of the Pope, in the Ritualists, beating up for proselytes. Hence the necessity of a demonstration against a system between which and English sympathies there must ever be war, and the Royal Princes made this demonstration by becoming the chief rulers of this system of morality. The Ultramontanes have accepted the action of the Royal Princes in this spirit, and have bitterly resented the action they have taken. They have even gone the length of publishing a book, or books, professing to teach "all the secrets" of Freemasonry. There is an initial difficulty

about this book: it is an imposture, or worse. The secret of pure Freemasonry lies in good work hidden from the sight of those who do not seek, but as open as a book to those who look below the veil. An institution whose branches are extended all over the world, with the principle of being open to all men "good and true" believing in God and practising the sacred duties of morality, and having widely extending charity—a charity discriminate and helpful, not degrading, is no slight aid in extending the blessings of civilised society, and in lessening the dangers which arise where the classes are widely separated. The fact that our Royal Princes are the chiefs of this great and world-wide organisation binds them in sympathy with the lovers of religious freedom all over the globe, and is a guarantee to the subjects of great Britain that truth will still be a sword and shield.—*Christian Globe*.

#### Reviews.

We have received and read with much pleasure Bro. Walter Webb's interesting "Centennial Sketch of the History of the Lodge of the Nine Muses" from 1777 to 1877. We think that all who value the increase of lodge histories, and appreciate the reality of our Masonic annals, will hail another skilful effort by a perfectly competent writer to put before us a short and authentic account of a distinguished lodge. Bro. Walter Webb has taken, in our humble opinion, a most judicious course, and has made a great deal out of the lodge minutes, which, though too often utterly neglected, are a mine of information for the Masonic student. In the case of the Lodge of the Nine Muses, founded in 1777, by some worthy brethren, among them the well known Bartholomew Ruspini, the originator of the Girls' School, we have to lament that the minutes are wanting from 1777 to 1814, neither is it known where they are. They are probably stowed away among the books or papers of some descendant of an older Secretary, and we are in hopes that this little publication may lead to the discovery of the first and most interesting book.

Bro. Webb, in his modest record of the lodge and its members, mentions, not only with feeling the name of the unfortunate and weak-principled Dr. Dodd, but also that of Giovanni Battista Cipriani, who, one of the original members of the Royal Academy, painted for the lodge their beautiful jewels, which they still use.

Bro. Webb alludes very fully to the meritorious services of Sir Henry Rawlins, and points out affectionately, how as often happens in lodge, as we all of us know, the well known name vanishes for ever from the minutes, just as the pleasant friend and the familiar face are missing from "labour" and "refreshment." They pass away from us.

Bro. Webb touches with careful hand the passing dispute with the Prince of Wales's Lodge about the candlesticks, in which, to say the truth, the fault, if fault there be, seems to rest on the failing memory of the Chevalier Ruspini, or a little misapprehension as to the strict rights of "meum and tuum." Happily the question was soon settled between these two distinguished lodges, and no further traces of unpleasantness remain. In the earlier portion of its history many most distinguished persons became members of the lodge of the Nine Muses, among whom were Francis Bartolozzi 1771, Felici Giardini, Count Siedlecki, Lord Tamworth 1778, General Paoli 1779, Lord Effingham, Lord Cranston, Lord Kelly 1779, Marquis de Arconati, Lord Macdonald, Count de Ceyras, 1783, Count Soderini, Count Tosio, Marquis Trotti, Count Savadra, Count Lavezari, 1787.

Among its Worshipful Masters we note the well known names of R. Chapman, J. S. Tulloch, J. Addison, O. L. Rasch, R. B. Oakeley, H. Heather Bigg, Edwin Fox, F. J. Heseltine, E. Emanuel, H. Robinson, and G. E. A. Ross.

We also note that Bro. Webb records the services to the lodge as W.M.'s of Bros. John Probert, Francis Kearsey, C. B. Claydon, and especially of our distinguished brother, J. M. Clabon.

It may interest some to learn that the names of the original petitioners in 1777 were John Hull, Esq., Raphael Franco, Esq., Richard Barker, Esq., Robert Biggin, Esq., Abraham Teixeira, Esq., Isaac Sequeira, Esq., M.D., and Bartholomew Ruspini.

We know that the honour and efficiency of the lodge are happily in the safe keeping of Bro. Walter Webb, to whom we offer our thanks for a very interesting volume, and to whom we tender our best hopes for the future prosperity of the Lodge of the Nine Muses.

#### A SELECTION OF MASONIC SONGS SET TO POPULAR AIRS. By Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D.

We wish sincerely that we had space enough in the *Freemason* to do full justice to this interesting little collection, but we can unfortunately do no more than commend it to the notice and patronage of our Order everywhere. It reflects much credit on Bro. Philpots, and we trust that it will meet with the countenance and liberal support which it so fully deserves. We are requested to state that our "Reviewer" will insert in the *Masonic Magazine* for July a full review of the little work.

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#### Obituary.

##### BRO. F. ELLEN.

An interesting but melancholy event took place at the Islington Cemetery, at Finchley, on Wednesday the 23rd ult., which will long be remembered by those who were present. It was the occasion of the funeral of Bro. F. Ellen, J.D. of the Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge, No. 1602, late superintendent at the Agricultural Hall, and who, a few days previous to his death, expressed a wish to have a Masonic funeral. Accordingly the lodge applied to Grand lodge, through Bro. J. Hervey, G.S., for a dispensation to carry out that beautiful ceremony, but as there did not appear to be any precedent for it, either in or near London, and as H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had a great objection to any public display of the insignia of Masonry, the M.W. Pro Grand Master declined to grant it. Amongst those present were Bros. E. Somers, P.M. 1602; E. G. Sim, W.M. 1602; J. Weston, Treasurer, 1602; J. Osborn, Sec., 1602; A. T. Rowley, W.M., 917 and S.D. 1602; W. Norris, I.G. 1602; W. Poulton, D.C. 1602; H. Field, 1602; A. Dawson, 1602; J. Oppenheim, 1602; W. Payne, 1602; R. G. Thomas, 1602; J. Rimmel, 1602; J. Furlong, 1602; E. Abrams, 1602; R. Allison, 1602; J. Gibbs, 1602; J. R. Jamieson, 183; J. Humphreys, 167, and others. Mr. J. Francis and Mr. Mawbray (Mohawk Minstrels), and also Mr. Sidney, Sec., and Mr. Sharman, contractor to the Agricultural Hall Company, and, by the permission of the directors, the whole of the staff of that establishment were allowed to attend the funeral.

##### BRO. C. J. VIGNE.

We regret to record the death of another distinguished Mason this week. Bro. C. J. Vigne, J.P., was P. Prov. Grand Warden of Somerset, Prov. Prior of Dorset, hon. member S.S.C.C., N. and S.J.J., U.S.A., and P.M.P.S.G. Commander A. and A. Rite. His death took place at Westfield House, Bath, on Friday, the 25th ult.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS. For the Week ending Friday, June 8th, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place of time of meeting.

##### SATURDAY, JUNE 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

##### MONDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Ho., Mile-end-rd.  
Chap. 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Red Cross Con. Premier, Regent M.H. Regent-st.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

##### TUESDAY, JUNE 5.

##### Colonial Board.

Lodge 171, Amity, Ship. Hot., Greenwich (Installation).  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.  
Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Grand Lodge M.M.M.'s, F.M.T. Sec Advt.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

##### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.

Quarterly Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.



New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havlock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham Road.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Ho., London E.  
Chap. 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hotel.  
Mark Lodge, 197, Studholme, 33, Golden Square.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Hbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H. (Emergency.)  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., N. Wandsworth  
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammer-smith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Ho., Kew Bridge.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 9, 1877.

## MONDAY, JUNE 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot. Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, Mas. R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, 55, Argyle-st., Birkenhead.  
" 161, Walton, Assem. R., St. Ann's-st., L'pool.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Boat L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 8.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Fawcett, Provincial Grand Master for Durham, presided, Capt. Platt acting as S.G.W., and the Hon. W. Warren Vernon as J.G.W. Among the brethren present, who were very numerous, were Bros. Dr. Hamilton, H. D. Sandeman, S. Rawson, Dr. Moore, J. W. Clabon, J. B. Monckton, Peter de. L. Long, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., A. J. Duff Filer, Rev. W. Lake Onslow, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), the Earl of Donoughmore, S. Tomkins, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Major Shadwell Clerke, Col. Somerville Burney, James Glaisher, Benj. Head, H. Browne, Thos. Fenn, J. A. Rucker, Raynham W. Stewart, Major Penrice, Montague Guest, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, James Mason, Sir F. M. Williams, Hyde Pullen, C. E. Willing, ex-Sheriff Hutton, J. M. Case, Joshua Nunn, F. Robinson, Toller, Cottebrune, Brett, J. C. Parkinson, W. T. Howe, Brackstone Baker, Dubois, George Kenning, Fellows, Bingemann, Matier, Nelson Reed, Clever, Hammond, Stephens, Cubitt, Hogard, Newton, Hopekirk, Wright, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After Grand Secretary had read the minutes, and the Grand Lodge had confirmed them,

The acting Grand Master said that before the Grand Lodge proceeded to any other business he was quite sure the brethren would bear with him while he expressed a wish, which he knew would be the wish of Grand Lodge generally, that their brother, Lord Donoughmore, should now make a statement with regard to the report of the Committee of which he was a member, as to the lifeboats. (Great cheering.)

The Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., then rose, and said that in the absence of the two distinguished brethren who did him the honour to assist him on this Committee it devolved upon him, now that the minutes of the Grand Lodge had been confirmed, to state what progress the Committee had made with the task entrusted to them, and he was charged specially before proceeding to explain what had been done, to express great regret on the part of both the Earl of Carnarvon and of Lord Skelmersdale that they were not here in person. Lord Carnarvon himself was particularly anxious to inform them of what he had done, and it was only by the unavoidable pressure of business that he had been prevented from coming. He (Lord Donoughmore) therefore had to ask the brethren to be content with the man with the wooden spoon to tell them what had been done. The Committee had kept carefully in view the principles which were notably laid down in Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master's speech in Grand Lodge, which he was

sure was still remembered by the Craft. Lord Carnarvon told them in that speech that he desired, and that he felt that this Grand Lodge would desire, that this memorial should be as marked and as special as possible, and the Committee had had that idea on their minds in choosing the localities in which these lifeboats should be situated. They had had two difficulties to guard against—two particularly. One was that they should avoid going to some place where a lifeboat had been before, that the station should be an entirely new one, that it should be a new work, known as having been founded by the Freemasons of England; and, secondly, they wished to avoid going to any locality where a lifeboat, though it might be a very desirable thing, yet through a peculiar pressure of circumstances it might be very difficult to make it efficient. For instance, they might put a lifeboat in a place where the lifeboat-house might look very nice and where the boat would be very serviceable if they could only get a crew to manage it. There were many things of the sort that the Committee had to consider, so that they were guided in their choice of a spot by that principle. Again, there was another thing the Committee desired. As there were to be two lifeboats, they wished, and they thought it would meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge and the Craft generally if one of those lifeboats was in some locality near London, where it might be, so to speak, under the immediate eyes of the London brethren, who would thereby take a greater interest, if possible, in its success and in its work; while the second they desired to place in the most deserving locality they could find in the provinces. Well, he might say now that they consulted with the Lifeboat Institution, and he would like to bear witness now to the cordial co-operation and great assistance that the Committee had had from Bro. Lewis, the secretary of that institution, in all they had done. They had letters on every point, and this had helped very materially to bring about what he hoped Grand Lodge would consider to be the very successful result of their labours. Bro. Lewis had just received a return from the Lloyd's agents of localities where lifeboats were most wanted, and he submitted a list of six places, amongst which he gave the Committee the free choice. For the London lifeboat there were two places. The first of them was Ramsgate, a most important place, near the Goodwin Sands, and he need not tell the brethren, or remind them of the services of the Ramsgate lifeboats hitherto—they were well known; but there was this disadvantage about Ramsgate—there was one lifeboat there, and, therefore, they would not be founding an entirely new station. Then the Committee went over to the north shore of the mouth of the Thames, and he was happy to say that from the representations made to him (Lord Donoughmore), the Committee had anticipated in some degree the wishes of certain brethren—he hoped of a large majority of them—in the place they had fixed upon for the London lifeboat. They had fixed upon the village of Clacton-upon-Sea, (loud applause), which had an immense area of quicksand in front of it; and it was only very lately, in fact last year, that a very disastrous wreck occurred there, and wrecks constantly occurred there. The Committee, therefore, thought that a lifeboat there would be most useful to the institution, and besides this there was this advantage, that the lifeboat would be in connection with the Harwich lifeboat, which was situated a little further north. (Cheers.) With regard to the country or provincial lifeboat, there was one place in Carnarvonshire which was submitted to the Committee, but that, again, would have involved competition with a station which was already supplied, and it was open to more objections than Ramsgate was. But they had claims of a very important kind to consider, and he regretted, himself, that under the circumstances they were not able, for some reasons, to fix upon that station for a lifeboat. There were two places in Yorkshire submitted to them, but they were both open to the objection of the difficulty of providing crews, and further, from a donation which had already been made to the Lifeboat Institution, the first choice in Yorkshire had gone. The Committee then turned their thoughts to that part of the coast which was

nearest to the great highway of our country's commerce, and they thought of Devon and Cornwall. They found on the coast of Devon two very important places where there were no lifeboats now, on a rock-bound coast, where he (Lord Donoughmore) had, himself, seen several unpleasant south-westerly gales. Those two places were Yealmpton, at the mouth of the River Yare, and Hope Cove, near Salcombe; and of the two they fixed upon Hope Cove, for while it commanded the storm-beaten coast of the west it was in connection with the Salcombe lifeboat. Those were the two localities which the Committee had decided upon to fix as stations for the two lifeboats of Grand Lodge. There was one other point, a smaller point he would not call it, though it might appear a smaller point to the brethren—that was as to the names to be given to the two lifeboats. He thought when he made the announcement in Grand Lodge of what the recommendation of the Committee was he might safely say beforehand would be received with unmitigated satisfaction. It seemed to the Committee the best titles of these lasting records of Grand Lodge's thankfulness for their Grand Master's return should be something to remind not only the present Freemasons, but their successors, of the expression of joy and satisfaction which the whole Craft poured forth on the preservation of the Grand Master; but the Committee felt also that it should remind them to call to their memory the illustrious lady whose name was inseparable from the Prince of Wales's and which was inscribed in all their hearts—the Princess of Wales (cheers). The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master wrote to his Royal Highness to ask his permission to make use of his name and that of the Princess for these boats (applause), and he (Lord Donoughmore) was happy to be able to state that his Royal Highness had consented that their lifeboats should be called "The Albert Edward" and "The Alexandra." (Renewed applause.) There remained now just one other point which they had not touched upon in the announcement of what had been done. There remained the subject of the memorial tablet to be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event. Although there was not much room in Grand Lodge for a fitting monument to call to Freemasons' mind the action taken by this Grand Lodge, still he had no doubt that room would be found for it. That was the whole of the announcement he had to make; but before he sat down he would like to say this one word, that ever since this scheme had been started it was one which had had the very greatest interest to many, and, he would wish to add, the Committee thought they might safely say, without transgressing the bounds of that modesty which always accompanied true benevolence, that in establishing this memorial they had established one worthy of the Craft, worthy of loyal Englishmen, and that it was thoroughly approved of and appreciated (for he had it from his own lips) by the Grand Master; and also that it was one which would be of immense use and service to the suffering of our fellow-creatures. (Great applause.)

The election of members of the Board of General Purposes, of members of the Colonial Board, and of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons then took place, and the scrutineers who were appointed to examine the votes left Grand Lodge to perform their duties.

The acting G.M. announced that the Grand Master had appointed Bro. John B. Monckton again to be President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Rucker to be President of the Colonial Board.

The report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter contained recommendations for the following grants:

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Virtue and Silence, No. 332, Hadleigh ...	£75	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 206, London ...	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, London ...	150	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, London ...	100	0	0



A brother of the Fitz-Roy Lodge, No. 569, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London	150	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Welchpool Lodge, No. 998, Welchpool	100	0	0
A brother of Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 863, Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope	50	0	0

Bro. J. M. Clabon then rose and said that the moving of the confirmation of these recommendations gave him an opportunity of speaking on a subject which he had long thought of, and which had been presented to his mind by what he had seen at several meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence. The brethren at those meetings made various grants, differing in amount, and at the meetings at which the above grants were recommended the proportion which some bore to others was rather anomalous, when the services of the candidates were considered. In one case £100 was granted, where the brother had been but four years a Mason, while in another £75 only was granted to the widow of a brother who had been 21 years a Mason. He was not saying, nor did he intend to say, that the £100 was too much, or that the £75 was too little, but when £100 was granted to a brother who had been four years a Mason £75 appeared to be too little for the widow of a brother who had been twenty-one years a Mason. It seemed to him that justice was not meted out equally. Now, whether it was popular or not, he thought he was but discharging a simple duty when he suggested to Grand Lodge that it should consider whether the constitution of the Board of Benevolence was as it ought to be. Every Grand Officer was a member of it; there were twelve nominated members, and every Master and Past Master of private lodges was also a member. As there were now over 1600 lodges there were of course 1600 members of the Lodge of Benevolence. At every time he attended he saw numberless new faces, and it might be thought so many attending, for though it was not for him to say, that they came for the support of particular objects; but he thought that must sometimes be the case, though this, if it was so, was a direct violation of an express rule against the members of the Lodge of Benevolence being canvassed in any way for a case. The members of the lodge were to go there free and unbiassed. They had to do their duty on the evidence that was produced before them. They all knew that they had just done their duty in electing members of the Board of General Purposes and of the Colonial Board; and he thought that when brethren came together, some on one evening and some on another, it could hardly be that they could do equal justice in all cases. He did not pronounce any judgment on the matter, but he thought the time had come when Grand Lodge must consider whether the Lodge of Benevolence should not consist of a smaller number of brethren, carefully selected, the Grand Master having the appointment of some and Grand Lodge having the appointment, of course, of the larger number. He thought if this were done, and there were got into the service good and able men,—changing them every year if they liked, but good and able men,—the Lodge of Benevolence as so constituted would be better able to deal with the cases coming before them duly and properly. He could say something about the Lodge of Benevolence, as he had known it for many years. On two occasions he had brought forward motions on the subject of dealing with the surplus funds of that lodge. On one occasion, when the Fund of Benevolence was about £30,000, he asked Grand Lodge to devote a certain portion of the surplus every year in helping forward the boys and girls on leaving the schools of the Order, by apprenticing them, or granting exhibitions for them. This subject had come before the brethren lately very prominently when the two lifeboats were proposed to be founded, and the best thing which was on everybody's lips was that there should be exhibitions for schools in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's return. No doubt the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge to consider the matter had selected a very good object as

a memorial, but when he brought before Grand Lodge the subject he had mentioned, the brethren thought the time had not come when they should devote a portion of their surplus funds towards the object which they had in view. Some years afterwards, when the funds had amounted to £37,000, Grand Lodge still thought that the time had not come, and that the fund was not large enough when they could deduct from it to establish the object which he proposed. The funds now had reached to the amount of from £40,000 to £44,000. They had been saving on the average for the last seven years £1300 or £1400 every year, and beyond question when the increase went on in that proportion it did offer temptation to the Lodge of Benevolence to be a little extravagant when cases of distress came before them. The brethren of that lodge might be tempted when such calls came, and a considerable sum of money was proposed to be given, to say "Oh! give it another £50, we have loads of money, and can afford it." He had no idea of saving the money for a century or more, and he would like to be encouraged to bring before the Grand Lodge once more the subject, and ask them whether they should not take a portion of their annual surplus for forwarding the boys and girls in life when they left the schools. It was a very sad thing, but there was no question about it, that many of the children when they left the schools, where they had been housed and clothed in comfort, were sent out to their parents to be, comparatively speaking, paupers again, and to live in squalor. Therefore, he would like to see this subject again considered, and he should bring it on again at no very distant time. He then proposed the confirmation of the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion, and concurred in Bro. Clabon's remarks.

After a few observations from Bros. Brackstone Baker, Rev. R. J. Simpson, and S. Rawson, the different recommendations were adopted.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, the discussion of which was the next business on the paper, and on the motion of Grand Treasurer it was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:—

1. It having been represented to the Board that a brother had been raised to the Third Degree in twenty-five days only after having passed to the Second Degree, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and, in result, it was ordered that the brother be re-obligated, and the Lodge (No. 529) fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

2. A complaint having been laid before the Board alleging that a candidate had been initiated into Masonry by the W. Master of Lodge No. 820, whose name and description had not previously appeared in the lodge summons, as enjoined by the Book of Constitutions, such candidate being afterwards passed to the Second Degree, in the face of a protest, the lodge was duly summoned to appear before the Board by its Master and Wardens with the lodge warrant and books, and after the complaining Past Masters had been heard, as also the W. Master, I.P. Master, and other members, the Board arrived unanimously at the conclusion that not only was the Masonic offence fully proved, but so unsatisfactory a condition of things was found to exist in the lodge, that the Board suspended it from all its Masonic functions for the space of six months, and directed that the candidate in question should be regularly initiated and passed, before being entitled to Masonic position and privileges.

3. The Board of General Purposes further report that the number of the Trustees of the real property of Grand Lodge, originally ten, has become by death and resignation reduced to four, and the Board recommend that the original number be made up by Grand Lodge, and that it be referred back to the Board to take the necessary steps for vesting in them the real property of Grand Lodge.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
President.

At the meeting of the 16th May, after the ordinary business was concluded, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of the members of the Board are eminently merited by the President for the great attention he has paid to the duties of the office, for the admirable manner in which he has discharged them, and the great courtesy and kindness he has on all occasions evinced to his colleagues, and they are therefore fraternally tendered to him.

(Signed) PETER DE LANDE LONG, Vice-President.

The Grand Registrar said that the 3rd paragraph of this report was the only portion which required a substantive motion to be made. The number of Trustees there referred to was originally ten. By resignation and death this number had been reduced to four only, and it had been proposed by the Board that the brethren whose names he would now read should be elected as the Trustees of the real property of

Grand Lodge. The names of the brethren proposed were—The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro-Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Tenterden, Past Grand Warden; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Past Grand Warden; the Earl of Donoughmore, Past Grand Warden; Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Bro. John A. Rucker, President of the Colonial Board; and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Past Grand Deacon.

Bro. Peter de L. Long seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

The Grand Registrar then said it was customary at the Board of General Purposes at the conclusion of the year of office of the President of the Board to express their opinion of the way in which he had conducted the business. The very worshipful brother who presided over the Board last year had presided over it for some years; as year by year went by he had increased the confidence the Board had in him, and he had made himself a power in Grand Lodge, and one of the most useful members of the Craft. The Board, therefore, who had always found him presiding over them with the greatest ability, and the greatest possible urbanity, were doing only right in recommending to Grand Lodge the resolution proposed by them, and which he (Grand Registrar) would now venture to submit to it. He then moved the resolution.

This having been seconded, was put and carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., Grand Lodge allowed the appeal of Bro. John Locke, W.M. of the Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, Trinidad, against a sentence of expulsion from the Craft, pronounced upon him, and the erasure of the lodge, by the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad; and reversed the decision of the District Grand Lodge of Trinidad. Grand Registrar gave a long and exhaustive recital of the complicated state of circumstances out of which the appeal arose, and caused great laughter among the brethren by showing the great ignorance of the Book of Constitutions on the part of the authorities in the district of Trinidad.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 17th May, 1877, was laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alteration in the rules then agreed to was, in accordance with the laws of the Institution, submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz., "to add to Law I., p. 15, after the words 'husband's petition,' the following:—'And in the event of a widow marrying again and being again left a widow, she shall still be eligible to be a candidate,'" and it was formally approved by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Benjamin Head, P.G.D., then proposed "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund for General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season," and the motion being seconded was put and carried unanimously.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

## RESULT OF ELECTION.

### BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Masters.—Bros. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, 1363; Arthur B. Cook, 259; William G. Cusins, 197; Frank Green, 1567; Edwin March, 410; James Muzio, 1150; John Gees Stevens, 933; Alfred Strong, 1118; Arthur J. R. Trendell, 29.

Past Masters.—Bros. Daniel Betts, 1351; Henry Bishop, 66; Henry A. Dubois, 1326; Charles F. Hogard, 205; Henry C. Levander, 632.

### COLONIAL BOARD.

Bros. Brackstone Baker 21; Francis Bennoch, 1; James Brett, 177; John Gibson, 259; R. F. Gould, 92; Griffiths Smith, 569; Erasmus Wilson, 2.

The undermentioned brethren were nominated at the General Committee on the 23rd of May



to be on the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and no others were named.—Bros. James Brett, P.M. 177; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; Thomas Cubitt, P.M. 157; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; M. Levy, P.M. 188; J. G. Stevens, 554; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; H. G. Warren, P.M. 173; T. W. White, P.M. 21.

#### NEW LODGES.

The following is a list of the Lodges for which warrants have been granted since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

- 1668. Samson Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1669. Royal Leopold Lodge, Camberwell.
- 1670. Adelphi Lodge, Strand.
- 1671. Mizpah Lodge, Aldersgate-street.
- 1672. Mornington Lodge, Snaresbrook.
- 1673. Langton Lodge, Queen Victoria-street.
- 1674. Caradoc Lodge, Rhyl, Flintshire.
- 1675. Antient Briton Lodge, Liverpool.
- 1676. St Nicholas Lodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- 1677. Crusader's Lodge, Clerkenwell.
- 1678. Tonbridge Lodge, Tonbridge, Kent.
- 1679. Henry Muggeridge Lodge, Dalston.
- 1680. Comet Lodge, Dingo Creek, Queensland.
- 1681. Londesborough Lodge, Regent-street.
- 1682. Tamworth Lodge, Tamworth, New South Wales.
- 1683. Geraldton Lodge, Champion Bay, Western Australia.
- 1684. Carnarvon Lodge, Richmond, Natal.
- 1685. Guelph Lodge, Leytonstone.
- 1686. Paxton Lodge, Sydenham.
- 1687. Rothesay Lodge, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
- 1688. Buxton Lodge, Buxton, Derby.
- 1689. Lazar Lodge, Kennard, Westland, N.Z.
- 1690. Phoenix Lodge, Westport, Westland, N.Z.
- 1691. Quadratic Lodge, Hampton Court.
- 1692. Hervey Lodge, Hayes, Kent.

#### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

##### Craft Masonry.

##### WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—

The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Punctually at half-past two o'clock Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., opened the lodge. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. F. W. Adams, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. Sec.; J. Howes, P.M., S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; G. S. Wintle, I.G.; W. Pennfather, P.M., D.C.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler; J. J. Howes, E. Crombie, F. West, G. H. Stephens, W. Smyth, H. J. Lardner, T. Butt, W. Snow, T. M. Butt, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1423, &c.; H. Potter, P.M. 11; G. Wallace, 95; A. Stevens, 1298; J. H. Pearson, 1423, and others. The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Craddock Seymour as a candidate for initiation, also for Bro. James Payne, No. 245, as a joining member. The work, done in an able and efficient manner, was passing Bros. J. J. Howes, E. C. Crombie, F. West, G. H. Stephens, and H. J. Lardner to the Second Degree; raising Bro. W. Smyth to the Third Degree. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and some brethren for joining. An important notice of motion was given by the Secretary. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Thursday, the 10th July, to meet at half-past two. Bro. T. Butt, the courteous proprietor, under his personal superintendence had a splendid banquet served, which gave great satisfaction, and pleased every one. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Songs, glees, and recitations were given, and passed away a pleasant and agreeable evening.

**JERSEY.—La Cesaree Lodge (No. 590).—**The twenty-sixth anniversary of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Bro. A. Grant, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Pallot, I.P.M.; P. Messervy, S.W.; E. Carré, J.W.; A. Schmitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. T. du Jardin, P.M., W.M. 244, P.P.S.G.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Oatley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; P. W. Binch, P.M., P.P.G. Pur.; J. O'Flaherty, P.M. 958, P.S.G.D., and other officers, members, and a goodly complement of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; P. W. Benham, P.M. 244, P.G. Treas.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; R. Barrow, P.M. 491, P.J.G.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512; B. Martel, P.M. 958, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Le Feuvre, W.M. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Chapman, W.M. 958, Ass. G.D.C.; W. Metherell, P.M. 1003, P.G.S.B.; P. Blampied, W.M. 245, P.P.G.D.C., and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The only business before it was the installation of Bro. Capt. P. Messervy, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. A. Schmitt took the chair as Installing Master, and at his request the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Grant and J. Pallot. The customary preliminaries having been gone through, all the brethren below the chair retired. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Messervy was, according to ancient custom, installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren were then re-admitted, and having

saluted the new W.M., the Installing Master proceeded with the rest of the ceremony, and delivered the usual address. The following brethren were appointed as the officers of the lodge, viz.:—E. Carré, S.W.; A. Gallichan, J. W.; J. P. Dr. St. Croix, S.D.; Capt. T. Le Scelleur, J.D.; J. De La Marc, I.G.; G. Rogers, Tyler; and invested by the I.M. Lastly, the W.M. appointed Bro. A. Schmitt, Sec., whom Bro. du Jardin, the founder of the lodge, invested as such, with some remarks as well deserved by his past services in that capacity as they were complimentary and sincere. All lodge business being ended, it was closed at six o'clock in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, and forty-three sat down to an excellent dinner provided by the Curator of the Temple, Bro. Rogers. The W.M. presided. The cloth having been withdrawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," being convinced that the lodge will maintain under his rule its statu quo and prosperity. The W.M. in warm terms returned thanks. The D.P.G.M. then, in the course of an emphatic and feeling address, said: I am deputed by the Board of Management of the Jersey Masonic Temple Company to present this chaste gold pencil, of exquisite beauty and workmanship, to our esteemed Bro. A. Schmitt, in recognition of his indefatigable exertions as Hon. Sec. since the laying of the foundation stone till this very moment, that is to say, during a period of fifteen years, and handed it to the recipient, bearing the inscription—"Jersey Masonic Temple to A. Schmitt, its Hon. Sec., 1877." The Hon. Sec., in a few words, set forth the lively pleasure which had come to him in the unexpected presentation of the magnificent testimonial he had just received; he felt gratified in knowing that his Masonic labour of love gave satisfaction to the members of the province, and concluded by stating how dear and valuable the testimonial would ever be to him, and again he begged to thank them for this renewed tangible expression of their esteem and satisfaction. After the healths of "The Visitors" and "P.M.'s," the Secretary proposed "The Health of the distinguished absent Hon. Members," viz., Wm. James Hughan (Truro), and Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath), whose Masonic and literary labours, their truly fraternal attachment and good will towards the brethren of this province, particularly merit our esteem and admiration, and they are in every way deserving of our brotherly remembrance. The toast was received with the greatest warmth by the brethren. Two or three more were given, and the brethren separated at half-past nine, highly satisfied with the proceedings of the evening.

**JERSEY.—St. Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).—**The fourteenth annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 15th ult., when a large number of brethren assembled to congratulate Bro. E. Martel on the successful termination of his two years' labour, and Bro. W. H. Chapman on the commencement of his career as a ruler in the Craft, under auspices so favourable, with such an example before him and with the affairs of the lodge in so prosperous a condition. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported by Bros. W. H. Chapman, S.W.; R. Barrow, P.M. 491, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; J. Oatley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Jos. O'Flaherty, P.M., P.S.G.D., and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Schmitt, P.M. 590, P.P.S.G.W.; P. W. Benham, P.M. 244, P.G. Treas.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Sec.; W. Z. Pugsley, P.M. 275, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Kingsnorth, P.M. 245, P.P.J.G.W.; O. Dodge, P.M. 245, P.P.G.R.; G. F. Baker, P.M. 491, P.G.D.C.; Dr. T. J. Aubin, W.M. 491, P.G.S.W.; A. Grant, W.M. 590; P. Bois, W.M. 1003; Frs. Le Feuvre, W.M. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Moss, P.M. 245, and others. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. Butfield being a candidate for promotion, and having proved his claim, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the candidate was admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. informed the brethren that his two years of Master-ship having expired, he was highly pleased to be succeeded by a worthy brother, the W.M. elect, whom he should have the pleasure of installing. Bro. J. Oatley presented Bro. W. H. Chapman. The customary enumeration of duties was made, the ancient charges were read and assented to, and the obligation of W.M. elect administered. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all who had not passed the chair withdrew. A board of sixteen Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Chapman was duly placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After the board had been closed, the several classes of M.M.'s, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted, and the processions and proclamations were gone through, respecting which it need only be recorded that Bro. Ed. Martel conducted the ceremonies with great exactitude and impressiveness. After the usual address to the W.M., delivered with great fervour, Bro. Chapman briefly remarked, that fully acknowledging the difficulty of the task he had undertaken, he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him. He accepted the responsibility, and trusted that, with God's help, he should not be found wanting in the worthy discharge of it, especially as he had been promised, and could confidently rely upon, efficient assistance from the Past Masters. The following appointments were made, Bro. Martel in each case officiating and offering appropriate observations:—Bros. S. Hurst, S.W.; Th. J. De Bourcier, J.W.; W. T. Campbell, S.D.; Ch. Naylor, J.D.; G. Ninnim, I.G.; J. Oatley, Treas.; J. O'Flaherty, Org.; G. Rogers, Tyler. Lastly the W.M. appointed Bro. Martel, Secretary, with some remarks as well deserved by his past services in that capacity as they were complimentary and sincere. It may be observed, en passant, that last year the lodge had fully acknowledged this worthy brother's indefatigable zeal, activity, and usefulness in presenting him with a splendid gold Past Master's Jewel. The lodge was closed at 6.30

p.m. in perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, splendidly decorated for the occasion, and about eighty sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by the Guardian of the Temple, Bro. Rogers. The W.M. presided, having on his right Bros. Rev. Steward Patterson, P.P.G.M. for Manitoba (Canada); A. Schmitt, J. Th. du Jardin, Barham, Le Sueur, and on his left Bros. Martel, Oatley, O'Flaherty, Dr. Aubin. The cloth having been drawn, the usual loyal Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M.'s was warmly received, as well as that of the Installing Master. The P.M.'s, with which the name of Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath), the founder of the lodge, was associated, for whom his brother and friend A. Schmitt, feelingly acknowledged that cordial mark of remembrance and fraternal esteem. "The Visitors" was answered by Bro. the Rev. S. Patterson. At intervals some excellent songs were given by Bros. G. F. Baker, O. Dodge, Giles, Bishop, S. Gilley, Bartlett, Oulton, but Bro. Campbell's were raptuously applauded, and thus a most enjoyable evening was spent, grave and gay alternating. The party separated highly satisfied.

**SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—**The last meeting of the lodge, previous to the summer recess, took place at the Middleton Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, Prov. J.G.D., I.P.M.; W. Chaplin, S.W.; W. P. Belliss, J.W.; Rev. H. Hayes, Chap.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; A. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, Prov. A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), S.D.; G. F. Jones, I.G.; Mountain, Tyler; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. Cox, P.M.; W. R. Marsh, P.M. 9 and 933, W.M. 1672; Rev. H. J. Hatch, W.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Luker, W. H. Lockey, H. Briggs, F. Cantor, W. D. Merritt, J. English, F. V. Jillings, W.M. elect 160; T. Barratt, G. F. Wood, F. D. Grayson, W. H. Norman, A. F. Godward. Visitors: Bros. Dr. S. W. Fisher, M.D., 379, F. Calrony, 197. The ballot was taken for Messrs. E. Birkett and Bruce McMay Johnstone, which being unanimous in their favour they were duly initiated by the W.M. in a highly efficient manner, the charge being given by the J.W. and the lecture on the tracing board by the S.W. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and passed a pleasant evening.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—**The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on the 7th inst. Bro. T. Jackson, W.M., presided, but there was only a small attendance. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bradshaw, who was a candidate for the degree of F.C., having shown his proficiency for the same, was entrusted and retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree he was re-admitted, and passed to the degree of F.C., the working tools being presented by the S.W. The usual proclamations were afterwards made, and the lodge closed in due form.

**LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—**The usual monthly meeting of this large and influential lodge was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a numerous attendance of members owing to the interest attaching to election night. The lodge was opened punctually at six o'clock by Bro. Alexander Cotter, who was supported by a full complement of his officers. Bro. Joseph Healing, the first W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, and now holding the honourable office of Treasurer, was duly elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M. (who twice served the duties of the chair) was also elected Treasurer for the coming year. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. Healing, P.M., for the able and efficient services he had rendered the lodge by acting as Treasurer for the last eight years. The W.M. (Bro. A. Cotter) presented to the lodge three very handsome gavels, with suitable inscriptions engraved on silver plates, and for this valuable gift the thanks of the brethren were cordially given to Bro. Cotter. The Secretary, Bro. T. Walton, intimated to the brethren of the lodge the demise of Bro. Charles Seldon, chief engineer of the S.S. Tagus, which recently foundered in the Bay of Biscay with all hands. It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary should write to the relatives of Bro. Seldon, condoling with them upon the loss they had sustained, and expressing the deep sympathy of all the brethren with them in their bereavement. It was cordially agreed to that a sum of money should be voted towards purchasing a Past Master's jewel for Bro. Cotter on his retirement from the chair. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded from labour to refreshment.

**HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—**This lodge held its first meeting of the season on Saturday, the 19th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Lion-square, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. Edwin Gilbert, W.M. opened the lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The ballot for Mr. W. Clark was declared to be unanimous in favour of his admission. The W.M., Bro. E. Gilbert, showed his proficiency by passing Bros. W. Priddy and S. Page to the Second Degree. He then raised Bro. W. Blakeley to the Third Degree, all the work being ably done. On the motion made by Bro. F. Walters, it was unanimously resolved that a congratulatory letter be sent Bro. R. W. Little, on his appointment as D.P.G.M. Middx. The subject of the Burdett testimonial was deferred until the next regular meeting, double the amount (on notice of motion made) being intended to be given than what had been proposed at this meeting. The usual notice of motion was given to present the W.M. with the customary Past Master's jewel, value seven guineas. Several names of brethren for joining and gentlemen for initiation were given in to the Secretary. Business ended the lodge was



closed and adjourned to Saturday, June 21st, to meet at half-past three o'clock p.m. The usual good banquet was served, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Murphy, who personally superintended it. There were present during the afternoon and evening Bros. E. Gilbert, W.M.; C. W. Fox, S.W.; H. Gloster, J.W. 1351, as J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, W.M., J.D.; W. Stanton, as S.D.; J.W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middx., P.M., I.G.; G. Shott, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., and many others. The only visitor was Bro. H. Murphy, 1512.

**HAMPTON.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous provincial lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Tagg's Island Hotel, which is noted for its picturesque position, and whose pleasant environs are also dear to all lovers of the piscatorial art. There were present Bros. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, acting W.M.; Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, S.W.; Dubois, P.M., P.G.S.D. of Middlesex, Treas.; Wolfe, acting J.W.; B. Wright, Asst. Sec.; Baldwin, P.M., P.A.G.P. of Middlesex; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex (hon. mem.); Johnson, I.G.; Faulkner, W.S.; Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, and T. G. Tagg, Lebanon and Hemming. The meeting was convened to consider the following notice of motion—"That the Era Lodge be removed from the King's Arms Hotel, Hampton Court, to the Island Hotel, Hampton." The matter having been fully discussed by Bros. Dubois, Moss, Sabine, and others, it was finally and unanimously resolved that the lodge should be removed as suggested. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent cold collation, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Tagg. Just before its conclusion Bro. Thielay, P.G.S.B. of Middx., the W.M., arrived, who stated that he had received a communication from the Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.G.J.D. of Middx., explaining the urgent reasons that had prevented him from attending the lodge meeting. The preliminary toasts having been disposed of, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in a very neat speech by Bro. Moss. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he was sorry that he had not been present at the lodge meeting, because he was aware of the great impression that punctuality always created, especially amongst Freemasons. In conclusion, he stated that he was very pleased that the brethren had decided upon the removal of the lodge from its old quarters to the Island Hotel, because the locale of the latter place was better calculated to promote enjoyment and to secure greater privacy in the carrying out of their Masonic work. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and drew from Bros. Moss, Baldwin, and Dubois some very excellent remarks. The brethren separated at an early hour, highly gratified with the whole proceedings.

**BLACKPOOL.**—Blackpool Lodge (No. 1476).—The annual festival and installation of the W.M. of the Blackpool Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Clifton Arms Hotel, when Bro. Edward Gregson was installed as the W.M. by Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M., of Manchester, who also invested the following as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. W. Braithwaite, I.P.M.; Henry Gardener, S.W.; Adolph M. Viener, J.W.; Thos. Blane, Treas.; F. Patterson, Sec.; J. Carter, S.D.; Thos. Watson, J.D.; H. Johns, Dir. of Cer.; J. Waddington, Org.; Willan Lister, I.G.; J. Butcher, Steward; and Wade, Tyler. Amongst those present were several visiting brethren, including Bros. Aronsberg, P.M., Manchester; J. Bonny, Blackpool, and others. A capital banquet was provided, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was given and duly honoured.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. KUHE, P.G.O.**

**BRIGHTON.**—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—At the regular monthly meeting of this young lodge, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, May 29th, a gratifying presentation was made to the W.M., Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O. It consisted of the full-dress clothing of a Past Grand Officer. The recently appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master for Sussex, Bro. John H. Scott, W.M. 271, who is acting I.P.M. of the St. Cecilia Lodge, by the request of the brethren was the spokesman on this occasion, and addressing the W.M. said: "W.M., I have been requested by the brethren of the St. Cecilia Lodge to perform a most agreeable duty. It is to present you, W.M., with a token of their friendship and esteem. I need hardly say how willingly I have undertaken to do so, not only because it is very gratifying to me to be the means of paying a well-deserved compliment to one of my oldest and dearest friends, but because the whole transaction appears to me to be thoroughly Masonic in all its bearings. For we do not come to our lodges, brother, merely to go through a routine of ceremonies, but to foster and encourage those kindly feelings towards each other which are apt to become blunted, and too often estranged, in the rough battle of life in which we are all compelled to engage, and so we look on our W.M., not as a machine set to do certain work, but as an individual in whose welfare we take the liveliest interest, and if during his year of office any event takes place of more than ordinary occurrence, we gladly hail the opportunity of testifying towards him our goodwill and esteem. One such event has just occurred, viz., the expiration of the period of three years, in which our W.M. has held office in Grand Lodge. To become a Grand Officer is the summit of the ambition of all aspiring Masons, but that honour is attained but by few. It is conferred, as in the case of our W.M.G.M., and his Royal brothers, on Princes of the blood Royal; it is conferred on persons of high birth and position, such as the Grand Wardens, the Senior G.W. being usually selected from the House of Lords, and the Junior G.W. from the House of Commons. The G. Deacons and other officers are reserved for brethren who distinguish themselves in Masonry, whilst in other instances personal gifts qualify certain individuals to fill such offices as the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Sup. of Works, and the Grand

Organist. The first must be held by a clergyman, the second by a brother connected with the law, the third by an architect, an engineer, or a contractor, and the fourth by a musician. But whether the privilege of being a Grand Officer is attained by gifts or acquisitions the honour is the same, and those brethren to whom this honour belongs possess an influence and a status in Masonry which is not enjoyed by those less favoured—so that when a Grand Officer comes amongst us he gives additional interest to our proceedings, and sheds the lustre of his own dignity on those with whom he associates. This is one of the reasons which make the members of the St. Cecilia grateful to you. You have not only devoted a large portion of your valuable time to our service, you have not only performed a larger number of ceremonies in a short space of time than I should imagine, have ever been done before, but you have lent us the prestige of your name, your rank, and your talents. Such services, brother, demand an acknowledgment, and it is the way in which we are about to acknowledge them that appears to me to be so thoroughly Masonic. We might have waited till the close of his year of office, and then presented our W.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, or a piece of plate, or a vellum illuminated with our thanks; but there is more spontaneity, more heartiness, more friendliness, in the course we are about to adopt, and it will, I am sure, be more agreeable to our W.M. During the three years that he has filled the office of Grand Organist he was entitled to wear the splendid paraphernalia of Grand Lodge, but now if he wishes to attend Grand Lodge, or take part in any Masonic ceremonial, he must provide himself with similar clothing. Now, Grand Lodge clothing is a costly and expensive business, and so many of us thought that a whip round of a few shillings each would enable us to do our W.M. a friendly turn, pay him, as I have already said, a well deserved compliment, and save him considerable expense. I have, therefore, the greatest pleasure, Worshipful Master, in the name of the brethren of the St. Cecilia and a few others, who, having heard of our intention, wished to join us, in presenting you with the full dress clothing of a Past Grand Officer. May you live long to wear it. May it ever remind you of the friendship of your brethren, and when we see you arrayed in this magnificent apparel we shall not look upon it as so much purple and gold, as mere outside show, but as the appropriate adornment of a brother whose heart and conduct are actuated by the true and genuine principles of a Freemason. The W.M., who was heartily greeted, said he could not plead the usual excuse that he was unaccustomed to public appearances, but he was quite unable to thank them as he could have wished to do; he had not the eloquence of his friend Bro. Scott, besides which, their great kindness had quite overpowered him. All he could say was that some of the happiest hours of his life had been spent in Freemasonry, and he hoped he might live long to enjoy the goodwill and friendship of his brethren.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this new but prosperous lodge, and which was very numerously attended, was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 14th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, S.W.; Bond, P.M.; Dobie, J.W.; Rev. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chap.; J. Hammond, P.M.; Jordan, W.M. elect 1512, acting I.P.M.; F. Walters, P.J.G.D. of Middlesex, and Baldwin, P.G.A.P. of Middlesex (honorary members); T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512, Sec.; Aston, S.D.; Hurst, W.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, J.W. 1381, &c., I.G. The visitors, of which there was a goodly number, comprised Bros. Bowes, P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, &c.; Raw, P.M. 926; Kraeutler, S.W. 1303; Griffiths, J.W. 1641; Martin, 201; Hiscox and Murphy, 1512. The W.M.'s agenda of business presented a very formidable appearance, there being no less than three initiations, five passages, and four raisings. The gentlemen initiated were Messrs. Masters, Malcolm, and Piller; Bros. Pinto, Jackson, E. Andrews, Forge, and Taylor were passed; and Bros. Marvin, Scott, Richer, and Featherstone were raised. There being two minor offices unfilled, the W.M. appointed and subsequently invested Bros. Marvin as D.C., and Scott as W.S., both of which appointments gave general satisfaction. A proposition for initiation at the next meeting having been taken, the W.M.'s labours, which had extended to a period of time of nearly five hours, terminated at the closing of the lodge at eleven. There was no banquet. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Monday in October.

#### INSTRUCTION.

##### VICTORIA METROPOLITAN LODGE.

An exceedingly large muster of the brethren assembled at the Portugal Tavern, Fleet-street, on the 1st inst., to hear that piece of hard work, the Fifteen Sections. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dwarber, and then Bro. C. A. Woods, of the Prudent Brethren, whose dilatory train had prevented his attending the few minutes earlier necessary to make him perfectly punctual, took the chair, and the officers of his lodge were Bros. Stacey, P.M.; Farwig, S.W.; Giblen, J.W.; Dwarber, S.D.; Larham, J.D.; Vincent, I.G. The workers were Bros. Still, P.M. 1203; Creak, S.W. 157; Cowan, S.W. 1572; Dwarber, P.M. 55 and 1589; Snelling, 180; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; Ebbs, S.D. 733; Abell, J.W. 1599; Giblin, 860; Whitaker, W.M. 1572; Farwig, S.D. 180; Coulston, P.M. 382; Tate, 282; Gush, 1541; and Webb, 1388; I.G. each working the Section in the order here given. It was an entire agreement that a more perfect working was never heard, and Bro. C. A. Woods was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

**MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).** The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, at the Pembury Tavern, Hackney. Bro.

Jacob, W.M.; Driver, S.W.; Grist, J.W.; W. Stephens, Preceptor; Defriez, S.D.; High, J.D.; and Mann, I.G. At the conclusion of labour it was proposed to adjourn during the summer months; this matter was, however, deferred (for the consideration of the members) until the last Monday in June, upon which occasion the ceremony of installation will be worked.

#### Royal Arch.

##### WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).

—The installation night of this flourishing chapter was held on the 24th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Poor Dr. Whiteman was a year ago installed as the M.E.Z., but, as our readers know, had not served half a year before he was summoned by the Supreme to the Grand Chapter above. P.Z. Capt. Kain, at the request of the companions, kindly undertook to discharge the duties of the position, and at the meeting of which we speak he held the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. Newman being H.; and Comp. Braun, as J. P.Z. Comp. Garrod was Scribe E., in the temporary absence of P.Z. Worrall, who had taken a short holiday to visit, it was not questioned, the bosom of his family; for the happy marriage, recorded as having occurred last August, in our columns, had, on the day before the meeting, brought forth its fruit, in "pain-bought happiness," in the shape of a daughter. The other officers at the opening of the chapter were Comps. Dr. Kempster, Scribe N.; Newton, P.S.; and Cutmore and Gibson, as A.S. The companions present included Comps. J. Taylor, of the Doric; P. A. Naime, of the Caveac; J. Pringle, of the Crystal Palace Chapter; W. M. Goss, of the Caveac; C. F. Hogard, P.Z.; Turquand, of 1339; Williams, While (Freemason), and others. The bye-laws were discussed at the opening of the chapter, and agreed to, and Bro. A. Le Grand, of the William Preston Lodge, was duly exalted in a full convocation. The installation then proceeded, and Comp. Newman, who had been duly elected M.E.Z., was then installed into his high position; Comp. Augustus Braun, who had been duly elected, was installed into the Second Chair; and Comp. Dr. Kempster, whose high merits had been recognised by his election to the J. Chair, was placed in the position of the Great Ruler among the children of men. P.Z. Worrall again received his collar of office, as did P.Z. Garrod, amid cheers. The other officers received a step in advance, and Comp. Manfred Newton was nominated to the post of A.S. At the banquet, which was very excellently served, the usual congratulatory speeches on the advance of the chapter, and of the high merit of its officers, were made, and the visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased with the work and hospitality of the chapter. Comp. Kempster, in responding to the toast of his health, referred to the discoveries by Capt. Warren at Jerusalem, and, pointing to the corroboration given by those discoveries to the traditional history of Freemasonry, said that herein was a proof that the system of the Craft is no modern invention, but is really and truly an ancient Order.

##### WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).

A regular meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on the 1st inst. at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The chapter was opened by Comp. William Stephens, M.E.Z., Thos. Kingston, H., and W. A. Tinney, J. The minutes of the last regular convocation and Chapter of Emergency were then read and confirmed. Bro. J. Smout, sen., of Lodges 1489 and 1642, and Bro. J. Collinson, of the mother lodge, were then exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A. Masons by the M.E.Z., which was rendered most impressive by the excellent working of the whole of the officers. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, the result being as follows: Comp. Kingston, M.E.Z.; Tinney, H.; and W. J. Murlis, J.; William Stephens, Treas.; Jas. Weaver, Scribe E.; John High, Scribe N.; and Wm. Norman, P. Soj. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Several brethren were then proposed for exaltation, which will necessitate another emergency meeting during the next month. Business ended the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Comp. Wright, P.Z. 27, and a companion of the G. Chapter of Ireland were the only visitors present. The former flatteringly replied on their behalf.

##### PRIORY CHAPTER (No. 1000).

—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. There were present, amongst others, Comps. E. E. Phillips, M.E.Z.; A. Lucking, H.; J. A. Wardell, J.; H. Muggeridge, P.G. Std. Br.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20 (I.C.), Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; Jas. Willing, jun., P. Soj.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Williams, E. Judd, F. Wood, J. R. Hemmann, G. F. Jones, F. Canton, F. Bernard. After the usual preliminary business, the Principals were installed by Comp. Muggeridge with his customary ability, viz., Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; J. A. Wardell, H.; Jas. Willing, jun., J. The officers invested were Comps. S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnstone, Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; W. Pissey, Prin Soj.; E. Judd, 1st Asst.; J. R. Hemmann, 2nd Asst.; Mountain, Janitor. The ballot having proved unanimous in the favour of Bro. S. W. Fisher, M.D., Lodge of Honour, 379, and H. Luker, Priory Lodge, 1000, and Bro. H. Luker being in attendance, he was duly exalted. Comp. H. Muggeridge was elected an honorary member of the chapter, and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for his kindness in attending to instal the Principals. The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and R.A. toasts were given and heartily responded to. Comp. Muggeridge replied for the Grand Chapter. A handsome P.Z. jewel was presented



to Comp. E. E. Phillips for his services to the chapter. The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.**—This conclave assembled on Monday evening, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. V.E. Sir Knt. Henry A. Dubois, Grand Prefect, M.P.S., presided. The following Sir Kts. were present:—H. A. Dubois, M.P.S.; Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P.; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, Great High Prelate; Rev. J. M. Vaughan, S.G.; Rev. P. M. Holden, J.G.; Thos. Cubitt, Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, Recorder; Thos. Mason, Std. Br.; Henry Parker, Organist; Alfred Moore, Herald; Geo. Harrison, Sentinel; George Kenning, Past Sov.; E. Gumbleton, G.J.G.; J. T. Gower, J.J. Mason, W.H. Morey, Sir E. Lechmere, Joshua Nunn, H. A. Perrot, Hyde Pullen, H. Massey (*Freemason*), W. H. Hubbard, P.G. Treas.; John Thomas Moss, H. C. Levander, Sir Gilbert Campbell, and Col. Peters. After the confirmation of the minutes the following brethren were installed: J. Llewellyn Jones, W. H. Stephens, and Robinson. After the transaction of this business, Sir Kt. Little enthroned the Rev. Dr. Brette as M.P.S., and inducted as Viceroy Rev. J. M. Vaughan. The following Sir Knights were appointed as officers:—Rev. P. M. Holden, Senior General; Thos. Kingston, Junior General; Alfred Moore, High Prelate; Thomas Cubitt, Treas.; R. Wentworth Little, Recorder; H. C. Levander, Asst. Recorder; Hy. Parker, Org.; Thomas Massa, Orator; E. H. Thielay, S.B.; and J. W. E. Macartney, M.P. Herald. A collection was afterwards made for a fund that is being raised for an eminent Sir Knight, who has met with a number of serious disasters; and the Sir Knights, on the closing of the conclave, adjourned to the Café Restaurant, where an elegant banquet awaited them. The usual toasts followed and the new fire was given. The M.P.S. then announced that £10 had been collected for the fund mentioned above. Sir Kt. Levander replied to the toast of "The Grand Viceroy, and other Officers." In the name of Sir Kt. Little, and in his own name, as well as in the name of the other members of the Grand Council and Grand Senate, he could say that they were only too pleased to do all they could for the welfare of the Order. As to the services which had been rendered to this conclave and the Order in general by Sir Kt. Little, it would ill become him to say anything, as those services were too well known to the members of the conclave. Sir Kt. Little had worked hard on behalf of the conclave and the Order, and they owed him a hearty debt of gratitude for all he had done. It gave the members of the council the greatest pleasure to have seen the M.P.S. advanced to that high position, and also to congratulate him on his accession. Many Sir Knights greatly regretted that they were unable to be present at the enthronement, and they sent letters expressive of their regret. Sir Kt. H. A. Dubois proposed "The Health of the M.P.S." Dr. Brette, in reply, said, after thanking the Sir Knights, that it had always been a principle of his life to be at peace with all men. The principle was one which belonged to his cloth, and in Craft Masonry as well as in other Orders he had endeavoured never to be at issue with any brother whatever. He now entered on a new phase of his career, and during the twelve months he held the position of M.P.S. it would be not only his duty but his study to be at peace with all the members of the conclave. If in any proceeding he did anything which might give offence to any Sir Knight, and if he was wrong they might depend on it he should be the very first to apologise to the Sir Knight, and ask him to shake hands. Dr. Brette then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and Sir Gilbert Campbell replied, after which Dr. Brette proposed "The Health of Sir Kt. Dubois, Past M.P.S." who had held the throne for the last year and had not only endeavoured but had succeeded in supporting the great prestige of the Premier Conclave. Sir Kt. Dubois responded. After some other toasts Sir Kt. J. T. Moss proposed "The Charities," and coupled with it the name of Sir Kt. Little. Sir Kt. Little acknowledged the toast, and gave an interesting account of the progress which had been made in the charities within the last few years. The Girls' School had increased its subscriptions in the time he had occupied the position of its Secretary from £4200 in 1872 to £900 in 1877. He hoped some proportionate advance would be made in the next year. He then referred to the progress of the Order, which was in existence long before the union in 1813, when the late Duke of Sussex was Grand Master ad vitam. There were Masons and Masons, and experience taught us that all Masons were not alike: there were good Masons and bad Masons. Let them try to eliminate from the Craft the best men they could possibly find and have them as members of this Order. Let them remember that this Order—and he would beg of them only to stick to tradition—was founded for proved Masons who had achieved a high position in the Craft, who had been Masters and gone through the various offices. He wished God speed to the American brethren who were extending the degree. Sir Knt. Dubois afterwards gave "The Press," and Sir Knt. Massey having replied, the proceedings terminated.

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### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

On Saturday last a Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, for the purpose of installing Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., as Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. The brethren met at four o'clock in the afternoon, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, taking the chair, and having Bro. Thos. Fenn, Past Grand Deacon, and Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, Past Grand Organist, on his right. The Provincial Grand Officers present were R. W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; W. Bros. John H. Scott, W.M. 271, D. Prov. G.M.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.M. 40, Prov. S.G.W.; C. J. Pocock, P.M. 271, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. E. Walker, W.M. 811, Prov. G. Chap.; C. A. Woolley, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732, Prov. G. Sec.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M. 1184, Prov. G.S.D.; R. Bramwell, P.M. 271, Prov. G.J.D.; C. Tomes, P.M. 1110, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. Dixon, P.M. 271, Prov. G.D.C.; T. H. Cole, P.M. 40, Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. Smith, P.M. 732, Prov. G.S.B.; A. King, 271, Prov. G.O.; J. Eberall, P.M. 315, Prov. G.P.; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315, J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, G. Moren, P.M. 916, T. S. Byass, P.M. 1465, Prov. G.S.; T. Hughes, Prov. G.Tyler; John Hervey, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; J. M. Cunningham, W. R. Wood, W. H. Hallett, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. W. Stride, J. L. Bridgen, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. O. McCarogher, P. Prov. G. Chap.; G. G. Reed, W. Hudson, G. De Paris, W. H. German, P. Prov. S.G.D.; C. J. Langtry, T. N. Prier, J. Dorman, P. Prov. J. G. Deacons; J. Fabian, J. M. Read, P. Prov. G. Supts. of Works; W. Marchant, Bransby Roberts, R. Pidcock, P. Prov. G. Asst. Dirs. of Cer.; W. Challen, S. R. Legg, F. Bellingham, W. Webb Turner, F. Noakes, P. Prov. G. Std. Brs.; G. W. King, G. Smith, J. St. Clair, W. J. Harris, P. Prov. G. Pursuivants; C. Horsley, P. Prov. G. Reg. Middx.; T. J. Sabine, P. Prov. G. S. Br.; Middx.; J. Glass, P. Prov. G. S. Br. Essex; C. P. Henty, W.M. 38; H. Freeman, W.M. 311; S. Solomon, W.M. 732; T. Morris, W.M. 1110; G. Stone, W.M. 1303; Rev. R. G. Mead, W.M. 1465; W. Hale, W.M. 1619; A. R. Croucher, W.M. 40; S. T. Faat, W.M. 315; A. Whitefield, W.M. 916; C. R. Chandler, W.M. 1184; S. B. McWhinnie, W.M. 1466; Bro. H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); and more than 100 members and visitors in addition to above list.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Freeman, acting as Secretary, read the minutes, which were put and carried unanimously. He afterwards read letters expressing regret for inability to attend from Bros. Lord Holmesdale, General Brownrigg, Hickman, Furner, Lord H. Tlynne, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., W. Thompson, Dr. Richards, O'Brien, Fellows, Crossley, Duke, and Scott.

Bro. John Hervey then said: Brethren, you are all well aware of my appearing before you this evening and occupying the chair of our Provincial Grand Master; and I cannot but say that I do so with feelings of somewhat a mixed nature—feelings on one hand of regret, and on the other of congratulation—regret that a noble brother, who has long presided over you, has, from circumstances of bad health, been induced to lay his resignation of the office of Prov. G.M. for Sussex before the M.W.G.M., and this regret, I am sure, is shared by the province as well as by myself, inasmuch, as from the communications I have had from your Prov. G.M., I have always found him a man who acts most straightforwardly and courteously, and as he has acted most straightforwardly and courteously to myself, so I take it for granted he has acted towards the brethren of this province. On the other hand, it is a matter of sincere congratulation that a brother has been selected in his place whom, I am sure, has the kind feelings of every brother of the province, and whom you will support during the time he is your Prov. G.M. You cannot pay him a greater compliment than by at all times rendering him that support and assistance which as Prov. G.M. he is fully entitled to, and I trust that he will prove himself, as I am sure he will, as courteous to the members of the province, and as acceptable in every position in which he acts as Prov. G.M., as Lord Pelham has done during the last ten years. I think the only fault you can find with Lord Pelham is that he has left you, and that, under the circumstances, perhaps, where a man falls into bad health, is a very excusable one. I have come down here to-day with great gratification to perform the ceremony of installing your new Prov. G.M. I feel it a great compliment which he has paid me in asking me to present him to the Grand Lodge as Prov. G.M., and I can only repeat what I have before said, that I am satisfied he will conduct the business of his province in such a manner as to merit not only your support, but your kind and most generous feelings of respect. I will not detain you any longer because I am sure you will feel much more gratified at seeing the legitimate Prov. G.M. in this chair than you are at seeing me in it, and therefore I shall only say I hope and trust that the proceedings of the day will go off so as to merit your approval, and what little I have to do I will do as rapidly as possible, in order that the true owner of this chair may be in possession of the throne which he so well deserves.

At this point of the proceedings Sir W. Burrell demanded admission to Prov. G. Lodge, whereupon G. Sec. of England requested the Prov. G. P. to ask Sir Walter to send in his patent of appointment. This having been done a deputation was formed, consisting of the four G. Stewards—Bros. C. Sandeman, J. M. Kidd, G. Moren, and T. S. Byass—Bro. Dixon, Prov. G.D.C., and the Masters of Lodges 38, 40, 56, 131, Royal York, 341, 732, 851, 916, and 1110, to escort Sir Walter into the lodge. Having entered with the Prov. G.M. nominate, Prov. G. Sec. pro

tem. (Bro. Freeman) read the patent, which was signed by the Prince of Wales, Lord Skelmersdale, and Bro. Hervey. The Chaplain offered up prayer, and Bro. Hervey congratulated Sir W. Burrell upon the trust which the G.M. reposed in Sir Walter by appointing him to the office of Prov. G.M. for such an important province of Sussex. He also offered his congratulations to the brethren of the province on the Prince's selection. Sir Walter then went through the requisite formalities, and was invested by Bro. Hervey with the gorgeous apron and collar of his office. Placing him in the chair he said he had great pleasure in delegating to him the trust which the G.M. had reposed in him.

The usual salute was thereupon given to the time of the Prov. G.D.C., and the new Prov. G.M. said he had considered it his duty to appoint the very best Deputy Prov. G.M. that he could choose from the province, and with that object in view he conferred the apron and collar of that office on Bro. John Henderson Scott, and he would call on the Prov. G. Sec. to read his patent of appointment. This having been read,

The Prov. G.M. said, addressing Bro. Scott, that he felt it would be useless to say much with regard to the duties of D.P.G.M. to so old a Mason, and one who was so particularly looked up to by the brethren of the province. All the brethren would agree that in choosing Bro. John Henderson Scott to be his Deputy Prov. G.M. he had selected the right man, and put him in the right place (cheers). They all knew how zealous Bro. Scott was in the cause of Masonry, and how efficient he was in all the Masonic working of the province. He would conclude by congratulating Bro. Scott on his appointment.

Bro. John Henderson Scott, at the conclusion of this short address, fulfilled the necessary requisitions, and was invested, proclaimed, and saluted.

The office of Prov. Grand Secretary being vacant, the Prov. G. Master appointed and invested Bro. Freeman, P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. G. Sec., and the following brethren were re-invested for the remainder of the provincial year:—T. Trollope, M.D. .... Prov. S.G.W.  
C. J. Pocock ..... Prov. J.G.W.  
Rev. E. Walker ..... Prov. G. Chap.  
Woolley ..... Prov. G. R-g.  
Dr. Tatham ..... Prov. G. Treas.  
B. H. Thorne ..... Prov. S.G.D.  
Bramwell ..... Prov. J.G.D.  
Tomes ..... Prov. G. S. of W.  
Joseph Dixon ..... Prov. G.D.C.  
T. H. Cole ..... Prov. G.A.D.C.  
Walter Smith ..... Prov. G.S.B.  
A. King ..... Prov. G. Org.  
J. Eberall ..... Prov. G. Purs.  
Thor. Hughes ..... Prov. G. Tyler  
C. Sandeman, J. M. Kidd, G. Moren,  
and T. S. Byass ..... Prov. G. Stewards

The Prov. G.M. said that in addressing the brethren for the first time as the Prov. G.M. of this province he thought he might fairly take some feelings of personal satisfaction to himself in consequence of the M.W.G.M. having appointed him to this position. He assumed the position with a great deal of diffidence, feeling that he might sometimes not do quite Masonically that which ought to be done. But he hoped and trusted that with the aid of his officers he would always be able to conduct the duties of his office. The gratification he had expressed was, however, much alloyed when he cast his eye around the room and missed two old Masons whom he had hoped to have seen present, Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner. The Prov. G.M. then referred to the circumstances of the retirement of these two brethren, and explained that Lord Pelham had retired on account of ill-health, and Bro. Furner on account of his engagements being too numerous to enable him to perform the duties of his office. He believed there would be some resolutions of thanks moved, both to Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner, and he was sure every brother would agree that those brethren richly deserved such resolutions of thanks. With regard to himself and his appointment, he hoped he should have health and strength to perform his duties. If he had such health and strength it was his intention to visit every lodge in the province; but, inasmuch as there were nineteen of them, and possibly might soon be one or two more, he did not think he could be expected to visit all in the course of one year. But, to the best of his ability, he would visit them all; and he trusted that with the assistance of the brethren and of the Grand Officers they would be able to conduct this province fraternally, shewing their good-will towards all people, and to the benefit of the Craft in general. He begged most sincerely to thank the brethren for their reception of him that day, and when next they met, in September, he hoped they would be able to see there had been good progress in Masonry. (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. O. McCarogher congratulated the province on the Prince of Wales's choice of a Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. There were few in that hall who could claim so long a friendship with Sir W. Burrell as himself. In the course of twenty-seven years of neighbourhood with him he had experienced many acts of kindness from him as a squire, a gentleman, a Mason, and a man. Although at great inconvenience, he had come that day to witness Sir Walter's installation, but more particularly he had come for one especial purpose, because he (Bro. McCarogher) was the Chaplain who assisted in consecrating the Ockenden Lodge, perhaps the most flourishing in the county. He believed Sir Walter Burrell would rule the province with all his power.

The Prov. G.S.W. proposed a committee for the revision of the bye laws, and said that it was the intention of the brethren to concentrate the strength of the province on behalf of the charities.

Bro. Mark Tanner seconded the motion.

The G.S.W. proposed that the committee should consist of the Deputy G.M., the Treasurer, Secretary, Bros Challen, Kidd, and Eberall.



Several other names were afterwards proposed, and the names of the Grand Registrar, Bros. C. J. Smith, and Dr. Cunningham were added.

An amendment to add the names of the Masters of all lodges in the province not otherwise represented was lost. The original motion was then carried, and it was resolved that five should form a quorum.

Bro. G. W. King then rose and said he felt it a great honour that he had been selected to move a resolution concerning the retirement of Lord Pelham from his post as Prov. G.M. for Sussex. He proposed this resolution partly because he was one of the oldest Provincial Grand Lodge officers. He was an officer when the Prov. G.L. was first instituted. He did not now propose to detain the brethren long; if he had so proposed, he could for the pleasure of the brethren, as well as for himself, spend a long while in dilating upon the merits of Lord Pelham, as shown in his management of Masonry during the time he was Prov. G.M. His lordship followed in the steps of two good and worthy men, Bros. Macqueen and Dalbiac, and during the years of office when he was able to come—and latterly to the brethren's regret he had not been able to come—he gained the goodwill and esteem of all he came in contact with. His urbanity and kindness of heart, his extreme zeal in fulfilment of his duties, were such as were a model for the imitation of every Mason, and it was with very great regret they saw him compelled by the pressure of bad health to retire actually from the performance of his duties until at last he was obliged to give them up altogether and leave the working in the hands of Bro. Furner. All the brethren regretted what then took place, because they saw it must end in his retirement from the post he had so well and worthily filled. It was, alas! unlikely that he would be blessed with returning health and strength, and he was too conscientious and devoted to the interests of Masonry to hold a post of which he could not carry out the duties. Fortunately for his lordship and for the brethren he found in Bro. Furner a good and worthy substitute; but they knew at the same time that a substitute could not do all that a principal might do; and regretfully they saw the time approaching when Lord Pelham would vacate his chair. They were pleased to see that chair filled now by one who would follow in the steps of those who had gone before him, and he (Bro. King) begged to move this resolution in honour of Lord Pelham and as an expression of their feelings towards him on his retirement—"The brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex desire to express their sincere thanks to Lord Pelham for the services he rendered to Freemasonry during the time he held the appointment of Prov. G.M. They retain a lively recollection of the pleasure his presence amongst them during the first six years of his lordship's Mastership afforded them. They remember also the attention he gave, even in retirement, to Masonic matters; and they regret that any circumstances should have severed his lordship's connection with the government of this Prov. Grand Lodge."

Bro. C. J. Langtre, as one of the oldest officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, begged to second the proposition. He could only echo the exhaustive remarks of Bro. King with reference to Lord Pelham.

The resolution was then put and carried nem. con.

Bro. W. R. Wood, Prov. Grand Secretary, said he had the pleasure to hold in his hand a resolution with reference to their late Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Furner. In relation to this resolution everything which had been said by Bro. King so appropriately to the late Prov. Grand Master equally applied to Bro. Furner, strictly and truly. It was their Bro. Furner's desire to retire from the office of D. Prov. Grand Master, and however much they might lament the loss of his grave, edifying, and excellent presence, they had to congratulate themselves on his place being filled by an able successor. Bro. Furner was a brother whom they all knew so well that it would be a waste of time to explain his (Bro. Wood's) own personal feelings with respect to him. It would also be in bad taste to do so, or it would give him great pleasure to say a vast deal in relation to Bro. Furner. It would likewise be superfluous because the brethren knew Bro. Furner so perfectly and loved him so much. Having glanced through the resolution he was about to propose, he would say it was in point, it included all that was pertinent; it was very succinct, and yet fully expressed the brethren's sentiments. "The brethren of the Province of Sussex, in open Grand Lodge assembled, tender to Bro. Edmund J. Furner, Past Grand Deacon, their hearty thanks for the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Sussex during the last twelve years. They remembered that he undertook that office with the understanding that active service would not be required of him." He would here digress for one moment. They knew how differently Bro. Furner had acted although such was the understanding. He most ably discharged all the duties of his office, by travelling great distances on many occasions, in consecrating lodges, and in doing various other duties connected with the craft. "And that unforeseen circumstances drew upon him the whole government of the province for the greater part of the time that he held the office of D.P.G.M., and that he never shrank from the duties imposed upon him, but discharged them with an ability and energy which reflected the highest credit on himself and the greatest advantage to Freemasonry in Sussex, is a fact which the brethren will always remember with the deepest gratitude. They regret that Bro. Furner should have resigned the important position he so long held in the province, but assure him he carries with him into his well-earned retirement the good wishes, the esteem, and the affection of his Sussex brethren."

Dr. Cunningham seconded the resolution. He had always found Bro. Furner a gentleman in every position he was placed in; he was a kind brother, an active man, always courteous, always willing to do what he could in

every way to represent the dignity and honour of the Craft.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Trollope, S.G.W., said it would be a source of gratification to both Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner to have these resolutions embodied in a permanent form. Bro. Furner had one son who was a Mason, if not more, and the brethren hoped that this resolution would be a memorial for him of the esteem in which his father had been held, to be handed down from generation to generation. He therefore proposed "That the foregoing resolutions be inscribed and illuminated on vellum, signed by the Prov. G.M., the D. Prov. G.M., and Secretary, and forwarded to Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner with as little delay as possible."

Bro. Thorpe, J.G.W., seconded the proposition.

The Prov. G.M. put the resolution to the brethren, who adopted it unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. W. H. Hallett, P.P.S.G.W., a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. John Hervey and Bro. Fenn for the honour they had done the province by attending, and installing the Prov. G.M.

Bro. Thorpe, J.G.W., seconded it.

The Prov. G.M., in putting the resolution to the brethren, said that he also thanked Bro. Hervey and Bro. Fenn, and many other Grand Officers who might be present, for their attendance, which he looked upon as a personal honour to himself.

The resolution was adopted nem. dis.

Bro. Hervey said that he was sorry the installation had not taken place on some other day, as to-day happening to be the Queen's birthday, a great many officers of Grand Lodge were prevented attending. There would have been a great many more Grand Officers present but for this circumstance. If the ceremony had been to the Prov. G.M. Master's and to the brethren's satisfaction, he was very glad to have been instrumental in it, and he felt highly delighted to have had the opportunity of placing the Prov. G.M. in the chair. He was quite sure he would conduct its business with dignity to himself and conciliation to the brethren of the province.

On the motion of Bro. J. W. Stride, seconded by Bro. Nokes, power was given to the Provincial Grand Secretary to purchase new collars for Provincial Grand Officers and Stewards.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, supplied by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, caterers, Brighton. The Prov. G.M. presided. [The proceedings at the banquet will be given next week.]

#### HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

COMMITTEE.—Bro. Lord De Tabley, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Cheshire; James J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; C. J. Watkin Williams, Q.C., M.P., 715; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President Board of Benevolence; R. W. Little, Deputy Grand Master, Middlesex; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., P.M. 21, P.Z. 3; Rev. A. F. Woodford, P.G.C.; J. B. Scriven, P.G.S. P.M., 5; George Kenning, P.M. and Treas. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; D. W. Pearce, P.M. 657, 1229. G.R. Middlesex; J. W. West, W.M., 169, P.G.S.W.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.M. 869, P.G.S.B. Herts; H. C. Levander, P.G.D. Wiltshire; W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; J. F. Jackson, P.G.S., P.M. 5; H. Birdseye, P.M. 715; S. G. Myers, P.M. and Treasurer 715; C. W. Gray, P.M. 22; E. F. Storr, W.M. 22; C. J. Hogg, P.M., 58; D. Law, P.M., 58; J. Jonas, P.M., 715; J. T. C. Winkfield; J. Hamilton Townend, P.M., 1426; J. E. Grocott, W.M., 169, P.G.S.W., Herts; G. Phythian, S.W.; No. 22; E. Jones, W.M., 192; G. Abbott, P.M., 192; C. Arkell, 192; W. Hopekirk, P.M. and Treasurer, 179; F. Newton, J. W. No. 5; E. W. Richardson, P.M., 1309. Eames, P.M. 22; Francis S. Smith, P.G.S.W. Cheshire; H. W. Scriven, 5; Eugene Bennard, 869; J. Burroughs, E. H. Hewett, J.W. 325.

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Amount of subscriptions to May 31st, £130 os. od.

#### Obituary.

BRO. REV. W. BEEBY, M.A.

We regret to announce the decease of Bro. Rev. W. Beeby, M.A., which occurred at his residence, Birkby, Maryport, Cumberland, on the 30th ult., after an illness of six weeks, culminating in heart disease. Bro. Beeby was a thorough Mason in every sense of the word, and his loss will be severely felt by the Craft in West Cumberland. He was P.M. of his mother lodge, Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, as also P.P.G. Chaplain for Cumberland and Westmoreland; a companion of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, Whitehaven; a Past Warden of Whitwell Lodge, Mark Masters, No. 151, Maryport; and at the time of his death was M.P. Sovereign of Dyke's Conclave R.d. Cross Knights, No. 36, Cockermouth. Bro. Beeby for some years past lived on his own estate, and held no cure of souls. He was an active J.P. of his county, and a trustee of the town and harbour of Maryport. Our lamented brother, who was in his 45th year, leaves a son and daughter to mourn his loss. The funeral on Saturday week was attended by a large number of the Craft.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Lord Suffield, (the Chairman), and the Stewards of the late festival of this Institution will pay their visit to the School on the 18th inst.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.S.G.W., has consented to preside at the next annual festival of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Mark Lodge, which will be held in July next.

A few words, though late, are due to the memory of the Rev. John Kenrick, who died on the 7th ult., well known to the English scholars of a former generation as the editor of Zumpt's Latin and Matthei's Greek Grammar, as the author of valuable works on "the Egypt of Herodotus" and on "Phoenicia." He was born at Exeter, on the 4th of February, 1788, and studied successively at Glasgow, Göttingen, and Berlin. Though merely a tutor at a Unitarian College at York, he was indisputably the greatest Nonconformist scholar of his own day, and never ceased contributing to organs of critical philology and theology, such as the "Philosophical Magazine," the Cambridge "Philosophical Museum," and the "Prospective" and the "Theological Reviews." He was also a progressive Biblical critic, long before "Essays" and "Reviews" had lighted the torch of controversy—yet never, in his anxiety for progress, affirmed more than he thought himself absolutely able to prove.—*Academy*. (We may add, that Mr. Kenrick wrote a most interesting paper on the Knights Templar, one of the most lucid we have ever seen.—*Ed.*)

The foundation-stone of a new Wesleyan chapel, at Gloucester, to cost about £7000, was laid by Bro. Alderman Hadley, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, on Wednesday week.

An election of children to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum was held at the offices, Newgate-street, on Thursday week. Ten boys and ten girls were elected from a list of candidates. No formal meeting is held at this election, the votes being sent to the office, where they are made up by the scrutineers and clerks.

Bro. S. C. Hall has in the press a little work entitled "Words of Warning, in Prose and Verse; addressed to Societies for Organizing Charitable Relief and suppressing Mendicity." In it he combats the working of these societies, and in the notes appended to the work gives instances of bad results from their operations.

We are requested to state that the announcement which appeared that the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex will pay a visit in state to Sir John Bennett at the Banks, Mountfield, is incorrect.

The installation meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, took place on Thursday, when Bro. R. Roberts was installed W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The following notification was posted at the Admiralty on Wednesday afternoon:—Their Royal Highnesses Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward of Wales and Prince George Ernest Albert of Wales, have received appointments as Supernumery Naval Cadets to H.M.S. Britannia.

A report of the proceedings at the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, on Tuesday last is in type and will appear in our next.

A meeting of the Knights Companions of the R.S.V.C.S., will be held on Monday next at 3 o'clock in the Masonic Hall, Golden-Square.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold has signified his intention to lay the first stone of the detached infirmary of the Earlwood Asylum some time next month.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Friday, the 1st inst., in the handsome hall of the Apollo University Lodge. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W. P.G.M. presiding. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Stewards visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and distribution of prizes will take place at Wood Green, on the 25th inst. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Donoughmore, P.G.W., in the chair.

OYSTERS.—The enigma of the present age has been the progressive rise in the price of oysters. Taking a retrospective glance, say of some twenty years, this excellent and valuable bivalve was obtainable at a price that enabled all classes to enjoy a delicacy that, from the days of old Rome—and long antecedent—has been appreciated. But of late years oysters, like five year old mutton, have been a luxury for the few; the price deterring the limited pocket of participating in this very essential article of food. Happily, however, all this is removed, and through the energy of an enterprising firm, oysters at a "shilling a dozen" are once more in the market, and likely to continue for many years. Messrs. Paxton and Paxton of 27, King-street, Cheapside, challenge quality and comparison with the English Native at this price (one shilling per dozen), and in addition state that with the Anglo-Portuguese Oyster there are no closed months, and that the bivalve is obtainable "all the year round." We note that hampers, 10s. 6d., containing one hundred, and opening-knives, are forwarded, carriage free, to any railway station in England.

It is probable that General Grant will, in a few days, pay a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, who lives at Warsash, a few miles from Southampton. In the event of his doing so the Corporation of Southampton will, if the General does not object, accord him a public reception.



## CONSECRATION OF THE NEWTON LODGE, NO. 1661.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., whilst the bells of the parish church of Newark echoed with their merry peals in honour of the Queen's birthday, the borough was further enlivened by an influx of visitors from various parts of the country to attend the inauguration of a Masonic lodge in Newark. The new lodge, which is called the Newton Lodge, is No. 1661 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, and the ceremony of consecration was performed by the V.W. Bro. Jno. Hervey, G.D., Grand Sec., the officer appointed by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master. Bro. Hervey was assisted by upwards of a hundred of the brotherhood belonging to lodges in this country, as well as New Zealand and South Africa, amongst those present being Bros. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., No. 278, Gibraltar; Danks, 402, P.P.G.S.W.; Vowles, P.G.S.W. Notts.; Robinson, P.M. 47; P.G.J.W.; Brough Maltby, 402, P.G. Chaplain; Newton, P.M. 402, P.P.G.R.; Dickinson, P.M. 297 (Mayor of Lincoln); Goodall, P.M. 402; Rawson, P.M. 402, P.P.G.R.; Allen, 1434, P.P.G.S.W. Notts.; Saul Isaac, M.P., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Wragg, P.M. 402, P.P.G.S.B.; Smyth, D.P.G. 712, Lincoln; Greaves, P.M. 113, P.P.G.O.; Watkins, W.M. 297, P.P.G.D.; Fowler, P.M. 712, P.P.S.G.W.; Rice, 1435; P.G.S.B.; Harrison, P.M. 297, P.G.W.; King, W.M. 601; Lewis, 47, P.G.S.; Sutton, I.P.M. 47; Attenborough, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; M. Irving, 477 (New Zealand); Neale, P.M. 402, P.P.G.W.; George Baxter, P.M. 939, P.P.G.S.D. Notts.; Edward Baxter, P.M. 939, P.G.S.B.; Hawley, P.M. 939; Hodgkinson, P.P.G.S.B.; Gore, 1085; Trueman, P.G. Sup. W.; Terry, P.G.D.C.; Comyn, W.M. 411, P.P.G.S.W. Notts.; F. V. Russell, P.M. 939; H. Shaw, P.M. 939; C. J. Neale, P.M. 840, 472, P.P.J.W.; A. J. Russell, P.M. 939; T. Boulton, J.D., 362; T. Tutin, P.M. 939; S. K. Marsland, 402, M.M.; E. Starey, P.M. 624, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Hodgkinson, P.M. 939, P.P.J.S.B.; Mallender, W.M. 939; and others. On the 5th of June, 1790, the Corinthian Lodge at Newark was consecrated at the Wing Tavern, and the brethren on this occasion assembled in the rooms adjoining the Council Chamber, which at that time formed the Wing Tavern. There can be no doubt, therefore, that the site of the meeting place was identical with that of the gathering in 1790.

The brethren assembled at two o'clock, and having signed the attendance roll took their places in the lodge. Bro. Hervey having asked the Provincial Grand Officers, Bros. Voules, P.G.S.W., Robinson, P.G.J.W., and Attenborough, P.G.S., to assist him in the ceremony, and Bro. Terry having arranged a procession to the lodge-room, the brethren proceeded into the room to the music of a grand march, performed by Bro. Caparn, Organist, the choir at the same time chanting a psalm. The lodge having been opened in due form the ceremony was proceeded with, and carried through in a most impressive manner, lasting about two hours. Subsequently Bro. Newton was presented to the lodge and installed first Master of the new lodge, and having taken the chair and received the congratulations of the brethren in Masonic form he invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge:—Bros. Brough Maltby, P.M. and Chaplain; C. Johnson, S.W.; R. F. H. King, J.W.; Irving, Treas.; Dawson, Sec.; Job, S.D.; G. Branstons, J.L.; Castle, D.C.; Caparn, Org.; Wildsmith, Assistant Org.; Myring and Curtis, Stewards; J. H. Tomlinson, I.G.; Liddell, Almoner; Ward, Tyler.

The other business having been transacted the lodge was closed in due form.

During the ceremony Bro. Hervey addressed the brethren, saying it was usual on these occasions for him to make a few remarks on the nature of the meeting, but he should not trouble them with many observations at the present time. He should not, however, like the occasion to pass without expressing the gratification he felt at coming down into this province to perform the ceremony of consecration of a lodge which he trusted might be of great benefit to the brethren, and also to the town itself. He was quite sure that the members would support the chair at all times, and exert themselves to carry out the directions faithfully and punctually, and to show that they were willing to work for the honours which the Craft gave, and for the offices which might be conferred upon them. No lodge could be carried on without good officers, and if the officers were good, yet if they did not attend there was a lapse; which, as all who had worked a lodge knew very well, created a difficulty. He had no doubt that the brother at the head of the lodge would so tutor his officers that there would be little chance of their not being efficient in the various duties they undertook to fulfil. Before he concluded he might be allowed to advise the brethren to be careful who they admitted as members of their lodge. One appointment made without due consideration might disturb the harmony of the lodge, and destroy its usefulness. He would also suggest that before any member was proposed it was desirable to previously consult the W.M., as nothing was more disagreeable and unpleasant than to have a candidate at any time blackballed. It might be, and he had known it to be the case, a candidate was in every way a fit and proper person to be a member of the lodge, but in consequence of some unpleasant feeling on the part of a brother he was submitted to the annoyance of a black ball, probably to be brought forward again at a future time and admitted. Now, all this could be avoided if the proposition was fairly considered and submitted to the Master previous to its being communicated to the lodge. They would pardon him making these observations, but from his experience he felt it his duty to do so.

Shortly after this address had been given by Bro. Hervey, an oration was delivered by Bro. Brough Maltby, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, in support of Masonry.

During the delivery of the address there were frequent marks of approval from the brethren, and the speaker was requested to allow it to be printed for circulation and distribution. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Hervey for opening and consecrating the lodge, and also to Bro. Terry for the services he had rendered. During the service a collection was made among the brethren, which was sufficient to endow the chair with two votes for the Benevolent Fund in perpetuity.

On the lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a banquet had been prepared. The room was elegantly decorated, and arranged with great taste. The W.M. elect occupied the chair. A long list of toasts was given, and a most agreeable evening was spent. Several of the brethren left by the nine o'clock train, and the remainder broke up shortly after. In reference to the Old Corinthian Lodge, to which we incidentally alluded at the outset, it may be interesting to some of the brethren to know that it was consecrated on the 5th June, 1790; was No. 561, but ceased to hold any regular meetings after 1832, after which date the warrant was returned to Grand Lodge through the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire. Among other relics of that lodge which have been preserved are a very valuable black letter Bible known as a "Breeches Bible," and a sword, which is said to have been used during the siege of Newark. These relics were exhibited on Thursday, and were examined with considerable interest by the assembled brethren.

## CONSECRATION OF THE TONBRIDGE LODGE No. 1678.

Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Grand Master of the Province of Kent, presided at the consecration of a new lodge, to be called the Tonbridge, at the Old Town Hall, Tonbridge, on the 30th ult. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., and an oration on the principles and objects of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., Grand Chaplain.

In the course of the proceedings it was stated by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes, that the province of Kent, which now contained the youngest lodge in the Order, also possessed the oldest out of London, the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity at Chatham. There were now 2200 members of the Craft in Kent, the numbers having been trebled within the last twenty years, while the annual contributions for works of charity had increased in even larger proportion.

The petition addressed to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, for the warrant of Constitution was signed by Bros. W. Page, Mayor of Maidstone; G. Langridge, the Rev. Jas. Amos, the Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Grand Chaplain of Surrey; F. Spencer, C. F. Kemp, G. Angier, M.D., J. Hodgson, E. B. Smith, W. Monckton, B. S. Willmot, and H. D. M. Williams. The petition was recommended by the Krole Lodge, Sevenoaks.

The following were appointed officers of the new lodge:—Bros. George Langridge, W.M.; F. Spencer, S.W.; J. Amos, J.W.; George Angier, M.D., Sec.; W. H. Hodgkin, Treas.; and S.D.; S. P. Potter, J.D.; H. M. Lawrence, I.G.

Nearly all the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were present to assist in the work, including Bro. A. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; A. F. S. Bird, P.G. S.W.; and C. Coupland, P.G.J.W.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the National Schools, Todmorden, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. There was a numerous attendance of present and past Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren, with only one exception, the whole of the eighty-four lodges in the province being represented.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, at a quarter past one o'clock.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers:—

Bro. Edward Ashworth	Prov. S.G. Warden.
" Albert L. Dickens	Prov. J.G. Warden.
" Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. H. Aldridge	Prov. G. Chap.
" James Hall (elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
" Henry Galloway	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry Tunnah	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Smith	Prov. S.G. Deacon.
" Franklin Thomas	Prov. J.G. Deacon.
" Edmund Hartley	Prov. S. of Works.
" J. H. Sillitoe	Prov. G. D. of C.
" John Wood	Prov. G. A. D. of C.
" Bentley Stevenson	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Hy. Greenwood	Prov. G. Purs.
" J. L. Goodwin	Prov. G. Org.
" John Rawcliffe	Prov. G. A. Org.
" Thos. Mitchell	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bros. Samuel Ashworth, S. B. Priestly, J. L. Thorpe, S. Wilson, Thos. Barker, Saml. Lord, Stewards.	

A grant of £300 was made from the Prov. G. Lodge fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, £200 to be applied to the Aged Freemasons' Fund, and £100 to the Widows' Fund.

A grant was also made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

The business of Prov. Grand Lodge being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Town Hall, where a banquet was provided, which was attended by about 200 brethren.

## THE INSTRUCTED AND THE PRECEPTOR.

A pleasant scene followed the "working" of the Victoria Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction on Friday week, a lodge held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street. Bro. Dickens was the W.M. of the evening, and "the Third" was the work which was performed from beginning to end, the courteous Bro. J. R. Stacey, the Preceptor, being in his usual position, and among others there being present Bros. Dwarber, P.M.; While, P.M.; (Freemason) Brock, Snelling Secretary; Denison, Gush, Larchin, Squerril, J. Lee, and many others. A secret apart from the Preceptor had been well kept, and it was simply that the brethren were about to present him with a token of their esteem, friendship, and above all, their gratitude for his teaching and counsel. A few brethren had promoted this purpose, and testimonial haters became testimonial promoters "in this instance," and had not the limits been strictly circumscribed the affair would have grown, so great was the desire to do justice to a worthy man. It had been suggested, upon a change being made in the government of a charity, that two remembrances of the work done should be given. Circumstances into which it is unnecessary to enter prevented the realisation of the suggestion in full, and the result of the brethren's appreciation of Bro. Stacey's kindness, courtesy, and Masonic knowledge was the presentation to him as a worthy "apron man," as one who gives "level consideration" to all things, of a very handsome snuff box in massive silver, and splendidly engraved. Bro. Brock made the presentation, amid the plaudits of the brethren, and with a capital speech, and Bro. Stacey, who was almost inclined to refuse any testimonial, as such, was prevailed upon to accept the box as a token of the esteem and regard of his brother members. It may be mentioned that the Benevolent Fund, in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, for obtaining life governorships by payment of 1s. a week, is entering upon a fresh career of usefulness after qualifying a great many brethren. Bro. Stacey is President, Bro. Snelling is Secretary, and Bro. While Treasurer.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The meeting of the General Committee was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at Great Queen-street, when Bro. Captain Wordsworth presided. There was a large attendance, including among others Bros. B. Head, Moutrie, Raynham W. Stewart, T. H. Turner, Jesse Turner, H. Dubois, C. F. Matter, R. B. Webster, Dr. Ramsay, Col. J. Peters, Hyde Pullen, W. Paas, G. Banks, Browne, Morris, Rawson, Thompson, Vaughan, Row, Rose, Atkin, Thomas Cubitt, John Stohwasser, George Kenning, &c. After the formal business of confirming minutes, &c., it was moved by Bro. Dr. Ramsay, seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, that it was desirable that better office accommodation should be afforded by Grand Lodge for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Dr. Ramsay said that it was not necessary to occupy much of the Committee's time in a matter which carried conviction to every mind to which it was known. It was well-known that the offices devoted to the charitable Institutions were not such as they should be. He thought it behooved them to see how they could put the Institution into a better position, because it was a notorious fact that they could not have any interview with the Secretaries without either clearing the offices of clerks for the time or discussing affairs before half-a-dozen people. It was very desirable that some better accommodation should be afforded for the Secretary of this Institution. He sincerely hoped that the Board of General Purposes would find some mode of effecting an improvement in this respect, because it seemed to him that it was a matter of real necessity. He believed that notice to the same effect had been given by the other Institution. The motion was carried unanimously. The petitions of the following candidates for admission to the school were accepted: Woold, J. Word, A. T. Perrin, F. S. Shapland, and W. J. Parker.

An application by Mrs. Eliza Talbot (whose daughter, formerly in the sister Institution, and for whom in consequence of a spinal affection an expensive instrument was required), who petitioned that, in lieu of the usual grant of a suit of clothes to her son who was leaving the Boys' School, a grant of money might be made for the benefit of her daughter, was considered, and it was decided with regret that the funds could not be diverted as suggested.

The following twelve brethren were elected members of the House Committee for the year 1877-8 out of sixteen nominated: Bros. Browne, J. Gyles Chancellor, Benjamin Head, W. Henry Hunt, W. P. C. Moutrie, William Paas, W. Hyde Pullen, William Roebuck, Sigismund Rosenthal, James George Row, J. Bagot Scriven, R. W. Stewart.

The following nine brethren nominated were elected members of the Audit Committee: Bros. John Boyd, J. W. Dosell, Benjamin Head, W. Mann, D. W. Pearce, George James Row, Jesse Turner, Alexander Wallace, R. B. Webster.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Scrutineers.

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**Answers to Correspondents.**

C. B., P. M., under consideration; "Masons' Marks" and Bro. Dr. Baxter Langley's letter in our next.

The following stand over:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire; Lodges 1002, 1503, 1609; Chapters 73, 249, 1423.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Keystone," "Monde Maconnique," "Hebrew Leader," "The Rosicrucian," and "New York Dispatch."

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

**BIRTH.**

ARNISON.—On the 2nd inst., at York House, Sheffield, the wife of Bro. R. Arnison, of a son.

**DEATHS.**

BEEBY.—On the 30th ult., Bro. the Rev. W. Beeby, M.A., aged 45.

INGLIS.—On the 6th ult., suddenly, at Budnagherry, East Indies, Wm. Hugh Inglis, youngest son of the late W. A. D. Inglis, of the H.E.I.C.S.

JOHNSON.—On the 29, ult., drowned at Cromer, Norfolk, the eldest son of Henry William and Janie Johnson, of Camden-road, Holloway, aged 12.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1877.

**ARRIVAL OF THE PRINCE OF  
WALES.**

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in London on Thursday morning.

**THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMU-  
NICATION.**

We shall refer to the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, in our next.

**CHARITY VOTING.**

So far as the discussion has gone, we do not see that we have gained much that is new or decisive in respect of this very important question. We note no argument of any force; we perceive no illustration of any power. We have a good deal of assertion, dogmatic opinion, "it is because it is," the "post hoc propter hoc," the arguing from a particular to an universal. And though we anxiously study the question, we are as yet exactly where we were, neither wiser, nor better, we fear, nor the least whit impressed by much effective writing and much eloquent language. For the difficulty we feel strongly cannot be decided in this way. If there is one thing, as sensible men and intelligent Masons, we should set ourselves against just now, it is the tendency to appeal more to sentiment than to reason, more to assertion than to proof, more to sensationalism than to fact. It is easy enough, as all who have had much to do with public life, the platform, or the "forum" well know, to appeal to human prejudices and sensibilities, in order to carry a point, or to silence an adversary. But truth and right-reason, as all philosophers know, will not be so dealt with, and the attempt so to treat them always brings its own Nemesis with it, in crude theories, and impracticable proposals, in unsound dogmatism and illogical arguments. It would be deplorable, were it not so very much "of the earth earthy," to realize, what a long way in all things just now, a few plausible platitudes, a few florid figures of speech, will lead some of us, and how often the clear and the careful, the thoughtful and the intellectual, have to make way in the noisy arena of life for the man blessed with a "gift of the gab," for the utterer of specious if preposterous inanities, the asserter of the hopeless magnificence of audacious personality. Now, though such is happily not the case, so far in our Masonic discussion on charity voting has proceeded, we are all, as it appears to us, running a little "riot," going somewhat "wide of the mark," as regards the exact question before us. It is asserted, with much readiness of language and clearness of conviction, that there are abuses in the present system of our charity voting system which require reform; and it is proposed to make a great change (may we not add, pace, one of our correspondents, "P.P.S.G.W.," a revolution?) namely by abolishing the voting day and canvassing, and giving autocratic powers to a central committee. Well! we deny the "abuses" in this sense, and we deprecate, in our opinion, a fatal change, fatal that is to the best interests of the charities themselves, to their independence and absolute fairness of election. We prefer publicity and the present system, with all its "weaknesses," (if you like), to privacy and a select committee. Despite the able arguments of our esteemed P.G. Chaplain, Bro. R. J. Simpson, (and we speak with some little experience, as he knows, on the subject), we cannot endorse any proposed return to a supreme central committee, because it is greatly inferior, in our humble opinion, to the general public opinion of the subscribers. As regards the evils he mentions, they are really infinitesimal, while those which a close system might introduce, may we not irreverently say, "Nomen illis legio est?" If now and then an

improper case gets on the list, it is not, as a rule supported, (though there is no rule without an exception), whereas, under the new system, what guarantee can the subscribers have, that personal interest, or private prejudice, may not take out this case or put forward that case? The central committee is, remember, to have, as we understand Bro. Simpson's suggestion, "unlimited power" in this respect, and from it there is no appeal. Such a system cannot work satisfactorily, we venture to think, and must, from the nature of the case, be productive of many evils. That cases will get on the list, despite the committee, which ought not to be there we fully admit, but then we feel sure that though that evil will always exist until we are all conscientious, it is greatly checked by the present system of open voting and public appeal. But on the "silent system" and "secret system" what is to prevent it becoming more active, nay even rampant? We cannot see how this great evil is, under the new system, to be resisted at all, and for this reason. We take such different views ourselves of what constitutes a distressing case. We have known cases, not a few, which in our opinion were utterly unjustifiable per se, and yet which were openly supported by distinguished brethren, when the candidate's father, for instance, had only barely subscribed for his qualification, and had been out of Masonry for many years at the time of his death. If then, we are going to make these sweeping changes, we shall have to prescribe that no child shall be eligible, unless the father has subscribed five, seven, or ten years, and was a subscribing member at the time of his death, unless he was then, or for some time previously, living in "forma pauperis." Otherwise we should be deluged with cases, which have been taken up hastily or sentimentally, and where the brother having subscribed the "minimum" of qualification, leaves the Order, and then, after a lapse of years, the friends of the poor little orphan return to obtain all the benefits they possibly can from an institution, the deceased had left utterly and practically to itself. Now all these points have carefully to be considered before we talk of change or complaint of abuses, as we always think that it is better to "bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of." And though it is easy to talk of wrong doing it is very difficult, in our opinion, to hit a blot, at least any essential one, in our charity voting, which is fair, most fair, we believe, to all. We cannot, therefore, concur in Bro. Simpson's complaints against "charity voting." Next week we will deal with the fallacy—for it is a great fallacy—that there is anything wrong in the exchange of votes.

**BRO. SIMPSON'S LETTER.**

As our worthy brother, the P.G.C., seems to think that we have misunderstood his previous letter on "Charity Voting," we beg to say that we have not done so in any way. The "revolution," to which ill-omened word, as a loyal Freemason, the P.G.C. naturally objects, is not in actual voting but in the suggested, in our opinion, violent and hurtful change, which would take away from the subscribers generally the power of approving or disapproving of the candidates, and give to a committee in London the special jurisdiction of taking out some cases, and recommending others. Now, though we do not deny that an excellent committee could be formed of impartial brethren, yet in all such legislation, whether Masonic or worldly, we have to deal with things as they are, not as they ought to be. We must provide against the possible misuse of autocratic power, and we feel sure that the subscribers never will consent to allow a committee in London, be it ever so good a committee, to act as a court of infallible authority, from which there can be no appeal. We therefore distinctly oppose any change in the actual working of our charity system, though we may be ready to admit that, like everything else here, it has its weak points. Those weak points are, after all, few and far between, and not very important in themselves. We quite concur, as we say elsewhere, in the proposed suggestion, that more strictness should be shown in deciding on the original application, but once on the list, it must be left



to the general body of subscribers to deal with, and certainly, we should most strongly object to any committee having the power to recommend any particular case. For though that course is practicable in those eleemosynary institutions, where all the candidates are on a level of social position, and the tests of poverty are more easily laid down, it is absolutely impracticable in a charity like ours, which deals with the most contrasted classes, and in which there are hardly two of us who agree as to what are the most deserving claims on our Masonic sympathy and aid. Neither are we prepared to give up the polling day or canvassing cards. Certainly not the polling day, as it is admirably managed, and is generally presided over most carefully and impartially by some one of our most distinguished brethren. As regards "the exchange of votes," on which Bro. Simpson dilates, of course it is always easy to say a thing is wrong because we think it wrong; but such matters cannot be decided on the dicta, however weighty, of individuals, but by careful induction of evidence and facts. Bro. Simpson admits that a brother cannot be compelled to vote, but demurs to his right to allow another brother to do so for him, on the understanding that, for the very purpose, mind, of the charity itself, he is to receive a "quid pro quo" in votes. We may be very dull, and we probably are, but we cannot for the life of us understand what harm, morally or otherwise, anyone does, or can do, who uses his lawful privileges to carry out the election of a candidate in whom he takes deep interest, and which candidate, probably, but for such extra aid, would never get in. Both in principle and in practice we strongly hold, on every system of general or Masonic ethics, that exchanges can be perfectly justified, unless, indeed, we are becoming so subtle and so recondite in our applications of first principles, that we mean to erase from our language and public life, common sense and plain dealing altogether. Let Bro. Simpson place his hand on the one real blot in the voting system, and we will gladly aid him, although it is one which we hold can only be dealt with by public opinion. We mean the unwise support which brethren give to weak, to doubtful, to objectionable cases. If we all acted purely on principle, in this respect, many cases would never appear at all, but we all of us too often take up, hastily or through personal solicitation, or from some fictitious sentiment, feeble and objectionable cases, and the consequence is overwhelming competition, over crowded lists. To this one point, let us direct our efforts, namely, to bring about a higher Masonic morality on this most important subject, and we shall achieve a great moral triumph, and carry out a lasting and righteous reform.

### MASONIC EXHIBITIONS.

In the abstract propriety of Masonic exhibitions, there are few who will, we believe, refuse to concur, the only question with many being the "modus in quo." Probably we are all arrived at the point in educationalism, and if you like a hard word, Paideiology, namely, that in order properly to carry out the true meaning of education per se, we must have gradations of schooling, so to say, from the elementary school, through the middle or grammar school, up to collegiate or university tuition. It is thus inevitable, if we are to make our education a reality, but that we must have, sooner or later, exhibitions for that valuable institution, the Boys' School, as well as for the Girls' School. It appears to us that a great deal of good might accrue to the cause of Masonic education if the two Secretaries of our Schools would convene a meeting of those who take an interest in such subjects, and consult as to the best course to be adopted and the wisest plan to be pursued in order to bring about so desirable a result. There are great difficulties attendant necessarily on Grand Lodge taking the initiative in such a matter. There are even obstacles in the Schools themselves setting up any great scheme, but a Masonic Educational Board, which simply confined itself to raising funds, appointing competent examiners, and paying the scholarships to the successful competitors, might aid to crown the educational edifice with a most useful and helpful organisation. For their labour would be

very simple, their duty very precise. They would appeal for funds; they would appoint the examiners; and on the fair open principle of competition, without favour or partiality, they would permit the successful candidate to proceed to any proper college for the purpose of completing his or her education. The young men would go to college, or training schools, or medical hospitals, (their own selection); the young women in the same way, or they would hold these exhibitions as stewardships, and as everything would depend on the public examiners, the only thing to look to would be a fitting selection of examiners. But in the multitude of competent persons just now there would be no difficulty whatever in this task. Indeed, we apprehend that the committee might, if they thought fit, save much expense by simply sending the candidates alternately to the Oxford and Cambridge middle-class examinations. Now, this is a plan of the future, but, in the mean time, many of our Order may be glad to aid any practical efforts in this direction. We call attention to a letter which appears in another column by which it seems the "Mace Fund" is all but exhausted. The Mace Fund has in view the granting of help to a youth named Mace from our Masonic Boys' School, the orphan of a deceased brother, who has shown talents of a high order, and such as seem to demand a collegiate education. He has been for six months studying at Queen's College, Cambridge, and further donations are asked for, to enable him to continue his residence and university course. He has passed his preliminary examination, and will be ready in a few months to "undergo his final examination prior to presenting himself for ordination." He carried off the Maybury prize and silver medal at the Boys' School. He gained the Divinity prize in the evening classes at King's College, having obtained several first-class certificates, and the Associateship of the college. This is then a case on which Bros. W. Portlock Dadson and Frederick Binckes are fully justified in appealing to the Craft for support. And to all who value the policy, and believe in the need of exhibitions, we think that in this special case a commendable opportunity is afforded them of testing the value of the principle itself, and of advancing that good cause—education.

### PLEASANT JUNE.

June is upon us, not as it should be, in sunshine and brightness, but somewhat dim and dull and hazy. Still to us Londoners and Cockneys, June is always redolent of green fields and fragrant flowers, of pleasant picnics and gay gatherings, grave encounters at Polo, sweet-scented flower shows, and innumerable pleasant dinners at Greenwich, Hampton Court, and Richmond. And to our fair sisters June also often appeals with pleasurable associations and agreeable souvenirs. Croquet and the archery meeting, a pull up the river, an afternoon tea under the "limes," seem to be bidding comely youth rejoice, and to say, "carpe diem," in all of innocent hilarity and genial sympathy. Far be from us that needless asceticism of some, which seems to make all gaiety wrong, and to consider all amusements hurtful. We are not puritans, and we do not believe in puritanism. We never did, and we never shall, inasmuch as human nature seems ever to rebel against the arbitrary laws of the tyranny of fanaticism, and by way of revenge, when needlessly hindered or interfered with, to plunge directly into hurtful excesses or unseemly license. Being then, on the good old teaching of Masonry, friends of social gaiety and legitimate relaxation, the agreeable gathering and the pleasant reunion of the cheerful and the decorous, we think it well to try and strike a key note of harmony which will accord, let us trust, with the genial season of an opening summer. Our lodges are mostly closing their half-year's campaign and thinking about a summer day's outing, somehow or somewhere. Shall we be considered very revolutionary or very silly if we suggest that with our summer St. John's we try the experiment of introducing the presence and the charm of our kindly and always sunny sisters? Surely many a little friendly meeting—many a summer St. John's would be made more agreeable in itself,

more pleasurable in memory, if we gave to it the novelty and the charm of female association, of woman's improving personality. We have gone on in the old track for years. Mock turtle, and turbot and lobster sauce, perhaps whitebait, two or three entrees, boiled turkey and tongue, a saddle of mutton, and plenty of champagne and good claret, and, we have no doubt enjoyed our dinner. But after it, what then? If speeches are permitted at the summer St. John's (which sometimes wisely they are not), we know well all that our good W.M. will say, all that P.M. Tinkleton will advance, all that our excellent Treasurer will modestly affirm. We have listened to Bro. Brady's song and Bro. Timmin's sentiment over and over again, and we have cheered the most eloquent of Senior Wardens, and have done honour to the Tyler's toast. And in fact we know each other very well, as we are all fast mates, cheery companions, and good friends. But is there not a little monotony, however pleasant, in all this? Suppose, to vary the scene, to change the "venue," we ask our sisters to join the pleasant little festival, can any harm come of it? Will any evil be done? We think that, on the contrary, our Masonic gathering, and our Masonic life will be equally improved and elevated. Yes, as we believe in woman's gentle and truthful, and kindly and intelligent, and elevating mission, we are of opinion that new life will, so to say, be thrown into many a lodge outing, if with our well-known brethren we associate also that sisterly element, which will certainly lend a charm to all the accessories of the aggregation, and throw both grace and pleasantness around that friendly circle. It is not always good for us to give too full scope to the mere tendency to personal enjoyment, or male facetiousness. It is better for us all to find ever with us restraining influences or awakening sympathies, a gentle monitress, so to say, at our sides, rendering our "Alba Dies," alike happy in beginning, beneficial in progress, pleasurable in ending. We hardly realize sufficiently, perhaps, what the society of woman does to help and better us all. We are so much given up to club life, to man's way of thinking and acting, so isolated in our tastes and ways, and so select, so selfish, that we look upon female society, somewhat more as a necessary trial to be gone through with, than as a great blessing to be appreciated. Many of our social evils just now arise from the too separate lives of men, and we, therefore, are glad to have the opportunity of expressing how much we feel is the great value of female association. With our gatherings this summer, just now, and during a little space, let our good brethren endeavour to see if they cannot make them more lively and more agreeable, by bringing in our fair sisters to adorn and elevate, to charm and to please. They will bring with them, as we know full well, good humour and good looks, kindly voices and sunny smiles, true friendship and warm hearts, and we shall all be better for their company, and all be improved by their juxtaposition. Even our very distinguished young and rising Bro. Jorrocks, W.M. of the Lodge of "Manly Virtue," says that it is not a "bad idea, to ask the wimmen," especially as he adds, "he knows one or two, who like a good dinner, who won't refuse a glass of champagne, who can applaud a good song, who don't object to smoking, and who are, on the whole, as sensible and as easy to get on with as women can be." We are quite sure that Bro. Jorrocks is right, and we hope that our friendly remarks, will be taken in good part, and lead, perhaps, to a most beneficial reform.

"OXFORD REFERENCE BIBLES."—Mr. Henry Froude, of the Oxford University Press Warehouse, Paternoster row, has lately issued a most attractive and useful series, in four sizes, of what he terms "Oxford Reference Bibles." This Bible is not merely a Bible, but a library of Biblical information. Besides the text, it contains in an appendix entitled "Helps to the Study of the Bible," among many other particulars, a summary of each book; lists of miracles and parables; a Harmony of the Gospels; Biblical topography, natural history, and ethnology. In addition, there are an Index, the whole of Cruden's Concordance, and twelve very carefully drawn and finished maps. With all this, the type, as might, indeed, be expected of a work issued from a University Press, is beautifully clear, and the volume in its several sizes, can be had bound in such way as to make it an acceptable gift book.



## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## CHARITY VOTING.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I see that there is a great deal of discussion going on just now in the *Freemason* about a matter to which I have given very great attention for years, and with which, without any egotism, I fancy I am fully conversant. I, therefore, trouble you with a few lines to-day, though I trust not to tire your readers, the more so as I fancy I note in some of the communications I have perused many assumptions and more assertions, but little practical knowledge of the real difficulties of the case.

The whole question of charity voting is alike in the abstract and the concrete, a very serious one, and certainly not to be decided by declamatory appeals or hap-hazard statements.

I know of no more really difficult matter, per se, than the treatment of our Masonic educational and charitable lists.

The popular theory just now appears to be this:—

There is a list given you, say, of forty cases, and you are bound to select the most distressing case, and vote for it. Now, however fine and sentimental such a view may be for an argument ad hominem, or a "tag" to a speech or a letter, it will not, I apprehend, for one moment endure the rough shock of a logical criticism.

In the first place, it is not tenable in the abstract, it is not workable in practice. The subscriber is not bound, either "foro conscientie" or anything else, to select the most distressing case, and for this reason, because it is not possible to lay down what is objectively the most distressing case, we can only realize it subjectively. There are no possible rules or conditions that I am aware of, which can be appealed to, in order to render any one case the most distressing. All that the voter is bound to do is to select a distressing case, and give to it his best efforts. For all cases are supposed to be distressing cases, a fact too often forgotten, and no one case that is not a distressing case ought to appear on the list. But here comes in difficulty No. 1, to which I will allude later. Neither is the most-distressing-case theory practically workable. In this our practice always antagonises our theory. Why it is not notorious, as an illustration, to show the difficulty of the whole question, that many of us publicly, for some reason or other, put our names to cases which, strictly speaking, perhaps, ought not to appear on the list at all! I allude especially to those which emanate from indiscreet Masons, as I consider them, who, though the deceased brother had only subscribed the exact "minimum" of qualification, and was out of Masonry several years, actually put forward such cases and carry them, which shut out the children of those who have subscribed for years, until death took them from the lodge and the Craft.

Knowing the inconsistency of us all in this respect, and distrusting from old experience the "tall talk" of hasty generalists and would-be reformers, I deprecate the dogmatic assertion that we are all bound to select "the most distressing case." We cannot do so, for the reason I have before pointed out; we can only select what is "pro tanto" to us a sufficiently distressing case, what is comparatively the most pressing one on our sympathy, and help it as much as we possibly can. Now, the real difficulty in all this "vexata questio" arises from a want of conscientiousness in us all alike. We put forward cases which ought not to appeal to eleemosynary aid at all, and the only antidote for this fast growing evil is public opinion, public voting, not the power of elision or recommendation, for that would only intensify the evil. As a result of our present system, attacked as it is hastily and unjustly, we succeed in electing the most deserving cases as a general rule. When any case fails, it is through want of inward soundness or outward support for the most part, and the percentage of the failing cases is wondrously small. But, reverse the system, give a committee the power to reduce the number of candidates, or to recommend special cases, or to take out received cases, and there will be no limit, properly speaking, (owing to human weakness), to the number of unsound cases which will be foisted on to our charities.

I advocate, indeed, more inquiry in the initial process; more careful investigation of the actual merits of the case; the rank of the petitioner, and the position of the petitioner's friends; and I quite concur with Bro. Hughan in suggesting a special certificate from the W.M. and Wardens and Secretary in open lodge. Beyond that, I do not believe in the possibility of much change; and I am quite sure that Bro. R. J. Simpson's well meant suggestions would aggravate instead of diminish the evils he talks about, and which, I confess, after an experience of 18 years, I am, to a great extent, ignorant of.

As regards exchanges, I cannot understand the objection to them, or on what grounds such objections are made. It is all very well to say they are wrong—but why? How?

Exchanges proceed simply on the ground of possible election, and without exchanges are permitted many candidates never can get in at all. As for their being corrupt, or injurious to others, such a statement can only proceed from those whose acquaintance with the subject practically is most superficial and limited. But as the question is so large in itself, and so important, I propose to go into it fully in your next *Freemason*, if I have not tried the patience of your readers.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

AN OLD CHAIRMAN OF A PROV. CHARITY COMMITTEE.

TO BRO. BEIGEL, VIENNA.

Dear Bro. Beigel,—

I have to use the medium of the *Freemason* to find out where you are. I answered your letter to Clifton, as you requested, by return of post, but only on Friday last received it from the Returned Letter Office, having been redirected to the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, the day it reached the hotel at Clifton Down. Another letter has been returned to me from the same hotel, so that our correspondence has been interrupted, and our meeting seems problematical. Fearing you should deem me deficient in courtesy, (for I wrote by return of post), and being most desirous to see you, I hope that this letter may catch your eye, and that we may arrange a meeting.

Yours most fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

10, Upper Porchester-street,  
Hyde Park-square, W.,  
June 4, 1877.

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your report of my remarks, as a visitor at the meeting of the Langton Lodge (No. 1673), held on Wednesday last, a misprint occurs, which by substituting the word "they" for "he" casts a reflection upon those of whose working I have the highest opinion, and was then referring to with pride.

It should read, "he thought they could teach others a great deal."

I had previously had experience of the working of some of the Metropolitan Lodges, and was very pleased to be able to congratulate the W.M., Bro. H. D. Stead, that his rendering of the ceremony of initiation was equal to that of the Lancashire lodges, of whose very correct working I could but speak in the highest terms of praise.

Kindly insert this in your next issue, and oblige, yours fraternally,  
HENRY THOMAS,  
Oldham, June 2nd, 1877. P.M. 277.

## THE LAUSANNE CONFERENCE, &amp;c.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Please allow me to say that my letter in your impression of the 26th ult., brought me a long circular letter issued by the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in regard to the charge of the abnegation of a personal God. It was made by the Supreme Grand Council of Scotland against that of England, and is, I should judge, a satisfactory contradiction to the charge so far as England is concerned.

I should be sorry if my letter has given offence to innocent brethren, for I by no means qualified it in such a way as to be personal to such. I simply gave the business instead of the name of three persons, of whom I was giving evidence. So I would like to allow the matter to remain.

There is nothing, in my opinion, so objectionable in Masonry as the intolerance of ignorance. The opinion of those qualified to give it should be listened to with respect, however it may clash with preconceived opinions in any branch of Masonry, and more especially when that branch has no legitimate history; and so far I am sure you will agree with me.

Although "W. E. N." has given us no further information about the marks at Jerusalem and Shushan, and their relation to the Phœnician character, he has yet given us a very interesting explanation of the circle and the triangle, and their relationship with Hindu science, and I would like to see him extend the application. There is an Indian Order (established in this country) called the Sat Bhai, which enters upon the same subject as developed in the sacred lotus—the grand symbol of the Order.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

[Our brother will see that his remarks were personal, and as such open to animadversion. But here let it rest.—Ed.]

## ILLEGITIMACY AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much interested in the communication from Bro. the Rev. H. John Hatch, P. Prov. G. Chap. Essex, and quite concur in his views on the subject of "illegitimacy and Freemasonry."

It appears to me that the qualifications for being proposed as a candidate, under the Grand Lodge of England, are simply these: "Just, upright, and free-men, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals." Hence the questions as to illegitimacy, or physical disqualifications, have no place in modern Freemasonry, and so long as the Book of Constitutions is observed, evidently an illegitimate, or one physically imperfect, may be fairly accepted for admission into Freemasonry.

My opinion is that the Editor is of quite the same opinion, and that his explanation meets the case, his remarks having had to do simply with an ancient but obsolete law on the subject. I have, myself, seen copies of affidavits of the last century, witnessing that the candidates had been born in "lawful wedlock," but, happily, now our desire is to be convinced of the moral qualifications, and if the candidates are "just and upright men," even if they are illegitimate, as Bro. Hatch says, "they may ultimately reflect honour on our choice."

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

P.S.G.D.

[As Bro. Hughan points out, we did not express any opinion ourselves on the moot point. All we did was to treat it archæologically, and to state what had been the custom of our speculative as well as the operative Order,

and of which there can be no doubt. There is, however, no rule without an exception.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to the correspondence which has appeared in your columns on the above subject, I should be glad to be informed why you consider "Dunckerley is not quite a case in point," and what is the difference between his illegitimacy and that of any other person?

I have never heard that "the rule of the Craft" is adverse to the reception of all not born of honest parentage," but that their respectability and position in life only have been taken into consideration, and it occurs to me that the "tongue of good report" may speak as favourably of those who are illegitimate as of those who are born in lawful wedlock. If the rule of the Craft was adverse to the admission of illegitimate persons, would not lodges take special care that none such were admitted, whereas, at the present time (so far as my experience goes) there is nothing to prevent their admission, and certainly no law or rule in the Constitutions to that effect, and if they are otherwise worthy it would undoubtedly be a great hardship to them to be excluded solely on account of that which is their misfortune, and not their fault.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

B. A.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If an Irish Mason may take part in the controversy begun by "Enquirer" in your publication of the 19th May, and in which I have taken much interest, I beg to ask your attention to Clause IV. of the "Ancient Charges," as published by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in the second sentence of which it will be found that "No Master should take an apprentice that is not the son of honest parents," thereby, being a "printed law," as I would read it, to the effect that any one entitled to the badge of the "bar sinister" is not acceptable as a Free and Accepted Mason.

I am fraternally yours,

J. ORMISTON ANDREWS,

H.K.T. 154 and 513, I.C.

## DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Being a sojourner here, I apply to your talented journal for information on a subject which has given rise to much discussion in the new world, without settling the vexed question, or shedding that light which, as the necessary adjunct of truth, ought readily to be found by those who diligently seek her footsteps.

On the occasion of my former visit to England in 1875, I took the opportunity to be present at the meeting of a "blue lodge" and the convocation of the Capitular Degrees, and was forcibly struck with the great dissimilarity of their work and ritual to that in use in the United States, and I naturally inquire whence this anomaly, inasmuch as I am guided by the aphorism that Masonry is universal and unalterable?

It is absolutely certain, that Masonry, to be pure and identical, should have one—and only one—interpretation in every land where it is known, and the original text can alone be true, and all others which have been subjected to interpolation must be received with grave apprehension and adopted with extreme caution.

I am led to these remarks with the hope that some student of ethics may be able to lay before the fraternity the true and original work and ritual of the Cryptic Degrees, and that when so obtained the Grand Lodges of the world will decree their restoration in pristine form, to the exclusion of all other versions whatever.

While I can in no way agree with those writers, however erudite their arguments, who disclaim any great antiquity to the Institution, because its history and nomenclature are simply adaptations of earlier times, and are not comprised of any revelations or secrets which the student of theology cannot trace from the pages of the Bible and the writings of the inspired prophets, I am of the opinion that its principles are co-existent with the creation of man himself, and hence the actual data of the foundation of the Order (although wrapped in the impenetrable veil of obscurity) is not a matter to involve any doubt as to its being identical in its intentions to that first altar set up by our first parents in the gardens of Paradise.

It is not possible, perhaps, to prove that the Hindoos, Arabians, and North American Indians do really possess the traditions and the signs, &c., &c., of Freemasonry, although it has been asserted that many of the wandering Bedouins have received all the light, &c., and it is certainly known that the Indian chief, Tecumseh, was a F. and A.M.; but all these circumstances do not prove the universality of the Institution, which is its only great keystone.

That Freemasonry was intended for all men who are "free born, of lawful age," &c., is the maxim of the Order, without reference to nationality or colour; it being "the internal and not the external qualifications which recommend a man to be made a Mason," and I am therefore perplexed to know by what right some of the jurisdictions refuse to admit the African, notwithstanding that he has full evidence of being free-born, &c. Upon what principle is his exclusion from the "lights, &c.," of Freemasonry based? And, while entirely opposed to miscegenation, I cannot see by what course of reasoning the "noble savage" is admitted to the Order, and the Ethiopian excluded, because of the colour of his skin; or is the red man "Lo," better than the black man "Pompey?"

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALFRED WELDEN.

London, May 30, 1877.



## THE MACE FUND.

[We are glad to publish the following, wishing the good object of the appeal all success.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have much pleasure in announcing that our appeal on behalf of the above fund has been so far successful as to have enabled Mr. Mace to study at Queen's College, Cambridge, during the last six months.

He has passed his preliminary examination, and will be sufficiently prepared by a few months further study to undergo his final examination prior to presenting himself for ordination.

We feel that, having gone thus far, the brethren will not allow the fund to lack support for so worthy an object as assisting one of our Masonic boys, who, having carried off the silver medal and Maybury prize at our school, pursued his studies, at his own expense, after his day's work was done, in the evening classes at King's College, London, and there, by hard work, gained the Divinity prize, several first-class certificates, and the associateship of that college.

We feel, therefore, justified in asking for further subscriptions, which we hope to receive soon, as the fund at present is entirely exhausted.

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.  
FREDERICK BINCKES, Sec. R.M.I.B.

## MISUSE OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to call the attention of the Craft, through the columns of your excellent journal, to the increasing use, or rather misuse, of the venerated emblems, of our Order. On bill-heads, business cards, signboards of public houses, &c., &c., are to be found Masonic emblems, simply for the purpose of trade. This I believe to be against the spirit of our Constitution. The harm done in this way would not, perhaps, be so great, were it not that a great many persons who are not Masons make use of these signs without, of course, having any right whatever to do so. This I know as a fact, several cases having come under my notice lately. But, I think, the greatest misuse which has been made of our well-known symbols, is that to which I now call your special attention.

There is a medical pamphlet called the "Golden Casket," or "Guide to Health" (issued by a firm of gentlemen, the name of one of whom recalls the shutting up, by the police, of an anatomical museum some time ago), distributed about the streets of London. On the front page of this most offensive pamphlet are to be found the usual Masonic emblems, doubtless with a view to drawing some poor unwary brother into their meshes.

Really, this parading of our ancient and venerated symbols is fast becoming a crying evil, and, in my humble opinion, some steps should at once be taken to put an end to it. I am not the only person who has remarked this growing evil, and, has noted the harm it does, by lowering, in the opinion of outsiders, and even of members, our grand and glorious Order.

Yours fraternally,

C. F.,  
Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.

## THE EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the letter of Bro. Findel confirmed my letter to you in the *Freemason* of the 28th of April in its whole substance, I think I am justified, for the sake of fair play, to hope that you will give me the satisfaction of mentioning in your next issue that my statements were throughout correct.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. STRAUSS,  
Chaplain of Harmony, 600.

## BRO. CONSTABLE'S DRAWING, ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you kindly inserted a letter from me some time ago, inviting our friends to assist in raising the "One Thousand Pound's Fund," on which my friend, Bro. Constable, has set his mind, will you not add to the favour by, my stating that unless all the counterparts are returned on or before Wednesday, the 13th inst., they will be too late for the drawing, which will take place that evening, as announced on the tickets. I am most anxious as to this, because several of my friends have not yet made a return of the tickets sold, and the counterparts should be in at least by the 11th inst., to allow of time for registration. It is a work of considerable magnitude, and I am delighted there is every prospect of such a grand total list as £1000 being realized.

I understand that the result of the draw will be advertised in the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.  
P.G.D.

## AN ERRATUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The communication respecting the Grand Lodge of Munster was from our good Bro. James Horner Neilson, P.M., 620 (Dublin), P.M. 131, Truro, &c., &c., and not from James H. Bilson, as it is erroneously stated in the *Freemason* of 2nd June.

There are also a few typographical errors in my article on the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent, but mostly of little consequence. The sentence as to Records should read *The Grand Registrars* (i.e., of Kent) were termed *Record Keepers* until 1839, the word now being intended for *work*.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

## THE RIGHT OF VISITING.

We have been requested to publish the following Correspondence:—

[COPY.]

Meridian Lodge No. 1469, E.C.,  
Cradock, South Africa,  
November 25th, 1876.

The Grand Secretary,  
Freemasons' Hall, London.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

I beg respectfully to draw your attention to a bye-law of this lodge in its relation to the Constitution. Article "Visitors."

The bye-law is as follows:—

"No brother residing in Cradock shall be allowed to visit the lodge more than once without becoming a joining member"—and is confirmed by the Acting D.G. Master under date Capetown, August, 1874.

A respectable Mason residing in this town, who is a subscribing member of a lodge in another district, presented himself as a visitor at our last regular meeting, being the second occasion on which he had visited the lodge. The question arising whether, under the above bye-law, this visiting brother could be admitted, the W.M., Bro. W. Stoner Leigh, held that, notwithstanding the bye-law, under the Constitution, Article Visitors, Sections 2 and 3, the lodge could not refuse to admit him. That as Section 2 (page 89) declares "it is within the power of the lodge to refuse admission to any brother of known bad character," the obverse of the proposition must be maintained, that "it is not within the power of the lodge to refuse admission to a visitor who is not of known bad character," presuming him, of course, to be otherwise properly credentialled. And that as Section 3 states, "A brother who is not a subscribing member to a lodge shall not be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft," the obverse must also be held good that a brother, who is a subscribing member to a lodge, shall be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides.

The W.M., while fully approving of the intentions of the bye-law referred to, one of which was to prevent residents in Cradock from passing by the lodge in their own districts, and applying to lodges at a distance, where they might not be so well known, or where the fees might be less, ruled that though this bye-law had been confirmed by the Acting D.G. Master, yet, being in opposition to the Constitutions, it must give way, and is, in fact, of no effect whatever in the case of a brother who has not seceded from the Craft. The visiting brother in question was accordingly admitted.

I am now instructed by the W.M. to lay this ruling before you, so that, if right, it may be confirmed, and that the lodge may be properly guided for the future.

Should the bye-law be maintained, a possible issue presents itself. The visiting brother referred to might apply for admission as a joining member, and, in case he were rejected, he would be virtually debarred from Masonic communication with his brethren, though a recognised member of the Craft—a heavy penalty to pay for the error in judgment that he probably committed when he became a Mason in applying to a lodge at a distance for admission and not to the lodge in his own town.

I am, Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,  
(Signed) THOMAS R. SMALLMAN,  
Secretary.

P.S.—The question appearing to be of some general importance, as involving the right of visitors, on which the Book of Constitutions is not very explicit, I am also directed to request your permission to publish your reply in some Masonic journal for the benefit of the Craft.

(Signed) J. R. S., Sec.

Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, E.C.  
Cradock, South Africa,  
November 29th, 1876.

The Grand Secretary,  
Freemasons' Hall, London.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

Referring to my letter of the 25th inst. (per this mail), the S.W. of this lodge being of opinion that the ruling of the W.M., Bro. Leigh, in the case referred to, was incorrect, the W.M. has requested him to put in writing his reason for dissenting from such ruling, and holding that the bye-law in question is not opposed to the Constitutions, or Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and, therefore, not inoperative; and has instructed me to forward the same, that you may be more fully informed in the matter.

I am, Very Worshipful Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
(Signed) THOMAS R. SMALLMAN,  
Secretary.

Cradock, 28th November, 1876.  
MINUTE.

A brother from Albany Lodge, No. 389, having applied for admission, for a second time, as a visitor to the Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, and the W.M. having ruled that the lodge was bound to admit such brother, unless it could be shown that he was of known bad character, or had seceded from the Craft (vide Constitutions, Art. Visitors, Sec. 2 and 3), I expressed my dissent from the ruling of the W.M. upon the following grounds, viz:—

1. The bye-law of the Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, which expressly provides "no brother residing in Cradock shall be allowed to visit the lodge more than once, without becoming a joining member" is expedient and requisite in this town, where there is only one lodge, and some resident Masons not subscribers to it.

2. That, in my opinion, there is nothing in the Con-

stitutions, either in the article "Visitors" or in any other, to prevent the lodge passing such a bye-law.

3. That the lodge having passed the bye-law, which was duly confirmed by the acting D.G. Master, is bound to enforce it until regularly altered or amended.

The argument of the W.M., that as Sec. 3 of the article "Visitors" prohibits a lodge admitting as a visitor more than once a brother who has seceded from the Craft, therefore, the obverse rule must obtain, and that a lodge is bound to admit every visitor who is in good standing with the Craft, is not, in my opinion, a correct reading of the section, and, however genuine or politic such a construction of the section may be, I cannot see how it can be held to debar a lodge from passing a bye-law to the contrary, as has been done by the Meridian Lodge.

Apart from the question of Bye-law 19, and supposing it had not been passed, I am by no means prepared to admit that a lodge is bound to receive a visiting brother as often as he may wish to visit it; it may do so as a matter of courtesy to the brother himself, or to the lodge from which he hails, but it is at the option of the lodge, I think, to receive him or not.

In the case above referred to I must respectfully, but firmly, dissent from the ruling of the W.M., and express my opinion that by Sec. 5, of article "Private Lodges," he is bound to observe and enforce Bye-law 19.

(Signed) J. E. GREEN, S.W.  
Meridian Lodge, No. 1469.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
1st March, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th November, and the dissent of the S.W. of the 28th November from the ruling of the W.M. of the Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, relative to the admission of visitors.

I considered the question of sufficient importance to induce me to obtain the opinion of the Grand Registrar before answering it, and his opinion is to the following effect:—

"In my opinion the bye-law is bad, and must be rescinded. All Masons, whilst subscribing members of lodges, have a right to attend a meeting of a lodge, unless their presence therein would disturb the harmony of the proceedings of the lodge.

"The Book of Constitutions points out that it is in the power of the lodge to exclude persons of known bad character from entering a lodge. I think, however, that the right of denying admission to visitors is not limited to persons of known bad character. On the contrary, in my opinion, if any Mason should present himself as a visitor to a lodge, and any member of that lodge should object to his admission on personal grounds, such as those pointed out in the ceremony of initiation, I think the W.M. would be justified in refusing him admission. In the absence of any such objection, I think any bye-law which enacts a general right to exclude is bad, and must be held to be null and void. In this particular case, the ruling of the W.M. should, in my view, be upheld."

You will be pleased to understand that the right of visitors does not extend to partaking of the refreshments of the lodge, unless invited to do so, but simply to its working. I hope the opinion of the Grand Registrar, as above copied, will set the matter at rest.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) JOHN HERVEY, G.S.  
Thomas R. Smallman, Esq.,  
Secretary No. 1469, Cradock.

SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ART.—The pupils of this institution gave two successful entertainments, on Saturday and Monday evenings, at Ripon House. The piece chosen for representation was W. S. Gilbert's, "Pygmalion and Galatea." Miss E. Welshman as Galatea acted with great refinement, Mr. A. F. Lewis (Pygmalion) was also very successful. Mr. Ettison, who played Chrysolos, the Art Critic, has all the elements of an excellent low comedian, and Miss Lee acted Daphne with great dramatic power. Miss Ricardo was excellent in parts. The performance altogether went smoothly, and there was throughout evidence of careful study and good training.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *sampler*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary



## GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick, G.M., presided, Gen. Brownrigg being in the S.W. chair, and Bro. W. E. Gumbleton in the J.W. chair. The other brethren present were V.W. Bros. Thos. Meggy G.M.O.; W. S. Webster, G.S.O.; Magnus Ohren, G.J.O.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, G. Chap.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W.; G. Sec. W. Bros. J. E. Curteis, G.J.D.; R.W. Edis, F.S.A., G. S. of W.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., as G.D.C.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C., as G.A.D.C.; Thomas Poore, as G. Swd. Br.; J. H. Spencer, G.I.G., as G. Std. Br.; H. W. Binckes, G. Asst. Sec.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler; J. C. Mason and C. Pulman, G. Stewards; with M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bros. J. M. Cunningham M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex; John Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., Prov. G.M. Cornwall; Sir Wordsworth, D. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hampshire; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.W.; Rev. Wm. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Chap.; T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap.; V.W. Bros. Magnus Ohren, Thos. Meggy, R. W. Little, P.G.M. Overseers; S. C. Dibdin, P.G.J.O.; W. Bros. George Lambert, P.G.S.D.; E. T. Payne, P.G. Supt. of Works; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.D.C.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C.; T. S. Mortlock, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. G. Glover, Henry Massey (*Freemason*), George Yaxley, Israel Abrahams, P.G. Stewards; and the following Provincial Grand Officers:—W. Bros. G. Toller, jun., P. Prov. G.S.W.; W. Watkins, Prov. G. Sec. Monmouthshire; J. K. Pitt, Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. Taylor, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and a large number of Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren of private lodges.

Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, having read the minutes of last half-yearly communication, the same were put and confirmed.

The next business being the receipt of the report of the General Board, it was taken as read, on the motion of Bro. C. F. Matier, seconded by Bro. Thos. Mortlock.

The following is the report of the General Board:—

The General Board have the gratification of being able to announce the continued prosperity of the Mark Degree, which is shown by the fact that during the six months ending 31st March, 1877, the number of certificates issued from the Grand Secretary's office was 522.

During the same time, warrants for new lodges were issued as follows:—

- No. 196 "Earl of Chester," Chester.
- " 197 "Studholme," London.
- " 198 "Croydon," Croydon.
- " 199 "Duke of Connaught," Dalston.
- " 200 "Lazar," Hokitika.
- " 201 "Wahab," Bengal.
- " 202 "St. Mark's in the South," Tasmania.

On the 5th April, 1877, Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.P.G.M.M.M., assisted by several of the Grand Officers Present and Past, constituted at Newport, Mon., a new Mark Province of Monmouthshire, and installed as the first R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray. From the high respect and esteem in which this distinguished brother is held by every member of his Masonic province, the best and most happy results may confidently be anticipated.

The Board are happy to report the revival of the old time immemorial Mark Lodge, "The Lebanon," meeting at Liverpool, which has accepted a warrant of confirmation from the M.W.G.M.M.M.

The Board recommend to Grand Lodge for favourable consideration grants from the Benevolent Fund of £20 to Mrs. P., wife of Bro. J. P., a lunatic in Bethlehem Hospital, £25 to Bro. E. B., £20 to Mrs. W.

With a view to facilitate the recognition of the services of brethren of worth and merit, the Board have to ask the Grand Lodge to give the M.W.G.M.M.M. power to increase the number of Grand Deacons from Two to Four.

The proceedings of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts have been received.

The question having arisen, whether it was within the prerogative of the M.W.G.M.M. to confer the rank of Past Master upon brethren who had not served their full year in the chair of a lodge, without the consent of the Grand Lodge, and the G.M.M. having been pleased to refer the matter to the General Board for their opinion and advice, the Board have unanimously advised the M.W.G.M.M. that, inasmuch as the rank of Past Master confers a seat in Grand Lodge, it is not within his prerogative to create Past Masters without the consent of Grand Lodge.

The Board recommends that the Audit of Grand Lodge Accounts shall take place monthly, and that the Auditor's fee be increased to £25. The accounts of Grand Lodge, as audited by the official Auditors, are subjoined.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.,

May 16th, 1877.

President.

Bro. Portal, P.G.M., moved the adoption of the recommendation to increase the number of Deacons from two to four. He said that there had been a great increase in the Order, and the applicants for office had also greatly increased in number. They were brethren who deserved office by the great zeal they had shown in promoting the interests of the Order, and he thought that Grand Lodge could not do better than adopt the course taken in Craft Grand Lodge, and have four Deacons.

Bro. Sir F. Williams seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. Portal then moved the adoption of the recommendation "That the audit of Grand Lodge accounts shall take place monthly, and that the Auditor's fee be increased to

£25. He said that the same reason that he had given for the former motion applied to this. The monetary transactions of Grand Lodge had so much increased, that the reason which induced Grand Lodge some years ago to order a quarterly audit now necessitated their having the accounts audited monthly. In the Secretary's office there was a great deal of correspondence carried on, and it was impossible for the Grand Secretary to be also Grand Accountant. It was very important, with a view to the accuracy of the finance accounts, that some one should be professionally employed to see what money was due from lodges, and whether it came in regularly or not to the Treasurer. By the Auditor proper directions would be given for the application for money due to Grand Lodge, and for this purpose it would be better that the Grand Lodge accounts should be kept by Bro. Meggy. It would relieve Grand Secretary of trouble which he ought not to have to take upon himself, and a great deal of difficulty would be thereby saved.

Bro. Matier seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The recommendations for making the three grants advised in the report were also moved by Bro. Portal and carried.

Bro. Portal then moved, and Bro. General Brownrigg seconded, that the report be adopted and entered on the minutes.

Grand Secretary, in reading the minutes of last Grand Lodge, mentioned that a letter had been written by a brother to that Grand Lodge which was remitted to the Board for consideration. The Board had come to the conclusion that when that brother in his letters conformed to the Constitution, and wrote in a becoming manner, they would take anything into consideration which he wrote about. They had not yet received a letter from him couched in proper terms, and, consequently, had not considered it. He mentioned this to show that the matter had not been lost sight of.

The M.W.G.M. then said that before he put the motion for the adoption of the report he wished to make a remark on the last paragraph but one, that referring to the rank of P.M. More than one application had been made to him to grant either a dispensation to brethren who had not held the office of P.M., or were not qualified by holding the office for one year, or to create by patent a Past Mastership for long service or for services to the Order, or for the long time they had been in it. As it appeared to him very doubtful to what extent the prerogative of Grand Master went in this respect, he thought it well to refer the matter to the General Board. Their report was before the brethren, and in that report he entirely agreed. He thought that it was important and right that Grand Lodge should consent to grant past rank to any brother who was not qualified. There were two questions in regard to this, however, which stood on a different footing. There was the case of a brother who, being Master of his lodge, had not served his full time. Such a case might well be considered. Some brother might have done his duty as a lodge and not have served his time, or he might have been put into office for only a short time. That was a case in which the Grand Master might consider the request, and ask Grand Lodge's sanction for conferring the rank of P.M., although the full time had not been served. But there was also the case of a brother who, from change of place or some other good reason, not having been put in the inferior offices, had not been placed in the chair at all. He was inclined to think that that was hardly a case in which the Grand Lodge, as a rule, would be inclined to recommend that the rank of P.M. should be conferred. He did not think the rank of P.M. should be conferred on any brother who had not been in the chair of a lodge for at least a portion of the time required. They should not give virtual past rank to a brother who had not been in the position of Master of some lodge. That was a very different case to that of the brother who had been in the chair, but for some circumstances which arose from no fault of his own, by removal or otherwise, had not occupied the chair for the full term. During his (the Grand Master's) year of office, if a case of this kind came before him, he did not think he should fail to recommend to Grand Lodge to confer the rank of Past Master on any one who had in that way not filled the chair of a lodge for a twelvemonth. Those were the principles which he should think it his duty to follow.

The report was then put to Grand Lodge and carried.

Bro. F. Davison, Grand Treasurer, next read his accounts as follows:—

General Fund.			
Balance from 30th September, 1876	...	£130	7 4
Half-year's receipts	...	491	11 10
		621	19 2
Half-year's disbursements	...	416	2 4
Balance in favour of Grand Lodge	...	£205	16 10
Fund of Benevolence.			
Balance 30th September, 1876	...	£129	4 4
Receipts for half-year	...	19	13 0
Dividends	...	14	16 4
		34	9 4
Grants	...	163	13 8
		2	0 0
Balance in favour of Grand Lodge	...	£161	13 8

Examined and found correct,  
10th May, 1877. THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

On the motion of Bro. Edis, seconded by Bro. Sabine, this account was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The Earl of Limerick was then installed as Grand

Master for the year, and proclaimed and saluted accordingly.

The M.W.G.M. then said: Brethren, by your favour I now enter on the third year of my office, the closing period of time for which it is the custom of Grand Lodge to appoint the same Grand Master. When I was first elected to the chair of Grand Lodge, I expressed a hope that at the time of finally leaving office I should not leave the Order in a worse state than that in which I received it from these distinguished brethren who preceded me. I could not ever hope to do more than continue the good work which had been begun under them. We are now, as I said before, entering on the third year of my office, and I think I may express and entertain the hope that what I then gave utterance to may be fulfilled. I have during the last year seen five new provinces formed, fourteen new lodges either consecrated or sanctioned, and a continued steady increase in the number of brethren of our Order. I trust that this steady increase, which has been the marked characteristic of this degree, may be still kept up, and that my hope may be fulfilled that I may hand over my office to my successor next year with a still growing prospect of success. That it has increased already is owing to the great assistance I have received from all the Grand Officers, and from the firm support which all members of Grand Lodge have given to me in the discharge of the duties of my office. It is most gratifying to me not only to meet with the support which has been extended to me, and also to notice the feelings of friendship and brotherly love which pervades the members of the Degree wherever I have visited lodges, whether London or provincial. I trust that this feeling may continue, and so long as it does I am sure that the Order will steadily increase, and will maintain the high position among the degrees of Ancient Masonry which it does now. His lordship then apologized for the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, and stated that his lordship requested him to explain that it was caused by an important meeting of a society of which he was president. He also added that Lord Skelmersdale felt much disappointed at being unable to meet the brethren in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sabine proposed, and Bro. Magnus Ohren seconded the re-election of Bro. F. Davison as Grand Treasurer.

Carried unanimously.

The following brethren were invested and saluted as Grand Officers for the year:—

Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale	Deputy G. Master
Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore	Grand Sr. Warden
Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart.	Grand Jr. Warden
Rev. P. M. Holden	Grand Chap.
Rev. F. W. Thoyts	Grand Chap.
Frederick Davison	Grand Treas.
H. C. Levander	Grand Reg.
Frederick Binckes	Grand Sec.
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D. M. Dewar	Grand S. Overseer
J. D. Moore, M.D.	Grand J. Overseer
W. Rowe	Grand S. Deacon
R. C. Else	Grand S. Deacon
A. Spears	Grand J. Deacon
T. C. Roden, M.D.	Grand J. Deacon
W. Wigginton	Grand S. of W.
Robert Berridge	Grand Dir. of Cer.
Walter Spencer	Grand A. D. of C.
Hyde Pullen	Grand Swd. Br.
Joseph G. Podelvin	Grand Std. Br.
W. T. Belcher	Grand Organist.
Thomas Poore	Grand I. Guard.
J. Tomlinson, S. S. Pearce, M. Crowden, S. Robinson, G. J. McKay, H. M. Baker, George Boulton	Grand Stewards

The M.W.G.M. appointed Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, W. E. Gumbleton, Thos. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, R. W. Edis, Dibdin, and C. F. Matier as members of the General Board. Bros. Sabine, Ohren, Dewar, Cubitt, and Roebuck were elected by the Grand Lodge to serve on the Board.

The M.W.G.M. then said that at the last Grand Lodge an invitation was received from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland to hold the moveable Grand Lodge in the Lake District. He then postponed giving any answer, as it was very early to appoint a meeting. The invitation had now been renewed, and on behalf of Grand Lodge he had accepted it, and he appointed the meeting to take place between the beginning and middle of next September.

Bro. G. J. McKay, of Kendal, promised the Grand Master and brethren a hearty welcome.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed with the usual formalities, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The M.W.G.M. was unable to stay to the banquet, and the Earl of Donoughmore presided in his stead. At the conclusion of the banquet the toasts were proposed.

Lord Donoughmore having proposed the first toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was drunk with enthusiasm, proposed "The Grand Master of the Order, and the Past Grand Masters." He was sorry the Grand Master was absent because he usually liked to get him (Lord Donoughmore) on his legs and to get a speech out of him, and he would have liked that evening to have returned the compliment. Lord Limerick had presided now for two years as Grand Master of the Order. Every brother of the Order deeply sympathised with his lordship some months ago on a domestic affliction overtaking him, and he was afraid that that affliction had something to do with his absence that evening. There were several Past Grand Masters—Lord Leigh, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Beach, Bro. Portal, and Lord Percy. He was happy to say they were all alive and kicking, and he thought this spoke very well for the good dinners of the Mark Degree.

Lord Donoughmore then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers." They all knew what good Lord Skelmersdale was doing in the Craft Grand Lodge of England and its



centre of operations next door, and there was another centre of operations in Golden Square, where many brethren could bear witness to the excellent service to Masonry which Lord Skelmersdale performed. There was also another part of the kingdom too where Lord Skelmersdale was performing signal service in Lancashire, and he should call upon Bro. Matier, of Lancashire, to respond.

Bro. C. F. Matier responded.

Bro. S. Rawson proposed "The Grand Master in the Chair" and said that no apology was necessary from Lord Donoughmore for taking the chair, as he had discharged the duties of his office admirably.

Lord Donoughmore, in reply, said it was difficult for him to express properly the very great appreciation he felt at the kind words that had been used by Bro. Rawson in proposing his health to the brethren, and of the kind way also in which it had been received by all of them. Bro. Rawson was good enough to say that he had associated with him for the last eighteen months or two years in different departments of Masonic work, and he was good enough to speak in very complimentary terms, more so than he deserved, of their work together. He could only say that from the very beginning he, and he thought others, who could look back to the old days of the Apollo Lodge, when they were noisy young boys at Oxford, to those days when it was his fortune to take Masonry up again after being out of England many years, his labours in Masonry had always been a labour of love. It had been his fortune to meet many whom he should have been sorry if he had not met, and to have known he was not going to meet, to work with those whose good will and good opinion always produced a lasting impression upon his mind. This last rank which the M.W.G.M.M. had been good enough to confer on him had brought him, he felt, in closer connection with them on the work of the charities. It was his fortune to serve this year as Steward for one charity which it was hoped would be very successful, and he begged to assure Bro. Binckes that no efforts of his would be spared to make it successful. The other charities he should also serve, and he hoped to devote his efforts to them on some future occasion.

Bro. F. Davison proposed "The Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers." He remembered that he had been present at a great Mark gatherings in Lancashire under the presidency of Bro. Romaine Collender. He remembered meetings in Birmingham, Bristol, and Leicester, and with many pleasing recollections of those meetings he proposed the toast. He drew the brethren's attention to the fact that Bro. Captain Wordsworth would soon be installed as Prov. G. M. of Yorkshire, and he was sure that Mark Masonry there would succeed in his hands. He coupled Bro. Rawson's name with the toast.

Bro. S. Rawson responded. Although of old entitled to attend this lodge, to-night was the first time he had attended. He took his Degree in China, and he conferred the Degree there on fifty or sixty brethren. When he returned to England he found he had not been authorised to confer it. After making three efforts to become legal, he had at last taken a step which would render it legal. When one look on the Mark Degree he would not help knowing how the lodge was supported.

Bro. Binckes proposed "Success to the Masonic Institutions of the Mark Benevolent Fund." All were so well known that it would not be necessary for him to say anything for them. They had all been well supported, and the Mark Grand Lodge had been engaged in this work for some years.

Bro. Meggy said: The Boys' School will be well supported on the 27th inst., and when the brethren knew that Bro. Beach was going to preside, he was sure the brethren of the Mark Degree would strongly support it. He hoped to have Lord Donoughmore as the President of the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Institution, which would be held in July. Already the dividends on investments almost paid the grants to cases of distress, and he was sure if Lord Donoughmore would preside at the next festival the amount collected would enable a sufficient sum to be invested, so that its interest would pay all the claims of the distressed upon it.

Lord Donoughmore then consented to take the chair at the next Mark Benevolent Festival; and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

The musical arrangements, which were excellent, were under the direction of Bro. F. Cozens, and were executed by Bros. T. H. Simons, Evison, and Theodore Distin.

## FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

### GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

During a brief visit to Baltimore last week, we had the honour of being present at the semi-annual communication of this Grand Lodge, in one of the large rooms in the Temple. In the absence of Grand Master Latrobe, the R.W. John M. Cartar, Senior Grand Warden, presided with great dignity and courtesy, and there was a large attendance of representatives of lodges.

At the invitation of the acting Grand Master, we had the honour of addressing the Grand Lodge on the questions of interest now engaging the fraternity.

After the disposition of some routine business, the Grand Lodge, on the report of the committee on correspondence, by its chairman, R.W. John S. Tyson, unanimously recognised the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, and received and saluted its representative, W. Bro. Ramon Illa.

During the visit, we had the further pleasure and privilege of meeting Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, who, notwithstanding his advancing years

and great labours in the cause of the Institution, still finds time to devote to the furtherance of Ancient Craft Masonry.

On the present occasion he delivered a lecture before the Master Masons of Baltimore, occupying a little over two hours in its delivery, the subject being the symbols and their teaching. The scene was a most impressive one. The large hall was filled with brethren, who listened with the rapt attention of men who desired to learn, and not one moved from his place until the last syllable fell from the lips of the venerable speaker. Seated on the platform, where all could see as well as hear him, he gave his audience the benefit of his long experience, ripe judgment, and profound learning, and we argue that while such teachers and such pupils can be found, the marvellous growth and stability of the Craft is easily to be accounted for.

We had the pleasure of meeting Sir Edward T. Schultz, Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment of the United States; M. E. Comp. Geo. McCahan, P.G.H.P., and Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maryland; R.W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; R.W. James W. Bowers, Grand Lecturer; Stephen C. Brush, Grand Marshal; W. Gilman Meredith; Ill. Wm. M. Ireland, 33°, and many others; to all of whom we are largely indebted for courtesies.—*New York Dispatch.*

## BRO. GOULEY'S LAST ARTICLE.

We take from the *Voice of Masonry*, to which he was a regular contributor, the last article written for the press by our departed friend. Like all that he wrote, it will be found plain, practical, and to the point.

### MASONRY HAS MANY MISSIONS.

It has often been a mystery among thinking people why Freemasonry has held such a firm place in the affections of its votaries, and why, under all systems of opposition in years gone by, when other associations were disrupted and passed out of existence, it alone remained in its quiet and solid character as the exponent of human fraternities.

Its answer is simple and yet comprehensive. It is in full sympathy with the highest aspirations of mankind in all that relates to the improvement and elevation of human society. It is not confined to the charity of moneyed assistance, but encompasses that higher and grander charity of opinion and judgment. It is not confined to the inculcation of fraternal love, but leads its novitiates into the sublime paths in search for the truth. It not only recognises and teaches, through His works, the existence and attributes of God, but, being composed of members having human impulses, it teaches the purest lessons of morality, without which there is no true religion. Without being a total abstinence society, it realizes the necessity of temperance in all things—in speech, in acts, in opinions, in resistance to wrong, in advancing self-interests, in daily work, in sleep, and in eating as well as drinking. It endeavours to impress upon the mind of its initiates at their first instruction the safeguard of prudence in all things; teaching them by emblems the most expressive the importance of upright walk and conversation, governing their entire life by the principles of exact and undeviating justice. It appreciates the impossibility of such an improved, if not perfect manhood, without also advancing with the age in its development of educated thought, and calls the attention of the initiate to the ennobling studies of the liberal arts and sciences. To these lessons, so great and so important, it adds the absorbing problem and demonstration of the immortality of the soul and its relationship to its author, the Great Architect of the Universe.

It is not, and cannot, be expected that all who enter its mysterious portals shall fully comprehend this immense scope of study and practice, but that is no fault of the institution, but due to the frailty of human nature; and the most that can be expected is that it will make men wiser and better than it found them. Even this it cannot, do by any power of inspiration, but alone by close attendance, study, and reflection. If a lodge accepts a candidate whose mental structure is deficient, or who by nature possesses none of the higher and holier aspirations of heart and soul or who inherits a base and low disposition, it has made a mistake for which it cannot always be justly held responsible. It often has to accept men whom it has not personally known for years, hence its errors of acceptance are not to be wondered at when we daily witness the errors committed by men and women on the knowledge of each other's character and disposition, even after years of intimacy; also by men of long acquaintanceship forming the most unfortunate business copartnership. Even the Church, with all its sacred surroundings, and with all its impressive sacraments, reforming the most earnest declarations of penitence and reformation, has been deceived and disappointed, not excepting its most honoured and trusted priests. Such has been, and will always be, the case as long as man is human. Notwithstanding all this, Freemasonry has stood through its entire history a remarkable association of faithful and moral citizens in all lands and among all men.

Its lodge-rooms afford a quiet retreat from the turmoils and prejudices of daily life, and they are capable of being used for the highest purpose of intellectual improvement. If a lodge has no library, at least some of its members have a collection, which, however small, contains works from which selections may be made and read, when there is no ritualistic work to occupy the spare hour after regular business is transacted. Readings and lectures need not necessarily be confined to strictly Masonic questions, but topics of scientific interest, of social or artistic culture, or of agriculture, history, geography, discoveries, &c., with

which so many valuable periodicals are replete, are all in order. The general Masonic law of our ancient regular lodges only prohibits the introduction of questions the discussion of which may disturb the peace and harmony on the lodge. In this age of general education and cheap publications, there is no excuse for any lodge not always being fully and satisfactorily entertained at every meeting. This is one of the missions of Masonry at this day, and it should at once and everywhere fulfil it.

**BANK NOTES.**—Few of the persons who handle Bank of England notes ever think of the amount of labour and ingenuity that is expended on their production. These notes are made from pure white linen cuttings only, never from rags that have been worn. They have been manufactured for nearly 200 years at the same spot—Laverstoke, in Hampshire, and by the same family—the Portals, who are descended from some French Protestant refugees. So carefully is the paper prepared that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery, and the sheets are carefully counted, and booked to each person through whose hands they pass. The printing is done by a most curious process in Mr. Coe's department within the Bank building. There is an elaborate arrangement for securing that no note shall be exactly like any other in existence. Consequently there never was a duplicate of a Bank of England note except by forgery. It has been stated that the stock of paid notes for seven years is about 94,000,000 in number, and they fill 18,000 boxes, which, if placed side by side, would reach three miles. The notes, placed in a pile, would be eight miles high; or, if joined end to end, would form a ribbon 15,000 miles long; their superficial extent is more than that of Hyde Park; their original value was over £3,000,000,000; and their weight over 112 tons.—*City Press.*

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 15th, 1877.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond  
" 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

### MONDAY, JUNE 11.

Chap 1118, University, F.M.H.  
Royal Order of Scotland, P.G.L., 33, Golden-square.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor, W. Kensington.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13.

Com. R.M.B.I. at 3.  
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm-st., Woolwich.  
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.  
" 1017, Montefiore, F.M.H.  
" 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.  
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1302, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.  
Rose Croix Chap. Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.



## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermy-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.  
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 619, Beadon, M. H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
K. T. Encamp. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.  
Rose Croix, St. George's, 33, Golden Sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Hbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
" 1118, University, F.M.H.  
Chap. 92, Moira.  
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, M. H., Masons' Avenue.  
Encamp. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Ho., Kew Bridge.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 16, 1877.

## MONDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess, Preston.  
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, Customs' Bldgs., Barrow-in-Fur.  
" 1350, Fermor-Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
Red Cross Con. 66, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Lpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants', M.H. Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Birkenhead.  
Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.  
Stanley L. of I., 341, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13.

Lodge 241, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Vic. Garrison Hot., Fulwood.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF AMITY (No. 17).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, Bro. Charles Perry Whiteley, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Batty, who acted as S.W. in the absence of Bro. Partridge; J. W. Clever, J.W.; C. Harcourt, Treas.; Joseph Clever, Sec.; J. H. Batty, S.D.; W. H. Bateman, J.D.; E. Phillips, I.G. Among the members present were Bros. Dawson, E. D. Maddick, J. D. Birch, Leslie, Straith, Austin, and Mardon; and among the visitors Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M. No. 14, Tuscan Lodge; W. P. Willson, Hertford, 403; S. L. Joyce, late No. 715; S. D. Birch, 1365; H. Massey (Freemason). After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the ballot was taken for Mr. Grantham Robert Dodd, solicitor, and Mr. Frederick Charles Dutton Fenn, civil engineer, and having been declared in their favour, Messrs. Dodd and Fenn were admitted and initiated in due form into the mysteries of the First Degree, after which Bro. Frederick Groombridge Dawson was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being performed in a very able manner by the W.M. The ordinary business of the evening being now concluded, the Secretary, Bro. Clever, assumed the chair, and the W.M., Bro. Whiteley, presented to him Bro. Joseph Henry Batty, the W.M. elect, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and he having been obligated, was afterwards presented to a Board of Installing Masters, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren were afterwards re-admitted, and paid the usual honours to the newly-installed W.M. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Clever, whose delivery of the orations appropriate to the occasion were delivered in a most thoughtful, feeling, and impressive manner. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Clever, jun., S.W.; Bateman, J.W.; Harcourt, Treas.; Clever, sen., Sec.; Phillips, S.D.; Mardon, J.D.; Leslie, I.G.; Smith, Tyler. On the last-named being summoned and re-invested, he returned thanks for the honour conferred on him for the twentieth time, and took advantage of the occasion to thank the members of the lodge for the great assistance they had rendered him in securing his election as an annuitant upon the funds of the Institution for Aged Freemasons. Bro. Green, P.M., said: I have very great pleasure, W.M. and brethren, in proposing that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Whiteley for his services as W.M. during the past year. I had the pleasure of installing Bro. Whiteley, and it is a pleasure to me, as I am sure it must be to all of you, in reviewing the work of the year to note the success with which Bro. Whiteley has performed the duties of his office, and the prosperous condition in which he has left the lodge; and I therefore move that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Whiteley, with the greatest confidence as to the manner in which the motion will be received. The motion having been seconded by Bro. Clever, Secretary, was put and carried nem. con. The W.M. said: Bro. Whiteley, I have great pleasure in thinking that one of the first acts of mine, as Master of this lodge, is to present you with this jewel, and I only hope that at the end of my year of office the brethren may deem me worthy of such commendation as they have given you, and that I may deserve it as much as you do. Bro. Whiteley having returned thanks, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. An application for relief from Bro. Outridge, formerly of Australia, and of St. John's Lodge, Alexandria, was read by the Treas., and a sum of £2 was voted to his immediate relief, and it was agreed that before any further assistance was rendered inquiries should be made by Bros. Harcourt and Cooper. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in a style worthy of the Ship Hotel. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. P.M. Whiteley rose and said: Brethren, there is yet a little duty devolves upon me as a sequel to my year of office; it is that of proposing the health of our W.M., Bro. Batty. Bro. Batty has been installed into the chair this evening, and, so far, he has given every promise of a successful year of office. His subordinates, I think, may all congratulate themselves on the prospects of the year before them. He has worked hard, and has made himself a most efficient

Master, and I have no doubt he will do the great things we all expect of him. The W.M.: Brother Wardens and brethren, all I can say in reference to the hearty way in which my health was put in the toast just now, is that I hope it may come to pass. As I told you before, I intend to make the lodge, in my year of office, a thorough working lodge, but you must remember that it does not depend upon the Master alone. If the Master is not supported it is utterly impossible you can carry on the work of a lodge in the way that it should be carried on. We have every prospect that, during my year of office, there will be a great deal more work than heretofore, and it will be to our disgrace if we do not show that we can do the work. I have been in a great many country lodges, and have seen the work anything rather than what it should be, but I must say that in the Great Hertford Lodge, where I was some time ago, I saw such a wonderful example of good working that they quite took the conceit out of me as a London Mason. I trust, that, though not very large in numbers, the Amity will become a great working lodge, but it depends upon the officers; and I therefore trust that the officers will come and work with me in will and deed, more especially as they know it to be my fixed intention to do my duty. The "Health of The Initiates" was then proposed by the Master and responded to, and acknowledged by Bros. Dodd and Fenn. The other toasts "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "Prosperity to the Amity Lodge," were also duly proposed and honoured by the brethren present; the "Tyler's" toast, as usual, closing the proceedings. During the evening, the pauses between the speeches were enlivened by some excellent songs and instrumental music by members of the lodge, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Leslie, the songs being all pre-arranged in a printed programme. The musical arrangements were most successfully carried out, and Bro. Leslie certainly deserved the thanks accorded to him in an extra toast which was proposed by the W.M.

**CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE (No. 742).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bro. Thomas Elsey, W.M., presiding. The other brethren present were Bros. Chas. D. Hume, S.W.; Robert Roberts, J.W.; T. Foxall, Treas.; W. Land, Sec.; H. Speedy, S.D.; Past Masters W. M. Baxter, S. P. Acton, H. Cox, G. Palmer, W. Watson, and H. T. Thompson; and Bros. G. Weeks, B. Blunsum, Ed. Ayres, J. W. Lassam, Seymour Smith, Fredk. Eyre, Fred. Speedy, H. Hagelman, H. J. Rolfe, Dick E. Radcliffe, and G. Cole; and visitors, Bros. G. Cole, Dixon, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. D. Carter, P.M., 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. Wilson, P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; John Maclean, 1319 (Gaiety Theatre); John S. Tolley, P.M. 771; E. T. Henman, 1423; H. Cassilton, 95; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The W.M. passed Bro. Ayres to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Foxall, Treas., assisted by Bro. C. D. Hume, W.M. 209, installed Bro. R. Roberts as W.M. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. C. D. Hume, S.W.; H. Speedy, J.W.; Thomas Foxall, Treas.; H. Land, Sec.; Blundell, S.D.; Hadwick, J.D.; Eyre, I.G.; Seymour Smith, Org.; W. J. Lassam, W.S.; and T. Woodstock, Tyler. The newly installed W.M. initiated Messrs. Rolfe and George Cole. The report of the lodge was received, from which the following satisfactory state of affairs was gathered. Cash received during the year, £125 2s. 6d.; lodge expenses, £110 10s. 6d.; donations made during the year, £60 15s. 0d.; balance in hands of the Treasurer, £28 14s. 3d. Benevolent Fund account: Boys' School, £15 15s. 0d.; Benevolent Institution, £40; donation to a brother, £5. Five guineas was voted to be placed on Bro. Baxter's list as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. W. Watson thanked the brethren for their votes, and announced his election at the last annual meeting of the Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by the proprietor of the Star and Garter; after partaking of which they honoured the usual toasts. As time was running very short, the brethren wishing to get back to town by an early train, there were no formal speeches. The opening toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was introduced by the W.M., with an apology for being given shortly on account of the flight of time, but with the assurance that, though briefly given, the heartiness of its reception would be none the less. "The Health of the M.W.G.M." was even shorter, and that of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers" was the first that led to any remark, and this remark was that it must be a source of great gratification to all Masons to see three princes of the Blood Royal in the three principal chairs of Grand Lodge. "The Initiates" was then given, and the W.M. having informed them of the pleasure lodges always felt in introducing good and worthy men into the Order, told them that though the brethren liked to see one at every meeting, three or four would please them better. Bro. Cole responded, hoping he should never see any cause to regret his introduction into this time-honoured Craft. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said it was not often he was fortunate enough to see all those to whom he sent invitations present (which was generally the case with other brethren of the lodge as well), still he had much pleasure in having his invitation availed of by those who did accept it. Bro. George Dixon, P.M. 209, in the course of his reply said he had been associated with the W.M. and S.W. in another lodge, and both of these brethren were in this peculiar position, that the W.M. of this lodge was S.W. of the other lodge, while the S.W. of this lodge was the W.M. of the other lodge. It was with great pleasure the visitors saw the W.M. installed in the chair of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He was much beloved in the Etonian Lodge, and never

went there without being met with the smiles of all the brethren. The brethren of that lodge would only be too pleased when they could see him installed as their Master. Bro. John Maclean, 1319 (Gaiety Theatre), also replied, and said he was somewhat unfortunately placed, for while he frequently had invitations to lodges it was seldom he could avail himself of them. It was his misfortune, not his fault. But when on a few occasions he was able to accept an invitation he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, as he had that evening, for he had always found himself well entertained and most heartily welcomed. Bro. Charles Elsey, the P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren were most delighted at having placed in the chair so good a W.M. Ever since he had been in office in the lodge he had done his duty, and now that he was W.M. the dignity of the lodge would be quite safe in his hands. The W.M. responded. He felt that he hardly deserved the compliments which had been bestowed on him by the W.M., but he sincerely trusted that by his conduct of the business of the lodge he would give entire satisfaction to the brethren. He then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and to save time included the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Without the assistance of the P.M.'s the duties of W.M. would be very onerous and difficult. He had been in the Crystal Palace Lodge long enough to know that every W.M. was indebted greatly to the P.M.'s, who brought their experience to bear on the conduct of the business of the lodge. Those brethren who had been in the lodge some time would be able to add their testimony to his of the importance of the P.M.'s assistance in the working of the lodge. Bro. G. Palmer, on behalf of himself and the other P.M.'s, thanked the W.M., but thought that while there were so many good singers present it would be a pity, as time was short, that speeches should take the place of the admirable harmony which the brethren were so ready to give. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," thanking them for the aid they were always ready to give, and congratulating them on their having obtained the distinctions which had been conferred on them. The S.W. (Bro. C. D. Hume) replied, and "The Tyler's Toast" brought the evening, which had been enlivened with some excellent singing by Bros. Seymour Smith, E. W. Mackney, John Maclean, and other brethren, to a close. The meeting was a most agreeable one, and the business was conducted with an order, calmness, and regularity which rendered the enjoyment of the brethren complete.

**THE ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).**—The "Feast of reason and the flow of soul" is a quotation which may in part introduce a report of the proceedings at the last meeting of this lodge, held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and serve to indicate the high character of its work. The quotation can give no exaggerated idea of the intellectual feast in the lodge, from the very perfect manner in which each performed his task, or of the pleasantness of the after lodge meeting. We can heartily congratulate the W.M., our Bro. E. J. Harty, that the heavy and responsible duty of preparing the grand Masonic picture has not in the slightest interfered with his perfect knowledge of the ceremonies, and his knowledge, memory, and strength were alike put to the test on this occasion, for our brother had to work the three ceremonies, and one of these was performed in part four times over. "Like master like men" is an old proverb, and its general truth (for we know some instances, in Masonic lodges, too, which show that it is not universally applicable), was evidenced in the officers of the Eclectic proving themselves to be "eclectics" truly in working. They might, some of them, be termed "perfect to a fault," seeing that in one respect the candidates were prompted to an answer which ought to be the unprompted response of every fit candidate for our mysteries. There is no necessity to indicate the point we touch upon—those who know the ceremonies and the laws of the Order will see our meaning at once, and those who do not have yet to learn both. One broad hint we may give to all who have to discharge the office of Deacon, and that is to read the first of the "Ancient Charges of a Freemason" given in the Book of Constitutions, and they will at once see the point on which there should be no prompting—a point of great and of growing importance. Bro. Taylor was in the S.W. chair, Bro. Saul in that of the J.W., Bro. Watts gracefully occupied the pleasant position, when the W.M. knows his work, of I.P.M., Bro. P.M. Higgs as Organist, Bro. W. H. Barber was at his laborious and responsible post as Secretary, Bro. Lee as S.D., Bro. Dobbing as J.D., and Bro. Moss as I.G. There was a great array of visitors, most of whose names we shall mention presently. The lodge being raised to the Second Degree, the W.M. proved two brethren in their then positions as Apprentices, and finding that they were not wanting gave them the benefit of a step. Four gentlemen, one the son of a Mason, Mr. Everett, son of the Senior Warden to the Worshipful Company of Coopers, Mr. Manchester, the Rev. James Browne Dixon, LL.D., and Mr. P. Caralambur Bavers, a Greek gentleman in business in London, were severally initiated. The first named, being the son of a Mason received the benefit of his father's position by being initiated first, and the task of the W.M. and officers was rendered an arduous one from the candidate being very hard of hearing. There was in the minds of some a fear that the ceremony could not be proceeded with in this case for this reason, but the great capabilities of the W.M. surmounted all difficulties, and the young man was rescued from the path of the profane. They were of course excluded while their brother of a higher degree was still further taught, by undergoing the mysteries necessary before one can attain to the three rosettes—a ceremony which was most touchingly rendered, and with a religious force which added greatly to the effect. The organ accompaniment of Bro. Higgs, most appropriate throughout, was especially exquisite at certain points, as the solemn chords of gloom and doubt gave way to the sweet cadences expressive of



hope and joy; and here we would urge upon our brethren the increasing importance of music being introduced into lodges, developing and materially assisting as it undoubtedly does the solemn teaching of the ritual. The time did not seem at all long, but when the lodge was closed the brethren found they had been "at work" for nearly four and a half hours—without a break—no calling off, and the Worshipful Master at work all the time. The brethren then betook themselves to the Holborn Restaurant, and restoration, many of them were reminded, was earnestly needed. With the brethren were Bros. Everett (the father of the initiate of that name), T. Winter, of 234; James Stevens, of The Great City Lodge; Longley, S.W., of the Golden Rule; J. While (Freemason), P.M. of United Strength; J. Mather, P.M. 65; Major Tyler, 215; M. J. Jessop, J.W., 1261; Burt, W.M. 551; G. N. Watts, I.P.M. of the St. Paul's Lodge, A. Woodcock, S. Hart, P.M. (the brother of the W.M.); J. Levy, S.D., 1261; Capt. O. T. Hearne, Maybury Lodge; Dr. Payne, honorary organist, Golden Rule; Wade, 1475. The W.M. after an ample banquet gave with his usual grace and heartiness, and with the eloquence inherent in the children of the "Green Isle," the toasts of "Her Majesty and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "and the Chiefs of the Order," and all these were warmly responded to. The W.M. then gave "The Initiates," and pointed out to them that it was found throughout the Order that it contained the very essence of religion, which might be summed up in the commands respecting, "your duty to your neighbour," and "to do to others as you would be done by." He touched upon other points, and then concluded by calling upon the brethren to give the initiates a welcome to the Craft and to the lodge. Bro. Dr. Dixon in response, said that until he had entered the lodge and was initiated, he had no idea of the class of service in which Freemasons were engaged. He had had, of course, his own ideas of what Freemasonry was. He had gathered, perhaps from his own thoughts, that it had reference to the universe, which God, the Great Architect, had created, and the work of the Almighty evidenced design, organisation, and wisdom. The work of man upon the earth was as only an imitation of the work of God, and it occurred to him that men as Freemasons sought to perfect the work of their fellow men. He saw in the work of past times, followed out in the symbolised work of the Craft, the foundation for all that was good in man, that it stood apart from the turmoil of nations, that it was founded upon a rock by being based upon that which was true—the canon law of God; but now that he had gained an insight into the Order he found that, beyond all the virtues he ascribed to it in his mind before he was permitted to enter, it possessed a degree of brotherly feeling of which he had no conception; and he was most thankful to the Providence of God that he had been led to enter into a brotherhood wherein was practised the highest religion in God's universe without the slightest sectarianism. The other initiates also responded, and then P.M. Watts proposed "The W.M.," whose virtues as a Mason, whose biography as an officer, and whose energies as W.M. were dilated upon at length, and the greatest praise was given to him for having raised the lodge from a "starvation" one to an assemblage where the brethren could dispense hospitality in return for that they received in other lodges where they might visit. The W.M. in response stated that as a fact the change in the regime would result in a financial triumph for the lodge funds at the end of the year, thus showing that carrying out the principles of the Craft to their fullest extent led to complete success. The Officers were then toasted, and the visitors came in for their share of honour and glory in this respect. Among those who had intended to be present was Bro. Oliver of Brixton, who unfortunately fell a victim to the "Bridge Accident" at Bath. He was to have been a visitor of the Secretary, and his unfortunate accident led to many expressions of sympathy. It was not until close upon midnight that the Eclectics and their friends found their way into Holborn.

**MOUNT EDGECUMBE LODGE (No. 1465).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Battersea, when the following officers, brethren, and visitors were present:—Bros. A. M. Thomas, W.M.; A. C. Burrell, P.M.; W. Ough, P.M.; Treas.; Charles Poupard, P.M.; J. J. Limebeer, Sec.; Joseph Wright, S.W.; A. Thomas, jun., J.W.; T. Cull, J.D.; G. T. Fox, P.M. 73 and P.Z. 13; the Tyler; J. Hutchings, W. J. Simpkins, T. Gardiner, J. Weavell, H. Willmott, J. Coates, and T. Collings. The following were visitors:—Bros. P. Leaper, Star, 1275; Bro. J. Featherstone, Wolsey, 1656; and Bro. A. A. Denham, Wandsworth, 1044. Some formal business of the lodge having been transacted, Bro. A. A. Denham was raised in a very impressive and perfect manner by Bro. A. M. Thomas, the W.M. Bro. Joseph Wright, S.W., was unanimously chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M. passed a high eulogium on Bro. Wright, who is P.M. of the 1585, and is also an earnest worker both for the Royal Arch and Craft Masonry. Bro. W. Ough was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. T. Fox, Tyler. Bros. Collings, Weavell, and Griffiths were chosen as Auditors. A jewel of the value of five guineas was unanimously accorded the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren were afterwards refreshed by a capital cold collation, provided by Bro. Knight in good style. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Haggerstone, on Thursday, the 31st ult. Present: Bros. Shackleton, W.M.; Chapman, P.M.; Treasurer; Lee, P.M.; Secretary; Green, S.D.; Brand, J.D.; Brasted, Steward; Young, Organist; Russ, Assistant Grand Secretary. Visitors, Bros. Lovelock, 212; Shackleton, 1445. The lodge was opened in due

form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Cracknell, Brame, and Watkins were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Davis and George to the Degree of Fellow Craft, after which Mr. G. J. Reynolds was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The future meetings of this lodge will be held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, the M.W. Pro Grand Master having given his sanction to the removal.

**BEACONSFIELD LODGE (No. 1662).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, June 9th. Present:—Bro. W. T. Christian, W.M.; Bro. W. Groome, S.W.; Bro. W. B. Brand, J.W.; Bro. J. Pinder, P.M.; Bro. F. Hallows, Sec.; Bro. C. T. Saunders, S.D.; Bro. Franklin, J.D.; Bro. T. Oldroyd, I.G.; Bro. Upward, Organist; Bro. J. H. Cambridge, W.S.; Bro. Goddard, (acting) Tyler, and the following gentlemen, viz., Bros. W. G. Hallows, H. Field, Hunt, Clark, Denny, and Delvalle. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The candidate for raising being late in arriving the W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. William Moffatt, the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the candidate was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Charles Rubery and Mr. Charles Stockwell, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance were duly initiated into the Order, according to ancient rite. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until Saturday, Oct. 6th. After the business was over the brethren sat down to a cold collation, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the officers and visitors. Visitors present:—Bros. F. Rothschild, S.W., 1238; E. P. Baldwin, 382; S. North, 382; W. Snellgrove, 907; E. A. Trebeck, 1445; W. Claridge, 1598; and E. Brown, 1598.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; J. Evening, S.W.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; W. T. Lamonby, P.M., Secretary; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., Organist; T. Bird, S.D.; C. Gibson, I.G.; W. Potts, Tyler; and others. The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Lamonby took the chair, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Rule was then passed to the degree of F.C., after which Bro. Robinson delivered the lecture, and explained the tracing board appertaining thereto. The lodge being reduced to the First Degree, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Robinson, and Bro. Lamonby gave notice of two motions for next lodge night—firstly, that, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, the regular place of assembly be removed from Market-place to the new lodge premises, in Station-street; and secondly, that, in the event of their being no business after July, the lodge stand adjourned till September, in order to facilitate the removal of the lodge furniture to the new premises in time for consecration. Bro. Lamonby also announced that he had had an opportunity during the previous week, when in London, of visiting the Girls' School, and was highly gratified at everything he saw. He also reported very favourably as to the progress being made by a little daughter of a deceased brother of Skiddaw. Nothing further remaining to be done, the lodge was closed in form.

**OTLEY.—Royal Wharfedale Lodge (No. 1108).**—This flourishing lodge held its festival of St. John the Evangelist on Monday, 4th June, at the Masonic Rooms, Boroughgate, Otley. As it was the eleventh anniversary of the consecration of the lodge, and the W.M. for the ensuing year was to be installed, there was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. J. R. Croft, W.M.; W. T. Croft, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. P. Pinder, J.W.; Newstead, P.M., Treas.; Whiteley, Sec.; Tosh, S.D.; Dawson, J.D.; Laycock, I.G.; and Pratt, P.M.; Atkinson, Barber, Carter, Lee, A. Marshall, W. T. Marshall, Payne, Walker, and Wm. Pratt, P.M. 1034; Installing Master Flaxington, W.M. 1034; Monckman, P.M. 1018; Hardwick, J.W. and Ball, P.J.W., 1034. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and passed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barber having intimated his wish to take a further degree, he was examined and entrusted, after which he retired, was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. C. J. Newstead, P.M., in his usual exact and solemn manner. The next business was to instal Bro. W. T. Croft, S.W. (son of the retiring W.M.), into the chair of K.S. This ceremony was performed by Bro. W.M. Pratt, P.M., C.S., 1034, in a most able, impressive, and emphatic manner. The brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, and saluted the new W.M. according to ancient form, who returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him, and hoped that the Great Architect would give him health and strength to discharge the important duties appertaining to his office in a satisfactory manner, and that at the end of his term of office he would be able to deliver the lodge warrant as pure and unadulterated as he now received it. He trusted that the brethren would not stand upon their strict rights, and if there should be any difference of opinion he hoped that the brethren would exercise that Masonic forbearance which was due from one brother to another. He then invested his officers as follows, and delivered appropriate addresses to each of them: Bros. W. P. Pinder, S.W.; G. Lee, J.W.; C. J. Newstead, P.M., Treas.; A. Walker, Sec.; D. J. Whiteley, S.D.; T. S. Atkinson, J.D.; W. Laycock, I.G.; T. Howling, Tyler; J. Carter, M.C.; J. Dawson and J. Barber, Stewards; and W. A. Nicholson, Organist. Bro. Newstead, P.M.,

was re-elected Charity Member and on the motion of Bro. Atkinson, seconded by Bro. Newstead, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Wm. Platt, P.M. C.S., 1034, for his kindness in officiating as Installing Master. In replying, Bro. Pratt said he was greatly pleased when asked to perform the ceremony, as it was the first he had conducted; and his pleasure was enhanced by the fact, that it was he who initiated Bro. W. T. Croft into Masonry. He sincerely wished him every success during his year of office, and thanked the brethren for their vote. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of an excellent character. The cloth having been removed and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and honoured, Bro. Newstead, P.M., rose to propose the health of the retiring W.M., whose zeal and earnestness he praised, and instanced as a result, the fact that the lodge had nearly doubled in number during his year of office. He referred to the visit paid to the lodge rooms last year by Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., and his consent to application being made for permission to prefix the word "Royal" to the name of the lodge in commemoration of the honour, which permission has been obtained. Further, he urged younger brethren to imitate the hard work and enthusiasm of the retiring W.M., and success in the Craft would be sure to follow. Bro. J. R. Croft, I.P.M., then returned thanks, for the toast was drunk with full Masonic and musical honours, and asked to be excused saying much, as his feelings of gratitude to the brethren of the lodge, (and especially to Bro. Newstead, P.M., from whom he had received such valuable support), were so great that he would express his thanks to them practically by his deeds in the future, as he felt spurred by the kind way they had thanked him for his past services. Bro. R. M. Pratt, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and after congratulating him on being elected to the highest office in Craft Masonry wished him health and strength during his year of office, which he hoped would be as successful as his father's had been. The toast was duly honoured, and the W.M. replied, stating how earnest his wish and desire was that the lodge should prosper and become renowned through West Yorkshire for correct and accurate working, and that no effort on his part should be spared to bring about that desirable end. Many other toasts were given and responded to, the principal being "The late Officers," "The present Officers," "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. Newstead and J. R. Croft; "The Installing Master" proposed by the W.M., in felicitous terms, and feelingly responded to by Bro. Wm. Pratt, P.M., who is every inch a Mason. Other toasts were given, the last being the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

**LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).**—The annual installation meeting of the members of this numerous and influential lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, on Monday, the 4th inst., and the popularity and attractiveness of the appointment and ceremony were clearly shown by a large and distinguished assembly of "Mystics." The proceedings were announced to commence at half-past two o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. Alexander Cotter, W.M., took his place in the chair and proceeded to open the lodge in solemn form. We observed that there were also present during the afternoon's business Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. (Treasurer elect), Hugh Williams, P.M.; J. S. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; J. Korn, J.W.; J. Healing, P.M., Treasurer (W.M. elect); T. Walton, Secretary; W. C. Webb, S.D.; A. C. Wylie, J.D.; T. H. Arden, I.G.; W. Fish, S.; C. Fothergill, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Bros. J. Beattie, J. Morris, R. Edwards, J. C. Fish, S. Daniels, W. H. Dawson, W. Owen, G. Crute, J. H. Linaker, P. Williams, A. Magnus, B. Parkes, J. Hughes, S. Oxton, T. Grant, E. J. Woodburn, R. Black, C. Rigotti, J. C. Balfour, R. S. Ogle, F. Draper, J. Grindell, W. Champitt, J. Hill, J. Hughes, A. Fletcher, J. Ashworth, O. Boyce, E. Jones, W. Barr, W. D. Mylom, and J. Monkhouse. The list of visitors contained the names of Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; M. Corless, P.M. 673; T. Shepherd, P.M. 1276; W. G. Veale, 249; J. Tickle, 249; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; J. R. Gotham, 823; J. Wood, Treasurer 1094 (Freemason); F. Knight, W.M. 1325; J. Jones, P.M. 594; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; R. P. France, W.M. 594; T. Dilcock, P.M. 594; T. Sabar, 1502; J. Carruthers, 667; J. Walker, 203; M. Hart, W.M. 1502; A. Hart, S.W. 724; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; J. Sherwin, 667; E. J. Fraser, 1502; H. Appleton, 1356; R. Collings, 249; J. Neil, 1359; 1356; T. L. Jones, 1303; S. P. Gore, T. Holden, 1182; J. Le Comber, S.W. 594; and J. Archdeacon, 667. After the minutes had been read and Masonically confirmed, Bro. Alexander Cotter concluded his year's admirable services in the eastern chair by installing Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., into the office of W.M., a ceremony which was performed in so masterly a manner as to secure the hearty approbation of all the brethren. It may be interesting to state that Bro. Healing was the first W.M. of the Neptune Lodge at its consecration in 1869, and this renewed honour of being voted to the chair for the second time indisputably proves that the brethren have not been slow to recognise the active and valuable services he has given towards the furtherance of the lodge. The re-chaired W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. A. Cotter, I.P.M.; J. Korn, S.W.; W. C. Webb, J. W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer; J. Linaker, Secretary; J. S. Dixon, P.M., D.C.; A. C. Wylie, S.D.; T. H. Arden, J.D.; Thomas Walton, I.G.; C. Fothergill, S.S.; James Hughes, J.S.; C. Rigotti, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Immediately on the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. said he could not allow that opportunity to pass without expressing to Bro. Cotter the sense of the obligation he cherished after seeing the most impressive and efficient manner in which he had done the work of installation. He further moved that a special vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cotter for the excellent



manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Dixon, and carried unanimously. The compliment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. A. Cotter. The W.M. then commenced his year's labours by giving the First Degree in a most effective and telling style. At the conclusion "hearty good wishes" were given to Bro. Healing by the representatives of about a dozen lodges, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Here the W.M. presided, and proposed the standard loyal and Masonic toasts, the Prov. Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Hugh Williams, P.M. Bro. Cotter, I.P.M., then rose, and said he was sure the next toast—"The Worshipful Master"—would be received with enthusiasm. Bro. Healing was the first Master who reigned over the Neptune Lodge, and since that time he had never been out of harness. In every office he has occupied he has fulfilled his duties faithfully, zealously, and honestly, and to the entire satisfaction of the members. The lodge had prospered under his influence, and he (Bro. Cotter) hoped it might go on prospering for many years to come, enabling them all to stand together as one man in the onward progress. If they followed the example of the Master the good ship "Neptune" would go prosperously on her voyage. Let the S.W. pay attention in the West, the J.W. in the South, and let the junior officers look well to their positions, so that when the Master telegraphed on the bridge they might have harmony, brotherly cordiality, and attention to duty throughout the ship. The brethren had taken the right step in again appointing Bro. Healing to the chair, and he (Bro. Cotter) hoped they would give him hearty support. The W.M., after the toast had been honoured musically and Masonically, said he was sure the brethren were sincere in the words—in so receiving the words which they had heard, and giving them the enthusiastic endorsement which they had done. The ship "Neptune," he was proud to say, still gallantly sailed on, on that 4th of June, 1877, as she had done since the 1st of June, 1869. She had neither gone ashore, lost a sail, nor broken a rope, and the officers throughout had been faithful to their duties. He (Bro. Healing) had endeavoured to do his duty during the voyage, and in again taking command of the vessel he looked to every P.M. and officer for the hearty co-operation which he had always received. Without their assistance it would be impossible to carry the ship safely over another year's voyage. He, however, placed himself entirely in their hands, knowing full well that they would give him the assistance which he so much needed and desired. After giving "The Installing Master," the W.M. followed with the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," and in giving these toasts the W.M. referred to the very conscientious and efficient way in which Bro. Cotter had discharged the duties of the day and year in the capacities of Installing Master and W.M. He said "Bro. Cotter had filled every office in the lodge, from that of Junior Steward to the W.M., and in every one of these offices he had secured the esteem and admiration of the brethren by his courtesy and diligence. He (the W.M.), in these circumstances, had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Cotter with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren, as a token of the love, esteem, and respect they felt for him. Bro. Williams also bore testimony to the many excellent qualities displayed by Bro. Cotter during his official connection with the lodge. Bro. Cotter suitably and feelingly acknowledged the compliments and presentation. Other toasts followed, and a capital musical programme was given by Bros. Skeaf, Queen, Hobart, Veale, &c.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place, W. Bro. J. O. Wood in the chair; Bros. Long, S.W.; Errington, J.W.; Hiscox, Treasurer; Ockenden, Secretary; Marvin, S.D.; Fox, I.G.; Hole, fromholz, and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and the ceremony of raising very efficiently rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the first three sections were worked by Bro. Long, assisted by the brethren. Notice was given that on Tuesday next it will be proposed that the annual supper take place on Tuesday week, June 26th. Brethren who can not attend next Tuesday are particularly requested to communicate with Bro. Hiscox, at the above address, in the meantime, as to whether the 26th will be a convenient date for them to be present.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB.**—This lodge of instruction met at 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, the 11th inst., at six o'clock. Present: Bros. J. E. Shand, Sec., W.M.; Sharrett, S.W.; Dobbing, J.W.; Joseph Langton, S.D.; Churchill, J.D.; Hawksley, I.G.; T. Cull, Acting Preceptor; C. Ward, Eastgate; Lewis Langton, jun., A.E. 1763; C. J. Hogg, Treas., and other members of lodge and club. The lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, when Bro. Langton went through the ceremony of initiation by the W.M., and after the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lectures was worked by Bro. Cull, Bro. S. W. Sharrett was unanimously elected W.M. at next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge closed in perfect harmony, and will meet again on Monday, the 25th inst., at 6 p.m.

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY.**—In anticipation of the recurrence in London and its suburbs of this annual appeal to the sympathy of the public, the Lord Mayor, as president and treasurer of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, appeals for subscriptions to every inhabitant of our vast metropolis, to give on Sunday next at their church or chapel some contribution to the general fund, or otherwise to send their offerings direct to him at the Mansion House.

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After the banquet the usual toasts followed the singing of grace, and after giving "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M." was proposed. He said that not three years ago, on the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon, His Royal Highness accepted the office of Grand Master. Long might he remain at the head of the Craft; long might he rule the Grand Lodge of England and all the Provincial Grand Lodges; long might he be spared to be the Grand Master; and long might his mother live to rule over the country as its sovereign.

The Prov. G.M. next said, in proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master," that as a Mason his lordship was always anxious and willing to attend to his duties in Grand Lodge. He (the Prov. G.M.) was a witness of this the other day, when Lord Carnarvon went from his office to attend Grand Lodge, and the moment business there was over he was off again to his office. That showed that he was a man who was always ready to attend to his duties, whether Masonic or governmental. Lord Carnarvon was well known as a Mason; the brethren knew him perfectly well as a man, a gentleman, upright and downstraight, who would do his duty in whatever position of life he was placed.

Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.S.G.W., who was entrusted with the toast of "The Deputy G.M. and Grand Officers," said he was sorry on this occasion that Prov. G. Lodge was not honoured with the presence of more Grand Officers; but he was sure that those who had honoured the Grand Lodge were heartily welcome, and he also trusted that they had been pleased with the reception they had met with. It was no easy task, although many brethren might think it was, to fill the post of a Grand Officer, because the higher they advanced, and the greater the honours that were heaped upon them, the greater were the duties and services expected of them. If this applied to the province, much more did it apply to the Grand Officers. When the Grand Master appointed them in Grand Lodge they were impressed with the honour and dignity of the office they sustained; and the brethren of the Province of Sussex were deeply indebted to those who had come to see them that day. As regarded Lord Skelmersdale he was extremely popular in his province of Lancashire, and he was also one of the most popular Masons in the Craft, as he fulfilled his duties with energy and zeal. Long might he be, as he held the eminent position he now filled in Grand Lodge. All the brethren could bear testimony to the efficiency with which the Grand Officers discharged their duties, and those who had witnessed it that evening could not but think it fortunate that Bro. Hervey had come among them and taken upon himself the performance of the ceremony of installation. Unfortunately, on account of trains, Bro. Hervey and Bro. Fenn had been obliged to leave, but there was still one Grand Officer left, Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe. It was not necessary to mention in what honour and esteem Bro. Kuhe was held, because having for three years held the post of Grand Organist, the brethren were acquainted with his merits. Bro. Kuhe was also much honoured in Sussex, and no one could more than himself (Dr. Trollope) express the proud feelings he had at seeing in what esteem Bro. Kuhe was held in Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe replied. When he came there that evening and sat next to such distinguished Grand Officers as Bros. Hervey and Fenn, he did not think it would devolve upon him to reply to this toast, and he had been in hopes that it would have been in abler hands than his. However, those two brethren had been unfortunately obliged to leave by an early train for London, and they deputed him to reply to this toast, and at the same time to express their extreme regret that they had been obliged to leave so early. They had enjoyed themselves very much; they had enjoyed the reception they had met with, and the way in which the work had been done; and it was a matter of great regret to them that they could not remain to return thanks for themselves.

Bro. W. Hallett proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M."

The Prov. G.M., in reply, said he had to thank all the brethren who had attended that day and given him so kind a reception. Some two or three months ago, when he first heard that the Grand Master proposed to appoint him, he felt considerable hesitation in accepting the appointment, because he knew there were many Masons far higher in the Craft as regarded knowledge. But Bro. Scott, and two or three other brethren, persuaded him and told him that he ought to take the office, and he at last gave in, but with some doubts of his power of conducting the duties of the office properly. It was no slight duty that a brother took upon him when he undertook the task of ruling a province. It was a serious thing, and a matter that ought to be dealt with in a spirit of determination to do one's duty if possible. That he should endeavour to do. There were two lines in a song they had just heard which were very appropriate to this occasion, for while they enjoyed pleasure they ought to study harmony to the greatest extent, and when they met upon the level, then, if there was harmony, they could part on the square. He hoped and trusted that during his rule of the Province of Sussex that would be the case in all lodges, and whenever he did meet them that love and harmony would be displayed on all occasions. Not only then, but whenever he did not meet them, whether he had or not the "tongue of sweet air more tuneable than lark to shepherd's ear," he thought that when the mind was spoken fully and truthfully, generally the right thing would follow in the end. With regard to this province, they all knew it was of very great length, and of comparatively small width, and it was for the purposes of Freemasonry a very inconvenient province, as the railways did not suit well. Take it from

Rye to Hastings, and from Hastings to Brighton, there was always an inconvenience for the Prov. Grand Lodge, have the Prov. Grand Lodge where they might, it was always inconvenient for the brethren to get from Brighton back again. To the other end of the county and Horsham there were the same inconveniences to put up with, and some of the brethren in the immediate neighbourhood of Horsham could not get home that night by any possibility. There were some also from Chichester, and it would be very inconvenient to them if they could not get home the same night. He therefore appointed Saturday, thinking it might be more convenient as the brethren could spend the Sunday in Brighton. One brother came from Nut-hurst, whom he had known for twenty-seven years, and that brother, on account of the inconvenience of access, was not able to remain even to the end of the banquet, for if he had he would not have got home in time to perform Divine Service to-morrow in his church. He (the Prov. G.M.) however balanced the inconveniences, and finding there were fewer if he appointed Saturday, chose that day for his installation. As he had said that day, he intended to visit every lodge in the province, and so long as he was blessed with health and strength he should continue to do so. But when old age came on and health failed, he hoped they would not find fault with him if he was not able to visit them. He knew perfectly well there were people outside lodges who took hold of every little idle report, and magnified those reports to an extent which was prejudicial to Masonry, not so much because they disliked Masonry, but because they did not know anything about it. Such reports ought never to be listened to. The members of the Craft should exercise truth and charity towards each other, and also to those who were outside, and if they did we should be a happier people in England than we were. Let them always maintain true fraternity; let them encourage to the utmost extent they could charity and love and truth, morality and loyalty; and who on earth could then say there was anything to be alleged against Masonry?

The Prov. G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Pro. G. Master." This was a toast which should be accepted with the greatest pleasure, as it was the health of a Mason who had done much for the Province of Sussex. He had attended, whenever he had been requested, if it had been in his power, to assist lodges; and all the brethren appreciated his services in the cause of Freemasonry. He (the Prov. G.M.) had himself experienced Bro. Scott's great assistance, and so had the brethren of the Ockenden Lodge. He knew perfectly well that Bro. Scott would do anything he could to assist any lodge in the province. They had been told that day that the Ockenden Lodge was the most prosperous in the province. He could not quite agree in that assertion, for he did not think that with eighteen or nineteen brethren they could be so styled. Nevertheless, it was a lodge firmly determined to carry out their duties, and its members were determined to be, if not the most prosperous, one of the most prosperous of Sussex lodges. Beyond that he did not think it was right that he should exalt the Ockenden Lodge. In consequence of a resolution passed by that lodge by the late S.D., now unfortunately departed, since March, 1874, they had been able to subscribe to the charities so as to constitute themselves governors of each of them. At the next meeting of the Ockenden Lodge he hoped they would again assist the charities. He did not speak of it as a brag or boast, but merely to show that they wished to set an example to the other lodges. The S.G.W. had whispered to him that in his lodge they had passed a resolution, so that every member by paying a shilling a week would in the course of four or five years become a life governor of one or other of the institutions. That was carrying the principle out rather further than had been done in the Ockenden Lodge, where it depended on what brethren might give and what they were able to give; but in the S.G.W.'s lodge the resolution was that they would give a shilling a week towards the charities. This was certainly a good precedent for the other lodges to take. The strength of the province in voting was thus concentrated, as they accumulated their votes for one particular candidate. This was a principle he had adopted himself. In matters of correspondence he advised the brethren to address the Prov. G. Secretary, who would communicate with him, and so matters would be put in perfect order. After again thanking Bro. Scott for his assistance the Prov. M. concluded by proposing "The Health of the Dep. Prov. G.M."

Bro. Scott, D.G.M., replied as follows: Right Worshipful Prov. G.M., Grand Officers, and Brethren,—Allow me first of all to thank you, Rt. W. Sir, not only for the kind manner in which you proposed my health, but also for the honour you have conferred on me in placing me in the distinguished position in Freemasonry which I now occupy in Sussex. I am deeply sensible of that honour, and I can assure you that it will always be my delight as well as my duty to assist you to the utmost of my power, whilst I shall ever deem it a privilege to serve under a brother who is so thoroughly imbued with Masonic principles as yourself. To you, brethren, who have so kindly greeted me on this occasion I also owe my grateful thanks. It has been very gratifying to me during the past few weeks to receive, from all parts of Sussex, congratulations from the brethren of the province, and not only congratulations but assurances that my appointment has given general satisfaction. For, believe me, brethren, high office would have little charm for me unless I held with it your good will and esteem. During the twenty-four years that I have been a hard-working Mason many honours and distinctions have been conferred upon me, but I have never coveted or coveted them—on the contrary, I have repeatedly stood aside that others might pass before me. I will give you only one instance. Twelve years ago Col. Dalbiez, the then Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, offered me the same position in which I have been installed to day. He asked me to be his Deputy. I was urged to accept



office by brethren no less distinguished than Bro. Furner and Bro. Gavin Pocock. I have in my possession a letter from a very eminent Mason, who was for many years the Prime Minister of the Craft in England—it is dated June 10th, 1865—and he writes—"It is very desirable that Col. Dalbiac should have a good Deputy, but that I should imagine would not be very difficult to find. I could tell him of a good one at once, one John H. Scott." I do not tell you this, brethren, in any boasting spirit, but that you may know that I have not greedily snatched at all the good things which have come in my way. I declined that offer. I resisted the temptation, for it was a temptation, and I maintained that Bro. Furner was the proper man to fill the post, and after much persuasion and with the distinct understanding that he should have nothing to do he accepted it. Twelve years ago, brethren, I was comparatively a young man, and I felt that there were older men in the province, older in years and in Masonic experience, who might naturally feel aggrieved and take umbrage if one so much younger than themselves was put over them. But since then, twelve years, not of idleness or retirement but of active and continual service, have passed over my head, and now that I am verging on fifty years of age I have no hesitation in accepting the honourable position I shrink from twelve years ago, now that it is offered me a second time, unsought, unsolicited, and unexpected by me. Nevertheless, I feel that I shall have a difficult task to perform in following my predecessor. Bro. Furner embodies in himself all the qualifications which go to make up an excellent Mason, and when I remember the dignity of his demeanour when he presided over us, the wisdom of his counsel whenever we sought his advice, and the sweetness and amiability of his disposition, I fear that it will be at a great distance, if at all, that I shall be able to tread in his footsteps. At the same time I intend to do my best, and I trust that in my new and exalted position I may do nothing to forfeit, but always retain, the kindly feelings and the good wishes which the brethren of the province have hitherto evinced and expressed towards me.

The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

Under the direction of Bro. Frank Elmore a charming selection of music was performed by Bro. Henry Taylor, W. Rowe, and Charles Tinney.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Friday, June 1st, in the handsome hall of the Apollo University Lodge, when Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., Prov. G.M., presided. There was a very large attendance of Past and Present Provincial Officers, Masters and Past Masters of lodges, and the brethren generally, including the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. Reginald Bird), Bros. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.Ch. Eng.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D. Eng.; R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B. Eng.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P. Prov. S.G.W.; S. P. Spiers, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. L. K. Hilton, P. Prov. G. Chap.; E. G. Bruton, P. Prov. G.J.W.; C. Park, P. Prov. G.D.; H. Riach, P. Prov. G. Sec.; J. Potts, P. Prov. S.W.; G. A. Hardacre, P. Prov. G.D.; Col. Sargent, C.B.; Col. the Hon. Sackville West, H. R. Cooper Smith, and many others.

H.R.H. arrived shortly after twelve o'clock, accompanied by Bros. Collins, C.B., Comptroller of his Household, and Douglas Campbell.

A procession of the Provincial Officers was then formed to the Hall, and the lodge was constituted as follows:—H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.M.; R. Bird, D.P.G.M.; J. Bue, M.A., P.S.G.W.; H. O. Wakeman, B.A., P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. M. W. Pope, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Ald. T. Randall, P.G.T.; W. Pepper, M.A., P.G.R.; J. E. C. Bodley, P.G.S.; J. Reade, P.J.G.D.; F. W. Ansell, P.G.S.W.; J. Jenkin, P.G.S.B.; W. Parratt, B. Mus., P.G.O.; F. Dolley, P.G.P.; J. Chapman, P.A.G.P.; W. J. Douglas Campbell, W. N. Glencross, F. Hedges, H. H. Parry, T. F. Plowman, and H. Harris, P.G. Stewards; W. Stephens and G. Norwood, P.G. Tylers.

The Prince having opened the lodge in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed, and a letter was received from the Prince of Wales thanking the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Officers and brethren of the Province of Oxfordshire, for their address of congratulation on his Royal Highness's safe return to England from his visit to India.

The report of the Charity Committee was then received, and on the motion of the Dep. P.G.M., seconded by P.M. S. D. Spiers, adopted, as was also the Treasurer's report.

The re-election of Bro. Ald. Randall as Treasurer was proposed in eulogistic terms by the Dep. Prov. G.M., seconded by the Past Dep. Prov. G.M., and carried amidst much applause. Bro. Randall having suitably responded, the Dep. P.G.M. submitted his report on the lodges in the Province, which was of a satisfactory character, and showed that Masonry was on the increase. The W.M. then announced that he appointed Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., fellow of Magdalen Coll., as his Deputy, and the hearty applause which followed unmistakably testified to Bro. Bird's popularity.

His Royal Highness then appointed and invested the remainder of his officers as follows, shaking hands with each as he came up to the throne:—Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, M.A., Keble Coll., W.M. of the Apollo University Lodge, Senior Warden; W. Thompson, P.M. of Alfred Lodge, Junior Warden; Rev. H. Deane, B.D., St. John's Coll., of Apollo Lodge, and Rev. Dr. Whitmarsh, St. John's Coll., of Apollo Lodge, Chaplains; Ald. Randall, of Alfred Lodge, Treasurer; Col. Sargent, C.B., of Churchill Lodge, Registrar; Fentham Hedges, B.A., Exeter Coll., of Apollo Lodge, Secretary; J. W. Long, of Marlborough Lodge, Senior Deacon; T. F. Plowman,

of Churchill Lodge, Junior Deacon; W. N. Glencross, Exeter Coll., of Apollo Lodge, Superintendent of Works; W. J. Douglas Campbell, of Apollo Lodge, F. R. Hall, of Alfred Lodge, and J. Greenshields, of Bowyer Lodge, Directors of Ceremonies; H. Harris, of Bertie Lodge, Sword Bearer; E. Cholmeley Jones, B.A., Magdalen Coll., of Churchill Lodge, Organist; E. Prescott, of Marlborough Lodge, Pursuivant; H. Robbins, of Alfred Lodge, Assistant Pursuivant; R. H. Collins, M.A., Lincoln Coll., of Apollo Lodge, W. H. White, T. H. Janson, Christ Church, of Churchill Lodge, T. W. Holland, of Cherwell Lodge, J. Cavan, Christ Church, of Apollo Lodge, and W. R. Bowden, of Alfred Lodge, Stewards; W. Stephens and G. Norwood, Tylers.

Charity jewels were then presented to Bros. Bird, Deane, Bue, and Ansell, and bars to Bros. H. R. Cooper Smith, Juggins and Potts.

On the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by the Treasurer, the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the same amount to local charities, and the lodge was then closed in due form and order.

At the conclusion of the proceedings in lodge, a procession was formed to the Assembly Room of the Clarendon Hotel, where a luncheon, of a very elegant and recherché character, was served. The Prince presided and introduced the various Masonic toasts in well chosen and felicitous terms, many of his remarks being exceedingly happy. The toast list, which was necessarily a short one, included "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the R.W. P.G.M., "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," proposed by the W.G.M., and responded to by Bro. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; "H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R. W. Prov. G. Master," proposed by Bro. F. P. Morrell, P.J.G.D. of Eng., and responded to by Prince Leopold; "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers," proposed by the R.W.P.G.M., and responded to by Bro. Bird and Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville West, P.G.S.W.; and the Tyler's toast.

The Prince in responding to the toast of his health thanked the lodges of the Province for the generous support that they had given to the Charity of the Girls' School, at the anniversary festival of which he was to have presided. He expressed his great regret that he was prevented by illness from being present, as he should have been very proud of the extent of the subscriptions. In proposing "The Provincial Officers" His Royal Highness alluded in complimentary terms to the services rendered to the province by Bro. Bird, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and also congratulated the lodge upon its acquisition, as Grand Registrar, of so distinguished a soldier as Col. Sargent, C.B., the Col. Commandant of the Military Depot of which Oxford is the centre. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Bird and the Senior Warden, Bro. Col. the Hon. Sackville West. Bro. Bird in responding alluded to the flourishing state of the Craft in the province, as evidenced by the reports which had been read that day in lodge.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Horn-castle, under the banner of the "Olive Union" Lodge, No. 1304. There was a large attendance of the brethren, every lodge in the Province, now numbering 20, being represented.

In the unavoidable absence of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.P.G.M., the throne was occupied by Bro. W. H. Smyth, of Elkington Hall, D.P.G.M., who was supported by W. Bro. Rev. Geo. Colman, P.D.P. G.M., and the following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge: W. Bros. Wm. Pigott, P.G.S.W.; F. Watson, P.G.J.W.; Rev. G. W. Lowe, P.G. Chap.; H. Watson, P.G. Reg.; F. D. Marsden, P.G. Sec.; Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.S.D.; Jas. Robinson, P.G.J.D.; E. Chamberlain, P.G.S. of W.; Geo. Nelson, P.G.D. of C.; Robt. Nicholson, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. S. Bladon, P.G.S.B.; W. Mason, P.G.O.; J. Queenborough, P.G.P.; F. Goodhurd, 712, H. Sharp, 1304, E. R. Dibben, 588, A. Field, 1282, P.G. Stewards; Benj. Box, 422, P.G. Tyler.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treasurer, 712; E. E. Jevons, 1286, P.G.S.; W. Smith, 272, P.G.S.; also Bros. W. G. Moore, P.P.G. Reg.; W. E. Howlett, 422, P.P.G.D. of C.; and J. Hurup, 792, P.P.G.J.D.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form punctually at 1 p.m., the roll call of the lodges producing no less than 200 representatives; but on making allowance for several of the brethren being members of more than one lodge, it was found that the actual number of brethren present was 172.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Brigg, on Thursday, June 6th, 1876, having been read and confirmed,

The financial statement was read by Bro. Watson, P.G. Reg. (in the absence of Bro. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas.), showing a balance in hand of £26 6s. 6d.

The Provincial Grand Registrar's returns showed a total of 845 members in 1876, as against 784 in 1875, being an increase of 61 subscribing members.

The report of the Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence was read by Bro. Marsden, P.G. Sec., and Sec. of the Committee, showing a balance in hand of £76 7s. 1d., out of which grants to the amount of £35 had been awarded to various petitioners at a meeting of the board held that day at the Masonic Hall, Horn-castle. We have much satisfaction in recording the fact that this fund has now £550 securely invested, and that for several years past it has been the means of alleviating a large amount of misery and distress.

Bro. W. H. Radley, 838, P.P.G.J.W. and Sec. of the

Provincial Grand Charity Committee, read an interesting report of the children and aged Freemasons of Lincolnshire now provided for in one or other of the three great central Masonic institutions, which we regret that want of space will prohibit us publishing; also a report of the Provincial Grand Charity Committee, held at Horn-castle that morning, at which it was determined to give the unanimous support of the province at the next election of candidates for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to Kate Louisa Parker, daughter of the late Bro. H. J. Parker, 588, W.M. of the St. Botolph's Lodge in 1866.

Bro. James Fowler, P.P.G.S.W., stated that he had received £737 17s. 7d. towards a memorial of the late Bro. Rev. George Oliver, D.D. who for many years held the appointment of D. Prov. G. Master of this province, whose name is well known throughout the world as a zealous advocate of Freemasonry, and the author of several Masonic works. The sum of one thousand guineas is required for this memorial, which, it is contemplated, will secure a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Fowler for his exertions hitherto, as also to Bro. Radley, and Bro. Fowler kindly undertook to receive further subscriptions until the object of the memorial was accomplished.

Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, 712, was unanimously re-elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bros. Fowler and Griffin were re-elected as Auditors.

The following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were appointed for the ensuing year by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master:—

R. J. Ward, 297	Prov. G.S.W.
H. Sharp, 1304	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. William Lynes, M.D., 588	Prov. G.Chap.
H. Watson, 297	Prov. G. Reg.
F. D. Marsden, 712	Prov. G. Sec.
Thos. Fryer, 1282	Prov. G.S.D.
H. Shepherd, 838	Prov. G.J.D.
G. J. Bell, 1482	Prov. G.S. of W.
R. Nicholson, 1304	Prov. G.D.C.
W. F. Vise, 469	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. H. Gay, 426	Prov. G.S.B.
William Marshall, 792	Prov. G.St.B.
T. H. Nicholson, 1386	Prov. P.G.O.
G. G. Birkett, 712	Prov. G.P.
R. Goodman, 422	Prov. G.S.
Jas. Robinson, 469	Prov. G.S.
W. B. Oliver, 712	Prov. G.S.
H. Clark, 792	Prov. G.S.
H. Nicholson, 1304	Prov. G.S.
Robert Garfit, 1600	Prov. G.S.
Benjamin Box, 422	Prov. G. Tyler.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided at the Bull Hotel, under the care of Bro. Caswell Box, the proprietor. The chair was occupied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported on his right and left by Bro. the Rev. G. Colman, 426, P.D.P.G.M., and Bro. the Rev. Wm. Lynes, M.D., 588, P.G. Chap., and many other distinguished brethren. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the brethren separating at an early hour.

Too much praise cannot be given to the W.M. and officers of the Olive Union for their attention to the comfort of their visitors. The very tasteful arrangement of the Corn Exchange, where the lodge was held, was greatly admired; not the least noticeable item of adornment being a very elegant and valuable banner lately presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. John Hadfield, 792, P.P.J.G.D., which appeared for the first time this day in a Provincial Grand Lodge. It was designed by Bro. James Fowler of Louth.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Wednesday, May and, under the banner of Chapter Philanthropic, No. 304. Present:—M.E. Comps. Bentley Shaw, J.P., D.L. P.Z. 273, Prov. G. Superintendent; M. M. de Bartolomé, M.D., P.Z. 139, Prov. G.H.; T. W. Tew, J.P., P.Z. 495, P. Prov. G.H.; Manoah Rhodes, J.P., P.Z. 302, Prov. G. J.; W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275, P. Prov. G.J.; Henry Day, J.P., P.Z. 208, P. Prov. G.J.; Thomas Hill, P.Z. 302, P. Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495, Prov. G.S.E.; Benjamin Broughton, Z. 302, as Prov. G.S.N.; John Booth, P.Z. 258, P. Prov. G.S.N.; Thomas Ruddock, P.Z. 275, as Prov. G.P. Sej.; and Acting Principals, Past First Principals, and companions of Chapters 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 265, 275, 289, 590, 296, 302, 304, 306, 308, 337, 387, 441, 495, 521, 690, 827, 837, 1224.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened in due form by Ex. Comp. Bentley Shaw, Prov. G. Superintendent, and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter, at 4.15 p.m.

The Prov. G. Superintendent was then saluted according to ancient custom, and in acknowledging the same expressed the great satisfaction it gave him to see so splendid a meeting, and warmly thanked the companions of the Philanthropic Chapter for their invitation to meet once more at Leeds.

In referring to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, he had come to the conclusion that it had not progressed as he had anticipated and desired, there being at present upwards of 3000 Craft, and only 838 Royal Arch Masons; he found that in 1866 there were 23 chapters and 563 Royal Arch Masons; in 1870, 576; 1871, 616; 1872, 644; 1873, 671; 1874, 733; 1875, 797; 1876, 838, and 26 chapters; he hoped that those who listened to him would use all proper and legitimate means to encourage



eligible brethren, desirous of doing so, to join their ranks. With the exception of Chapter Integrity, No. 380, Morley, he rejoiced to find that all the returns had been made, and thanked the Prov. G. Registrar for his exertions, and the interest he had taken in the resuscitation of several chapters. His best thanks were also due to Comps. Hopkinson, 265; F. W. W. Booth, 387; and D. Allison Shaw, 827; for their successful endeavours to promote the prosperous action of their respective chapters.

He must allude in passing to the very suitable notice placed upon the agenda paper by the Prov. G. Registrar, relating to the bye-laws of private chapters. It had long been his anxious desire that each chapter should be provided with properly certified bye-laws for their guidance, and he held in his hand a printed draft of bye-laws, which he had hastily perused, but believed that they would be found, with the necessary variations, to embrace all that was required for large as well as small chapters. In conclusion, he desired earnest consideration to the several matters to be brought before the chapter.

The minutes of Prov. Grand Chapter, holden at the new Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1876, were confirmed.

Moved by Comp. W. W. Widdop (pursuant to notice), seconded by Comp. W. Blackburn, and resolved:—"That the sum of ten pounds be paid out of the funds of the Prov. G. Chapter to the R.M.B. Male Annuity Fund."

Moved by Comp. C. L. Mason, Prov. G. Registrar (pursuant to notice), seconded by Comp. M. M. de Bartolomé, and resolved:—"That the draft proposed bye-laws, a copy of which was submitted in print, should be furnished to the three Acting Principals of each Chapter, for their consideration, with a view to their being adopted by each Chapter in this Province, with variations of names, fees, &c., and such modifications as may be deemed necessary by the respective Chapters, and that each Chapter be requested to send such amended draft for approval before the end of the present year."

The Prov. G. Superintendent here took the opportunity of impressing upon the Acting Principals of Chapters now present, the great desirability of their giving immediate attention and earnest consideration to the subject of this resolution, involving so materially as it does, the good government of the several Chapters in this Province, and he expressed a strong wish that each draft bye-laws may be sent in as early as possible, but certainly not later than the 31st December next, so that they may be duly examined, approved, and certified before the annual meeting of Prov. G. Chapter in May, 1878.

The balance sheet having been read by Comp. John Wordsworth, on behalf of the Treasurer.

Moved by Comp. M. M. Bartolomé; seconded by Comp. Manoh Rhodes; and resolved:—"That the balance sheet now read be adopted and entered on the minutes, the balance in the W. R. Union Bank being £282 6s. 1d."

The companions having resigned their collars, the Prov. G. Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz:—

W. Blackburn, P.Z. 337	Prov. G.H.
J. Booth, P.Z. 258	Prov. G.J.
H. Smith, P.Z. 402, 387, 495	Prov. G.S.E.
M. E. Naylor, P.Z. 154	Prov. G.S.N.
J. Hopkinson, P.Z. 265	Prov. G.P.S.
J. Fawcett, P.Z. 258	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
C. J. Walshaw, P.Z. 448	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
J. Fisher, P.Z. 61 (Elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
C. L. Mason, P.Z. 404	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Rhodes, P.Z. 208	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
W. F. Wilkinson, P.Z. 441	Prov. G. Std. Br.
F. W. W. Booth, P.Z. 387	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Marshall, P.Z. 521	Prov. G.O.
R. E. Collinson, P.Z. 837; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289; A. M. Matthews, P.Z. 302; C. M. Hartley, P.Z. 242	Prov. G. Stwds.

Moved by Comp. W. Widdop, seconded by Comp. T. W. Tew, and resolved:—"That Comp. John Fisher be re-elected Treasurer, and that the best thanks of Prov. G. Chapter be accorded to him for his past highly-valued services."

Moved by the Prov. G. Superintendent, seconded by Comp. W. Blackburn, and resolved:—"That the best thanks of Prov. G. Chapter be presented to the Acting Principals, Officers, and Companions of the Chapter Philanthropic, No. 304, for their hearty reception and liberal entertainment of the Prov. G. Chapter."

The Prov. G. Superintendent enquired if any Chapter desired to invite Prov. G. Chapter for the next meeting on Wednesday, the 7th of November, when Comp. W. W. Widdop, on behalf of Perseverance, No. 275, invited the companions to meet under their banner at Huddersfield upon that occasion.

The Prov. G. Chapter was then closed in due form at 5.30 p.m.

The companions repaired to the banquet hall, where upwards of eighty partook of a substantial repast, the Superintendent presiding. Several loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to, and a most harmonious meeting was brought to a close about 8 p.m.

The *Birmingham Post* reports the death, at Saltburn-by-Sea, of Bro. John Jones, the founder of the Iron and Steel Institute, of which he was the secretary until his death. Bro. Jones was one of the most ardent advocates of arbitration in connection with the manufactured iron trade, and has done much to promote the success of arbitration in the settlement of trade questions. He was the principal mover in the establishment of the British Iron Trade Association, and also founded and edited the *Iron and Coal Trade Review*. He was about 44 years of age.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, Captain N. G. Philips, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John G. Stevens, John Newton, L. Stean, W. Hale, R. Wentworth Little, James Brett, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, H. Browne, T. Cubitt, W. Hilton, Chas. F. Hogard, Benj. Head, Charles Lacey, E. Gottlieb, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and J. Terry (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Terry announced the death of four annuitants, after having received respectively £253, £165, £31, and £198. Bro. Terry next read the list of members on the Board of Management who were elected at Grand Lodge of Wednesday week, and which appeared in our last issue.

The Chairman, in reference to the repairs lately conducted at the asylum at Croydon, said that the Committee had been down there to inspect them, and he was able to say that all the work had been extremely well done. Any one who would be good enough to go and see, he felt sure would say the same. The comfort of the inmates had been carefully attended to, and it would be much greater now than ever it was before.

Bros. Col. Creaton, Benj. Head, R. W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and S. Rawson were then elected the Audit and Financial Committee for the year. Half her late husband's annuity was granted to one widow, and a cheque was ordered to be sent to the Provincial Grand Treasurer for South Wales, Western Division, for £10 10s. 0d., being the amount he had erroneously overpaid as the Provincial Grand Lodge's subscription at the last festival.

A letter having been received from a brother, asking whether he was not entitled to six votes for a gift of £10, without his being a Steward, the brethren decided that that was not the meaning of Law 19 of the Institution, but that the gift only carried four votes.

The brethren then placed one unsuccessful candidate from Denham at last election on the list of annuitants, one annuitant having died.

The case of a widow was recommended to the Board of Benevolence, under peculiar circumstances. Previous to the last election a letter had been received from a widow of the same name, and from the same province, withdrawing her name from the list of candidates; and the candidate's name had "withdrawn" printed against it in consequence. Votes were, therefore, not polled for the candidate, who was much disappointed afterwards to find that she had not been elected. On enquiry being made, it was found that the candidate on the list had never been withdrawn, or authorised any one to withdraw for her. She will, therefore have to come forward for election next year, and, in the meantime, the brethren resolved to recommend her to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief.

Bro. Terry asked for and obtained permission to have the use of the hall at the Asylum at Croydon for the summer entertainment to the inmates, the Institution defraying the expenses of the same. Bro. Terry afterwards informed the Committee that from the 1st of Jan. last to the present time he had received and paid into the bankers of the Institution subscriptions to the amount of £11,997 12s. 6d., or only £2 7s. 6d. short of £12,000. The Committee then adjourned.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular relative to the 79th Anniversary Festival, on Wednesday, 27th June, 1877, has been issued:—

Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
June, 1877.

Numerous enquiries having been received on the subject of the "Festival Stewardship" and its privileges and qualifications—the attention of brethren serving the office of Steward for the ensuing Anniversary is respectfully directed to the following:—

1. The fee of £2 2s., payable by each Steward, includes his own dinner ticket, and badge, but does not include ladies' tickets.
2. Ladies' tickets may be obtained in any number on payment of 15s. each.
3. Ladies and gentlemen will dine together at the same tables.
4. Gentlemen, not being Masons, will be admitted to the banquet.
5. Morning dress will be worn; ladies, with or without bonnets, as may be preferred.
6. By command of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, "Masonic clothing or jewels must not be worn."
7. A donation of £5 5s. by a Steward does not carry with it a vote in virtue of the Stewardship, and secures to the donor a Life Subscribership with one vote only, and does not assist in qualifying him to wear the Charity Jewel.
8. A donation of £10 10s. by a Steward, secures a Life Governorship with two votes for life, and an additional vote in virtue of the Stewardship, i.e., three votes for life, and assists in qualifying him for the Charity Jewel.
9. The Stewardship being a personal service, no Steward derives any personal advantage from money voted by a lodge, &c., in its corporate capacity, unless such money be voted specifically in his name as an individual.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

A list of the successful numbers in Bro. Constable's ballot for Life Governorships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be found in the advertisement which appears on page 248.

The following announcement reached us too late for insertion in our last:—Bro. Charles Bennett, official shorthand writer to Grand Lodge, desires to inform those members of the Craft to whom he is personally known that he is not the person of the same name and occupation, who has lately been the subject of certain legal proceedings.

**PHOTOGRAPHY.**—This is an art delighted in by all who are lovers of the artistic, and has in the present age reached a degree of excellence, that, contrasted with the crude efforts of a few years back, leaves little to be desired. But there are photographers and photographers—some who lay claim to the title without the faintest shadow of a right, whilst others have devoted years, under careful tuition and practice, to the study of this very delightful process. These remarks are suggested by noting at Bro. Goodwin's "City Studio," 102, London Wall (who has devoted many years to the study), some very superior Cartes de Visites, Cabinets, both large and small, most telling in expressive likeness, and finished in a high style of art and at most moderate prices. Brethren, Masonic Halls, or Mansions are photographed to order by appointment, in the first class and perfect style referred to. The studio is well worthy a visit.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 507).—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 29th June, 1877. The lodge will be opened by Bro. Mark S. Carlham, who has kindly consented to preside on this occasion at half-past six precisely. Brethren are invited to attend.

A new book is announced by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Abbott, head master of the City of London School, entitled, "Bacon and Essex: a sketch of Bacon's Earlier Life" (Seeley, Jackson, and Co.).

**FREEMASONS IN THE LAW COURTS.**—A letter on this subject from Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., &c., will appear in our next.

**MR. C. L. KENNY.**—A benefit will be given at the Gaiety Theatre on the morning of Wednesday next, on behalf of this gentleman, and the result ought to be particularly satisfactory, seeing that the beneficitaire is a writer who has done much excellent work in his time, and that he will receive the support of such artists as Miss Ellen Terry, Mrs. Alfred Mellon, Messrs. Irving, Sims Reeves, Santley, John Clayton, &c. Mr. Kenny has for a long time been prostrated by a very painful and dangerous illness.

On Wednesday evening the sixty-second festival of the Caledonian Asylum took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, the Duke of Buccleuch in the chair. Subscriptions amounting to upwards of £1000 were announced.

On Wednesday afternoon, the musical fête given by the Apollo University Lodge of Freemasons was held in the beautiful gardens at Worcester College, Oxford, and was largely attended.

A marriage, which will take place in August next, has been arranged between the Lady Mayoress (Miss White) and Mr. Cecil Price.

It has been suggested by numerous season ticket-holders in, and passengers by, the South Eastern Railway (North Kent and Mid Kent Lines), that some substantial recognition should be made to Bro. George Abbott of his efficient services, uniform courtesy, and marked attention, whilst discharging his responsible duties as station master of the Cannon-street Terminus since its opening, nearly eleven years ago. Bro. Abbott's connection with the company exceeds a period of thirty-two years, and the highly satisfactory manner in which his multifarious and difficult duties have been discharged, justly prove him to be a most valuable as well as trustworthy public servant, and it is proposed that a suitable monetary testimonial should be presented to him by his friends. In order the more effectually to carry out this proposition, numerous influential gentlemen have formed themselves into a committee.

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cially those from the United States of America  
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credit them.

## Answers to Correspondents.

We have received Bro. David Allan's polished and truly  
Masonic effusion.

C. B., P. M.—Declined with thanks.

The following reports stand over:—Joppa Lodge, 188;  
Pattison Lodge, 913; Llewellyn Lodge, 1472; Lodge of  
Israel, 1502; United Military Lodge, 1536; Abercorn,  
1549; Dramatic Lodge, 1609; Mount Lebanon Chapter,  
73; Mariners' Chapter, 249; Era Chapter, 1423.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Bulletin du Grand Orient," "New York Dispatch,"  
"Keystone," "Bauhütte," and "Risorgimento."

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## BIRTHS.

ALTMAN.—On the 6th inst., at Eagle House, Highgate,  
the wife of Bro. A. J. Altman, of a daughter.

CROSS.—On the 11th inst., the wife of C. J. Cross, of  
Brentford, of a son.

FRASER.—On the 9th inst., at Melville-street, Edinburgh,  
the wife of W. S. Fraser, of twins (son and daughter).

## DEATHS.

ELLIS.—On the 3rd, inst., at 43, Gladstone-road, Liverpool,  
aged 35, Sarah, wife of Bro. John Ellis, S.W. Alliance  
Lodge, 667, S. E. Mariners' Chap., 249.

HAMILTON.—On the 9th inst., at Chesham-place, the  
Right Hon. Robert A. C. Nisbet Hamilton.

PATERSON.—On the 18th inst., at Montgomerie, Tarbolton,  
Ayrshire, Anne Fowlds, wife of W. Paterson.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1877.

THE LAST QUARTERLY  
COMMUNICATION.

The proceedings of the last Quarterly Com-  
munication will have been perused with the  
interest they deserve by all our readers and cor-  
respondents. Indeed, a more creditable Quarterly  
Communication, creditable, that is, to the Order  
and to all who shared in the debates has never  
taken place. Bro. Lord Donoughmore's speech  
will be hailed with genuine satisfaction, not  
only on account of its straightforward, simple,  
and manly tone, but also for the promise it holds  
out of one who is likely to do the State and the  
Craft much good service. We have never read  
any address which has given us more genuine  
pleasure and satisfaction, and we fancy that  
many of our brethren will share in our senti-  
ments. The remarks of our distinguished Bro.  
J. M. Clabon will meet with, as they always  
merit, respectful attention from us all. We  
agree with his view, though it may not be popu-  
lar, of limiting the Board of Benevolence.  
Once upon a time we thought otherwise, we  
freely admit, and feel that the objections to such a  
change were insuperable. But we have lived to  
see the "error of our ways," and we fully concur  
with Bro. Clabon, in thinking, as we have our-  
selves ventured to point out previously, that a  
permanent Board will give unity and system  
to charitable administration, which are now, in  
our humble opinion, sadly wanting. But the  
change requires to be carefully considered, as it  
will, when completed, be the greatest alteration  
ever introduced into our Constitution for over  
one hundred years. We are very glad that Bro.  
Clabon has drawn attention to the subject of  
"Exhibitions," about which there can be but one  
opinion in the abstract, though there may be  
many in respect of the "modus in quo"  
by which they are to be set up and worked.  
As regards Grand Lodge giving exhibitions  
to the schools, our difficulty is this. The  
funds to be employed are the funds of the  
whole Craft, contributed by all our lodges  
and brethren. Can you then limit fairly the  
use of such exhibitions, out of such funds, even  
to the Masonic Schools? We hesitate very much  
in thinking that we properly can. But why  
not form an "Educational Board or Scholarship  
Board," or whatever you like to call it, and grant  
exhibitions to all sons and daughters of Masons  
who pass a requisite examination? We do not  
for one moment contend, that Grand Lodge in  
its munificence cannot grant a sum for exhibi-  
tions for the schools, because it clearly could  
do so. But if all sons and daughters of Masons,  
educated at the schools or not, could compete  
for the exhibitions, more justice, we think, would  
be done to all alike. We need not go into the  
machinery of such a useful appropriation of our  
surplus funds, because there is no practical diffi-  
culty in the way of the necessary examinations.  
But we shall be glad to have the opinion of  
those in our pages who have considered the sub-  
ject carefully, only asking them to avoid all  
needless points and any personal topics, and  
simply to write "ad rem," and as those who  
sincerely desire to advance the good cause of  
educational progress.

FREEMASONS BEFORE THE LAW  
COURTS.

We print in another column an extract from  
the law courts' report, which must raise very  
serious thoughts in all our minds as regards the  
evil tendency, just now, of Freemasons to rush  
into the law courts. The observations of Mr.  
Justice Field will not fail to commend themselves  
to the notice of all our readers, and we trust will  
have a proper effect upon all law-court loving  
Masons amongst us. It is clearly a burlesque  
on our Masonic profession, a proof of the  
hopeless unreality of much that we descant upon,  
when, as Freemasons, we unnecessarily apply to  
the law courts on matters in which Masonic

questions are involved. We do not say that  
Freemasons are never justified in appealing to the  
courts of law, because there are undoubtedly oc-  
casions when it is both competent and necessary,  
perhaps, for them to do so, and the Queen's  
courts are open to all her subjects. But we ob-  
ject to and we do find fault with, an apparent  
readiness to come before the public with  
Masonic disputes, and on very trivial grounds,  
and we trust that Mr. Justice Field's seasonable  
words may have a good effect upon us all alike.  
As far as we can make out the subject matter of  
dispute, it seems to be essentially Masonic, and  
we feel sure that if it be brought before the Grand  
Master, it can at once be disposed of and  
properly adjudicated. We trust that we have  
heard the last of these needless Masonic appeals  
to a court of law, on questions, above all, which  
might be settled within the Craft, and not come  
before the public at all. We may probably recur  
to the subject in our next.

ARE EXCHANGES WRONG IN  
CHARITY VOTING.

By a discussion which has recently been going  
on in the *Freemason*, it will be seen that our  
esteemed Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., dog-  
matically declares that all exchanges are wrong,  
and cannot be defended on principle, and that  
they lead to all sorts of evil, &c., &c. We, on  
the contrary, as dogmatically declare, in our  
opinion, that exchanges are right, can be defended  
on principle, and lead to no particular sort of  
evil whatever. When doctors differ who shall  
agree? As, however, there is a "rationale" for  
everything here, we think it well to point out  
why, as far as we are able to discern the point  
in dispute, there is nothing wrong in exchanges  
on any grounds you like to take up, legal, moral,  
reasonable, or even sentimental. If Bro. Simp-  
son's argument is good for anything it must go  
to this extent, that the voter must use his voting  
paper, because, although Bro. Simpson concedes,  
(as how could he do otherwise), that a voter can-  
not be compelled to vote, he says, that if he does  
vote he must vote for a proper case, &c. Here  
then we see that the two following points in the  
argument are already conceded, first, that no  
one can be compelled to vote at all, and, secondly,  
that "the most distressing case" theory is given  
up as no longer tenable. Where then are we  
now? Simply in this position: that if a sub-  
scriber votes he must vote for one of the cases  
on the list, (a self-evident proposition, as he  
could not vote for a case on another charity list),  
and that a voter cannot give his votes to another  
voter. Can he not? Why not? What is there  
to prevent him, legally or morally? The whole  
object of the voting power and privilege being to  
secure the election of accepted candidates, it fol-  
lows, as a natural consequence, that all arrange-  
ments which tend to the election of a candidate,  
unless forbidden by the laws of the Institution,  
are not only lawful and equitable, but morally  
proper and right. The whole theory and  
practice of exchanges proceed on this assump-  
tion, that the case is a proper case, and can thus  
only be rendered successful. There are many  
cases put on our lists which come from provinces  
where the voters are few, and where they are not  
strong enough to carry a candidate. To contend  
that there is anything wrong in a province en-  
deavouring, by a friendly arrangement with  
another province, to support its candidate next  
time, so as to carry in its own candidate next  
time, is, begging our good Past Chaplain's pardon,  
a sublimation of sentiment, as unreal as it is un-  
practical. For see what the result must be.  
One of our smaller provinces has a case on the  
list. It has, so to say, 600 votes after much ex-  
ertion, while it requires 1000. Is it not lawful  
as an illustration, for East Lancashire to say  
to West Yorkshire—if you will aid us to elect  
our candidate this election, we will aid you  
next election, because if it is not able to do so  
its poor candidate is inevitably left out in the  
cold. This is no imaginary case, but one that  
happens every day, and what the province may  
lawfully do the individual brother may do. Our  
kindly publisher has lately succeeded in carrying  
two excellent cases, one for the widows, the  
other for the male annuitants. Was it not law-  
ful for him to secure the election of two



thoroughly good cases, by saying to another brother, if you will help me this election I will help you next? Surely it was, on every ground, both of legal custom, moral right and fair play, and it is really pushing Masonic ethics beyond all proportion and out of all common sense, when it is gravely laid down that it is Masonically wrong to exchange votes. The difficulty in this world is always to keep the golden mean as between hyper-sentimentality and hyper-laxity, alike of teaching and duty, and we feel sure that it is Masonic puritanism and Masonic precisianism in the highest degree, to declare on any grounds whatever, or on no grounds at all, that exchange of votes is wrong or unmasonic. There is nothing to forbid an exchange, nothing against it in our laws and regulations, and having demonstrated on every ground of justice and morality, the fallacy of the argument against exchanges generally, we can only repeat, that in practice they are alike needful and expedient, proper and equitable, rightful and defensible in the highest degree.

#### A RECENT INCIDENT IN PARIS.

Some of our friends and many of our opponents seem inclined to make a "little capital" out of the arrest of the "President du Conseil Municipal" of Paris, a few days ago, and so we allude to the subject to-day. It appears that M. Bonnet Duverdier is a Freemason, and was arrested on his return from a lodge meeting, when up goes the cry, of course, "Oh, those wicked Freemasons!" Now we beg to say that with the political views of M. Bonnet Duverdier we, as Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, have nothing whatever to do, neither do we in the smallest measure sympathize with the alleged proclivities of our excitable and unwise brother. All Freemasons deplore the excesses of the Commune, alike in the violence of the revolutionary and barbaric tendencies then manifested, and protest against the brutal massacres of La Roquette and the Rue Haxo, and the absurd proceedings of a clique of French Freemasons, (not the Grand Orient, by the way), which brought, contempt and disgrace upon Masonry in general and French Freemasonry in particular. If it be true, as one of the correspondents of our English papers states, that M. Bonnet Duverdier, Freemason though he be, terminating an inflammatory address to the radicals of St. Denis, [exclaimed, referring to the recent act of Marshal MacMahon, "Let us first fight them at the ballot box, and if we are beaten there let us employ those legal means which we have the right to use against traitors;" if it be also correct that after he had uttered these words, according to the testimony of a number of those who heard them, he made use of a gesture, to give greater emphasis to his meaning, that suggested to his hearers the massacres of La Roquette and the Rue Haxo," then we can only say that he is, in our opinion, properly consigned to prison, to appear before the criminal courts of his own country. But we do not in England assume a man to be guilty until he is proved to be so, and we will therefore hope that such allegations are exaggerated or mistaken. For if there is one thing which we learn as Freemasons, it is a due obedience to the laws of any country, whatever its form of government may be, which for a time becomes the place of our residence or affords us its protection. And that, therefore, never can be the true teaching of Freemasonry, in our opinion, which leads either to violence of language as against lawful authority or any participation in plots and conspiracies against the ruling power, to social disorder or riotous proceedings of any kind. As an Order, as we before observed, we have nothing in common with the heated reveries or the turbulent proceedings of Revolution, Socialism, or Communism in which some mistaken persons like to indulge. We distrust violent speeches, we disavow illegal acts, we resist social disorder, we repress anarchical violence, and as patriotic citizens, as well as Freemasons, we would make any sacrifice to uphold tranquillity and order, to maintain good government, and lawfully constituted authority. We are taught in all our lodges always to remember the unqualified allegiance due to the Sovereign of our native land, and warmly to demonstrate our devotion and affection

to all the members of her Royal House. In former days of dark and cruel menace, the Freemasons in Great Britain rallied as one man round the throne of their august Sovereign, and should circumstances require it (which we trust will never again be the case) WE WILL DO THE SAME IN OUR TIME AND GENERATION. We are emphatically a most loyal Fraternity, and will ever remain so. Over our portals and on our banners are inscribed in letters of gold "LOYALTY AND CHARITY;" inasmuch as we are charitable to the brotherhood and charitable to all men, and loyal—yes, always most loyal—to our Queen, our Country, and our God. We had written the above when we see in the *Times* that on Tuesday, June 8th, before the Police Correctionnelle, M. Bonnet Duverdier was charged with MM. Chambard, Alexandre, and Boyer; for having "insulted and threatened the Marshal," and sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment and 2000 francs fine. We are told that the accused persons did not appear. The witnesses confirmed in a more or less precise manner the terms of the accusation, according to which M. Bonnet Duverdier had insulted and threatened the Marshal. There was no defence. M. Symonet, the Deputy of the Procureur-General, supported the prosecution. While we deeply regret that any such incident should have taken place at all, we once more repeat that as Freemasons we openly disavow the slightest sympathy with or the remotest participation in principles which we repudiate, and proceedings which we detest.

#### A NEW MENU.

Some of us who are particular about our dinners, (and why should we not be?) may be glad to hear of a "New Menu." For as there is a sameness in everything here, so we find, that there is but little variety in our "bills of fare," for the most part, which are drawn up so carefully to entice the hungry or to gratify the fastidious. And, therefore, the following paragraph from the *World*, which has also been noticed by the *Times*, seems to us, to be worthy alike of preservation and consideration. As our contemporary truly observes—"There is such a sameness in the menus this season, that the following dishes, which were served at a dinner given by his Excellency Kuo at the Chinese Legation on the 29th of May, may be interesting and instructive."—Yan tsai, yü ch'e tang, kuo shao yü, chiang yao chu, kuo shao ya, chiaotsz, bombe à la Ignatieff. The first 'plat' is strongly recommended; it is the celebrated swallow-nest soup. Naturalists still differ as to whether its principal components are of animal or vegetable production. Anyhow, prejudices apart, it is excellent, and they say nutritious." Now, though this is only a "Chinese menu," and is perhaps somewhat obscure even to the "brighest" Mason amongst us, to the most "skilled" of our dining brethren, yet do not let us for that reason despise it, or pass it by either with a shrug of the shoulders or an expression of contempt. For there is a great deal of important information and of undeniable interest bound up in the composition and reality of a good menu. Some of us may remember that in that voracious and always pleasant legend, the "Last Chronicle of Barset," Mr. Crawley's friendly cousin, a genial London solicitor, objects to French dishes, and a "diner à la Russe" altogether, because, as he says, people don't like the "kickshaws" and can't enjoy the "show and flowers." He prefers to give, and he says, he finds that his friends do, a good joint and a bottle of old port. In a novel once read, but almost perhaps forgotten, Mrs. Stokes, of the De Clifford Arms, declares the following menu to contain "a dinner fitting for a marquis"—"Turbot and lobster sauce, gravy soup; removed with haunch of venison, chickens in white sauce, Scotch collops, maitre d'hotel cutlets, remove with jelly, blanc mange, Charlotte of happle, and custards." But some of us may prefer the French menu, and to those who do we refer them to page 34, vol. iii. *Masonic Magazine*, where they will see a bill of fare, which will be equally appropriate to a larger gathering, as it was to Henckaby Budgington's limited and select little dinner party. In this they will be able to discover the "grundwerk," as the Germans say, of a dinner that may be eaten and enjoyed any-

where. Those of us who have perused the "Art of Dining," or pored over Walker's "Original," will realize what an indispensable ingredient in the "battle of life" a good dinner is, how it affects our digestion and our temper, our bodily health, and mental quietude, and not only will they feel how much of absolute importance for us all, poor hungry bipeds, is involved in a good dinner and a befitting "menu," but they will gratefully acknowledge our reasonable kindness, in calling attention to a matter so bound up just now with their prevailing interests, and their personal enjoyments.

#### FREEMASONS IN THE LAW COURTS. QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION, JUNE 9. (Before Mr. Justice Field.)

VOIGHT V. TREVOR AND ANOTHER.  
Mr. Wilberforce appeared for the plaintiff. It was, he said, a demurrer to two paragraphs in the defendant's statement of defence. The action was for libel, and the statement of claim alleged that the plaintiff was formerly a member of a lodge of Freemasons, of which the defendants were also members. The statement set out a letter, written and published by the defendants, about the unsuccessful election to the lodge of certain persons who were proposed for members.

Mr. Justice Field.—Are you a Mason?

Mr. Wilberforce.—No.

Mr. Justice Field.—Are you, Mr. Cave?

Mr. Cave.—Yes.

Mr. Justice Field.—It is contrary to the rules of Masonry to come into a Court of Law on such a matter. It will be much better to ask the Grand Master to interfere, and decide the question.

Mr. Cave.—We are perfectly ready to do so.

Mr. Wilberforce said that plaintiff had made application to the Grand Master, and he had said that it was a case for a Court of Law.

Mr. Justice Field.—There must be some error about it. Looking at the matter in dispute, I think it is eminently a matter for the Grand Master.

Mr. Cave.—I quite agree.

Mr. Justice Field.—Let it stand over, to go before the Grand Master. From what I see of it, it is a case that he will entertain.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### ARE EXCHANGES WRONG?

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I threatened you with another letter on this subject, in this *Freemason*, and you will see that "more meo" I am as good as my word. Are, then, exchanges wrong? It is said they are—morally—for numberless reasons unexpressed and not a few, I venture to think, altogether imaginary. What is an exchange of votes? It is simply this, that A says to B, and C says to D—"We have here, say 100 votes, in this charity. We have looked over the list. There are no doubt thirty distressing cases, but there is not a case which so commends itself to our individual judgment, as being a distressing case in itself, as to demand our support, so that we do not mean to vote at all. But, as we have a case next election, which we know to be a thoroughly bona fide case, and we also are aware that you, Bro. P.Q., consider Case 21 on the list, a very distressing one, we will lend you our votes (which otherwise we should not use), if you will help our case, which stands sadly in need of all the aid we can obtain, if it is to be successful."

This is the simple "modus procedendi," the "raison d'être" of the exchange, and though, no doubt, it is open to abuse, as is everything (what is not I should like to know here?) it has nothing wrong in it morally, in any respect whatever, nor can it possibly, properly, or fairly be arraigned as objectionable. If, indeed, the rules of the Institution said "every subscriber must use his votes," that would be a different thing altogether, but as that is an impossible regulation, and for the "must" we only read "may," so we are not bound, to make use of a "reductio ad absurdum," in order to show that the whole argument based on such a theory, is utterly unsound, illogical, and untenable.

If the voter cannot be compelled to vote, of course he equally cannot be compelled to select any one particular case; (which is a self-evident proposition, as it appears to us), but our good Bro. Simpson says, if he does not vote he is bound to exercise his own vote for some one of the candidates, and not vote through another friend. But is he? If he cannot be forced to vote at all, there is equally nothing to compel him to vote personally, and he has a perfect right legally and morally, unless the laws of the institution positively forbid it, to transfer, pro hac vice, his voting paper to another. Suppose a good brother is living far away. The Secretary sends him his voting paper, where shall we say to?—well, Erzeroum, where the Turks and Russians are blazing away at each other. But Bro. Philo returns the voting paper to a brother in London, and says: I cannot, for many reasons, enter into the merits of the cases, and I beg you to vote for the case you consider the most deserving. I have signed my voting paper; can he not do so? Is there anything wrong in what he seeks to accomplish? We cannot think there is, the more so, as it is the very principle Bro. Simpson is contending for indirectly, namely, that a local and central committee is to have the power, through superiority of knowledge, to recommend the most distressing cases. We



have only to extend this principle a little further, and then we can see at once, I think, how utterly puerile is the allegation that an exchange of votes, in the abstract or concrete, is morally wrong.

I quite admit that if money is given for votes, or Masonic votes are exchanged for non-Masonic votes, something may be said as regards such a proceeding, but these are exceptions to the general rule of "exchanges," and are so "few and so far between" as not to be really worthy of notice here. For, usually, all exchanges are most fair, open, and "above board," and conducted on the principle I have enunciated above, for the object of the institution and the benefit of some particular case. But then it is averred that much evil has come of exchanges, and that many deserving candidates have been disappointed thereby. Now, my long experience tells me, just the reverse, that many most deserving cases never would get in at all if it were not for the possibility of exchanges, and that where cases fail, they are either weak per se, or the supporters are lukewarm, or the province or district with which they are connected does not do its duty. In my long Steward chairmanship, I can truly affirm that I have never known a really good case fail, though I have seen many bad cases get in; and the change advocated by our reformers will lead to more bad cases getting in, because we shall have lost "public opinion," a great "levelling power" as to exact merit, and the best antidote to jobbery and the "caucus." So I end as I commenced. Let us "leave well alone." Our charity voting is on the whole as fair as fair can be, and wants no tinkering; but let us all seek, be we who we may, to educate our Order up to that high-minded pitch of conscientiousness, somewhat difficult I admit, so that we may set our faces against weak cases and bad cases, and improper cases, that is to say, when for one or more satisfactory reasons the case never should appear on our lists at all.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD CHAIRMAN OF A CHARITY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry that the two articles in the *Freemason* of last week, together with the letter of "An Old Chairman," are based on an assumption (which I have twice openly and clearly repudiated), that I am advocating a "committee in London" which is to supersede the votes of the subscribers. I have done no such thing. I do not mean to do such a thing.

I advocate the removal of certain well-known abuses, which by time and custom have grown over the voting system, and which hundreds of Masons (and these "clear" and "careful," "thoughtful" and "intellectual") thoroughly condemn, and would fain remove.

I pass by the many hard adjectives which you apply to the proposer, as well as the propositions on these points. I leave our brethren to judge between us, and I may at once say that your courtesy in opening the discussion has already brought a host of converts to the views I have ventured to set forth.

One favour I ask—nay, one claim I must make—and that is, that I must not be credited, or discredited, with views which I have never held or put forth. I never advocated "a central committee," much less one "with unlimited power." I distinctly said in my last letter to you (June 2nd) "I proposed no committee in London."

And yet, after this, you have an article on the ground that I do!

This does not seem to me very fair, and looks a little like throwing dust to clear the air and make men see.

Our charities are the back-bone of Masonry, but if by any indirection, or abuse the wrong persons get into the right place, then it were better that the charities should not exist, as the brethren are subscribing to support those for whom the charities were not intended. While some are enabled to shirk the responsibilities which God and nature have imposed upon them, and the sacred name of charity is made a proverb and a by-word.

I am glad to find, dear Sir and Brother, that you consider many "unfit" and "objectionable" candidates are thrust in upon our charities. If so, I trust that you will strongly advocate a strict preliminary investigation of claims, and then a fair and pure system of election, "leading us not into temptation," and upholding the straightforwardness of Englishmen, and the justice of Masons.

I am, yours fraternally, R. J. SIMPSON.  
[We note Bro. Simpson's remarks, and will allude to them in our next.—Ed.]

#### CURTAINED REPORTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Why have you not given the details of the appeal case decided in the last Quarterly Communication, because the full statement of the ignorance of the brethren would have been very useful and beneficial. It is one thing to state the fact, simply as a fact, it is quite another, and much more important, to give us the "ipsissima verba" of the speaker.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

IGNORUS.

[We agree with the writer, and will see what we can do to remedy the deficiency, if not this time, at any rate, another; though probably our Reporter exercised a wise discretion.—Ed.]

#### AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A few days ago, a man, about thirty-two years of age, and representing himself to be a distressed Mason named "William Harrison," an engineer, late of New-

castle-on-Tyne, called upon me for assistance, stating that he was anxious to get to Cardiff, his native place, whither his wife and children had already been dispatched.

He stated that he had been initiated at Cardiff in Lodge No. 36, and that he was still a member of that lodge, and he gave other particulars.

I felt it my duty to write to the W.M. of No. 36, and have, by return, his polite and business-like reply to the effect that he had "caused the books of the lodge to be looked through for several years, but could not find any reference to the party named," &c.

I learn that this person has imposed upon other brethren, and I therefore ask you to publish this note as a safeguard to others.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. BAXTER LANGLEY,

P.M. 1423; S.W. 871, &c.

#### THE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question arose among some young Masons as to the order of architecture the columns of the W.M. S.W., and J.W. should severally represent. All were agreed that they were the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian, but could not agree as to how they were to be appropriated.

The question has since been submitted to older Masons and to several Preceptors, but the conflict of opinion has placed the point in a greater state of doubt and uncertainty than ever.

Will you, Sir, either personally, or by the insertion of this letter, cause an authoritative opinion to appear in the *Freemason*.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. C.

#### THE ENEMIES OF THE ORDER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a recent newspaper I noticed a singular appeal, by a "Staunch Roman Catholic," to the priest of his parish, to exert his influence to suppress the "abominable Freemasons," on the grounds that they do not recognise the temporal, ecclesiastical, and spiritual power of the Pope, and are opposed to the doctrines of Christ's Church.

These are, indeed, grave charges to answer, and belong to that class of antagonism to Freemasonry which, ever and anon, arises in different parts of the world among those who are opposed to, and do not understand, its teachings. A very short time ago I had occasion to refer to a charge, somewhat similar, and still more sweeping in its character, made in Paris, and I have the honour to submit it to you now under the caption of

"SECRET SOCIETIES."

"It occurs about every decade that a senseless tirade of invective is levelled at Freemasonry, and the attack on this occasion does not (as is usual) arise within our own borders, but comes from la belle France, the birthplace of Lafayette, one of the best Freemasons that ever lived, and the staunchest friend of the American republic during her trials. Usually the hue and cry is from some itinerant divine (?) who has been refused admission into the Order, or seeks to gain an ephemeral popularity by denouncing an Institution, than which none more benign was ever erected. These are the men who plainly see the mote in their brother's eye, forgetful of the beam that is in their own."

"The last shot from an elder gun would be the occasion of much mirth if it were not freighted with evil attempts to falsify and injure the institution of Freemasonry, and it is cause for surprise that a dozen intelligent Frenchmen could be found in all France, in this nineteenth century, to appeal to the Corps Legislatif to suppress a Masonic lodge on the grounds that it was impious and guilty of sacrilege in its work. Their allegations was in substance (for we need not go into the absurdity of their detail) that the effigy of Christ was burned and the body desecrated and trodden under foot amid a series of diablerie and cabalistic incantations, &c., and so on ad infinitum. What the result of these monstrous falsehoods were is easily surmised, for there is no holier place on God's footstool, the earth, than the altar of a Masonic lodge."

"It would be well for this batch of Frenchmen if their clever countryman, Monsieur Renan, who wrote one of the best lives of Christ extant, should handle them severely and teach them, if possible, a little common sense. So far as any attempt to desecrate the person or the character of Christ, we are sure that no true Freemason could be guilty of the impious act, and every word and syllable of the so-called 'Lord's Prayer'—the Pater Noster—is revered by every Freemason, of whatever origin, whether he be Jew or Gentile. What Masonry requires of every man is faith in God; and whether he joins with the inspired psalmist in worshipping his Creator in the grand language of the 95th Psalm, or adopts the modern hymn 'Jesus of Nazareth passes by,' there are none in the Order to question his right to worship and praise God according to his own conscience, its tenets being Faith, Hope, and Charity. Freemasonry was born when the everlasting hills came looming up in chaotic silence from depths profound; it was christened by the holy prophets; it accompanied the children of Israel as they wandered through the wilderness, and its foundation is upon the 'Rock of Ages.'"

"The value of Freemasonry is in its universality; its strength in its humanising influences upon all mankind. It is not necessary for the true brother to 'hang the instructive symbol o'er his door,' nor do flaunting jewels, badges, and regalia make him a corner stone, but that inherent sense of the dignity of true manhood which makes 'all the world akin,' and renders it impossible that he can do wrong to any man."

"We have no doubt that many secret societies exist which are inimical to good governments and injurious to

the peace and welfare of the people, but they are comparatively powerless before the onward march of the civilisation of our times, and although some remnants of the 'Thugs' and the 'Stranglers' may still exist in Asia, and pursue their nefarious vocations, even those are rapidly becoming extinct; so we may also say of the terrible 'Holy (?) Vhone' and the 'Klu Klux Klan.' Where are they, except in the imagination of the credulous?"

"As we have not contemplated a defence of Freemasonry, but simply treated it from the standpoint taken by the handful of frightened and sapient (?) Frenchmen, we can assure them that the beneficent and allwise plan of creation for the spiritual, mental, and physical development of man is the absolute test of Freemasonry—its whole principles being guided by, and resting upon, the almighty power of Truth!"

Thus it will be seen that the views of the gentleman from Ireland and those of the twelve Parisians are, in a great measure, identical, and we recommend the study of Freemasonry to them, before they are again guilty of the absurdity of condemning or impugning it.

Whether, as is asserted, Pope Pius IX. is a Freemason we are not prepared to prove; but it is a well settled point that a very good Roman Catholic can be a very good Freemason—otherwise the universality of the Order would be at once brought into question and dispute—hence that is the "argumentum ad hominem."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALFRED WELDEN.

#### MASONS' MARKS, RUNIC SIGNS, AND LETTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Owing to being absent from home I did not get my *Freemason* of May 26th until it was too late to reply to Bro. John Yarker's letter, and my books being inaccessible (for the same reason), I was unable to give Bro. Yarker the information he requires, but if he wishes to see the marks found on the composition bricks used in building "Shushan the Palace," he will find six columns of such builders' marks in Mr. W. K. Loftus's "Researches in Chaldea and Susiana."

This I stated in one of my former letters.

As regards Runic signs and letters, they seem to resemble the roots of form (the signs of the Hindoo faith), which are derived from the triangle and circle. Modifications or combinations of these were (as I stated in my letter of June 2nd) also used by the old Freemasons to designate themselves in signing their work for the inspection of the overseer or master. The Runes and Binderuners of Scandinavia are known to have been of Eastern origin, and they resemble the Coelbreun y Beirdd of the Celtic Druids. They also resemble the Cuneatic alphabet, and are found on the monuments of all religions.

Mr. Deutche states (as I said in my letter of May 19th) that these marks are found in the foundations of the Temple of Jerusalem. These old Masons' marks are also found in Egyptian and Phœnician ruins, on Druidical rocks, and on Persian altars without temples, also on Persian palaces, Etruscan vases, Turkish buildings, Mohammedan mosques, and on Hebrew tombs, as well as on Christian castles and cathedrals. One of these marks (the number five of Buddha, the Solomon's seal of Gnostic art) appears as a Masonic sign at the side of the sign of the candlestick on the tomb of one Mellecosa, a Jewess of Tortonia, in Catalonia, about A.D. 500.

Wilson, in his "Pre-historic Annals" (p. 535), gives 11 letters of the Runic alphabet, and these are found to be identical with the marks of mediæval Masons. Others may be obsolete Runes, such as northern antiquaries recognise in the Bomaerker or house marks used by the Swedish and Norwegian peasantry to sign or indicate their personal property. Many of the marks are the same as the caste marks or Yantras of India. It is believed that they date from some ancient civilisation whence the Freemasons also proceeded. By their "marks" or signs the works of the several Masons were known, and his "sign" was quoted when the Mason came for payment of his due, or had to suffer fines for damaged blocks.

O'Brien, in his work on the "Round Towers of Ireland," says that "Saer," the Celtic word for a Mason, had three significations—viz., (1) free, (2) Mason, and (3) Son of God. The Hebrew word "aliben" expresses less than this, but the English title "Freemason," gives two of the meanings which O'Brien attaches to the word "Saer."

In France, upwards of 2000 Masons' marks, ranging from the thirteenth to the sixteenth centuries, have been collected. Both England and France are rich in Gothic art, which dates even further back, but no trace remains of the contracts or labours connected with the erections of buildings containing these treasures.

In the year 1780, Father Guglielmo della Valle found in Sienna the original contract of an agreement dated October 3rd, 1266, and made in the church of St. John at Pisa, by the Master Mason or Operarius of the Duomo of Sienna. By this document (which is in Latin) he agrees to take with him to Sienna, as his disciples or scholars, Nicolo, Arnolfo di Cambio di Colle, and Jacopo di Lapo. The Master Mason doubtless carried out his agreement, as these names afterwards became great and famous.

Bro. Yarker says that some years ago he pointed out that a large proportion of the old English marks were well formed letters of the Runic alphabet, but occasionally Masonic symbols and even Roman letters. I am much surprised to learn that as 'this truth did not square with the assertions of the recently concocted and modern Mark degrees,' he was voted heterodox.

As a Past Registrár in Mark Masonry, I cannot help saying that I am afraid Bro. Yarker in his statement has omitted some of the facts or some important details, as in what he states in his letter I fail to see anything very heterodox, and, as a matter of information, shall be glad



to learn what there is in his statement that "does not square" with Mark Masonry.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
W. E. N., No. 766.

#### MISUSE OF MASONIC EMBLEMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As inexperienced brethren may possibly be misled by the display of the emblems of Masonry by those who have no right to use them, I am glad to see a brother call attention to the evil.

To add my mite for the information of the Craft, I may mention that in many shops for the sale of imitation jewellery, scarf pins, having the square and compasses in imitation silver, may be bought for one penny each.

Beside the pamphlet mentioned by "C. F." other medical adventurers use the same means of calling attention to their publications; and even the proprietors of travelling shooting galleries, and the photographic caravans seen at every fair, impudently use Masonic insignia.

Yours fraternally,  
ROUGH ASHLAR.

#### Reviews.

A BRIEF MEMOIR OF THE REV. R. MOREHEAD, embossed in Moon's Type for the Blind. 104, Queen's-road, Brighton.

We have seen this most interesting work, which does very great credit to Dr. Moon, alike for the simplicity of his system of reading so clearly manifested, and the admirable execution of the work itself. We have looked over many specimens of Dr. Moon's invaluable labours, but there is not one of them which appears to us more clearly to demand notice, (though it be only a passing one) or more truly claim our admiration and approval. Some of our readers may not know how many and great have been Dr. Moon's unwearied labours for the mental, and we will add, spiritual illumination of all who are suffering the great privation of sight. It is impossible to read his list of works, now happily within the reach of all blind people, once, alas, really and literally consigned to "outer darkness," so to say, as far as any intellectual improvement was concerned, without feeling strongly what thanks are due to that good worker in the great army of humanitarian toilers, and how much he deserves, not only the gratitude of all who, like himself, are unable to enjoy the great gift of sight, but in truth of all who value honest efforts for the improvement and welfare of mankind. Indeed it may be a fair question whether the valuable services of Dr. Moon should not be rewarded by a national pension, and though the fund at the disposal of the Prime Minister is very limited, few claimants, in our humble opinion, possess a better case or a fairer claim. For how can we measure what comfort and happiness the embossed type has brought to the mind of many a blind person? The more so, as the blind are, as we all know, keenly sensitive of and deeply influenced by intellectual and religious influences, as if in God's providence, though one great faculty, in his inscrutable wisdom, was denied them, others were invigorated and even developed beyond their fellows. We feel that we cannot say too much, honestly, in favour of the zealous and philanthropic labours of Dr. Moon, and did our space permit, we should be glad to say a good deal more. The book he has so admirably reproduced is a very interesting one in itself, being the life of a very able and worthy clergyman, Dr. Morehead, who, to use the old Scotch phrase, did his duty "God-ward and man-ward," faithfully and truly in his time and generation. A companion and friend of many of those distinguished men who at one time shed much intellectual greatness and brightness on Edinburgh society, he ended his peaceful and useful career in a quiet English parsonage, among the hills of Cleveland. A man of many gifts and much power, his life and correspondence have been edited by his son, Dr. Morehead, well known by his long medical services in India. Sir Charles Lowther, the munificent supporter of Dr. Moon, (himself a fellow sufferer), and who married a daughter of Dr. Morehead, has thought well thus to preserve for all alike the memory of a good man.

He, as well as ourselves, will agree with Old Shirley, when he says

Your heads must come  
To the cold tomb.  
Only the actions of the just  
Smell sweet and blossom in their dust.

We will only add that should any of those for whom we write, know any one in want of any of Dr. Moon's valuable works, we shall be happy to hear from them, as we can, we believe, obtain them for them.

THE ROSICRUCIAN. G. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

The number for April is before us, and maintains its reputation and ability. For those who delight in the theories and researches of mysticism and of hermetic "aporrata," the *Rosicrucian* has many attractions, and we have no doubt but that it is largely patronised by the members of the High Grades. It is admirably printed and carefully edited.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—When rheumatism becomes chronic, and as it were fixed in a limb or part, it is truly a terrible enemy to encounter. The joints often become stiffened and excessively painful when obliged to be moved, or on exposure to changes of temperature, dampness, &c. Holloway's Ointment exercises a wonderful effect in alleviating this torture, for by its use the blood vessels of the part have their tone restored, and the irritated and painful nerves soothed and calmed. It must be persistently and perseveringly used, for the disorder is a most obstinate one, and will not yield unless resolutely attacked. These remedies will also be found to be most useful in cramps and muscular spasms. ADVT.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 22nd, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
" 1201, Eccletic, F.M.H.  
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Encampment, 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 19.

Board of Gen. Purposes.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.  
Rose Croix, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
Encampment Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ubury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 22.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Horse & Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Ho., Kew Bridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 23, 1877.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY JUNE 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, M.H., Prescot.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheatheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M.H., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Springs.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

Roan, Gilt Edges, elastic band or tuck, price, post free 2s. 2d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1877. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (Advt.)

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *sampler*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.



# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—Result of Bro. Constable's Ballot, 13th June, 1877:—

- 9409 Bro. A. C. Newson, Queen's Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand.  
 1095 " F. H. Pool, Station Villa, Hayle, Cornwall.  
 3916 " H. G. Rudderforth, 49, Lime-street.  
 2431 " Jno. Huelin, 2, Saville-street, Jersey.  
 10682 Miss A. Bellamy, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 10884 Humber Lodge, 57, Hull.  
 7329 Bro. S. Rowley, 17, Wilderness-row.  
 9993 " S. B. Ellis, Brocco Bank, Sheffield.  
 4540 " Jno. Penrose, 16, King Edward-street, E.C.  
 9194 " Ed. Coste, 28, Moorgate-street.  
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 4289 " W. H. Lee, Freemasons' Hall.  
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## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—This lodge held its last meeting for the season on Monday, the 4th inst. at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The lodge was opened pursuant to summons by the W.M., Bro. Lewis Lazarus, at 4 p.m., and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Cogswell was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. De Silva, of the Lodge of Israel, was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the Third Degree, his own lodge having adjourned till October. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, numbering 110, including several visitors, among whom were Bros. Clarke, P.P.S.W. Devon; States, P.G.S.; Cohen, W.M., 205; Austin, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; and De Silva, 205, adjourned to the banquet hall, where a splendid dinner and dessert were provided. During dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and were enlivened by a vocal and instrumental concert, by Bro. P. E. Van Norden, Miss Patty Laverne, and others. Bro. E. P. Albert, P.M., P.G.P., responded for the Grand Officers; Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., the president, for the Joppa Benevolent Fund; Bro. Clarke for the visitors. The brethren passed a very pleasant evening, and parted shortly before 12 o'clock.

**MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**—An emergency meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Albion, on Saturday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; D. R. Still, S.W.; W. W. Medcalf, J.W.; J. J. Avery, P.G. Treas. Devon, Treas.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Sec.; W. Vilven, S. D.; J. Bergman, J.D.; C. Schmidt, J.G.; Shaw, Tyler; also Bros. Klotgen, Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Wells, Lewis; and visitors, Bros. W. S. Whitaker, W.M. 1572; J. Chaney, 180; J. Kimpton, 1601; C. Daubert, 238. Lodge was opened at 2.30. Bro. Klotgen was raised by the W.M., and Bros. Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Lewis, and Wells were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Parkyns, Knott, Warden, Alpetter, and Nelson, which proved unanimous in their favour, and Messrs. Warlen, Alpetter, and Nelson being in attendance, were each severally initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient rite. Lodge closed at 5.30 in due form. The brethren were afterwards refreshed by a capital collation provided by Bro. Jennings. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. Buss replying for the Grand Officers, the healths of the "Initiates," "W.M.," "Visitors," "Officers," and Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. During the evening some excellent songs and instrumental music were given by Bros. Bergmann (who presided at the pianoforte), Morgan, Avery, Medcalf, Whitaker, Warden, &c.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. R. Taylor, W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Melrose and Johnson having given proofs of their proficiency, the former was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and the latter passed to the Degree of F.C., the working in both being gone through by the W.M. It was resolved that the festival of St John be held on the 28th inst., at the house of Bro. Hartley, the North Western Hotel, Morecambe. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was subsequently closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**MARYPORT.**—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The festival of St. John the Baptist, in connection with this lodge, was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maryport, when Bro. Thos. Carey, S.W., W.M. elect., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M., Bro. T. Mandle, opened the lodge about four o'clock, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. T. Carey, S.W.; T. Moore, J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Robinson, Secretary; J. Smith, Organist, P.P.G. Org.; J. Fulton, S.D.; G. Goodhall, J.D.; E. G. Mitchell, I.G.; and Harris, Tyler; and a goodly number of other members of the lodge, including Bros. J. R. Tickle, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. Adair, P.M.; J. Walters, P.M.; &c. The visiting brethren also mustered in strong force from Whitehaven, Harrington, Workington, Cockermouth, Carlisle,

and Wigton, amongst whom we noticed Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Secretary; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer 1002, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.P.G. S.B.; W. Alsop, W.M. 119, P.P.G. Pour.; E. Atter, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Pour.; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 692, P.G. Supt. Works; J. Young, P.M. 1400; P. de E. Collin, W.M. 962, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist 1002; W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Secretary 1002 (Freemason); &c. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Kenworthy took the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Carey, the W.M. elect, was presented and obligated, subsequently also being duly installed into the chair, in a Board of Installed Masters numbering no fewer than twenty. The ceremony, we may add, was as usual performed by Bro. Kenworthy in his usual impressive and workmanlike style, ably assisted by Bro. Gibson, the Provincial Grand Secretary. The newly installed W.M. subsequently appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Fulton, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer; E. G. Mitchell, Secretary; John Elliot, S.D.; Stoddart, J.D.; J. Smith, Organist; G. Goodhall, I.G.; R. Hetherington, D.C.; Milburn and Waite, Stewards; and Harris, Tyler. With respect to the Treasurer, however, it should be mentioned that Bro. Nicholson has held that important office for a number of years, and on the present occasion wished to shirk his responsibilities, in fact, objected to that part of the minutes referring to his re-election, by reason of his not being present when proposed. He also stoutly refused to come forward for investment; but happily, his brethren would not be denied, and so the old veteran felt at last bound to relent, and he was invested with much acceptance as a matter of course. Hearty good wishes having been tendered from Lodges 119, 327, 872, 962, 1002, 1400, and 1532, the lodge was closed in form. An adjournment then took place, in order to prepare for the banquet, which was provided and served in the lodge room, with much taste, by Bro. Fletcher, of the Freemasons' Arms, Maryport. Bro. Carey, W.M., presided, faced by the two Wardens, Bros. Robinson and Fulton, and a couple of hours were harmoniously spent, though the proceedings were necessarily curtailed, in consequence of the near departure of the last trains north and south. The conventional list of toasts was gone through, and the only item we have room for is embodied in the remarks of Bro. Gibson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Bective," M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Therein Bro. Gibson forcibly alluded to the dull routine into which he feared the whole of the province had fallen. Members went to lodge night after night to hear nothing but the ceremony of initiation, passing, or raising, and beyond this they knew absolutely nothing of Masonry. This he characterised as the "dry bones of Masonry," and the only way to effect a revival was to adopt and encourage the working of the sections and lectures. These remarks were well received by all present, and we trust that the initiative will at once be taken by the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of every lodge in the united Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. Apropos of the above, our correspondent hints that the whole mystery is explained in the almost total absence of regular lodges of instruction throughout the two counties, as, although there are now twenty lodges in the province, only two are actually registered as lodges of instruction. He thinks that if each lodge registered itself as a lodge of instruction, and appointed a Preceptor, twelve months would work wonders, and a great aid to proficiency and uniformity would likewise be provided in the interchange of visits by the Preceptors of each lodge.

**CHESHUNT.**—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, under the presidency of Bro. John Grogott, Prov. G.S.W., the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bro. Etherington, S.W., W.M. elect, and Bro. E. G. Pottle, J.W., P.G.S.B. The ceremony of passing Bro. Johnson to the Second Degree having been completed by the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. W. E. Gompertz, P.P.G.F., and a numerous Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Etherington was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The lodge having been called for three o'clock, the short time at the disposal of the Installing Master did not permit of much elaboration, and this beautiful ceremony was therefore shorn of much of its beauty, a circumstance much to be regretted, particularly in the hands of so capable a worker as our Bro. Gompertz. The shortcomings in the lodge were fully compensated at the banquet table, around which sat, as visitors, Bros. F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; George Bilby, P.M. 185; George Mickleby, P.M. 449, P.P.G.D. Herts; G. Levick, P.M. 1227; George Phythian, S.W. 22; W. J. Walsham, 1491; and H. W. Gompertz, J.W. 1364, and who, in response to the toast of "The Visitors," one and all expressed the gratification they felt at their visit to the Gresham, which, from the historical associations of their lodge room, may be termed unique. Bro. Binckes, in responding for "The Charities," spoke of the great pleasure he had in revisiting the lodge after an absence of nine years, and said, although he missed many old faces from the festive board, he felt very great pleasure in seeing so many earnest Masons still in connection with it, and wound up by strongly urging the brethren to give a hearty support to them all. The brethren appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Pottle, S.W.; Chapman, J.W.; Perry, S.D.; Cheese, J.D.; Mayo, Chaplain; Copstick, Treas.; Gompertz, jun., I.G.; Discon, Org.; Benard and Holland, Stewards.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The last monthly meeting of the above lodge, which was held at Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, was honoured by the presence of Bro. Eastes, the Deputy

Grand Master for Kent, and the Rev. Bro. Hill, P.G. Chap. for Kent; Bro. C. Cotpland, P.G.J. Warden, who is a P.M. of the lodge, was also present, as well as the following, who were among the brethren and visitors:—G. Tapp, W.M. 706; F. Pownall, W.M. 13, and P.M. 1536; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; A. Le Feaux, P.M. 30; J. F. Croisdale, P.M. 706; J. Griffin, P.M. 933; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; A. Woodley, J.W. 700; D. Deeves, 1536; E. Sweeney, 706; H. Carlin, 1536; G. H. Masters, 13; W. Bidgood, 700; G. W. Hill, 700; C. Jolly (Freemason), 913, and others. Bro. W. T. Vincent, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers—Past Masters Tongue, P.P.J.W.; Kent Ellis, McDougall, Penfold, I.P.M.; H. Butter, S.W.; T. D. Hayes, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, Sec. and P.M. and P.P.G.P. Kent; C. Cooke, Organist; W. B. Lloyd, S.D.; J. Chapman, J.D.; R. J. Cook, I.G.; H. Mason, D.C.; and R. Lester, Tyler. On account of the death, recently announced in the *Freemason*, of Bro. F. Pattison, late P.G.W. England, who was the patron of the lodge, the whole of the lodge was dressed in deep mourning, the walls were hung with black cloth, and the hatchment of the deceased hung over the W.M.'s chair. Upon the arrival of Bro. Eastes the brethren rose and saluted him with the honours of "five," and he took his seat immediately on the right of the Master. The only degree worked was the Third (Bro. Haslett receiving the benefit of it), which was most impressively done by Bro. Vincent; the fine harmonium, under the hands of Bro. Cooke, and the heavy funeral appearance of the lodge, produced an effect at once solemn and effective. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose to address the brethren upon the death of our beloved Bro. Pattison. He said they had met that day under the most solemn circumstances, to mourn the loss of one whom they revered as the father of the lodge, the distinguished Mason whose name they hoped to hold and perpetuate as long as the Pattison Lodge endured, one who was not only a Mason himself for forty years, but whose father was a zealous member of the Craft before him. When, fifteen years ago, it was decided to found a lodge of Freemasons at Plumstead, its founders were not long in discovering that the chief representative of the Pattison estate was a distinguished Mason, and hence the name, which at once stamped its locality, and gave it an immediate introduction to the Craft at large, to whom the name of Pattison is as familiar as "household words." He need hardly tell them that their late brother was a Grand Warden of England. Many of them who had seen him in his seat of honour at Grand Lodge had been proud to see one of their lodge so exalted among the chiefs of their noble Order. In the name of the lodge he thanked the many brethren who had come to join their regrets with them; especially he thanked the Deputy Grand Master of their Province, and their Grand Chaplain (who if they had sought their pleasure might have found a more festive occasion), for lending their honoured presence. Their Bro. Eastes, whose name was honoured and revered amongst them, and was never omitted from their gathering, had come many miles to be with them that day, and Bro. Hill, whom they knew so well, could never pay them a visit without sacrificing some two days of his valuable time. He hoped, as there would be no festive gathering that night, that before they closed their Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, in whom they practically recognised the working centre of the province, would tell them something of Masonry in that part, and he would also ask Bro. Hill, who he had reasons to know was as well beloved throughout the province as he was here, to address a few words to them befitting the occasion. In conclusion, he moved that the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of their distinguished Brother Frederick Pattison, Past Grand Warden of England, P.M. of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, and a member of this lodge from its foundation. In the worthy character of their late Brother, his estimable charity, his warm hearted and generous friendship, and his constant walk in the undeviating line of rectitude, the members of this lodge recognise the personification of the genuine principles of Freemasonry, and a bright example for their imitation. They therefore place on the minutes of the lodge this expression of their respect and sorrow, and direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of their late Brother F. Pattison in token of their sincere and earnest sympathy in the loss they have sustained. At the request of the W.M., the Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chaplain, and vicar of Throly, Kent, then addressed the brethren, and commenced by remarking that there were times in every man's life when he would gladly maintain silence, and like Aaron of old on the decease of his sons, "lay his hand on his lip, and lock up his strength." The proceedings of the evening seemed singularly to move to this—the mourning attire assumed; the strains of sad music poured forth, what they had just witnessed in the raising of one from a figurative death to a companionship with them in their toil; the emblems of mortality presented to their sight, conspired to produce a craving for quiet meditation, and to ponder on one's own inevitable destiny; but as he knew it would be a breach of duty to yield to that silence, he would speak. This was a sad day of mourning, as they all felt. They had sustained a serious loss. A "cedar of Lebanon" had fallen and lay prostrate. The sympathy of the departed founder of the Pattison Lodge and his valued counsel could henceforth be no more elicited. With good reason they had felt quite incapable of offering their wonted hospitality. In sorrow nature withdrew the appetite for food, and that night they would share only the "bread and water of affliction." And yet, possibly by this, the mind might the better flourish. From their lasting good might arise in the soul. They might better remember lessons concerning the mutability of all earthly things, and of the need of a personal preparation for death. The depart-



ture of their lamented brother suggested solemn thoughts of the closing in of their own earthly day. That as Adam, their great ancestor, lived 930 years and then died; and Methuselah for the long period of 969 years; and our ancient master, Moses, with an eye undimmed by age, and with natural fire unabated, succumbed on the height of "Nebo's lovely mountain," at the age of 120 years, so we must depart after the fulfilment of the brief space of three score years and ten, and less than that in the case of many then present. The distinguished founder of the gorgeous temple at Jerusalem, the royal Solomon, King of Israel, whose wisdom is to this day so highly admired, and whose pre-eminence is acknowledged in the person of the chief of this lodge he who stood pre-eminent for his proverbs, and was gifted as a naturalist and a botanist, "who spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon, even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the walls, and spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes," he has left us words—inspired words—which may well receive the thoughtful attention of the assembled mourners. "It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to his heart." Evidently this great teacher intimated in these words that rejoicing on suitable occasion was not unbecoming the most gifted and prudent; yet the suggestion seemed to convey also, that such scenes are fraught with danger. "The feast of reason and the flow of soul" might be allowed the association of friend with friend was lawful, if attended by prudence and temperance; but because too many men were easily allured by the passing present, and so forget the future, he declared that better results would arise from visiting the mourners in their grief, and alleviating their sorrows, than attending a sumptuous banquet in a great man's palace. A constant round of festivity was a mode of living most unfavourable to reflection. The calls of religion found but a poor response with the self-indulgent, while the sight of the broken-up family suggested good thoughts of the vanity of earth, a wish for a better state, and led men to ponder the solemn declaration of the sacred law as to the result of a holy life, or its opposite, and such language is the following:—"Hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." The Rev. Chaplain then proceeded to exhort the brethren to the fulfilment of their duty to God, and to their neighbour; inviting them to follow the footsteps of the faithful departed; confiding that at death their faith and patience would not be forgotten. "The bright and morning star" would dispel the shadow of the tomb, and raise his loved ones to permanent mansions in heaven. To this consummation, as to a day without a cloud, he encouraged the brethren to look, and so amid separation, and change, and decay, be kept calm and confiding, and steadily progressing in every good word and work. The whole of the rev. brother's discourse was breathlessly listened to, and at its conclusion the applause was both hearty and spontaneous. The resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Coupland, was then put and carried unanimously. The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, then in the course of an eloquent address expressed his thanks for the kind and cordial greeting extended to him, and regretted not having been able to visit the Pattison Lodge before; but during the three years he had held that office he had had so many calls upon him, that he felt sure they would excuse him for not having done so. He was well aware of the importance of the Pattison Lodge, not only on account of its numbers, but by the position held by so many of its members, past and present, in the high offices of the province. He then gave a few statistics showing what had been done in the cause of benevolence in the province, which, however, we will not anticipate, as they will be fully shown at the approaching Grand Lodge gathering at Erith, on the 4th of July. He then, after a splendid eulogium on the merits of Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, proceeded to say that the Pattison and the United Military Lodges were two of the largest in the province. Last year he had the honour of recommending one of the members of this lodge, Bro. C. Coupland, for the office of P.G.J.D., and by his energy and ability it had been matter of congratulation among the whole of the officers that he had accepted that office. Their Grand Master had, too, looked at the position taken in the province by the United Military Lodge, and had determined to give its first and respected W.M., Bro. F. G. Pownall, the position of a P.G. Supt. of Works. He had been greatly impressed by the manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been worked by their worthy W.M.; it was excellently done, and reflected great credit upon both him and the lodge. He had been deeply touched by the eloquence of Bro. Hill; it was worthy of him and the solemn occasion that had called it forth. After feelingly referring to the great loss, both to the lodge and the Craft in general, by the decease of Bro. Pattison, he concluded a brilliant address by trusting soon to have the honour of being with them on a more happy and auspicious occasion. It was then proposed and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks should be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge to Bros. Eastes and Hill for their attendance that evening, and Bro. Hill returned thanks. Bro. Eastes then withdrew, amid rounds of cheering, our esteemed brother evidently feeling the warmth of the brethren's good wishes. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. S. Butter, S.W., was unanimously chosen. Bro. A. Jessup, who has well and worthily held the position of Treasurer for many years, was then re-elected, and Bro. R. Lester as Tyler. Bro. Penfold, I.P.M., then proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to the W.M., as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and to mark their opinion of

the able manner in which he had during his year of office carried out the duties of that position. After the W.M. had returned thanks, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren dispersed their respective ways, there being no social board under the circumstances above mentioned.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard's Gate, on the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. Thos. Jackson, presided, but there was only a small muster of members present. The lodge having been opened with the formalities of the Craft, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Bradshaw having given proficiency as a F.C., was entrusted and retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree he was re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. The usual proclamations were made, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—An emergency meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Bro. E. West's house, the Three Crowns, for the purpose of getting through with some pressing work that had been lately accumulating on the hands of the worthy and respected Master, Bro. W. Steele, who presided, assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. Ives, I.P.M.; E. W. , P.M., and P.M. 1076, P.P.G. Officer Herts, &c., &c.; A. J. Manning, S.W.; W. T. Turner, J.W.; T. Geller, Treas.; N. Stanford, S.D.; J. Plume, J.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; W. J. Vance, I.G.; E. Davis, Steward. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; Treadwell, 1076; S. Carter, 13; C. Jolly (Freemason), 913, and others. The work before the lodge consisted of raising Bros. Lloyd, Fenn, and Beasley; passing Bros. Turner, Jones, and A. Plume, and the initiation of Mr. J. Fairbairn, the whole of the ceremonies being admirably worked by the W.M. The historical portion of the Third Degree was eloquently rendered, and the whole of the working was most excellent. After the lodge was closed a committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the summer banquet, and then the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where a cold collation awaited them. On re-assembling, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Ives, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," called the attention of the brethren to the manner in which their W.M. sought by every means in his power to make a name for the lodge, for its good work done among the lodges of the district. In the arduous duties of that evening their hearts were with him, and they were proud of such able and perfect Masonic work. Bro. Steele assured them, in response, that he felt highly gratified to hear their hearty reception of the eulogy passed upon him by Bro. Ives. He believed he had been successful up to the present in fulfilling the expectations formed of him when their united votes placed him in that chair. He knew that much was expected of him, and he had tried hard to come up to their standard of excellence, and by their acclamations he felt that at least he had not lost their confidence. He trusted they would soon be in a position to have funds enough to have a good lodge of instruction, and they might at all times depend upon his assistance and support. "The Initiate" was then toasted, and returned thanks. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Gaskill and Jolly severally replied. In returning thanks for "The Past Masters," Bro. Ives, in eloquent terms, advocated the cause of charity, not only that charity that consists in giving money, although that was of the first import, but that beautiful charity that shows itself in kindness and brotherly love. They might give money to a man and not be thanked, because of the way it was given, but the smallest trifle, if given with sympathy and a "kind word" was more precious than "gold without love." He trusted every brother would not only be brothers inside that lodge, but would carry the divine principle of their noble Order with them into their everyday life, and the beautiful "charity of Christianity" would adorn and beautify that Masonic charity they were taught to love and practise. The toast of "The Officers" concluded the pleasures of the evening, which were much enhanced by the excellent singing of Bro. Plume and others.

**TEDDINGTON.—Felix Lodge (No. 1494).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Teddington, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Bro. Francis Bradley Archer, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. G. Moore, P.M., S.W.; T. S. Archer, J.W.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M.; P.G. Stwdr, Treas.; Ed. B. Grabham, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Middx, Sec.; E. A. Woolley, S.D.; H. R. M. Belward, I.G.; Geo. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.D. Somerset, D.C. Visitors: R.W. Bro Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx; Bros. A. H. Lilley, P.M. 12; T. L. Fox, P.M. 19; Dr. Wm. O'Connor, P.M. 28; J. B. Sorrell, P.M. 176; F. Rath, P.M. 534; S. Carey, 901, and many others. The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. Henry Geo. Bevington and Mr. W. Rose, F.R.C.S., were balloted for and duly initiated by the W.M., after which Bro. W.G. Moore, P.M., was presented for installation, the ceremony being exceedingly well rendered by Bro. Knyvett, P.M. The W.M. appointed his officers, Bros. F. B. Archer, I.P.M.; T. S. Archer, S.W.; Woolley, J.W.; Knyvett, P.M., P.G. Steward, Treas.; E. B. Grabham, P.M., P.S.G.W. Middx, Sec.; Kingsmill, S.D.; Belward, J.D.; Sadler, I.G.; Geo. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, "The Health of Bro. Col. Burdett" was drunk with much enthusiasm, who, in responding to the toast, expressed his satisfaction with all that he had seen of the working of the lodge, and announced his intention of paying another visit on the completion of the new lodge-room. Bro. Archer, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," gracefully alluded to the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Moore had filled all the offices in the lodge, and predicted

for him a very happy year of office. The W.M., in responding to the toast, said he felt sure from the exceedingly kind way in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the hearty response given to it by the brethren, that his year of office would be to him a labour of love, and in emulating the good example of his predecessor he hoped to retire from the chair retaining the good opinion of all the members. He had now a very pleasing duty to discharge, and that was to present to Bro. F. B. Archer a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the lodge during the past year and as a slight mark of the high esteem in which he is held by every member. The past year had been a very prosperous one for the lodge, and this is in no slight degree due to Bro. Archer, whose year of office has been a very arduous one. The toast was very warmly received. Bro. Archer suitably acknowledged the toast, which had been so feelingly proposed by the W.M.; the jewel which had been presented to him that evening would always remind him of the kind way in which his services had been received by the lodge, and his endeavours would always be for its continued prosperity. Bro. A. H. Lilley, P.M. 12, responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. T. S. Archer, S.W., for "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast then brought the evening to a close, and most of the brethren returned to town, after the enjoyment of an exceedingly pleasant meeting.

**LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).**—The last monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening, the 21st May, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was very largely attended, and the whole of the evening's proceedings was marked by an unanimity and efficiency which could hardly have been excelled. Bro. Maurice Hart, the W.M., occupied his place in the E., and he was ably supported by Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; A. Jones, S.W.; S. Schonstadt, J.W.; Rev. Professor Prag, Chaplain; Isaac de Freece, Treasurer; B. Levy, Sec.; Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Julius Franks, W.M. 203; M. H. Edwards, A. Babow, M. T. Tieski, T. Saber, H. T. Wright, W. Woolf, A. Hart, H. Henochsberg, S. Levy, D. Gabrielson, H. Geldhard, W. Levy, H. Burnett, M. Aronsberg, M. Parkes, D. Isaacs, J. Simmons, S. Jacobs, A. M. Lyons, G. J. Somers, A. Liebschutz, A. Cohen, J. E. Davidson, &c. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Peet, S.W. 241; A. Cotter, W.M. 1264; J. W. Newman, 220; T. J. Harris, 1264; and W. Aronsberg, 1055. After the transaction of some routine business, one candidate was initiated and two brethren passed to the Degree of F.C., and the almost perfect style in which the W.M. (Bro. M. Hart) performed the ceremony (in which there were displayed all the weight of impressiveness and graceful delivery so essential in the working) elicited the universal admiration and commendation of all the brethren. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., who responded for the P.G. Lodge Officers, paid a high compliment to the superior working shown by the W.M. and his officers.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine hall, on Anglesea-hill. As it was the occasion of the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, more than ordinary interest was attached to it, and there was a good assembly both of the brethren and visitors present. Out of respect for its neighbour, the Pattison Lodge, whose founder and patron, Bro. F. Pattison, P.G. Warden of England, has just died, the lodge was in full mourning. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.G.J.W. Kent; W. T. Vincent, W.M. 913; J. Henderson, P.M. 13, &c.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, &c.; S. Wilkinson, 948; F. Butterworth, 1604; H. Burnett, 1604; W. Pean, 1604; T. Davis, 87; A. Upperton, 913; G. Beaver, 700; E. Palmer, 913; J. Wilkins, 700; H. Tucker, 913; E. W. Crews, 13; T. Carter, 13; W. Cobb, 700; D. Capon, 613; W. McCoy, 700; and C. Jolly, (Freemason), 913. The officers present were Bros. W. Weston, W.M.; F. G. Pownall, I.P.M., and W.M. 13; R. Croisdale, P.M., and P.M. 706; G. Spinks, S.W., and W.M. elect; H. G. Picken, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; H. Shaw, S.D.; J. McCaffery, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; Wilding and Wright, Stewards; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge having been opened, the Three Degrees were splendidly worked by the W.M., and then Bro. Spinks, S.W., was almost unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Murphy Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland Tyler. After those brethren had returned thanks, a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was unanimously voted to Bro. Weston, for his ability in the chair, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Pownall proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that twelve months had now elapsed since Bro. Weston took the chair, and there was not one member of the lodge who could not look back with pleasure to that time. For himself, he could safely say that no one could have been more anxious for the welfare of the lodge, or worked harder for its prosperity than Bro. Weston had. He sincerely trusted that he might long be spared to them, still to do in the future as he had done in the past, and he could assure him, that when he left that chair there would go with him the "hearty good wishes" of not only every brother of the lodge, but of the district. Bro. Weston, in reply, said for the last time he thanked them for their kind expression. He thanked Bro. Pownall, who in his position of I.P.M. had been of most incalculable service to him in carrying out the duties of the chair. To his brother Wardens he



returned thanks for their good and loyal service to him, both here and at Grand Lodge. To his brother Deacons he gave his warmest thanks, and well might the lodge be proud of them, for many visitors had spoken to him with especial commendation of the earnest and excellent manner in which they had performed their duties. To the whole of the brethren he returned thanks for their universal kindness and courtesy to him, and while he felt conscious that he had done his duty, he hoped to their satisfaction, he should ever look back to the time when their help and sympathy had made those duties a work of love and pleasure. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid great cheering. The visitors were next honoured, and Bros. Vincent, Woodley, Davis, Butterworth, and Saville responded severally. The W.M. elect feelingly replied to a warm reception of his name. The toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was well received, and Bro. Pownall responded, saying he held it a great privilege to be a Past Master, and some of the most treasured memories of his life would be associated with his Immediate Past Mastership of the United Military Lodge. He felt pleased and gratified to hear their W.M. say that his humble assistance had been of service, and he could assure them that, such as they were, they were at the service of any one in the lodge who might require them, and Bro. Spinks might at any time rely on him in carrying out the important duties to which he had just been called. After a graceful compliment to P.M. Bro. Croisdale, who had retired, he concluded a brilliant speech by assuring them of his affectionate esteem and regard. "The Officers" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. J. McCaffery, who replied, as well as did Bro. Wright, and then, after Bro. Jolly had replied to a high eulogy from the W.M. for his services since the foundation of the lodge, in reporting its doings faithfully and truly in the *Freemason*, the Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

**GREAT STANMORE.**—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The second regular meeting of this summer lodge passed off with the usual success on the 2nd ult., Bro. J. W. Garrod, W.M., presiding, assisted by the officers, Bro. Helsdon, I.P.M., and a good muster of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. Smith and Thompson, of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, both of whom were proposed as joining members for next meeting. The lodge was opened by W.M. at 4.20. The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed the ballot was then taken in favour of Bro. C. W. Hunt, No. 1425, as joining member, and proved unanimous. The election followed of W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted as expected in favour of Bro. Vincent, S.W., that of Treasurer being equally unanimous for reelection of Bro. Dr. Rogers. Bro. Middleton was again reappointed Tyler. Several brethren were then selected on the Audit Committee to meet prior to the installation in July. This was the first occasion of the lodge meeting on Wednesday, permission having been obtained since last meeting for that day in future. On the W.M. making the usual inquiries, Mr. W. F. Middleton and Mr. E. F. de Pontchalon were proposed as initiates. Much regret was also expressed at the unavoidable retirement of Bro. Patterson, S.D. A communication in favour of a testimonial to the Prov. G.M. was favourably supported, and will be again brought forward at the next meeting. The usual Past Master's jewel was then voted to the retiring Master, and after the I.P.M., to the great interest of the brethren, had very ably worked the Second Section of the Second Lecture, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 5.30. The usual banquet followed, and the brethren dispersed at 9 p.m.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The annual festival of St. John and installation of W.M. was celebrated by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge on Friday afternoon, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall in Edward-street. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, including also a number of the Craft from Lancaster, among the latter being, Bros. James Hatch, E. Simpson, Jno. Hatch, T. Atkinson, H. Longman, R. Taylor, J. Jowitt, W. H. Baginall, F. G. Dale, J. T. Jackson, &c.; Mawson and Brewer (Bradford), &c. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. Capt. Garnett, the retiring W.M., who went through the preliminary business of the lodge. The chair was then vacated, when it was occupied by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., who officiated as installing officer, and in a very effective and impressive manner went through the ceremony of installing Bro. William Duff as Worshipful Master of the lodge, delivering also the charge to the Master. The Master then proceeded to elect his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Longmire, S.W.; W. Longmire, J.W.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; R. Stansfeld, S.D.; W. W. Wiede, J.D.; R. Bannister, I.G.; A. E. Poole, S.S.; and G. Bingham, J.S. The charge to the Wardens was given by Bro. Longman, and that to the brethren by Bro. Jno. Hatch. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Moore for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and also to Bro. Garnett for the urbanity and courtesy with which he had filled the office of Master during the past twelve months, both votes being ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the West View Hotel, and sat down to an excellent dinner under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and in the course of the evening Bro. Garnett, I.P.M., was presented by the W.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. C. H. Garnett, I.P.M., by the brethren of the Morecambe Lodge, June 1st, 1877."—Bro. Garnett, in acknowledging the gift, said he was completely taken by surprise, and the jewel would ever hold a place in his estimation equal to his love for the Morecambe Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this exceedingly popular

lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. J. Bell, W.M., presided, and the officers present were Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M.; J. W. Chapman, S.W.; L. Courtenay, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Collinson, S.; J. Pyer, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Leslie, F. Emery, F. Wilkinson, Levy, Ray, Durden, Whittle, Savage, Squire, Buck, Williams, Keet, Ballard, Avan, Cotton, and others. The visitors were Bros. R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; C. Heywood, 186; and J. Burfield, 220. Mr. Thomas S. Bailey was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order; and Bros. Bowden and Durden were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the work being most efficiently performed by the W.M., assisted by his Wardens. Bro. Dr. Henry Yates Pitts was unanimously elected a joining member. The following motion, proposed by Bro. Sandbrook, J.D., and seconded by Bro. Ray, was unanimously agreed to: "That the joining fee for non-professional brethren be raised from £2 2s. to £4 4s. od., the joining fee for professional brethren (those connected with the dramatic, musical, and literary professions) to remain as at present." After one or two propositions for initiation, the brethren adjourned to banquet, over which the W.M. presided. A pleasant evening was spent, several first-rate songs and recitations being given by Bros. C. Heywood, J. Burfield, L. Courtenay, H. Leslie, W. Hildyard, and others.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this recently constituted lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday, the 4th inst., and notwithstanding the almost tropical heat of the weather it was numerously attended. When the founders petitioned the R.W.P.G.M. to recommend to G.L. that a lodge should be constituted in this particular locality, it was urged that it would only be supplying a want that was greatly needed, and that it would be a sure success. This favourable augury has been fully realised by the great number of local gentlemen who have joined the "Wolsey." Under certain conditions the number of bona fide subscribing members is limited to thirty, and in consequence of the W.M.'s zeal and energy in allowing so many emergency meetings to be called, for the purpose of meeting the wishes of many residents anxious to receive Masonic "light," that stipulated number of members is almost complete. There were present on the 4th inst. Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. elect of 1512; Hon. I.P.M. Bentley, P.M. 193, acting S.W. in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Sharp, P.M. 84; J. Hurst, W.M. 1512, J.D., acting J.W.; Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie, Organist; T. W. Ockenden, I.G. 1512, Secretary; Marvin, D.C.; Scott, W.S. Bro. Pickering, P.M. 30, was a visitor. The ballot having been taken and declared unanimous, Messrs. J. H. Duffell and A. Elphick were duly initiated. The ceremony of passing Bros. Masters, Malcolm, and Piller to the Second Degree was then performed, and the labours of the evening were brought to a close by the raising of Bros. Taylor, Pinto, and Forge to the degree of M.M. The W.M. as usual conducted the whole of the ceremonies most ably and impressively. The lodge was closed at ten, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

### Royal Arch.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER** (No. 73).—An emergency meeting of this most prosperous and flourishing chapter was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on the second Thursday in May. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. W. Baldwin, M.E.Z., F. Walters, P.P. 1st A.S.G. S. Middx., P.Z., as H.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.Z., as J.; W. Smeed, P.Z. The following companions were then admitted: M. D. Loewenstark, S.N.; B. Isaacs, P.S.; J. H. Spencer, J. H. Sweasey, L. Samuel, W. Dunham, T. W. Adams, and others. Strange to say, there were not any visitors. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. Henry Moore, 1326, and James Moore, 1326. Comp. William Smeed, acting as the M.E.Z., exalted Bros. Barney, Lamb and H. Moore into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the other officers being well posted in their duties, which rendered able assistance to the good, correct, and excellent working of the acting M.E.Z. Business ended the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 18th October, at six o'clock p.m. Banquet and dessert followed. Songs, glees, and recitations were given. The usual toasts were gone through. The members separated, well pleased with a delightful evening's reunion, which had been so agreeably spent. Apologies were received for the absence of Comp. John Mason, H., caused through illness, also for Comp. James Cattley Mason, J., who was out of town.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The annual installation meeting of the companions of this chapter, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 17th ult., was very numerously attended. The chapter was opened at five o'clock by Comps. H. Pearson, Z.; P. B. Gee, H.; and J. E. Jackson, J. The others present were Comps. John Ellis, S.N.; Thos. Oclshaw, S.E.; Joseph Healing, P.Z.; Wm. Doyle, P.Z.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.Z.; Peter Ball, Janitor; James Black, Robert Black, Thomas Mason, Alexander Cotter, Walter Nelson, C. Fothergill, John Dixon, C. J. Jones, Peter Robbie, J. M. Creak, G. W. Webster, W. Fish, Robert Carter, J. H. Gregory, Joseph Hughes, Henry Firth, W. C. Webb, W. P. Jennings, W. G. Veal, G. S. Willings, and others. The visitors were Comps. Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., P.Z. 216; Thos. Clark, P.Z. 673; Jas. T. Callow, P.P.G.St.B., P.Z. 673; Thomas Evans, P.G.S.B., Z. 203; R. R. Martin, P.Z. 1094; John

Jones, P.Z. 203; Z. 1393; Thos. Shaw, H. 823; James Kelly, 673; G. Musker, 673; J. G. Parker, 605. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after the companions had retired Comp. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.S.E., P.Z., proceeded to instal Comps. P. B. Gee, as Z.; J. E. Jackson, as H.; and T. Oclshaw, as J.; the work of installation being performed in a remarkably efficient manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following as his officers: Comps. Joseph Wood (*Freemason*), as Treas. (for the eighth time); John Ellis, S.E.; Henry Firth, S.N.; A. Cotter, P.S.; and Peter Ball, Janitor. Bro. Thomas Hunt, of 1182, and Bro. Thomas Walton, of 1264, were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree in an impressive manner by the Principals. Before the chapter was closed a splendid P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Pearson, I.P.Z., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by all the members of the chapter. A first class banquet was provided by Comp. Ball, and a pleasant evening was spent.

**JERSEY.**—Cesaree Chapter (No. 590).—The anniversary convocation of the chapter was held on Thursday, June 14th, at the Masonic Temple. The chapter was opened by Comp. Ph. W. Binet, Z.; supported by Comps. Jos. O'Flaherty, H.; G. J. Renouf, P.Z., as J.; A. Schmitt, P.Z., P.G.S.E., E.; J. Oatley, P.Z.; A. Viel, P.Z.; W. H. Chapman, N., and others. Among the visitors were Comps. R. Barrow, P.Z. 491; J. O. Le Sueur, J. 491; Dr. W. J. Aubin, P.S. 491; G. F. Baker, 491; F. P. Le Marquand, 491; E. Rivington, 491; J. Huclin, 244, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Comp. A. Schmitt proceeded to instal, with all the forms proper to the occasion, the following companions to their respective offices, they having been duly elected, viz., Joseph O'Flaherty, First Prin.; A. Viel, Second Prin.; G. J. Renouf, Third Prin.; A. Gallichan, N.; Jos. Pallot, P.S.; J. Durell, P.Z., Treas.; George Rand, Aest. Soj.; and G. Rogers, Jan. Agreeably with his notice of motion, the S.E. proposed, seconded by Comp. J. Oatley and others—"That Comp. Constable be elected an hon. member of the chapter, for his spontaneous, generous, and benevolent services rendered to the Province of Jersey." The mover briefly stated the nature of his helping hand so fraternally extended to Jersey Craft, its fruits being generally known to and appreciated by every member in the Province. The proposition being put was carried by cordial acclamation. Several matters of local importance having been disposed of, the chapter was closed in love and perfect harmony, and the companions partook of a supper provided in the banquetting room, and when the usual introductory toasts had been duly honoured, the S.E. proposed "The Health of our highly esteemed and distinguished Hon. Members, De. H. Hopkins (Bath), W. James Hughan (Essex), and James Constable," which was warmly and enthusiastically received. The other toasts having been suitably acknowledged, the companions separated with most fraternal love and good feeling towards each other, highly pleased with the evening's proceedings.

**HAMPTON.**—Era Chapter (No. 1413).—An emergency meeting of this new chapter was held at the "Island" Hotel on Saturday, the 12th inst., to consider a notice of motion that the Chapter should be removed from the "Kings Arms" Hotel, Hampton Court, to the above mentioned place. There were present Comps. Sabine, M.E.Z.; Moss, P.Z., acting H.; Baldwin, M.E.Z. Lebanon, acting J.; Faulkner, acting S.N.; Dubois, acting S.E.; Wallis, P.S. 185, acting P.S.; Johnson, acting first A.S.; W. Hammond, P.Z., D.C.; Gilbert, Janitor. The subject of the removal of the chapter having been fully ventilated, it was unanimously resolved that it should be forthwith carried out. The convocation having been adjourned until the second Saturday in the ensuing July, the companions partook of a well served collation. The customary preliminary toasts having been fully done justice to, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Thielay, the Second Principal. In introducing the toast the worthy companion expatiated at length upon the great services of Comp. Sabine to the cause of Freemasonry in general. He had but recently vacated the chair of the Chaucer Lodge, he was on the road to the Master's chair of the Era, and last but not least, he occupied the high position of founder and first Principal of the Era Chapter. He went on to state that the principal members of the Lodge and Chapter were the proud recipients of Prov. Grand honours, which distinctions not only gave a lustre to their own names but shed a ray of brightness upon No. 1413. In conclusion he said that he hoped the M.E.Z. would live many years to enjoy the society of his colleagues and companions of the Era Chapter. Comp. Sabine in reply made a very telling speech, in which he augured a very bright future for the Era, and which had met under such happy auspices that day. In conclusion he told them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the chapter a great success. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the companions separated.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Cocker-mouth. The proper date of meeting should have been the third Wednesday in April, but the illness and subsequent death of the M.P.S., Em. Sir Knight Rev. W. Beeby, M.A., caused a postponement. There were present Em. Sir Knights R. Robinson, P.S., as M.P.S.; E. Tyson, V.E., J. Pearson, P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S.; W. F. F. Lamony, P.S., as Recorder, High Prelate, Prefect, and Herald (*Freemason*); Sir Knights J. R. Banks, S.G.; R. Bailey, J.G.; T. Mandle, Treasurer; J. Evening, St. Bearer; W. H. Lewthwaite, Organist; W. Potts, Sentinel; T. Bird, and Stephen Thwaite. The minutes of the pre-



vious assembly at Maryport having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Quay, of Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Harrington, was duly installed, proclaimed, and invested a Knight of the Order. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was next proceeded with, when Em. Sir Knight E. Tyson was unanimously chosen as M.P.S.; Sir Knight T. Mandle, as V.E.; and Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, as Treasurer. Em. Sir Knight Tyson next proposed, Em. Sir Knight Lamonty seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That the Sir Knights of Dykes Conclave of Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, No. 36, now assembled, herewith record their deep and sincere appreciation of the great loss to Freemasonry in West Cumberland through the lamented decease of their M.P. Sovereign, the Em. Sir Knight Rev. W. Beeby, M.A.; and further, that the same be duly recorded in minutes of the said conclave." A discussion next arose as to the best means to be adopted to infuse more vitality in the working of the conclave, and it was thought that the annual assembly in August should be a proper time to ensure a strong muster for once. Dykes Conclave was constituted four years ago, and there are now 49 members on the books.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

Tenbury was the place selected by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire Freemasons at which to hold their meeting for this year, and on Wednesday the 13th inst., the pleasant and picturesque old town on the banks of the Teme received its Masonic visitors. It appeared to be generally known that such a gathering was to take place and that portion of the proceedings which were of a public character was watched with eager interest by the inhabitants of the town. The Freemasons connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in good force, and the proceedings were marked by the usual novel—to the uninitiated—and interesting features. The brethren from Worcester left Shrub-hill Station a few minutes before nine o'clock, a saloon carriage being attached to the train for their convenience. Other members of the Craft were taken up at intermediate stations, and Tenbury was reached at eleven o'clock, the bells of St. Mary's Church ringing a welcome to the brethren as they entered the town.

The weather, although not bright, and at times threatening, was not unpleasant, and after refreshments had been partaken of at the Swan Hotel, at half-past twelve o'clock a Craft lodge was opened in the Third Degree by the Worshipful Master of St. Michael's Lodge, 1097. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Masfield (the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Royds, being unable to be present), and the Provincial Grand Officers, then entered the lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the muster roll of lodges was called, and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths) having been audited, they were received and adopted. The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths was again unanimously re-elected to that important office.

The body of the church was set apart for the use of the Masonic brethren; nearly the whole of it was occupied by them, and there was a fair attendance of the general public. The service, which lasted an hour (being a shortened form), was choral, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. J. Hampton, and the lesson read by the vicar, the Rev. T. Ayscough Smith. The preces and responses were to a setting used at St. Michael's College, the choir of which was also in attendance. The anthem was well chosen for the occasion, being—"Behold how good," by Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley. Only one hymn was sung (one written for festivals of this kind), and that at the end of the service. The preacher was Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, who preached a sermon, brief, forcible, and appropriate, from the words—"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to help him up." (Ecclesiastes iv. 9 and 10.) Having announced that the collection would be in aid of the funds of St. Mary's Hospital, the preacher said that in all great undertakings, whether social, political, or religious; in every organization, whether it were a national government or an ecclesiastical order; and, again, in every family circle, there was one principle absolutely necessary to the well-being of either, and that was the great principle of united action. The great Church, Sir Frederick Ouseley went on to point out, was framed on that ideal. Dwelling on the same thought he said, take away the principle of united action, and substitute selfish interests, and the society, or association, body politic, or benevolent association, whatever it might be, would totter and fall. That principle of unselfish, mutual aid was well set forth in the text. Having spoken of the principle of unitedness in relation to history, and to religious and secular life and in a social sense, and having insisted upon its being absolutely essential to well-being in each case, the preacher said, in conclusion, that undoubtedly those were the best Christians and the best citizens who had acquired the rare habit of thinking and working for the general good rather than for their own selfish ends. If such a spirit of disinterestedness and self-abnegation universally prevailed, this jarring, discordant, and struggling world would be converted into an earthly paradise—peace and contentment would prevail. Accordingly, every scheme which had for its object the promotion of the principle of mutual help and unitedness was worthy of most cordial support. That such principles were professed

by his hearers that day was a very pleasing thought; he hoped such profession was not profession only, but something more real. He hoped they were all so deeply impressed with the fundamental principle of unitedness that it permeated their whole lives, influencing every thought, word, and action, and thus rendering them more powerful instruments for working good to their fellow-men, their country, and their religion. The preacher drew attention to the prayer written for the anniversary of her Majesty's accession, with the reading of which he brought his sermon to a close. The collection amounted (with subsequent donations) to about £25.

The brethren then re-formed in procession, and returned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet was served shortly after four o'clock. The list of toasts was as follows:—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master of England; the Earl of Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past," "Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire," "Bro. William Masfield, Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past," "The W.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, 1097, and the Worshipful Masters of the other Lodges in the Province," "The Visitors," "The Provincial Grand Stewards," and "The Tyler's Toast."

A special train left Tenbury at 7.20 for the convenience of the brethren, and Worcester was reached shortly after half-past nine o'clock.—*Worcester Journal*.

#### Obituary.

##### SUDDEN DEATH OF A BROTHER IN LIVERPOOL.

Many brethren in Liverpool and other places will regret to hear of the decease of Bro. George Adams Bond, master of the Prince's and Waterloo Docks, who died at his residence, Waterloo Dock House, Liverpool, on Sunday evening, the 19th inst., after a brief illness, in the 53rd year of his age. It would appear that late on the previous Friday evening, Bro. Bond was sitting chatting cheerily with some friends, apparently in the most robust health, when he was taken suddenly ill, and almost immediately became unconscious. Dr. Cross, of Islington, was immediately summoned, and he then discovered that one of the vessels of the brain had been ruptured, and that Paralysis of the whole of the right side had supervened. Bro. Bond remained in an unconscious state till Sunday evening, when he died at half-past eleven o'clock.

The deceased, who was born in Liverpool, on the 20th February, 1825, was the son of a pilot, and devoted his early life to seafaring pursuits; he was connected with the pilot service of the port until May, 1864, when he was appointed master of the Canning Dock. In May of the following year he was removed to the George's Dock, on the retirement of Mr. Purnell, and on the 16th January, 1861, he was appointed master of the Prince's Dock. This post he continued to hold till the 7th February, 1872, when on a re-arrangement of the dock system he became the master of the Prince's and half-tide dock, the East and West Waterloo docks, the Victoria dock, and the Prince's graving dock. By his decease the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have lost the services of a most scrupulous and attentive employee to whose care was entrusted property of enormous value, and who never failed to discharge his arduous duties in the most conscientious and painstaking manner. In token of respect for the memory of the deceased, the flags on the offices of the Prince's Dock, and also on most of the vessels in the several docks under his control, were raised half-mast high.

Owing to pressure of business, having charge of the largest and most important docks at Liverpool, Bro. Bond has of late years taken little or no active part in Freemasonry, but his heart was always in the Craft and his hand ever open and ready to help a brother in distress. It was his intention to resume active connection with Masonry in a few weeks, as an intimate friend had agreed to propose him as a joining member of one of the Liverpool lodges. Man, however, may propose, but God disposes; and our esteemed brother has suddenly been called to the Grand Lodge above, where T.G.A.O.T.U. rules and reigns for ever. Bro. Bond, it may be interesting to know, was the "first child" of St. John's Lodge, No. 971 (now No. 673), after its consecration in 1856, and he remained a subscribing member of his mother lodge for several years, esteemed as an honest, true-hearted, and enthusiastic Mason.

The mortal remains of our esteemed brother were interred in Southdown-lane Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th inst. The respect for the name and memory of the deceased was clearly shown by an attendance of nearly 200 persons, including a number of Masons, nearly all the dock masters at the port, a large representation of captains, private friends, &c.

##### BRO. ROGER DODGSON.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. Roger Dodgson, of Theatre-street, Ulverston, which sad event occurred on Sunday last, the 17th inst. The burial took place on Tuesday.

Above £11,000 has been received at the Mansion House on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Brazil have signified their intention to be present at the Caledonian Ball, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday next.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. Clabon in the Presidents' chair, Bro. Joshua Nunn in the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. James Brett in the Junior Vice-President's. The other brethren present were Bros. H. Bartlett, P.M. 167; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.D.; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; W. Stevens, P.M. 1351; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; J. Shackell, P.M. 193; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; Thos. J. Cusworth, W.M. 813; John Dyte, P.M. 25; John Constable, P.M. 185; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; C. F. Matier, P.M. 645; Percival A. Nairne, P.M. 176; J. B. Stacey, P.M. 180; J. W. Robinson, W.M. 1585; C. H. Boddy, P.M. 1044; C. Hosgood, P.M. 192; T. H. Meredith, P.M. 1257; James W. Lambert, W.M. 142; M. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 1688; Samuel Pardoe, P.M. 511; J. J. S. Lewis, P.M. 239; Geo. E. Corner, W.M. 1139; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury also attended.

The lodge first confirmed grants to the amount of £130 made at last lodge meeting. The brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were seventeen. One grant was made of £103, two were made of £50 each, two of £20 each, two of £15 each, three of £10 each, and one of £5; making in all £302. Six cases were deferred.

Lodge was then closed.

His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, Vice-roy of Ireland, accompanied by her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, the Lady Georgiana E. Churchill, Lord Randolph H. Churchill, M.P., and a select party, took their departure from the Pulteney Hotel, Albermarle-street, on Wednesday morning, on a yachting excursion in the Mediterranean Sea. His Excellency, it is understood, will be absent three or four weeks on his pleasure cruise.

Rarely if ever has there been in London a virulent outbreak of Cholera or Typhus which could not be directly traced to the drinking of impure water. Yet though the Registrar General persistently warns us, month after month, that our water supply shows no signs of improvement, there are probably more houses in London without a filter than with one. It is hardly too much to say that a law compelling landlords or ground leaseholders to place in every cistern one of the London and General Water Purifying Company's patent cistern filters would reduce the Metropolitan death rate by thirty per cent. As however there is small chance of so beneficial a piece of legislation, it becomes the duty of the householder to act for himself. The filters in question are preferable to all others for several reasons. In the first place the water passes through animal charcoal, the only efficient material. Secondly, it filters upwards, so that all sediment is avoided. Thirdly, the filter requires no filling or other attention from servants. Although the first cost of these filters, in consequence of the expensiveness of the animal charcoal, is more than of some others, this outlay is more than compensated for by their greater durability and the other advantages enumerated. It therefore seems almost incredible that any man would rather run the risk of an outbreak of Typhus or some other malignant disease in his household than incur this first trifling outlay, which would probably be more than saved in the first year's doctor's bills. We are glad to be able to state that the filters supplied to our Boys' School at Wood Green, and to the Girls' School at Battersea Rise by the above Company have all along given every satisfaction and little trouble.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been Compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *samples*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic douloureux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.—*Advt.*



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, the Chairman of the last festival of this Institution, which was held on the 9th ult., accompanied by the Hon. Miss Harbord and the Stewards of the festival, paid a visit to the School at Battersea Rise on Monday last. In consequence of the building operations, which have for some time past been going on in the course of enlarging the establishment for the admission of a greater number of pupils, the grounds did not present the pleasant appearance they have shewn on former occasions, bricks and mortar and other building materials not being very picturesque. But everything had been done to put the best face on the establishment under the circumstances, and laying the unfinished buildings on one side, everything else was as neat and orderly as the known system pursued on the premises might lead visitors to expect. The noble Chairman was received by Bro. Little, the Secretary, Miss Davis, the head-governess, Bro. Massa, the Architect of the new building, and the House Committee, and was immediately conducted over the dormitories and offices, and shown the arrangements which are in force for the health, comfort, and happiness of the 160 pupils at present in the school. The party was afterwards conducted over the new buildings, which will very shortly be opened, and as this is the first time we have seen them since they have been in so forward a state we may take the opportunity of saying that the space at command has been utilised to the utmost, and that the means found for affording the additional accommodation, reflect the greatest credit on all concerned. When the building is opened we shall give a full description of it, but the Craft may rest satisfied that the increased accommodation has been left in excellent hands, and that the wishes of the brethren to have an establishment equivalent to the present demands of the Order have been consulted as far as practicable. The Chairman and visitors expressed the greatest satisfaction with what they saw and heard, after having made searching enquiries into the whole regime. When the inspection of the buildings had been completed, the girls were put through their famed calisthenic exercises and marching, with all of which Lord Suffield seemed much pleased, and he complimented Miss Davis, Bro. Little, and the committee on the state of perfection to which the educational curriculum had been brought. After partaking of a déjeuner his lordship presided in the hall, by which time the bulk of the visitors had arrived. Among them were Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Vaughan, Col. Peters, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, Griffiths and Mrs. Smith, Fras. Smith, Col. Fras. Burdett, H. Browne, Benjamin Head, Thos. W. White, J. Nunn, Eleanor Cox, Ada Crick, W. H. White, E. H. Finney, R. Mrs. H., and Miss Berridge; Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Stedall, Mrs. and Miss Nunn, Miss Stevens, Miss, Miss A. K., and Mrs. W. Mellor; Mrs. Cox, Miss Parker, Rev. J. W. M., Miss, and Miss C. Ellison; Mrs. Mason, M. Pemberton, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. and Miss Minton, Master Barnes, Miss and Mrs. Richardson, Miss Cross, Mrs. Burford, Mrs. and Miss Eaton, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Kaye, Mrs. Watson, Miss and A. Blackman, Rev. C. J. Arnold, W. C. and Miss Moutrie, Mr. and Mrs. Noak, J. and Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Terry, H. Bailey, Miss Baker, Miss Gough, Miss Padgett, Mrs. Frayling, Miss Burram, V. C. Garman, E. Mitcherson, J. C. Garman, Emily Reeve, R. Fileuck, Mrs. Barnes, M. C. Jones, A. T. Randall, M. Tibbets, F. and J. R. Hubbard, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bridges, J. Morrell, J. M. A. and C. R. Garnett, Julia Ellis, Miss English, Mrs. Bartlett, Major S. H. Clerke, R. J. Nunn, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, J. M. P. Montagu, E. R. Harrington, J. E. Baker, M. A. Farmer, L. Nightingale, Mr. and Mrs. Kenning, Misses Kenning, Miss Hayward, B. W. and Mrs. Molton, L. Edwards, L. Hirsch, E. Spooner, Mrs. Nelson Reed, R. J., and A. Webster; Mary J. and Margaret A. Hammond, H. Venn, A. and C. S. Melhurst, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Wood; Mrs. Henry Leah, Mrs. and Miss Webster, Mrs. Bentley, C. W. Todd, Miss Hetherington, J. T. Bentley, Mrs. and G. W. F. Loftus, Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Scarth, Miss and Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Good, H. and Mrs. Muggidge, C. Hogard, B. Strong, C. G. Dalton, H. H. Lamington, C. Darry, J. E. and J. Terry, T. White, M. F. and Mrs. Rath, W. Paas, B. H. Woodward, J. and Mrs. Garner, E. and Mrs. Harris, E. Cheeseman, J. Bingemann, H. Gabb, M. L. Brittain, A. Howe, Mrs. and H. Vine, R. W. and Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Horner, Rev. T. Skelton, J. and Mrs. Driscoll, J. Purrott, H. A. Bennett, T. T. S. and Mrs. Cardin, Miss Stopper, Mrs. and T. Massa, Mrs., Misses, and Master Burdett; Mrs. and Miss Clark, J. A. Rucker, E. Marsh, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Reed, E. F. Storr, W. M. 22, and Mrs. Storr, Miss Britton, J. Faulkner, Mrs. T. Jesson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee, H. Massey (Freemason), Mrs. Massey, J. H. Harris, L. W. Clarke, E. H. Brown, J. E. W. Walters, W. Standfast, E. W. Thompson, G., Miss M., and Miss E. Allen; Mrs. Terry, R. Morris, J. Boyd, Mrs. Milne, Miss Moss, W. W. Morgan, C. N. Murton, R. G. and Mrs. Hall; J. Clever, E. H. Stammerwitz, G. Phythian, W. H. Hedges, T. W. O. Mason, C. and E. Kidder, F. Orme, J. Eadon, W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; C. H. and Mrs. Turner, Sir T. Dyer, W. Payne, F. Kelly, P. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. H. Leah, R. Gooding, B. A., M. D.; Mrs. R. Gooding, E. and Lydia Cox, Ada Lucy and Mrs. Crick, W. T. Howe, C. Bailey, Mrs. Bennett, the Misses Howell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dicketts, J. L. Chancellor, Miss Larking, F. Adlard, Col. Creaton, Mrs. Thornbury, Rev. C. Clarke, A. H. Diaper, Mrs. and Miss Allshorn, Mrs. and the Misses Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Vera Watkins, A. Gilliat, Miss James, Mrs. F. Porcheron, F. B. Glasspoole, Mr. A. Le-feaux, E. Humphrey, the Misses Gardner, W. S. Cantrell, C. S. Davis, Miss Tippet, Mrs. W. Houghton, Mrs. Muirhead, Mrs. Patrick, M. Langford, J. A. Melhurst, Miss

Fanny Haynes, Miss Platt, Miss Paget, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Whitaker.

On his lordship and the visitors taking their seats the following programme was gone through:—

SELECTION OF MUSIC AND RECITATIONS BY THE PUPILS:—Anthem, Prayer from "Mose in Egitto;" March from "Athalie," 20 hands on 5 pianos; "See the Conquering Hero comes," 30 hands on 5 pianos; Recitation, "The Battle of Blenheim," Colina Sharp; "Bourée," 10 hands on 5 pianos; "Lucia di Lammermoor," 20 hands on 5 pianos; Recitation, "King John and the Abbot of Canterbury," Bessie L. Morris; Sonata, 10 hands on 5 pianos; Part song, "May Morning;" Recitation, "Maud Muller," Edith Mary Nash; Preciosa, 20 hands on 5 pianos; Recitation, "Les Femmes Savantes," Acte 2, Scenes V. et VI., Blanche E. Morris, Mary E. Barnes, Louisa Hole, and Agnes Barron; Impromptu, 10 hands on 5 pianos; Glee, "Come o'er the brook, Bessie;" Recitation, "King Robert of Sicily," Josephine Mackay; Solo, "Il moto continuo," Melora F. Goodridge; Recitation, Richard II., Act IV., Scene I., Blanche E. Morris, Louisa Hole, and Mary Barnes; Symphonie I., 20 hands on 5 pianos.

At the conclusion of the programme, Bro. Lord Suffield delivered the prizes to the successful competitors according to the following list:—

Leilia Pulman, the Gold Medal for General Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Mary Emma Barnes, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Blanche Edith Morris, Louisa Hole, and Francis Harryman, for Proficiency, each a third of £5, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution.—Leilia Pulman, Blanche Edith Morris, Mary Emma Barnes, Louisa Hole, and Frances Harryman, for passing Cambridge Examination; Beatrice Ellen Gill, for Religious Knowledge; Melora F. Goodridge, Agnes Barron, and Caroline E. Holland, for Music; Ethel Hinson, for Music among the Little Girls; Josephine B. Mackay, for Writing; Kathleen N. Crampden and Mary H. Davies, for General Usefulness; Florence Agnes Hide and Frances Clara Clark, for Needlework; Harriet Cartwright and Elizabeth Roberts, for Machine Work; Mary Young, General Proficiency, 6th form; Eliza Beveridge, for French, 6th form; Helena Meacock, for Perseverance, 6th form; Mary A. Chapman, for General Proficiency, 5th form; Edwina Russell Jones, for French, 5th form; Ellen Harryman, for Perseverance, 5th form; Alice Mary Newbould, for General Proficiency, 4th form; Catherine J. Scurr, for Writing, 4th form; Mary Eveline Sharp, for Perseverance, 4th form; Mary Louisa Bowler, for General Proficiency, 3rd form; Florence Forster, for Perseverance, 3rd form.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work—Sarah Young and Jessie Chesterton.

By Bro. Raynham Stewart, for Dictation.—Celia J. Andrews, 6th form; Frances E. Simpson, 5th form; Charlotte Coleman, 4th form; Susan Norrish, 3rd form.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, for French.—Blanche Edith Morris.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution.—Edith Mary Nash, Bessie L. Morris, and Colina Sharp.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct.—Anne Gertrude Earle and Emily Hollis.

By Bro. Joseph Starkey, for Drawing.—Leilia Pulman and Blanche Edith Morris.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music.—Leilia Pulman.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music.—Mary Emma Barnes.

By Bro. H. W. Hemsworth, for Amiability, as voted by her Schoolfellows.—Blanche Edith Morris and Agnes Barron.

The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties.—Kathleen Norah Crampden.

From the Supreme Council, for Good Conduct.—Sarah Young.

By Bro. J. Faulkner, for History.—Frances E. Gardner.

His lordship, in a few brief observations, complimented Miss Davis, the head governess, on the success of her system of training, expressed his entire satisfaction with everything he had seen, and offered a prize in future for a new subject, "the theory of music." Shortly afterwards his lordship and party left, refreshments were partaken of, and the proceedings of the evening were brought to a close by the brethren, the ladies, and the children engaging in the very popular amusement of dancing.

The installation meeting of the Friendly Chapter took place on Monday last. A report will appear in our next.

The advice of the late Mr. Thackeray was as much prized by his friends as his literary genius was appreciated by his fellow-countrymen. A young lady of his acquaintance, knowing how wide and deep was his knowledge of worldly matters, one day asked him what would be the best present to make to her old friend and schoolfellow, who was just married, and was now setting up housekeeping. "My dear," replied the great novelist, "you may be certain your young friends are thinking only of the luxurious and the ornamental in their purchases. Now, suppose you take the useful and the practical side. My dear, you cannot do better than present your friends with a filter—a Lipscombe's filter, mind. It is the best kind of filter I know." This was some years since, and the merits of Lipscombe's filters have become more and more esteemed as their use has spread. We find that to meet the enormous demand for these filters Messrs. Lipscombe, in addition to their well-known house at Temple-bar, have opened extensive premises at 54, Queen Victoria-street, City, and 69, Oxford-street.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Red Lion, Leytonstone. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The meetings of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, will in future be held at the Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood, every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The new Masonic Hall, Sheffield, rapidly approaches completion. Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will meet there on Wednesday, July 4th, prox. under the banner of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139.

The Corporation of the City of London have made a grant of 300 guineas to the building fund of the Metropolitan Free Hospital.

A special meeting of the St. Alban's Town Council was convened on Wednesday by the Mayor, for the purpose of considering the desirability of taking steps to change that borough into a city. It was resolved to petition the Queen for an Order in Council to raise the status of St. Alban's.

COFFEE TAVERNS.—The second establishment of the Coffee Tavern Company (Limited) was opened on the 19th inst. by Earl Cowper. The house is situate at 78, Lower Thames-street, opposite the Custom House.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION.—The fortieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne was celebrated on Thursday. The bells of the St. George's Chapel and the parish church were jubilant at various periods of the day, and salutes were fired from the long walk facing Windsor Castle.

General Grant has written a letter to Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, dated London, June 6th, in which he speaks warmly of his English welcome.

We (*Whitehall Review*) understand that from among the Welsh miners and their rescuers four men have been selected for the first-class Albert medal, and twenty-two for the second-class medal. The *Daily Telegraph* Fund, amounting to £1250, was distributed on Saturday by Mr. J. M. Le Sage.

A Yankee editor wishes no bodily harm to his subscribers, but he hopes that some of them in arrears will be seized with a remittent fever.

The faculty for the restoration of the Sheffield Parish Church, has been issued from the Chancellor's Court. The work will no doubt be proceeded with at an early day. Mrs. Thornhill-Gell, of Stanton Hall, Derbyshire, and of 6, Eaton-square, London, contributes the noble sum of ten thousand guineas for the general work; Mrs. Samuel Parker, of Sheffield, finds £2500, or £3000 for the south transept, to be called the "Parker Transept." The Freemasons of Sheffield have offered to erect a font in the restored building, the gift being of a very handsome and valuable character, and is in association with Mrs. Thornhill-Gell's munificent act. Mrs. Thornhill-Gell holds the alternate presentation of the Vicar of Sheffield, and recently appointed the Rev. Rowley Hill, now a canon of York, which appointment seems to have given great satisfaction.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the charges, regulations, E. A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advt.

Captain Lord Skelmersdale inspected Her Majesty's Body Guard of Yeomen of the Guard on Wednesday last in the garden of St. James's Palace.

Bro. F. H. Clemow is about to re-build Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, he having obtained a renewal of the lease from the Goldsmiths' Company.

"MOONLIGHT TRIPS ON THE THAMES."—The success which attended these evening excursions to Gravesend and back last season has induced the London Steam Boat Company to place at the service of the promoters of these trips one of their large saloon steamers. The commencement of the season takes place this (Saturday), evening, after which they will be run every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the summer.

Bro. George Smith, head waiter at Anderton's Hotel, was presented on Monday evening last with a testimonial, consisting of an emblazoned address, together with a purse containing £150, upon his completing his twenty-third year of service at this well known establishment. The address contained the names of the lodges and chapters, the members of which had subscribed for the present.

A full report of the meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity will appear in our next.

During the heat of Tuesday last the thermometer in London rose to 84 degrees in the shade, and over 80 degrees were registered in many parts of central England.

The foundation stone of St. James's Presbyterian Church, situate in Southgate-road, Wood-green, was laid on the 20th inst., by Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Miss White), and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Bulletin du Grand Orient," "Craftsman," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Jewel," "Eclectic," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Advocate," "New York Dispatch," "The Living Age."

The following stand over:—Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire; Reports of Lodges; Imperial George, 78; Lebanon, 1326; Jordan Lodge of Instruction, 201; Stuart Chapter, 540; St. John's Chapter, Timaru, N. Z., 1137.

Had Bro. Pinaud given his address in London, we would have answered his letter, but it did not appear to be of any use to write to Bona in Algeria.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

GREENE.—On the 18th inst., at 218, Old Kent-road, S., the wife of W. T. Greene, M.A., M.D., of a son.

LEADER.—On the 17th inst., at The Lodge, Whittington, Worcester, the wife of B. W. Leader, Esq., of a son.

WRIGHT.—On the 18th inst., at Wooler Lodge, Brixton, Mary, the wife of F. R. Wright, of a son.

## DEATHS.

DODGSON.—On the 17th inst., Bro. R. Dodgson, of Brook-street, Ulverston.

FELLOWS.—On the 18th inst., at Rickmansworth, Marianne, wife of H. W. Fellows, Esq.

WATSON.—On the 18th inst., William Patterson, infant son of the Rev. H. C. Watson, of Clifton.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1877.

## CHARITY VOTING.

Our worthy Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., says that we have done injustice to his views, and misrepresented his statement in respect of the powers of a central committee, (not necessarily a London committee), and certainly we plead guilty at once to having so understood his original suggestion and object. Curiously enough, Bro. Hughan, a not inattentive reader of the *Freemason*, "P.G.C." and "An Old Chairman" all understood the matter in the same way. This misapprehension was based on the following words in the printed reports, to which our attention was called by Bro. Simpson:—"It is further suggested that committees of charitable associations should intimate in their voting papers that subscribers who have no means of ascertaining the comparative merits of the candidates, or who for any other reason decline to exercise their privilege of voting, should sign and send their proxies to the committee, to be distributed amongst the poorest and most deserving." This is, practically, as we understand the words, to give the central committee the power of recommendation and allotment, and is the point which has misled us all, for it seems that Bro. Simpson does not agree with that recommendation, and does not propose anything of the kind for our Masonic Charities, and we therefore acknowledge our misconception of his views, though it was one, we think, not altogether inexcusable under the circumstances. We, however, object to the suggestion of the Charity Reform Association, for this reason. If the candidates are carefully selected, it is far better, in our opinion, for the subscribers to vote for the cases they consider the most deserving. It is all very well to blame the Committees for letting in candidates too easily, or receiving improper cases, but the fault in this rather rests with the subscribers than with the committee. But any attempt to enable the committee to support special cases will aggravate the evil instead of lessen it. And here we may observe that we do not think that we have much more to say upon the general question, for we do not know of any real abuses, and we cannot conceive what there is to reform. Canvassing cards have a good side to them in the shape of public notice and local interest, and the polling day is, in our opinion, absolutely indispensable to purity of election and fair play to all the candidates. We note that Bro. Simpson repeats the words "certain well-known abuses," as being rampant in our midst, and "to a fair and pure system of election," as if such did not now exist. We really do not profess to understand what these "well-known abuses" are, and as regards the present system of election, it is as fair as fair can be, in our humble opinion, and after some special experience of the matter, we do not realize in any way in what it is susceptible of improvement. For these and many other like reasons we say, let well alone. One abuse we shall be very happy to aid Bro. Simpson or any one in mitigating, the admission of doubtful or improper cases, though the matter is a very difficult one, for many reasons. And, as we said before, it is not so much the committees, as ourselves who are to blame. The candidates conform to the rules of the institution, and without new rules, there is no power in the committee to reject them. But why do the brethren support such a case as the following, one among many similar?—A brother who has only subscribed the actual sum of qualification, leaves the Order, and after some years, never having again subscribed to a lodge or the charities at all, dies. After his death the friends of the orphan claim, in virtue of his qualification, that the child be placed on the list of candidates. Now is it fair that the orphan of one who left the Order living, and died out of it, should be elected over the head of an orphan of a brother who lived and died in Masonry, and supported our charities? We say, then, increase the minimum of subscription and make it imperative that a brother shall not have died out of Masonry. We do not say, exclude the orphans of such altogether, but

give a preference to the orphans of all who have lived and died as subscribing brethren of a lodge? This is the most needed of all reforms, and would remedy many prevalent evils and reform many serious abuses.

## FAIR PLAY IS A JEWEL.

This old axiom of Anglo-Saxon morality is Masonic in the highest degree, and will be acknowledged and acceded to by all Freemasons "more Masonico," under the benign principles of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. The great truth involved in that proverbial expression is realized by them in theory and developed in practice. We wish we could equally say that it was always so abroad. But we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that, without for one moment denying the absurd and wicked intolerance of the Roman Catholic Church, of the Ultramontane faction, many of the words of foreign Freemasons are very unwise, and many of their acts very unmasonic. We take up our good contemporary, the *Monde Maçonnique* of June, for instance, and at page 332, we read as follows, from a correspondent at Milan:—"By the information which the Commission (of the Lodge La Ragione) has acquired, it results that the Roman Catholic oratories in Milan are, for the most part, attended by youths directed by the priests, and some attended by girls, directed by the sisters of charity. These oratories are found in the different quarters of the town, and especially in those localities which are mostly peopled by the working classes. They are frequented by about 6000 young people of the two sexes, recruited among the less well-to-do families from earliest youth, and it is remarkable that these young people continued to frequent the oratory until the age of enlistment. Almost all the oratories are alike, according to their general idea. The schools are large, altogether clerical in character, the direction is always in the hands of the curate. The interior government is confided to priests, assisted by the préfets, councillors, elected or nominated among the oldest pupils. In some of these oratories they pay from three to four francs annually for each scholar; the others, and they form the majority, are completely free schools. . . . The instruction is catechetical, based on religious exercises, which are repeated in the morning and evening. . . . By their 6000 'élèves' the priests exercise a great influence over 6000 families of the town, and these enfants can be employed to serve as a chain of union between the Church and the family, against this continual struggle for the development of the civil life. The Commission (of the lodge) proposes two remedies. 1. To erect, in opposition to the Roman Catholic oratories, civil institutes, asylums, clubs or recreation halls, with a purely liberal basis, destined to gather in, to educate, and amuse the young people on the days of fête. 2. To subject the Roman Catholic oratories to the intervention and surveillance of the public authority, exercised in a manner to transform their tendencies and to direct along the road of the necessities of the country and the spirit of the times the young people confided to them, entirely infusing the charters of foundation and private rights. A copy of this report has been sent to all the members of the Chamber of Deputies, all the members and Secretaries, and I have the happiness to tell you that we shall not wait long to see the fruits of this famous campaign which the Milanese Masons by the means of the lodge ('la Ragione') has begun against the priests." Now, we have no hesitation in saying that such a position is, according to our view, utterly unsound and unmasonic. As Freemasons, we have nothing to do with education, per se, and we have no business whatever to attack this or that particular religious institution. If the Milanese Freemasons like to set up Masonic schools, à la bonne heure, let them do so by all means, and may they succeed. But to set up Masonic schools, simply to attack the clerical schools, and then to ask the aid of the State to interfere with the ordinary Roman Catholic schools, which are necessary and useful, and, according to their own account, very successful, is a parody on the principles of Italian



constitutional liberty, and a direct invasion of the rights of religious liberty, and of a "Free Church in a Free State." Indeed, the reason of the opposition seems to be because they are religious schools, and it never is the duty or intention of Freemasonry to attack a religious body qua a religious body. We say all this in all friendliness to the Milanese Freemasons, but we should not be doing our duty, as honest Masonic journalists, if we did not protest against any deviation from the straightforward path of freedom of worship and liberty of conscience, from any idea that such theories and such proceedings are founded on true Masonic teaching, at least as we understand it. The Freemasons at Milan have a most perfect right to set up Masonic schools if they deem it well, but they have no warrant from Masonry to make its name a rallying cry against any religious body whatever, be that body what it may. Into these internecine contests, as between Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism, we Anglo-Saxon Freemasons cannot and do not enter, neither can we approve of them. The evil they bring on Freemasonry is very great. We defend ourselves, indeed, when attacked unjustly, but nothing more; but we never assail religious institutions, as religious institutions, and we deprecate making education above all a question of heated and polemical warfare. We cannot conscientiously or Masonically approve of the animus or the attitude of the Milanese Freemasons.

### THE RECENT STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

We publish in another page a remarkable letter from a French brother in London to Bro. Hubert, the editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, which we think it well to reproduce in its own language, because it represents the views we have ventured to express on the Masonic struggle in France from time to time. He admits, as will be seen, the great inadvisability and error of the change. He does full justice to our happy neutrality in England on all matters pertaining to politics or religion. We wish that his words may impress some of our French brethren with the reality of the mistake an active section is apparently bent on committing and forcing upon French Freemasonry. We observe, as if to show the hesitation of French Freemasons in this sterile controversy, that, according to the last *Bulletin du Grand Orient*, 106 lodges had then made no return to the question, and we are inclined to hope not only that there are many French Freemasons who disapprove of so great a revolution, but that there is yet time to put an end once for all to a mischievous and hurtful agitation. If French Freemasonry is excluded from the great family of Freemasonry, it never can be said of us that we "daubed the wall with untempered mortar," for we have, we fear, offended some of our French brethren, by the freedom of our remarks and the outspoken manliness of our sentiments. But we wish them, once for all, to remember, that what we say we mean, and what we mean we say, and though our language be a little plainer and, perhaps, more uncompromising than they are accustomed to, we wish them well, and seek to offer them friendly and fraternal advice.

### THE ADMITTANCE OF NON-MASONS TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The announcement which appears in the programme of the Boys' School Festival some of our alarmist brethren may think a "coup de Binckes." But, to say the truth, we do not think that there is much in it. It is not a purely Masonic Festival, it is what the French term "*La Maçonnerie Blanche*," inasmuch as our fair sisters who have long looked down on their "Lords and Masters" enjoying a good dinner, have been permitted, wisely we think, at the last Boy's School anniversary to share in the good things provided by the zeal and care of the most considerate and liberal of Stewards. Indeed, some young Masons have been heard to say, "Take the goods the gods provide you, Lovely Thais sits beside you." Being young men we pardon the quotation, though in the sentiment we fully concur. It is

then another step in advance to admit non-Masons to the dinner, and, as we said before, the gathering is not purely Masonic, we do not see that it much matters one way or the other, especially at the Alexandra Palace. We do not conceal from ourselves that this change is an innovation, and one about which Masons will greatly differ, and about which a great deal may be said on both sides. But, having made a note of it, we leave it now, for the information of the Craft, and the remarks, if any, of our correspondents, as we always think it a pity to make unnecessary difficulties, or to make use of "Red tape" of any kind.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE RECENT INCIDENT IN PARIS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As I think you are quite right in clearing the good name of Freemasons from any participation in the opinions expressed by Bro. Bonnet-Duverdier, by the remarks of one of your leaders last week, I send you a few lines.

It has been alleged that he was arrested on leaving a Freemasons' Lodge, and thence it seems advisable for Freemasons to disown any sympathy whether for the principles or the position he has thought proper to assume. I lay down no law of political prepossession one way or the other, but simply protest against Freemasons having anything to do with disrespect to lawful authority, communism, or assassination. As a contemporary reports: "M. Bonnet-Duverdier, the President of the Municipal Council of Paris, was sentenced, on Friday last, by the Tenth Correctional Chamber, to fifteen months' imprisonment and 2000 francs fine, for insult to the President; and under the circumstances, you will hardly think the sentence too severe for the language used by a man in such a position, and to such an audience. Though present, or being already into custody, he insisted, by his counsel, on allowing judgment to go by default; as did also the three other persons incriminated with him, though the latter were only charged with holding illegally a public meeting. In so acting, they meant, I presume, to parade their conviction that the sentence pronounced upon them, whatever it might be, was destined, at no long date, to be rescinded wholly, or commuted, by a Government more to their taste. It was clearly proved that the meeting, which professed to be 'private' and for the 'formation of a club,' was in reality 'public,' and 'for political purposes.' Among other proofs of the latter object was the letter of Duverdier himself when replying to the invitation to attend, in which he says: 'Dear Citizen, you know I am always at your service for the purposes of propagandism and political organisation.' But there could be no doubt of the character and object of the meeting. The language laid to the charge of Duverdier, and cited as proved against him in the judgment, was as follows. I give it in the original, the better to retain its true character:—

'Le maréchal imbecile sera bientôt traduit à la barre du peuple pour expier son crime. . . . Nous sommes gouvernés par des soudards, des robes noires, des traîneurs de sabres. . . . Le maréchal voudra peut-être essayer de tirer sa loyale épée contre la démocratie. . . . le maréchal ramolli. . . . mais le fourreau est vide. Il a laissé l'épée à Sedan, le lâche; il n'a pas capitulé, mais il s'est laissé glisser de son cheval pour faire croire qu'il était blessé. . . . Rochefort a promis dix mille francs au médecin qui prouverait qu'il a été blessé.

'Les manœuvres du ministère nous ramèneront les Prussiens; mais nous ne combattrons pas sous des généraux incapables. Le patriotisme ne va pas jusqu'à se faire tuer par ces gens-là. Il faudra commencer par exécuter MacMahon et son gouvernement, et après cela nous nous arrangerons avec l'ennemi.

'Tous les moyens sont bons. Luttons d'abord avec les urnes. . . . puis il y a le moyen légal que vous connaissez.'

"The judgment further adds in aggravation that 'it was proved that the last words of the above were accompanied by a gesture significant of firing a shot.'

"The above requires, I think, no comment; and, despite a letter of Sir E. Watkin which appeared in the *Times* of Monday, is at once a sufficient excuse for the sentence, which is based especially upon the 'position held by the prisoner' and the 'quality of the audience he addressed.'

In protesting against such language as most contrary to the ever loyal teaching and spirit of Freemasonry I think it well that our Masonic position in such a matter should be well and clearly understood.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

#### FREEMASONS IN THE LAW COURTS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some weeks ago I trespassed upon your indulgence and the patience of your readers with a dissertation upon that very lively and exciting theme "the stamp duties" of our country. Incidentally to that diverting argument I found that I was bound to bestow some consideration upon a then recent discussion, whereby in the Westminster County Court, Bayley, Q.C. C. C. J., had held,—and I thought, and expressed that I thought, soundly

held,—that an initiation fee and lodge dues could not be recovered by ordinary process of law.

In your last impression the question of the legal status of members of the Craft has cropped up again, and I venture, *ecce iterum Crispinus*, to intrude my personality again upon your readers, parrying any thrusting charges of egotism by premising that I only seek to endeavour to help my brethren by the diffident expression of the conclusions at which I have arrived after some time devoted to serious consideration of the subject upon which I presume to put pen to paper, and sincerely professing that I write with a full conviction of the soundness of the Shakespearian motto, that "good counsels must perforce give place to better."

But, first of all, please indulge me by letting me have my fling at the "emotionalists," the "gushers," the "young lions" of the cheap daily press. I am perfectly aware that the skilled editor can command an article upon any subject, from lunar equations to St. Giles's lodgings, by selecting the appropriate "young man" to "lay on" for the purpose of "doing it." Scoffers at the *modus operandi* of the (vile and inaccurate colloquialism) "fourth estate," do say that the juvenile feline commanded to wag his tail or "shake the dew drops from his mane" in a given direction, is shut up in an encyclopædia lined apartment, and—the key turned, and copious four-penn'orths of gin-and-water, many clay pipes, and a general "muckness" of shag tobacco provided—is "requisitioned" to provide "copy" on pain of—death? no, dismissal—on any desiderated subject within any fraction of the interval between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. on any of the six working nights of the week.

Is the "old Joe" of the gushing scribbler, who, being required to write by order on Chinese metaphysics, was shut up in the editor's room and advised to con the indispensable encyclopædia for the respective words "metaphysics" and "China," and then "combine his information," wholly an allegory? Is the theory that the joke is a libel supported, or presumably displaced, by the recent exertations upon the sea serpent we have had the privilege to read in that journal, the initials of whose title, unfortunately, coincide with those of a disorder induced by the excitement engendered by indulgence in "undue stimulation"? I know not—I care not. Only in the interests of that public, a boon to which is desiderated in our desire to see the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth disseminated, it would, I think, be as well if the hirer of the young lions would "lay on" to wag their tails feline specimens, who know something by experience,—actually "know, you know,"—of the subject upon which they "gush" for so much a line.

I do not venture, Sir, so far to intrude upon your space as to ask you to reproduce the very flippant and very ignorant—what shall I call it?—Editorial?—No, I believe leaderette is the proper word? *more Americano!* which appeared in one of your contemporaries on the recent case of Voight v. Trevor and another, on Monday the 11th inst. I only meekly suggest to the august potentates who rule, guide, and direct the *Daily Telegraph*, that it might not be an undesirable qualification in a writer who aspires to clothe himself in type, with Masonic matter for the material of his garment, to have a slight, say a merely elementary knowledge of what he is writing about.

The writer of the paragraph (I do not of course allude to the quoted report in your columns of last week taken from the *Standard*) in question, assumes that the dictum of Field, J., confers upon our beloved Craft some special, and, therefore, some exceptional status in the eye of the law never before conceded to it. The brethren will at once perceive that our learned and illustrious brother's expression does nothing of the kind. Too much jealousy cannot be evinced of a manifested tendency to "oust," as the legal expression is, the jurisdiction of the law courts in matters of controversy between citizen and citizen, *quod* citizen, on purely civic rights. I have sat, one year with another, on the Board of General Purposes for ten years. I have constantly attended, watched, spoken, and voted upon the proceedings of that body. I have, both by speech and vote, had the privilege and honour—I say it deliberately and proudly—to support the conclusions that assemblage has arrived at in Grand Lodge, and, although now no longer a member of that august—asust inasmuch as it is a dignified, deliberative and respectworthy—body, I can solemnly aver that this question of the due discrimination between a man's civic rights, as the member of a national community, and his duties and reciprocal dues as a fellow of a universal brotherhood, has ever received the most attentive consideration of that, the cabinet council—so to speak—of the Craft. What has been the result? I venture to say that it has been the affirmation of what is a purely common sense principle, that in matters common to all citizens, in their generic character as such, the authorities of the Craft will decline to interfere, but that in questions as to their relations as Freemasons, *ex generis natura*, a tribunal is provided to which they, having by their affiliation to the brotherhood agreed to submit, are estopped, at all events in honour—certainly, according to the obligations voluntarily entered into by each one on his initiation—from submitting their Masonic differences to what I may call, by a figure of speech, a lay tribunal. No similar privileges can be claimed, as the emotional scribe assumes, by the Odd Fellows, the Druids, or the Most Ancient Order of Antediluvian Buffaloes, because, in the first place, their obligations entail no such submission to a common and recognised tribunal, and, in the second place, because the organisation of those very respectable and very useful brotherhoods have not obtained that legal recognition which our ancient fraternity has acquired.\*

\* 39 Geo. 3rd, cap. 79, secs. 5 and 6; 57 Geo. 3rd, cap. 19, sec. 26.



Take an instance—two instances; In "The Hervey Lodge v. Fielder"—*Freemason*, Oct. 26, 1876, the question was essentially pecuniary, and was decided on the legal proposition that no civic status was conferred upon a lodge to sue and be sued. I venture, Sir, to say that nine-tenths of our brethren accept that as a logical result of the purely voluntary character of our association. A case which came before the Board of General Purposes in my time was some wretched social dispute about an alleged libel promulgated by one Mason against another, not *quid* his character as a brother Mason, but solely in respect to his position, or his conduct as a member of a local School Board. Here, and as I think, very properly, the disputants were left to their independent rights as members of the general community. The question came before Grand Lodge, and that supreme body took this, as I think, indisputably constitutional view. But the case under discussion "is to be distinguished," as they say in Westminster Hall. A brief *resumé* of the facts will, I think, show how. Certain members of a lodge, as I am informed of the circumstances, combined together to blackmail, irrespective of qualifications, every candidate for initiation. The conspirators were detected—how—the *modus operandi*—I am not called upon to describe. It is not my province to praise the device employed, nor to anlmadvert upon its employment. They were detected. It is deemed to be a Masonic offence worthy of—let us say, briefly and not invidiously "gibbeting." The bye-laws of the lodge provide, not unreasonably, for *incroyables* (to use a mild conventional term towards our irreconcilable brethren) being—again to use a gentle phrase—eliminated. The question then comes in whether their conduct, constituting an offence, which, if an offence at all, must surely be deemed purely Masonic, is cognisable by the general law courts of the realm; cognisable, that is to say in this way, whether the publication of what is averred to be their misconduct is such an aspersion upon their general reputation as members of the general body politic as to bring them within the risk of incurring that hatred and reprobation which is deemed by the common law ground for the awarding of pecuniary damages by an assessment of a jury of their common Masonic and un-Masonic fellow citizens.

Perhaps such a publication may be, as it is technically termed, "evidence to go to a jury," and the estimate of what a jury would give in such a case, all the circumstances proved as I have narrated them, cannot affect the question; but what we have, as Masons, to consider is this: Are we to wash our dirty linen, when it is clearly our own fouling, at home, or to seek to blanch it in the law courts? Is such imputed misconduct within the purview of the Book of Constitutions, or must we resort to the tribunals of the realm open alike to exoteric and esoteric? I venture to think that there can be but one reply. The report seems to imply that our illustrious M.W.G.M. has declined jurisdiction in the matter. I think that this must be a misapprehension of what has really occurred. Has the case been submitted to the Board of General Purposes? I treat with the disdain it merits the suggestion in the paltry exhortation I have alluded to, that the learned magistrate before whom the case came appends to his illustrious name any of the misquoted titles the sensational and ignorant scribe has besmeared it with. That Mr. Justice Field is a brother Mason I am proud to recognise, but I detect the valued fact rather in the sound discretion he apparently evinced in discriminating between what are and what are not subjects for the exercise of Masonic jurisprudence, than in the wild speculations of the writer, that the principles of our beloved brotherhood involve the proposition that Masons seek any emancipation from the ordinary obligations of law-abiding Englishmen.

I have trespassed, Sir, I fear, too long upon your space and your readers' time. Exhaustively and irrefutably as you have treated the subject in your last week's impression, I find myself reduced to imitate the ready insolence of the young advocate, (a very old joke by the way), who pleading before certain "grave and reverend seignours" of the bench, was reminded by one of them that he had already advanced the same argument twice, "And I am afraid, my lords," he retorted, "I shall have to re-iterate it twice more, for I see before me four learned judges."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
SAMUEL POYNTER,  
P.M. and Treasurer Burgoyne, No. 902;  
P.M. Atherton, No. 1491.

#### ILLEGITIMACY AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received a fraternal and truly Masonic letter from my dear friend and brother, Commander C. Scott, P.M. 350 I.C. (P.P.G.W. of Devon, &c., &c.), with respect to the subject about which we have been writing of late.

There is no doubt as to our enthusiastic brother being in the right as to the custom in Ireland, though that, of course, does not of itself prove it to be correct in the present era of Freemasonry.

We should remember that the Society has passed through many stages, and that at the present time every Grand Lodge is not in the same advanced state as England, which may be said to exclude no one for faults not of his making, so long as its liberal pre-requisites are observed.

I have taken the liberty to publish Commander Scott's letter, and thank him for the same, though this time I cannot altogether follow his views. We generally, however, are one in Masonry, and always one in heart.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
W. J. HUGHAN.

[We print these letters, but, for several reasons, we wish the discussion now to close, and will publish no more on the subject.—Ed.]

Dear Bro. Hughan,—

This is a very interesting subject to all Freemasons, and no doubt many various opinions exist. As for the late Bro. Dunckerly, it appears by the many accounts of this esteemed Mason that he was a Freemason, and delivered addresses to various lodges before he was acquainted with the secret of his paternity, which he made known to the captain of his ship shortly afterwards, and asked his advice, &c., thereon.

In Ireland the bar sinister has always been looked upon as a defect. I am well aware there is no Grand Lodge of Ireland law on the subject, but it is considered to be included in the ancient charges, and a landmark, I may say, of the Order.

All the old Masons I have ever met in this country declared they could not be even present at the making or raising of an illegitimate person. Bro. J. O. Andrews, of 154 and 513, I.C., is quite correct as to the views held in this country, and I may also add that in 1804 there were ninety-two lodges in Tyrone, and two lodges, viz., 710, Sandholls, and 806, Rock (or Zermom), did receive illegitimates, and that all such persons desirous of becoming Masons were admitted in these lodges, and afterwards were received as visitors in other lodges.

I had a conference with several very intelligent Masons about this question. We believe that free born means of honest parentage, not born of fornication, and that the words in the Gospel of St. Matthew iii., 7, "generation of vipers," and St. John, viii., 41, "born of fornication," applies to this subject. We dedicate in Ireland our lodges to the holy saint St. John, and, of course, are deeply interested in our patron saint's Gospels. I am of the same opinion as my brethren that this is a defect which can be removed by a dispensation from the Grand Master, but it would be a cruel act to make an honest and upright man, as a candidate, apply for such. I know you can show affidavits of candidates' parents being lawfully married early in this century; this was chiefly owing to Presbyterian marriages not being registered, and I really do not condemn our ancient brethren being so particular, as it tended towards morality.

I fear I have trespassed on your time unduly, and with most fraternal feelings towards all brethren who may differ from

Yours fraternally,  
CHARLES SCOTT,  
365, S.C., Halifax; 230, E.C., Devonport;  
350, Omagh.

#### THE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. "J. C." desires an authoritative opinion to appear in the *Freemason* as to how the three orders of architecture are to be appropriated, and I have pleasure in responding thereto by referring him and those interested to the Book of Constitutions, pp. 133-4 (edit. 1873), as follows, re order of procession.

The Corinthian light:  
The column of the Junior G. Warden.  
The Doric light:  
The column of the Senior G. Warden.  
The Ionic light:  
The Pro G.M. and M.W.G.M., &c.

It is quite clear therefore that the Grand Lodge appropriates the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic orders respectively to the Junior and Senior Wardens and the Master, and so that is a sufficient authority for all lodges so to do.

I have the authority of our well known and respected brother Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., &c., for stating that it is also the practice in the famous "Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and that such also was the opinion of the revered Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson is evident from an examination of the Tracing Boards painted under his superintendence, the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic columns having thereon statues of H.A.B., H.K.T., and S.K.I. respectively.

Bro. Kenneth R. 'H. Mackenzie follows the same views in the "Royal Cyclopædia," and so does Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., in the "Masonic Cyclopædia" (proofs of which as to this matter I have in my possession), and in the magnum opus of Dr. A. G. Mackay (the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry") a like order is observed. These three Masonic encyclopedists write accordingly as follows:—

Ionic.....East.....Wisdom.....Master.....S.K.I.  
Doric .....West ...Strength...Senior Warden...H.K.T.  
Corinthian ...South ...Beauty ...Junior Warden...H.A.B.

The reasons for so doing I may refer to at another time.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
WM. JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The position of the candlesticks is clearly laid down in the Book of Constitutions (small edition, 1873, pp. 133-4), where the Corinthian light is to be borne before the J.W., the Doric before the S.W., and the Ionic before the W.M. I venture to suggest to many inquirers in your columns a careful perusal of that book before writing to you.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
EMULATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A short time ago I was in the same perplexity as your correspondent, "J. C.," with reference to the proper assignment of the three columns in a Craft lodge, and found as much uncertainty among the P.M.'s I referred to for information as he appears to have done.

An enquiry, addressed to our worthy Grand Secretary, however, set the matter at rest. He informed me that the W.M.'s column is the Ionic, the S.W.'s the Doric, and the J.W.'s the Corinthian.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

L.V.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the information of "J. C.," I beg to state that the columns of W.M., S.W., and J.W., should respectively be Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic—types of wisdom, strength, and beauty; which qualities again were those contributed to Solomon's Temple respectively by the three holders of those chairs, K.S., H.K. of T., and H.A.B.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. T.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any American brother inform us what the Grand Lodge of Missouri (La Grande Loge constituée en 1865 sous le titre de Grand Loge de l'Etat du Missouri), is, and what the Grand Lodge of Ohio (La Grande Loge constituée en date du 27 Decembre, 1829, sous le titre de Grande Loge de l'Etat de l'Ohio), pretends to be?

Are these the regular Grand Lodges of these two states, and have they ever been recognised by the Grand Orient of France before? See page 81, *Bulletin du Grand Orient*, Mars et Avril, 1877.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

#### FREEMASONRY IN THE LAW COURTS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me call attention to the following extract from the *Tailer* of June 16:—

"A secret society, which claims jurisdiction over its own members to the exclusion of the courts of law, and which has its claims admitted by the judges in the land, is a curious anomaly, and its judicial cognizance should horrify and scandalise all who cannot hear of a theory without pushing it to extreme conclusions. What would have happened had Mr. Justice Field been unaware, as he might well have been, that a case lately before him was 'eminently' for the jurisdiction of the Masonic Grand Master? And what will happen if the Grand Master persists in refusing jurisdiction? And is a Masonic plaintiff debarred from suing in the Supreme Court if he appears before a judge instructed in Masonry, but not otherwise? The subject is as fertile in such questions as the historic battles for jurisdiction between the courts civil and the courts ecclesiastical."

Yours fraternally,

L.V.

#### THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE.

We re-publish from the *Monde Maçonnique* for June the following extracts from a most interesting letter which appears therein, and which we think well to allude to in a leading article:—

The letter is from Bro. Léon Clerc to Bro. Hubert, Editor of the *Chaine D'Union*.

Nos agréables rapports dans le passé, autant que l'amiable accueil que vous me fîtes lors de mon dernier voyage à Paris, me rendent facile l'exécution de ma promesse, celle de vous tenir au courant de l'effet que pourrait produire en ce pays les discussions des Loges Françaises tendant à la suppression du paragraphe 2, art. 1er de la Constitution du Gr. Or.

Depuis mon retour, j'ai visité la loge Royal Jubilee, No 72, Or. de Londres, Thomas Hines, Vén. J'ai de plus conversé avec un grand nombre de Frères de diverses autres Loges, et je ne suis que l'écho de tous en vous affirmant que, si pareille suppression a lieu, le résultat pour la Maçonnerie Française sera des plus déplorables dans la Grande-Bretagne.

Ces FF. m'assurent qu'alors aucun Maçon Français ne sera admis comme Visiteur dans les Loges de l'Obéissance Anglaise. Vous savez que la Grande Loge Unie d'Angleterre compte plus de 1500 Ateliers, sans parler des Grandes Loges d'Irlande et d'Ecosse; et il n'y a pas à douter que celles-ci suivront l'exemple de leurs sœurs. L'Amérique, les colonies Anglaises, toutes imbuës des idées de la mère-patrie, même langue, mêmes croyances, mêmes mœurs, les imiteront aussi. Il faut ne pas connaître la race Anglo-Saxonne pour avoir des hésitations sur ce chef, et je n'ai pas passé plus de vingt années dans son sein pour ignorer ses tendances.

Que deviendra alors l'universalité de la Francmaçonnerie, si celle prêchée par le Gr. Orient de France est ainsi rejetée, stigmatisée par la moitié du globe?

Et serait-il vrai que là sont les aspirations de la Francmaçonnerie Française! Elle, qui ne date que d'un siècle et demi, prétend, par un vote, vouloir briser une croyance aussi vieille que le monde et qui vivra autant que notre globe, simplement parce qu'elle est vraie, naturelle, nécessaire.

Pardonnez-moi cette réflexion, mais une pareille prétention m'a l'air d'une gaminerie. C'est l'enfant disant à son père d'un ton mutin: Eh bien! non, tu n'es pas mon père.



Loin de moi le désir de vouloir enlever à la Maçonnerie aucun des fleurons de sa couronne, particulièrement la science qu'elle a pu acquérir et puis disséminer.

Je voudrais bien avoir le temps d'établir un parallèle entre la Maçonnerie Anglaise et la Maçonnerie Française, tel que ces regrettables débats me le font envisager; toutefois je ne peux pas m'empêcher d'affirmer que celle-ci méconnaît, sur son propre terrain, sa mission.

L'avenir du Grand-Orient de France repose dans le maintien, pour toujours et sans hésitation, de ce grand principe reconnu par lui dans sa Constitution et que l'on prétend aujourd'hui effacer.

Est-ce que nos FF. Anglais s'occupent de religion ou même de politique? L'une et l'autre sont impitoyablement exclues de leurs travaux; et comment pourrait-il en être autrement, si l'on veut, si l'on doit pratiquer cette première des vertus Maçonniques, à savoir le respect de toutes les croyances?

Et cependant, Maçonniquement parlant, ces Frères Anglais datent leur existence avant la nôtre; ils sont infiniment plus nombreux, plus répandus sur le globe, plus puissants à plus d'un titre, j'ajouterais même généralement plus respectés. Leur but, c'est de prêcher l'amour de l'humanité, de la soulager, de s'entre-aider partout où ils se rencontrent. Ils invoquent à tous pas le nom du Gr. Arch. de l'Un., et leur poétique rituel est puisé dans les codes moralistes de tous les temps, de toutes les religions, sans cependant s'occuper de dogmes.

Croyez-moi, cher Fr. Hubert, c'est un vent de souffre qui passe en ce moment sur la Maçonnerie Française, et je vois avec bonheur que vous cherchez à le détourner. S'il ne peut être conjuré, vous verrez bientôt des scissions sans fin dans l'Orde, qui, dès lors, aura perdu son universalité qui fait sa force.

Est-ce à dire qu'en Maçonnerie nous dussions avoir bientôt autant de nuances qu'en politique, et la France présenterait-elle, dans l'une comme dans l'autre, ce triste spectacle de divisions qui parmi les nations amies excite déjà, en politique du moins, leur sincère pitié! Non, il ne faut pas que cette mesure passe.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE CRUSADERS' LODGE (No. 1677).

The consecration of this lodge took place on Wednesday, June 13th, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, in the presence of a large assemblage of influential Masons. The presiding officer was Bro. James Terry, who went through the ceremony of the consecration in a most able manner, assisted by Bro. James Hill, as S.W., and Bro. Henry Marsh, as J.W. For some time past the necessity for a new lodge in this locality had been strongly felt, and several members of the Craft, dwelling on their avocations in Clerkenwell, made their determination to supply the requisite demand. Bros. Dr. W. J. Hunter and Thomas Goode were, we believe, the first instigators of this movement, and they were soon joined by Bros. Jarvis Maples, J. G. Defriez, J. W. Simmonds, A. J. Millward, F. Rothschild, R. C. Davis, J. S. Knight, W. C. Gay, and others, who became the founders of the lodge; and their efforts have been crowned with signal success. Very shortly after the Grand Lodge was petitioned the warrant was granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of all the Masons of England, and in due time and form the lodge was launched into existence amidst the good wishes and goodwill of Masons representing a large number of lodges. Among the visitors present were Bros. H. Field, 1602; W. H. Hooper, P.M. 435; R. D. Cummings, 704; R. W. Mountstevens, 27; J. Hill, W.M. 228; C. H. Miller, P.M. 907; R. H. Marsh, P.M. 1196; G. E. Fairchild, 1196; S. S. Bacca, 1196; W. J. Randall, 228; J. Woodman, 228; J. Tovell, 1489; D. Posener, W.M. 185; W. Rest, 1288; E. Wits, P.M. 144; C. Pinkston, 205; A. Mulford, 1288; A. H. Hickman, A.D.C. 228; J. Ward Verry, P.M. 554; H. Paine, 228; J. Newton, P.M. 174; T. Lawler, jun., 1297; R. Griggs, P.M. 228; J. Freeman, 1288; J. Means, 1107; C. Koester, P.M. 435; R. Snare, S.W. 228; J. E. Crump, 1223; G. C. Baker, 228; J. Walker, 27; S. Price, P.M. 1288; T. B. Payne, P.M. 27; Dr. H. Franklin, 228; J. Kew, P.M. 179; S. Rolly, 1602; and others. The brethren formed in procession, entered the lodge room at 4.30, and the Presiding Officer having taken the chair and appointed the Wardens pro tem., the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees.

Bro. Terry (consecrator) then addressed the brethren at some length, explaining the principles upon which Freemasonry is based, and dilating upon the duties incumbent upon Freemasons and their relations towards one another. He dwelt at some length upon the objects and aim of Freemasonry—that it is a peculiar system of morality, and that none but free, honest, and upright men should belong to it. One great end of Freemasonry has in view is to assist in charities, thereby reducing the sum of human suffering. Obedience to the laws of the land, wherever Masons might dwell, and reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, were also principles that Freemasonry taught.

The remarks of the Presiding Officer were attentively listened to, and Bro. Terry resumed his seat amidst general approbation.

The Invocation having been given, the lodge board was uncovered, and the Master and Wardens pro tem. carried the elements of consecration three times round the lodge, to the solemn music of the Old Hundredth. The Master took the censer three times round the lodge, the brethren chanting "When once of old in Israel." On arriving at the east the Consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty, and solemnly dedicated the lodge in ancient form to Masonry, the brethren responding musically "Glory be to God on high." During the second circuit the brethren sang "When there a shrine to Him above," the Consecrating Officer in the east pouring wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, and solemnly dedicating

the lodge to Virtue. During the third circuit the brethren sang "And we have come, fraternal bands," and the Consecrating Officer poured oil, the emblem of unity, and solemnly dedicated the lodge to Universal Benevolence, the brethren responding "Glory be to God on high."

The dedication prayer over, the brethren sang a vesper hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah." The Presiding Officer then constituted the lodge, which was resumed in the Second Degree.

The installation of the W.M., Bro. Jarvis Maples, P.M. 144, then followed.

The W.M. proceeded to the appointment of his officers, selecting Bros. J. W. Simmonds as S.W.; W. J. Hunter, J.W.; Thomas Goode, S.D.; F. Rothschild, J.D.; R. C. Davis, I.G.; J. S. Knight, D.C.; A. J. Millward, W.S.; and J. G. Defriez, Secretary.

In the absence of Bro. Simmonds, who was unavoidably away at sea, Bro. J. Piggott acted as S.W. pro tem.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry and his assistants, which was seconded by the J.W., and was carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry was then unanimously elected an honorary member of the Crusaders' Lodge.

The lodge was then closed in the usual way, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. W. C. Gay, which was served in the great hall of the old and venerable building. The menu was a very extensive one, embellished with appropriate quotations from Shakespeare.

When the cloth was removed the usual loyal toasts were proposed, which were received with musical honours.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Terry, acting as I.P.M., in very felicitous terms, to which the W.M. replied, saying that he felt the honour conferred upon him by the members of the Crusaders' Lodge in electing him to the chair of King Solomon, and that he would strain every effort to serve the lodge faithfully, and sustain, during his year of office, the honour and prestige of Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Consecrating Officer" was then proposed by the W.M., to which Bro. Terry suitably replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" then followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Marsh, who took occasion to say on behalf of himself and his brother visitors how delighted they all were at the very kind and generous hospitality they had all received, and he ventured to say that the Crusaders would show themselves worthy of the fame and reputation of Freemasonry, by being careful in their selection of candidates.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, each officer appropriately replying.

The toast of the Tyler brought to a close a very interesting, and in all respects a remarkable gathering of brethren.

In the course of the evening Bro. Marsh recited, in the style of a veteran, the "Charge of the Six Hundred," and Bro. Fairchild gave "My Pipe," in excellent spirit. The music was under the direction of Bros. Miller and Millward, the latter singing "Come into the Garden, Maud" and "The Thorn" very ably and with great expression.

#### Royal Order of Scotland.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL BRUCE CHAPTER.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 11th inst. R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Prov. G.M., presiding.

The following companions were admitted, and advanced to the Order of H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G.:—The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, 33°; Richard Joseph Nunn, M.D., 33°; S.J.U.S.A.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, 31°; the Rt. Hon. Lord de Clifford, 18°.

Under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order in Edinburgh, the Robert Bruce Chapter of H.R.M. of K.L.W.N.G. was duly constituted and opened at 4 p.m. by the R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Prov. G.M., with the usual ceremonies, and the following candidates were advanced to the Order:—Comps. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, 31°; the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, 18°; the Rt. Hon. Lord Brooke, 18°; the Hon. William T. Warren Vernon, 31°; Major Gen. Sir H. Charles B. Daubeny, K.C.B. 30°; the Honourable and Rev. Francis, E. C. Byng, M.A. 18°; the Ven. Archdeacon, C. G. C. Dunbar, D.D. 18°; Ralph D. Makinson Little, Q.C. 18°; Lewis W. Cave, Q.C. 18°; Samuel Graham Bake, Dep. Controller, 18°; the Rev. Dr. H. Ernest Brette, 30°; Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.B.G. 32°; Thomas Clarke Latham, 18°; Kenneth Robert Murchison, 18°; Lieut. Col. J. Herbert Freme, R.B.G. 18°; Major Francis Charteris Wemyes, R.B.G. 18°; Charles Sherwood Ickwell, 18°.

W. Bro. the Rev. Frederick Kill Harford, M.A., was then inducted as the first T.R.S.T.A. of the Royal Bruce Chapter, and proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter, which was carried unanimously, and acknowledged by the Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master.

The following officers were proposed and elected by the chapter:—Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, Dep. T.R.S.T.A.; the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, Sen. Guardian; the Hon. and Rev. Francis E. C. Byng, Jun. Guardian; the Rt. Hon. Lord Brooke, Marshal; Ralph D. Makinson Little, Q.C., Dep. Marshal; M. Gen. Sir Chas. Daubeny, K.C.B., and the Rt. Hon. Lord de Clifford, Stewards; Capt. Portlock Dadson, Treas. and Sec.; Thos. Clarke Tatham, Guardian.

The chapter was then closed, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of R.S.Y.C.S. having been duly opened, the above named companions were promoted to the knighthood of

the Order. Among those present on this occasion were—V.W. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk, F.R.S., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; C. F. Matier, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire and Cheshire; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.W.; Samuel Rawson, Prov. S.G.G.; Rev. T. F. A. T. Ravensham, P.P.G.G.; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. S.G.G.; Raphael Costa, Prov. G. Sec.; Major Shadwell H. Clerke, R.B.G., Prov. Grand Treas.; W. Hyde Pullen, Prov. Grand Marshal; S. Rosenthal, Prov. Dep. Grand Marshal; Lt.-Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Sword Bearer; G. Lambert, Prov. Grand Guardian; C. Edwin Willing, Prov. Grand Organist. W. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, Major Charles Harding, E. B. Webb, Walter Spencer, Joseph F. Starkey, and Charles Allen.

The banquet took place at the Café Royal, 68, Regent-street, at 8 p.m., the R.W. Bro. F. K. Harford, the T.R.S.T.A., presiding.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The members of the Old Scholars Reunion dined together at the Holborn Restaurant on the 5th inst., the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master of the Institution and President of the Reunion) being unavoidably absent, the chair was taken by Mr. A. W. Dutton, who was one of the first boys to be educated in the old building at Wood Green. The chief toasts of the evening were "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and to the Reunion." All ex-scholars of the R.M.I.B. who have not joined the Reunion are requested to communicate with Mr. G. W. Martin, 123 and 124, Newgate-street.

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#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, June 29, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill (Installation).  
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone (Consecration).  
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 25.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Boys.—See Advt.  
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.  
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound, Hampton Court.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.  
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.  
Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrews, 68, Regent-st., W.



## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot, Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 87, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.  
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.  
Chap. 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland, M.H., Mason's Avenue.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Liberty, 12, Penonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29.

Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
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## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 30, 1877.

MONDAY, JUNE 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool, (Installation).  
" 897, Loyalty, Fleecce Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.  
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 823, Overton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Lodge 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescott.  
" 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1052, Callender, Pub. H. Rusholme.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—After a year of almost unprecedented success, Bro. F. G. Pownall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., presided over the above lodge for the last time during his present term of office as W.M., and a large muster of both the members and friends of the lodge, and its esteemed Master, assembled to do honour to the occasion, among them being Bros. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; W. T. Vincent, W.M. 913; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706 and 1536; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; G. Spinks, W.M. elect of 1536; J. D. Hayes, J.W. 913; R. Beaver, 700; J. W. Farr, 1536; D. Deves, 1536; H. Green, 1076; Halloman, 1536; J. Donnelly, 706; H. Pryce, 913; W. Sallenger, 913; W. Cobb, 700; and C. Jolly (Freemason), 913. The officers of the lodge present beside the W.M. were C. Young, P.M.; C. F. Hills, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; G. W. Reed, S.W.; J. P. Moore, J.W.; J. Henderson, Treasurer and P.M.; H. Syer, Secretary; T. Hutton, S.D.; N. Brown, J.D.; S. Norman, Tyler; Bro. G. H. Masters acted as I.G. in the absence of Bro. Reilly through ill health. The lodge having been duly opened, Messrs. A. H. Hiscock and Leon C. Chasteauf were, after approval, admitted into Masonry, and Bros. Girdlestone, Debraclair, Sonas, and Deans were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in the most impressive manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. Reed, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office. Bro. Henderson, who has held the office for 21 years, was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. B. Norman was re-elected Tyler. Auditors were chosen, and then Bro. Osmond proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, that a P.M. jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Pownall, as a token of the esteem in which he is held, and as a recognition of his valuable services to the lodge while in the chair. Some lodge business was then transacted, and it was closed in due form. Upon re-assembling for refreshments, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts usual upon such occasions; and then Bro. P.M. Young proposed "The Health of the W.M.," drawing attention to the manner in which he had carried out the arduous work in the lodge that evening. There could, he felt sure, be only one feeling among them, and that was, respect and admiration for their esteemed W. Master, and he asked them to drink his health. Bro. Pownall in reply, after thanking Bro. Young, said that he could not help feeling a sentiment of regret at leaving the chair, wherein he had the privilege of presiding over a lodge whose members had ever evinced towards him such continual and gratifying help, kindness, and courtesy; but the time had arrived for him to transfer its honour and its responsibilities into the hands of one who was worthy of it, and deserved it. For the last time he thanked them for that toast, but the good feeling that has ever moved them to do honour to it in his person would long be treasured as a remembrance worthy of being associated with the proudest and dearest souvenirs of his life. In taking a retrospective glance at the year just past, he would mention that death had been busy in their midst; they had lost one dear old brother, who had for forty years been a member of this lodge, Bro. Williams. They had lost Bro. Sales, who was a good brother and a good man. Bro. Richards, too, had been removed from among them, and another brother, whose name was not now before him, had as well gone from among them. Speaking generally of their financial and numerical position, he had, when he took office, a balance in hand of £50, and now, after many expenses that had occurred during the year, there was a balance in hand of £80. They had during that time thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the company of their visiting brethren round the social board, and above all, they had not neglected that divine principle of charity, that was the bright particular star of their noble Order. He wished before leaving the chair to thank his officers for their constant care and assistance to him in carrying

out the duties of the lodge, his Wardens, Deacons, and Guards. He would personally thank Bro. Harding, their Organist, for the valuable assistance he had rendered to the lodge; and as for their esteemed Secretary and Treasurer he could not find words sufficiently to thank them. He felt that he had the good wishes of every brother with him, and it was gratifying to him to find so much unanimity existing among them. Every meeting had been a good one, and every one felt that it was their duty to sustain untarnished and unspotted the reputation earned for the lodge in its earliest days; and now that he was placing his trust into another one's hands, he felt that he had their good wishes, and that the universal kindness shown him would still be his in the honourable, but yet he hoped useful, retirement that always fell to the occupants of such an office as that he was now leaving. "The Initiates" were toasted, and returned thanks. "The Visitors" was the next, and in putting it the W.M. said he knew no better illustration of the good feeling shown to a lodge than by the number and position of its visitors. It improved their working, it made and cemented friendships. It brought the brethren together in unity, and he individually had to thank Masonic visits for some of his dearest and most prized friendships. Bro. Butt, W.M., replied for the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, and took the opportunity to thank the W.M. and brethren of the Union Waterloo for many kindnesses received, and wished the W.M. elect success in emulating the deeds of his predecessor. Bro. Croisdale replied for the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706, and eulogised the good work and genial hospitality of the lodge, and wished them continued prosperity. Bro. Vincent, W.M., replied for the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, and congratulated them upon the number of visitors; it was always a good sign, more particularly when among them were comprised so many of the principal officers of the district. He congratulated them upon their prosperity; it was the oldest lodge out of London, and they were proud of it, and of its life and energy. He congratulated the lodge upon its W.M., and spoke of the wonderful amount of work done by him in the many offices he filled both in and outside Masonry. Bro. Pownall would soon hold a distinguished position in the Province, for Lord Holmesdale, G.M. of the Province of Kent, had determined at the next Grand Provincial meeting, in July next, to invest him with the purple. Bro. Weston, W.M., responded for the United Military, No. 1536, and spoke of the good feeling that existed between the two lodges, which he trusted would strengthen as time went by. He wished their W.M. long life to enjoy the honours he had so well and worthily earned. Bro. McDougall as well replied, and then "The Health of the W.M. elect" was given, and responded to, and after the health of the officers had been honoured, the W.M. proposed in glowing terms "The Health of Bro. C. Jolly," for the true, full, and faithful reports of their proceedings in the organ of the Craft, the *Freemason*. Bro. Jolly briefly responded, saying that Bro. Kenning had made the *Freemason* worthy of its high reputation all over the civilised world. Many a brother Mason in far away lands read, no doubt with pride and pleasure, how the work was progressing at home, and thanked his *Freemason* for many a happy reminiscence. He trusted they would all support it, and concluded by thanking the W.M. and them all for many kindnesses received during the past year. The Tyler's toast then concluded the business of the evening.

**MIDDLETON.**—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—In consequence of the regular lodge night falling on Thursday, May 24th (Whitsun week), the meeting was postponed until the following Thursday, May 31st. The brethren having assembled at that date at the Asheton Arms, the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. George Bradbury, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting, after being read by Bro. John Hatton, Sec., received confirmation. Bro. Reed was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. George Bradbury, W.M. The traditional history was given to Bros. Beresford, Brunt, Valentine, Hewitt, Hooper, and Reed, by Bro. John Wood, P.M., Prov. G.A.D. of C. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree in due form, and "Hearty Good Wishes" were accorded from the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, from Lodges 1588, 993, 230, and 29, Dilage America. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. The subject of the Callender Memorial Fund was brought before the brethren by Bro. John Wood, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., who made an earnest appeal on its behalf. The W.M. also commended the subject to their favourable consideration, and it is pleasing to state that nearly every brother has subscribed to the fund, and that a good donation may be expected by the Prov. Grand Lodge for this excellent object. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the social board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The Prov. Grand Officers" being warmly received, owing to the presence for the first time of Bro. Albert L. Dickens, P.M., P.J.G.W., and Bro. John Wood, P.G.A.D.C., in the insignia of their respective offices. Both brethren made capital speeches in responding to the toast. Some excellent harmony enlivened the proceedings, and a very agreeable evening was spent to the satisfaction of all the brethren.

**IPSWICH.**—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—The summer festival of this old lodge, better known as the "Feast of Roses," was celebrated on Thursday, June 21st, when there were present Bros. the Rev. J. B. Tweed, W.M.; T. J. Burton, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. Miller, S.W.; H. C. Casley, J.W.; G. S. Elleston, S.D.; C. Schullen, Treasurer; W. Spalding, Secretary; W. Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Bros. Peter de Lande Long, S.G. D. England; Dr. Alfred Meadows, P.G.S. England; W. Bobey, A. J. Barber, Phillip Cornell, also Bros. Dr. W. A. Elleston, Dr. J. E. Taylor, F. H. Fodick, S. Wright, C. J. Meadows, W. Fraser, jun., S. Wright, and H. Ribbans.

Visitors: E. P. Youell, W.M. 1631; N. Tracy, P.M. 376; Dr. J. H. Sladden, P.M. 376; G. J. Paine, A.P.G.D.C. 1008; and Bros. E. T. Reed, 376; S. R. Anness, 376; George Abbott, 959; C. Cook, 959; and others. After the usual lodge business the Tracing Boards in the First and Second Degrees were admirably given by Bro. P. M. Barber, and Bro. C. H. Casley, J.W., respectively. A discussion then followed as to the future prospects of the Masonic Hall at Ipswich, which unfortunately is not quite paying its way. The lodge was then closed and the brethren retired to a well served banquet; the general Masonic toasts being given in the usual felicitous style of the W.M. and ably responded to. In returning thanks for the Past and Present Grand Officers Bro. P. de Lande Long thanked the brethren of his lodge for their congratulations upon his recent appointment as S.G.D. Bro. Youell also responded most ably for the visitors, always an important toast at these meetings; and Bro. W. Roby, in responding to the toast of "The Great Masonic Charities," made a powerful and urgent appeal to the Suffolk brethren to enlarge their subscriptions still further. He thanked them most heartily for what they had already done, and reminded them that so long as they continued to bring forward candidates, so long must they keep continually increasing their subscriptions, and he trusted that they would never forget what were the three grand principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bros. Clark, Cornell, Miller, and Abbott contributed much to the harmony of the evening. It should be added that the room was profusely decorated with roses and exotic plants from the gardens and conservatories of the brethren, and a splendid bank of ferns, embedded in moss, intermixed with the queen of flowers, gave a most pleasing finish to the upper end of the room. This was arranged with great taste by Mr. Godbold, a young Ipswich florist, under the superintendence of Bro. P.M. Cornell, and will not soon be forgotten. After the Tyler's toast "be brethren separated, much pleased with the "Feast of Roses,"

**CROYDON.**—Frederick Lodge of Unity (No. 452).—The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Greyhound, under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Sugg, W.M. The lodge was numerously attended, the following brethren being present:—Bros. J. Robins, M. Ohren, C. W. Dommett, W. Sugg, C. Pawley, A. J. Dickinson, J. W. Sugg, W. S. Masterman, G. Wright, A. T. Jeffery, C. H. Edmands, E. H. Sugg, F. A. Manning, C. M. Ohren, F. Cassell, G. Robins, J. Methven, J. C. F. W. Rogers, D. W. Sugg, E. S. Pugh, C. G. Scott, and the following visitors:—Bros. Ball, E. Spooner, C. S. Jekyll, Morgan, T. Hunter, Leaper, and H. Massey (Freemason). Bros. Astyanax Brattle and Wm. G. Hunter were passed; Mr. Wise was initiated; and Bro. Batchelor was elected a joining member. Afterwards the W.M. installed Bro. Arthur T. Jeffery as W.M., performing the ceremony in both a fluent and impressive style. The brethren appointed and invested as officers were George Wright, S.W.; C. H. Edmands, J.W.; James Robins, Treasurer; Magnus Ohren, Secretary; Charles Pawley, S.D.; Sugg, J.D. and Organist; J. Walter Sugg, the P.M., D.C.; F. A. Manning, I.G.; George Robins and J. C. F. W. Rogers, Stewards; and C. F. Speight, Tyler. The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses and was much applauded at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Magnus Ohren proposed; and Bro. James Robins seconded, a motion for the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. W. Sugg, both brethren observing that never was a P.M.'s jewel more deserved. Bro. Masterman, P.M., in supporting the motion, added that he entirely concurred in this observation. A handsome jewel was then presented to Bro. Sugg, the W.M. accompanying the presentation with the remark that what had just been said by Bros. Ohren, Robins, and Masterman was entirely in accordance with his own feelings. Bro. Sugg, in acknowledging the gift, said the kindness with which he had been received by the brethren, particularly in the year during which he had acted as Master of the lodge, had been such that this jewel, valuable as it might be in his eyes, could not add to his estimation of the brethren's kindness, and he should ever wear the jewel as a memento of the happiness he had had in the lodge, of the brethren's appreciation of any Masonic service he had performed, and as a stimulus to persevere in the path he had hitherto pursued. It was not so much the possession of the jewel that gratified him, though that was no small thing, but it was the consciousness he had that the brethren's appreciation of what he had done to promote the interests of the lodge had induced them to bestow on him this jewel. Though he was conscious of many shortcomings in what he had done, the knowledge that the brethren fully recognised the motives that stimulated him in discharging his duties would cause him to wear his jewel at all times without a blush, and it would always give him unlimited satisfaction. (Laughter and applause.) On the motion of Bro. Magnus Ohren, seconded by Bro. James Robins, five guineas were voted to the testimonial to Bro. Greenwood, Provincial Grand Secretary for Surrey; and Bro. Ohren announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Farnham, at two o'clock, on Tuesday, the 10th July. Bro. Francis having retired from the office of D.C. of the lodge, a vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services, and he was elected an honorary member. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was elegantly provided by the proprietor of the Greyhound. At the conclusion of the banquet, as the time was running short, the W.M. proposed the toasts very briefly. Bro. Magnus Ohren, in responding for "The Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," said it was a great pleasure to the Provincial Grand Officers in attending the Provincial Grand Lodge to see how well and worthily the position of Provincial Grand Master was



carried out. As one of the Provincial Grand Officers, he (Bro. Ohren) had had to attend the Provincial Grand Master in connection with the business of lodges in various parts of the province, and he had been very well pleased to see the way in which the business was conducted. There were many cases in which the Provincial Grand Master had to decide questions, and from his own experience he was able to say that the Provincial Grand Master had decided in all cases in a most conscientious spirit. He had shown himself a true man of business. When the Provincial Grand Master presided last year at the Provincial Grand Lodge he told the brethren, whom he appointed, that there were so many claims before him for office, that he trusted every officer appointed would be satisfied with the position he was placed in, and would consider it one of distinction. He could not make all the brethren Wardens or all Deacons, but whatever office a brother held it was one of distinction. This was quite true. Now this expression showed what the heart of the Provincial Grand Master was—that he did all he could to meet the wishes of the brethren; and he followed up his observations by appointing his own son to one of the lowest offices. The Frederick Lodge of Unity had been very successful in providing officers to the province, and the brethren of the lodge were very proud of the attention they had received from the Prov. G.M. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Initiative," and hoped that the light that had dawned on him that evening would be a benefit to him. If the initiate followed up the tenets of Freemasonry, he would find it would make him a far better man. Bro. Wise responded. He came among the brethren as a stranger, but his feeling in this respect had been considerably modified by the kind way in which he had been received by the brethren. He felt that he could not add any new lustre to such an old institution as Freemasonry, but at all events he would hope that by his conduct he might not dim the lustre which the Order had. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. F. Spooner replied. Bro. J. W. Sugg proposed "The W.M.," and complimented him on the way in which he had commenced his year of office. The W.M. in reply said he should do the best he could in doing what he had been placed in the chair of the lodge to do. But he had a very difficult task to perform when he followed such a W.M. as Bro. Sugg had proved himself to be. The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master," to which toast Bro. Sugg replied. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and the S.W. having replied, the brethren separated. The evening was a most successful one, and was enlivened by some charming singing by Bros. Magnus Ohren, Charles Ohren, and several other brethren.

**WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).**—The festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated by this lodge, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The brethren assembled at their rooms, in Portland-square, Workington, shortly after three o'clock, there being present the following members of Sun and Sector Lodge—Bro. P. de E. Collin, W.M., P.P.G. Purst, being unavoidably absent through an important business engagement;—Bros. J. Wood, S.W., and W.M. elect; R. Thomas, J.W.; G. Brooker, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G. Purst; G. Kirkwood, Secretary; G. B. McMullin, S.D.; Rowland Hill, jun., J.D.; D. Reece, Steward; W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; G. T. Archibald, P.M.; R. Scott, Tyler; together with about a dozen others. Visitors also attended from Lodges 119 and 872, Whitehaven; 371, Maryport; 1002, Cocker-mouth; and 1400, Harrington. Bro. Gibson presided as Installing Officer, and performed the principal duties of the day, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters—Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G. J.W.; Brooker, P.M. 962; Archibald, P.M. 962; W. B. Cowman, W.M. 872; T. Dixon, W.M. 1400; W. Alsop, W.M. 119; T. Carley, W.M. 371; T. Mandie, P.M. 371; J. Young, P.M. 1400; and W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 1002. (Freemason). The following official appointments were made:—Bros. Collin, P.M.; Kirkwood, S.W.; McMullin, J.W.; Brooker, Treas.; Troing, Sec.; Bill, S.D.; J. Trohear, J.D.; D. Reece, I.G.; W. Williams, Organist; T. Williams, Steward; and R. Scott, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the Treasurer produced the statement of accounts, which disclosed a most satisfactory state of affairs, inasmuch as upwards of £40 was disbursed in charity during the past twelve months, and this notwithstanding that the annual subscription is somewhat lower than most lodges in the Province. Subsequently all were entertained to banquet at the Green Dragon Hotel, Bro. J. Wood, W.M., presiding. Sun and Sector Lodge, as its number will suggest, is comparatively young, but we may add that the lodge, as at present existing, is but the revival of one of the same name that flourished in Workington more than half a century ago, and then having decayed, remained dormant for many years, up to its resuscitation in 1863. At present there are in use a few interesting souvenirs of old times, in the shape of the original bible, columns, &c., of the old lodge, which, if we remember rightly, were quite unexpectedly unearthed from the dust of obscurity of years, when the new charter was applied for. King Iron has of late years worked wonders in the dissemination of our Craft throughout West Cumberland, notably in Workington.

**SHEERNESS.—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).**—At an adjourned meeting of this lodge, on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, A.L. 5877, for the installation of Bro. Penney, the W.M. elect. There were present Bros. Bourne, W.M. (who was Installing Master); Penney, S.W.; Clarkson, J.W.; Pannell, Sec.; Isaac, S.D.; Saffery, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Parsons, Tyler. Bro. Bourne said before proceeding with the installation of his successor, the W.M. elect, he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. W. Pannell, P.M., P.P.G. S.W., with a memento of the good feeling and respect

and the high appreciation felt by the whole of the brethren of his zeal and assiduity as Secretary of the lodge during the years 1875, 1876, and 1877. Nothing could give him more satisfaction than to present Bro. Pannell with this splendid timepiece which the lodge had unanimously voted to their esteemed brother. Bro. Pannell, in reply, said he thanked the W.M. and brethren most sincerely for their very handsome present, which would be handed down as a heirloom to his family. It afforded him a great amount of pleasure to know that his humble endeavours to promote the prosperity of the De Shurland Lodge had met with their approval, more especially as they appeared to consider it deserved to be recognised in such a tangible form as the presentation of that handsome timepiece. He should look back with pride on that day, and when he looked on their present it would cause him to use, if possible, still greater exertions on their behalf. He knew that they would give him credit for sincerity when he stated that from the first moment the lodge was consecrated he felt a great and increasing interest in its prosperity, and as long as he was a member should continue to do so. One word he should like to say, in conclusion, which was, that this kindness to one of their officers would act as an incentive to all their future officers, that in carrying out their duties to the best of their ability it would be fully appreciated by the whole of the brethren of their lodge. The W.M. elect was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Bourne according to ancient custom. The W.M. Bro. Penney, then selected and invested the following officers:—Bros. Clarkson, S.W.; Isaac, J.W.; Hancock, Treas.; Pannell, Sec.; Tomkins, M.C.; Saffery, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Highley, Steward; Redman, Stewart; Parsons, Tyler. The W.M. informed the brethren that the first duty he was called on to perform was an exceedingly agreeable one, and he trusted all the duties he would have to carry out would be equally pleasant—it was to present Bro. Bourne, the retiring W.M., with a gold Past Master's jewel. He was fully aware the brethren knew of his many excellent qualities, by which he had endeared himself to them all, and also in accepting the position of their Master for two years in succession by their unanimous wish, for which they owed him a debt of gratitude. He would not take up any more of their time. Addressing Bro. Bourne, he said, he had great pleasure, on behalf of himself and the members of the lodge, in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, and hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him for many years, to wear it on his breast. Bro. Bourne thanked the W.M. and brethren most sincerely for their handsome present, and particularly for the kind expression of feeling which accompanied the gift. He could assure them he should highly prize it, more especially as the W.M. had stated that it was by the unanimous wish of the brethren. He should be at all times ready to do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the De Shurland Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. McDonald, and seconded by Bro. Hancock, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Bourne for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master, which was carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. McDonald, seconded by Bro. Regg, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Penney, W.M., for the efficient manner in which he had invested his officers, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was closed at 4.45 p.m. The brethren to the number of fifty retired to the Fountain Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet prepared for them by Bro. Howe in his usual very excellent manner. The visitors, before retiring, expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the kind manner with which they had been received and entertained and never remembered being so kindly treated before at any installation. After spending a very happy evening the brethren retired at 10.30 p.m.

**WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).**—The installation of the W.M. elect and ninth anniversary banquet of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th June, at the Masonic Rooms. The W.M., Bro. Charles Crosier, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. Richardson, I.P.M.; John Armstrong, S.W. and W.M. elect; Thos. Auckland, J.W.; J. H. Galloway, S.D.; S. Wallhead, J.D.; T. Sutton, Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.M., Sec.; R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G. S.W. England, P.P.S.G.W. West Lancashire; Bros. W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; R. Bierley, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; John Harding, P.M.; W. Pollitt, P.M.; A. Potter, John Jones, J. Baird, W. Kinsey, G. Cropper, J. Farrington, J. Curry, J. Hannah, Dr. W. P. Wood, H. Foggy, J. Knight, J. R. Jones, A. W. Brundrett, G. Mackey, W. Dean, R. Heaton, W. Taylor, W. W. Tavarack, and the following visiting brethren: Bros. W. Sharp, P.M. 148, P.J.G.W. of West Lancashire; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire; J. Bowes, P.M. 148, P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; F. Derry, P.M. 482, P.P.J.G.W. Staffordshire; J. Parkington, 944; T. Tunstall, W.M. 148; T. Jones, 241; J. Pickthall, S.W. 148; J. Kenworth, 1565. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting, and of two emergency meetings were read and confirmed; the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the usual preliminaries having gone through, all brethren below the chair retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. John Armstrong was, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Crosier. In due course the other brethren were admitted, and the new W.M. having been proclaimed, greeted, and saluted in the Third Degree, the appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows:—Bro. Charles Crosier I.P.M.; Thos. Auckland, E.W.; Thos. H. Sutton, J.W.; John H. Galloway, Treas.; David W. Finney (P.M.), Secretary and Director of Ceremonies; S. Wallhead, S.D.; John Knight, J.D.; George Cropper, Organist; James

Hannah, I.G.; and Thomas Donville, Tyler. The W.M. on investing his officers made some appropriate remarks to each, and in the case of Bro. Hannah said that he had particular pleasure in appointing that brother to the office of I.G., Bro. Hannah having from the commencement of the lodge satisfactorily acted as its Tyler, of which the brethren had testified their approval by the presentation of a handsome gold watch, and he (the Worshipful Master) had no doubt Bro. Hannah would discharge his duties in such a manner as to do credit to his new appointment. The remainder of the installation ceremony was then completed. The numerous Prov. Officers and P.M.'s. present expressed themselves highly pleased with the very able and impressive manner in which Bro. Crosier rendered, without assistance, the installation ceremony, more especially as it was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to act in the capacity of Installing Master; in fact he performed the ceremony, as he has done all the ceremonies during his year of office, admirably. R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., England, P.P.G.S.W. West Lancashire, &c., then addressed the lodge and said:—Bro. Armstrong and brethren, it affords me singular gratification to be with you this day, as notwithstanding my intimate connection with this lodge, circumstances which I could not control, have been such as to prevent my attendance as often as I could wish. It was my desire to have been present when Bro. Crosier was installed, but pressing Parliamentary business prevented me leaving London. On this occasion, however, I determined that nothing short of something very urgent should keep me away. You all know the deep interest I take in this lodge, and it certainly has afforded me considerable satisfaction to-day to witness the admirable manner in which the lodge is conducted, and to find that you have amongst yourselves such members as Bro. Crosier, who has just rendered the ceremony of Installation in such an impressive manner. Although unable to be with you personally I have been kept well informed of all your proceedings, and I have especial pleasure in congratulating Bro. Crosier on the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as W.M. of this lodge during the past year. Of the estimation in which we all hold Bro. Crosier I have in my hand at this moment strong proof, in the shape of this beautiful and costly gold P.M.'s jewel with which it is my pleasant duty to present him to-day on behalf of the members of this lodge. In doing so, Bro. Crosier, I can truly say that it affords me much pleasure to be the means of conveying this testimonial to you. I am sure it has been well deserved, and I trust that you may live long in happiness to wear it. (Applause from the brethren). Bro. Crosier, in reply, said: I must ask your kind forbearance on this occasion, as I do not feel equal to the task of thanking you in the way I ought to do on receiving this handsome testimonial at your hands. But first allow me, Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, to express my obligation to you for the kind and feeling terms in which you have been good enough to speak of me and of my services to the lodge. Such an expression of feeling, coming from one whose name the lodge bears, and who holds such a distinguished position in Masonry, is not only gratifying to me personally, but I am sure will be equally acceptable to all the brethren of our lodge. It is a matter of rejoicing to us all that you are here to-day in our midst, and I sincerely trust that what you have seen of the lodge and its working will be proof to you that we are progressing. W. Sir, I thank you very much for your kindness in making the presentation to me. And now, brethren, I have to tender you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the very handsome and costly jewel which has just been presented to me on your behalf. I need not say how much I shall value such a gift, and I trust that whenever I put it on it will remind me of a pleasant but busy year of office, and of the many acts of kindness I have received from the individual members of the lodge. I promised on being installed that I would use my utmost efforts to promote the best interests of the lodge. I have tried to do so, and it is certainly very gratifying to receive this beautiful jewel from you, as it is evidence that what I have done has met with your approbation. Our lodge, I am glad to say, is prosperous, both as to members and financially, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the work in the lodge during my year of office, no less than seven brethren having been initiated. And now, brethren, before concluding, I wish to take this opportunity to tender my best thanks to my officers for the efficient services they have rendered me during my term of office, and for the kindness and support I have received from one and all of the brethren on every occasion. Without making any invidious distinction, there is one officer to whom I am particularly indebted, viz., Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., who, as the Secretary of this lodge, is, as you are aware, of necessity more closely connected with the Master than any other officer. In Bro. Finney I have had a Secretary of the most able kind, one who thoroughly understood his work, and has performed it in a manner deserving of the highest praise. His duties, as you all know, do not terminate at the close of the lodge, and his general attention has been such that I have been entirely relieved from all anxiety respecting the conduct of the business of the lodge, and it affords me sincere pleasure to be able thus to record my testimony of Bro. Finney's untiring efforts as Secretary of this lodge. Brethren, allow me once more to thank you one and all for your great kindness, for the handsome jewel, and for the grant of £10 10s. to constitute me a life member of one of the London Masonic Charities. The P.M.'s jewel given to Bro. Crosier is the most costly one ever presented in Warrington. It is enriched with a valuable diamond, &c., and was specially made to order. The inscription is—Presented to Bro. Charles Crosier,



P.M., by the members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Warrington, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. 12th June, 1877." In addition to the foregoing presentation the brethren of the lodge voted the sum of £10 10s. to constitute Bro. Crosier a Life Governor of one of the London Masonic charities, and they are also about to present Mrs. Crosier (the daughter of Bro. George Bacon, the Sec. now and for many years past of Witham Lodge, Lincoln, No. 297) with a magnificent diamond ring. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel. The banquet was provided by Bro. Thomas Jones, of Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, and gave universal satisfaction; it embraced everything in season, and was of a bountiful description. The cloth having been withdrawn the W.M. gave briefly the usual loyal toasts, after which he gave that of H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., &c., which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Sharpe, P.G. J.W., and Bro. Alpas, P.G., Secretary, responded for the P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale and other officers of West Lancashire, and Bro. Bowes, P.G.J.W., of Cumberland and Westmoreland and Bro. Derry, P.P.G. J.W. of Staffordshire, for the Grand Officers of the adjoining provinces. Bro. Alpas in his reply reviewed the position of Freemasonry generally in West Lancashire, and gave some valuable hints enjoining precaution in the admission of candidates, and amongst other things congratulated Bro. Crosier as the retiring W.M. on the manner in which he had kept down the lodge expenses for refreshments during his year of office. The next toast, that of "The Health of Bro. John Armstrong, W.M.," was then proposed by Bro. Crosier, who said I rise to propose the next toast which is the toast of the evening, viz., "Bro. Armstrong, W.M.," and I am sorry that it has not fallen to the lot of some more able brother to do it. First, Bro. Armstrong, I must congratulate you on your appointment as W.M. of this lodge, I do this with greater pleasure because I appointed you as my S.W., and we have worked together very cordially and harmoniously. This fact, brethren, has brought me into close contact with Bro. Armstrong, and I do not hesitate to say that he will discharge his duties in not only an efficient manner, but in such a way as to reflect the highest credit on himself and the lodge over which he presides. We are most of us aware that in other branches of science, Bro. Armstrong has excelled, and I have no doubt in his career as Master he will fully sustain his previous reputation. Moreover Bro. Armstrong is an enthusiastic Mason and this I think will be a strong guarantee that everything he undertakes will be done well. I feel certain that he has the best interests of the lodge at heart and that under his rule we shall go on and prosper, and I trust, become one of the best working lodges in the Province. There was one circumstance about Bro. Armstrong's election particularly gratifying—it was perfectly unanimous, and I think this is not merely proof of the admiration in which he was held by the brethren, but clearly shows what perfect harmony and unanimity prevail in the lodge—that we are all united and are pulling together. Bro. Armstrong, I once more congratulate you on your appointment to the chair of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, and I call upon you, brethren, most heartily to drink success to him during his year of office. (Loud cheers). Bro. Armstrong, in responding, said: It is a subject of great gratification to myself that I should this day occupy the proud position of W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. I have not been a Mason four years, but have certainly taken more than an ordinary interest in Masonry since seeing the light; this I attribute in a great measure to the very impressive manner in which my initiation ceremony was performed by Bro. Nossop, a P.M. of Lodge 1250, and the very able manner in which the Second and Third Degrees were rendered by Bro. Sharp, now G.J.W. of West Lancashire. From the first I became a working Mason, endeavouring to do the duties of every office whether acting as substitute or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the W.M. for the time being, and to this only can I account for my rapid rise and first appointment by Bro. Brierley, P.M. I am proud to be surrounded this day by so many brethren of rank and distinction, and feel it as a great compliment. I trust to have as successful a year of office as Bro. Crosier has had, but hardly hope to do the duties of the chair so successfully as Bro. Crosier; I will endeavour, however, to the best of my ability, to instil into every candidate for initiation the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. I am quite sure that all who obey the laws and act up to the teachings of the Craft, will have performed their allotted task while it is yet day, and all such may safely look forward with a firm but humble confidence to the day when this transitory life shall have passed away, for they will surely meet again in that Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the Universe lives and reigns for ever. (Cheers). Bro. D. W. Finney then proposed the health of Bro. Crosier as Installing Master, and in the course of an able speech testified to the very able manner in which the Installation ceremony had been performed, and highly complimented Bro. Crosier upon the tact and business abilities which he had displayed in all the lodge concerns. Bro. Crosier in reply assured the brethren that although no longer Master of the lodge, he should always have its interests at heart, and it would always be a pleasure to him to do anything tending to its benefit. The remaining toasts included that of the W.M. and officers of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, responded to by Bro. Tunstall, W.M., and Fickel, S.W.; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Bowes; "The Visiting Brethren" responded to

by Bros. Morris and Milner. The W.M. called upon the Tyler to propose the last toast about 10 o'clock, after which the brethren separated in perfect harmony.

**HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).**—On Saturday, 16th inst., at the Red Lion, Hampton, the regular meeting was held. Bro. E. Gilbert, W.M., in an able and efficient manner raised Bros. W. Priddy and S. initiated W. Butler, J. Maxwell, and W. Kay. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bro. C. W. Fox, S.W., being W.M.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treasurer, re-elected for the fifth time; J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Middlesex, re-elected Tyler for the eighth time. Bros. H. Gloster, W. Stanton and W. R. Varsila were elected Auditors, in addition to those provided by the bye-laws. The usual seven guinea Past Masters' jewel, on the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P. G.J.D., Middlesex, P.M., was unanimously voted to Bro. E. Gilbert, W.M., for his efficient services rendered to the lodge. Ten guineas were voted from the lodge funds to the Boys' School, and several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, July 21st, to meet at 2 o'clock. After business came the banquet, which was well and efficiently served. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The visitors were:—Bros. E. Beckwith, 1423; Scott, 1656; T. Ockden, 1512; H. T. Murphy, 1512, &c. There were present besides those mentioned:—Bros. J. Hammond, P.M., S.D.; J. C. Woodrows, P.M., Asst. Sec.; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P., Middlesex, P.M., I.G.; J. T. Moss, P. P.G.R., Middlesex, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.G.D., Middlesex, P.M., and several others.

**LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).**—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. This was the first meeting of the members here, as the lodge was formerly held at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, situated at the north end of Liverpool, and the change of place was thought necessary in consequence of being more convenient for the majority of the brethren. The installation of the W.M. was thought a fitting inauguration of the new meeting place, and there was a large gathering of members and visitors to celebrate the "house heating." Bro. F. Knight, W.M., presided at the opening of the business, and he was supported by Bros. H. Ashmore, P.M.; Crosby, Leighton, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Burgess, S.W.; J. H. Bradshaw, J.W., C. Winkill, Sec.; T. Foulkes, S.D., R. B. Burgess, I.G.; H. Robertson, S.; M. Williamson, Tyler. The members of the Stanley Lodge present were Bros. T. Henderson, G. Argyle, P. M. Campbell, A. W. Theastone, A. Samuels, P. J. Rose, S. Gordon, W. Bell, S. Hill, T. Wiseman, J. Falkingham, H. Tibbs, H. Hughes, J. Holmes, J. P. Bragan, J. Threlfall, R. P. Quick, J. Peakman, J. Ashton, and M. Cain. The list of visitors included Bros. H. S. Alpas, P.G.Sec.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Salmon, P.G.J.W. North Wales and Shropshire; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Cheshire; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G., Registrar; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C. West Lancashire and Cheshire; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; W. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Matthews, W.M., 721; J. Smith, 1035; J. Houlding, S. W. 823; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; W. Cotrell, P.M. 823; T. Roberts, W.M. 673; H. Borrows, S.W. 673; J. Williams, 240; T. Gray, 1276; W. Townshend, 876; R. Kenney, 203; J. M. Coop, 1325; T. Hatton, 203; J. P. Gamble, 1264; G. Wynn, 673; J. T. Callow, P.M., 673; W. R. Roese, 673; H. Williams, P.M., 1264; T. J. Walker, 1208; P. S. Johnson, 1356; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; W. T. Bromley, 1393; W. Humphries, 1473; C. Birch, 203; F. Barquet, 249; T. Johnson, 823; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, and others. After the Worshipful Master had opened the lodge and the minutes of previous meeting had been read, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Ashmore, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. James Whittaker Burgess as the W.M. for the coming year, a ceremony which he performed in a highly efficient and impressive manner. After a Board of Installed Masters had been formed, and the brethren had saluted in the usual manner, the following officers were invested:—Bros. F. Knight, I.P.M.; J. H. Bradshaw, S.W.; C. Winkill, J.W.; H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas.; T. Foulkes, Sec.; R. B. Burgess, S.D.; N. Robertson, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; C. Leighton, P.M., D.C.; A. Samuels, S.S.; J. Peakman, J.S.; J. P. Bryan, hon. Org.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by Bro. Ball. The ordinary loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given and enthusiastically responded to. The toast of "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M. W.L.," was coupled with the name of Bro. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W., who spoke in the highest terms of his lordship as a nobleman, a neighbour, a landlord, and a Mason. He was no superficial Mason, but had a more intimate knowledge of it than many would expect. "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. H. S. Alpas, P.G. Sec., who spoke in eulogistic terms of the praiseworthy efforts which had been made to bring the Stanley Lodge to its present prosperous condition. He stated that it afforded him great pleasure to see that these efforts had been successful, and wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office. Other toasts, including "The Worshipful Master," were heartily responded to. A very interesting portion of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Knight, I.P.M., on behalf of the members of the Stanley Lodge. A number of songs and recitations were given by various members, the accompaniments being furnished by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. J. P. Bryan, honorary Organist.

**WOODSTOCK.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1399).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 18th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Woodstock. Nearly every lodge in the province was re-

presented, and amongst the visitors were Bros. R. Bird, P.M. 537, D. Prov. G.M. Oxon; H. A. Pickard, P.M. 357; J. Potts, P.M. 599; J. Galpin, P.M. 1515, P.P.G. S.W. Oxon; J. Pratt, W.M. 340; Starnor, P.G. Org. Lincolnshire; W. Baglestone, 1515, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon (Mayor of Oxford); C. Park, P.M. 340. The officers present were Bros. H. Williams, W.M.; W. A. Reynolds, S.W.; J. Long, J.W.; E. Prescott, acting S.D.; J. S. Palmer, acting J.D.; and H. O. Crane, I.G. After the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, Bros. Butler and Dorrell were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. P.M. Brown in his usual impressive and solemn manner. Bro. W. A. Reynolds was then introduced to the W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master. On the re-admission of the brethren the usual honours were offered to the newly installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. P.M. Brown, the manner in which the orations, &c., were delivered being the theme of universal admiration. The following were then nominated as the officers for the present year:—Bros. Prescott, S.W.; Crane, J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Boon, J.D.; Williams, Treas.; Brown, Sec.; Salter, I.G.; Bayliss, Tyler; Butler and Debron, D.C.; Spackman, Org.; Tibbetts and Calcutt, Stewards. Previous to the closing of the lodge a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Williams, the presentation being entrusted, by desire of the W.M., to Bro. Brown, who expressed his satisfaction in conferring upon him the jewel he had so well earned, for during his year of office the lodge had continued to prosper, and its working reflected the greatest credit upon him. Bro. Williams, in suitable terms, expressed his thanks. The banquet which followed the business of the lodge was served by Bro. Haynes in his usual admirable style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Provincial, Grand Lodge, and the Health of H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.M.," remarking that it was a great honour to the Province of Oxford to have a member of the Royal Family as its Grand Master. The name of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Bird, having been coupled with the toast, he expressed his sincere thanks at the manner in which the Prov. Grand Lodge and its Royal Master had been received. He complimented the lodge on the proficient manner in which that day's work had been executed, and referred to the difficulty experienced in recommending to His Royal Highness officers to serve in the Prov. Grand Lodge. That position was attained only by a strict attention to the working of the lodge, and amongst so many brothers who were wont to become good Masons and attend officially to their duties, they could readily understand the difficulty he experienced in making a selection. Those who were disappointed at the last meeting he hoped would not give in, but would readily and willingly press forward and make themselves the more competent to occupy such a position of honour on some future occasion. It was a source of great satisfaction to the Craft to notice the interest His Royal Highness exhibited in Freemasonry, and particularly in his own province; for only the last time he had the honour of conversing with the Prince, he intimated his intention of being present, should circumstances permit, at the opening of the proposed new lodge. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the D.P. G.M., and responded to by Bro. Reynolds, who expressed the gratification he felt in being placed in the honourable and proud position of W.M. It would be his utmost endeavour to maintain the reputation of the Marlborough Lodge during his year of office, and he hoped the officers he had chosen to assist him would, by their united efforts, work with that harmonious spirit which was the secret of all success. The toast of the visitors was next given, and responded to by Bro. Galpin, P.M. of the Bertie Lodge. In responding to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Pickard, of the Apollo University Lodge, said he was sorry and glad to be present—sorry because he had not before made the acquaintance of the Marlborough Lodge, and glad that he had taken this opportunity of doing so. When a brother visited a lodge he liked to see good work, and he must say he had seen good work that afternoon to his heart's content; in fact, during the whole of his twenty-five years' Masonic experience he had never seen it done better. "The Sister Lodges" was responded to by Bro. Pratt, W.M. Alfred Lodge; and the toast of "The Officers" by the S.W. Several other complimentary toasts were given and duly acknowledged. The Tyler's toast brought the pleasures of the evening to a conclusion. The glees, part-songs, &c., delightfully rendered by Bros. Crane, Hallowell, Meadley, and Wentworth, were greatly admired and appreciated.

**CHISELHURST.—Chiselhurst Lodge (No. 1531).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Black Bull, Chiselhurst, on Saturday, and was well attended. The proceedings commenced at half-past two, and there were present Bros. Guest, W.M.; Kipps, S.W. (W.M. elect); Gloster, J.W.; Coutts, P.M., Treas.; Griffin, Secretary; Mason, S.D.; Hutchings, I.G.; Fox, D.C.; Hunt, W.S.; and Rawles, Tyler; also the following members:—Bros. Dowsett, West, Goldsmith, Hooker, Masters, Drinkwater, Russell (P.M. 299 and P.P.G. Asst. D.C. Kent), Babenna, Seager, Williams, Haybow, Dana, Nunn, Hollis, Griffiths (P.M. 901), Wain, and E. Kipps, and the following visitors:—Bros. C. Nash, H. Roberts, and J. Shaw, P.M.'s of 79; Macdonald, I.P.M. 1158; Wills, W.M. 299; Spreight, W.M. 147; Ireton, S.W. 1348; Bell, S.D. 79; Croft, 1326; Good, 871; and Skipton. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular lodge and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Humphrey and Drinkwater were raised to the Sublime Degree. The report of the audit committee was then presented and proved to be a very satisfactory document, there being a substantial balance in hand. It was stated that during the year



there had been four initiations and two members had joined, and that the lodge, which is only two years old, has no less than 84 subscribing members and 7 honorary members, the latter including the Prov. G.M., and Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Kippis was then presented by Bro. Griffin as the W.M. elect, and was afterwards installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom and fully saluted, the imposing ceremony being very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Guest. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Guest, I.P.M.; Gloster, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Coutts, P.M.; Treasurer; W. O. Goldsmith, Secretary; Griffin, S.D.; Hutchings, J.D.; Fox, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; E. Kippis, W.S. and Grant, Tyler. A very beautiful Past Master's jewel, with the addition of a collar and jewel attached, were presented by the W.M. to Bro. P.M. Guest on his retiring from the chair, as a mark of the respect in which he was held by the lodge and as a recognition of his valuable services. Several alterations were then made in the bye-laws with the view of making the lodge a summer gathering, and the regular meetings were fixed for the fourth Saturday in March, May, June, and September. The initiation fee was raised to seven guineas, and the joining fee to three guineas. It should be stated that letters were read from the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M., stating their inability to be present. The business being over the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren re-assembled at the banquet table, the arrangements for which were admirably conducted by Bro. Wain. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. Russell, in responding for the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, regretted that they did not attend the Chiselmurst Lodge more frequently, as it was admitted throughout the province to be one of the best. He congratulated the lodge upon the rapid progress which had been made and upon the large balance they had in hand for so young a lodge. He had been connected with a lodge for fourteen years, and it had taken them twelve years to realise the balance which the Chiselmurst brethren could boast of. He pointed out that it was sixteen years ago that Lord Holmesdale was installed as Prov. G.M., and at that time there were only fourteen lodges in the district, but now they boasted of forty-three, and warrants were being applied for right and left. His lordship however watched very carefully the matter, and warrants were only issued to those in whose hands they could safely be entrusted. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Guest, I.P.M.—who believed that the W.M. would be one of the best Masters who ever filled a chair, and wished him a year of prosperity. The W.M. in response hoped he should discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge, so that they might say at the end of the year "He has done his work well." "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" were the next toasts, and were suitably responded to. The proceedings, which were of a very enjoyable character, concluded with the Tyler's toast.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).**—Bro. Albert Marvin presided at the annual meeting on Tuesday last, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, supported by Bros. Ockenden, S.W. and Sec.; Errington, J.W.; Hiscox, J.D. and Treas.; Fox, I.G.; D. O. Wood, acting P.M., and other brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, it was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees and closed down to the First. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., and the first two sections worked by Bro. Wood, assisted by the brethren. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Marvin and recorded on the minutes, for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony, particular credit being due to him, as he was only admitted into Masonry in March last. Bro. Ockenden was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The supper announced for the 26th inst. has been postponed.

#### Royal Arch.

**YARMOUTH.**—Friendly Chapter (No. 100).—The annual meeting and installation of officers of this flourishing chapter took place on the 18th of June, the ceremony being performed by our veteran companion H. J. Mason, P.Z., who installed and invested the following companions:—Jas. Bond, M.E.Z.; Bonfellow, H.; Martin, J.; A. Hanlon, E. and Treas.; Wright, N.; Hubbard, P.S.; Fowler and Hammond, A.S.; and Rolfe, Organist. Comps. Wrightson, Stratherne, and P. Glover were ballotted for and accepted as joining members. Bros. G. H. Cooper, W.M. 71; J. Tennant, Rev. H. J. Bode, G. F. Crane, John J. Harvey, and A. D. Stone, jun., were exalted, each of the newly appointed Officers doing his own work, and in a highly creditable manner, seldom equalled and never excelled by older hands. Among the other companions present were Comps. Chipperfield, P.Z.; Franklin, P.Z.; J. F. Maybank, Captain Dods, Fisk, Swan, Owles, Stanier, and others. The companions then adjourned to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a very sumptuous banquet awaited them, served in Comp. Franklin's well known style, after which a most enjoyable convivial hour was spent.

**BARNSTABLE.**—Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue (No. 251).—A quarterly meeting of this old and flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Masonic Hall. The chapter was opened by Comps. Wm. Britton, Z., John Terrell Shapland, H., and J. Hancock, as J. The following companions were also present:—J. Brewer, S.E.; Wm. Boyle, S.N.; W. J. List, Treas.; W. Young, P.S.; A. Herbert, A.S.; J. Wadham, H. J.

Hancock, and others. The minutes of the previous chapter meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Gaydon, of Lodge 251, was balloted for, unanimously accepted, and duly exalted to this Sublime Degree in Freemasonry.

**BEDFORD.**—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The companions of this rising and favourite chapter met for a long period of labour on Wednesday evening, June 13th, when there were present Comps. Alderman John Richard Bull, J.P., P.M. 540, M.E.Z.; J. M. Cuthbert, P.M., J.; Colonel Stuart, W.M. 540, P.M., P.S.G.W., G.L. Eng., P.G.H., Supt. G. Chap., R.A. Eng., &c., and P.Z. 540, acting as H. (in room of Comp. Cookson, who had suddenly been taken unwell); Rev. J. Faussett Ward, Chaplain; Rev. William Tebbs, P.M. 285, J. 285, P.P. G.C. Somerset, &c, P.S.; Billson, P.M., 1st A.S.; Capt. Colburne, E.; Fisher, P.M., N.; together with Comps. of Chapter, Capt. Nash, Harris, Allan, Thody, and Lambie; and visiting Comps. R. Boughton-Smith, H. of Leicester Chapter, and an officer of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Leicestershire. After the minutes of the last chapter had been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. proposed, and the J. seconded, and carried unanimously, that Comp. Tody be elected Organist of the chapter. Comp. Thody was then duly invested, and afterwards contributed materially by his excellent playing to the beauty and solemnity of the ritual. The next business was the balloting for three new members of the chapter, the result being, of course unanimous election. The candidates were Comps. Alderman Sergeant, P.M. and Treasurer of Stuart Lodge, 540, Bedford; W. Higgins, of St. John Baptist Lodge, 475, Luton; and Arthur Knox Lindsell, Lieut. 18th Beds. Light Infantry, of St. Andrew's Lodge, 803, Biggleswade. Bro. Higgins was unfortunately absent through illness, but Bros. Sergeant and Lindsell were duly presented and exalted, the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner, evidencing not only the labour bestowed by the M.E.Z. and his Officers upon the work, but rendering evident the fact that labour is a labour of love. The committee appointed to frame bye-laws for the chapter then presented their report, which, on the notice of Comp. Stuart, P.Z., seconded by Comp. Nash, was unanimously adopted, and a most excellent set of rules thus passed into law. Our attention was drawn to the fact, and we mention it for the benefit of the many London companions who so frequently visit the chapter, that the Anniversary Convocation will for the future be deemed to be the one in March, and that the banquet will then take place. The chapter then proceeded to one of those graceful acts which reflect equal honour upon those who give and those who take the dignity; Comps. Barfield, P.Z., Mount Sinai, 19, on the proposition of the M.E.Z., and Col. Stuart, P.Z., and G. Reed, P.Z., Andrew, 833, and J. 19, on the motion of Comps. Cuthbert, J., and Rev. W. Tebbs, P.S., were unanimously elected Honorary Members of the Stuart Chapter, as a mark of appreciation of their numerous kind services to it. After this lengthened time of labour the brethren proceeded to refreshment, and during the toasts which followed a most feeling allusion was made to the sad accident which had deprived, at least for some time, the chapter of the services of their 2nd A.S. Comp. Robert Barry Stafford, and great commiseration was expressed for him in his consequent suffering. We must not omit to notice the gain that the chapter has made in the addition to it of Comp. Sargent, whose skilful use of a most excellent voice was fully appreciated by the companions at refreshment; other companions, too, enlivened the evening, which was a most enjoyable one.

**TYWARDREATH.**—Chapter of Unity (No. 1151).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Tywardreath, on Tuesday, the 19th June. Present: Comps. Dr. Davis, M.E.Z.; W. Polkingborne, H.; Collwill, Scribe E.; T. G. Stephens, P.Z.; W. Tomkin, N. H. Lamb, W. Rowe, J. B. Williams, J. Wellington, J. Stephens, &c. Visitor: Comp. Emma Holmes, P.Z., St. Luke's Chapter, Ipswich. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, all the companions who had not passed the chair retired, and a Board of Installed Principals was formed when Comp. W. Polkingborne was installed as M.E.Z., W. Tomkin as H., and Capt. H. Collwill as J., Comp. Stephens performing the duty of Installing Principal. The companions having been readmitted and having given the customary salute, the rest of the officers were appointed and invested by the M.E.Z. as follows:—N. H. Lamb, Scribe E.; S. Trevel, Scribe N. (by proxy); F. B. Williams, Prin. Soj.; W. Rowe, Treas.; J. Wellington and T. Stephens, Asst. Sojs.; H. Elliott, Janitor. The retiring M.E.Z., Dr. Davis, briefly returned thanks to the companions for the way in which they had supported him in the chair during his year of office as First Principal. M. E. Comp. Polkingborne also briefly addressed the brethren, and the customary business of the chapter having been gone through, Dr. Davis proposed Comp. Emma Holmes as a joining member of this chapter, which was seconded by Comp. Stephens, who said he had read the proceedings in Grand Conclave of Knights Templar, and the part Comp. Holmes took therein, and he was sure he would be equally energetic and take the same interest in this chapter of the Royal Arch. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form and the companions departed.

#### Mark Masonry.

**MARYPORT.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Maryport, on Thursday, the 21st inst. There were present the following officers and members:—

Bros. J. Gardiner, W.M., P.G. Insp. of Works; W. Armstrong, as S.W.; T. Mandle, J.W., and W.M. elect; J. R. Banks, M.O.; J. H. Banks, J.O.; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer, and P.P.G.S.W.; P. Dodgson, Secretary; T. Moore, R.M.; J. W. Robinson, J.D.; E. J. Mitchell, I.G.; J. Harris, Tyler; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G.O.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. Eng.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P. G. Secretary; J. W. Thompson, R. Hetherington, J. Lawson, T. Dixon, J. J. Coverdale, Jas. Quay, and W. F. Lamonby (Freemason). The visitors were Bros. F. W. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.S.D.; W. Court, P.M. 60; and J. D. Wivell, W.M., 147. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Harris, the new Tyler, was duly obligated a M.M.M., after which the chair was taken by Bro. G. G. Hayward, as Installing Master, when Bro. Mandle, the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of A. The charges were delivered by Bro. F. W. Hayward. Bro. Mandle appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. Gardiner, I.P.M.; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. H. Banks, J.W.; P. Dodgson, M.O.; T. Moore, S.O.; W. B. Gibson, J.O.; Jos. Nicholson, Treasurer; J. Quay, Secretary; J. W. Robinson, R.M.; G. W. Tickle, Chaplain; E. G. Mitchell, S.D.; J. W. Thompson, J.W.; R. Hetherington, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; T. Dixon, M.C.; J. J. Coverdale and W. Jackson, Stewards; and J. Harris, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to Bros. G. G. Hayward and F. W. Hayward, the lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren were invited by Bro. Mandle, W.M., to partake of an elegant collation, and a couple of hours were harmoniously whiled away in toast, song, and sentiment.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. LIEUT.-COL. PILSWORTH.

Freemasonry in Leeds has sustained a great loss in the death of our lamented Bro. Lieut.-Col. Pilsworth, Staff Officer of Pensioners, and P.M. of Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, as well as P. Prov. G.W. of the Province of West Yorkshire. For Bro. Pilsworth was one of those Masons too few everywhere, who loved Masonry for what it was, what it taught, what it did. He did not seek its honours from any personal egotism, he did not value its advancement for any petty ideas of consequence or outward show; he was not so much a fluent talker, as an active doer, always ready for work, always glad to help, the first to come, the last to depart, a thoroughly zealous, honest, courteous, loyal, upright Freemason.

Few Masons have more steadily kept to his proper work than did Bro. Pilsworth, and into Masonry he brought with him the orderly and disciplined principles of that great profession of which he was not an undistinguished member. A good soldier, a good Mason, a good man, his name will long be held in affectionate remembrance by his surviving brethren of the Philanthropic, where for some time to come those who attend that famous old lodge, will sadly miss his genial presence, and his kindly smile, his unpretending discharge of every duty therein. They will be glad to think, with all who knew his merits, admire his virtues, and mourn his loss, that he has found the "rest that remaineth," that rest which many a brave English soldier has found before him, whether it be in a soldier's grave abroad or in a quiet cemetery at home.

##### EXTENSIVE ROBBERY OF MASONIC JEWELLERY.

At the Guildhall Police Court on Tuesday last, William Hurren, a cabinet maker, was charged with stealing rings and Masonic jewellery to a very large amount from Bro. Kenning's warehouses, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain.—Mr. George Clarke prosecuted, and Mr. E. Pratt appeared for the prisoner. Mr. Clarke said that Bro. Kenning was a Masonic jeweller, and in his warehouse were numerous cases in which he exhibited his goods. The prisoner was employed by the manufacturer of those cases, and consequently was frequently in the warehouse. The doors of the cases shut with a spring, but were not locked. In consequence of Bro. Kenning missing some jewellery inquiries were made about it, and the result had been that most of the missing property had been traced to the possession of the prisoner. Bro. Henry Cox, foreman to Bro. Kenning, said that about a fortnight ago he missed some rings and jewellery. The prisoner had been in the habit of coming to the premises on and off for the last 18 months or two years. The cases were unlocked, and shut with a spring. Henry Webb, detective sergeant, said that he and Detective Trafford apprehended the prisoner on Monday afternoon, in Cow-cross. He told him the charge would be on suspicion of stealing a number of gold rings and a quantity of Masonic jewellery from Bro. Kenning's premises, within the last month, and pledging the same at a pawnbroker's in the Holloway-road. He said he knew nothing about it; he had not stolen any, neither had he pawned any. He took him to Snow-hill police-station, where he found on him a number of racing bills, a Masonic gold ring, and 3s. 7d. in money. Witness told him that he pawned a diamond ring on Saturday, and he replied that that was his own ring and had nothing to do with what he had pawned there besides. Bro. Kenning was taking stock, and he already found a large deficiency. Sir Andrew Lusk remanded the prisoner for further evidence.

We are requested to state that at the "St. Mary-lebone" and "La Tolerance" Lodge a of Instruction have respectively adjourned their meetings for the summer until the first Friday and the first Wednesday in September.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The seventy-ninth annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at the Alexandra Palace, Wood-green, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants. and the Isle of Wight. The Chairman was supported on his right by Bro. Benet-Stanford, M.P.

Among the brethren present were:—Capt. Wordsworth, T. Cubitt, F. Adlard, S. Rosenthal, Hyde Pullen, William Rosbuck, Raynham W. Stewart, J. L. Thomas, Thomas Meggy, E. Middlemas, John Seax, Wm. Mann, E. Harris, J. G. Chancellor, H. C. Levander, F. Binckes, R. Wentworth Little, James Terry, J. B. Shackleton, A. W. Hume, J. Carter, H. Massey (Freemason), W. J. Crutch, S. B. Wilson, E. Moody, Jno. Mason, J. E. Curteis, T. W. Coffin, Rev. Watts, D. W. Pearse, C. E. Layton, W. Dodd, Dr. Morris, G. Phythian, A. Lucking, N. Greene, S. S. Partridge, &c.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The Queen," said—Loyalty is a plant of deep growth in English soil, and it has taken a firm hold of Englishmen's hearts. They have a conviction that under the mild constitutional sway of a Sovereign they enjoy more real liberty than falls to the lot of people under any form of government in any other part of the world. During a long reign her Majesty the Queen has by the manner in which she has discharged her high functions, endeared herself to the hearts of and lives of the whole of her subjects. I ask you to drink "The Health of the Queen, the Patroness of this Institution."

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales," said—The Prince of Wales has no light duty to perform. Very important matters are entrusted to him, but he never fails, by the courtesy of his demeanour, to make a favourable impression when he is called upon to discharge a duty. That has ever been the case in England, and it was the case with him in India. He never fails, also, to support useful institutions, and to give up no small amount of his time that they may have the benefit of his presence and his liberality. Our allegiance, as Freemasons, is especially due to him as the Grand Master of our Order, and also as the President of our Institution. It is in connection with that I would ask you peculiarly to drink his health.

In submitting the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, &c.," the Chairman said—I naturally, brethren, take a great interest in the Masonic career of our Pro Grand Master, because I had the privilege a good many years ago of initiating him into Freemasonry; and I will only say that he has amply justified the expectations that were entertained of him. His well-known ability led us to imagine that he would do a good deal for Freemasonry, and he has not belied the expectations that were entertained of him. In his absence he can fully rely upon Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, who, although he has a very large province, one, I may say, of stupendous dimensions, yet is never absent when the cause of Freemasonry demands his presence in London; and I am certain that he has inspired the fullest confidence in his zeal for Freemasonry. I will couple with this toast the name of a well-known Freemason, that of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, who we have always seen with us for many a long year, and whom we hope to see for many a long year yet to come.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, in reply, said—I reply with great pleasure to the toast which has been drunk in honour of our second chief. He is a brother who deserves your praise and every honour you can bestow upon him. I am exceedingly proud to hear our Chairman say that he was the means of initiating him into our good Order. It must be a great source of pleasure to him, as well as to us, to have to congratulate him on having done so noble a deed. With respect to Lord Skelmersdale, we know that he also is a good officer. Among those officers we have our worthy Chairman, who is always doing something for Freemasonry. All

the Grand Officers do the same. What I do as one of them is little; but I do it from a spirit of real love to Masonry, and to all those connected with it. I am proud to see its charities successful, and I am proud to see Bro. Binckes so successful with this Institution. He says he likes innovations when the innovations are good; and the innovation he has introduced in these festivals is good, because we all enjoy the presence of the ladies among us, to participate a little in Freemasonry, and enjoy themselves at the same table with us. It is a little pleasure for them to look forward to; they see what are the fruits of our Freemasonry, and that we are ready to stretch out our hands to give assistance to those who require it—to those to whom it is our duty to give the best help we can. The Grand Officers of England, for whom I am responding, are always proud to encourage every Masonic Institution, and to do everything that they can for the good of their fellow Masons, more especially the ladies.

Bro Benet-Stanford proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He said—I will promise to be as short as possible because I am certain on occasions of this sort we are all longing to get out into the open air. The toast which Bro. Binckes gave me to propose affords me as much pleasure to propose as I am sure it will you to accept, because it is the "Health and Long Life to our most excellent Chairman, Bro. Beach." I have had the pleasure of meeting my friend, Bro. Beach, for some few years, and I have had the pleasure and honour of knowing him in more than one avocation. I may say that in every one of those avocations he has done well. First, and foremost, I take this opportunity of saying that I have never heard an inauguration or installation at a lodge more beautifully done than it has been by my Bro. Beach. Secondly, as a brother member of Parliament, we are in perfect accord, because we both sit on the same side of the House; and I may mention also as a director of the line of railway on which I live, I always find my excellent friend, Bro. Beach, to be the most gentlemanly and courteous of English country gentlemen that we ever could wish to meet. When I saw that our excellent Bro. Beach was going to take the chair on this occasion I did not wait for him to ask me to come down to support him, as I told him I should come down whether he liked it or not. All I would add to these very few words is that it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to come here this afternoon to see this charming company and to support the gentleman who takes the leadership.

The Chairman, in reply, said: Accept my best and most sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health, I assure you it gives me very great pleasure to be here this day, and to see so many gathered together to support this charity. If I may say a few words about myself, I will give you an account of what occurred to me soon after I was first initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. of my lodge, the Apollo University, Oxford, enquired one day who would serve as a Steward for the Masonic Boys' Institution, and I, a neophyte, said to my nearest neighbour, "What is the Boys' Institution?" He was enabled to inform me, and I instantly sprang to my feet and said, "I will serve as Steward." It was from that I saw then, from being convinced that the Boys' Institution was a most noble one, that I first made a resolve in my own mind to do a little if I really possibly could for the interests of an Order which gave birth to such a magnificent Institution as this, and from that moment I have never relaxed in the interest I have taken in Freemasonry and in those noble Institutions which do credit to the Order. I will not detain you longer about myself, but I will proceed to propose a toast which comes home to all our minds and hearts this day, and I would ask you to give me your attention for a few minutes, and I hope I shall not unduly trespass upon you. This Institution is one now of considerable date, but it has increased considerably by means of the liberality of the Freemasons. In the year 1857 the boys educated in this school were only seventy, there are now 180, and you may judge that it has been no light expense to increase the resources of the Institution in proportion to that number. But there has

been some complaints that the cost of education in the school has been too great. You have the figures before you, and therefore I will not advert at any length to the statistics, but there is one fact to which I will direct your attention. The cost of the boys per head in the year 1866 was £47 16s. 4d., and in 1876 it was £43 18s. 10½d., and during that time there has been a considerable increase in the price of provisions. So I think you will agree with me in saying that there has been no undue extravagance on the part of the managers. The boys in that Institution receive a most excellent education. It is not of one kind only; it is not an education that would only fit them for one pursuit in life; but it enables boys, if they show capacity, to fill one situation, and if they have not so much, to fill another. There is a classical and a commercial education; and in both they receive a sound and solid one; and from the honours they have taken in the University local examinations, I think we may congratulate the master and the managers upon the result of their education (cheers). Throughout the world there are many buildings magnificent in their design and in their proportion, many of which are devoted to the purpose of Freemasonry; but none of them possess such intrinsic excellence as our establishment at Wood Green, because there we carry out the principles which in our lodges we endeavour to inculcate. It may happen to any one who is sitting amongst us, whose hand we have grasped, with whom we have interchanged many a greeting here, to be stricken down, through no fault of his own, by the hand of distress; and it is something that when the dark hour of misfortune shall arrive he should be enabled to look with confidence to the sympathy of his brethren and rely on them for support. It is that reliance for support on the sympathy of his brethren which forms an indivisible tie amongst Freemasons. Long may it continue; long may we show ourselves worthy of the principles which we profess, in the future as we have done in the past. I trust that this Institution may long flourish. I commend it to your liberality; as it has been largely exercised in past years, so may I entertain a firm conviction that it will also be exercised for the advantage of the Institution whose claim I am proud to advocate this day; and I will only say in conclusion that I hope the Institution may not fail from the advocacy I have endeavoured to exercise on the present occasion. I wish you to drink "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and I am sorry that the Treasurer, Bro. Plunknett, whose name I should have coupled with this toast, is ill; but I will call on Bro. Capt. J. Wordsworth, a name you know very well, to reply.

Captain Wordsworth in reply, said—That as they had been very successful in past years he hoped they would continue to be so. The subscriptions this year were the largest they had ever had; and as they were year by year increasing, he trusted to each succeeding year the subscriptions would prosper in the same proportion as they had hitherto.

The Chairman then proposed "The Vice-Patron, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Committees of Instruction," all of whom, he said, took upon themselves great trouble in performing the duties which fell upon them. These brethren were skilled and able in their various duties, and they took most zealous interest in the prosperity of the Institution.

Bro. J. G. Chancellor responded. He had been connected for many years with the House Committee, and he felt on this occasion, when they were supported by such a Chairman, only too delighted that they had secured such an advocate for the charity. The brethren for whom he responded hoped, as they had done their duty in the past, they might long continue to do so.

Bro. Binckes then read the following list of subscriptions—

President.—R. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W.	£	s.	d.
Hon. Vice President.—V.W. Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.	42	1	0
Actg. Vice-President.—W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, V. Pat. of Inst., P.G. Steward, P.M. No. 21, &c.	52	10	0
Hon. Treasurer.—W. Bro. S. B. Willson V. P. of Inst., P.M. No. 59	42	0	0
	144	13	0



London:—				Cheshire:—				Wiltshire:—			
Lodge	1	Bro. Fenner, Edwd.	37 16 0	"	425	Smith, A. G.	17 13 6	Lodge	632	Gauntlett, S.	142 16 0
"	2	Hope, William	37 16 0	"	537	Milner, W., Marquis, W.	10 10 0	Yorkshire—North and East Division:—			
"	5	Newton, F.	53 11 0	"	605	Mellor, R.	...	Lodge	250	Bro. Thompson, J.	46 4 0
"	6	Smith, J. T.	21 0 0	"	1357	Simcock, T. D.	31 10 0	"	1245	Armitage, S. H.	...
"	7	Dawson, J. E.	48 6 0	"	1566	Simpson, E.	10 10 0	"	1611	Cumberland, J. S.	26 5 0
"	8	Tisley, A.	14 14 0	"	1576	Chesworth, T.	10 10 0	Yorkshire—West:—			
"	9	Chiffereil, F.	52 11 0	Derbyshire:—				Lodge	154	Tomlinson, W. H. B.	...
"	10	Martin, R. B.	31 10 0	Lodge	353	Diamond, H. E.; Howe, R.	32 11 0	"	302	Gott, C.; Hill, T.;	...
"	11	Tubby, W. F.	40 8 6	"	731	Cay, G.	11 0 6	"	...	Pickles, J.	...
"	12	Angold, Geo.	101 17 0	"	1085	Pipes, S.	34 2 6	"	337	Hirst, J., jun.	...
"	14	Smith, J. N.	17 17 0	Devon:—				"	1019	Newton, G. ; Words-	...
"	18	Rawlins, H.	...	"	...	Curteis, J. E.	63 0 0	"	1239	Ellis, S. B.	105 0 0
"	19	Graham, E. B.	21 0 0	Dorsetshire:—				"	...	...	661 10 0
"	21	Watson, G.	39 18 0	"	...	Benet-Stanford, V. F.	80 17 0	North Wales and Salop:—			
"	22	Phythian, G.	49 7 0	Durham:—				Lodge	1124	Bro. Speull, W. H.	101 17 0
"	23	Mather, E. C.	26 5 0	Lodge	80	Crookes, W. H.	158 11 0	"	1143	Sisson, R. J.	10 10 0
"	26	Buszard, M.	93 9 0	Essex:—				"	1336	Bury, J. O.	52 10 0
"	28	Bell, R. E.	25 4 0	Lodge	51	Pye, G. G.	36 8 0	"	1477	Potts, A.	...
"	29	Barker, C.	41 0 0	"	1000	Lucking, A.	40 7 0	South Wales—Eastern Division:—			
"	33	Davis, J.	72 19 6	Gloucestershire:—				Lodge	36	Bro. Taylor, W.	132 15 0
"	46	Richards, A.	48 6 0	Lodge	82	Basvi, Col. H.	275 2 0	South Wales—Western Division:—			
"	49	Mercer, J. S.	111 6 0	"	1005	Roberts, F. G.	63 0 0	Lodge	671	Bro. Stone, A.	168 0 0
"	55	Whalley, J.	78 15 0	Hants and Isle of Wight:—				Hong Kong:—			
"	58	Reynolds, T.	78 15 0	Lodge	151	Bro. Watts, Rev. E. W.	40 0 0	Bro. Chater, D. P.			
"	59	Underhill, W. H.	10 10 0	"	257	Wheeler, C. J.	31 10 0	Order of K.T.:—			
"	60	Wordsworth, J.; Chan-	...	"	309	Holbrook, E. G.	52 10 0	Tanner, J.			
"	65	cellor, J. G.	11 11 0	"	319	Rawlins, T. J. D.	...	Mark Degree:—			
"	73	Bellerby, J.	10 10 0	"	394	Hickman, W.	300 6 0	Levander, H. C.			
"	79	Bencey, R.	52 10 0	"	487	Osborne, R.	2 2 0	Royal Order of Scotland:—			
"	91	Chapman, H. J.	40 19 0	"	723	Sowdon, W.	121 0 0	Mater, C. F.			
"	101	Taylor, T. E.	48 6 0	"	903	Groves, E.	10 10 0	Royal and Select Masters:—			
"	108	Davidson, J. W.	18 18 0	"	903	Lancaster, G. F.	31 10 0	Bro. Montagu, J. M. P.			
"	140	Scard, J. C.	27 6 0	"	903	Pulley, T. J.	13 13 0	Unattached:—			
"	145	Moult, W.	...	Hertfordshire:—				"	...	E. J. Morris	105 0 0
"	173	Massey, J. D.	114 9 0	Lodge	449	Bro. Shilcock, J.	7 7 0	"	...	Basnett, —	5 5 0
"	174	Perceval, C. J.	130 4 0	"	504	Lambert, G.	52 10 0	"	...	Rudderforth, W. H. G.	52 10 0
"	176	Willing, J.	...	Kent:—				The total amount announced by the Secretary was			
"	179	Munro, T. F.	28 7 0	Lodge	20	Bro. Gamon, W.	119 14 0	£12,856, but by an accident, Northumberland, which sent			
"	181	Layton, A.	40 8 6	"	784	Goodall, H. S.	70 7 0	one steward with £304 15s. was omitted. This amount,			
"	185	Constable, J.	1205 3 0	"	1206	Emmerson, R. J.	10 10 0	together with three more lists since received, viz.:			
"	186	Mann, W.	90 6 0	"	1208	Baker, H. M.	60 18 0	Lodge	18	Bro. Rawlings, H.	24 3 0
"	188	Abrahams, I.	20 0 0	"	1223	Webb, J.	...	"	177	Willing, J.	27 11 0
"	192	Fallows, F.	37 10 0	"	1464	Andrews, C.	300 0 0	Fsser:—			
"	194	Compton, W. J.	68 5 0	Lancashire—East Division:—				Lodge	51	Bro. Pye, G. Gard	36 8 6
"	197	Findley, G.	159 12 0	Lodge	37	Bro. Newton, J.	10 10 0	makes the total amount £13,248 17s. 6d. with 19 lists			
"	222	Adams, R. R. D.	61 19 0	"	37	Brockbank, G. P.	10 10 0	yet to come in.			
"	231	Curtis, C. J.	51 16 3	"	113	Harrison, W.	10 10 0	The Chairman proposed "The Health of Bro.			
"	235	Hewett, E. H.	42 0 0	"	152	Chorlton, T.	76 16 0	Binckes," to whose exertions he said were due			
"	256	Heming, J.	36 15 6	"	221	Entwistle, T.	32 11 0	the large donations the Institution had received.			
"	259	Goldney, F. H.	15 15 0	"	208	Holroyd, J.	10 10 0	Bro. Binckes responded, but as all the ladies			
"	435	Phillips, W. C.	19 8 6	"	317	Hine, J. L.	105 0 0	and brethren were on the move to get out into			
"	511	Game, Wm.	22 1 0	"	816	Taylor, J.	...	the gardens his observations were very indis-			
"	554	Berry, J. J.	78 15 0	"	1170	Watson, J.	5 15 0	tinctly heard.			
"	559	Brighten, W. G.	31 10 0	Lancashire—West Division:—				The toast of "The Sister Institution" was			
"	619	Hume, A. W.	23 12 6	Lodge	724	Bro. Ballard, J. W.	42 0 0	then given, and Bro. Meggy replied to the			
"	637	Maple, W.	102 18 0	"	1375	Pochin, G. D.	122 17 0	toast of "The Stewards," after which the com-			
"	742	Baxter, W. W.	...	"	1588	Crompton, T. A., Crosby,	...	pany separated.			
"	749	Hobbs, J. W.	38 6 6	"	1496	H., Barber, G.	21 0 0	Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free-			
"	781	Wright, J.	94 10 0	Leicestershire and Rutland:—				and Accepted Masons, containing the charges, regulations,			
"	813	Cusworth, T. J.	42 0 0	Lodge	523	Bro. Partridge, S. S.	400 18 6	E. A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of			
"	822	Phillips, L., jun.	38 5 6	Lincolnshire:—				every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of			
"	861	Legg, E.	75 12 0	Lodge	792	Bro. McSheen, R.	10 10 0	the Freemason, or will be sent post free to any part of			
"	890	Dutton, W. H.	80 6 6	"	1294	Sutcliffe, J.	16 16 0	the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny			
"	898	Carter, B.	52 10 0	"	1294	Coates, T.	5 5 0	stamps. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—			
"	902	Poynter, S.	36 4 6	"	1482	Parkin, A.	21 0 0	Adv.			
"	907	Dennis, J.	70 17 6	Middlesex:—				The late Southwark Conference created a			
"	1155	Wilson, J.	30 9 0	Lodge	382	Bro. Davis, C.	87 3 0	demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations.			
"	1178	Lover, W. T.	60 17 6	"	778	Harding, Major C.	22 1 0	Eminent Analysts declare it is only when tea is in its pure			
"	1201	Barber, W. H.	100 0 0	"	1237	Brown, C. S.	31 10 0	and native state that it will yield to pressure under			
"	1216	Larlham, M. S.	60 0 0	"	1238	Weeks, A. G.	59 6 0	hydraulic power. The London and Provincial Press un-			
"	1227	Goddard, R. W.	...	"	1309	Rushworth, C. G.	...	hesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in per-			
"	1257	Munley, T. W.	74 0 0	"	1326	Gilbert, E.	10 10 0	fection it must be brewed from tea that has been com-			
"	1260	Southwood, J. H.	60 10 6	"	1460	Brette, Rev. Dr. Ernest...	17 17 0	pressed. Economists advocate the use of Compressed Tea,			
"	1278	Crutch, W. J.	48 14 0	"	1567	Mason, J.	...	and say if you want to get double the value out of your			
"	1328	Thomas, J. L.	113 8 0	"	1637	Woodward, E. C.	23 2 0	tea use it Compressed. Testimonials in thousands speak			
"	1348	Ireton, A. J.	31 10 0	"	...	Rosenthal, S.	...	highly of the increased value and advantages in using the			
"	1383	Barlow, Major G.	106 1 0	"	...	Kenning, George	10 10 0	finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company			
"	1383	Bake, S. G.	10 10 0	"	...	Pearse, D. W.	32 11 0	(Limited). Families are making constant applications for			
"	1397	Cristall, H.	...	"	...	Northumberland:—	...	the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We			
"	1420	Kempster, W. H.	63 0 0	"	...	Laws, H.	304 15 0	are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed			
"	1425	Smith, R. J.	73 10 0	"	...	Nottinghamshire:—	...	Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to			
"	1426	Seex, J.	123 18 0	"	...	Jacoby, C. T.	64 1 0	know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Com-			
"	1446	Thomas, A. M.	63 0 0	"	...	Oxfordshire:—	...	pressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea,			
"	1491	Lewis, A. J.	71 17 6	"	...	Hughes, J. J.	19 7 6	we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabi-			
"	1539	Ramsey, Wm.	39 10 0	"	...	Wakeman, H. O.	21 0 0	nets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially			
"	1586	Pingle, J.	54 12 0	"	...	Somersetshire:—	...	for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part			
"	1599	Marston, W. H.	42 4 0	"	...	Perkins, Capt. A. T.	21 0 0	of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-			
"	1601	Reed, Nelson	21 0 0	"	...	Edwards, C. L. F.	37 16 0	street, London. Arrangements have been completed			
"	1602	Abrams, E.	17 17 0	"	...	Staffordshire:—	...	whereby Tea dealers can have their own blended and			
"	1610	Littler, R. D. M.	47 5 0	"	...	Bro. Thomas, J. W.	17 17 0	selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound			
"	1613	Benson, C. J.	198 19 6	"	...	Parker, T.	131 5 0	for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale			
"	1615	Burney, Lt.-Col. S.	135 9 0	"	...	Suffolk:—	...	of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening			
"	1623	Johnson, J.	24 3 0	"	...	Bro. Phillips, Wm. P. T.	115 10 0	up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea			
"	1627	Raymond, W. T.	3 3 0	"	...	Surrey:—	...	throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary			
"	1641	Middlemas, A.	42 0 0	"	...	Bro. March, E.	63 0 0	HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—When rheumatism be-			
"	1673	Ridley, J.	54 1 6	"	...	Goddard, D.	27 6 0	comes chronic, and as it were fixed in a limb or part, it is truly a			
"	1706	Murray, J. J.	115 10 0	"	...	Comp. Myers, W. H.	10 10 0	terrible enemy to encounter. The joints often become stiffened and			
London Chapters:—				Sussex:—				excessively painful when obliged to be moved, or on exposure to			
Chap.	507	Hikon, W.	10 10 0	Lodge	271	Bro. Scott, J. H.	270 18 0	changes of temperature, dampness, &c. Holloway's Ointment			
"	753	Hill, R. T.	41 9 0	"	...	Hands, T.	35 14 0	exercises a wonderful effect in alleviating this torture, for by its			
"	820	Myers, W. H.	23 12 6	"	...	Short, W.	42 0 0	use the blood vessels of the part have their tone restored, and the			
"	975	Lee, W. H.	14 3 6	"	...	Warwickshire:—	...	irritated and painful nerves soothed and calmed. It must be			
Berks and Bucks:—				Warwickshire:—				persistently and perseveringly used, for the disorder is a most			
Lodge	209	Carter, John O.	33 12 0	Lodge	1551	Hands, T.	35 14 0	obstinate one, and will not yield unless resolutely attacked. These			
"	414	Weightman; John	84 0 0	"	473	Short, W.	42 0 0	remedies will also be found to be most useful in cramps and			
"	574	Knight, G. M.	22 1 0					muscular spasms, Adv.			
"	771	Grisbrook, F.	32 5 6								



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Romford, under the Banner of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214. There was a large attendance of Essex brethren and some visitors, but as regards these latter the number was small, considering the proximity of Romford to the Metropolis.

Precisely at two o'clock the lodge of Hope and Unity was opened. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, and W.M. 214, occupying the chair of K.S.; and Grand Lodge having been announced, was received in due form.

In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the R.W.P.G.M. (Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw), the throne was occupied by the Worshipful Bro. Matthew E. Clark, D.P.G.M., who was then saluted in ancient form. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in form, the roll call of the lodges in the Province, now numbering 16, producing upwards of 100 representatives. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from the R.W.P.G.M. of Suffolk, (Bro. Lord Waveney); the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chap. of England, D.P.G.M., Surrey; W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., &c. The Auditors' Report having been read and approved, the W.D.P.G.M. proposed and the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past. G. Chap. Eng., seconded the re-election of the W. Bro. Joseph Burton as Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Burton in returning thanks mentioned that it was the thirteenth time this honour had been conferred upon him.

The Grand Officers of the year were then invested as follows:—

Rev. T. Cochrane, W.M. 214. Prov. S.G.W.  
George Corble, W.M. 453. Prov. J.G.W.  
The Rev. J. H. Bridge, 1343. Prov. G. Chaplain.  
Joseph Burton, P.M. 276. Prov. G. Treasurer.  
T. J. Ralling, W.M. elect 51. Prov. G. Secretary.  
E. Hunt Carter, I.P.M. 276. Prov. G. Registrar.  
W. P. Lewis, P.M. 51. Prov. G.S.D.  
D. Reed, W.M. 1457. Prov. G. J.D.  
T. G. Day, W.M. elect 1437. Prov. G.S. of W.  
A. Lucking, P.M. 1000. Prov. G.D.C.  
J. A. Wardell, P.M. 1000. Prov. G.A.D.C.  
B. B. Brayshaw, W.M. 1437. Prov. G.S.B.  
W. W. Brown, 214. Prov. G.O.  
W. F. Francis, W.M. 1024. Prov. G.P.  
W. I. Chignell, 1000. Prov. G.S.  
C. F. Jones, 1000. Prov. G.S.  
G. W. Patmore, 1437. Prov. G.S.  
A. Manning, 1437. Prov. G.S.  
J. P. Sarel, P.M. 276. Prov. G.T.

At three o'clock, Prov. Grand Lodge was adjourned, and having been marshalled in procession, proceeded to St. Edward's Church, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of Grand Lodge by the Vicar, Bro. the Rev. E. Fox. Evening prayers were said by Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, Prov. S.G.W., W.M. 214, and Proper Lessons (1 Chron. xxix. and 8. James v.) were read by Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C., W.M. 1000 and P.M. 214. An able and practical sermon was preached by the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. J. H. Bridge, from Luke xi. 26. At the close of the service the procession reformed, and marched back to the lodge room, where some interesting matters connected with the Craft in Essex were discussed; and a vote of thanks to the brethren of Lodge Hope and Unity for their very complete and admirable arrangements for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge was passed.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the School Lending Library, Romford, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. E. Fox, Vicar. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

Nearly one hundred brethren afterwards partook of a sumptuous banquet at the Corn Exchange, which had been handsomely decorated and transformed into a most comfortable banquetting hall. The W.D.P.G.M. presided; and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the various speeches being interspersed by some capital vocal and instrumental music,

under the direction of Bro. W. W. Brown, Prov. G.O. A most successful and pleasant meeting was brought to a close shortly before nine o'clock.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the Girls' School was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were likewise present Bros. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, R. B. Webster, H. Dearsley, H. Massey (Freemason); H. A. Dubois, S. Rosenthal, H. Potter, Col. Peters, A. H. Diaper, and R. W. Little, Secretary.

After the reading of the minutes £15 was granted to apprentice one of the girls leaving the Institution.

Six petitioners were placed on the list for election; fifty children were declared to be on that list, and ten vacancies were declared.

Bro. R. B. Webster gave notice of motion for next quarterly meeting—"That twenty-five extra children be admitted at next election," in October.

The Committee then adjourned.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

It will please not a few readers to learn that the first edition of the Volume of Prayers by the late Bro. Dawson has already been sold, and that a second edition is in preparation. It is a good sign of the times that such a book should have been taken up so readily. It will also be an encouragement to Mrs. Dawson to proceed as speedily as possible with the Memoir and Volume of Sermons understood to be in preparation. The high appreciation in which Bro. Dawson was held by his congregation is shown in a most striking manner by the fact that wholly amongst themselves they have subscribed two thousand guineas as a gift to Mrs. Dawson and family.

PAXTON LODGE, No. 1685.—The consecration of this lodge takes place (Saturday) afternoon, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The ceremonies, which are to commence at 4.30 p.m. precisely, will be performed by Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Surrey and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain. A report will appear in our next.

We are authorised to state that the second State Concert will take place at Buckingham Palace, on Friday, July 6, and the second State Ball on Wednesday, July 11.

The "Craftsman and Canadian Masonic Record" has been disposed of to R.W. Bro. J. B. Traves, of Port Hope, Ontario. All communications should therefore be addressed "The Canadian Craftsman," Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Monmouthshire will be held on Wednesday, July 11th, 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, at 3 o'clock p.m.; installation of the St. Wool's Chapter will take place at 4 p.m., and the ceremony performed by Captain S. George Homfray, P.S.B., G.C. and P.G.H., Monmouthshire.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held on Thursday, July 12th, 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, under the banner of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, 1429, at 12 o'clock, noon. A procession will be formed, and the brethren will proceed to St. Wool's Church, where a sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Osman, Provincial Grand Chaplain.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held on Thursday next, at Portsmouth Lodge, St. Mary's-street, Portsmouth.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the new Town Hall, at Twickenham, on Friday, 13th July, commencing at 3 o'clock.

Bro. C. Lord, late manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, has taken the Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

On the morning of Midsummer day, (June 24th) says the *Birmingham Post*, there was a rather sharp frost in the neighbourhood of Bromsgrove, and the potatoes in some gardens were much cut down by it.

The new subway under the Thames, between the town and Arsenal of Woolwich, on the south bank of the river and North Woolwich, the works of which are actively in progress, will be completed, and the tunnel opened for traffic, about the end of the present year.

The marriage of Mr. W. H. Basden to Miss Kate C. Gover, the youngest daughter of Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C., is arranged to take place in July.

The University College Hospital has received a donation of £1000 from Major Dennis Moriarty, of Plymouth, in aid of the funds.

CATTLE PLAGUE.—In Tuesday night's *Gazette* a report of the Privy Council states that no further outbreak of cattle plague in Great Britain has been recorded since May 22. The places lately infected are now declared free from cattle plague.

Mr. Bright's visit to Bradford to unveil the statue of Richard Cobden, in the Royal Exchange, has been definitely fixed for Wednesday, July 25.

"BELL'S LIFE IN LONDON" AND THE "OBSERVER."—On Tuesday last the splendid premises in which the editing, printing, and publishing of these two old-established journals (*Bell's Life* was started in 1820 and *The Observer* as far back as 1791) have so long and successfully been carried on, were put up to public auction, and, after a very spirited contest, they were purchased by the proprietors of *The Country* for nearly £7000. This large purchase may be accepted, we presume, as an evidence of the substantial success which has attended the youngest of our sporting journals.

We regret to state that the illness of the First Lord of the Admiralty is causing much uneasiness. Bro. Hunt was removed to Woolwich yesterday morning, and there embarked on board her Majesty's steamer *Vivid*, en route to Homburg, from the waters of which place it is hoped he may derive benefit.

In celebration of the return of Bro. Brassey, M.P., with Mrs. Brassey and family, from their voyage round the world, a banquet was given on Wednesday last in the pavilion on the pier at Hastings. About 300 ladies and gentlemen sat down, the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Gensden presiding, Sir U. J. Kay-Shuttleworth, B.A., M.P., and Lady Kay-Shuttleworth were among the assemblage. In responding to the toast of the evening B. O. Brassey gave some interesting particulars of his voyage, and spoke highly of British enterprise and prestige.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, which was to have been held on the 4th of July, has been postponed a fortnight, and will, therefore, be held on Wednesday, the 18th of July, at the Freemasons' New Hall, Sheffield.

A new cemetery has been completed at Canterbury at a cost of £10,000.

The thirty-ninth anniversary of the coronation of her Majesty was celebrated on Thursday. The bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church rang merrily at intervals in honour of the occasion.

At a special meeting of the Sheffield Corporation, held on Thursday morning, a resolution inviting General Grant to pay a visit to the town was unanimously adopted.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The total of the subscriptions received for this Institution up to Thursday mid-day, amounted to £13,248 17s. 6d. with 19 lists still to come in.

Bro. Shackleton, W.M. 1524, Sec., Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, &c.; has had the misfortune to lose both Father and Mother within the short period of five weeks, the former having died through the great grief caused by the loss of his wife. Bro. Shackleton has our sympathy in his misfortune.

Bro. Robert Bradley of Reading, has been appointed Grand Secretary to the Provincial Grand Lodge for Berks and Bucks, in the room of Bro. Biggs who has lately retired from that office. Bro. Bradley has been a member of the Craft for many years and is well fitted for the position.

In the list of subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys which is given in another page, we notice rather an extraordinary donation, that is an amount of £115 10s. from a lodge that has yet to be formally consecrated. This we think augurs well for the Charities.

Newton watching the fall of the apple, Franklin observing the little boy flying a kite in a thunder-storm, and a dozen other examples rise at once to the mind as proofs of the valuable results to be obtained by an intelligent observation of the operations of nature. Recently the Society of Arts was the means of introducing another and very valuable instance of this kind. It is well known that the woodmen and other inhabitants of pine forests are exceptionally healthy; well known also that the planting of pine woods in marshy districts will change their character, and render them salubrious; well known, also, that all trees of this class secrete oils rich in hydro-carbons, and known as terpenes, whence turpentine, and by oxidation certain resinous substances such as camphor. Putting the known facts together, Mr. Kingzett, F.C.S., formed certain theories, and after several years of laborious experiment he actually succeeded, in conjunction with Mr. Maximilian Ziegler, in isolating the "health principle" of the pine and eucalyptus tree, and by a simple process, in imitation of nature, produced a solution, to which he has given the name of "Sanitas," containing the antiseptic and disinfectant principles of a pine forest. Few chemists have ever achieved a greater triumph, or one more pregnant with good to humanity, without any attendant curse, for already experiment has proved, and the most eminent medical and sanitary authorities have confirmed the proof, that "Sanitas" is the most valuable and efficacious antiseptic and disinfectant yet discovered. While giving all credit to the labours of previous investigators who have made known to us the antiseptic properties of various substances, it must be admitted that to all of these there were in actual use some very powerful objections. Some are poisonous, some destroyed the fabrics with which they came in contact, some had an acrid and disagreeable odour, hardly preferable to the noxious vapours they were intended to destroy, and which rendered them useless for the preservation of food. "Sanitas" is free from all these objections, and as a company has been formed at 57, Moorgate-street, for its supply, and it is not more costly than its unpleasant rivals, we may expect soon to see "Sanitas" in universal use in hospitals, asylums, schools, workshops, and private dwellings, in our streets and dustpits, in drains and cesspools, and, in short, wherever there is contagion to be found or guarded against, meat to be preserved, or water to be purified.



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## NEW POSTAL RATES.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

SCAPLES.—We think not.

The following stand over: "Constancy and Truth," by Bro. Welden. "Deism and the Grand Orient of France," Fair Play. Reports of Lodges. Albion, 196, Barbadoes. Era, 1423. Chaucer, 1540. Nelson, 700. Eden Valley, 812. Holmesdale, 874. British Union, 116.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Bulletin du Grand Orient," "Craftsman," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Jewel," "Eclectic," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Advocate," "New York Dispatch," "Calendrier du Grand Orient de France."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BRATTLE.—On the 19th inst., the wife of Bro. Astyanax Brattle, (Lodge 452), of a son.

BURGAN.—On the 22nd inst., at York House, Peckham, the wife of Bro. J. A. Burgan, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BEDBOROUGH.—EGLISE.—On the 20th inst., at St. Mark's, Notting-hill, James Thomas, son of G. Bedborough, Esq., of Windsor, to Sophia Elizabeth, daughter of Captain J. Eglice, of Purgoyne House, Kensington-park.

McINTYRE.—NASH.—On the 10th inst., Angus G. McIntyre, Esq., LL.B., barrister-at-law, only son of James J. McIntyre, Esq., Q.C., to E. M. R. Stevens, youngest daughter of the late Rev. G. E. Nash, Vicar of Holy Allhallows.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1877.

## IGNORANCE OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

We are often struck, as all must be, with the want of knowledge manifested by so many of our leading brethren even, in regard to the Book of Constitutions. Indeed, the absolute ignorance of some of our good brethren would be incredible were it not too common, and would be perfectly ludicrous were it not often so very serious in its results, so very hurtful, that is to the welfare of a district or a province, so inimical to the progress of Freemasonry, and a lodge. We have frequently asked ourselves, whence does this ignorance arise, and why should it exist? Can we explain it ourselves, or can it be accounted for by others? We live in an age of light and study, and the Book of Constitutions is surely cheap enough. What, then, is the reason? Why is it? Well, we think we have hit upon one prevailing reason, and we proceed to offer our explanation to our readers, to the Craft, and to all whom it may concern. We are not asserting a perverse paradox, we beg our readers to observe carefully, when we assert that the Book of Constitutions is often unread, and curiously seemingly unknown. We do not deny that many of our brethren are too listless, or too busy, too grand, or too unimpressed to give themselves up to the study of the Book of Constitutions, but making every allowance for our Masonic infirmity and the known spathy of Masons generally on this head, we feel assured that we do not find in this, a sufficient elucidation of an unaccountable anomaly. We, therefore, prefer our own suggested explanation, which is as follows. The present arrangement for the sale of the Book of Constitutions is, in our opinion, unsuitable both to the wants of the Craft, and the demands of trade. There was no fault to be found with the arrangement once upon a time, perhaps, when the sale was easily measured out, but now it appears to be based upon a want of due appreciation, alike of the legitimate requirements of business, and the larger demands of the Craft. The Book of Constitutions is sold for 1s. 6d. a copy, but there is no inducement to the trade to take a large number of copies, because there is not sufficient discount allowed to make it worth any one's while to push the work, or for any one to make anything, in fact, out of the sale. There is an allowance made—5 per cent. on 500 copies—but that is a margin far too small to allow of any extensive trading, much less of any legitimate profit. As it is well known to many for whom we write, its terms are 25 per cent. discount, and more even by special agreement, and were such a reduction conceded to all Masonic dealers alike, a very large additional sale of the Book of Constitutions would at once necessarily spring up, we have every reason to believe, remunerative both to booksellers and to Grand Lodge. Many would keep the work in stock then, who do not now to use trade terms, "touch it," or even "look at it." As it is, the sale is now a sale for individuals, whereas, the great object would appear to be, on every ground, to make a general sale of it, though a general sale hardly exists.—in fact, a regular trade sale, affected simply by the one great law of supply and demand. Many booksellers who would keep the book in stock, if they could, as we before remarked, get the trade discount, only buy it as they want it, and do not buy it in gross at all; and the consequence is that the individual sale is much more restricted than it should be. In our opinion every member of the Order ought to have a copy of the Book of Constitutions by him, and we are confident that if the sale be put on simple trade grounds the gain to Grand Lodge will, eventually, be very great indeed. In all such matters we have to look to business considerations, and business considerations alone, and all such arrangements, however artificially protected, must fall sooner or later to the common level of the wants of barter and the market. If our Book of Constitutions were more generally read, and, we will add, more widely sold, much of the ignorance respecting it

would disappear, and we beg to commend our friendly remarks to those who have authority to deal with such matters of detail, as we feel certain that the course we advocate is alike most expedient and needful in the interests of all parties, and will be productive of the greatest convenience to the Order generally, and bring about a very largely increased sale of the Book of Constitutions for Grand Lodge. Let no one take offence at our words, they are fraternally meant, and honestly expressed.

## HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

We cannot shut our eyes if we would, nor would it be well if we could, to the inevitable changes and chances of this mortal life, the passing away of old mates and friends and brethren, as we take up our weekly *Freemason*, or realize the unavoidable diminution of our ranks, as week follows week, in the onward march of fleeting years. There is an enormous amount of unrecorded work which goes on amongst us; there are countless good brethren and true friends who leave us and the lodge in which they have worked for years, and no happy pen records their merit, no kindly *Freemason* communicates their loss. It is a very wonderful thought, as it appears to us, namely, that onward silent march of myriads of our race, of whom no biographer recounts the services, no epitaph preserves even the memory. Thousands upon thousands, in all ranks and conditions, in all services and situations, in all callings and countries, pass away from amongst us unheeded and unnoticed, who, in their time and generation did their duty manfully to God and their brethren, and were most true and faithful servants of their Great Master during this earthly struggle. Like the thousands of those brave Crusaders whose bones whitened the hills and vales of Palestine, whose names have passed away, like that great multitude of true Anglo-Saxons whose quiet resting places mark every portion of the great peninsula of Hindostan, so it is one of the apparent and saddening conditions of humanity that the greater part of mankind go to their "long homes" utterly unknown to, forgotten by, the rest. The "nameless stone" of the poet is indeed a wonderful antithesis to all the folly, all the garish tinsel, all the insane pride of human life. We are nothing, and we become as nothing, be we who we may, and the great river of Time flows swiftly by seemingly, as it were, only to leave on its muddy banks the perishing bones of countless nameless and forgotten men. And how true is all this of Freemasonry. The life of Masonry is kept up by the lodge work of its members, and beneath its pomp and paraphernalia, its high rank and great names, its outer show and pretentious blazon, its "sounding brass, yes, and its tinkling cymbal," there, as it were, rises up before us, the great and undistinguished "ruck" of humble hard-working Masons, who are the "salt" of the Order nevertheless, though no Poet Laureate sings poems to their glory, though no recording pen on earth rescues their name, toils, and merit, from the dark oblivion of the grave. We take up our weekly *Freemason*, and we read the death of an old friend and fellow worker, with whom in good old days, perhaps, we consorted greatly, and whom we liked much and well. We are so "taken up," so pompous, so great, so important, so immersed in business or pleasure, in care or profit, in making money, and in wasting life, that we have no time to think of Bro. Jones. And so poor old Jones is buried out of sight, and if, when we meet again, the lodge is in mourning, and the W.M. says a few kind words,—that is all—we return to the work of the lodge and the toils of men, as a matter of course; and if we do say "Poor old Jones, is gone, I see," it is as much as we do say, and there the story ends. If to-day memory recalls old days, old hours, and old scenes, when, with "Master Shallow," we "heard the chimes at midnight" or with Bro. Jones made the old lodge a famous centre of light and goodwill, and pleasantness and peace, for some poor wayfarers for a little season, it is as much sentiment as we can afford in our practical, sensible, hard-headed, (may we say hard-hearted?) life to-day. It is good for us, then, as in another page



which recalls Bro. Lieut.-Col. Pilsworth's many Masonic merits and untimely loss, to remember the true-hearted of our brethren who depart from us, and to offer, however feebly, a few words of affectionate remembrance to virtues great and many, to worth true and real, to a pleasant friendship whose earthly links are severed, and to a fraternal sympathy which begun in time, let us believe, like all good things is destined to flourish yet once again, and bloom all radiantly in that better eternity which awaits us all.

### THE MONDE MACONNIQUE AND OURSELVES.

We note that in our contemporary, an answer we made has been misunderstood as regards the admission of illegitimates. We were asked, as we understood the question, what was the rule, not the policy. We stated that in the operative guilds all the candidates must be the children of honest parentage, and that our rule, as Speculative Masons, was to the same effect, and anything that has been since put forward, proves the correctness of our views of the Common Law of Masonry on the subject. Indeed there can be no doubt upon it, as all the exceptions quoted prove the rule. As regards the policy, that is another question, and a wider one, but we are inclined to agree with Bro. Hughan that where the candidate is himself a highly respectable person, we may well accept him now. We note also that at page 65 our worthy Bro. Caubet prints a note from W.M. Esq. (sic), dated Wellington, New Zealand, March 3rd, 1877, in which that brother tells Bro. Caubet that "plusieurs de ses frères de nationalité Anglaise repandues de toutes les parties, du monde, se rejouissent comme moi de l'enterprisse du Grand Orient of France," that is, the suppression of belief in God, &c. We had previously received a letter from the same brother, which we declined to print, as we thought it neither wise or true, or sound in view, but we believe that the writer no doubt honestly entertains the opinion, he puts forward, though we think them most mistaken. He declares many English brethren that approve of the revolution proposed. We know of none who do so, and we fear that in his case, as in others, it is "distance" that "lends enchantment" to his view.

### IS IT TRUE?

We have been lately reading a very remarkable work, "A Glimpse of the Great Secret Society" (Macintosh, 1873, 4th Edit.), and have come upon the passage which we now proceed to give. Our brethren will read the charge thus officially made against the whole Order of Freemasons, everywhere, by the present aged and benevolent Pontiff with the regret and astonishment that we did, and will be prepared, we fancy, as we do, not only indignantly to protest against it, but to ask publicly as before our cosmopolitan Order, nay, before all men, is it true? "In fact, we cannot conceal from you, venerable brother, that our grief and astonishment were very great, when we heard that you had presided at the obsequies of Marshal Magan, Grand Master of the Order of Freemasons, and gave the solemn absolution when the Masonic insignia were placed on the funeral canopy, and the members of that condemned sect, decorated with the same insignia, were ranged around it. In the letter which you addressed to us on the 1st of last August, you assure us that these insignia had not been seen by you, nor by your clergy; that, in one word, they were unknown to you in any manner; but you knew very well, venerable brother, that the dead man had during life had the misfortune to be at the head of that proscribed sect, vulgarly called by the name of the 'Grand Orient,' and, consequently, you might have easily foreseen that the members of that sect would assist at his funeral; and that they would take care to make a parade of their insignia. You ought therefore, in your religious position, to have maturely weighed these considerations, and to have been on your guard on the occasion of this funeral, in order not to have caused by your presence and co-operation the astonishment and profound grief which all true Catholics have felt on this occasion. You can-

not be ignorant that Masonic societies, and all other associations of the same iniquitous character, have been condemned by the Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, and by ourself; that even severe penalties have been enacted against them. These impious sects, having different denominations, are, in fact, all linked together by their mutual complicity in the most criminal designs, all being inflamed with the most intense hatred of our holy religion and the Apostolic See, and are endeavouring by the dissemination of pestilential books, and in many other ways, by perverse manoeuvres and by every kind of devilish artifice, to corrupt all over the world both morality and belief, and to destroy all honest, true, and just opinion; to spread throughout the universe these monstrous opinions; to conceal and propagate the most detestable vices, and every conceivable rascality; to shake the power of all legitimate authority, and to compass the overthrow, if it were possible, of the Catholic Church, and of civil society, and to drive God Himself out of heaven." The paragraph is taken from a letter of the Pope to the murdered Archbishop of Paris, Darboy, and is dated Rome, October 26, 1865. That such a charge is not true in any sense, we can most conscientiously aver as before the great tribunal of public opinion, and we think that there are countless Roman Catholics who, if they could venture speak, would testify to the absurdity of such allegations, and the untruthfulness of such an accusation.

### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE GRANDE LOGE CENTRAL.

It seems that these two bodies are now again at variance, and an exchange of notes, marked by somewhat of acerbity, is going on between the distinguished brethren, St. Jean and Cremonienx. Into the merits of the case we do not profess to enter, as we are not competent to do so, in our opinion, it being to a great extent, moreover, a purely French question, but, no doubt, much may be said on both sides. But so long as the Grand Orient continues to be mixed up with the High Grades, with which it has nothing to do, and of which it ought to know nothing, all these "tracasseries" are sure to arise. In our humble opinion, if Craft Masonry were entirely under the Grand Orient, and if the High Grades were all under control of the Grande Loge, we should find an end for all these ceaseless disputes. Whatever may have been done in years past, we never can concede to the Rite, Ecossais the right to open symbolic lodges at all, neither, we believe, would it wish or seek to do so, if the anomaly was not perpetuated in France of a Craft Grand Orient, having something to do with the High Grades. We know, as French Masonic history tells us, that this is a sore point with the Grand Orient of France, but we speak in all kindness when we say to them, "disembarrass yourselves of the High Grades as soon as you can, leave them to the Grande Loge Centrale, and the Grand Orient will gain in every way, and put an end for ever to burning questions and useless controversies."

### THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The festival which took place at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 27th inst., has been a great success, and has resulted in a return of £13,248 17s. 6d. with nineteen lists to come in. We shall call attention to the subject fully in our next.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, to a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### CHARITY LOTTERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with much interest the proceedings of Bro. Constable, and the large amount thus procured by him for our charities. But as for some time I have felt some doubts about these proceedings, Masonically, I venture to ventilate the question in your friendly columns to-day.

I trust that I may be more fortunate than some of your correspondents apparently are, and that my very few and friendly, and Masonically-actuated words (pardon so

Johnsonian an expression) will not be deemed in any way personal, or lead to a controversy based on personal feelings or personal considerations. It is curious enough that we seemingly never touch anything Masonic, without invoking or developing personal acrimony, a sad commentary on the inconsistency of human nature, and may I not say, too, on the hollowness of Masonic profession.

I. The first remark I have to make, then, is this—that say what you will, disagree with me as you may, such a course of action, however popular, encourages a spirit of gambling among Freemasons. The brother who puts in his shilling hopes to get the equivalent of £10, two hundred times in excess of his original outlay, and I, for one, though I may be called a prig or a Pharisee, hypercritical or hyper-censorious, do not like charity to be mixed up with a desire of individual gain. Charity qua charity is a very noble virtue in itself, and ought neither to be depreciated or lowered, weakened or discredited in any way. All lotteries have been found to work badly for the morality of peoples and the safety of the state, inasmuch as they infuse into men's minds the aspirations of cupidity, and the love of risk on chances, two very great but detrimental characteristics of human nature. I cannot think that we are justified in introducing these unsound and even hurtful tendencies of human weakness into our higher struggles after what is true and good in itself. I may be wrong, but I am anxious, as the Scotchman was, to "testify" on this point for the careful consideration of many of my readers.

II. Now it might be said, and I fancy that it will be said that the "end justifies the means," and that though you may be doing evil "good" may come of it, that the object of the Institutions is so excellent, per se, that it is right to help them in every way you can. Now, as I, for one, detest these Jesuit maxims which have wrought such misery among men, I look always with suspicion on any defence which rests upon them, even in any degree. Though I give all credit to Bro. Constable for his zealous and kindly intentions, and last, not least, for his undeniable success, I cannot get over the fact that, be the movement prosperous or not, it is a tampering, nevertheless, with the stricter and safer laws of public prosperity and general duty. Admitted that the aim of Bro. Constable be a good one, is that any reason why it should be carried out in a wrong way? I think not, and here it is that I join issue with him, and I deem it proper to object to these proceedings, on Masonic grounds, and on Masonic grounds alone. As Freemasons we profess to uphold a strict if stern morality, and to avoid any act which clashes with the laws of the land, or the revealed axioms of personal duty. How far all lotteries impinge upon the prohibition of lotteries by the law, in the spirit, at any rate, I leave to learned Masonic casuists and lawyers amongst us to decide.

III. I shall be told, I know, that many brethren who cannot afford the £10 can afford the 1s., and, therefore, that there can be no real harm in thus bending for a moment, as it were the unchanging laws of Masonry and morality in these respects. But this is just where I find fault with the arrangement. Many who gain the prizes are well able to pay the £10, so that practically, with all deference to many most worthy brethren, public charity is mixed up with individual gain, in a somewhat hazardous juxtaposition.

Now I do not want to seem too querulous, or too Draconic, I am not fond of dogmatizing or laying down the law, and I can only add that I shall be most happy to read the remarks of those many able brethren who take an opposite view of the matter, as I am always open to conviction, and always amenable to fair argument. But it is a subject, I think, which needs discussion, and demands thoughtful consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
W. F.

#### MASONS' MARKS, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"W. E. N." deserves our thanks for the mine he is opening up in regard to Masons' Marks and Masonic Archaeology, and I agree with the greater part of his statements and deductions. I have never read Wilson's "Pre-historic Annals," but I will look up the book, but it must be over fifteen years ago since I first made a comparison between old English Marks and Northern Runes, and found in many cases a perfect similarity. They were used late into Christian times, because they were angularly suited for cutting with the chisel, until, in the end, the real meaning of the signs was lost. The caste marks of India seem to be arbitrary signs; to approach more to the nature of Masonic symbols than alphabetical character. I think it very likely, however, that the origin and basis of both Masonic symbols and caste marks are transmitted to us from early times, and the original home of our race the Aryan father land.

Since I took an interest in Mark Masonry the ceremonies have been modified, but are still, to my mind, of an objectionable character. At the period I name the teaching of the degree was that, presumably, from the building of Solomon's Temple, though marks were based on the number of lines upon which the representative of the degree placed a mark of approval; and the fact that the old marks were letters of an obsolete alphabet struck at the root of the whole system.

The printed and written documents with which I am acquainted prove that the degree of Mark Master is of very modern date. All that we can say with safety is that in Scotland every Apprentice Mason was compelled by Masonic law to register his mark when he was made free of his lodge, and for which registration he paid the fee of one mark, and selected any mark or any sign whatever, not used by another member of the lodge. If there is any proof of a Mark Master's "Mark of Approval," I shall be glad to know where it can be found. The foregoing



statement as to the simple compulsory registration of the Apprentice or Craftsman's Mark in Scotland is confirmed by the traditional testimony of a Scottish Operative Master Mason of my acquaintance, whose ancestors have been Operative and Speculative for eight generations, and he says "We have gone to the steeple of the Church of Glasgow to select a mark."

The objection I take to the Mark Degree is that it claims equal antiquity for its modern invention with the Craft, a degree which should embody researches such as those of which "W.E.N." would be praiseworthy, if it omitted the puerility of an ancient legendary descent.

I hope that this free expression of opinion will not offend "W.E.N.," whom I respect for the learning and ability with which he has illustrated the subject, and I hope to read more of his letters upon the subjects of which they treat.

Yours, truly and fraternally, JOHN YARKER.

#### IGNORANCE OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It would almost seem that this ignorance of the Book of Constitutions prevails amongst our rulers. If every W.M. elect should pass an examination, previous to installation before the Board of Past Masters, would it not be a good thing in these days of examination? Seriously is it not strange, Dear Sir and Brother, that so few brethren study the Book of Constitutions?

I here beg leave to propose that on the entrance of a new brother every lodge should give him a copy of the Book of Constitutions. Might not this system make it more read?

ADEPT.

#### A RECENT INCIDENT IN PARIS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

The following extract from the *Times* of June 23rd, gives us the conclusion of a very deplorable affair, and is the best reply to all remarks on the subject:—

The appeal of M. Bonnet Duverdiere, President of the Paris Municipality, against his condemnation to 15 months' imprisonment and 2000*fr.* fine, for defaming Marshal MacMahon at a private meeting at St. Denis, came before the Correctional Tribunal to-day. As the accused offered no defence at the former hearing, this was the real trial of the case, and accordingly it excited much interest. The defendant, on being interrogated, disclaimed the expressions imputed to him, to the effect that the imbecile Marshal would soon be brought to the bar of the people to atone for his crime; that he, like a dastard, slipped from his horse at Sedan to make believe he was wounded; that the manoeuvres of the Ministry would bring back the Prussians, but that the people would not fight under incompetent generals, or be killed for such people, but would first dispose of the Marshal and his Government and then settle matters with the enemy; that all means were good, and that after the ballot-box there was the legal means which the meeting knew of. What he really said, he maintained, was that the Marshal seemed resolved on not making a *Comp d'Etat*, but his advisers, reckoning on his inaptitude, were capable of anything. The wound at Sedan prevented him from capitulating, and a wit—M. Rochefort—had said he ought to recompense the doctor who cured him and enabled him afterwards to be President. He considered the Marshal a good soldier, if not a great general, but he did not call him a dastard. He might have spoken of his inaptitude, but he did not call him an imbecile or idiot. He certainly did not style him a *capitlard*, for he spoke of his wound preventing him from capitulating. The defendant protested against remarks at private meetings being taken notice of, and asked what would be said if the police listened at the key-hole of M. Thiers' drawing-room and detected criminality in the conversation. To this the Judge replied that a private domicile was inviolable, but a meeting of 200 people was a very different thing. Witnesses were then called on both sides, and at 7 p.m. the Court confirmed the judgment, as also that passed on the three co-defendants.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADER.

#### A NEW DEFINITION OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Daily Telegraph* of the 11th inst. an article, written in a very unhappy frame of mind against the Order, alludes to the late case in the Court of Queen's Bench, wherein two brethren were the parties to the action, and endeavours, in a flippant tone, to cast opprobrium upon "those persons, the Freemasons," because the unfortunate event was, undoubtedly, within the province of the Grand Master to settle, and need not have found its way into a court of law. The animus of the writer in the *Daily Telegraph* is so apparently antagonistic to Freemasonry that the probability is he is a disappointed candidate, and, therefore, still one of the profane, else he could scarcely descend to the fanfaronade in which he indulges at the supposed expense of his "quondam brothers."

In a journal which, I believe, and am informed—for I am a stranger and a sojourner here—has the reputation of much clearness of discussion, and sagacity of reasoning, coupled with liberal sentiments of political government, I am surprised to find such serious nonsense laid before the public, as the statement that Freemasonry is "a purely convivial and benevolent society," inasmuch as conviviality has nothing whatever to do with the principles of the Order, and, although based upon the ancient landmark of charity, it is not a benevolent society, distributing alms to its members in accordance with any set rules, and can in no possible manner be likened with, or compared to the Odd Fellows, the Foresters, the Druids, or any other society whatever. If the remarks of the *Daily Telegraph* had been of a serious nature, and calculated to bring Free-

masonry into disrepute, I should have been disposed to recommend a little study of Masonic jurisprudence, or the quiet reading of the "Freemason's Manual," and it would not again fall into the egregious error of asserting that Freemasonry is a convivial society. What Freemasonry teaches is charity to all mankind, and the brother who so deports himself with morality and brotherly love, as to be entitled to be reckoned a worthy corner stone, is typically rewarded by such convivial things as "corn, wine, and oil," when called from "labour to refreshment," and this is the extent of its conviviality. It is time that the odium of a man returning to his home in a high state of excitement from imbibing, because "he has been to his lodge," should be refuted for ever, as the dignity and importance of Masonry would not be recognised if the lodge was merely a place for convivial meeting and social enjoyment.

Belonging, as I do, to a foreign jurisdiction, I indignantly resent the gratuitous aspersion, and think that the *Daily Telegraph* would do well to employ better informed writers on Masonic subjects for the future.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ALFRED WELDMEN.

#### CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Notwithstanding your courteous rejoinder, and the quotation from our "Charity Voting Reform Association" paper, I must still say you and Bro. Hughan have been under a great misapprehension as to my meaning.

Numbers of our brethren, and myself amongst them, have understood you to imply that I advocated the abolition of voting and the appointment of a "central committee" of selection in its stead.

This I did not do, nor did I ever intend to do.

The passage you quote refers to a very different thing. This suggestion was merely thrown out to meet many enquiries made at our office, and to fill a void that is not unfrequently to be found. For instance, a subscriber has "no candidate of his own," as the phrase goes, nor has he even a "friend to oblige," nay more, he finds great difficulty in discriminating the most urgent case or cases amongst a long list, with a very brief account of each. It is suggested in such a case that he send his proxy paper to the Committee of the charity, who probably have the best means of judging of the comparative merits of the candidates (or ought to have), and allow them to allot the vote or votes as they may deem most just.

I still contend that "canvassing" by cards and circulars and "polling days" are well known abuses, both out of and in Masonry. I am thankful to say the Royal Medical Benevolent College and the Clergy Orphan Corporation have done away with the latter, to the great satisfaction of the subscribers, and they are in rapid progress towards prohibiting the former.

Most happy shall I be, dear Sir and Brother to aid in my humble measure in preventing as far as possible "the admission of doubtful or improper cases." This, no doubt, lies at the root of the matter. Let us then get to work at the root and we may hope to have branches which shall not only be more graceful, but more productive of fruit, and more calculated to afford shelter to the poorest and most deserving cases.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

[We publish Bro. Simpson's letter with pleasure, but we think the discussion had better now cease, the more so as our good brother and ourselves are not likely to agree as to the main points of his letter.—Ed.]

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE.

Nearly two years ago a young and thriving merchant of Batavia, in the Island of Java, resolved to take unto himself a wife. He applied for the hand of a young lady of his acquaintance, and his application was received by her family with every mark of favour. The future husband became a welcome guest at his fiancée's home. The formal betrothal took place, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." Soon the young lover hoped to be made the happiest of men. But he was reckoning without his host. A difficulty arose. The Romish clergy had discovered that our young friend was the son of a man who had been a staunch Freemason in his day, who had in Belgium, been a prominent antagonist of the clerical party there. Of course, the son would follow in his father's footsteps unless some wise and friendly hand interfered. The interference took place. The parents of the young lady were charged to withdraw their consent to the union unless they could obtain their intended son-in-law's promise that he would never become a Freemason.

To everybody's surprise, the young merchant avowed respect and veneration for his late father; refused to make any promise of the kind demanded; and had the cool audacity to declare that he fully intended to propose himself as a candidate for initiation in the mysteries of Freemasonry. He alleged as his reason for this determination that he desired to remain free both in his religious and political opinions. Bigotry prevailed. The parents revoked their consent. The marriage was broken off. Two young lives were severed. But, after all, the object of the Romanists was not attained. The young man hastened to apply for initiation—was elected a Mason.

Nor is this all; many other gentlemen of high standing, in Batavia, were induced, by the noise which the event made, to enquire for themselves, and in a short time to follow our hero's example. We need not add any comments. The world's history affords instances enough to emphasize the moral that "persecution fails to coerce any but the weak and the unworthy."—Craftsman.

#### Reviews.

"Wonders of Operative Masonry." By P. McCalla, P.A., B.M., and Editor of the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, U.S.

We have received from our kind and able confrère this little work, being sketches of the ancient Abbies and Cathedrals of Great Britain. We have read it with great interest, though much of its contents have already appeared in the *Masonic Magazine*, reprinted from that excellent paper the *Keystone*. Like all that Bro. McCalla writes, the little work is marked by singular clearness of detail and power of expression, and it is in itself a very valuable contribution to Masonic and archaeological literature. And yet the perusal of Bro. McCalla's striking words only serves to convince us, what some Masonic students have long known in England, that we are even now but at the beginning, so to say, of Masonic antiquarian investigation, and before us lies a wide field yet of study and research.

We have to bring out yet more forcibly and lucidly than has yet been achieved the condition of operative Masonic Guild Life in England, and we have to lay down the precise conditions under which the operative became entirely absorbed by the speculative element.

Until that be done, Masonic history assumes only the appearance of the "disjecta membra" of incoherent legends and unconnected traditions, and we are still as far as ever from a clear and critical history of our great Order. We hail Bro. McCalla's "opus culum" as we greeted Bro. Fort's "magnum opus," as happy offerings sent across the wide Atlantic towards the study and realization of Masonic archaeology, and we congratulate our excellent Confrère on a compilation both skilful and intelligent in the highest degree, reflecting equal credit on its writer, and the Craft, of which he is so zealous and promising a member.

(Communiqué.)

#### SOME ACCOUNT OF MASONIC CHARITY, AND A PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION.

By EDWIN HARDON, P.M. Second edition.

This is a remarkable pamphlet, and was originally intended for circulation among East Lancashire Masons; but the subject and the mode of its treatment render Bro. Hardon's brochure most valuable not only to the fraternity, but to all who are earnestly interested in the administration and extension of charities of the kind for which Masonry is conspicuous. There is hardly a line of our brother's pamphlet which is not interesting and worthy of study, but to us, the most sensible and attractive suggestion is (see page 12) that our charities should take a home form; that is, the children to live at home, and be clothed and educated at the expense of a Provincial Grand Lodge charity.

Bro. Hardon puts the scheme so powerfully, that lest we should fail to give the necessary pith and point to his proposal, we quote his own most forcible language—

"The £40 or £50 now spent in the entire care of one child might be made more useful to a family—the one child taken in hand, so far as the rest of the family are concerned, is but a saving of the food and clothes of one of them; and in a family—say of four children—left unprovided for, this sum of £40 or £50 would materially contribute to educate and clothe the whole of these four children. Whilst you take but one now out of them for a term of years to clothe, feed, and educate well, what are the rest of these children doing? Who clothes them? Who pays for their education? and what is their daily bread whilst the favoured one of the family is enjoying the comparative luxuries of a grand institution? And when his term has run, and at sixteen years of age his steps are to be directed homeward. What strange recollections home must recall! Childhood and its associations are long passed away, followed by years of comfort and plenty enjoyed in the fellowship of equal associates in the adopted paternity of a benevolent establishment. You have educated him out of and above the level and equality of his normal home, and you can now only return him to his family, presumably furnished and fitted to enter upon the duties of active life, and to help to assist in sustaining the household. Thus you weight him with a responsibility far beyond his age, for he is but on the mere threshold of business life, and can only enter upon its activities in a subordinate capacity, and with the beginning of an income little if any better a beginning than other boys of the family will have been compelled to enter upon at a much younger age, though they have been kept at home, unnoticed and uncared for by us. But worse for the family, this young gentleman of sixteen is likely to be impatient of parental influences, now so very necessary to control and restrain the dangerous over-enthusiasm engendered by the feeling of independence his completed training will have inspired. But as this epoch ends our care of him—his after history is untold. What of the family struggles during his absence? At a younger age some will have had to be put out, and bring their contributions to the family stock, and in the race of life have thus had a few years' start of this educated one. How glaring the contrast! and in families how fatal for peace such a contrast must be."

All our readers will, we think, admit the force and good sense of the above citation, and we take it that other than Masonic charities most advantageously consider our brother Hardon's very practical suggestions. We are persuaded that he propounds a plan which would render all such charities more extensively useful, and we cordially, nay, anxiously, commend the consideration of this most useful publication to all who are concerned in the expansion and administration of charities.

J. M. C.



CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE  
LODGE OF PEACE, No. 149, MELTHAM.

The centenary festival took place on Friday, the 15th inst., at Meltham. The weather was beautiful, the sun shining with all its splendour the whole of the day. The lodge was opened at twelve o'clock in the Infant School-room by the officers of the lodge, Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M., acting as W.M., Bro. D. Cairns, S.W., Bro. Saml. Sugden, J.W., Bro. George Heywood, P.M., as I.P.M., Bro. John Ellis, S.D., Bro. Wm. Sagg, J.D., Joseph W. Sykes, J.G., and Bro. Bockley, Tyler. There were brethren present from twenty different lodges in different parts of England and Scotland, viz.:—No. 61, Probity, Halifax; 265, Royal Yorkshire, Keighley; 275, Harmony, Huddersfield; 289, Fidelity, Leeds; 290, Huddersfield Lodge, Huddersfield; 307, Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge; 324, Moira, Stalybridge, East Lancashire; 333, St. George's, Glasgow, Scotland; 337, Candour, Saddleworth; 439, Scientific, Bingley; 448, St. James, Halifax; 495, Wakefield; 521, Truth, Huddersfield; 910, St. Oswald, Pontefract; 971, Trafalgar, Batley; 1102, Mirfield Lodge, Mirfield; 1147, St. David's, Manchester, East Lancashire; 1514, Thornhill, Lindley; 1521, Wellington Lodge, Wellington, Province of North Wales and Shropshire; 1542, Legiolium, Castleford; 1645, Colne Valley, Slaithwaite.

After the lodge had been opened in the Third Degree, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Bro. Bentley Shaw, W.P.D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, P.G.D. of England, D.L., and other Provincial Grand Officers, were announced, and conducted to their places in the lodge, Bro. George Milnes presiding at the harmonium, when Bro. Tew and Bentley Shaw were saluted with honours in the usual manner. Bro. Rayner, as W.M., then rose and said: Brethren, we are assembled here to-day for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth birthday of this our good old Lodge of Peace. It is an event such as rarely occurs in any province; an event which will no doubt be long looked upon as a red-letter day in the annals of the old lodge, not only by its present members, but also by their successors in time to come. I feel sure you will excuse me for seizing upon this the earliest opportunity of expressing the pleasure and the gratification it gives me to see you all here to join with us in our rejoicing on this auspicious day. I sincerely hope that we shall all enjoy ourselves, that we shall all make ourselves happy and comfortable, and that when the day's proceedings are over we may be all able to part with a full consciousness of having assisted in carrying out those proceedings in a manner both creditable to ourselves and honourable to the Craft. I will not further take up your valuable time with any remarks of my own, but will at once ask the W.D.P. Grand Master to take the chair, and lay out us with the address he has so kindly promised to give us.

Bro. Rayner then left the chair, which was afterwards occupied by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, who then read a most interesting address on Freemasonry, prepared for the occasion.

Bro. Bentley Shaw, W.P.D.P.G.M. next addressed the brethren, and read a communication he had received from a friend in London, giving a short account of the earliest history of the lodge. That it was first opened at the Cock Inn, Barnsley, on the 1st of April, 1777, and that after having been in existence only one year it ceased working until the year 1804. He also alluded to the laying of the foundation stone of the Meltham Church Tower by the Freemasons, in the year 1835, and of the laying of the foundation stone of the Convalescent Home by the Marquis of Ripon and Provincial Grand Lodge, in the year 1868.

The banquet was prepared in the National School-room, for two o'clock, Bro. Joseph Knight, of the Swan Inn, Meltham, being the host. The room was a very suitable one for it, large, lofty, and well ventilated, and altogether accommodation was provided for about one hundred persons. The tables were decorated with very rare plants, from the conservatory at Thickholms Hall, kindly lent by Bro. J. W. Carlile for the occasion. Each napkin had in it a splendid bouquet for the coat, which had been sent down from Covent Garden Market, London, that morning. On the top or cross table we noticed that the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., occupied the chair in the centre of the table as Chairman; on his right were seated the W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. of England, D.L.; W.P.G.S.W. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Booth; W.P.G.J.W. of West Yorkshire, Bro. John Hirst, jun., J.P.; Bro. Simpson, W.P.P.G.W.; P.G. Sec. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Henry Smith, and Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M. Lodge of Peace. On his left were seated Bro. Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, P.P.G.C.; Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, Bro. Rev. R. Oldfield; Bro. J. W. Carlile, Bro. T. A. Haigh, P.M. Lodge of Peace and P.P.G.D.; Bro. Jonas Craven, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P. Grand Org. of Leeds. The choir consisted of Bros. George Milnes, Joe Wood, William Todd, and B. Stocks; Bro. J. Marshall, piano.

The cloth having been removed, "The Queen" was given by the Chairman, and having been duly honoured, "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.," was next received with cheers.

The next toast was "M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; also R.W. Dep. G.M. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," proposed by the Chair, and responded to by Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.G.D. of England.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The R.W.P.G.M., Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.," said: We could hardly expect to be favoured with the presence of Sir Henry Edwards on this occasion—but you will echo this sentiment—we rejoice in this opportunity to drink his good

health at Meltham. Although absent, he desires me to express his congratulations to the brethren assembled on the hundredth year of the existence of this excellent and valued lodge, and I, as his Deputy, shall have to inform him of the admirable order in which I find the Lodge of Peace, and on the whole with which this day's arrangements have been organised. I am requested to inform you that our summer meeting is on the 18th of July, at Sheffield, and you will see Sir Henry Edwards in his place on that occasion. We have Bro. Booth from the Lodge of Probity, the same lodge as that to which Sir Henry Edwards belongs; we have also the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master present with us. It is gratifying to every one of us that he has recovered so far from his indisposition, as to give us the light of his countenance and the sunshine of his genial and ever welcome presence. I can only say that the excellences of our Provincial Grand Master are now so well known amongst the Craft as to need no special eulogy on my part. It is his popular characteristics which have endeared him to us all, and I think no more worthy gentleman could have been selected to fill the position of Prov. G. Master than Sir Henry Edwards. I now call upon you, brethren, to join me in expressing the hope that the Great Author of the Universe will bestow His blessing upon our P.G.M., and give him health and long life to preside over our assemblies and the Craft which he adorns with every moral and social virtue. The toast having been drunk with honours,

Bro. J. W. Carlile proposed "The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., also W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.L., and all Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire."

Bro. T. W. Tew responded, and said—I feel it to be no light responsibility to fill the office of D.P.G.M. of this province. In 1875 I was to all of you an untried Mason, and to have been chosen representative to our Prov. Grand Master of so large a Masonic constituency as is this West Yorkshire is to me the most complimentary privilege of my life. You have been good enough to receive the toast of my health to-night in a manner much more worthy of the close of my official connection with the province than my first years of labour as your Deputy. I attribute your kind reception of me more to your indulgence and forbearance than to any Masonic talents of my own, because I feel I am continually being brought into contact with brethren in this province of greater talents and erudition than myself. I greatly regret that my business and other multifarious occupations do not leave me free and unfettered in thought and action, so that I could devote the whole of my time to gain that perfect knowledge and experience of Masonic life amongst you, without which no Master Mason can thoroughly succeed in the office of D.P.G.M. of this province. I thank you for your invitation to-night, and promise that, to the best of my poor ability, I will try in the future to do what I have tried to do in the past, to make the administration of this province under Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards prosperous, illustrious, and brilliant. I feel that the gathering to-day is not only a welcome to Bro. Bentley Shaw, but an enthusiastic expression of your belief in the beauty of the Masonic principles of piety, justice, and virtue; of your abiding faith in the permanency of the organisation of Freemasonry which has led to the prosperity of the Order and its development amongst all nations on the earth. In this direction the labours of your previous D.P.G.M. have been crowned with success. You have trusted Prov. G. Officers in the past. Will you trust those now newly elected? as they feel you will trust those who come in the future, so that we, your officers, may feel sure that in giving confidence to our government in dealing with great Masonic affairs you would leave matters, as in the past, so in the present in our hands, trusting to our watching over the honour and Masonic interests of our beloved province.

"The Old Lodge of Peace" was proposed in a suitable speech by Bro. Bentley Shaw.

Bro. T. A. Haigh, in responding, begged to tender his sincere and heartfelt thanks on behalf of the rest of the brethren, to Bro. Shaw, for the very kind expressions and kind remarks he had been pleased to make respecting the lodge, and he hoped that so far as the future of the lodge was concerned, those wishes and expressions might be fully realised. Bro. Haigh also begged to thank the numerous brethren present from other lodges in this and other provinces, for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast. The lodge, he said, had been in existence over 100 years, having been first opened in the town of Barnsley in the year 1777, but in the year 1778 it is supposed to have ceased working for a lengthened period. There was no record of its proceedings from that date until the year 1804, when it was revived by warrant of confirmation, granted March 28th of that year, and removed from Barnsley to Dewsbury, and held its meeting at the Traveller's Rest, in the latter town, until the year 1815, when, on the 26th August, it was agreed, first, to pay all expenses that might be brought against the lodge; and, secondly, to dispose of the lodge to the best advantage. In a few years after this time the lodge regalia and warrant were purchased by brethren residing at Honley, and the first lodge meeting was held there on July 20th, 1820. It did not long remain at Honley, as on the 26th August, 1826, it was agreed to remove to Meltham, and accordingly the first Freemasons' lodge meeting was held in this village September 13th, 1826, and the Lodge of Peace has now been located here for nearly 51 years, and during the last half century it has had its times of adversity as well as its times of prosperity, but at the present time, he thought, it might be safely said to be in a more prosperous state than it ever was during any period of its existence. The lodge had during the time of its existence in Meltham taken a prominent part in the following interesting occasions,

viz., on the 15th October, 1827, the brethren of the lodge assisted in laying the foundation stone of South Crossland Church, and the trowel used on the occasion was now in the possession of the lodge. On March 5th, 1835, under the auspices of the lodge, the foundation stone of Meltham Church Tower was laid by our late Bro. Charles Lee, the then D.P.G.M. of this province, and a sermon preached by our late Bro. Dr. Naylor, the Provincial Grand Chaplain. He concluded by again thanking them.

Bro. Charles Rayner, I.P.M. Lodge of Peace, then proposed the next toast. He said: Brethren, the toast which I have the honour and the pleasure of proposing is that of "The Visiting Brethren." It is a toast which is always well received in this lodge, but on the present occasion I feel sure that it will meet with a most enthusiastic reception. We have amongst us here to-day visiting brethren who have spent great portions of their lives in working hard, not only for the good of their own lodges and the good of their provinces, but also for the good and the interest of the Craft generally; brethren who have attained to high honours in the Craft, honours which have been well earned and which are well deserved, and my fervent wish and ardent hope is that the Great Architect of the Universe may give them long and happy lives to enjoy those honours. We are very proud to have amongst us the hard working W.D.P. Grand Master of this province, a brother who, in filling the high office which he now holds in the province, has proved himself to be a worthy successor to his most excellent predecessor, Bro. Bentley Shaw. We also feel greatly honoured by the presence of our much respected W.P.D.P.G.M., Bro. Bentley Shaw, a brother whose Masonic zeal is well known and greatly appreciated throughout the whole of this province, whose genial temperament, kind heartedness, and whose noble and generous sentiments have won for him both the respect and the admiration, I believe, of all who have ever had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. We are greatly delighted and highly honoured in having here to-day so many of the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. They are all brethren who have worked very hard in the Craft. And lastly, brethren, I see before me a large number of visiting brethren whose love for Masonry none can doubt, brethren whose Masonic labours, like my own, are in a more humble sphere than those I have before mentioned, and many of them who, like myself, may perhaps never hope to reach the higher honours in the Craft, but whose labours for the good of Masonry will be none the less incessant on that account. They are brethren whose familiar faces may be found wherever there is any Masonic work to be done. In short, visiting brethren, I beg to thank you all with the greatest sincerity and from the very bottom of my heart, both on my own behalf and on behalf of every member of this, the old Lodge of Peace, for the great honour you have conferred upon the lodge by your presence on this great occasion. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and then

Bro. W. T. M. Sylvester proposed "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Nimrod Earnshaw, the W.M. of the lodge, subsequently took the chair; and Bro. Jonas Craven, P.P.G.S.W., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He spoke of the large sums of money subscribed every year in support of these charities, and of the good that had been done generally.

After a few songs, the remainder of the evening was spent in a very harmonious manner, and the proceedings terminated soon after eight o'clock.

The committee of management consisted of Bros. Nimrod Earnshaw, W.M.; C. H. Redfearn, P.M., Sec.; D. Wood, P.M., Treasurer of the lodge; Wm. Haigh, P.M.; Wm. Myers, P.M., and C. Rayner, I.P.M., Chairman of the Committee.

CONSECRATION OF THE GUELPH  
LODGE, No. 1685.

The Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Red Lion, Leytonstone, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. Joshua Nunn, Past Grand Sword Bearer, as Senior Warden, Bro. W. T. Howe, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, as Junior Warden, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Christian, as Inner Guard, and Bro. W. H. Lee, as Secretary.

The attendance of the brethren to witness the ceremony was sufficient testimony to another lodge being required in the neighbourhood, the number of visitors being very large, and composed mostly of local residents. The following is a complete list of the brethren who were present at the ceremony of consecration:—Walter Claridge, Ebenezer Skelt, J. W. Francis, S. N. Griffiths, George C. Young, Edw. Brown, Daniel Sayer, R. Vincent, John Hervey, G.S.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; W. H. Lee, W.M. 975; G. Martin, 879; W. H. Allaway, 1598; J. J. Woolley, 604; H. Massey (Freemason), 619; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; Thos. Burford, P.M. 55; John Hurst, 1572; N. S. Pargeter, 1598; A. Lewis, 1426; D. Blunsum, 742; W. Christian, W.M. 1662; Jas. Pinder, P.M. 1662; J. M. Hunt, P.M. 1662; J. W. Margetts, 1572; Jas. Buchanan, 949; W. Crouch, 989; W. Thomas, 1598; A. Oldroyd, J.D. 1227; H. W. Godbold, 1598; Isaac Buscall, S.W. 1528; W. Brown, 1598; W. Groome, W.M. 861; W. Penny, 1598; Geo. E. Walters, W.M. 1598, Sec. 1445; Walter J. Nicholls, 463; Charles B. Payne, G.T.; D. W. Litson, 1306; W. H. Martin, 174; J. Galluher, 1228; W. G. Hallows, 861; Jas. Conbro, 1150; Robert 'I' Wragg, 1228; James Pick, Doric; and W. Sutherland, 189.

The lodge having been duly formed and opened, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, and as no Chaplain was present, Bro. Hervey fulfilled the duties of Chaplain, in addition to those of Consecrating Master, He



therefore, omitted his own address to the brethren at the opening of the lodge, but gave it at that period of the ceremony when the Chaplain is accustomed to deliver the oration. Having arrived at this period,

Bro. Hervey said:—In the absence to-day of a Chaplain it will devolve upon me to say a few words to you, and they will be very few on the present occasion. I have had so many lodges to consecrate lately that really it is impossible for me to find new subjects on which to address the brethren, and I find it difficult to sit down (in fact I have not time) and write an oration or address for every new lodge it falls to my lot to consecrate. But I shall trouble you with a few words on this occasion, and as I said, they shall be few. It has given me pleasure to-day to attend here and consecrate this lodge. I recollect that about nine years ago I came down here, not to this very house, but in its immediate neighbourhood, to consecrate the Beacontree Lodge, a lodge which has maintained its reputation in a very high degree, a lodge which I am not ashamed to acknowledge as being one of my children. I, on that occasion, installed Bro. Barford as first Master, and I assure you that it has given me satisfaction to attend to-day in a house which is under his direction to consecrate another lodge, because I know that wherever Bro. Barford is concerned everything will be done that will conduce to the respectability of Masonry, and that nothing will be forgotten which can add to the comfort of the brethren who come here. Since the time I installed Bro. Barford I have been here again, not on one occasion only, but on many occasions, and one especially, not many months ago, in this room, when I consecrated the Constitutional Chapter, No. 55. To-day I once more make my appearance on the old boards to consecrate the Guelph Lodge, which takes its name from that of the Royal family of England, which the lodge has the special permission from the Prince of Wales to bear. I have upon many occasions impressed upon those I have addressed the necessity of being careful as to whom they introduce into the Craft, and I scarcely think it is necessary for me to-day again to speak upon that subject. It has been over and over again a cry not to introduce any persons except those who are well known—I do not say casually known, but well known, to those who propose them for admission to a lodge. When you admit a man to a lodge you take him like a wife almost, "for better or for worse," because you cannot say to him afterwards, "You are a disagreeable fellow, and we do not like you; there's the door, and you had better walk off." But you must find some tangible and legitimate reason why you should get rid of him; you must show, according to the Book of Constitutions, which lies now upon this pedestal, that he has done something which is contrary to the laws of the Craft before you can reasonably and legally expel him from your ranks. A man may be, in one case, very disagreeable, and yet be a very good man in the main; but still he may not be one that you care to associate with, or that the brethren like, and therefore it is that when you are going to admit men into your ranks, you should look before you leap, and know whom you are admitting. Again, there is another subject which I have repeatedly alluded to, and that is the subject of blackballing. If you do not like a candidate that is proposed, the fairest way is to speak first to the brother who proposed him and tell him candidly that his friend will not be agreeable to one or two who belong to the lodge, and therefore he would act wisely to withdraw him. But to go behind a man's back (because I almost say it is going behind his back to put a black ball into a box) simply (and frequently it is done) for no other reason than because one brother has not obtained office or because there is a disagreement with the Master or the officers, or from some motive of that kind, I think it is like stabbing a man without giving him a chance of defence. Now those are two things which I would warn you against, which I hope the W.M. (I dare say he has heard me before allude to these two subjects) will guard against. On account of his having heard these things before, I have said very little about it now. And now I would say a very few words to the officers of the lodge, and the manner in which they should serve the Master. It is very difficult for the W.M. to carry the work of the lodge properly unless he is well supported, and he ought to be well supported by the brethren in more ways than one. First, of all, they should be attentive to their duties, making themselves masters of what they are undertaking, and being at all times in their places at the proper time, so that the machine of the lodge may move smoothly and well, and that there shall be no hitch in conducting the business which may come before the Master. I do not know anything more mortifying to a Master than to find himself in the chair (and that must be especially mortifying in a young lodge, where punctuality is more desirable because there are no Past Masters or old members to look to) without Wardens or Deacons. A Master cannot perform all the duties of the lodge without assistance; he cannot keep his pedestal, he cannot of course if a candidate is to be initiated—the Master cannot conduct him round the lodge and discharge those duties which devolve on a Deacon, and also those which fall to a Warden. I trust, and I am sure, the officers of this lodge will give their best support to the Master. When I say I trust they will support the W.M., as they ought to do, I mean that I trust they will make themselves masters of the duties they undertake to perform. Those duties are not at first very onerous; but it is well for an officer to be a little zealous; it is well that he should learn the duties of more than one office, and then he may materially assist the Master on many occasions in the performance of his duties. Brethren, I told you that I should not waste your time much to-day. I hope that in the few remarks I have made you will—and I may venture to think you will—say I have not said too much. I do not think it is necessary to say a great deal, but I hope I have said enough, and that the very few words I have used if they

are worth anything may produce their fruit: if not they will fall, as many words do from much more experienced men than myself in addressing assemblies, not quite down, but at any rate make some little impression on those to whom they are addressed.

The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Edwin Bare as first Worshipful Master of the Guelph Lodge, 1685. The brethren invested with the collars and jewels of office were Bros. W. Charles Claridge, S.W.; Ebenezer Skelt, J.W.; Edward Brown, Treasurer; J. B. Shackleton, Secretary (W. H. Lee was invested with Bro. Shackleton's collar, Bro. Shackleton being absent in consequence of the death of his father); J. W. Francis, S.D.; S. N. Griffiths, J.D.; R. Vincent, I.G.; Daniel Sayer, D.C.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Bro. Hervey delivered the address to the W.M.; Bro. W. T. Howe the address to the Wardens; and Bro. Joshua Nunn, that to the brethren.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., Bro. Hervey was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge; and in acknowledging the compliment Bro. Hervey said that although Saturday was the only day in which Grand Secretary and the brethren in his office got some little relaxation from their duties by leaving the office earlier than on other days, he could not find it in his heart to say no when he was asked to attend at Leytonstone to consecrate the Guelph Lodge. Having done so, and received the thanks of the brethren for what little he had done he had to tender his acknowledgments to the brethren for the hearty manner in which he had been received. He would just make one observation with respect to honorary members, that they could neither speak, vote, nor hold office in a lodge. Notwithstanding that he was sure that if he came down to any of the meetings of this lodge he would be received very kindly, and although he should not attempt to vote or speak, or put any brother out of office for his own purpose, anything he said would be accepted by the brethren with great kindness.

The W.M. having proposed the names of several brethren as joining members, a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers for coming to consecrate the lodge was unanimously passed, on the motion of the S.W., seconded by the J. W. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied, and the S.W. having proposed, and the W.M. seconded, seven gentlemen as initiates, lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards partook of a choice banquet, which was provided by Bro. Barford, the table being elegantly decorated with a profusion of summer flowers and fruit. Two splendid bouquets were presented to Bro. Hervey, one by Bro. Barford and the other by a lady—a touching compliment, which he feelingly acknowledged at a later period of the evening. The speeches which followed the banquet were briefly given, and the introductory toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Joshua Nunn, in replying for the Grand Officers, after acknowledging the toast on behalf of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, said that for himself and the other Grand Officers present they felt highly gratified with the reception they had met with. At no consecration and at no banquet had they experienced such great satisfaction. The consecration had been admirably conducted; the lodge room had been elegantly fitted; and the beauty of the banquet table and the sumptuousness of the banquet were as unsurpassed as they were unexpected. Going into the country the Grand Officers would hardly hope to find the banquets so perfect as they were in town, and they were not prepared to find such a display as they had witnessed at Leytonstone. From the way in which everything had been done that day the Grand Officers concluded that great success would attend the Guelph Lodge. Let them hope that years hence it might be even more successful than it had been that day. They had heard some excellent names read out as proposed joining members and initiates, and where such brethren and gentlemen were proposed there was every hope that they would be an honour not only to their lodge but to Masonry generally.

Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Guelph Lodge." In doing so he said—I have occupied a good deal of your time and attention this afternoon, and I was about to say that I hope this will be the last occasion that I shall have the necessity of addressing you; but I think the subject on which I am now going to speak is one which will interest you, which will tend to consolidate the kind feelings, not only of the Guelph Lodge, but of all the brethren who are present. I have, as I said earlier in the evening, consecrated a great many lodges. I have been successful, more or less, in those consecrations; but it has been a gratifying feeling to me that I have never yet consecrated a lodge which has been unsuccessful. I am quite sure that the Guelph Lodge will not falsify my previous experience, or the anticipations which I have formed of its future career. I must remind you that unfortunately some of us are tied by the leg this evening, but not tied by the leg in the manner in which I should like to be tied; we are compelled by that malicious demon the train to leave you somewhat early. I shall therefore say but few words more than I have already said. I think you will agree with me that there is one toast which I, in the position that I occupy to-day, ought to propose; and not that I ought to propose only, but propose with expressions of most confident hope for the future of the lodge. I am about to give you "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the Guelph Lodge." On the exertions of the W.M. of course much of the future career of the lodge must depend. That he will exert himself to the utmost to carry out the duties of his office and ensure the success of his lodge I have no doubt—I am sure you do not doubt it; and I feel confident, as I told you early in the evening, that his officers will ably support him. Without that support the W.M. cannot effect the success which he hopes to be the result of his labours, and which he is entitled to. You are all bound, I may say, to assist him in securing the success of the lodge;

and if time were not so pressing, which I am reminded of by Bro. Nunn looking at his watch, I might again mention those subjects which I spoke of in the lodge with respect to the duties of the officers, and which, if borne in mind and acted upon, will materially assist the W.M. during the period for which he will preside over you. But I shall not detain you any further, though I did not intend to close my remarks so hastily as the train compels me to do.

The W.M. in reply said: I am indeed most heartily obliged to our Very Worshipful Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, for the kind manner in which he has proposed my health, and also for the very hearty manner in which he has wished this lodge every prosperity. I need scarcely repeat the very deep obligation which we feel placed under to Bro. Hervey, for the kindness he has shown in coming here on the day, which perhaps of all others, is the most inconvenient for him, because on that evening it is almost impossible to obtain the services of a Chaplain. Taking all the duties therefore on himself entails much more labour, and this, I may say, must add to the obligation which under other circumstances we should owe him. While mentioning Bro. Hervey's name, I would propose his health, and will do so without making any further remarks, as he is anxious to save his train.

Bro. Hervey, in acknowledging the toast, said the brethren had just drunk his health very cordially. He had found himself in that position very frequently, and he might frankly tell the W.M. and brethren that he should be very much pained if in any society of Freemasons with whom he might mingle he was not cordially received, because that would imply some shortcomings on his part, and he should feel it very acutely. He had never arrived at that point, and he trusted he never should. He could only thank the W.M. and brethren for the way in which he had been received that evening; and if he had done some little service to the lodge by bringing it into existence he was amply repaid by the cordiality and kindness of the brethren who were around the table. But there was one thing which he confessed touched him not a little. He had had a bouquet presented to him by Bro. Barford, which he did feel to be an offering very kindly and very cordially given, one which had created in his mind a very sincere sentiment of gratitude, and for which he wished to tender Bro. Barford, now publicly, his very sincere and grateful thanks. But now there was a second bouquet, which had been sent to him by the wife of Bro. Hallows, for him (Bro. Hervey) to take home to his invalid sister. Now he had never had the pleasure of seeing this kind lady, Mrs. Hallows, more than once, and then only for a few minutes, when he had the pleasure of consecrating the Beaconsfield Lodge; but the recollection of the lady was vividly brought to his mind by the kindness which had prompted her to send such a charming bouquet for an invalid he had left at home. These were attentions which any one should be proud of, and they bound one still closer to Freemasonry, Bro. Hervey, who was deeply affected, then retired with the rest of the Grand Officers, amid a hearty salute. The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Health of the Visitors."

Bro. Bianchi was the first to respond. He said that as the Master of the Ley Spring Lodge, who had initiated, passed, and raised Bro. Bare, he felt very proud to see one of his own children occupy the position of Master of a lodge. It must be the height of ambition of any brother who took an interest in Masonry to arrive at the position of Master of a lodge. Bro. Bare would probably have the same amount of work during his year of office as he (Bro. Bianchi) had, which was the initiation, passing, and raising 16 brethren. The Guelph Lodge would no doubt be as successful as the Ley Spring, which now number 27 or 28 members. Lodges which had a very large number of members were not always the most comfortable; but he would challenge any lodge in England to produce 16 members who were more fitted to be brethren than those 16 he had had the honour to initiate. In the Guelph Lodge he found that the W.M., the J.W. (he did not know how many more of the officers), the D.C., and the Treasurer, were all initiates of the Ley Spring Lodge, and he thought this was a circumstance which he or any Master of the Ley Spring Lodge might well be proud of.

Bro. W. H. Lee, as one of the visitors, expressed the pleasure he had had in visiting the lodge, but said that that pleasure was mixed with a good deal of pain on account of the sad event which necessitated the absence of Bro. Shackleton, the Secretary, for whom he had that day acted. Bro. George E. Walters said that it had given him unlimited pleasure to be present, as he had had the honour of proposing the W.M. as an initiate in the Ley Spring Lodge. He and the W.M. had many conversations together before the W.M. joined the Order, and many were the enquiries which Bro. Bare made of him previous to joining. No member of the Order was more qualified to be received into it than Bro. Bare: no man possessed in a higher degree the qualifications of a Mason. It had been a great gratification to him (Bro. Walters) to see the rapid strides Freemasonry had made in that district within the last few years. When he first came into it four years ago the only lodge held at that house was the Beacontree. When he went into the neighbourhood he went to Bro. Barford and asked him if there was a lodge of instruction in the district. Bro. Barford told him no, that they did not require one, as all the brethren down there were Past Masters. Suggesting to Bro. Barford that there might be some new brethren coming down to reside there, and that it might be as well to have a lodge of instruction, he asked Bro. Barford whether he might rely on his (Bro. Barford's) co-operation if he tried to establish such a lodge. He said yes; and every one knew that anything in Masonry would have Bro. Barford's co-operation. The consequence was that



a lodge of instruction was established, and its success might be judged of from the fact that out of the lodge of instruction sprang the Ley Spring Lodge. Indirectly he might take it to himself that he had had something to do with the founding of the Guelph Lodge, for he proposed Bro. Bare as one of the initiates of the Ley Spring Lodge; and he hoped he was not giving Bro. Bare too much praise when he said that if it had not been for Bro. Bare the Guelph Lodge would not have come into existence.

Bros. Christian, Pinder, Hurst, Sullivan, and other brethren also replied, and Bro. Brown replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary." The W.M. had been pleased to refer to his long association with him. The W.M. had known him better than many of the brethren who were present knew him; and he was gratified to hear the W.M. testify to that undeviating line of conduct that always had marked his course. His dear father used to tell him that a good Mason was sure to be a good man; and as his father had been forty-two years a member of one lodge, he supposed he knew something about it. He was very pleased to find himself among friends that were Masons, and especially among those to whom he was so well known. It would be a very great sorrow to him to have to enter into a lodge, as he had known some persons do, and then find but one or two there with whom he was acquainted. To have the pleasure of the acquaintance of the members of this lodge and of the Ley Spring Lodge, as well as their confidence, was to him, in his position, all important. He felt it his duty to say that it would ever be his delight to serve the lodge in any way he possibly could. Whenever anything was to be done that was to be entrusted to his care it should be done well. He felt under great obligations to Bro. Barford for the kindness he had received from him. He must say it in his presence, as he had often said it in his absence, that he esteemed him very highly indeed, and they should all do so. They might all feel that while he (Bro. Brown) was permitted to be among them it would be his highest pleasure to serve not only this lodge and others with which he was associated, but the interests of Freemasonry wherever they might come under his hands.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the S.W. and J.W.," said he was sure that whatsoever they undertook to do they would do to the best of their ability.

These brethren having responded, "The Officers' Health" was proposed and drunk, and the S.D. replied.

Bro. Stedman gave the Tyler's toast, and before separating a special toast was drunk in acknowledgment of the services of Bro. Barford; and Bro. Barford having replied the brethren separated.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHS. AND HUNTS.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held at the Lodge of Chicheley, 607, Thrapston, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The Board of Benevolence met at twelve, at which, in addition to sums voted to local cases, £20 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and ten guineas to the Girls' School; and at one o'clock his Grace the Duke of Manchester, P.G.M., assisted by Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, opened the lodge in due form. Bro. F. G. Buckle, P.G.S., read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand meeting at Peterborough, and the roll was then called and the minute books of the several lodges examined.

The following brethren were present:—Bros. Pomfret, 360; R. Winter, W.M.; J. T. Green, P.M., P. Prov. G. S.W.; J. U. Staunton, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; Rev. R. H. Cox, J.S.; Norman, J.D.; F. Gadsby, J.W.; Socrates, 373; Rev. F. S. Westbrook, P.G.C.; G. Thackeray, W.M.; B. Allen, P.M.; W. H. Smith, P.M.; G. Hawley, P.M.; H. J. Mann, C. Smith, J. Hall, G. Brown, St. Peter's, 442; Buckle, P.M.; R. H. Griffin, P.M., P.G.D.C., &c.; E. Vergette, P.M.; E. Vergette, jun., S.W.; Dixey, Sec.; Rutherford, Kirby, T. Cook, Fidelity, 445; T. M. Percival, W.M., P. Prov. G.Sup. of Wks., P.P.G.J.D.; W. M. Crowley, S.W.; A. G. Evans, S.D.; W. Negus, S. Jacob, P.M.; R. Howes, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; G. Wilcox-Smith, G. Snedker; Perseverance, 445; H. Hitchman, W.M.; M. Coles, P.M.; A. J. Margets, P.M.; H. S. B. Preedy, Sec.; Salmon, P.M.; Parke, S.D.; Richardson, P.M.; Merit, 466; W. Oldham, P.M.; H. Wright, P.M.; E. I. Orford, P.M.; H. Peake, P.M.; W. Ward, S.W.; H. Norton, J.W.; G. J. Allen, J. Beddison, S.C. Clark, J. Bentham, A. Coulson, C. Royce, S. Halliday; Chicheley, 607; J. H. Gandy, P.M.; H. L. Puxley, P.P.G.C. Cumberland and Westmorland; R. Hawthorne, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. Hull, W.M.; J. Rogers, P.P.J.W.; R. C. Pars, P.M.; J. W. Humbling, G. B. Gudgen, W. Elderkin, D. W. Norris; Wentworth, 737; W. Housden, W.M.; J. H. Hale, S.W.; N. T. Hewens, J.W.; W. W. James, Sec.; John Stian, J.W.; John G. Miller, I.G.; L. C. Knight, J. Wallis, Wm. Williamson, P.M.; Butcher, C. Matthews, W. Matthews, and John Sanders.

The following officers, except Bro. Bell, who was absent through illness, were nominated and duly installed for the ensuing year:—

Rev. J. Bell	Prov. G.S.W.
H. Hitchman	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. F. S. Westbrook	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. R. H. Cox	Prov. A.G. Chap.
R. Howes	Prov. G. Treas.
W. H. Smith	Prov. G. Reg.
F. G. Buckle	Prov. G. Sec.
W. H. Housden	Prov. G.S.D.
George Thackeray	Prov. G.J.D.
John Smith Norman	Prov. G. S. of W.
R. H. Griffin	Prov. G. D. of C.
H. Hart	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
W. M. Crowley	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
Isaac Bentham	Prov. G. Purs.

N. T. Hewens ..... Prov. G. Std. Br.  
W. Negus ..... Prov. G. Org.

On the motion of Bro. Ed. Cox, it was resolved that a committee be appointed for the purpose of investigating the claims of applicants for election into either of the Masonic Institutions, with power to frame rules so as to ensure proper supervision, and especially connected action in the province.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, adjourned to a marquee in the grounds of Bro. Rogers, kindly lent for the occasion, where a banquet had been prepared by Mr. G. House, of Peterborough. His Grace the Duke of Manchester presided. On his left were Bros. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M.; Ed. Cox, P.P.G.S.W.; B. Allen and G. Thackeray, Socrates; S. Jacobs, Fidelity; E. Orford, Merit; E. Vergette, St. Peter's; and Buckle, P.G.S. On the left of the R.W.P.G.M. were Bros. Rev. F. S. Westbrook, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. H. Cox, Prov. G. Asst. Chap.; J. T. Green, P.G.J.W.; Winter, W.M. 360; J. S. Norman, and F. Gadsby, and in addition to the brethren whose names have been already given, the Craft visitors, Bros. Cox, Ark Lodge, 10, Belfast; J. D. Witherspoon, Port Natal, 738, South Africa; and J. W. Linnett, Sir Watkin, 1477, North Wales. Bro. Negus, P.G.O., presided at the piano.

The first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft," was duly honoured, and the Masonic anthem was sung.

The Duke next gave "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," remarking that he had been requested to convey to the Province of Norths and Hunts the greetings of His Royal Highness. (The toast was received with Masonic cheers.)

The Duke next gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon, the R.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," who received due honours.

Bro. J. H. Gandy, P.M., in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Bell) gave the next toast, "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of the Province, His Grace the Duke of Manchester." (Applause.) The Masons of Norths and Hunts were highly favoured in having for a G.M. a nobleman who was so excellent a Mason, and so highly esteemed and beloved by all with whom he came in contact. (Applause.) When a nobleman or any other person in an inferior position took office he was expected to do his duty as far as he possibly could, properly and efficiently, and they as Masons might congratulate themselves that their R.W. Prov. G.M. did his duty efficiently and in every way tried to carry out their principles, not only in his own conduct but in administering the affairs of the Province. (Hear, hear.) They had a proof of it in the presence of His Grace that day, for they knew that there were great attractions in London which might well have seduced him, and kept him from coming amongst them. (Hear, hear.) Let them drink the toast in the hope that His Grace would be spared many years to fulfil the duties of his office as efficiently as he had done in the past. (Applause and Masonic honours.)

His Grace, in reply, said Bro. Gandy had hinted at the sacrifice which he (the Prov. G.M.) might have made in being there that day. "A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse" (laughter), and he thought the allusion was to horses (renewed laughter); but he begged to assure them that when that day was fixed he was not aware it was the Ascot race meeting. But he did give up another gathering in order to be present (applause), and perhaps their brother from Natal might have heard of it, and that was a meeting of the Colonial Institute at the South Kensington Museum. He was much obliged for the way in which the toast had been proposed by Bro. Gandy, and received by them, and he was very glad if he could in any slight degree do anything which might be considered advantageous by his neighbours. (Hear, hear.) His Grace then asked them to drink the health of the D. Prov. G.M., who he now learnt did more than he (the noble Duke) had been aware of in carrying on the work of the Province in such a satisfactory manner, and for which he most heartily thanked him. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He again thanked the D. Prov. G.M. for taking so many duties off his shoulders and discharging them so efficiently.

The toast having been duly honoured, was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Butler Wilkins, in response, said that at those anniversaries, when the brethren came together from all parts of the Province, one felt encouraged to persevere in the discharge of his duty; still in looking back upon the past it was impossible to conceal from himself that personally he had not found the office altogether a bed of roses. (Hear, hear.) At the same time, he was very glad to be able to say that the very cordial reception he invariably received from the brethren throughout the Province considerably lightened any trouble he might occasionally have in dealing with provincial matters. (Hear, hear.) Turning to other matters, he congratulated the brethren on the successful return again of another of their candidates, through the instrumentality and generalship of Bro. E. Cox, to whom their best thanks were due for the management of their charitable affairs. (Applause.) While they had one so energetic in their behalf they should furnish him with a good supply of ammunition in the shape of votes. He was sorry to say that some lodges had been remiss in that, and he hoped it would not recur. In concluding, the D.P.G.M. said it was intended to publish annually a small pocket calendar for the Province, giving information as to meetings of lodges and chapters, Masters and officers, &c., and if it were well taken up, it would help to knit them more and more together, and to promote that social intercourse which ought to exist amongst them. (Applause.) Bro. Stanton had offered to print the calendar gratuitously, but as that which was lightly obtained was often regarded as of little value, it was thought advisable to make a small charge for the calendar, which would be published as soon as possible. (Applause.) Before sitting down, Bro.

Butler Wilkins thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Chicheley Lodge for the reception they had given them.

His Grace then intimated that next year the meeting would be held at Huntingdon, and he then proposed "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions."

Bro. E. Cox responded in his usual happy manner, and gave the brethren present a vast amount of information in connection with the Masonic Charities, and which could only be obtained by long experience of their workings.

His Grace then gave, "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Witherspoon responded, giving some interesting particulars concerning Port Natal.

"The P. Prov. G. Officers of the Province" was proposed by Bro. Puxley, and replied to by Bro. E. I. Orford, who gave "The P.G. Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Howes and Buckle replying. "The P.G. Wardens and other Grand Officers," "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province," and "The Ladies," were also toasted, and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Cook, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HERVEY LODGE No. 1692.

The consecration of this lodge took place on the 26th inst., at the George Inn, Hayes, V.W. Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, from whom the lodge takes its title, acting as Consecrating Officer. Present: Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Prov. G. M.; Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chaplain; Coupland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; F. Kingsbury, Prov. G.O.; E. Coste, Prov. G.S.; Newsom, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Hervey, G.S.; Bass, A.G.S.; R. F. Gould, P. Prov. S.G.W. Gibraltar; Emanuel C. Goodheart, John J. Hamilton, H. R. Brett, P.M. 92; William W. Baxter, George Weeks, Robert Moore, J. Hardy Booth, Capt. Alfred Torrens, R. F. Williams, A. S. Owen, 1223; John Covell, 1314; M. P. Powell, 742; J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223; F. W. Forrester, 222; J. N. Fradgley, 1494; J. H. Pearson, 1319; Robert Hilton, 1319; J. Hurst, William Land, P.M. 742; S. Carrington, 1314.

The brethren having assembled pursuant to notice, proceeded to open the lodge in the Three Degrees, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., who, after a suitable address on the object of the meeting, delegated to the Grand Secretary of England the task of consecration, which was performed by Bro. John Hervey with his accustomed skill and ability. The Wardens' chairs were occupied respectively by Bros. Rawson and Coupland, and the proceedings derived additional solemnity from the very efficient services of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, (acting as Grand Chaplain), and of Bro. Bass, acting as Director of Ceremonies. The oration of the Acting Grand Chaplain was most admirably delivered, a general feeling of regret being expressed, that so able and impressive a discourse, should live only in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Bro. Newsom, W.M. designate, having been duly installed, the following officers were invested:—Bros. E. C. Goodheart, S.W.; J. J. Hamilton, J.W.; H. R. Brett, P.M. 92, Treas.; Baxter, S.D.; Booth, J.D.; Moore, I.G.

In investing Bro. Brett with his badge of office, the W.M., in a feeling manner, described the very great services he had already rendered to the Hervey Lodge, and in the name of the founders presented him with a Treasurers' jewel, as a slight mark of their esteem and gratitude.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Prov. G.M., the Consecrating Officers, and the Prov. G. Chaplain.

Eleven candidates were proposed for initiation, and three for joining.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, which was served in excellent style in the chief room of the George Inn. Much regret, however, was felt, at the inability of the Prov. G.M. to remain for the banquet, owing to unavoidable business in town.

The W.M., Bro. Newsom, presided, and after the customary loyal toasts, that of "The Grand Officers" followed, responded to by Bro. Rawson. "The health of the Prov. G.M., Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.," was received with great applause. The following lines, having special reference to his lordship's family motto, were written for the occasion by Bro. J. H. Jewell, P.M.

By Constancy and steady work  
A true Freemason doth aspire



To reach the summit of his hopes,  
The crowning of his heart's desire.  
Combined with temperance and zeal,  
An upright life, a moral aim,  
Stability of purpose—with  
The worth to win an honour'd name.

By Valour he combats the world  
'Gainst prejudice and bitter strife;  
Yet prudence in each act,—he feels  
The sacred duties of his life:  
To raise the fallen, help the weak,  
To save a brother from distress,  
To dry the widow's tears, and be  
A father to the fatherless.

With Virtue for his help and guide  
He stands aloof from frown or smile,  
And walks the path of rectitude  
Unknown to subtlety or guile;  
With steady aim pursues the course  
In wisdom he had well begun;  
And justice consecrates the work  
By Constancy and Valour won.

The W.M. then, in very felicitous language, proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," Bro. Hervey, G.S., expressing the pride and gratification which the brethren experienced, at their lodge bearing the honoured name of "Hervey," and at its being ushered into actual Masonic existence under circumstances so auspicious. Bro. Hervey, in the course of an eloquent reply, assured the members of the lodge that he looked forward to a very prosperous future for the "Hervey" Lodge, in the "quiet little nook," which had been so happily selected for their meetings.

Of the remaining toasts, that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; "The Army and Navy," by Bros. Captain Torrens and R. F. Gould; "The Visitors" by Bros. Buss, A.G.S., and Coupland, P.P.J.G.W.

"The W.M.," proposed by the Grand Secretary, was acknowledged by Bro. Newsom in an animated speech.

"The Musical Brethren," by Bro. Kingsbury, who, in returning thanks for the three brethren, whose voluntary services, under his own direction, had so materially conduced to the effect of the ceremonies, and to the pleasure of the evening, congratulated the founders of the lodge, on the success of the day's proceedings, which he thought would bear a contrast with the ceremony of consecration, wherever performed.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### STEWARDS' VISIT TO WOOD GREEN.

On Monday afternoon, the Earl of Donoughmore, Past Senior Grand Warden, President of the Board of Stewards of the 70th annual festival, which was held on Wednesday, attended at the school to distribute the prizes before a very large party of brethren and ladies. His lordship was received by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master; F. Binckes, Secretary; Capt. Wordsworth, S. S. Partridge, S. Rosenthal, Raynham W. Stewart, Thos. Cubitt, J. G. Chancellor, W. Roebuck, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. W. Hunt, R. B. Webster, George Kenning, D. W. Pearse, Massey (*Freemason*), Tanner, Fellows, Terry, Meggy, Cox, Harris, Levander, Adlard, and others, and after being conducted over the building, and having explained to him all the arrangements of the institution for the education and comfort of the pupils, proceeded to the gymnasium for the purpose of handing the prizes to the successful competitors. The gymnasium was admirably arranged for the visitors, the old school forms having been dispensed with, and chairs provided in place of them, by which means a greater number of visitors were accommodated with seats, and ladies afforded an easier method of ingress and egress than under the old system. The table at which his lordship and the House Committee sat, and on which were arranged the prizes, occupied the usual position against the east wall, while at the northern end of the gymnasium a stage was fitted up for dramatic performances for the day.

Shortly after two o'clock, when the Chairman and House Committee entered, every seat was occupied.

The prizes were distributed as follows:—

Prizes presented by the Institution:—

First Class:—Classics, H. Bowler, E. T. Sage; Mathematics, C. D. Green, W. R. Parker; French and German, W. R. Parker, H. Bowler; English, G. S. Widdowson, A. Watkins; Scripture, H. Bowler.

Second Class:—Classics, F. C. Gates; Mathematics, H. M. Fenemore; French and German, F. C. Gates, T. L. Molineaux, R. G. Howard; English, C. F. Stead.

Third Class:—Classics, A. H. Stephenson; Mathematics, J. T. Marks; English, W. E. Cole; French, M. B. Ellis.

Fourth Class:—French, H. Shipway, C. Jackson; German, E. Davenport.

Fifth Class:—Arithmetic, A. J. Green; English, G. S. Perrin; Latin, P. C. King; French, V. J. Lee.

Sixth Class:—General Proficiency, P. E. Tibbets, A. Quelch.

Special Prizes (presented by the House Committee): Writing, C. R. Heeley, W. A. Booser; Dictation, W. R. Parker, A. Bryant; History, H. Bowler, A. E. Grimes; Geography, W. R. Parker, S. J. Martin; Mental Arithmetic, E. L. Price, H. Fenemore; General Attention to Studies, C. D. Green, A. E. Grimes; General Proficiency, C. D. Green, W. R. Parker; Proficiency in Drill, A. Watkins, W. Dancy; Efficiency as Monitor, C. R. Heeley, W. A. Booser.

Presented by Private Donors:—By Captain Wordsworth (awarded June 25th, 1877), Elocution, H. Bowler.

By Bro. W. Navitta, Mathematics, C. D. Green.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Attention to Studies, C. M. Uwins, E. T. Sage; Writing, A. Pearson; Elocution, W. Sparkes, W. A. Booser; Drawing, W. Dancy.

By the Members of the "Old Scholars' Reunion," English Composition, W. Sparkes.

By Mr. Sylvester, Drawing—Freehand, C. R. Heeley, E. Pawley; Painting, W. Barrett; Shading, W. A. Booser; Model, J. Hazeland; Architecture, W. R. Parker.

By Mr. G. Brocklehurst, Attention to Studies, H. B. Brock.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution, Edward Thomas Sage.

Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M., No. 657, Frank Lewis Scurr.

Silver Watch and Chain, for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33°, to a pupil on leaving the Institution, Edwin Pawley.

At intervals during the distribution of the prizes a selection of vocal and instrumental music and dramatic performances lent variety to the proceedings.

The dramatic performances were very ably executed, and caused an immense amount of laughter in the numerous company. The singing and music were also well executed, and the satisfaction of the visitors with what they witnessed was loudly and universally expressed. Although the following of the programme occupied three hours, there was no loss of time, the interspersing of the distribution of prizes with the musical and dramatic performances relieving the proceedings of monotony. The boys who took prizes were in readiness as soon as their names were called to come forward and receive them and the Chairman immediately handed a prize to each, and, without making a speech to the boys, congratulated and shook hands with them. When the programme was finished,

His Lordship said that having come to the close of the proceedings, it rested with him to say a few words to the meeting. He thought he would be giving utterance to the feelings of every one present when he said that owing to the exertions that had been made to entertain the company they had spent not only a very agreeable but a very instructive afternoon. Everything they had seen with their own eyes, and he need not, therefore, remind them of the excellence of the performances they had witnessed. The ladies and brethren had shown their appreciation of what they considered the chief performance by awarding the prize for elocution to H. Bowler. They had listened with pleasure to the plays and songs—and he would

say with as much pleasure to the songs as the plays—and he could not help saying that the choir had performed their part most admirably. He was quite sure that all would agree with him in that, and that they were all gratified at being present that afternoon. Everybody had experienced a great amount of pleasure in giving the rewards of merit where those rewards had been honestly and fairly earned, as they had been by the prize takers that afternoon. He might say for his own part that for that reason as well as many others it had been a source of great pleasure to him to be the distributor of the prizes; first of all because it afforded him the opportunity for the first time of seeing the institution of which they were all so proud; and secondly, because in doing so he felt that he was giving the prizes to boys who had thoroughly earned the distinctions bestowed upon them. There was another thing which had struck him there that afternoon, that they might look back and mark what an advance had been made in the style of education within a short time. If they would only look at the time which was the earliest that he could himself remember, the education in Irish country schools was very small; a lot of little ragged children would be found round a cottage fire, a rough master, with a big stick, would be among them, and the only sign that it was a school was a notice outside the door, "Children taken in to bate" (laughter). Then they went back to the schools of the earlier part of the century, when the treatment and care of the pupils was very much less looked after than it was now. Then looking at the time of his own schooldays, some 15 years ago, the subjects of education were very much more limited and confined than they were now. In those days it was Latin and Greek, and very little else, which was like a dinner of all beef and no pudding, and nothing to wash it down with. Then they came to these more modern days, when they had experience of the Oxford and Cambridge and other university local examinations upon a great number of subjects. What had struck him was the large number of subjects which were taught in this Institution, of which they had specimens before them that day by the variety of studies for which prizes had been given. They had this clearly shown to them by the results. Dr. Morris had informed him that at the last Oxford and Cambridge middle-class local examinations 28 candidates went up from this institution, and that out of these 28 14 won honours. Some candidates passed in eight subjects, some in five, and some in four. One of the recipients of prizes that afternoon took up one subject spontaneously and worked at it. The certificates showed him the excellence of the standard of the examination in every case, and this spoke very highly not only for the pupils, but for the care and discrimination of those who were put in authority in the Institution, and he thought all the subscribers owed Dr. Morris, and those who were associated with him, a deep debt of gratitude for the admirable education which had been given (cheers). He had another return from South Kensington, which showed that out of 44 boys 39 passed in mathematics alone, while a great many passed in other subjects. He would like to say a word to the boys themselves. He did not know quite what to say, because there were many theories about boys nowadays. If he said

"My dear boys,

Mind your books and not your toys,"

he would be opposed by those who said,

"All work and no play

Makes Jack a dull boy,"

and if he went to the other extreme he would be equally opposed by a great many. What he would say was "Work; but not all bookwork." Boys who enjoyed outdoor sports got a zest for their work; and boys who worked hard got a zest for their outdoor sports. It was by a combination of the two that they would become active members of society. To the boys who had won prizes he would say, try to win more; to the boys who had not won prizes he would say, don't be disheartened, but try again, and you may get them, but if not, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have tried your best. He was glad to hear that the Institution did not contain one lazy boy. He would ask the company



to join him in wishing prosperity and success to the Institution, which was founded in 1797, and had gone on flourishing and increasing to the present time. They all hoped that it would go on flourishing and increasing for the future. His Lordship concluded by thanking the company for listening to him.

A vote of thanks was then accorded to the Chairman, on the motion of Capt. Wordsworth, and the whole party then adjourned to a déjeuner, at which Lord Donoughmore presided. A few toasts followed, among which were "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales and the Institution," to which Capt. Wordsworth responded, "The Chairman," "Dr. Morris," and "Bro. Binckes," the Secretary; and Lord Donoughmore shortly afterwards left. Numerous outdoor amusements followed, the band playing some excellent selections, and dancing concluded the enjoyments of the day.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The town of High Wycombe was visited for the first time on Monday last by the Provincial Grand Lodge embracing the adjoining counties of Berks and Bucks, and the assemblage numbered nearly 100 brethren, representing the seventeen lodges which are flourishing in different parts of the important province, which is so ably presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., who has occupied that position for the past ten years. It had been rumoured that the proceedings would take place in the beautiful park of Lord Carington, and the presence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, was spoken of in some quarters as being more than probable, but these reports lacked confirmation by those best acquainted with the nature of the arrangements, and hence the meeting had only an ordinary amount of significance, and the attendance was less than would have been seen under special circumstances as those indicated, inasmuch as the members of the Order in the two counties number upwards of 700. There were two subjects for regret on this occasion, one being the resignation of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Brownrigg, and the other the retirement of the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. Biggs, of Reading, who had held the office during the whole time of Sir Daniel Gooch's connection with the province. The office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master has not been filled up at present, but Bro. Biggs will be succeeded in the office of P.G. Sec. by Bro. Robert Bradley, of Reading, who has long been a member of the Craft, and is, therefore, thoroughly acquainted with the nature of the duties to be performed.

The members reached High Wycombe by the mid-day trains, and soon after one o'clock the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, in the Town Hall, which has just been adorned with a portrait of the Herir Apparent, attired as a Knight of the Garter. The painting was executed at a cost of 1000 guineas, and presented to the town by Lord Carington; it hung on the wall in rear of Sir Daniel's Gooch's seat, and was much admired.

The attendance of officers and brethren comprised the following, the majority of whom have held, or are holding positions of honour, either in their respective lodges, or in the province:—Revs. J. S. Brownrigg, and Robbins, O. J. Grace, and Riddle; Major Charles Stephens, and Bros. G. Chancellor, R. C. Hurley, H. H. Hodges, W. Biggs, A. Welch, R. Bradley, Martin, S. Bradley, R. E. Mount, A. M. Yetts, J. Blowers, W. P. Ivey, W. S. Cantrell, junr.; J. Palmer, L. M. Nixon, W. Huckvale, H. Seward, Weston, D. Clarke, Tottle, Wade, G. Wheeler, Barnes, Ruckley, G. Hunt, C. Hunt, T. Williams, Redington, Mason, Fuller, Beal, Speechly, Bird, Humphries, Davey, Cox, C. D. Hume, R. Roberts, G. W. Dixon, J. O. Carter, L. Bryett, J. Whitehouse, R. G. Barton, F. Manley, J. R. Berry, C. A. Walter, H. D. Gooch, A. D'Almaine, H. Clarke, S. A. Pocock, G. de Fraine, J. Bance, R. Ravenor, G. J. Cosburn (*Freemason*), W. H. Herbert, W. J. Westrope, C. P. Smith, W. Knight, W. Jones, Bruton, Morgan, Phillips, Westfield, Frazer, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened with

the usual ceremonies, after which the customary business was proceeded with. The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Biggs, of Reading), read the roll of the lodges, after which the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. Chancellor, of Reading), presented the annual financial statement, from which it appeared there was a balance of £141 17s. 8d. on the general account, and £69 12s. 6d. on the charity account. On the motion of the P.G.M. various sums were voted out of the balance on the charity account to several of the lodges for disposal by them among the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution.

The P.G. Secretary then read the reports received from the different lodges in the province, which it was stated numbered nearly 700 members, with 150 Past Masters. Upwards of 250 guineas had been disbursed in charity during the past year, and the balances in hand in the lodges at the time the accounts were compiled amounted to nearly £980.

The P. G. M. proposed, and Bro. Dixon seconded the re-election of Bro. Geo. Chancellor as P.G. Treasurer.

The motion was unanimously adopted, and Bro. Chancellor returned thanks.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following brethren with the Charity Jewel: Bro. John Bance, P.M. 574; Bro. W. Knight, 574; W. S. Cantrell, P.M. 771; and Bro. Heber Clarke, P.M. 945.

Bro. R. Bradley proposed a resolution of which he had given notice, providing for the attendance of the Secretary as well as the Worshipful Master of each lodge at the meetings of the Charity Committee, held in London.

Bro. Cantrell seconded the motion, which was adopted *nem. con.*

The P.G.M. spoke of the great and good work done by the Charity Committee, and assured the brethren who were ex-officio members that they would derive much instruction and benefit by attending the meetings.

The P.G.M. said he was sure the brethren would agree with him that it was a cause for much regret that Bro. Brownrigg had resigned the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, because he had always been an active and zealous Mason in the Province, and although they would not continue to have the benefit of Bro. Brownrigg's services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he hoped they would not lose his assistance as a prominent Mason in this Province. He felt sure he was acting in accordance with the wishes of the brethren generally in requesting the Secretary to place on the minutes a record, expressing the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Brownrigg, for his past services, and their regret at his resignation.

Bro. Brownrigg briefly replied.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

J. Palmer, P.M. 1501 ..... Prov. S.G.W.  
W. H. Palmer, P.M. 771 ..... Prov. J.G.W.  
Rev. R. A. Robins, 771 ..... Prov. G. Chap.  
Rev. C. R. Honey, 1101 ..... Prov. A.G. Chap.  
G. Chancellor, P.M. 1101 ..... Prov. G. Treas.  
H. Clarke, P.M. 945 ..... Prov. G. Reg.  
R. Bradley, P.M. 414 ..... Prov. G. Sec.  
W. H. Herbert, P.M. 574 ..... Prov. S.G.D.  
W. Fitch, P.M. 1410 ..... Prov. J.G.D.  
L. Bryett, P.M. 209 ..... Prov. G.S. of W.  
J. Fuller, P.M. 1556 ..... Prov. G.D. of C.  
A. M. Yetts, P.M. 414 ..... Prov. A.G.D. of C.  
J. T. Freeman, P.M. 1101 ..... Prov. G. Swd. Br.  
A. B. Weston, 1501 ..... Prov. G. Org.  
G. de Fraine, W.M. 591 ..... Prov. G. Purs.  
C. Nowell, 771 ..... Prov. A.G. Purs.  
W. H. Bingham, P.M. 771 .....  
H. D. Hume, W.M. 209; M.  
Rest, W.M. 948, S. A.  
Pocock, W.M. 414; R.  
Roberts, SW. 209; and F.  
Manley, S.D. 771 ..... Prov. G. Stwds.  
W. Hemmings, 1101 and 414 Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Master then said it now devolved upon him to discharge a duty which gave him both pleasure and sorrow. He regretted to say that Bro. Biggs had retired from the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, which he had ably filled for the past nine or ten years, during which time they had been greatly in-

debted for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the province. He had no doubt Bro. Bradley would do his best to continue the admirable system in which Bro. Biggs had discharged the numerous duties associated with the office of Secretary. Having said this much he was going to ask the brethren to do something more than pass a mere compliment upon Bro. Biggs, and make a substantial recognition of his valuable services. He would propose that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds which he hoped would be amply added to by the lodges throughout the province, for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. Biggs that would be worthy of his acceptance, and worthy also of such a large and important province as Berks. and Bucks. He also proposed that a committee, consisting of the Masters of the lodges, be formed for the purpose of carrying out the object in view, and he hoped that all who joined in the undertaking would throw their whole heart into it.

Bro. Dixon seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

It was further resolved, that the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Biggs for his past services, and the regret felt by the brethren of the province on his retirement be recorded upon the minutes.

These resolutions were proposed and agreed to during the absence of Bro. Biggs from the lodge for a few minutes.

In concluding the business the Provincial Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the prosperity attending Masonry in this Province, and expressed his hope that when the brethren again met the reports from the lodges would be as satisfactory as those which they had heard read on this occasion. The P.G.M. stated that he believed the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Windsor.

The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and reflected great credit upon the cuisine of Mr. Puttick. The P.G.M. presided, and the P.G.S.W. and P.G.J.W. respectively officiated as Vice-Chairmen.

The P.G.M. having proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally responded to, the company drank the health of the M.W. the G. M. of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also that of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers of England, past and present.

Bro. Biggs, P.P.G. Sec., then rose and said, that in the absence of the D.P.G.M., he had the great privilege and pride of giving what he thought was regarded by all the brethren as the toast of the evening, namely, "The health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bt., M.P." (loud cheers). In this toast they were asked to do honour to a distinguished Mason, who had raised this province from a slough of despond to a position of importance among the Provincial Grand Lodges of England (cheers). When he looked back to the time Sir Daniel took the office of Grand Master of this province, and when he remembered the miserable procession of 23 Masons from Maidenhead to Boyn Hill Church, and contrasted the condition of affairs with the present condition of Masonry in Berks and Bucks, they saw how fortunate they had been in having Sir Daniel at their head, and they saw how much they were indebted to him (cheers). The occasion he alluded to presented a great contrast to the present, when they saw such a large attendance, and knew of the good feeling which existed among the Masons of Berks and Bucks. He ventured to say without fear of contradiction that the annals of Freemasonry scarcely presented an instance of a lodge of recent standing assuming such proportions as the Wycombe Lodge. Not only had the lodge supported the Charities, but its present Master (Bro. Cantrell) had himself given 100 guineas to each of the Masonic Institutions (cheers). The same brother had also served the various offices in the province, and the P.G.M., in making his appointments, had endeavoured to give them to such brethren as had done suit and service for the Craft (cheers). Sir Daniel was fully entitled to all the honour they could accord him, and he (Bro.



Higgs) was sure they all entertained the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare the valuable life of Sir Daniel to preside over this province, and that he would continue to enjoy all possible happiness and prosperity (cheers).

The P.G.M. briefly returned thanks, and proposed "The Health of the V.W. the D.P.G. Masters, and Past Grand Officers of the Province," for whom Bro. H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W., returned thanks.

The health of the visiting brethren was next drunk, and responded to by Bros. Bruton, Morgan, and Phillips.

To the toast of "The Masonic Charities" Bro. Herbert Clarke replied.

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Wardens and other officers appointed this day," having been drunk, Bro. Palmer, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Cutler, P.G.J.W., severally responded, and Bro. Palmer thanked the brethren generally for the kind support they had given, by which two children of the late Bro. Owens, the first W.M. of the Wycombe Lodge, had been elected to the Masonic Schools.

The P.G.M. then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Wycombe Lodge," to whom (Sir Daniel said), the Provincial Grand Lodge was deeply indebted for the kind reception given that day. (Cheers). The Wycombe Lodge was one of recent birth, but they had all heard how well it had been worked, and how successful it had been in its operations. They must all regret the loss of Bro. Owens, the first W.M. of the lodge, but it was some satisfaction to know that two of his children had been elected to the Masonic Schools.

Bro. Cantrell, in responding, assured the P.G.M. that the Wycombe brethren esteemed it a great honour that they should have been permitted to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion, seeing that the Wycombe Lodge was established only three years ago. He hoped, however, that this would not be the last time that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held there. (Hear, hear). The Wycombe brethren also regarded it as a great honour that their first P.M. should have been appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Biggs," remarking that the great benefit the province had derived from the labours of Bro. Biggs as Provincial Grand Secretary must be patent to all. (Hear, hear). Although they knew that Bro. Biggs' successor was an able man, who would do all he could for the prosperity of Masonry in the province, they could not help feeling considerable regret that Bro. Biggs had resigned the office he had so long held. (Hear, hear). He was sure all the brethren would join him in wishing their late Secretary health and happiness, and in hoping that although he would not hold the office of P.G.S. he would nevertheless give the new Secretary (Bro. Bradley) the benefit of his experience in carrying on the business of the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. Biggs, in reply, said he had simply retired because he felt age creeping upon him. He had reached his sixty-fourth year and for the past twenty-five years he had been in active work and taken a great interest in everything appertaining to Masonry. Having exhausted what he might describe as every move, and not knowing another he could play for the advantage of the Craft, he felt it was time to give place to another, who would give a fresh impetus to matters connected with the Craft in this province. He had done his best for the interests of Masonry, and was glad to see the great progress that had marked its history during the past nine or ten years. He should never retire from the province of Berks and Bucks, in which he naturally felt a deep interest, and he should be only too pleased to do anything in his power for the advantage of the Craft. (Cheers.)—He thanked Sir Daniel Gooch for the kind words he had been pleased to utter respecting him, and having been associated with Sir Daniel in Masonry for twenty-five years, he could assure the brethren their Provincial Grand Master was a man who was worth working for (cheers), and he

felt that to have enjoyed the esteemed friendship of Sir Daniel, and been in such close contact with him for so many years, was a position that would be the envy of many. He could truly say that he had never abused Sir Daniel's confidence, and in every recommendation he had made for provincial appointments he had acted without favour or affection. He had left friendship out of the scale, and had endeavoured to recommend for appointment those who would reflect credit upon the P.G.M., and also upon the Province generally. He had always striven to keep the principles of Masonry in view, and rewarded those who, by their time, energy, or means, had done good suit and service to the Craft. (Cheers).

The P.G.M. next proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Chancellor and Bro. Robert Bradley severally returned thanks.

"The Health of the late D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg" was proposed in complimentary terms by the P.G.M., and received with much cordiality.

"The health of the Prov. Grand Stewards" was also drunk, and the Tyler's toast, for "All Poor and Distressed Masons" completed the list, and Sir Daniel Gooch vacated the chair.

The harmony of the gathering was greatly promoted by the vocal performances of Bro. Tottle, and others. Bro. Weston ably presided at the pianoforte.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, July 6, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 30.

Lodge 1685, Joseph Paxton, Crystal Palace, (Consecration), Sydenham.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 3.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.

Lodge 1594, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Leytonstone.  
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.  
Encamp. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Liberty, 12, Pensonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 6.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 7, 1877.

#### MONDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, Mas. R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Booth L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Booth.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Tuebrook, Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
Alphas Encampment 123, M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton cum-Hardy.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Hamer L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The regular meeting of this well-established and prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Wednesday, 27th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Mason (who was out of town), the lodge was opened and presided over by Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, I.P.M. The work, done in an agreeable and pleasant manner, was the raising of Bros. Mayer, Ricardo, and Harrison. The entire ceremony was given, including the traditional history and the lecture on the Tracing Board. On the completion of the work the veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Midx., was heard to observe that out of the hundreds that he had initiated into Freemasonry no one had excelled Bro. Sabine, either in the work or the support given to the Masonic Charities. He said he ever felt proud of having initiated him. Every one was pleased to be present and witness such good working. This being the anniversary of the Boys' School Festival caused a thinner attendance than usual. But as this lodge has subscribed so well to the charities during its short existence it was not surprising that some of its officers should have attended at the festival. Several names were given in to the Secretary for initiation at the next meeting. Business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, August 22nd, to meet at half-past six o'clock p.m. Although no banquet was announced the brethren partook of a good supper. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. There were present Bros. Kemp, J.W.; C. W. Hudson, S.D.; H. Faija, J.D.; C. Graham, W.S.; A. J. Hawkes, I.G.; and amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. Louis Belk, W.M. designate 1687; R. W. Williams, P.G. Organist Middlesex, W.M. elect 1538; and W. Mitchell, Organist 1325; and some others whose names we were unable to ascertain.

**YARMOUTH.**—Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—The last monthly meeting of this lodge, prior to the summer vacation, was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Crown and Anchor Hotel. There was a very good attendance of the brethren, considering the hot weather, and the outdoor attractions of the season. Bro. Donald Currie was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. R. Martins, the working tools from the sections being given by Bro. Glover. The lecture on the Second Tracing Board was then given by Bro. Hubbard, S.W., and after the lodge had been closed in the Second Degree, Bro. Bond, P.M., gave the Lecture on the First Tracing Board in a masterly manner.

**IPSWICH.**—British Union Lodge (No. 114).—This very old and flourishing lodge held its annual "Feast of Roses" on Thursday evening, the 21st ult., at which about thirty brethren were present, amongst whom were several distinguished brethren from London and the Provinces, representing Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. Lodge was opened punctually at 7 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. J. B. Tweed, the following officers being also present: Bros. Miller, S.W.; Cassley, J.W.; Elliston, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; Spalding, P.M., Secretary; W. Clarke, W.M. 959, as D.C., filled the office of I.G. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. called upon Bro. Barber, P.M., to give a lecture upon the First Tracing Board, which was most effectively rendered, and which called forth the universal acclamation of the brethren present, at the conclusion of which the W.M. then proceeded to open the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cassley, J.W., delivered the lecture upon the Second Tracing Board, and although this worthy and energetic brother is, comparatively speaking, but a young Mason, his correctness and style of delivery elicited the admiration of all. Bro. Boby, P.M., then proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bros. Barber, P.M., and Cassley, J.W., for the very able manner in which they had delivered the lectures. This was seconded by Bro. the Rev. Benton, P.M., and carried unanimously. The W.M. having resumed into the Second Degree, asked the necessary questions before proceeding to close the lodge. Bro. Clarke, W.M. and P.G.D.C., then rose and introduced the subject of the Masonic Hall, which he said was about to change hands, and he sincerely hoped it would be purchased by the Masons of Ipswich, which now boasted four Craft lodges, one Mark lodge, three chapters, two encampments, and one Rose Croix Chapter, the members of

these various Masonic Orders numbering about 300 Brethren. He then gave a detail in as concise a form as possible of the amount of capital, &c., required, for carrying out the undertaking, and concluded by expressing a hope that so beautiful a building as that which they had had the pleasure of assembling in for the past twelve years might still be retained for Masonic purposes. A very lengthened discussion then ensued, the unanimous feeling being that no effort should be spared to retain the same. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room adjoining, which was profusely decorated with that most lovely of all flowers "the rose," the table being literally laden with the same, and the top of the room behind the Worshipful Master's chair was most tastefully set out with ferns and other choice flowers, the whole being arranged by Bro. Connell, who deserves the thanks of the lodge for his energy and taste displayed on this occasion. The W.M. having given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were interspersed by some very excellent singing by Bros. Miller, Abbott, Connell, and Taylor, concluded a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

**BARBADOS.**—Albion Lodge (No. 196).—The regular stated meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 6th June, at the Masonic Hall, Bridgetown. There was a large muster of members and visitors, including Bros. E. S. Crawford, W.M.; J. W. Williams, acting S.W.; W. Graydon, J.W.; C. A. Waterman, P.M., Treas.; M. Wilson, Sec.; N. R. Fitzpatrick, S.D.; J. E. King, J.D.; H. J. Armstrong, I.G.; A. B. Fillan, Acting Tyler; W. J. M. Clark, P.M.; C. T. Laurance, N. R. Nicolls, J. Murphy, R. J. Clinkett, D. Curtis, S. Wills, T. C. Killman, T. Hare, E. W. Terrey, A. S. Taylor. Among the visitors were W. H. Simpson, P.M. Scotia, 340; Geo. Sampson, P.M. Scotia, 340; T. Rickford, Scotia, 340; O. F. Coombs, P.M. Island Lodge, 89; U.S. Am.; C. M. Marchant, Martha's Vineyard, U.S. Am.; and W. Johnson, Royal Alfred, 420. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of past meetings read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. William Chavasse Millard, which resulted in his favour. Petitions were next handed in from Mr. E. Isaac Baeza and Sergeant Thomas Atherstone Mann, of the Army Hospital Corps. Both being highly recommended, their petitions were received, and W.M. directed that they be balloted for at the next regular meeting. The next business of the evening was the motion of Bro. T. D. Field, "That the Albion Lodge should unite with the Scotia Lodge and Chapter in establishing scholarships for six boys in the school on the ground floor of the Masonic building." Bro. M. Wilson begged leave to inform the W.M. that Bro. Field being unavoidably absent, he, as seconder of the motion, was quite ready, with permission from the chair, to submit the case to the members, which was this. A gentleman they all well knew to be a competent teacher, now rented from the Masonic body the room on the ground floor of the hall, as a school, and had some 18 to 20 boys. This gentleman had submitted a kind offer (letter read) to receive six boys, and give them a sound commercial education in consideration of his having the room rent free. The members were aware that at present, and until the comfortable building they now occupied was free from debt, which he felt sure would soon be the case, the trustees would not consent to give up the amount received for rent of this room; therefore, so as not to lose so liberal an offer, Bro. Field had brought forward his motion, which afforded him (Bro. Wilson) great pleasure in supporting, and in doing so this evening he was sure he could not too strongly advocate the measure, which it could not be denied was a good one. He would ask the brethren to remember what Masons were doing daily in the mother country for the good of the Craft, raising thousands of pounds annually for the education of hundreds of boys and girls, the children of Masons, and he felt sure we could not be doing wrong in our humble way if we followed their bright example. The amount required to be contributed by the two lodges and the chapter for this desirable object was only ten dollars, or, in other words, three dollars and thirty-three cents, each per month. It was true that the Albion had recently established two scholarships at Harrison's College, at £15 each per annum—one paid out of the lodge funds, and the other from subscriptions raised amongst its members and other kind subscribers. When this was first mooted in lodge members did not see how it could be managed, but now we all feel proud to know that we are educating two boys at this college, and hope some day to be able to increase the number, and in after years point them out as ornaments of the Masonic body. We, the Albion, have paid off our third portion of the building, and by the Treasurer's financial statement this evening we have 148 dollars to our credit, and this after deducting £15 for one boy's education at Harrison's for current year. He would, therefore, strongly urge the members to agree to the expenditure of the small amount asked for, viz., 3 dollars 33 cents, per month. Bro. J. W. Williams strongly supported the motion, which he felt happy to say was a good one. It was no use repeating what had already been said by his worthy brother, the Secretary, but he would only try to supply what he had omitted, which was this, that in sending out these six boys to obtain a preliminary education, although he could hardly term it preliminary, for it was well known that the gentleman who kept the school below was a classical scholar, and quite able to give boys a sound education, but still Harrison's College was now considered the first school in the island—from these six boys we could select from time to time, as a vacancy may occur, to extend their education at the college, and by going farther still, and giving the boy who had the best ability a profession, then we could say we had done something; we could point with pride and say, this is our boy. Therefore I press upon the members to support the measure, remembering that as a recognised body we have been

holding our place in the country over 150 years, and what have we done to further the claims of education? Nothing! It is only but a few months ago that we have commenced by sending two boys to Harrison's College. When we established the first scholarship it was then said we were not in a position to do so, but we did it, and since then we have added a second; now by all means let us expend our share on this effort. Education is the lever which is moving the world; many of us know by experience the want of it; in our day we did not have the advantages of the present, let that be an incentive to us, by doing all in our power while we have the opportunity. The motion was then put to the lodge and carried unanimously, after which the visitors were thanked kindly for their attendance, and the lodge was closed.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Merchant's Lodge (No. 241).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge (the praise and honour of which are in all the Masonic assemblies in West Lancashire, by reason of its noble and charitable deeds for all the Masonic Charities in and out of the province), was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at noon of the 26th ult. There was a good gathering at the installation meeting, where the chair was taken at the opening by Bro. G. Hutchin, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers, a good array of P.G. representatives, and numerous visitors. After the transaction of some formal business, the chair of installing Master was assumed by Bro. J. H. Younghusband, P.M. 241, P.P.G.J.W. West Lancashire. In a most impressive and effective manner he installed Bro. Counsellor George Peet in the chair of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and he (the W.M.) afterwards invested the following as the officers during his year of office:—Bros. G. Hutchin, I.P.M.; J. Winsor, S.W.; T. H. Salter, Secretary; W. Williams, S.D.; John Latta, J. D.; T. Whitehead, I.G.; and G. Broadbridge, P.M., D.C. Before the closing of the lodge, Bro. G. Peet, W.M., presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to Bro. G. Hutchin, I.P.M., as an evidence of the goodwill and esteem of the brethren. At the close of the business the members and visitors proceeded to Southport, where a splendid banquet was served at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Between eighty and ninety brethren were present, under the presidency of Bro. Peet, W.M., who was supported by a distinguished gathering of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and Visitors. After banquet, the W.M. (Bro. Peet) said:—Brethren, a sniff of the fresh breezes which blow over Southport must be more welcome to you than long and hackneyed speeches and, therefore, it is my intention to propose the toasts set down in our programme in the fewest possible words—an example which, I trust, will be followed by all who have to speak. Brethren, the first toast on our list—"Our noble Queen"—is the first in that part of our hearts where loyalty lodges, for several reasons—because she is a model sovereign, a virtuous lady, the mother of worthy Masons, and an example to the whole race of womankind. I ask a loyal greeting for "The Queen." The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. then gave "Bro. H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Bro. the Duke of Connaught, Grand S.W., and the rest of the Royal Family;" and "Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M.; and Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, W. Deputy G.M. of England and R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire," the latter being responded to by Bro. Bullen, Past G.S.B. The W.M. in proposing "The West Lancashire Masonic Charitable Institutions" said, there are three virtues which especially distinguish our Craft, but the brightest and most distinguished is that which stands in the centre of what may be called "The Three Graces"—I mean "Relief," so nobly supported by the "Brotherly Love," and "Truth" which ought so especially to characterise our Masonic conduct. I have often thought of this as the link which has so strongly bound our Order for centuries, and I cannot help thinking so long as pure unostentatious charity remains as the most sparkling jewel in our insignia, Masonry must flourish and be a power on the earth. In the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution we have the embodiment of Masonic charity as the work of relief, what it does is done in an unobtrusive yet efficient way; this one of its chief charms. Thanks to the zeal and liberality of individuals and lodges this charity is now doing a really noble work, while standing on a firm basis; but I would remind the members of this and other lodges that as Masonry increases so must the calls on this and kindred institutions, grow more and more. The Hamer Benevolent Fund although comparatively young, is also, doubtless, designed to do good service, and as it is most admirably directed by well-known and tried brethren, I am sure it will receive the support from all which it deserves. Brethren, I give you "Our West Lancashire Charities," soliciting for them increased liberality, and coupling with the toast the names of Bros. R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D. for the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, for the West Lancashire. These brethren suitably responded, the latter (Bro. Brown) referring to the increasing claims on the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution as a reason for greater liberality on the part of the brethren in connection with the various lodges. Bro. Younghusband, P.P.G.J.W., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which Bro. Peet acknowledged in an excellent speech; he said:—Bro. Younghusband, P.M.'s, officers, and brethren, the heartiness with which the toast of my health has been proposed, and the cordiality with which it has been received merit my special thanks, but the very great honour which you have conferred on me to day by placing me in the W.M.'s chair makes my words of thanks seem poor indeed. There are certain events in one's lifetime which stand out with special prominence, but in a Mason's career there can be none of greater interest than being placed in the chair of a lodge whose history is full of



honourable deeds, by the unanimous vote of brethren whose name and fame are so well known, and after filling various offices in a manner which seems to have been satisfactory to the brethren. Perhaps no honour in Masonry is so honourable than that of the W.M., but attaching to the occupancy of the chair in the Merchants' Lodge there is a special honour which I assure you is fully realised by me. Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the honour you have conferred on me. The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M. 1380; J. Jones, P.M. 216; and C. Leedham, P.M. 220. "The Installing Master," given by Bro. Hutchin, I.P.M., was eloquently acknowledged by Bro. Younghusband. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters," which Bros. Hutchin and Knight acknowledged in suitable terms. To the "Health of the Officers" the S.W. and J.W. responded. A capital selection of music was given by Bros. J. Jones, W. F. Naylor, J. Pugnire, and J. P. Bryan, Bro. Ewart efficiently presiding at the piano.

**LEICESTER.**—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday, June 26th, and was attended by a very numerous gathering of members and visitors. The W.M. (Bro. W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G. Org.) was supported by the following P.M.'s of the lodge:—R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.P.G.M.; Bros. George Toller, G.S.B. of England; S. S. Partridge, Prov. S.G.W.; W. B. Smith, Prov. G. Treas.; J. T. Thorp, I.P.M.; W. Sculthorpe, P.P.G.S.D.; F. J. Baines, P.P.G.S.D. Many visitors were present, among whom we noticed:—Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 50; Bros. C. S. Preston, W.M. 50; C. E. Stretton, W.M. 279; A. Palmer, P.M. 279; J. W. Smith, P.M. 279; J. M. McAlister, A.M. 279; R. A. Barber, P.M. 1391; E. Mason, I.P.M. 1391; A. C. Smith, S.W. 50; R. B. Smith, 50; T. N. Cookson, 432; H. Colwell, 482; A. G. Randall, 1333; R. S. Toller, 1560; F. H. Hodges, 1560; W. Beeson, 1560. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. Tom Atkins Wykes, P.P.G. Org.) was admirably performed by Bro. W. T. Rowlett, the retiring W.M. After the usual salutes, the newly installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Richard Taylor, S.W.; George Odell, J.W.; W. B. Smith, P.M., Treas.; Jos. Young, Sec.; C. C. Woodcock, S.D.; E. W. Potter, J.D.; C. E. Willoughby, Org.; R. J. Clarke, I.G.; F. R. Pickering and T. M. Quin, Stewards; C. Bembridge and T. Dunn, Tylers. The R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. (as the oldest P.M. of the lodge), then presented Bro. Rowlett with a Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted to him at a previous meeting, as a small recognition of the ability and courtesy displayed by him as W.M. during his year of office. After some further transaction of business, Bro. Partridge, Prov. S.G.W., as Charity Steward for the Boys' School Festival (to take place on the following day) took the opportunity of informing the brethren present that the generous manner in which his recent appeal had been responded to would enable his amount to far exceed any similar list gathered in the province. The lodge having been closed in due form, about sixty of the brethren sat down to the installation banquet, which left nothing to be desired, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were as heartily given as received; thus a very agreeable evening (enlivened by vocal and instrumental music of several of the brethren), was harmoniously brought to a close at a reasonable hour.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. R. P. France, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair at the opening, supported by Bros. H. Hunt, Peter M. Larsen, Thomas Dilcock, Past Masters; Bro. John Le Comber, S.W.; Bro. John L. Houghton, J.W.; Bro. Robert Ing, P.M.; Treasurer; Bro. Thos. Boswell, Secretary; Bro. William Leatham (S.D.), Bro. Ibbs, P.M., D.C., &c. After the usual proceedings the W.M. initiated a member, after which Bro. Le Comber was presented by Bros. Larsen and Dilcock, Past Masters, and installed by the retiring W.M. in a satisfactory manner. The following were invested as officers after the installation:—Bros. S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Director of Ceremonies; John L. Houghton, S.W.; T. Boswell, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); J. P. Pedersen, Hon. Sec.; J. J. Yapp, Organist; J. H. Burch, S.D.; J. Glitherow, J.D.; W. Vevors, I.G.; R. J. Wilkinson, S.S.; W. Peacock, J.S.; W. Strong and R. Maddox, Assistant Stewards; and Thos. Malcolm was elected Tyler. After the lodge business the members, with their wives and friends, to the number of nearly 250, set out for the Overton, Mills for the purpose of a picnic.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this excellently conducted lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. Joseph Bell was, as usual, in his place as W.M., and in his admirable working he was ably supported by Bros. W. J. Chapman, S.W.; L. Courtenay, J.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G.; A. Collinson, S.S.; J. Pye, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. T. J. Avann, P. Lowndes, H. P. Squire, F. F. Carter, J. F. Cowdell, F. Wilkinson, T. J. Bailey, R. Burgess, J. Ashley, L. B. Brough, Dr. A. Whittle, J. Ballard, H. Leslie, J. Packer, J. Hill, W. Stafford, G. Martin, J. H. Stringer, McKenzie (Freemason), and others. There were five initiated and two raised, the work being again of a first-class kind. The brethren subsequently banquetted in the old lodge room.

**APPLEBY.**—Eden Valley Lodge No. 612).—On Friday, the 22nd inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held, and was well attended by the members and visitors. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. the Rev.

Canon Simpson, LL.D., P.G. Chaplain of England, the brethren invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P.J.G.W., to take the chair and conduct the ceremony of the day. In this he was assisted by Bros. Kirkbride, P.M., P.Z., P.S.G.W.; John Whitehead, P.M., P.G.R.; W. S. Foulton, P.M.; Nelson, W.M. 129; R. Godfrey, W.M. 1074; R. Warton, S.W., W.M. elect; Cockfield, J.W.; Barron, J. W. 129; G. R. Thompson; Rev. R. Chapelhow, Chaplain; Popple; Pearson; W. Ceussens, Hon. Sec.; Cupins, Tyler, &c. The lodge was opened in solemn form with prayer, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Kirkbride and Whitehead presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Warton, for the benefit of installation. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the following P.M.'s took up the positions indicated; Bros. Nelson, S.W.; Godfrey, J.W.; and Whitehead, I.G. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, after which all below the Degree of Installed Master, with the exception of the W.M. elect, were requested to retire. Bro. Warton was then "entrusted" and retired. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form, the W.M. elect readmitted and installed in the chair of K.S., greeted in due form and proclaimed from the centre. The worshipful brethren were then called off, when cement proper to the occasion was applied, according to ancient custom. Labour resumed, the Board of Installed Masters was closed and the brethren admitted. The W.M. was then greeted and proclaimed in the several degrees. The officers for the ensuing year having been appointed and invested, Bro. Kirkbride delivered the charges to the W.M. and brethren, Bro. Bowes the address to the Wardens. After some routine business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room where everything in season was bountifully supplied, and tastefully presented by the excellent hostess, Mrs. Rigg, and under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., nothing was wanted to render the occasion one of real enjoyment. Grace before and after meat was said by the Rev. R. Chapelhow. On the cloth being withdrawn a toast list of a unique character, interspersed with Shakespearian quotations, was placed in the hands of the brethren, for which the Appleby brethren were indebted to Bro. Kirkbride. Postprandial speeches are much of the same character wherever made; but the brethren were much pleased on this occasion by their heartiness and the true Masonic feeling manifested in the remarks of the various speakers. The W.M. is evidently held in the highest estimation, and no doubt he will make a thoroughly efficient Master. The Past Masters were highly spoken of for their long continued interest in the Craft, while the officers generally appear to have been selected with much judgment. The Installing Masters are well known and appreciated as "working" Masons and their rank in the Province shows that their worth is recognised by the Provincial Grand Master. The visitors one and all gave free expression to their obligations to the Appleby brethren for the very enjoyable day they had had in every degree. "The bell having tolled eleven," the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William Street, the W.M., Bro. T. Butt, in the chair, supported by the following officers: T. Ward, I.P.M.; P.M.'s S. Goddard, W. Graham, C. Norman, C. W. Hobson, R. Bowles; S. Waters, S.W.; A. C. Woodley, J.W.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treasurer; C. Cooke, Organist; J. Warren, S.D.; J. Wilkins, J.D.; E. B. Hobson, I.G.; W. McCoy, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The visitors included F. G. Pownall, W.M. 13 and P.M. 1536; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; G. Davies, P.M. 13; T. D. Hayes, J.W. 913; H. Syer, Secretary 13; H. F. Castellari, 391, "Independence and Philanthropy," Bengal; A. Thoms, Tyler 583, Bengal; H. Pryce, 913; N. Brown, J.D. 13; H. Webb, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The lodge having been duly opened, Bros. Grocock and Skillen were raised to the Sublime Degree in the W.M.'s usual careful and impressive manner. After resuming Bro. Waters, S.W., was unanimously elected to the office of W.M. for the ensuing year; and Bro. C. Hobson, P.M., as Treasurer, in the place of Bro. F. Dawson, who for many years held that office, but who, to the regret of the brethren, has been compelled to resign through pressure of business. Bro. B. Norman, was then re-elected Tyler. After some charitable claims had been attended to, and others acknowledged, it was proposed and carried unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Butt, as an acknowledgment of his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office, and the W.M. returned thanks. It was then unanimously resolved—that a copy of the *Freemason* should be subscribed for out of the lodge funds, to be sent weekly to the W.M., and placed in the ante-room for the use of the brethren. The lodge was then closed and the usual festivities followed, the loyal Masonic toasts being heartily given and responded to. Bro. Ward, I.P.M., for the last time, proposed in eulogistic terms the toast of the W.M., passing him many well deserved comments for his ability and attention to the interests of the lodge, and Bro. Butt in thanking the brethren, said on retiring from the exalted position he should so soon have to give up to his successor, he left it with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure, with pleasure, because he should be able to take off the yoke that for the last twelve months had been round his neck, which, however light it might and had been made by the kindness of the brethren, had been no easy one; and regret, because he left a chair that had been to him a centre around which had gathered the respect, the power, and the wisdom of the lodge. He took that opportunity of thanking the officers, from the S.W. downwards, for the support; and

the brethren for their obedience to the sound of the gavel, and the hearty assistance given at all times to him. For himself he trusted he had given every satisfaction, and if he had, he should leave that chair proud and contented. "The health of the W.M. elect" followed, and Bro. Waters returned suitable thanks. The "Past Masters" toast followed, and Bro. Ward in reply, said it gave the P.M. great pleasure to know they had the confidence of the brethren, and as their W.M. would not have an opportunity of again hearing them, he should ask them to respond severally for themselves. Bros. Goddard and Bowles having briefly acknowledged the toast, Bro. Graham said that Bro. Ward spoke as if the W.M., by leaving the chair, was coming down a step or two, but he, Bro. Graham, thought he was ascending a step or two by coming among the P.M.'s. He for one thought so when he took the proud position of a P.M. of the Nelson lodge. He regretted that ill-health had so often kept him away from the lodge, and concluded a spirited reply by assuring the brethren that the Past Masters would only be too happy to do all in their power to help any aspirant to that chair so well and worthily filled by their present W.M. Bro. Hobson said they all knew the interest he took in the Nelson Lodge from the first moment of his initiation. Both as W.M. and P.M. he had always endeavoured to exalt it among the lodges of the district, and he trusted with some success. During the whole of that time—eleven years—he had never been absent ten minutes. It was the duty of the Past Masters to be present, not only to set a good example, but to do the work of the lodge in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.; and while they, the Past Masters, did their duty, they were sure of the respect of the whole brethren. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Pownall, Penfold, and Castellari severally replied, the former speaking of the efforts made to get a son of our late Bro. Priestly, P.S.W. of the Capper Lodge, 1076, into the Boys' School Institution, and urged them all to assist this deserving case at the next election in October. Bro. Penfold, on behalf of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, thanked them for their unvaried courtesy to him, and the other brethren of the lodge who so often visited them, and trusted the Nelson Lodge might always have so excellent a Master to preside over its destinies as Bro. Burt. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and after response the W.M. proposed the toast of the "Masonic Press," and coupled with it the name of Bro. C. Jolly, and thanked that brother for his many and truthful reports in the *Freemason*. Bro. Jolly replied, and hoped every lodge would follow the example set by them that day, and subscribe for the *Freemason*. The Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasure of the evening.

**WOOLWICH.**—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).—The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. T. Gamble, into the chair of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. R. Croisdale was the installing officer, and well did he sustain his acknowledged reputation, by the eloquent impressiveness with which he worked the whole of the beautiful ceremonies appertaining to that office. Among the brethren and visitors present were—A. Prescott and Sydney Clark, Past Masters of the lodge; Bros. W. Griffith; G. F. Busbridge, P.P.G.A.S., Kent; F. Pownall, W.M. 13, and P.M. 1536; T. Vincent, W.M. 913; T. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; F. A. White, W.M. 907; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; R. W. Govey, W.M. 704; W. St. Aubyn, P.M. 251; H. W. Butler, S.W.; and W.M. elect 913; G. Spinks, S.W. and W.M. elect 1536; S. Waters, S.W., and W.M. elect 700; G. W. Reed, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; H. Picken, J.W. 1536; A. Woodley, J.W. 700; W. Gaspey, 339 and 1073; J. Davidson, 35; R. Bowman, 206; R. J. Cook, 915, and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. G. M. Tapp, and being raised to the Second Degree, Bro. Gamble was presented for installation, and having assented to the Ancient Charges, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Gamble was placed in the chair of K.S., and duly proclaimed and saluted by the brethren in the Three Degrees, as before noticed, Bro. Croisdale being the installing officer. Bro. Gamble then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bro. F. Sales, S.W.; Mutch, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and P.M. 913; Sec.; S. Clark, P.M., Treas.; J. Donnelly, S.D.; Eugene Sweny, J.D.; J. G. Alexander, I.G.; J. Black, D.C.; and —Evis, O.G. A vote of thanks to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, was then passed to Bro. Croisdale for the splendid manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation, and Bro. Croisdale returned thanks. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was then presented to the retiring W.M. as a token of the respect and admiration borne him by the lodge, and Bro. Gamble, in pinning it upon the breast of Bro. Tapp, wished him many years to wear it. Bro. Tapp briefly returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. De Grey's famous hostelry, the Freemasons' Arms, opposite the Dockyard Station, where a superb banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were done full justice to, and Bro. Busbridge replied to an especial toast to the P.G. Officers of Kent. The I.P.M. then said he had a most pleasant duty to perform, and that was to ask them to drink with him to the health of Bro. Gamble, their esteemed W.M., and in so doing he would ask them to give him (the W.M.) that hearty support and brotherly regard that they had invariably accorded him (Bro. Tapp) while in the chair. Their W.M. would soon realise the importance of the position that he was called upon to fulfil, and he felt satisfied that the honour and interest of the lodge was safe in his hands. He wished him (the W.M.) a happy and prosperous year of office, and concluded by proposing the toast. Bro. Gamble assured them that he regarded it as a very great honour to have to preside over such a distinguished assembly. He was proud of the position in which they had



placed him. He always looked forward with pleasure and hope to the time when he should preside over such a lodge, in which existed that concord and brotherly love that should at all time characterise Freemasonry. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and Bro. St. Aubyn and Dr. Pope replied. Bro. P.M. Prescott in response to "The Health of the Past Masters," said he thanked them as one who had worked to the position of P.M. from the door of the lodge through all the offices, and he had reason to know that if a P.M. did his duty, it was not only one of responsibility, but of many onerous and arduous duties. He considered the Past Masters the backbone of the lodge, ready and willing at all times to assist the W.M. or brethren, and proud of the opportunity of so doing. Bro. Tapp, I.P.M., said he fancied the W.M. had almost surpassed himself in the eulogy he had passed upon them. He knew that this was the time to say pleasant things of one another and of their good qualities, as they would like them to be, rather than as they really are. The W.M. spoke so highly of them, that, coming among them so recently, he was afraid that he had no right to any part or portion of their honour; but they might depend upon his deserving it if ever it laid in his power so to do. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Sales responded. Bro. Jolly replied to a flattering reception of his name as our representative, and urged the claim of the *Freemason* to their attention and support. Bro. De Grey responded to a well deserved eulogy of his catering, and then the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

**HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Weeks, the following officers being in attendance, Bros. J. Clay, S.W.; T. P. Hall, J.W.; C. H. Liddell, J.D.; also Bros. H. R. Trigg, J. N. Hillman, Sec., H. Martin Green, E. Good, J. Harrison, T. Francis. P.M.'s J. Dintall, I.P.M.; and Bros. O. C. Harris, H. Kimber, Rev. T. W. Johnstone, W. Dart, and S. E. Casabianca, E.A. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, Bro. Casabianca was examined, and having proved his efficiency was entrusted and retired, the lodge was opened up to the Second Degree, and Bro. Casabianca was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., after which the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Martin Green, P. Prov. G.P., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Clay, S.W., the W.M. elect, the ceremony being ably performed. The following visitors were present—Bros. Mark E. Frost, P.G. Treas.; J. Lind, P.M. 248; H. J. Guy, W.M. 342; H. Woodward, 1428; W. D. Parkhurst, 342; Dent, 1501; Bolton, 127; E. Smith, 342. The W.M. invested the following as officers for the year—T. P. Hall, S.W.; Liddell, J.W.; Weeks, P.M.; Treas.; Francis, P.M.; Sec.; J. N. Hillman, P.M.; M.C.; Rev. T. W. Johnstone, Chaplain, O. C. Harris, S.D.; Dart, J.D.; H. Kimber, I.G.; Clark, Steward; W. Blackmore, Tyler. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. Purnell, P.M.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).**—On the 20th ult. the last regular meeting of this prosperous lodge took place. Present: Bros. B. S. Wilmot, W.M.; H. Riach, I.P.M.; W. B. Bacon, S.W.; H. D. Williams, J.W.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; Ranking, S.D.; Hotchkiss, J.D.; G. Dunkley, I.A.; P.M.'s Read, Davies, and Spencer, Bros. Pelton, Ellis, Graham, and others. Visitor, Bro. Plummer. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Deadman was examined and entrusted, after which he retired, was readmitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Waterman, which proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. giving the address in a most able and emphatic manner. The W.M. had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Riach with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in the name of the brethren, as a token of their esteem and the respect they felt for him. P.M. Riach suitably acknowledged the presentation and compliments. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, after which the W.M., with his genial eloquence, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. All were warmly responded to. The W.M. then gave "The Initiate," and after expatiating on the beauties of Freemasonry, called on the brethren to give the initiate a good welcome to the Craft. Bro. Waterman suitably acknowledged the toast. Many other toasts were given and responded to, the visitor coming in for his share of honour and glory, the last being the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

**LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 22nd June, at the Masonic Hall, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool. This lodge was consecrated in 1872, by the late Bro. James Hamer, P. Prov. Grand Treasurer of West Lancashire, who was looked upon as a great authority in this province in Masonic matters, and the uniform excellence of its working has always attracted a great number of visitors, and the present occasion proved to be no exception to the rule. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the retiring W.M. (Bro. J. McCarthy), supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and members of the lodge:—Bros. Henry Jackson, I.P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M., D.C.; John Jones, P.M.; Thomas Sammons, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas Large, J.W.; Charles Tyrer, Treas.; Robert Leason, Sec.; John Price, S.D.; Dr. B. Price, J.D.; W. C. Erwin, I.G.; J. Pilling, S.S.; R. J. L. Kynaston, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for two gentlemen for initiation (which proved satisfactory) the

W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., D.C., who opened the lodge in the Second Degree. The W.M. elect (Bro. Thomas Sammons) was then presented by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S., and Bro. J. McCarthy, W.M., for the benefit of installation. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters (numbering about thirty) was then opened, and Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., D.C. (ably assisted by Bro. H. Jackson, I.P.M.) placed Bro. Thos. Sammons in the chair of K.S. in such a manner as to elicit the warmest approbation from those present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in ancient form, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows, the addresses being delivered by Bro. H. Jackson, P.M., in his usual impressive manner: Bros. John McCarthy, I.P.M.; Thomas Large, S.W.; Robert Leason, J.W.; John Price, Treas.; W. C. Erwin, Sec.; Dr. B. Price, S.D.; Jas. Pilling, J.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, I.G.; R. H. Evans, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Jewitt, S.S.; M. Callaghan, J.S.; W. J. Pillow and G. B. Tenison, A.S.'s. On the proposition of Bro. J. McCarthy, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. H. Jewitt, Bro. M. Williamson was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. F. Palliser, R. A. Lambert, and Thomas Adler into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren (numbering nearly one hundred) adjourned to the banquet hall, and, under the presidency of the W.M., partook of a sumptuous dinner, which was served up by Bro. Ball, the house steward, in his usual excellent style. The W.M. was supported by Bros. John McCarthy, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M., D.C.; John Jones, P.M.; H. S. Alpass, Prov. G.Sec.; Geo. Turner, Prov. G. Treas.; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Skeaf, Prov. G.Org.; John Jones, P.M. 216; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, S.W. 216; Henry Nelson, P.M. 673 and 1505; J. T. Callow, P.M. 674 and 1505; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; W. Wilson, W.M. 823; G. Hutchin, W.M. 241; R. Brown, P.M. 241; Dr. McGeorge, P.M. 241; Dr. A. Samuels, P.M.; L. Ellis, P.M.; Stanton, S.W.; W. Hughes, P.M., 283; G. H. Smith, P.M.; Walter Newton, P.M., and others. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed "the Health of the Queen," which was honoured by the brethren in a loyal manner. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," received a similar greeting. Bro. Thomas Large, S.W., gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge." Bro. Robert Leason, J.W., next proposed "The Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, W.D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," and alluded in a stirring speech to the valuable services rendered by his lordship to the Craft in general, and the active interest he has always evinced in the lodges in the province over which he presides. He next referred to the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and paid the highest tribute of respect to the services of Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec., and Bro. G. Turner, Prov. G. Treas., with whose names he coupled the toast. Bro. G. Turner, Prov. G. Treas., in reply, spoke highly of Lord Skelmersdale's prudence and discrimination as Prov. G.M. in appointing fit and proper persons as officers of the Grand Lodge, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the reception he always received at the Hamer Lodge. Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec., endorsing the words of his predecessor, stated that the popularity of their Prov. G.M. was not confined to West Lancashire, but was as great in every Masonic circle where he was known. He congratulated the lodge on the progress which it had made towards equalising its income and expenditure, and in order to complete this recommended them to see that all arrears of subscription were rigidly looked after. With regard to the Grand Lodge he urged all Past Masters to make use of the experience which they had gained to fit themselves for its duties. He referred to the distinguishing characteristic of Masonry—charity, and recommended to the serious consideration of the brethren the educational charities, concluding by wishing the lodge every prosperity. "The Masonic Charitable Institutions" was proposed by Bro. Henry Jackson, P.M., who spoke of charity as the "Keystone of Masonry," and strongly advocated its claims, more especially in connection with the West Yorkshire Educational Institution, and the Hamer Benevolent Fund. Bro. D. McGeorge, P.M. and Treas. 241, and honorary surgeon to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, Honorary Secretary of the Institution, responded to the toast, and thanked the lodge for the liberal support it had always given to the charities in West Lancashire. Bro. John McCarthy, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said:—Brethren, it gives me infinite pleasure to rise and propose the next toast, which, I think, is rightly considered on occasions like the present to be the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Sammons." It is unnecessary for me to recount his many excellences, and the active part he has taken in the duties of the lodge since its formation, as they are too well known to you already. Step by step he has filled the various offices, and to-day he has attained the highest honour it is possible for the lodge to confer upon him. That he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the brethren there is not a doubt, as he was elected by their unanimous vote at the last regular meeting of the lodge, and I am sure, by his assiduity, ability and zeal, he will prove a worthy successor to those who have gone before him. The interests of the Hamer Lodge are safe in his hands, and its reputation for excellent working will, I am certain, be maintained, and the fraternal good feeling which has hitherto existed between the Worshipful Master, and brethren, will be equal to, if it does not surpass, that of any preceding

year. Therefore, brethren, as we are assembled here to-day to congratulate him upon the position he has attained, I call upon you to join me in wishing him every prosperity and a successful year of office. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Sammons, in responding, said:—Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the great honour you have done me in electing me to the very proud position of W.M. of this lodge—a position, I assure you, which I value more than any words of mine can express, and I thank you most sincerely for the more than cordial reception you have given to this toast. Rest assured I shall endeavour to carry out my duties as W.M. in such a manner as will meet with your entire satisfaction and will try to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors in that respect. It is impossible for me to convey my thanks to you as I could wish or to express my deep sense of the honour you have conferred upon me in the proud position I now hold, and as long as I live I shall never forget your many kindnesses to me. "Brethren, I thank you." Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., D.C., in a lengthy speech proposed the health of Bro. John McCarthy, I.P.M., in the course of which he expressed the great pleasure it afforded him in having this toast placed in his hands, more especially owing to the close association which existed between the I.P.M. and himself. He reviewed his Masonic career from its commencement holding him up as a pattern to the officers and members generally, and attributed the present satisfactory state of the lodge to his business tact and untiring Masonic energy. That the brethren appreciated his services was a fact too well known to be questioned, for in addition to the Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, they were about to present him (through the medium of the W.M.) with a handsome gold watch and chain as a slight token of their esteem. The toast having been drunk with the customary honour the W.M. presented Bro. J. McCarthy, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, together with a gold watch and chain of exquisite workmanship. The watch bore the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. John McCarthy, P.M., by the brethren of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, at the conclusion of his year of office, as a token of their appreciation of his Masonic ability and their strong personal regard.—Liverpool, 22nd June 1877." Brother J. McCarthy on rising received such an ovation from the brethren as prevented him speaking for some little time—he said—Worshipful Master, Bro. Past Master Evans, Officers, and brethren. For the honour Bro. Past Master Evans has done me in the complimentary manner in which he has placed my name before you, and the enthusiasm with which you have greeted it, allow me to thank you. I assure you the cordial reception you have given me has so completely overwhelmed me that I am scarcely able to utter the few brief words "I thank you." I should be wanting, however, in my appreciation of the high esteem in which you hold me did I not give you an assurance of the deep debt of gratitude under which you have placed me, for the kindly words spoken on my behalf, and the handsome testimonial of which I am this day the recipient. I assure you that the fulness of my heart alone prevents me couching my language in a manner that I could wish. I must, therefore, ask you, brethren, to accept the will for the deed, but be assured that wherever I go, or whatever position I may attain, the recollections of this day, and the pleasurable hours I have spent with you, will always be uppermost in my mind, and can never be effaced from the pages of memory so long as I live. Reference has been made to my associations and connections with this lodge, and the active interest I have taken in it, particularly during the past year. I need not trouble you with any remarks upon that point, as Bro. Evans has already entered so fully into it, but let me simply say that in the various offices I have filled I have endeavoured to do my duty to the best of my ability, and if I have fallen short in any way it has not been for want of zeal, and if I am to take Bro. Evans as the mouthpiece of the lodge—which I do—my conduct in the chair has been all that you could desire, and I am proud to be able to say I have substantial proof of it. I shall, therefore, conclude by thanking the Past Masters, officers, and members of the lodge for the cordial support given to me during my year of office, and the manner in which you have now honoured the toast of my health. The Secretary, Bro. W. C. Erwin, proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," which was drunk with the usual honours. Bro. John Jones, P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the reception they had once more given the toast of the Past Masters. The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. John Jones, P.M. 216; Dr. McGeorge, P.M. 241; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, S.W. 216; H. Vaughan, S.W. 86; S. H. Smith, P.M., Lodge Union, Ashton-under-Lyne; Walter Newton, P.M., Lodge Union, Ashton-under-Lyne, and others. Bro. J. Price, Treas., proposed the "Newly Initiated Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Adler. The Tyler's toast having been given, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. During the evening several capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. Jones, J. Bushfield, J. Rees Jenkins, C. Heywood, J. Handford, H. Jackson, W. M. Asher, W. Hiles, R. Brown, and others, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, Prov. G. Organist, and Bro. J. P. Bryan, Organist 203. The brethren separated at an early hour after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423)** The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, June 9th, Bro. E. H. Thielay, P.G.S.B. Midx., P.M. 145, W.M., presided. The work, which was done in a correct and impressive manner by the W.M., was initiating Mr. John Bartlett into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. Bros. W. Swindlehurst, F. F. Beard, and E. Woelike were raised to the Sublime Degree



**Master Masons.** On motion made by Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., S.W., and seconded by Bro. Baxter Langley, I.P.M., and unanimously resolved, that a letter of congratulation be sent to Bro. R. W. Little, on his appointment of D.P.G.M. Middx. Following in the wake of what has been done in other lodges in the province, although this Era lodge was one of the first in the province to solicit and recommend to the R.W.P.G.M. Middx., Bro. Col. F. Burdett, to confer the office of D.P.G.M. Middx. on Bro. R. W. Little, these and other acts showing how popular the appointment is in the province, and how deservedly Bro. Little is held in the estimation of all who know him. Notice of motion was given to give ten guineas to the Burdett Testimonial Fund, which amount will be supplemented by the donations amongst its members. The W.M., Bro. E. H. Thielay proved his earnestness by heading the list with five guineas, many others giving their guineas. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and apologies received from absent candidates. Business ended, the lodge was closed. There were present Bros. T. J. Sabine, P.M., &c., S.W.; E. W. Devereux, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; S. Wolff, S.D.; A. F. Loos, J.D.; B. Wright, Asst. Sec.; J. W. Baldwin, P.D.G.P. Middx., P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; W. Hammond, P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; J. Baxter Langley, P.M., and several others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. A. F. Hagan, 145; W. Etheridge, 829; T. S. Gibbs, 34; T. G. Tagg, 1326. After the banquet the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, that of the R.W.P.G.M. Middx., coming in for the lion's share of applause and appreciation. After a few well spent hours the members separated and returned to town.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

At the Grand Session held at Rochester, New York, on the 20th ult., the following officers were elected: Sovereign Grand Master, C. F. Knapp, of Pennsylvania. Deputy Grand Master, J. J. French, of Illinois. Grand Vicar, R. B. Smith, of Illinois. First Lieutenant, J. H. Willard, of Indiana. Second Lieutenant, C. E. Moyer, of Pennsylvania. Grand Treasurer, Gen. R. B. Caldwell, of Kentucky. Grand Register, Gen. Alfred Creigh, of Pennsylvania. Right Reverend Prelate, John L. Young, of Pennsylvania. Grand High Chancellor, J. H. Drummond, of Maine. Grand Senechal, Geo. B. Tyler, of Vermont. Grand Prior John Haigh, of Massachusetts. Grand Chamberlain, Geo. V. Hawk, of Indiana. Grand Standard Bearer, Jas. H. Miles, of Illinois. Grand Marshal, J. D. Williams, of New-York. Grand Herald, H. C. Field, of Rhode Island. Grand Captain of the Guards, T. Ballantyne, of Georgia. The Treaty between the Supreme Council of the United States and the Grand Council of England was ratified and adopted. Philadelphia was selected as the next place of meeting on the second Wednesday of June, 1878.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATIONS.—May, 1877.

#### I.—MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.

Advanced Stage, 2nd class, W. Parker, C. D. Green. Elementary Stage, 1st class: Booser, Bowler, Barrett, Hazeland, Molineaux, Martin, E. T. Sage, Taylor, Sawtelle, Uwins.

2nd class.—A. Bryant, Chaumette, Clemence, Davenport, Ellis, Dancy, Grimes, Hamson, E. F. Harding, T. W. Harding, Heaviside, Howard, Healey, Pawley, Roberts, C. Sage, Sale, W. Sparkes, Stead, Warr, Watkins, Whyatt.

#### II.—MATHEMATICS.

Second Stage.—1st class: C. D. Green.

2nd class: W. R. Parker.

First Stage: 1st class.—A. Bryant, Bowler, Davenport, Grimes, Healey, Moon, Pawley, Pinson, E. T. Sage, Sale, Sawtelle, Taylor, Uwins, Warr, Widdowson, Watkins, Whyatt, Molineaux.

First Stage: 2nd class.—Batty, Booser, Cheetham, Dancy, Ellis, Fordham, Gates, T. W. Harding, Hazeland, Howard, Heaviside, Martin, Price, Sergeant, W. Sparkes, Wellington, Williams, Wood, Fenemore.

#### III.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

2nd class.—Booser, Bowler, Clemence, Davenport, Hazngton, Healey, W. Barrett, E. T. Sage, Watkins, Wellington.

#### IV.—CHEMISTRY.

1st class.—C. D. Green, W. Parker, Watkins.

2nd class.—Bowler, Martin.

#### V.—ACOUSTICS, LIGHT, AND HEAT.

2nd class.—Bowler, C. D. Green, W. Parker, Uwins.

#### VI.—THEORETICAL MECHANICS.

1st class.—C. D. Green.

2nd class.—W. R. Parker.

#### VII.—ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY.

2nd class.—C. D. Green, W. R. Parker.

The Prince of Wales is now at Rutland Lodge, Newmarket, where he will remain for a few days. The Princess remains at Sandringham.

The Consecration of the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.

At her Majesty's desire a grand review of the Army Corps, assembled at Aldershot will take place on Tuesday next, at Windsor Park. The troops, numbering close upon 20,000 of all arms, will march from Aldershot on Monday, encamp on Chobham Common, and after the review return to Aldershot on Wednesday.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Wednesday last, at the Public Hall, Erith. The brethren assembled as early as 10 o'clock in the morning, when they were entertained at breakfast at the Pier Hotel, by the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, with the greatest hospitality. Grand Lodge was summoned for high noon, at which time the brethren had mustered in large numbers. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, presided, and there was also present the following brethren:—W. Spears, P.M. 150; J. W. Penton, W.M. 133; John Bagshawe, P.M. 158; J. R. Brett, W.M. 158; E. S. Kenney, W.M. 1089; F. Newerahi, W.M. 77; M. J. Suthran, 158; John Crutenden, P.M. 503; John Swinfen, P.M. 503; Edw. Stutely, 158; W. Winch, W.M. 1209; W. Kipps, W.M. 1531; C. Coupland, P.G.J.W.; C. Gooby, P.M. 1436; F. Swain, P.P.G.A.S.; Thomas Wells, P.M. 503; C. P. Griffin, W.M. 1050; C. Abbot, J.W. 1050; R. Croisdale, P.M. 1536; George Langridge, P.P.G.R.; Frederick Spencer, P.M. 1063; Levi McKelley, H. G. Wood, P.M. 20; S. W. Heckford, S.W.; George Tedder, 1107; John Hunt, W.M. 503; J. R. Foord, J.W. 503; John C. Brooks, 503; John Waller, 503; Thomas Barker, 503; W. E. Hollingham, P.M. 77; James Hill, 299; H. Doughty, P.M. 483; W. M. Hill, Prov. G.C.; S. W. Gibson, 1107; E. Long, 913; R. C. Binfield, P.M. 20; Charles Andrews, P.M. 77; Edmund Mackney, P.M. 229; J. E. Shrubsole, P.M. 503; E. J. Dodd, W.M. 1225; W. Murphy, 1536; Robt. French, W.M. 483; E. W. Young, W.M. 704; A. Avery, P.M. 1314; P.P.G.R.; James Griffin, P.M. 933, S.D. 143; R. M. Thorp, P.M. 709; George Fletcher, 296, 615; C. Dunham, S.W. 1464; J. Brvant, 299; H. J. Piper, J.D. 503; E. Gorbam, P.M. 184; F. Walker, P.M. 972; G. Adamson, 199, 1208, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. T. Boots, P.M. 829; W. Carden, 299; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); J. Warwick, R. Pavey, P.P.G.S.B.; Aretas Akers Douglas, W.M. 1063, P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxfordshire, P.M. 478, 1506; J. Henderson, 13, 829; T. Spurrell, W.M. 615; J. Haseldine, 429, P.G.D.C.; Alfred Parish, S.D., 615; Robt. Stone, Geo. Page, P.M., 1219, P.G.S.; J. Fletcher, J.D., 615; Jas. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; E. Tomkins, 615; Richard Pinock, 916, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Cracroft Fooka, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Palmer, 913; W.M.; Gamble, W.M. 706; Frank W. Stone, 874, P.P.G.S.W.; R. B. Nelson, W.M. 1692, P.P.G.S.B.; B. Taylor, W.M. 1273; E. Coste, W.M., 1314; H. H. Poole, 615; Charles E. Grey, 615; W. Phillips, W.M. 1336; L. J. J. Barnes, 1350; Fred. G. Pownall, P.M. 1536, W.M. 13; W. B. Lloyd, S.D. 913; J. W. Parish, 299; G. W. Farran-Lofthouse, P.P. J.W. Norfolk; Henry Gosland, 1193; E. J. Middleton, S.D. 184; W. Tanner, 184; W. B. Henwood, 1107; F. W. A. Neech, 299; D. McDreight, 299; R. Marston, P.M. 299; G. Churchley, J.W. 299; Thos. Gibson, 243; B. Whitaker, 1356; W. Russell, P.M. 1464; L. Ethersedge, J.W. 829; J. Hawkins, 1536; E. Denton, P.M. 913; G. Frost, 913; Joseph Storey, P.M. 1107; W. A. Weston, W.M. 1536; Robert Russell, P.M. 299; W. Perry, 1107; F. W. Robinson, 1536; W. A. Watkins, 1536; W. A. Rudd, 184; John Miller, P.M. 299; A. Penfold, I.P.M. 913; R. A. Gibbons, W.M. 1464; L. B. Brooks, 1426; John Jarvis, P.M. 1424; J. S. B. Thos. Wyles, P.M. 1050; Geo. Ker, P.M. 503; George F. Guest, P.M. 1531; Thos. Wills, W.M. 299; J. Nicholls, P.M. 1050; Wm. Thos. Vincent, W.M. 913; Thos. Puzey, S.W. 1107; H. L. Puzey, 1107; F. H. Field, 1426; G. H. Fielding, J.W. 183; W. Seamen, P.M. 1314; A. Burton, W.M. 1536; H. Welding, 1536, Geo. Spink, P.M. 1536; W. A. R. Harris, 871; Thos. Smith, 829; Thos. Hastings, W.M. 829; Alex. Fletcher, 789; D. C. Capon, 913; R. H. Williamson, P.M. 1314; F. Clarke, F. H. Pearce, 299; Herbert Spurnell, 615; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Hickmott, 503; John Howard, 829; J. Slade Brown, P.M. 1056; M. Egerton, A. J. Thorman, 890; C. S. Boardman, 299; J. J. Churchill, 913; J. Ayling, P.M. 1096; Thos. E. Nobbs, P.M. 503; Thos. Weaver, Jas. Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I.; C. D. Gayland, 299; W. J. C. Harman, P.M. 429; H. S. Goodall, P.M. 784; J. White, 1536; and Robert Eastley, G. Tyler. After the Grand Lodge had been opened the minutes of last Grand Lodge were read by Bro. Spencer, G. S., and confirmed; and the Prov. G.M. said the next business was the election of Prov. G. Treasurer, which he was sure would not meet with any opposition when Bro. Thorpe was proposed to fill that office for another year. Bro. Thorpe was then formally proposed, seconded, and elected unanimously, and Bro. Thorpe returned thanks for the renewed confidence reposed in him.

The Prov. G.M. then invested the following brethren with the collars and jewels of office.

James Smith Eastes	.....	D. Prov. G.M.
A. Akers Douglas, W.M. 1063	.....	Prov. G.S.W.
F. Spurrell, M.D., W.M. 615	.....	Prov. G.J.W.
The Rev. W. A. Hill (re-appointed)	.....	Prov. G. Chap.
B. K. Thorpe (re-appointed)	.....	Prov. G. Treas.
A. Spencer (re-appointed)	.....	Prov. G. Sec.
F. Hughes-Hallett, P.M. 709	.....	Prov. G. Reg.
W. Russell, P.M. 1464	.....	Prov. G.S.D.
G. Page, P.M. 1209	.....	Prov. G.J.D.
F. Pownall, P.M. 1536	.....	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
E. Coste, P.M. 1314	.....	Prov. D. of Cers.
C. Reuter, P.M. 1107	.....	Prov. Asst. D. of C.
C. Gosby, P.M. 1436	.....	Prov. G.S.B.
W. Kipps, P.M. 1531	.....	Prov. G. Org.
T. Hastings, W.M. 829	.....	Prov. G. Purst.
R. Eastley	.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

The following brethren were appointed Provincial Grand Stewards: W. Wills, 299, Dartford; F. Walker, P.M. 972, Canterbury; T. Ayling, P.M. 1096, Walmer; F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, Malling Abbey; G. Payne, P.M. 1273, Sittingbourne; R. C. Burfield, P.M. 20, Chatham. Bro. W. T. Vincent then brought forward the following

resolution:—It having been represented to Provincial G. Lodge that there is a desire prevalent in the Province of Kent to raise a fund for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, Provincial Grand Chaplain, it is hereby, with the sanction and approval of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,

Resolved, "That the proposed testimonial to Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill be approved by Grand Lodge, that the Grand Treasurer be empowered to receive subscriptions, and that a committee be formed to carry out the object in view; such committee to consist of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the time being, and one representative from each subscribing lodge.

In introducing the motion, Bro. Vincent said there is no need of words from me to recommend this resolution to Grand Lodge. It is sufficient to know that it has your Lordship's approval, which will do more to promote the object in view than the collective exertions of all the lodges in the Province. Our Grand Chaplain is the senior officer serving under your lordship in Grand Lodge, having been first appointed to it seventeen years ago, in the same year that your lordship was first installed G.M. of the Province. During those seventeen years his labours have been constant and earnest in promoting the well-being of our institution, and the happiness of every lodge. Whether assisting in our ceremonies, rejoicing with us in our festivals, instructing us with words of eloquent wisdom in our lodges, or joining with us in our sorrow over the grave of some good brother departed, his presence is ever familiar and welcome, and he has never deemed distance too far, trouble too great, or time too valuable, when we have stood in need of his help. Therefore it has been signified by the Grand Master of Kent that the brethren would like the opportunity of testifying, in some substantial manner, their great regard and deep obligations to our reverend brother, and hence this resolution, it having been justly deemed more in order that a provincial work of this character should not be left to individual effort, but should proceed under the stamp of proper authority.

The motion having been seconded, was put by the G.M. and carried unanimously, and with cheers.

The Rev. Chaplain in thanking the brethren said he was somewhat dumbfounded by having to rise to return thanks for the brethren's kindness, it was a private matter of which he had not had the smallest conception until by accident he heard it mooted at the Sidcup Lodge. Happily he had been associated with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent for a great number of years. During the time he had made several friends, who were very dear to him, and the wish was very near to his heart that he might continue on the same terms of unity and friendship with them, and that those terms might be consolidated year by year. The brethren had done him an honour which he felt most deeply, and he hoped on some future occasion he would have the opportunity of addressing the brethren better than he was now able to do.

The D.P.G.M. moved that £20 each be given to the following lodges from the P.G.L.C. Fund for the Royal Masonic Institution: 20, Antiquity, Chatham; 31, United Industrious, Canterbury; 77, Freedom, Gravesend; 125, Prince Edwin, Hythe; 127, Union, Margate; 133, Harmony, Faversham; 158, Adams, Sheerness. And £10 10s. each to the following lodges for the Boys' School: 829, Sydney, Sidcup; 874, Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells; 913, Pattison, Plumstead; 972, St. Augustine, Canterbury; 1050, Gundulph, Rochester; 1063, Malling Abbey, Malling; 1089, De Shurland, Sheerness; 1098, Lord Warden, Walmer.

This vote having been seconded, was carried unanimously, as was also the following vote proposed by the Prov. G.M. That £105 be given from the P.G.L. Fund to the Girls' School, in the name of the P.D.G.M., to make him Vice-President of that Institution.

Lodge was afterwards called off, and the brethren, headed by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, proceeded to the old Church of St. John, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. Hill, Grand Chaplain, from the text—"And, behold, a ladder set up on the earth, the top of which reached up unto heaven." A collection, amounting to over £14, was subsequently made, and the brethren returned to Grand Lodge, where votes of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Hardy for the use of the church, and to the Rev. W. A. Hill for his sermon, were unanimously passed.

Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren were entertained at a liberal banquet, in the gardens of the Pier Hotel, by the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge.

[The proceedings at the banquet will appear in our next.]

Roan, Gilt Edges, elastic band or tuck, price, post free 2s. 2d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1877. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (Advt.)

SUNSHINE AT MIDSUMMER.—The Astronomer Royal reports that the duration of registered sunshine during the week ending June 30 was 58.4 hours out of the 115.7 hours that the sun was above the horizon.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire, which was to have been held on the 12th of July, has been postponed a week, and will therefore will be held on Thursday, 19th July, at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport.



# **HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.** Chairman and Treasurer, Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, G.S. Lodge, P.M. 140 and 1320, 24, Lime-street, E.C.

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Masonic Rooms, 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain,  
and 175, Aldersgate-street.

## **ROYALTY THEATRE.**

The pupils of Mr. Charles Sleigh gave a series of performances at this theatre during the past week. The pieces chosen for representation were "Pygmalion and Galatea," "Cyril's Success," "Morning Call," "Meg's Diversion," "Checkmate," "Area Belle," "Uncle's Will," and "Love's Sacrifice." The two best representations were undoubtedly "Checkmate" and "Pygmalion and Galatea." "Checkmate" was capably played throughout. Miss Lizzie Vaughan and Mr. Etinson were excellent representations of Martha Bunn and Sam Winkle. Mr. Graham Wentworth, if rather mechanical in the manner of speaking his lines, was a very gentlemanly Sir Everton. Miss Helen MacMahon as Charlotte Russe appeared self conscious and addressed her audience instead of her fellow actors. "Pygmalion and Galatea" was fairly played throughout. Miss E. Welshman (Galatea) and Mr. Etinson (Chryso) being particularly good. The performance of "Meg's Diversion" was greatly marred by the absence of one lady, and the incapacity of Miss Ricardo, who had undertaken the role of Cornelius. On Saturday Mr. Sleigh appeared himself in the character of Matthew Elmore in "Love's Sacrifice," but the noisiness of the audience prevented the actors from being heard.

# **PRESENTATION TO BRO. NEWMAN,** J.P., P.M. No. 75, PALMOUTH.

On Friday, the 29th of June, the brethren of the ancient Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth, assembled in full force at the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was spread in honour of the brother Pymouth delights to honour Masonically.

The Chairman was the W.M., Dr. Arthur Ben Harris, and the Vice-Chairman Bro. Harry Tilly, S.W. Most of the Past Masters were present, including Bros. Vivian, Prov. G.S.B.; Dennis, P. Prov. G. Purs.; Polglaze, Prov. G. Steward; and Michael Little. Bro. W. J. Hughson, P.S.G.D. of England (hon. member), was also in attendance, having travelled especially by an early train to take part in the interesting proceedings.

After the usual toasts had been duly given and honoured, the W.M. (Dr. Harris) proposed "The Health of their esteemed Past Master, Bro. Walter Francis Newman, P.M., P. Prov. G.D. of Cornwall," and, in a felicitous manner, described how much the lodge was indebted to that really worthy brother for his services, extending over a period of nearly eighteen years. In the name of the numerous subscribers he asked Bro. Newman to accept of the richly illuminated testimonial (which was then unveiled), and of the Past Master's jewel, and he trusted that the brethren would continue to receive the benefit of his valuable aid for many years to come.

Amid the acclamations of the brethren Bro. Newman rose to respond, and, considering the difficulties of his task, acquitted himself remarkably well. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the lodge in such a flourishing and happy state, and though he acknowledged that ever since his initiation he had taken a lively interest in the welfare of their old mother lodge, yet he did not consider that anything he had done deserved such a mark of approval, and so handsome a testimonial and Past Master's jewel as had just been presented to him. He felt quite overpowered on looking at such handsome gifts, and he could only say, emphatically, that the present meeting was to him the proudest and happiest of his Masonic life.

In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Little (the originator of the testimonial) aptly described Bro. Newman as the embodiment of "Love and Honour," and expressed the feeling of all genuine Masons when he said he hoped that the genial countenance of their friend and Bro. Newman would for long be seen at the lodge.

Later on Bro. Hughson gave a short sketch of the progress of the lodge from 1751, and stated that during the last dozen years especially the brethren were indebted to Bro. Newman mainly, and at times exclusively, for the preservation of their old warrant and its privileges.

The address, we should state, was beautifully illuminated by Lake and Lake, Truro, and handsomely framed, forming one of the most pleasing and tastefully executed testimonials we have ever seen. The Past Master's jewel was of unique design, in solid gold.

## **DUNHEVED MASONIC HALL,** LAUNCESTON.

The new Masonic Hall, the foundation stone of which was laid last summer, will be formally dedicated next Thursday, at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, under the presidency of the Earl of Mount Edgumbe. The building is situated a little outside the town on the Tavistock-road, and the site, which was generously given by Bro. J. C. Baron Lethbridge, commands one of the finest views to be obtained in the neighbourhood. A flight of steps at the western end of the structure leads to an open porch, within which is the Tyler's vestibule and a preparation room adjoining. The only other apartment on this floor is the lodge-room, which is 40ft. by 50ft., and proportionately high. In the centre of the floor is a pavement of tiles—white and black—with a border, and the eastern portion of the floor is raised three steps. The lodge is surrounded by a moulded cornice, with a frieze, left plain for future decoration. In the centre of the ceiling, over the pavement, is a circle 16ft. in diameter, defined by mouldings, with paintings emblematic of the sun and the constellations. There is an organ recess on the south side of the lodge, which is handsomely furnished. On the floor below the lodge are the custodian's apartments and a large dining-room with lavatories, cellar, &c., adjoining. The building is in the Italian style, from the design of Mr. James Hine, F.R.I.B.A., and although not elaborately ornamented is very complete in its appointments. Mr. W. Bart, of Launceston, is the contractor, and his work has given much satisfaction. The ceiling decorations are by Mr. Fouracre, of Stonehouse, and Mr. Hems, of Exeter, carved the window capitals. The ground around the hall has been tastefully laid out. The entrance gate to it is of wrought iron, from the architect's drawing, and is the gift of Bro. John Hawkins, the Secretary of the lodge. Bros. Trood gave the handsome tile pavement. The funds for the erection of the hall are being obtained through the exertions of the Dunheved Lodge, of which Bro. Thompson is the Treasurer. Bro. Deakin, of Werrington Park, has been one of the largest contributors.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—When rheumatism be comes chronic, and as it were fixed in a limb or part, it is truly a terrible enemy to encounter. The joints often become stiffened and excessively painful when obliged to be moved, or on exposure to changes of temperature, dampness, &c. Holloway's Ointment exercises a wonderful effect in alleviating this torture, for by its use the blood vessels of the part have their tone restored, and the irritated and painful nerves soothed and calmed. It must be persistently and perseveringly used, for the disorder is a most obstinate one, and will not yield unless resolutely attacked. These remedies will also be found to be most useful in cramps and muscular spasms.—A.M.V.

## **Masonic and General Tidings.**

A quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday next the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock precisely, on the business of the Institution.

A silver tea service will be presented to our esteemed Bro. Fredk. Adlard, P.P.A.G.D. of C. for Essex, P.M. Lodges 7, 165 and P.Z. 214 at the next meeting of the Hampstead Lodge, No. 167, which will be held on Tuesday next. The presentation will be made in appreciation of Bro. Adlard's services as Director of Ceremonies for the period of twenty years, and has been subscribed for by the Past Masters and members of the lodge.

Bro. R. B. Webster intends bringing forward a motion that twenty-five additional girls be elected into the School at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls School on Saturday next.

**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—During the four days of the Handel Festival including the rehearsal on Friday) the total number of persons admitted to the Palace was 74,134—49,703 having been season ticket holders. Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice were present at one of the performances.

In addressing the Grand Jury at the Hampshire Assizes Lord Coleridge said the Calendar was unusually heavy. Nearly all the cases were in consequence of disturbances begun in public-houses or actually committed there. His short experience on the Bench convinced him of the truth of what had been said by other judges, that if England were made sober nearly all the goals might be closed.

A telegram received at the Admiralty yesterday from Homburg announces that the satisfactory progress in the state of health of Bro. Ward Hunt still continues.

Lord Gifford, one of the judges of the Court of Session in Scotland, has consented to preside over the Jurisprudence Department, and the Lord Advocate over the Repression of Crime Section, at the ensuing congress at Aberdeen.

**MADILE. TITIENS.**—We regret to hear that since her arrival at Worthing Madile. Titien has been considerably worse. The gifted artiste, who has always had a great liking for Worthing, insisted on being removed there, but the journey appears to have been too much for her, and she is now in a very prostrate condition.—Medical Examiner.

In an age of commercial enterprise like the present, there seems really no limit to the amount of business a man may do, whatever his trade, if only he brings sufficient energy and integrity to bear on his conduct of affairs. There are few articles the consumption of which would seem to be more strictly limited than boots and shoes, as very few of us have more than one pair of feet. Yet we find that Messrs. Waukenphast and Co., who commenced business quite unknown in a small place in Pall Mall, have been enabled to open an establishment in the Haymarket, amply supplied with fitting rooms for ladies, gentlemen, and children, and certainly much handsomer than any other in the trade in London. A proof of success like this is not to be ignored, and can only fairly be attributed to the fact that Messrs. Waukenphast's customers have discovered and appreciated their undeviating principle of giving full value for money, and of making every article of the best quality.—Church Review.

**THE ROBBERY OF MASONIC JEWELLERY.**—At the Guildhall Police Court William Hurren, a respectable-looking young man, living at Swinton-street, Gray's-inn-road, a carpenter, was charged on remand before Mr. Alderman Staples with stealing a number of gold rings and Masonic jewellery to a very large amount from Bro. Kenning's warehouses, Little Britain.—The evidence previously given was read over, and Mr. Clark, who prosecuted, now said he wished to state that Mr. Bowman, of 193 and 291, Holloway-road, the pawnbroker with whom the greater portion of the property produced was found, had rendered them every assistance, and the prosecutor felt indebted to him for the recovery of the amount of property they were now able to produce. A quantity of Masonic and other jewellery was then produced, and identified as the property of the prosecutor.—The prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was committed for trial.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. Eminent Analysts declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The London and Provincial Press unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. Economists advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. Testimonials in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

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Borg, R. (Cairo) ...	...	...	0 16 0
Caruana, C. (Cairo) ...	...	...	1 1 6
Cunningham, P. (New Zealand) ...	...	...	0 6 6
Dillon, A. (India) ...	...	...	0 13 0
District Grand Lodge of Bombay ...	...	...	13 2 0
Faulkner, D. T. (New Zealand) ...	...	...	0 10 10
Fuller, A. J. (The Cape) ...	...	...	3 3 0
Haigh, F. (U.S.A.) ...	...	...	0 10 6
Hill, W. (New Zealand) ...	...	...	0 13 0
Masefield, R. B. (Buenos Ayres) ...	...	...	1 8 0
Meridian Lodge (The Cape) ...	...	...	0 10 0
Moore, G. (The Cape) ...	...	...	0 15 0
Smith, Jas. (U.S.A.) ...	...	...	1 6 0

"Our Luncheon" next week.

The following stand over:—Lodge Prudence, Plymouth, and Naval and Military Red Cross Conclave, Portsmouth.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Herald," "Voice of Masonry," "The Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Herald," "The Poet's Magazine," "Bauhütte," "The Freemason's Repository," "Keystone," "Where shall I get Most for my Money?" "The Westminster Papers."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

DAVIES.—On the 29th ult., at East Bourne, the wife of the Rev. R. V. E. Davies, of a son.

KERSHAW.—On the 30th ult., Mrs. J. Kershaw, of Park House, Willesden-lane, N.W., of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

PRESTON.—WILSON.—On the 29th ult., at Brixton, Frederick Raglan, son of J. Preston, Esq., to Laura Margaret, daughter of T. H. Wilson, Esq.

## DEATHS.

ALGER.—On the 28th ult., at Ford Park, Plymouth, Mary, wife of J. Alger, aged 77.

GRANT.—On the 1st inst., at Eaton-terrace, St. John's-wood, Jane, wife of J. W. Grant, aged 57.

STRACHAN.—On the 1st inst., at Dollar, N.B., Mrs. Sarah Strachan.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1877.

## THE LAST BOYS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

Bro. Binckes may pride himself on one great, if simple fact, that he has been privileged to announce the largest amount ever sent up to our Masonic Charities, viz., £13,248 17s. 6d., and which sum will yet probably be materially increased. Such an event is the best answer to all fears and forebodings in respect of declining sympathy, all assertions of a dissatisfied Craft. When we look back on the records of our Anniversary Charitable Festivals and realize what was the amount, say 20 years ago, the returns of the Stewards' lists must appear to us all to be little less than marvellous. They remind us more than anything of those fairy tales of wondrous growth and sudden increase which delighted us when young and have not lost all relish or interest for us now that we are ageing or old. They say nothing so convincing, nothing so affects us as an apposite illustration, so as we have one ready to hand, let us use it. In 1857, only twenty years ago, when some of us were in the heyday of youth, and in the full working energy of Masonic life, what amount did we return for our charities? What a sum do our readers suppose then represented our sympathy and support in respect of our great metropolitan institutions? Well, we look back to the *Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of those hardworking days, and what do we see there inscribed in those unerring records? In the good year of light and grace, 1857, our beneficent Order sent up to the three Charities the fraternal offering of £4,658 6s. 6d., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received £1,558 6s. 6d., the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £1,000, termed by Lord Panmure "a munificent subscription," and hailed by "tremendous cheering," while the lists of the Stewards for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys produced £1,200. In 1877, twenty years of Masonic life and labour have moved on, and we are privileged to announce that our most benevolent brotherhood contributes to the Boys' School alone over £13,000, and that the three Festivals have produced over £35,000 for the Charities. What more need we say or can we say? Comment appears to be needless, even eulogy to be impertinent. May we not feel great pride in belonging to a Fraternity, if singular in its organisation, yet so much more singular in its charities, as nearly to equal single-handed, all the returns of all the charitable societies which meet annually in this great Metropolis to keep their festal anniversaries, and to announce their long lists of subscriptions? Indeed, when we come to think over the matter, it is one which must commend itself entirely to the sympathies of the zealous Mason, and the interest of the acute philanthropist. Our charities are the real jewels of our Order, which shine in their own intrinsic worth, and deserve and demand the heartfelt sympathy and zealous regard of us all alike. That we have seen the limit of their usefulness, or efficiency, or that we have as yet gauged the fullness of Masonic support, we do not ourselves for one moment profess to believe, but we content ourselves to day with pointing out, what a subject of intense satisfaction and no little natural pride to every one of us must be the onward progress of our great Metropolitan Masonic Charities, whether evidenced by their ever increasing blessings for those whom they personally concern, as well as by the liberal measure of Masonic support conceded to them by a kindly yet a critical Craft. Our words can, then, only be words of unhesitating congratulation and commendation. We do not think it needful to-day to weary our readers with statistical details or elaborate comparisons, as we believe they rather weary than please, —bore than edify us all; alike those who write them, as well as those for whom they are written. Indeed, we are sometimes inclined to think we have too much of this sort of "numerical jumble," which a "fellar can't be supposed to understand," and that it is, after all perhaps, not a

little invidious to set provinces against metropolis, or lodge against lodge. For to say the truth, though such a calculation, (which we have often indulged in ourselves, by the way), may seem very simple and straight sailing, yet it is by no means so. Many little matters and many hidden causes affect largely this or that subscription list, and very often even a smaller return of donations shows more sacrifice, and betokens more exertions to the discerning and well-informed, than does the larger amount which is read out so eloquently, and sounds so well at the Festival, and looks so well in the *Freemason*. So we shall not trouble our kindly readers to-day with a comparison of figures obvious in themselves, or any repetition of trite remarks or oft-used illustrations, but simply and gladly announce how great has been the return for the last Boys' School Anniversary Festival, congratulating as we do the executive and Bro. Binckes on a result so remarkable in itself, so advantageous to the School, so significative of the true spirit of charity lingering amongst us, and, above all, so creditable to our good old Craft.

## CHARITY ORGANISATION.

We wish we could think that all this superabundance of Charity Organisation enquiry and reform was doing any good. It appears to us, on the contrary, that it is now assuming the appearance almost of a hindrance to genuine charity, a parody on professions of sympathy, a stumbling-block to efforts of relief. We called attention some time back to a case which distressed all humane persons, when a poor fellow creature was "buffeted about" from office to office, in absolute want of the necessities of life, was referred here, and sent there, and, though positively starving, was smothered simply with a plethora of "red tape," and when he asked for "bread," got only a "stone" in return. We then ventured to say, in the discharge of our duty as honest journalists, that we were convinced that Charity Organisation was being carried to excess, that, as often happens here, disapproval of certain abuses (no doubt) was leading amiable and well-meaning persons into the opposite extreme of superfluous routine and superabundant circumlocution; the laxity of the past was giving way rapidly to a hyper-precisianism in the present, and that the only effect would be that while rogues and swindlers continued to ply their avocation with success, the really honest, those truly in want, would be discouraged, and suffer accordingly. And surely the case of Captain Williams is a proof of the truth of our remarks, and fears, and a sad commentary on what we may term (without offence) official "fluffiness," and an "amateur bumble-dom," which apparently are on the increase. We give every credit to those excellent individuals who have sought to remedy existing defects in our charitable system, to reform proved abuses, but we fear that in their ardour, and we must add, want of acquaintance with the real depth of the question involved, they are in practice making the word charity a misnomer, and actual relief a pompous profession. The operations of these well-meaning but unpractical persons, and of these numerous societies, appear to be drying up the sources of personal charity and direct relief, and affording a happy means of escape from a great and bounden duty, to the selfish and the sybarite, and substituting in the stead of a liberal if too sentimental charity, an enormous amount of needless officialism and hopeless technicalities. For what is the case of Captain Williams? Captain Williams was an officer and a gentleman, unable to find work, and who died in a workhouse, friendless and forlorn, too proud to "beg," but not ashamed to "dig." His wife and children followed suit, poor creatures. Though a lady, and the daughter of a clergyman, she was compelled to pawn her wedding ring to provide bread for her starving children. They applied to these charitable associations, but it seems, we are told, from some "technical difficulties," in vain, and to say the truth, whether intended or not, as some of our contemporaries have remarked, the *Times* and



Globe, their curt and peculiar announcements would seem to imply that "there was something behind," and so close the perennial fountains of public charity and sympathy. Luckily for poor Mrs. Williams and the orphans, an independent medical man and some friendly ladies took up the case, and having by a careful inquiry ascertained that there was no truth in some foolish and some unfounded statements of some interior agents, have raised a small sum of money, taken her out of the workhouse, and have placed her and her children in a comfortable home. It is most touching to be told that one of the first acts of this benevolent committee, was to enable the poor woman to take her wedding ring out of pawn, so as to enable her to follow her poor husband to a pauper's grave. We rejoice to think that some medical men and some ladies were so sympathetic and so independent as not to be deterred by an assumed authority, or intimidated by a dogmatic officialism, as to look into the whole matter themselves calmly and reasonably, fully and dispassionately, and so be able to arrive at a conclusion, at which all who have not quite forgotten yet the sublime teaching of the great parable of the "Good Samaritan," will be glad to hear of, and be ready to endorse. In all these matters, as it seems to us, that noble profession which has rendered such priceless services to cosmopolitan humanity,—we mean the medical profession—has a great duty to perform and to fulfil. Intelligent and educated, liberal-minded and tolerant, humanitarian and religious, it ought and generally does set itself above the mere "ipse dixit" whether of sciolist or quack, the "nostrum" of the impostor or the "high falutin" of the "wind-bag." It is enabled, perhaps, better than any other profession, to discern the difference as between assumption and proof, between assertion and fact, between suspicion and certainty, between appearance and actuality, for it bases its correct Diagnosis on a skilful induction of connecting evidence, evidence which laps over, so to say, in the ever lengthening chain of scientific accuracy, and rejects what is either uncertain or incorrect, unsound or untrue per se. We rejoice, then, to think, we repeat, that amidst so much that is utterly unsound and unscientific to-day, so marked by a want of logic and the noisy utterances of "charlatanism," there are those amongst us who will manfully seek in the best interests of society, to separate the true from the false, the outside show from the inner reality, and thus are enabled alike to vindicate the dignity of a great profession and the cause of our common and suffering humanity. So important is the whole subject now, for many reasons, that we propose next week to enter into the whole question of personal charity, and we may add that Dr. Cotton, 33, Cavendish-square, will receive subscriptions for Mrs. Williams and her family, and that the "Haven of refuge" which, through Miss Rotch's kindness, has so properly given shelter to Mrs. Williams and her children, is the House of Charity, No. 1, Greek-street, Soho.

## THE EARTHQUAKES IN PERU.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

At present everything here is in a state of excitement, owing to the late earthquakes, and tidal waves, that we have been visited with along the whole West Coast of Peru and Bolivia. No damage of any account has happened to Lima and Callao, but south of here, all along the coast, there has been a fearful cataclysm, great loss of property and life. To convey an idea of the sad catastrophes, I will give you the following extracts from W.M. Neill, of "Antofayesta," and Brother W.M. Pendaris, of Tocopilla, where we have a lodge in each place.

Bro Neill says: "Antofayesta, 12th May, 1877.—On the 9th, at half-past 8 p.m., we were visited by the most severe terremoto earthquake that has ever been felt on the coast. The old residents that are used to them say that they never felt anything like it before, and that it was far more violent than that of 1868, which destroyed Aircu and Pyniqui, which drove the U.S. war steamer Wahrei ashore three miles from the beach. I tried to get my children out of bed, and could not stand on my feet, the oscillation was so violent; however, I succeeded in getting them into the street, where there was a cry of "the Sea, the sea is coming in on us." I did not believe it at first, but, true it was, and we had to run for our lives just as we were. The excitement was frightful, the night unac-

countably dark, and the shrieks of the people running away, and calling on anyone to save them, made it a scene impossible to forget. In half an hour the town was all deserted, and the hills full of people. After leaving my wife and family in the hospital, I went back to see the state of things, and found the whole of the business part of it washed away, houses lifted right up with all their contents and carried away, and, in one or two instances, some of such a size that it was almost impossible to believe or realize it. I thought it was all over, but at 11 p.m. another tidal wave, much longer, and not preceded by any shock, came in and completed the destruction, and we are left in a sad state. The upper part of the town is uninjured, but the whole of the lower is gone. If the houses had been built of stone, brick, or adobe, I am certain every one must have fallen, for not one could have stood the shocks. All are of wood, and this has saved us. Since the night of the shock, we have had at least 100 slight ones, with occasionally a sharp one; in fact, the ground is continually shaking, and what is strange, the sea has repeatedly rose and returned again, but fortunately not in sufficient volume to do any harm.

"About 150 miles from here in a direct line with this place, a volcano is in violent eruption, which has not happened for the last hundred years, and I feel certain is in direct communication with the part of the ocean where the convulsion commenced."

May 10th.—"Since my last about the earthquake, nothing from you, in fact it is some time since I have seen your welcome hand-writing, I hear that Causo has also been affected by a tidal wave; when I heard this I at once thought of your establishments, which are most unpleasantly near the beach, I hope nothing has occurred. All this part of the coast has been ruined, Pabello de Pica, Tocopilla, Cobija, and Mejellones de Bolivia completely washed away, and other ports like Antofayesta considerably damaged, every five or ten minutes there is a shock, and occasionally a pretty big one. I hope it will soon stop.

"The poor Tocopilla friends have suffered more than all, their lodge was washed away with charter, constitutions, furniture and everything, all now are gone out to sea; Pendaris is completely gone, not a vestige remains, he had time only to save life, losing instruments, diploma, medicines, &c. I at once sent him a case containing instruments, &c., which he writes has been a God-send, he also sends me the sad news that Bro. W. Wiggings, one of the founders of the lodge there, and a member of ours, has perished in a mine with seventeen others, the mine falling in on them, in addition to these fifty others were buried but got out alive, all having broken bones, these have come to me to attend, as there are no houses in Tocopilla. I am going to hold a Masonic festival service to the memory of the brethren.

"Directly I heard of the losses of the brethren of Mejellones de Bolivia, Cobija, and Tocopilla, I sent from the funds of the lodge two large cases of ready-made clothing, as none escaped with more than what they stood in, I called at once a meeting to consider what should be done, I proposed to invest all the funds of the lodge in the immediate relief of the sufferers, which was carried, and 800 dols. handed to the commissioner for this purpose, as well as a subscription list opened to assist all the inhabitants from the above mentioned places that have come to Antofayesta, which have been distributed amongst the families here. I have my house full. The loss will be fearful and it will take a long time to recover from it. Our Treasurer's house was completely washed away as he lived near the sea shore, all the books, accounts, &c., besides about two hundred dollars of the lodge has gone with the tidal wave."

A. J. ED. H. NEILL, Master.

"Tocopilla, May 17th, 1877.

To the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Peru.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I have the painful duty of informing you that the earthquake of the 9th inst. caused the total ruin of this most prosperous part of the whole coast. Last Wednesday night, at eight p.m., while working in lodge and all the brethren but Bro. Wiggings being present, we had a fearful earthquake which destroyed the whole town, and immediately after a tidal wave, which washed the wreck completely away."

"The mines in this district have suffered greatly, in one of the "Buena Esperanza" seventeen lives were lost, and amongst them our beloved brother William Wiggings. The dispensation of the lodge has been swept away with my house, together with all my effects, both professional and domestic, which I had therein, all the funds and charity fund of the lodge were lost with the Treasurer's house. As soon as we can write with more tranquillity I will do so at more length. For the present farewell."

"The lodge house is saved, the misery and destitution here are frightful.

Truly yours, WILLIAM FREDERIC PENDARIS.

W.M. Union and Esperanza Lodge, No. 20.

Having given you these extracts, we feel confident that our brethren at home will not forget us in our hour of need and misfortune as the hearts of our countrymen have ever been open to relieve the calamities of suffering humanity.

The Grand Lodge of Peru has done all that lays in its power to help the sufferers, and she now appeals through your columns to her sister lodges of the world.

Subscriptions can be forwarded direct to Edward H. Neill, M.D., Antofayesta; William F. Pendaris, M.D., Tocopilla; Messrs. Wholy Brothers, Lima, Peru.

Yours fraternally, ARTHUR N. WHOLY,

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Peru.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

### TALL TALK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a regular reader of the *Freemason* I have to congratulate you sincerely on the marked absence from your pages of anything like tall talk, high falutin, "bunkum" or sensationalism, which are so popular just now. Not that you are dull, or that the reader has to wade through (as Mr. Slurk had) bathos and boredom, and ungrammatical twaddle combined, but you very properly eschew that pernicious and mournful egotism which can only think, talk, or write about Number One. I am very much amused to note, when one has to deal with a very different sort of literature, how much is often made of "zero," what a great deal may be said about what "I" or "we" have done for Masonry. In nothing is this so conspicuous or so detestable, I venture to think, as in the case of the Masonic charities. With regard to these noble institutions we continually read and listen to the effusions (and such effusions) of those, who, if you believe them, have done for those valued institutions what no one else has ever done or ever thought of doing.

Now, like many very humble and modest brethren, I have for years been a zealous friend of our great metropolitan charities in my lesser orbit, but I don't think it worth while to be always proclaiming what I have accomplished. There are many of our brethren just now to whom if you listen you would suppose that until they burst into Masonic life, and adorned the festive scene, nothing had ever been done for the charities, whereas long even before they were born or thought of, good workers and true Masons had put their hand to the plough.

There is one consolation for us stout middle-aged old fogies, often walking lame, and usually somewhat bald, that even the sleekest of jackdaws can only have their day, and must, sooner or later, find their level. We, who were workers when they were troublesome little boys in bottle-green trousers and brass buttons, and may now seem to be eclipsed by their pretentious splendour, know well that, depend upon it, dear sir and brother, humbug and parade always have a Nemesis here, in that, in their turn these "tall talkers" will be succeeded by still more aspiring heroes, who will vote them "slow coaches," "bad form," "obsolete," and "out of the running."

Excuse a bad bilious attack, which threatens gout, and believe me,

Yours, always fraternally,

H. M.

### CHARITY LOTTERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last number is a letter with the above heading, which is worthy of notice if only on account of the good taste, and absence of all acrimonious feeling, displayed by the writer in dealing with a subject regarded by him from an unfavourable point of view.

The objections entertained by "W. F." to the scheme of Bro. Constable are, in my opinion, exaggerated and untenable, and—though I entertain no hope of being able to modify or remove them—seem to me to require a few words in reply.

1. The essence of "gambling," as I interpret it, is to incur a risk of loss in the hope of personal gain, the repetition of which—whatever the issue—gradually becomes an indulgence more or less habitual, and ultimately an exciting necessity. This element is entirely wanting in such a scheme as that under censure by your correspondent. 210 brethren desire to support an institution, but their means are not equal to their desire. They deposit one shilling each. The individual shilling secures no qualification, but multiplied by 210, a governorship with two votes for life is obtained. Who is to enjoy the privilege? The question is solved in the easiest possible manner by a "draw." The winner is satisfied, and the 209 are well pleased that by a harmless combination they have contributed to the support of a deserving institution, which has "charity" for its object.

2. I do not deem it necessary to enter on the discussion of maxims, "Jesuit" or otherwise, and I contend that in the practice under consideration there is no tampering with morality, Masonic or general. The end in view is simply the organisation of a fund by small donations, which, when realised, shall be presented for a given purpose in the names of certain donors to be determined by lot. How the "laws of public prosperity and general duty" are affected by this, I confess passes my comprehension.

As regards success or non-success, the principle involved is not touched in either event. As, however, "nothing succeeds like success," it is encouraging to Bro. Constable, and gratifying to all, as evidencing the fact of considerable approval, that by the adoption of the scheme of that energetic brother the funds of our Benevolent Institution profited by £100 in 1874; of the Girls' School by £189 in 1875; of the Boys' School in the present year by £488. I could unrepiningly bear stricter censure than I feel confident "W. F." is prepared to bestow on Bro. Constable if I could point to such a result.

3. Admitted that some contributors with ample means do succeed in obtaining the qualifications in a "Charity Lottery," where is the objection? They have subscribed to encourage others to do the same, and gladly accept what honestly falls to them, and again, I am unable to recognise the "hazardous juxta position" to which "W. F." alludes. The concluding paragraph of your correspondent's letter, is couched in terms so thoroughly liberal and



fraternal, that it is really a matter of regret to find oneself at issue with him. Differences of opinion must exist, and I would fain hope that none more serious than those between "W. F." and Bro. Constable and his numerous supporters may exist amongst those associated in Masonic work. However imperfectly I have expressed my opinions in reply to "W. F.," I have yielded to an inclination to say a few words on a vexed question.

In conclusion, I must in all candour admit that I have done my best to aid Bro. Constable in his arduous and disinterested labours, and ask permission to express, through your columns, my sincere appreciation of his zeal and energy.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
FREDERICK BINCKES.

July 2, 1877.

#### THE RESPECTIVE COLUMNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Bro. "J. C." will look at his G.L. certificate he will see there the three columns, and at the foot of the Ionic the square; of the Doric, the level; of the Corinthian, the plumb-rule; thus showing to whom each is authoritatively appropriated; but let him more especially hear the First Lecture, Fourth Section.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,  
H. S. T.

#### DEISM, THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

During the last few months many letters and articles have been published in your journal, as well as in other Masonic papers, on the essentiality of the belief in God as the principal pillar in Freemasonry. If I am not mistaken, it has been proposed not to acknowledge the Grand Orient of France and its subordinate lodges in case the paragraph in question of the constitution of the alleged Grand Power should be erased.

Now there occurs something very remarkable. There is the Grand Lodge of Hungary, who have only a few months ago altered their rituals, and made them obligatory to the subordinate lodges, in such a manner as to strike out and not to leave the slightest remembrance of the Great Architect or God; neither is it to be found in the new rituals any prayer, so much so that the matter has been made an object of discussion recently in the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

The Grand Lodge of England having only a short time ago exchanged representations with the Grand Lodge of Hungary, ought to know all that, and, therefore, without entering into the merits of the question at issue, it strikes me that something should be considered wrong in France which is right in Hungary.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
FAIR PLAY.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE LADIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by your last issue that the ladies are rapidly rising in favour with the Craft, and the converse will assuredly as rapidly follow. Our excellent and energetic Bro. Binckes is in favour of "good innovations," and therefore introduced ladies to the last banquet. Good, say I. Bro. Binckes, however, is far outbid by some of our brethren in the north. To wit, it appears from a report in the last number of the *Freemason* that not only was the out-going Master of a certain lodge presented with a costly Past Master's jewel, "enriched with a diamond and specially made to order," but that the members of the same lodge were "about to present a magnificent diamond ring" to the wife of the said P.M. It is a matter for regret that your report does not state what this highly esteemed lady has done for the Craft; however, we may rest assured that she merits the distinction.

Yours fraternally, DELTA.

#### THE PRINTED REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL, AND THE EXPENDITURE FOR 1876.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see no notice in your careful and accurate paper of this report, which I am told is printed, distributed, and published. I am anxious to see it, as I want to offer you a few friendly remarks respecting it. How is it that you have not yet received it?

Yours fraternally, A LIFE-GOVERNOR.

[We know nothing about it officially, and no copy of it has been forwarded to us. When we receive it we will duly notice it for our correspondent's information, and we shall be happy to publish his friendly remarks. It is, no doubt, odd that the *Freemason* has not received a copy of a report "printed, distributed, and published;" but then so many queer things take place that we are astonished at nothing.—E.D.]

#### MASONIC LOTTERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read "W. F.'s" letter and agree with him in the main, but should like to hear what is or can be said on the other side. By the way, can you explain what is the exact proportion of the "premium" in respect of payments of prizes to tickets? I am not, I confess, quite able to master the published statements, or to understand them (probably my own fault) arithmetically.

I am, yours fraternally, T. S.

#### BROTHER SHAKESPEARE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As it may interest some of your Masonic archaeologists and book collectors, I beg to send you the following "cutting" from the *Times* of July 4.—"From the Library of Mr. W. Wentworth Buller, sold last week by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, an imperfect copy of the first edition, 1623, printed by Isaac Jaggard and Edward Blount, containing the portrait by Droeshout, but the verses of Ben Jonson and a portion of the last leaf facsimiled, measuring 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., sold for £42; another, the edition of 1632, Thomas Cotes for Robert Allot, a fine copy, but the title in fac-simile, and the verses, sold for £8; another, printed for C.P., 1664, 'the third impression, and unto this is added seven plays never before printed in folio,' a fine copy, with portrait, and verses beneath, considered to be very rare, as nearly the entire impression was burnt in the fire of London, £28. Sir William Tite's copy of this edition sold for £79. Another, the fourth edition, printed for H. Herringman, E. Brewster, and R. Bentley, 1685; portrait, and verses beneath—£15 5s. All of these, however, were more or less imperfect. A copy of the 'Romeo and Juliet,' printed by Thomas Crede for Cuthbert Burby, 1599, the title and other parts fac-similed, sold for £6 10s. 'Much Ado about Nothing,' first edition, printed for Andrew Wise and William Apsey, 1600, title page genuine, but several leaves supplied in fac-simile—£10 15s. This copy formerly belonged to Sir W. Tite, who paid £63 for it. Mr. G. Daniel's perfect copy sold for £267 15s.

Yours fraternally, A LOVER OF SHAKESPEARE.

#### CONSTANCY AND TRUTH.

"As turns the needle trembling to the pole  
It ne'er can reach—so turns to you my soul."

Of all the qualities woven together in the human breast none approach in dignity and power that of truth. It is, as is written, a Divine attribute—the fundamental principle of every virtue, and prevails over all things. It adds grandeur to a man's life to know that he is true, and the shafts of envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness, fall impotently before it.

The ancients who worshipped their deity, Fides, knew it above all things, and it is mercifully decreed the heirloom of the rich and the poor alike, so that whether we look at the two opposite principles of truth and falsehood in a simply worldly light, or view them in a religious sense, we see how closely they are knitted into and allied with every man's existence, forming in fact the very basis of his whole conduct.

It is given as a text of diplomacy that the acmé of perfection in a good diplomat's dispatches is to clothe his expressions with the semblance of facts, but at the same time carefully conceal the truth, and by this astute and wily policy hold the vantage ground of his opponent in the finesse of governments. This plan, we regret, is not confined to official use, but permeates through all society, assuming various names and phrases as suits the wearer, being generally clothed in ambiguity or plastered on the conscience as a thing of no great harm, and only a white lie, because "it is not policy (you know) to tell the truth at all times."

The idiom that "truth is stranger than fiction" is not an exaggeration, and we may with propriety say that to the conventionalities of social life can be attributed a great amount of lying—that sort of thing which the amenities of cultivated society recognise and admit, albeit it is lying as profound as was ever invented by Lucifer himself. Such are the expressions of every day courtesy, "I am very glad to see you," and "I hope you are in good health," &c., which generally mean diametrically opposite to that they express.

As the normal condition of moral government, truth is the sole pioneer that elevates it to the standard of perfection and gives it power over the community, just as individual men are rendered happy or miserable, respected or despised, by the possession or the absence of it. The golden rule, to be contented is to be true, and every man should inscribe the legend on the lintel of his door, "Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy Country's, thy God's, and Truth's."

Everybody hates, or professes to hate, inconstancy, and therefore it would seem reasonable to suppose that all would be sincere; but, alas! such is not the case, and those who apostrophise truth the most are apt to be as wavering, insincere, and venial as those who profess not at all. There is nothing so becomes a man and elevates him in the opinion of his fellow men as the dignity of honour, and honour is the very soul of truth, for it guards his footsteps through every pathway of his life and keeps his name unblemished and unsullied. That the origin of truth is Divine is plainly shown in every page of Holy Writ, and the wonderful declaration, through the mouth of the prophet Haggai, that Zerubbabel will be made as a signet of truth, is a proof that the Most High had chosen him.

Perhaps there is nothing in language that illustrates the almighty force and power of truth so touchingly as the exquisite little poem (written by Theodore Tilton) of the King's Ring, in which was—

"Graved a maxim true and wise,  
Which, if held before his eyes,  
Gave him counsel at a glance  
Fit for every change or chance;  
Solemn words, these are they:  
Even this shall pass away!"

And while we are alluding to the subject of rings, it may not be inappropos to refer to a curious gem owned by the

hero of George Fawcett Rowe's American Comedy of "Brass" (which is shortly to be presented to the public), in which Walfon Stray indulges in falsehoods ad infinitum, and of so glaring a character, that the effrontery of the liar is clear to every body except himself, and thus the moral is complete.

It is related that one of the Gregory's possessed a wondrous sapphire ring which he constantly wore, and it ceased to be pellucid, and became opaque, on the approach of sickness or any danger; but it is not necessary for man to be guarded and forewarned by any earthly gem, however rare and beautiful, as he has that within—the silent monitor, the true faith and trust in God, if he lives and walks uprightly.

The circle, the level, and the perpendicular must be true, else the whole fabric of the builder is untrue and the workmen at fault; so morally men's lives must be gauged by the standards of constancy and truth or they are useless and misspent. Every man must be firm as was Cæsar when, in the Senate, close approaching the fatal moment of his murder, he declares himself to be "constant as the northern star," and dies constant too.

But the grand secret is to apply the principles of truth to every act of our daily lives, and although there be those who "assume a virtue if they have it not!" let men be sure that the talisman of truth is the only safeguard to an honourable and upright career, for it is this character in a man which will ensure his prosperity here and his eternal happiness hereafter.

It is not necessary to make vain search for truth; it is written everywhere on the face of Creation—all celestial and terrestrial things proclaim the harmony and regularity of their Divine Creator, and shall man, "vain man," foolishly turn to the path of sorrow and refuse comfort? We sincerely hope not.

The sublime beauty of truth is that it requires no herald, no adventitious aid. It is found deep in every man's heart if he will but plough down and find it, nor need he grope blindly for it "in a well."

ALFRED WELSHEN.

#### Rebifos.

"The Poet's Magazine," No. 1, Vol. 2. By ARTHUR MOXON.

We are much pleased with this agreeable candidate for public favour, and think the idea a good one, per se, and one which deserves to be highly commended. There is much good poetry, and much real poetry in these pleasant pages, and we only wish that our space permitted us to give one or two extracts for our readers. We have forwarded to the editor of the *Masonic Magazine* one or two specimens as evidence of a felicitous muse, and we refer our readers to the work itself as very wholesome reading, amid so much that is trivial, tiresome, and uninteresting to-day. They will be pleased, we feel sure, with such welcome toil.

#### "English Banners and Flags," &c.

We think it right to call attention to this carefully compiled illustrated catalogue which our worthy publisher has put out, and to commend to the notice of our readers and the trade. It is admirably illustrated, and will make all who peruse it feel what an amount of energy and business transactions are included in such an "Illuminated Handbook." All friendly and benefit societies, from bleating Shepherds down to jovial Gardeners, to say nothing of Foresters, Buffaloes, Odd Fellows, and Comical Chaps, will be able to have their artistic tastes fully gratified and their decorative ambition happily accommodated.

The "Liberal Freemason," 223, Washington-street, Boston, U.S.

We have read the third number of this new candidate for Masonic support with great satisfaction, and we can safely call the attention of our readers to it. We trust that it will be well supported by our brethren in Massachusetts, and that its painstaking editor may not have to complain, as so many do, of useless labours and profitless pursuits.

The "Voice of Masonry," Chicago and New York. Edited by Bros. J. W. BROWN and ALBERT G. MACKAY.

This excellent American Masonic magazine keeps up its high reputation. We always peruse it with pleasure and profit, and we heartily wish it all success, and a remunerative circle of appreciative readers.

#### POLITICS AGAIN.

We read in the "Chaine d'Union" for July that the French Lodge "Orient de Gaillac," already rendered notorious by its deliberate disobedience to the Constitutions of the Grand Orient, has been closed by authority, in consequence of a very foolish and regrettable act on its part. It seems that the lodge, which must have "têtes exaltées" and "irreconcilables" in its ranks, judging from its acts, has thought well openly to express its opinions on the great political question, and openly to blame the Government of the day, though a Masonic lodge.

We need hardly point out to our readers the absurdity and illegality of such a proceeding, and can only say that, in our opinion, any lodge that so far forgets itself and the duty and teachings of Freemasonry, deserves to be closed by authority.



# CONSECRATION OF THE PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).

The Paxton Lodge (1686) was consecrated last Saturday afternoon, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The Consecrating Officer was the Worshipful Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, Surrey. Bro. Frances was assisted by the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, who acted as Chaplain for the occasion. The Senior Warden's chair was allotted to the Worshipful Bro. Magnus Ohren, Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, and the Junior Warden's chair to Bro. W. J. Foster, J.W. 19, Bro. F. Taylor, P.M. 933, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The list of brethren who were present at the consecration of the lodge comprised the following—J. M. Klenck, F. W. Goddard, C. H. Benham, F. J. Sawyer, W. H. Boswell, R. E. Woodhams, H. E. Francis, F. J. Lancaster, P.M. 1194; F. Taylor, P.M. 933; W. J. Foster, J.W. 19; A. M. Bethune, 1397; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; R. Brooker, S.D. 1269; H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*); Theo. Distin, 173; J. Latge, 771; Magnus Ohren, P.M. 33; G. W. Dodd, 171; W. Morgan, 1385; N. J. F. Bassett, W.M. 1339; H. Wood, P.M. 1269; J. W. Lassam, W. S. 742; and G. T. Carter, P.M. 145. Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.M. 1319, presided at the harmonium, and with Bros. G. T. Carter, P.M. 145; Theodore Distin, 173; and J. Large, 771, rendered the musical portion of the service.

Bro. Frances, after opening lodge in the Three Degrees, in a few words explained to the brethren the object of the gathering, and then proceeded with the initial formalities, as far as the delivery of the oration.

The oration was delivered by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., who said: W.M., Wardens and Brethren,—I have accepted your very kind request to be present here to-day, and I thank you for the honour that you have done me in permitting me to officiate upon an occasion on which, looking at the situation of the lodge, many of its members being familiar faces to me, some for many years, life a peculiar interest in being present, and I greatly regret that I cannot remain till the conclusion of the day's proceedings, owing to a matter which I have mentioned to your W.M. designate. Brethren, I do not at all wonder that the lodge which meets in this place, and under the shadow of this magnificent building, should have been called by the name of one who was personally known to many amongst yourselves, and to myself amongst the number, and whose name has been, and will for ever be, associated with this great building. I think that name will supply a keynote to my humble remarks to-day. Paxton was essentially a self-made man. He was the architect of his own fortune, and was one of those men who have illustrated the theory of self-help in a very remarkable way. He has made his mark upon the generation in which he lived; he has done a work, a great work, and passed to his rest; and in doing that work I am sure my brethren who knew him will confirm my word when I say that he not only did it with all the zeal and energy of a character that was bent upon doing whatever he took in hand with all his might, but that honours never spoiled him; he was the same man till his death—the same conscientious, unobtrusive, kind, amiable character that he was when he was the gardener of Chatsworth. Brethren, I shall not dilate further upon this particular subject; but rather would I take from it this fact, that though we may not all be born to such honours as he attained to; though we may not have the great work to do which gave a signal illustration to his name, we are every one of us, under God, self-made men; in other words, we are each gifted with power, under God's Providence, to make ourselves that which we ought to be, high-minded, truthful, temperate, industrious, and noble,—minded men, doing a certain duty in this life before passing on to another. And our admirable and beautiful system supplies us by illustration with the implements by which we, as architects of our own fortunes, may work. We are told that the twenty-four inch gauge points out to us the many great duties we have as Masons, more especially our duties to God, our neighbour, and ourselves. A part of our time is to be dedicated to that exercise which naturally suggests that we are men who have a religion, and look to a Supreme God and to a life to come. But it tells us too that there is a time for labour, and we are born to labour—that we must not expect God to do everything for us while we sit with folded hands; but that we are bound to do our duty in that state of life to which he has been pleased to call us with assiduity and zeal. In that labour we have no uninstructional implements by which to work. The chisel reminds us of that education which is one of the first labours of man; and I venture here to record what I heard an ex-Lord Chancellor say who is now living: "I think that the education which my father gave me has been under God the means which has led me to this high position; and I am more thankful for that than if he had left me £100,000." Nay, brethren, I am very much inclined to think that the man who is architect of his own fortunes, and who has earned his own way to his position, whatever it may be, is more likely to use well those gifts of God in the shape of wealth than the man who has inherited them from others. I have known many eloquent illustrations of this in my short experience. But not only may the labour of education be employed, but you know, brethren, that all have labours in other directions. We have labours to be undertaken in our ordinary duties in life. We have labour in connection with our families, with those dependent upon us; and we have work to do in relation to our fellow-men which teaches us at once that we are not to live for ourselves alone but for others. But we must labour on the square, we must labour like men who honestly believe that there is an All-seeing eye, and must comport ourselves in His presence as those who will have to give an account. If we act upon that

golden rule—"to do to others as we would that they should do unto us"—which is probably one of the best moral definitions of the square, I believe we shall not find ourselves far from either happiness here or in the future. And with it we must have the plumb rule, justness and uprightness of life. Without that men cannot get on; and not a day passes that the records of our public papers do not show that the absence of that justness and uprightness of life is bringing many and many a man gifted by God both with a good heart as well as with good wealth, to poverty and ruin. With the skirret indicating the line of rectitude, and that perseverance with which we should go on with the line, however long, that God gives us, teaching us the boundaries within which we should work, our labour, I say, in such a case and with such instruments, may be brought to a successful issue. But we are not only to have labour, but refreshment. Ay, brethren, a good and gracious God watches and smiles upon us, and does not wish us to be morose, to be mournful, to be sad. True religion, you and I know is the most blessed and cheerful thing in the world; and therefore it is that refreshment in the shape of innocent pleasure has been given us by a good God; and unhappy is he who preaches any other doctrine. But we must use the compass—keep within compass. There, again, another implement teaches us our duty, and every one of us pretty well know what the meaning of that term is with the many engagements we have, both from within and from without. But we are to serve a brother in distress; there is a time for that. And here, brethren, I need not point out to you how admirably our Order supplies us with the exercise of this virtue. Not only in our noble charities, but also in the walks of life, in our own lodges, in the various ways, in fact, in which we meet with our fellow men, there is always an opportunity of showing how we can serve a brother in distress; for depend upon it there are few years in our life that we have not an opportunity of meeting with brethren who need our help—I do not say pecuniary aid; but [there are many ways—a kind word, a kind act, a kind recommendation, a thousand ways in which we may assist our brethren in distress, in a world which is, alas! too full of fluctuation and misery. Depend upon it, the brother who thus has the satisfaction of helping another is not without his reward, even in the consciousness of having done his duty. And, brethren, lastly, there are the gavel and the pencil—the gavel tells us that in addition to the volume of the Sacred Law there is the light of conscience, which is a reflection of God's image in the soul, teaching us how to use every implement with which God has gifted us. This conscience that often "makes cowards of us all" is one of the grandest guides under a good Providence to lead us to the Grand Lodge above. And let us not forget the pencil that is recording in the great book that which the workmen do. If we bear that in mind, brethren, depend upon it many a word of unkindness, many a word perhaps of worse description, would be strangled upon the lips; many and many an act of either bitterness or hastiness would be at once dropped; nay, many a thought would be excluded from the heart and mind if we remembered that that pencil is recording that which is contrary to the Divine Law, and on the other hand recording what we do that is "well pleasing" to Him and storing for us that reward which shall fade not away. I doubt not, brethren, that this lodge, formed under these auspices, formed also of Masons who will, no doubt, give a tone to its future—will go on and prosper—a tone of noble and lofty sentiment, a tone suggestive of dutiful work, and a tone of that charitable and gentlemanly kind which tends to foster those amenities of life which soften our intercourse with human kind, and teach us not only how to live ourselves, but afford an example to others. I say with such a tone and such a prospect I doubt not, W.M., that the Paxton Lodge will not only endure, but flourish, from generation to generation. (Cheers.)

At the conclusion of this oration Bro. Frances proceeded with the consecration, and formally dedicated the lodge to Freemasonry. He then installed Bro. J. M. Klenck P.M., 1339, as Master of the lodge. The brethren invested as officers of the lodge were Bros. F. W. Goddard, S.W.; C. H. Benham, J.W.; Charles Hammerton, P.M. 1330, Treasurer; H. E. Frances, Secretary; F. G. Sawyer, S.D.; W. H. Boswell, J.D.; R. D. Woodhams, I.G.; and Radford, Tyler.

The S.W. proposed, and the J.W. seconded, the election of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson as an honorary member of the lodge; and the motion having been unanimously adopted, the rev. brother said he had already trespassed so long on the brethren's attention that he would be very ungrateful indeed if he did not content himself with merely saying he appreciated the very high compliment they had paid him by electing him an honorary member. He hoped he would have opportunities afforded him by relaxation from his duties elsewhere, of attending the meetings of the lodge.

The W.M. then invested Bro. Simpson as Chaplain of the lodge, and on the motion of the S.D., seconded by the J.D., Bro. James Coward, Past Grand Organist, was appointed Organist of the lodge.

Bro. Frances read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology for inability to attend the consecration of the lodge. The names of these brethren were Alderman Hadley, Dr. Stirling, Sir John Bennett, Col. Burdett, General Brownrigg, John Hervey, F. Binckes, R. W. Little, James Terry, J. E. Saunders, and Somers, the W.M. and S.W. of the Anerley Lodge, who recommended the prayer of the petition for the Paxton Lodge, and Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. for Kent. The Anerley Lodge was represented by Bro. Bethune, the Sec. Bros. Grantham, R. Dodd, and N. J. F. Bassett, were proposed as joining members; and Messrs. H. Reeve, J. Smith, J. Partridge, and R. Pratt were proposed as initiates.

The W.M. said he had much pleasure in presenting the lodge with his banner. He trusted he might live to see a large array of banners in the lodge, and that in future he might, as in other lodges with which he was connected, have the pleasure of observing on the left of the W.M. many banners in succession. He happened to be one of the founders of a banner lodge, and the members of that lodge saw year after year a banner reared for the newly installed Master. They had, moreover, the pleasure of knowing that not one of those Masters had been taken away from them by death, which was a most singular instance of the good providence of the Great Architect of the Universe in that particular lodge. He hoped that the brethren who succeeded him (the W.M.) in the chair of the Paxton Lodge might also be able to congratulate some other lodge, if it was their good fortune to be present at the consecration of a banner lodge, on the same state of circumstances, and to announce publicly a similar fact to that which he had just stated.

On the motion of Bro. Frances, seconded by Bro. F. J. Sawyer, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for his handsome present.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson said that this was the first consecration which he had attended where he had not found his chief, the Consecrating Officer, elected an honorary member of the lodge with himself. While, in some respects, he regretted to hold that exalted position alone, he congratulated the lodge on having one of its own members not only willing but able, and not only able but very effectively, and with thorough zeal, to carry out the consecration ceremony. Very often it had to be done by a brother imported from some other lodge; but in the present case there was native talent that could be pressed into the service. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Sawyer said it was quite an oversight, and he would now propose Bro. Frances as an honorary member.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. This was served in most splendid style by Bro. Sawyer, everything in the menu being of the finest quality, and the tables being decorated in great taste with flowers and choice summer fruits. With splendid midsummer weather there was a clear view from the saloon of the lovely Kentish scenery which is visible from the Crystal Palace, and the soft, heavenly breezes blowing across it through the open windows rendered the room most comforting and refreshing to the brethren during the whole time they partook of refreshment after labour. The experience of the brethren led them to remark that the Crystal Palace was highly favourable for the holding of lodges and lodge banquets; and, certainly, taking the item of banquets alone, their verdict was unquestionable, for a repast more complete could not have been set before them.

When banquet had been disposed of, grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," was sung by the musical brethren, and the W.M. forthwith proposed the toasts which fell to him to give. The preliminary toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The M.W. Pro G.M.," "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been duly proposed and honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers," which had been placed on the list in consequence of the invitations issued to the Provincial Grand Masters of Kent, Surrey, and Middlesex. The W.M. said that these brethren had not been able to be present on account of other engagements, but he hoped that in fulfilling those engagements they had enjoyed themselves as much as they would have done if they had been present at this lodge. The brethren of this lodge had made up their minds to enjoy themselves, and he thought they had done so. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Magnus Ohren, P. Prov. Junior Grand Warden for Surrey.

Bro. Magnus Ohren, in reply, said that with respect to the Grand Masters of Surrey and Middlesex, he could speak of their work with much confidence, as he had witnessed it for many years. He was not so fortunate with the province of Kent, because the rule which prevailed in Middlesex and Surrey of every member of a lodge in those provinces having a notice to attend their Provincial Grand Lodge did not hold in Kent; and, therefore, though he was, and had been for many years, a member of a Kentish lodge, he had never received a notice to be present at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent. He presumed, therefore, that all members of the Kentish lodges had not the same privilege of being present at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent as the members of Surrey and Middlesex lodges had of being present in the Grand Lodges of those provinces. He thought it was a good plan to adopt to allow all members of provincial lodges to be present in the Provincial Grand Lodges, in order that they might see the way in which work should be done. As Grand Officers, brethren had to attend and take part in the duties of Provincial Grand Lodge, and to learn their duties they should be able to see of what they consisted. In proposing the toast to which he (Bro. Ohren) was responding the W.M. had said he hoped the three Provincial G.M.'s who were not able to be present were enjoying themselves as much as the brethren who were present. He was sure that nothing would have given the Provincial G.M.'s of Middlesex and Surrey greater pleasure than to be present at this meeting, to have seen the excellent working that had taken place at the ceremony of consecration and installation, for both these Provincial G.M.'s were working Masons, and delighted in good working. The brethren had heard to-day from the Rev. Bro. Simpson that after labour they were entitled to refreshment. That refreshment had been placed before them in a very magnificent manner, and those brethren could not have helped enjoying themselves if they had been present.

Bro. Frances proposed "The Health of the W.M." He had always found W.M.'s spoken of in the highest terms. It reminded him of the question of the little girl who asked where the bad people were buried, because, looking at the tombstones, every one was well spoken of. With regard



to W.M.'s, after a long experience, he was able to say that the good that was spoken of them was truth, because a man did not arrive at the position of W.M. unless he richly deserved it. The facilities there now were for acquiring Masonic knowledge were so numerous that there was no excuse for a man who did not do his work well. It had, however, to be acquired by hard work, and therefore when a man became W.M. he could not be spoken of too highly. He had often been struck, looking at the number of lodges that there were, with the fact of how few bad Masons there were. He attended Grand Lodge, and went to the Board of General Purposes occasionally, and a solitary case cropped up now and then before Grand Lodge. Sometimes the brethren went to the Grand Secretary to have the case laid before Grand Lodge; but he said what was the use of their grumbling; why should they take it before Grand Lodge, why should not they settle it among themselves? Frequently through his judicious remarks the cases were saved going before the board. Many other cases were settled by the board; and it was very few that came before Grand Lodge. With respect to Bro. Klenck, he (Bro. Frances) knew him personally; he had seen his work, and he knew him to be a good Mason. He knew he would do his duty as a Master in this lodge as he had in the Stockwell Lodge, and there was before him a very successful year of office.

The W.M. in reply said that had it been at the end of his year of office instead of the beginning, he should not have had so much difficulty in replying to the toast, because if they had then drunk his health and said they approved of his work he would have been able to say something to them as to what the lodge had done. He hoped however they would not find that the compliment they had paid him had been misplaced. He would endeavour to do his duty to the lodge as first W.M., and trusted they would be able at the end of the year to approve of his presidency. He felt somewhat proud to occupy the chair as first W.M. of the lodge, and he trusted that the brotherly love that had been exhibited that evening, and the kindly feeling which had emanated from the meeting, were an augury for the future. As far as he was concerned the happiness of the brethren would be his object; and no piques or quarrels would he be a party to; anything that was for the prosperity of the lodge would be his first care and his first design. If his brother officers would kindly keep the same object in view it would be many a day before the brethren of Paxton Lodge would have anything to regret in being associated with it. The loving cup had passed round and they had wished brotherly love to continue. He trusted that the brotherly love which had commenced might long continue, and that the Paxton Lodge, like the man from whom it took its name, might flourish.

The W.M. then proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and with reference to Bro. Frances, said the brethren owed him much. During his (the W.M.'s) short experience lodges had increased in number greatly. From 1200 when he first entered there were now 1686. This was in the short space of eight years, and it showed how marvellously the fraternity was growing. It was an evidence that respectable men, that honourable men, that men of all positions and all grades, were anxious to enter so honourable a brotherhood as Freemasonry. None had contributed more to its harmony or its development than had Bro. Frances in his day and generation. He had done a great deal to develop Masonry. He had been the accoucheur, so to speak, at the birth of some few lodges and chapters, which had not reflected any discredit on him as the medical officer. In officiating that day he had evinced to the brethren that he could do his duty well. Passing on to Bro. Simpson, he would mention that that brother had told him the reason why he was not able to stay to the banquet. He had assisted at the consecration entirely against his own feelings, as it was the anniversary of the death of his son, and for years past, since that melancholy event happened, he had kept that day in perfect silence and solitude; but to-day having been fixed for the consecration of the lodge he consented to come and deliver the oration and assist as far as he could in the ceremony. The excellent address he had delivered must have evinced to the brethren that he had great respect for the Order; and the brethren when listening to him must have seen that he felt every word he uttered, and have come to the conclusion that he was no mean man to claim as a friend and a brother.

Bro. Frances, in reply, said he had had much pleasure in consecrating a lodge bearing such a distinguished name as that of Paxton—a man who had ministered so much to the pleasures of the people. Although Paxton was not a Mason he had in him all the principles that made a Mason.

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. Bassett, Taylor, Wood, Foster, Lassam, and others replied.

Bro. Bethune replied for "The Master of the Anerley Lodge," and Bro. Massey (Freemason), for "The Press." The officers of the lodge replied to the toast which was proposed in their honour, and the Tyler having given his toast the brethren separated.

A very pretty selection of part music was performed between the toasts by Bros. Jekyll, Carter, Distin, and Large.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## ROCHFORD.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 160).

—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Old Ship Hotel, Rochford, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when Bro. F. V. Jellings was installed as the W.M. by Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C. The W.M. invested the following as his officers, viz., Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M. W. Allen, jun., S.W.; Dr. King, J.W.; H. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; G. Burgess, P.M. P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. Goodman, S.D.; H. Harper, J.D.; A. Lucking, P.M., D.C.; J. Harrington, I.G.; W. Bishop and W. Newsome, Stewards; J. Allen, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D.; J. Reeve, P.M.; W. Allen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Allen, P.P.G.S.B.; E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, P.P.G.D.; G. F. Jones, I.G. 1000, Prov. G. Steward; Z. Pettitt, J. C. Underwood, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Power, P.M. 142; J. Nicholls, P.M. and Sec. 276, P.P.G.W.; W. C. Bell, W.M. 1024. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a first rate banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## STONEHOUSE.—Lodge Sincerity (No. 189).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 25th ult., at St. George's Hall, when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Moon, was installed by the retiring P.M., Bro. T. Waldo Howe. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested as the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. T. W. Howe, I.P.M.; and the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; Bros. George Jackson, J.W.; the Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, M.A., Chap.; W. Bros. T. S. Bayly, Treas.; and R. H. Rae, Sec.; Bros. Colonel Fitzgerald, S.D.; C. Croydon, J.D.; Godfrey Evans, I.G.; H. Horton, D.C.; R. E. Holmes, A. S. Hendry, and E. Prout, Stewards. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Farley Hotel.

## LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).

—The members of the "Old Mariners" met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation ceremony of the W.M. Bro. John Lloyd, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the proceedings, and amongst those present were Bros. H. P. Price, I.P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M.; J. J. Rose, P.M.; Rev. R. Pinnington, P.M.; J. C. Robinson, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; R. Collings, Sec.; W. Garlick, S.D.; W. P. Jennings, J.D.; F. Barnett, I.G.; W. Corbett, S.; J. Whally, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Jenaway, J. Middleton, B. Thompson, J. Pye, J. Lear, W. Bolitho, H. Owens, R. Jones (2), J. Wilson, W. Mooney, W. H. Vernon, H. W. Parry, G. C. Beecham, J. Molloy, T. Robinson, E. Cargill, J. Wainwright, J. Whittall, E. Olden, W. Sambrook, W. Smith, W. Wilson, W. Yates, J. Hyams, A. Barnard, J. P. Jones, J. Crebbin, C. Leighton, P.M. 249; M. Goldstone, J. Williams, N. Cohen, T. Lesuph, R. Morrin, T. Grayson, E. A. Wright, J. Wilkinson, C. White, R. U. Veale, F. E. Wendel, T. Daniels, W. Williams, T. Roberts, S. Kirkpatrick, C. W. Davis, and W. Gamble. The visitors included Bros. W. Wood, P.M. 1182, W.M. 1620; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Healing, W.M. 1264; J. R. Bottomley, J.W. 1675; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; John Hill, 1609; L. B. Goodman, 594; W. M. B. Whitehead, 1032; J. Skeaf, G.O.P.; W. M. Pendlebury, 1675; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; M. Hart, W.M. 1502; J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325; J. W. Johnson, S.D. 1675; Hugh Williams, P.M. 249, 1264; J. F. Davies, 1393; R. Brown, P.M. 241, Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; A. Gilfillan, 1393, &c. After some introductory business, the position of Installing Master was taken by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M. 249, P.P.G. Reg., who placed Bro. John C. Robinson in the chair of W.M. in a most impressive and efficient manner, Bro. J. Hayes assisting in some parts of the interesting ceremony. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers during the ensuing year:—Bros. I. Lloyd, I.P.M.; F. Barnett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the fifth time); R. Collings, Sec. (re-appointed for the fifth time); W. Corbett, S.D.; J. Whally, J.D.; H. W. Parry, I.G.; H. P. Price, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Veale, O.; C. J. Jones

S.S.; W. H. Vernon, J.S.; W. Mooney, A.S.; J. Smith, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Special votes of thanks were ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Dr. Smith for his valuable services as Treasurer, and also for the excellence of his work that day as Installing Master. It was also unanimously resolved to present Bro. J. Lloyd, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel as a token of the esteem of the brethren. After five candidates had been initiated, a most recherche banquet was served by Bro. Fairhurst (Fisk and Fairhurst) in the large dining room, to which upwards of 100 sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by Bro. Robinson, W.M., during the evening, and the harmony of the meeting was greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; John Hill, T. J. Hughes, A. Gilfillan, W. G. Veale, and others.

## LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).

—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was the largest and most influential gathering of the fraternity seen for a long time. The value of the meeting will be seen from the fact that no fewer than between thirty and forty W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present, and the long list of visitors showed how wide-spread is the popularity of the lodge and the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Burrows. There were altogether about 150 brethren present, and the entire proceedings passed off with an amount of éclat which must have proved satisfactory to those who were "at the helm" of No. 673. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Roberts, the retiring W.M., who efficiently finished his year's work by initiating three brethren into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. He was supported by Bro. J. W. Digges, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M.; M. Corless, P.M.; J. Thornton, P.M.; H. Burrows, S.W.; H. Nelson, P.M.; E. Kyle, P.M.; J. Hooker, P.M.; D. Jackson, J.W.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; W. Brackenbury, S.D.; L. Herman, J.D.; J. Ledson, I.G.; T. Falshaw, S.; and R. Whitehead, Org. The members present were Bros. W. Alderson, J. K. Isbister, G. Nixon, T. Smyth, G. Bell, T. Williams, E. Brown, J. Buckley, A. Simcock, J. Farmer, S. Dickens, J. Gurney, R. Ewens, N. Webster, H. Tinney, J. Martin, J. R. Coombes, J. Nichol, G. Edwards, C. Marsh, J. Lolley, R. Hulme, G. Godfrey, W. S. Matthews, J. Milligan, H. Marshall, J. Nelson, and S. Hague. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; W. R. Warr, W.M. 758; J. Coxhill, J.W. 758; W. Mellor, S.D. 758; W. Cotterell, P.M. 823; J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667; J. Jones, P.M. 594; John Burgess, W.M. 1325; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; S. E. Ibbis, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Savage, 241; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; D. Morris, 1182; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 667; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; H. Morris, W.M. 1505; J. W. Pillow, 1393; S. Tickle, J.W. 220; A. D. Hesketh, S.D. 1182; J. C. Robinson, J.W. 249; R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. H. Stringer, 1609; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; J. Le Comber, W.M. 594; G. Musker, Sec. 1182, and others. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Clark, P.M., who efficiently installed Bro. Henry Burrows in the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year, valuable help in the latter part of the ceremony being given by Bro. W. T. May, P.M. The following were the officers subsequently invested:—Bros. T. Roberts, I.P.M.; D. Jackson, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; R. Whitehead, Organist; L. Harman, S.D.; J. Seddon, J.D.; T. Falshaw, I.G.; J. T. Callow, P.M., D.C.; T. Smyth, S.S.; C. Marsh, J.S.; H. Marshall, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Before the close of the lodge the newly-installed W.M. presented Bro. T. Roberts, I.P.M., with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his excellent services to the lodge during his year of office. The brethren subsequently dined in the large banqueting hall, and during the evening the W.M. felicitously proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The annual picnic excursion of the lodge took place on the following day, and it certainly proved one of the most successful and enjoyable which has ever taken place. No fewer than about 300 ladies and brethren started from the Liverpool landing-stage, and proceeded to Monks' Ferry, from whence they proceeded by special train to Ruabon. By the kind permission of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Shropshire and North Wales, who is known as an earnest Mason in his own and other provinces, Wynnstay Park, in pleasant walking distance of the town, was thrown open to the picnic party, and no more pleasant spot could possibly have been found. A large tent was erected in the park adjoining the house, which proved quite sufficient to accommodate at dinner all who were present. After a delightful walk through the avenue of splendid oaks, the picknickers were permitted to view the lovely pleasure grounds, and a short musical service in Sir Watkin's private chapel (Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the organ) formed no small item in the day's excursion. The party was afterwards allowed to have a run through the house, and the splendid decorations and rare collection of family and other pictures were the subject of universal admiration. A capital dinner was provided in the large tent by Bro. Murless, of the Wynnstay Arms, Ruabon, and the afternoon was pleasantly spent in dancing, games, &c., while some enjoyed walks in the neighbourhood, so charming and attractive. The "special" left shortly before nine o'clock, and the company arrived safely at the stage about half-past ten o'clock, every one seemingly satisfied with the day's delightful excursion.

## COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. There was only a small muster, owing to a variety of other engagements elsewhere. The following were present:—Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Secretary (Freemason); T.

Bird, S.D.; C. Gibson, I.G.; J. Raine, H. Peacock, T. C. Robinson, and W. Potts, Tyler. Bro. R. W. Robinson, Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London, was also present as a visitor, and kindly took the chair in the West. Bro. Rule being unavoidably absent for the Third Degree, Bro. R. Robinson explained the First and Second Tracing Boards, after which Bro. Lamonby moved, Bro. Shilton seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, "That in accordance with Article 3, page 93, and Article 8, page 64, of the Book of Constitutions, the regular place of assembly of Skiddaw Lodge be removed to the new rooms in Station-street." It was also resolved that the lodge stand adjourned till the first Tuesday in September, in order to facilitate the fitting up of the new lodge premises in Station-street, in time for consecration, on the occasion of the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge festival. The lodge was then closed in form.

## GRIMSBY.—St. Alban's Lodge (No. 1394).

—The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist on Monday evening, the 25th ult., in their lodge room at the Royal Hotel. After the lodge had been opened by the W.M., Bro. John Nelson, Bro. P.M. Anderson Bates delivered a lecture on Freemasonry in Grimsby, from its introduction to the fall of the Apollo Lodge. He stated that in the beginning of this century, on Grimsby opening the Old Dock, and recovering from a long commercial depression, some Hull Freemasons came to reside here and formed a lodge. They worked under a warrant originally granted to the Urania Lodge at Brigg, in 1792, and met at the Freemasons' Tavern, which then stood on the site of the shop of Mr. Frith, fish and game dealer, Victoria-street. About 1806 or 1807 David Simpson built a lodge-room (which now forms the chambers of two cottages) behind his own house, near the New Market-place, and there the brethren located themselves. It was in this room that Dr. Oliver, in 1810, first presided over a lodge of Freemasons as Master. In 1812 Stephen Kitching built for the brethren the Apollo Lodge-room, which, in 1813, was opened with great ceremony. This place stands near the music hall, and now belongs to Mr. Thomas Brown, druggist. Bro. Bates described the internal Masonic decorations of these rooms; gave some very interesting facts relating to Masonry; mentioned several of the prominent brethren of the time, and briefly noticed the way in which they conducted their meetings and passed their social evenings. He also referred to an error on the tablet to the memory of Dr. Oliver in the Pelham Pillar Lodge, on which it was stated that the doctor introduced Masonry into Grimsby in 1811; and then traced the decay of the lodge until its dissolution and sale of its effects in 1833. The warrant was returned by Dr. Oliver to the Grand Lodge in 1834. At the close of the lecture Bro. John Sutcliffe highly complimented Bro. Bates on the success which had attended his efforts to collect a record of the facts concerning the once illustrious Apollo Lodge, and proposed a vote of thanks to him for the industrious researches he had made. Several of the brethren spoke in support of the motion, which was passed with acclamation, and a unanimous desire was expressed to Bro. Bates that he would permit the lecture to be published in order that the landmarks of the Order in Grimsby might be preserved.

## PLYMOUTH.—Lodge Prudence (No. 1550).

—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Huyshe Temple, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Philp. There was a large attendance, and the Past Masters present comprised Bros. J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189, P.G.S.W.; Isaac Latimer, P.M. 189, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S.W.; J. J. Avery, P.M. 1550, P.G. Treas.; T. Hicks, W.M. 1529; J. H. Toms, P.M. 1091; R. B. Twose, P.M. 105; J. Rendle, P.M. 1247; J. T. Avery, P.M. 156; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. B. Gover, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. G. Bird, P.M. 1550; and S. H. Earle, P.M. 1255. There was a large number of other brethren present. Bros. Rendle and Holt acted as Organists, and the ceremony of installing the W.M. was admirably performed throughout by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. J. P. Rogers. After the W.M. had been duly installed he proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. The following were appointed:—Bros. J. P. Rogers, I.P.M.; J. G. Kevern, S.W.; A. S. Stuart, J.W.; J. Y. Avery, Treas.; R. G. Bird, Sec.; R. G. Tippetts, S.D.; W. Garland, J.D.; J. Webber, I.G.; J. G. Lane, Org.; Cloke, Deputy-Organist; Shillabeer, Asst. Steward. Bro. R. G. Bird was elected as the representative of the lodge to the Committee for Petitions. When the appointments had been made the W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. Rogers for his highly valued services while he had been the W.M., and that those thanks should be conveyed to him on vellum. The proposal was seconded and cordially supported by several members, and a committee appointed to carry it out. The question as to the most convenient day for the members of the lodge to meet was considered, and eventually it was determined to ask every member and to request his answer in writing, so that a time might be agreed upon that would be most generally suitable. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to Farley's Hotel, in Union-street, to dine. The banquet was all that could be desired. The W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance. He was supported on his right and left by several of the Grand Officers of the Province, Past and Present, and by the Past Masters, whose names have been already mentioned. There were also several Cornish brethren present. The W.M. gave several of the toasts, and in response to that of the health of the Grand Master of the Province, the Rev. John Huyshe, and the D.P.G. Master, L. P. Metham, V.W. Bro. Curteis expressed his great regret at the long-continued and severe illness of their most excellent chief, and also of his Deputy, both of whom he eulogised in the warmest terms. Much sympathy was felt for the Grand Master, whose illness



has been long and severe. The customary toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant day was spent.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**LIVERPOOL.**—*Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).*—A special meeting of the Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of hearing a lecture from Bro. Younghusband, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.J.W., on the emblems upon the ancient chairs belonging to the lodge. Bro. Younghusband was the founder of this Lodge of Instruction, and the lecture, as might have been expected from his standing and experience in Masonry, proved most interesting and instructive, and was duly appreciated by the brethren.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—*Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).*—The quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 26th inst. The N.P.S., Sir Kt. Jn. Harrison, was supported by Sir Kts. Dr. C. Knott, I.G., Hants; J. Clark, D.I.G.; G. A. Green, Eus.; C. G. Adames, S.G.; W. Tuck, J.G.; J. Clay, P.S. Treas.; A.R. Robinson, P.S.R.; Skeens, S.B.; Past Sovs. W. Sharp, C. Croom, B. Sinister, and others. The conclave was duly opened and minutes of last convocation unanimously adopted. The ballot was then taken for P.M., Bro. W. C. Redward and Bro. Jn. Brickwood, and proved unanimous in favour of each candidate. Bro. J. R. Crook (an accepted candidate) was then introduced, installed and proclaimed, and the Hist. Oration delivered by the Viceroy in his usual masterly style. Bro. Brickwood was then announced at the portal, introduced, installed and proclaimed, when the Sir Kts. had the second opportunity of appreciating the eloquence of the acting H.P. P.S. Clay then requested, in the name of a few subscribers, that the M.P.S. would kindly oblige the admirers of their old friend and N. Comp. P. S. Groom, by presenting to him a P. Sov. jewel, at the same time stating he was one of the earliest installed members at the revival of the Red Cross Order, under Lord Kenlis some years since, and so to speak, a veteran of the degree. M.P.S. Harrison said it afforded him great pleasure to be the medium of conferring this token upon P.S. Groom, and he sincerely hoped he would be long spared to continue his membership of the conclave, and transmit this mark of their kindly feeling to his son. In reply, P.S. Groom stated, with evident emotion, that he was more than grateful for this handsome mark of their appreciation of his humble services, and although he had done little in the past, it would be an incentive to him to do all that he possibly could in the future for the furtherance of the beloved Order, and so continue to merit their approval. The conclave was closed in solemn form until Tuesday, 25th September next.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

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The Prov. Grand Master, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. J. S. Eastes, said: "We have now met together for a good many years, and I am glad to see that the cordiality with which this toast is greeted has not diminished. I should be sorry if it were, because I should feel then that in failing to keep your regard and esteem I was doing harm to the Craft in the province. Having at my heart the wish to forward the welfare of the Craft in the province, nothing can be more grateful to me than to see as years go on your reception of me becomes not less. Believe me, brethren, on these occasions when we meet together for social conference and for provincial festivities, it is very pleasant indeed to be so received; and, as my Deputy was good enough to say, if you were good enough to endorse the sentiment, that he wished me many years of health and strength to preside over you, so wish I; and if by God's blessing I have the health and strength to bear the care of the province, I hope to do so, and to receive from you approbation expressed in the same cordial manner. Then we shall go on as a flourishing and united province, and that is the object of my visits on these occasions. And now, brethren, I do not undertake at these meetings to make many remarks about Freemasonry in the province; it is so thoroughly understood that I make them at the preliminary meetings that we have for business, when we have the Masters and Wardens of the lodges assembled. Those remarks are conveyed by those brethren to the other members of their lodges. I have been slack, I confess, in past years to refer to the subject I am now going to mention, but I see that it has been done in other provincial lodges. In some quarters some importance is attached to brethren appearing at the Prov. Grand Festivals not in proper costume. Now, I know that evening costume is laid down in the regulations as the proper costume; but I do not think it necessary that we should have it. Most of us who attend Provincial Grand Lodges have to leave our homes to come here at a very early period in the morning, when evening costume is out of place, and I, myself, who live in London, if I wore it in the morning might be asked if I was not returning from some late festival of the night before. Even if we were to start from our homes in morning costume, and dress after we got to lodge, we might not find places of accommodation for the purpose, and there would be serious inconveniences, and we might have, perhaps, the sad spectacle of one brother leaving with another brother's pair of trousers. What I would recommend is that we should appear in morning costume, with a black coat, a black or white waistcoat, and black trousers. I think we should then be

more in conformity with the words of His Royal Highness the Grand Master. It is but a small point, but it is a small point which adds more dignity and seemliness to our meetings, which we are all so anxious to maintain. With regard to other matters of the Craft, I have said I have no intention of making any long remarks. Suffice it to say the members of the Craft have not diminished, they have increased, during the last year. It has been my study to maintain the position of the Craft, and I am glad to see that with the increase in the numbers of the Craft there has been no degeneracy. We are strong enough now in numbers in the province of Kent to look less to the increase in the numbers of the brethren than to maintaining our respectability, not that I wish to see the numbers flag in any degree. The impulse given to our progress by the Prince of Wales becoming Grand Master is an undoubted fact; and as this circumstance has led to the addition of new lodges to the roll, it is my duty in this province to scrutinise carefully the grounds on which the petitions are based, and to see whether they are such as in my opinion are likely to promote the true interests of the Craft. Wherever I find in an important and populous district there are those who if they joined our Order were a lodge established in their neighbourhood would be likely to do honour to the Order, I have little difficulty in recommending a new warrant. I have been glad to recommend two such warrants in the past year; and from what I saw when I attended the consecration meetings of those two lodges, I think the province of Kent will have no reason to be ashamed of the new additions. On the contrary, I think they will find that these lodges will add considerably to our strength, and even perhaps more than that, to the position the Craft now holds in the province. But I do entreat the brethren not to allow themselves to be carried away by the ambition of making their lodges the largest in numbers. We can afford now to pick our recruits. As in time of war, the standard by which men are chosen in the army goes down, so it is in Freemasonry. In times of peace the standard in the army goes up; and in Masonry, whilst we are in a good position, let us maintain a high standard. Then I shall have no fear that the recruits brought into the Order will be a credit to it. Those two pieces of counsel are the only two I wish to give. We are met for pleasure. Seldom have we met on a more pleasant or agreeable spot, and if we could not carry out the whole of the ceremonies of the Craft in the building we are now assembled in, we have perhaps some consolation from the circumstance that the abundance of openings have conducted to our physical comfort. And so, brethren, hoping that as years go on these annual meetings of pleasure may continue to be as enjoyable as the present (I cannot say more enjoyable), that each brother in the Craft may enjoy himself as much, and that each new recruit to our ranks may be as creditable to the Craft as those who are now in it, I have only to conclude by thanking you for the warm and cordial way in which you have honoured this toast.

The Prov. G.M., in proposing "The Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," trusted that the brethren who had been invested that evening would, at the end of their year of office, bear as pleasant recollections of their year of office as those brethren did who had been in office during the past year.

Bro. J. B. Eastes, who was the first to respond, after thanking the Prov. G.M. for the honour he had conferred upon him, said that though when he was first entrusted with the duties appertaining to the possession of the Deputy Prov. G.M.'s collar, he had felt some diffidence, he had none now. Three years ago he was able to say he had visited every lodge in the province. Unfortunately, through illness, he had not been able to do the same in the last year; but he trusted that no brother and no lodge could say that the interests of the one or the other had been in any way neglected. He had endeavoured to the utmost of his power to recommend to his lordship every brother who was entitled to promotion, and he trusted that what he had done had been satisfactory. He could not hope to satisfy everybody, but he hoped that he had satisfied the larger number. All his energies would be devoted to the interests of the Order. He loved Freemasonry from the bottom of his heart, and not only to the general interests of Freemasonry in the province, but to incite the brethren to do all they possibly could for the charities of the Order, he should use his best efforts.

Bros. Douglas and Spurrell also responded.

The Rev. W. A. Hill, Prov. G. Chap., responded to a special toast proposed in his individual honour. After touching lightly on the subject of the proposed testimonial to him, he referred to the progress made by the Order, and said that the brethren should bear in mind that with prosperity dangers occurred. Let them keep to the good old landmarks. Most of them, no doubt, read the *Freemason*. He had been invited to take the paper in, and he did; but he was mortified at seeing many things in the paper, more especially with reference to other lands. What had they to do with Milan and the Pope? They looked beyond their own little frith, the silver streak bordering this province, on to the continent, across the Alps into the glorious realm of Italy, and saw things which did not satisfy them. They might take objection to what the town of Milan and the Roman Catholic Church did with regard to Masonry; but, although knowing how Masonry had been attacked and cruelly used by that body, it was contrary to the principles of Masonry to interfere and get up a cry against the religious worship of the Catholic body. Let a cry be got up against it if they liked, but let them not bring Masonry into it. We have seen also in connection with the Grand Orient of France very sad quarrels, which we must look upon as very unsatisfactory, and we should take them as a warning to ourselves, and say "Let brotherly love continue." We should be on terms of friendship with each other, Masonry acting with us as the genial oil which ran down

Aaron's beard even to the skirts of his garments. But they might bear in mind that it had been proposed by the Grand Orient that the Masonic candidates should no longer be bound to their vows upon the Sacred Law. If that sort of tone was carried out here the people of England might think Masons atheists. Masons left men free, but it required them to honour God and be loyal to their Sovereign. If we seek the annals of Freemasonry we should find it had always been so. If we took the time of the Virgin Monarch, whose life was something like the life of Queen Victoria, except that Queen Victoria was the loving mother of a splendid family, we should find that there were many Masons, and Queen Elizabeth wishing to know something about them requested Archbishop Parker to ascertain what sort of people the people the Masons were. The Archbishop was made a Mason and of course saw the proceedings. He reported to Her Majesty, and what was the report he made? Not that they were disloyal to Her Majesty. He said "They are an honest and respectable body of men, loyal to their Sovereign and attached to God." It was the same now, and if they kept to the old lines and the old landmarks they would always be so. If they were they would be ready at any time for removal to the Grand Lodge above.

Bro. Thorpe, Treasurer, in replying to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary," remarking on the progress Masonry had made in the province, said that when he first became its Treasurer the Provincial dues were in the year £26 14s; but in the last year they were £400.

Bro. Spencer, Secretary, asked but three things of the brethren; first to be attentive to the necessary communications to the Prov. Grand Lodge; secondly, for each individual lodge to be careful whom it admitted; and thirdly, not to form cliques.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, the entertaining lodge."

Bros. Dr. Spurrell, Knight, and Andrews responded.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," charities being the *raison d'être* of Masonry.

Bro. James Terry replied. Kent had in the present year contributed £1229 16s. 6d. to the three institutions: £493 3s. to the Benevolent; £175 4s. 6d. to the Girls; and £561 9s. to the Boys. But Kent had ten boys in the Boys' School, who cost £42 a year each (£420); ten old men on the Benevolent Institution, at £40 a year each (£400); six widows at £32 each (£192); and two widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities (£40), or £632; and five girls in the Girls' School at £36 each (£180). So that Kent was receiving yearly from the three institutions £1232, or £2. 4s. more than she had contributed in the present year. Kent was not such a large and important province as West Yorkshire, or East or West Lancashire; but it had contributed to the charities a sum of which it might well be proud when comparing what it had done with what had been done by those important centres of Masonry. Looking at what it had done, every candidate it put forward was entitled to be successful.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Freemasons of the Province of Cornwall was held on Thursday, 5th inst. The place of meeting was Launceston, or Dunheved, or Llanstephadon, as that ancient corporate township is variously recorded in its early history. Launceston stands on the main coach road through the centre of Cornwall, but from one of those odd changes effected in railway times by the innovations of the iron road is now difficult of access from the greater part of Cornwall. Notwithstanding that inconvenience, there was, however, a large attendance of the officers of the Province at Thursday's meeting, many of them having slept at Plymouth or Tavistock the previous night. Over four hundred were present.

The room was tastefully fitted up with the banners of the Order, the usual Masonic insignia, national colours, and festoons of foliage.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Western Subscription Rooms, at 10.30 a.m., by the R.W. the P.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgemore, supported by the acting officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of whom the following were in their places: R.W. Bro. E. T. Carlyon, P.P.S.G.W., Deputy P.G.M., pro. tem.; W. Bros. the Rev. G. L. Church, P.S.G.W.; E. Dixon Anderton, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. J. B. Jones, M.A., P.J.G. Coap.; W. Tweedy, P.G. Treas.; W. Jenkins, P.G. Registrar; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C., Assistant to Prov. G. Sec.; J. Cardew, P.P.G.D.; T. White, P.G.S. Wks.; J. W. Chegwidan, P.G.D.C.; T. Gill, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Vivian, P.G.S.B.; R. Carter, P.G.O.; A. T. Grant, P.G. Purs.; W. Rooks, P.A.G. Purs.; T. Webber, C. G. Archer, G. Barnes, T. C. Polglaze, J. Burgess, W. Tonkin, T. C. Stephens, P.G. Stewards, and W. Rusden, P.G. Tyler.

Among the other additional officers present were also the following:—W. Bros. W. J. 'Hugban, P.P.G. Sec., P.G.D. England; Col. Peard, P.P.G.S.W.; J. G. Mason, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Hext, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Geach, P.P.G. J.W.; I. Latimer, P.P.G.J.W. Devon; H. G. Colvill, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. G. Ross, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. W. S. Sloane Evans, P.P.G. Chap. Devon; the Rev. H.A. Noel, P.P.G. Chap. Aberdeen; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, P.P.G. Chap.; E. Holmes, P.M. 114, P.P.G. Reg., and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; C. T. Pearce, P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Bickford, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Cochrane, P.P.G.J.D.; S. Holloway, P.P.G.J.D.; D. H. W. Horlock, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; W. N. Glencross, P.G.S. Wks. Oxon; W. D. Pearce, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks. Devon; Jno. Du Pre,



P.P.G.D.C. Devon; T. M. Hilfrey, P.P.A.D.C. Devon; N. B. Bullen, P.P.G.O.; W. Guy, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. W. Dymond, P.P.G.O.; E. A. Courtney, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Tonkin, P.P.G.A.D.C. Devon; Saml. Willoughby, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting of the P.G. Lodge, held at Falmouth June 22nd, 1876, were read by W. Bro. R. John, and confirmed.

At that meeting it was resolved—"That the brethren of the Prov. G. Lodge desired to record their gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the safe return of their Most Worshipful Brother his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, from India;" and the Secretary was directed to communicate that resolution to his Royal Highness.

Bro. John read the following letter in reply from Sir William Knollys: "Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., July 8th, 1876.—Sir William Knollys is desired for the Prince of Wales to thank the P.G.M. and the Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Cornwall for the address of welcome and for their congratulations on his safe return from India. It is a source of great thankfulness to his Royal Highness that he has been enabled by a visit to one of the most important possessions of the British Crown to acquire a personal knowledge of its characteristic features, its interests, and institutions, and to promote, by intercourse with all classes of its inhabitants, the friendly feelings which it is so essential should subsist between the mother country and every part of her vast empire.—To the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe."

The reply was received with warm appreciation, and direction given to record it in the minutes.

The annual statement of the Prov. G. Treasurer was read by the Treasurer (W. Bro. W. Tweedy). It showed on receipts for the year balance from last account, £58 6s. 10d.; collection in church after sermon at Falmouth, £15 8s. 4d.; fees, £17 6s. 6d.; dues from lodges, £153 8s. 6d.; dispensations, £2 5s.; total, £246 15s. 2d. Expenditure for the year, £160 6s. 4d. Balance in hand, £86 8s. 10d.

W. Bro. R. John read the following Secretary's report:—"Province of Cornwall.—Number of lodges in the province, 27. For the year 1876—Number of initiations, 155; joining members, 40; previous members, 1272; total, 1467. 1875—Number of initiations, 167; joining members, 64; previous members, 1202; total, 1433. Decrease in 1876 as against 1875, 12 initiations; ditto decrease joining members, 24; increase of membership to carry on, 70; clear increase during the past year, 34. I must congratulate the province on the fact that the returns for the past year still show an increase in our ranks, and from what I have been able to collect from those returns I should certainly gather that the advice of our Provincial Grand Master has had its effect, and that the new additions during the last year are, taken altogether, an evident improvement. I much wish that in each year every Master and Secretary of his lodge on leaving office would be good enough to hand over at once all papers and returns to their successors, so that unnecessary correspondence and delay may be saved.—E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec."

Both reports were unanimously received and adopted. Bro. J. C. R. Crews, the Assistant Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, read the report of the Committee of the fund. It stated: Receipts—Balance from last account, £123 17s. 6d.; donations and subscriptions for the year from the lodges and brethren, £154 14s., a decrease of £4 2s. 6d. from the results from the like source in the previous year; vote of Prov. Grand Lodge, £25; part of collection at church, £6 3s. 4d.; interest on Cornwall Railway Stock, £20 4s. 5d.; Great Western ditto, £9 17s. 6d.; Russian bonds (since sold), £9 17s. 6d.; Debenture Trust Fund, £7 8s. 2d.; Pennsylvania mortgage bonds, £5 18s. 6d.; total, £239 3s. 5d. Result of sale of Russian bonds, £456 19s.; total, £819 19s. 11d.; expenditure, £49 3s. 3d.; purchase of £600 of the West Hartlepool Railway four per cent. stock, £612 8s. 6d.; balance on account of the trustees at the Cornish Bank, £158 8s. 2d.; total, £819 19s. 11d. Two vacancies for annuities had been declared, and there were two candidates for election, one from the Love and Honour Lodge, Falmouth, the other from the Peace and Harmony Lodge, at St. Austell. The Committee appointed at the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting to revise the rules of the fund had met, and the alterations suggested by them had been forwarded to each lodge, and would be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge. The report was adopted, and W. Bros. J. M. Thomas and H. G. Colvill appointed scrutineers of the votes at the election for the annuities. The result was that both candidates were elected, one by 507, the other by 506 votes.

A communication was received from Bro. Reginald Rogers, D. Prov. Grand Master, stating his inability from severe illness to fulfil the duties of Treasurer to the Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and requesting the acceptance of his resignation. He thanked the brethren for the previous kind confidence they had placed in him for so many years, but stated his belief that his labours for Masonry were over, and that he did not believe he should meet in the lodge again. The resignation was accepted, but great regret expressed at the declining health of Bro. R. Rogers, and a vote passed to that effect, which was desired to be communicated to him. The P.G.M. undertook that fraternal office.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was elected Treasurer to the fund. The Secretary, Bro. T. Chirgwin, whose absence was apologised for by Bro. T. Hughan, was re-elected, and W. Bros. J. M. Thomas and Capt. H. G. Colvill elected the Auditors.

The whole of the proposed alterations in the rules of the Annuity and Benevolent Fund recommended by the Committee were unanimously adopted without discussion.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy read the report of the Committee of Relief, which stated that during the past year two brethren had been relieved. Petitions had been received from two brethren of Lodges 450 and 699, and two widows of Lodges 977 and 450, and finding that the bye-laws had been complied with in each case, and that in the opinion of the Committee the cases were very deserving, it was recommended that gratuities of £8, £10, £5, and £10 be respectively granted. The Committee would hope in future that applicants for relief being widows would not look on that as the only fund, but would make application to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund also.—Adopted.

W. Bro. Hughan read his report on the management of the votes of Cornwall for the great Masonic Charities of London. He begged to thank the P.G.M. and P.G. Lodge for their kindly placing the sum of twenty guineas in his name on the list of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (for which he was acting as Steward) in lieu of payment of his out-of-pocket expenses, which he declined. It increased his list as Steward in a very pleasant manner, and raised the total to over £450, which was the largest single list in England for 1876. They had no candidate for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls or Boys at the October and April elections for 1876-77, so the votes for those charities were utilised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and secured the election of the brother who was a candidate for that charity. They had now four of those annuities, and from that fund they were receiving £152 per annum. They had also a girl in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was glad, also, to state that at the present the province owed no votes to any one. They had votes to receive from the P.G.L. of Devon in April, 1878, having assisted that province to the utmost in obtaining the election of their candidates, and whenever the province of Cornwall wanted to borrow a thousand votes its credit was sufficiently good to be able to get them.—That report was received and adopted.

The P.G.M. said it was a most satisfactory report, and did great credit to Bro. Hughan, for the assiduity, zeal, and success he exhibited in the matter.

The Committee of Relief was elected, on the proposition of Bro. John Thomas, W.M. 589, in an appropriate speech, and was constituted as follows:—Bros. E. D. Anderton, P.M. 331, P. Prov. G.W.; S. Holloway, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.D.; C. Truscott, P.M. 496, P. Prov. G.S.B., and Prov. Grand Treas.; and Sec., Bro. Hughan.

Bro. W. J. Hughan brought forward the proposition to increase the fees payable to the Provincial Grand Lodge to 5s. instead of 3s. on the initiation of a candidate. The former, he said, was the general fee paid in other provinces, and although a trifle to each lodge, it would amount in the aggregate to a sum worth obtaining. Cornwall has been very successful with the charities, but to keep up that prosperity it was necessary to maintain its character for contributions to those, and this money would become useful in increasing them. The proposed increase of fee on a brother joining a lodge, he said, he must withdraw, as it was found to clash with the present rule of Grand Lodge.

The propositions were seconded and unanimously adopted.

On the question of the grants to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and the Great Masonic Charities, £25 was voted to the Cornwall Fund, and Bro. Hughan renewed his advocacy of the Great Masonic Charities being liberally supported by Cornwall, on account of the amount that province was receiving from them.

The P.G.M. said perhaps it was advisable that he should take a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, and stated his intention of so doing. £50 was voted to the charity, and Bro. Hughan hoped that the P.G.M. would succeed so well in his Stewardship that his list on the occasion would be second to none in England.

This concluding a large portion of the business, the lodge proceeded in procession, in full regalia with banners and emblems displayed, and headed by the Launceston Volunteer Band, to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Jones, M.A., to a crowded congregation, on the text 1st Epistle of Peter, ii. chap., 17th verse. An offertory was made, £12 14s. 0d., the proceeds of which was appropriated, in accordance with former custom—two-fifths to a local charity (the Rowe Dispensary), two-fifths to the Benevolent Fund, and one-fifth to the clergyman for charitable distribution.

The brethren then returned in procession to the Subscription Rooms. Redruth was selected as the next place of meeting, and the following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—

Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.	D. Prov. G.M.
D. H. W. Horlock, 789	Prov. G.S.W.
T. C. Stephens, 1151	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. B. Jones, 1272	Prov. G.S. Chap.
Rev. F. Wintle, 893	Prov. G. J. Chap.
W. Tweedy (re-elected), 331	Prov. G. Treas.
J. F. Childs, 510	Prov. G. Reg.
E. T. Carlyon, 331	Prov. G. Sec.
T. Webber, 75	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Hawkins, 789	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Burgess, 1006	Prov. G.S. Wks.
J. H. Reynolds, 589	Prov. G.D.C.
T. C. Pulglaze, 75	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Captain W. E. Michell, 1528	Prov. G.S.B.
J. M. Thomas, 967	Prov. G.O.
George Barnes, 1164	Prov. G. Purs.
W. Rookes, 331	Prov. G. Ast. Purs.
T. Hawken, 1529; J. Crang, 330;	
P. F. Sincor, 189; W. Foxwell, 1071;	
J. C. R. Crews, 131; N. Henwood,	
1164	Prov. G. Stewards.
T. Wise	Prov. Tyler.

From the Subscription Rooms the Prov. Grand Lodge then proceeded in procession to the "Dunheved Masonic Hall," where the P.G.M. consecrated that building in due form to the purposes of Masonry. The hall is a handsome and substantial building, erected by the Dunheved Lodge in the environs of Launceston, on the Plymouth-road. Bro. Hine, of Plymouth (a member of the lodge), was the architect. The new lodge room is very handsomely fitted up, and provided with a convenient alcove in the south-east angle as an organ chamber.

W. Bro. W. W. Dymond, P.P.G.O., with the assistance of W. Bros. J. Rendle, T. Goodall, and Bro. G. Firks, of Plymouth, rendered the musical parts of the consecration. At the close of the consecration the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in the new hall in due form.

A large party of the brethren then adjourned to dine at the Central Subscription Rooms, where the P.G.M. presided until 5.30 p.m.

A bazaar was held during the afternoon and evening in the grounds of the Castle in aid of the building fund of the New Masonic Hall, and continued the next day.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Suffolk was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at Hadleigh, under the banner of Lodge Virtue and Silence. The preparations for the reception of the brethren were admirably carried out, and the inhabitants had done their utmost to put on the appearance of geniality.

Grand Lodge was opened in due and ancient form in the old Town Hall, the chair being taken by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Brother Lord Waveney.

The minutes of the late Provincial Grand Lodge and the opening of the new lodge at Gisleston were taken as read and confirmed.

The obligation attached to his office was taken by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, he having been appointed to that office upon the death of the Rev. E. J. Lockwood.

Bro. Lord Henniker made a suggestion that a committee should be appointed in the province which would have the government of the votes of the various lodges and members. The centralisation of the votes in this way would be far more advantageous to such candidates as were selected by the committee than the present method. By centralising the votes exchanges could be made with the committees in other provinces by which the election of one or more candidates from each province could be ensured.

A long discussion ensued, in the course of which some brethren expressed themselves in favour of the scheme, while others thought that any other plan than the present would prevent individual members or lodges taking that interest in the charities which they now did.

Eventually a proposition was made by Bro. Lord Henniker, and carried, "That a committee of six be appointed to take various schemes into consideration, and report to the Board of General Purposes. The lodges afterwards to discuss the recommendations of the Board and the scheme reconsidered for decision at next year's Grand Lodge."

The representatives of lodges in the province stated the position of their lodges, which were considered extremely satisfactory.

The report of the Board of General Purposes stated that the balance in hand was £73 18s. 1d., as against £70 last year. The report, with a proposition of Bro. W. T. Westgate's, that no brother below the position of W.M. should take office in Provincial Grand Lodge, was carried.

The R.W.G.P.M. alluded in feeling terms to the loss the province had sustained by the death of the late Deputy P.G.M., expressions which the brethren fell in with heartily.

The nomination and investiture of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with as follows:—  
W. P. T. Phillips..... Prov. G.S.W.,  
Eltham..... Prov. G.S.D.  
Wrightson..... Prov. G.J.D.  
W. Clarke..... Prov. G.D. of C.  
Paine..... Prov. G.A.D.C.  
Whitmore..... Prov. G. Purs.  
Rev. J. T. Hassall..... Prov. G. Chaplain  
Laughlin, Dodd, and W. B. Jeffries... Prov. G. Stewards  
Huddleston..... Prov. G. Treas.  
Dyer..... Prov. G. Tyler.

Lodge was then closed in the usual manner, after a sitting of about three hours.

Among those present at lodge were—Bros. the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Waveney; the D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn; Lucia, Secretary; J. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Lord Henniker, 555; T. J. Huddleston, P.G. Treas.; W. Boby, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Bevan, P.G.S.W.; W. Clarke, P.G.D. of C.; W. D. Paine, P.A.D.C.; W. Hart, P.P.G.J.D.; W. T. Westgate, P.P.G. D. of C.; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. A. Tighe Gregory, P.P.G.C.; F. Spalding, P.P.S.D.; J. A. Pettitt, P.G.S.W.; B. Head, P.G.D.; H. Diaper, P.G.S.; W. Wilmhurst, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Gardiner, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Thompson, P.G.S.B., and the brethren representing the various lodges of the province.

An interval was made in the proceedings of the lodge, when a procession was formed, and the brethren attended St. Mary's Church. The banners were not carried in the procession, but the Freemasons appeared in their full Craft clothing. The Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, and other officers of a superior grade, occupied positions near the pulpit. The sacred edifice was well filled. Service commenced with the hymn "When I laid



the foundations of the earth the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." The usual afternoon service was then performed, with the exception of the Psalms, which were special for the occasion. The anthem, "Behold how joyful," was well sung by the choir. The prayer before the sermon was appropriate to the occasion. An admirable sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. Hassall, rector of Wattisfield, who took for his text the 8th verse of the 6th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Micah—"And what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly."

The organ was played by Bro. G. Hardacre, formerly of Hadleigh, P.P.G. Organist Oxford, who played a voluntary as the procession entered the church, and again as it went out.

A banquet took place at the Town Hall, and was admirably supplied by Bro. Aldous, of the White Lion Inn. The chair was taken by the R.W.P.G.M., who was supported on his right by the D. Prov. G.M. and on his left by the Prov. Grand Chaplain. Several Past Provincial Grand Officers also occupied seats at either hand of the Right Hon. Brother. Grace having been said by the P.G. Chaplain,

The Prov. G.M. gave the first toast of the evening, "The Queen," which was responded to very heartily.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales," the Prov. G.M. referred to the great interest His Royal Highness took in the Craft.

In giving "The Pro. Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon," the Chairman asked the brethren to honour the toast Masonically, as the hon. gentleman was one who spared a great deal of his time as a statesman to benefit the Craft.

"The D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present," was next given, coupled with the name of W. Bro. Head. The Prov. G.M. expressed the pleasure felt when Grand Officers came amongst them to diffuse their knowledge of Masonry.

Bro. Head, in responding, thanked the brethren for so warmly receiving the toast, and for the invitation given him to be present on the occasion, associated as he was with Suffolk—his native place. He had been a true Mason for 50 years, and on no occasion had he regretted it, and could assure the brethren that the same might be said by themselves the longer they were in the Craft.

The R.W.P.G.M. gave "The Charities," and illustrated their advantages.

Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution, in responding, said the three charities were prospering in a manner which was never expected by their projectors. Since February last no less a sum than £36,000 had been received, a larger sum than ever previously was announced. With this large sum, though, there was the reverse side, the expenditure. He said it was a great pity that with the large number of applicants it was impossible to elect a larger number, but at present such a thing could not be done. With regard to the Old People's Institution at Croydon, it was impossible to extend the building, and now a large sum was expended as annuities to old people who were allowed to reside in their own homes. He next alluded to the contribution sent by the province, comparing it with other provinces, and appealed to the brethren to do more for the noble work.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed the toast of the evening, "The health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Lord Waveney)." He said the province was increasing, under his lordship's direction, in as prosperous a manner as possible, and paid a high tribute to his Lordship's interest in the Craft. He thought the province should be proud in having his lordship as their head. The toast was drunk in Masonic style with cheers.

Lord Waveney thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast. He quite agreed with Bro. Terry in his remarks as to the province and the charities, and hoped the brethren would take the matter into their deep consideration. He could not say more than he had on previous occasions. He was under a great debt to the brethren for the way in which they supported him. The officers who were always appointed were such that would be of credit to the province, and he had no anxiety as to their competence. He had a Deputy whom he could with confidence leave in charge of the province, as was shown by the manner in which the proceedings connected with the Gorleston Lodge were carried out. He was sure the future would be as glorious as the past in prosperity. He sincerely thanked them for their response to the toast.

Lord Waveney gave "The Health of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn."

The D.P.G.M., in responding, thanked the Chairman for the many kind things he had done for and said of him. He felt very proud of the position given him by his lordship. The presence book, which he had just seen, showed that in 1856 he attended the Provincial Grand Lodge at Hadleigh, and he little thought at that time he would attain his present position. With God's grace he would carry out his appointment to the utmost.

Bro. the Rev. J. T. Hassall replied to the toast of "The P.G. Chaplain and the Clergy of the Province."

To "The Past Officers and Wardens of the Province," Bros. Wright and Boby responded.

The remainder of the usual Masonic toast list having been gone through, the meeting concluded.

The vocalists were Bro. Hitchcock, of Hadleigh, and Bros. Large and Lawler, from Westminster Abbey. A choice selection of music was excellently rendered by these gentlemen, Bro. Hardacre presiding at the pianoforte.

**MDLLE. TITIENS.**—We regret to learn from Worthing that Mdle. Titens shows little, if any, sign of improvement.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

A Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, Calcutta, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1877. Present: W. Bros. Henry Hoyer Locke, Past Dep. D.G.M., as D.G.M.; F. Jennings, P.D.D.G.M., as D.D.G.M.; John Blessington Roberts, P.D.D.G.M.; Thomas Jones, D.S.G.W.; I. J. Whitty, D.J.G.W.; W. H. Fitze, D.G. Treas.; W. H. Jones, P.D.G. Treas.; W. B. Mactavish, P.D.G.W. as D.G. Reg.; G. C. Farr, D. G. Sec.; J. H. Turner, D.S.G.D.; A. L. LeFranc, P.D.G.D., as D.J.G.D.; P. C. Dutt, P.D.G., Asst. Dir. of Cers., as D. G. Dir. of Cers.; W. G. Amos, P.D.G.D. as D.G. Swd.B.; C. H. Compton, P.D.G.O., as D.G. Org.; A. Fiedemann, D.G. Purst.; H. M. Rustomjee, D.G.B.B.; E. J. Dean, D.G., F. C. B. Siddons, E. G. Sinclair, Thos. Duke, Stewards; G. Alexander, D.G. Tyler, There were also present representatives of Lodges Star in the East, 67; Industry and Perseverance, 109; True Friendship, 218; Humility with Fortitude, 229; Anchor and Hope, 234; Courage with Humanity, 392; St. John, 486; Excelsior, 825; Temperance and Benevolence, 1160; Sandeman, 1374; Dalhousie, 639; and visitors: Bros. W. F. Baker, 218; E. Molinero, 232; H. W. Pellatt, 232; J. Read, 232; H. R. Cameron, 486; A. Todd, 486; W. L. Francis, 486; W. H. Payne, 486; J. Parker, 486; G. Cole, 1160; J. Cunliffe, 1374; C. Manell, 1374; W. Herbison, 1374; T. Coker, 1374.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 6.30 p.m.

The District Grand Master in the chair addressed the District Grand Lodge, and said—Worshipful Brethren, before we proceed with the ordinary business of this District Grand Lodge, I wish to execute a trust which has this evening been reposed in me. Amongst Freemasons art has at all times held a high place, and I am certain that the work of art now before you, and which has been entrusted to my care for presentation to you, will be fully appreciated. Bro. Marshall Wood, of Lodge "St. Andrews," No. 256, E.C., London, an eminent sculptor, of whom doubtless most of you have heard, has sent you this bust of his Royal Highness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in Bro. Wood's name I now present it to you. It is, I am sure, needless for me to suggest to you that the thanks of this District Grand Lodge should be conveyed to the brother who has sent you this beautiful gift. He is unable to attend District Grand Lodge this evening, and he has therefore commissioned me to place his gift before you.

Bro. T. Jones, D.G.S.W., moved that a special vote of thanks of this District Grand Lodge, for the handsome gift of Bro. Marshall Wood, be conveyed to him, and that the same be engrossed on vellum. Seconded by Bro. F. Jennings, P.D.D.G.M., and carried unanimously.

W. Bro. J. B. Roberts, P.D.D.G.M., enquired of the District Grand Master in the chair by whom the District of Bengal was being ruled, W. Bro. J. B. Knight, D.D.G.M., having left the district. The District Grand Master in the chair said he had intended to refer to the subject at the time when such matters were usually entered upon, namely, when the Presiding Officer, according to the agenda paper, would "address the District Grand Lodge," that is to say, immediately after the confirmation of the minutes of last communication; he, however, had no objection to give the information at once, and accordingly announced that W. Bro. J. B. Knight, the Deputy District Grand Master, who had been in charge of the district, had left for England yesterday, having previously made over charge to W. Bro. J. Pitt-Kennedy, P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Kennedy was unable to preside in District Grand Lodge that evening, being out of town, and he (Bro. Locke), at his request, and as next on the roster of Deputy District Grand Masters, now occupied the chair.

W. Bro. W. H. Fitze, D.G. Treas. moved, and W. Bro. W. G. Amos, P.D.G.D., seconded—That the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 27th day of December, 1876, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read.—Carried.

W. Bro. P. C. Dutt, P.D.G.A. Dir. of Cers., moved, and W. Bro. J. H. Turner, D.G.S.D., seconded—That the minutes of proceedings be confirmed.

W. Bro. W. B. Mactavish, P.D.G.S.W., moved—That the protest regarding the minutes of the 22nd September, 1876, referred to in the speech of the Acting District Grand Master, ought, in common fairness to the writer (who was absent), to be published in the proceedings of the December meeting, or, if not, that the remarks of the Acting District Grand Master should be expunged. The motion having been seconded by Bro. H. R. King, S.W. 825, and W. Bros. F. Jennings, P.D.D.G.M.; J. B. Roberts, P.D.D.G.M.; T. Jones, D.G.S.W.; and W. H. Fitze, D.G. Treas.; and the proposer and seconder, respectively, having addressed the District Grand Lodge upon the subject of the motion, and the proceedings and letter to which the same had reference, the motion was put to the District Grand Lodge and was declared to be lost.

The proposition moved by Bro. P. C. Dutt, P.D.G.A. Dir. of Cers., and seconded by W. Bro. J. H. Turner, D.G.S.D., was then put to the vote and declared carried.

The District Grand Master in the chair addressed the brethren as follows:—

Worshipful brethren: According to the agenda of business the officer acting as District Grand Master should now address you. I regret very much, however, that I am not in a position to put before you any information as to the condition of Masonry in the province, having been dissociated from any executive work in District Grand Lodge for some time past, and having had no communication made to me of the affairs of the past quarter or the state of the district, beyond the fact that there is one exclusion to be reported to you this evening. I have already informed to you of the departure of Bro. Knight and the consequent change in your ruler.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, having been printed and circulated, was, on the motion of W. Bro. F. Jennings, P.D.D.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Jones, P.D.G. Treas., taken as read.

W. Bro. J. Mumford, W.M. 67, moved, and W. Bro. Jones, P.D.G. Treas., seconded—That the accounts, as exhibited in the abstracts contained in the report of the Committee of General Purposes, be accepted as correct and passed.—Carried.

W. Bro. W. B. Mactavish, P.D.G.S.W., moved, and W. Bro. A. L. LeFranc, P.D.G.D., seconded—That the report of the Committee of General Purposes be adopted and recorded.

The District Grand Master in the chair drew attention to the last paragraph in the report of the Committee of General Purposes, relative to the duties of Lodge Pioneer, No. 1490, and pointed out that the procedure adopted in that case was not in accordance with the resolution of this District Grand Lodge, passed at a communication held on the 24th day of March, 1874, whereby the Suspense Account which had theretofore appeared in the District Grand Lodge accounts was abolished. The District Grand Master in the chair read from the report of proceedings of the communication of the District Grand Lodge, held on the 21st March, 1874, the following extract from the report of the Committee of General Purposes, dated the 16th day of March, 1874, explanatory of the resolution:—"The Committee further recommend the abolition of the Suspense Account, from which many inconveniences have been found to arise. They are of opinion that all moneys paid into District Grand Lodge should be at once credited under the several heads of account, in respect of which they purport to be rendered. Provision has been made in the form referred to in the preceding paragraph for showing any errors of short or excess payments, and any such inaccuracies can be as easily rectified under the system of accounts now proposed as when the whole sum paid in by a lodge is kept 'in suspense' until every mistake of the smallest kind in its return is purged. Under the present system the usufruct of considerable sums is lost by District Grand Lodge and the Fund of Benevolence, while no useful end appears to be served, the 'Suspense Account' being, it is believed, as distasteful to the lodges as it is unthrifty towards ourselves."

The District Grand Secretary said, that after carefully reading the resolution and the above extract from the report of the Committee of General Purposes, he must acknowledge that the procedure adopted by him with reference to the dues of lodges, the returns accompanying which required revision and correction, had not been in accordance with the resolution, but promised that in the future the resolution should be fully carried into effect.

The motion of W. Bro. W. B. Mactavish, P.D.G.S.W., seconded by W. Bro. A. L. LeFranc, P.D.G.D., was then put to the District Grand Lodge and carried.

W. Bro. F. Jennings, P.D.D.G.M., moved, and W. Bro. W. H. Nelson, W.M. 1374, seconded—That the report of the Grand Committee Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read.—Carried.

Wor. Bro. W. H. Fitze, District Grand Treasurer, moved, and Wor. Bro. I. J. Whitty, D.G.J.W., seconded. That the report of the Grand Committee of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence, be recorded.—Carried.

The District Grand Master in the chair said, with reference to the notice of motion standing on the agenda paper in his name, that as he was not present at the last communication of the District Grand Lodge, the motion should not have been postponed, but should then have been allowed to fall through. It would be illegal for him now to move on the original notice of motion. When he should again desire to move the matter he would give due notice.

The undermentioned brethren who were respectively appointed to the office mentioned opposite their respective names, but who in consequence of their absence from the communication of this District Grand Lodge, held on the 27th December, 1876, were not then invested with the collar and jewel of their respective offices, were conducted to the east and invested by the District Grand Master in the chair.

C. F. Egerton Allen, W.M. 109 ..... Dist. G.D. of C.  
F. C. B. Siddons, 67 ..... Dist. G. Stwd.  
E. G. Sinclair, 229 ..... Dist. G. Stwd.  
Thos. Duke, 392 ..... Dist. G. Stwd.

The District Grand Secretary reported the receipt of apologies from several brethren for unavoidable non-attendance that evening.

The District Grand Secretary, referring to the letter received by him from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, in October last, requesting him to communicate with the several lodges in the District, and to ascertain for the information of the Most Wor. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, their views, as to the appointment of a successor to Wor. Bro. J. B. Roberts to the office of District Grand Master for Bengal, said, that in accordance therewith, he had immediately after the receipt of that letter, issued a circular to all the lodges in the district, and that to date he had received replies from eleven of the 28 lodges in Bengal; five lodges expressing a desire to have Wor. Bro. J. Pitt-Kennedy, P.D.D.G.M., appointed to the office; two lodges desiring the appointment of Wor. Bro. T. Jones, D.G.S.W.; two Mofussil lodges desiring to delegate their respective votes to the District Grand Lodge; and two other Mofussil lodges intimating their inability to express an opinion on the subject, being unacquainted with any brethren eligible for the office. The District Grand Secretary also reported, that he had communicated the above information to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, and had promised to advise him of any further replies to the circular, as received.



The District Grand Master in the chair enquired of the District Grand Secretary whether any circular on the subject had been addressed to the W. Masters of the lodges in the district, subsequent to the circular referred to as having been issued, immediately after the receipt of the letter from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge; and, upon receiving a reply in the negative, he directed the District Grand Secretary at once to refer to the Deputy District Grand Master in charge, relative to the advisability of issuing a second circular upon the subject. The District Grand Master in the chair thought that a second circular had been rendered the more necessary by reason of two circular letters, regarding the nomination of a brother to fill the office of District Grand Master, which had been very irregularly issued by a brother who appended to his signature the word "Chairman, Committee of Masters;" a body wholly unknown to the Constitutions, and in no way authorised to address the W. Masters of lodges. The circulars so irregularly issued were, generally, mistaken for official communications from District Grand Lodge; and they had had the effect of altogether paralysing the action of many of the Mofussil lodges.

W. Bro. J. W. Browne, P.M. 218, said that the circulars referred to by the District Grand Master in the chair had been issued by him; but that before dispatching them to the W. Masters of the lodges in the district he had shown them to the Deputy District Grand Master then in charge of the district, and had obtained his sanction to their issue.

There being no further business to be brought forward, the usual collection was made for the Fund of Benevolence. The amount collected was announced to be Rs. 68-8, and was made over to the District Grand Treasurer.

District Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren were dismissed by the District Grand Master in the chair with the following exhortation:—"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you."—2 Cor., xiii., 11.

#### FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The triennial convocation of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America (Sir James H. Hopkins, Grand Master; Sir T. S. Parvin, Grand Recorder); will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday, August 28th, 1877. The Grand Commandery of Ohio has appointed a Committee, of which Grand Commander Sir Chas. C. Kieffer, of Dayton, is Chairman, and Sir Samuel Briggs, of Cleveland, Secretary, with local sub-committees in Cleveland, to secure quarters and accommodations for visiting commanderies and Knights. Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2; St. John's, No. 4; and St. Mary's, No. 36; have already signified their intention to participate, and are making all the necessary arrangements to ensure this pilgrimage an enjoyable one. Full particulars will be published at an early date.

NEW YORK.—Saturday evening, the 16th June, Republic Lodge, No. 690, met at the large Templar Hall at the Temple for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree of Masonry in full form, and when the ceremonial began there were present more than five hundred brethren, probably the largest gathering of Craftsmen ever met together under the auspices of a single lodge. Among those present were Grand Master Couch, P.G. Masters Thorne of New York, and Pembroke of New Jersey; D. Deputies Conant, Addoms, Ehlers, and others; Grand Marshal Jas. E. Morrison, Chas. D. Brown, Robert Boyneage, William T. Woodruff, some twenty-five Masters of Lodges, and delegations from Washington, Ohio, Lafayette, Jersey City, Pioneer, and Joppa Lodges of New Jersey, and Beacon Light, Hiawatha, Altair, Montauk, Bedford, Brooklyn, and Adytum Lodges of this jurisdiction. All the distinguished visitors and delegations were received with the honour and courtesy due to their positions, and the scene was largely inspiring as the evidence of good-fellowship and wide-spread interest in the workings of the Craft. Of the work done we need not speak, the fame of the Republic Lodge being already established, and its Past Masters remaining as active at labour as when they respectively held the gavel of command. The committee previously appointed a series of touching and appropriate resolutions on the death of the late Bro. Irah Chase, who was an honorary member of this lodge, which were unanimously adopted, and we may sum up the whole in the words of our caption, as a most noteworthy meeting.—*Keystone*.

COLORADO.—The fraternity of Georgetown, Colorado have established a Masonic Cemetery. It illustrates the mountainous character of the surroundings, to say that the only level place that could be secured is four miles down the valley, at the head of which the city is located. There the fraternity have laid off a showy site, covering about five acres. The plan embraces a circular plot, planted with ornamental trees, and to which all the alleys in the cemetery point. About \$1200 have already been expended in this "city of the dead" since its consecration in 1869, and several craftsmen are now lying there "between that evergreen sprig" awaiting the resurrection.

The number of Colorado Lodges at present is nineteen, the largest membership (125) being No. 5.

Many a story is told of the difficulties the old Masons encountered in holding their lodges securely for want of suitable halls. In Boulder City a log cabin is still exhibited where the first meeting in that vicinity was held. Two Tylers were found necessary to keep off "cowans and eavesdroppers," and satisfy the just scruples of a suspicious circle of Masons.

At Georgetown the lodge is held at a point 8120 feet above the sea level. This is probably nearest heaven than

any terrestrial lodge. It will be a pity indeed if any of the good fellows whom I met in that enthusiastic band should fail by neglect of privileges to reach heaven at last.—*Masonic Journal*.

TENNESSEE.—In looking over the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1857, we notice that the subject of forming Grand Lodge Libraries was agitating the Masonic mind. Virginia commenced forming a library in 1855, by the purchase of a copy of the Universal Masonic Library. North Carolina did the same thing. Missouri commenced by asking donations of books. Massachusetts was reported as having 196 bound volumes on hand. Iowa had 100 volumes. Tennessee had nothing, but agreed to commence the formation of a library. Arkansas, Maryland, Kentucky and Wisconsin had small libraries. In all fourteen Grand Lodges had concluded up to that date to have a Masonic library. Now there is not a Grand Lodge in America but what is forming a library. The older jurisdictions are adding year by year to their already large collections. In a literary point of view, Grand Lodges are improving their standard for intelligence.—*Masonic Jewel*.

#### FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

Last week we published a rumour which had been for some time past current that Sir George Elliot had offered the honourable and important office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province to Mr. Marmaduke Tennant. We are now able to state that Mr. Tennant has determined to accept the office and the onerous duties imposed thereby, and in doing so we sincerely congratulate Sir George Elliot on the choice which he has made, as one certain to conduce to the interests of the province, and highly acceptable to the brethren generally. Mr. Tennant is well known as an accomplished Mason, and he has done good service to the charitable institutions in connection with the Order. The members of the "Afan" Lodge may look with pardonable pride upon the circumstance that from their ranks have sprung a Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Prov. G.M. of the Province of the Eastern Division of South Wales, and that a member of the lodge is also the Provincial Grand Treasurer.—*Central Glamorgan Gazette*.

The death is announced of two prominent brethren of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, Bro. Coraffan, 33° of the Lodge Minerva, No. 7, member of the National Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council, and Bro. P. Gasotis, 18°, of the same lodge. The National Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council of Egypt delegated a commission to pay Masonic honours at the funeral, and Bro. P. L. Dilbezoglu, Orator of Lodge Minerva, delivered an oration over the grave.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., has left town for Alnwick Castle to do duty with his regiment, the Northumberland Militia, which is out for its annual training. The Countess and family remain in Grosvenor-square.

Professor Cavill, who failed to swim across the Channel last year, on Wednesday made an effort, as a preliminary to again attempting the feat, to swim from Southampton to Portsmouth, but he gave up at about two miles from shore.

THE POSTAL UNION.—Her Majesty's Postmaster-General has given formal notice to the Federal Council of Switzerland that the following British Colonies are desirous of joining the Postal Union: The Gold Coast, Gambia, Lagos, Sierra Leone, and the Falkland Islands. The Federal Council has communicated the application to the members of the Union, and if no objection is raised within six weeks the colonies named will be admitted as desired.

The Welsh Miners' Fund at the Mansion House, amounting to £4,445, was finally appropriated on Wednesday afternoon. It will be distributed by the Lord Mayor at Pontypridd on Friday, August 3.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W., Deputy Grand Master of England—accompanied by Lady Skelmersdale and family—have left town for their seat in Ormskirk, Lancashire.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE ABBOTT.—A meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on the 27th inst. It is requested that intending subscribers will forward their subscriptions, as the list will be closed shortly after that date.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. R. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume bound in cloth, with gilt edges, price 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of Post-office Order for 3s. 2d.

Reports of the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, Middleton; Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, St. Helier's, Jersey; and Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, unavoidably stand over, but will appear in our next.

Roan, Gilt Edges, elastic band or tuck, price, post free 2s. 2d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1877. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (Adv.)

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Inverurie was installed on Wednesday last Provincial Grand Master of Kincardineshire, at Stonehaven.

Bro. D. Murray Lyon, R.W. Grand Secretary of Scotland, having resigned the Proxy Grand Mastership of the West India Islands, Bro. John Baird has been nominated by the Prov. Grand Master, the Hon. J. K. Wattle, as his successor.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge will assemble on Thursday next, July 19th, at 33, Golden-square, W., immediately after meeting of the Royal Bruce Chapter, for the purpose of promoting candidates, and for the appointment and installation of the Provincial Grand Officers. The dinner will be on table at the Café Royal, Regent-street, at seven o'clock. The brethren will appear with the Star of the Order and the green ribbon under the coat.

A special meeting of the R.A. companions of the Province of Kent, will be held on Wednesday next, in the Lecture Hall, Chatham, for the purpose of installing Comp. Lord Holmesdale, M.P., as Prov. Grand Supt. His Lordship will be installed by the Most Excellent Comp. Wm. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Supt. of Hampshire.

The Mark Benevolent Festival will be held on Wednesday, the 1st of August, not the 25th of July, as previously stated.

Der Freimaurer for the current month contains two interesting biographical sketches—one of the Emperor Francis I., the same who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1731 at an occasional lodge specially convened for the purpose at the Hague, and the other of Bro. Joseph Hayden, the celebrated composer, who was received into Masonry in 1785, in the Lodge Zur Wauern Eintocht at Vienna. Of this lodge he remained a member till the day of his death, on the 31st May, 1809.

Mark Master Masons will be pleased to learn that the first regular meeting of the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge of Instruction was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion Road, Dalston, on Thursday, July 5th, at 8.30 p.m. Present:—Bros. J. B. Shackleton, W.M.; Jas. Lovelock, S.W.; J. Stokes, J.W.; Ernest Dietrich, M.O.; O. Dietrich, S.O.; Geo. Ferrer, J.O.; F. Bonner, S.D.; C. Johnson, J.D.; F. Delafous, I.G.; and others. Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of advancement rehearsed. Bye-laws were duly discussed, and it was arranged that the future meetings for Instruction should be held on the first and third Thursday in each month. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until the 19th inst.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, R.W.P.G.M., Norfolk, has presented the Rev. H. J. Bodington, M.A., of Queen's College, Oxford, to the Rectory of Suffield.

It is expected the Queen will leave Windsor for Osborne on Tuesday next.

Sir Stafford Northcote has promised to preside at the two hundred and thirteenth anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation, which will take place on St. Andrew's day, Nov. 30.

THE COLORADO BEETLE IN IRELAND.—The Colorado beetle made its appearance on the Dublin quay on Tuesday last, close to the Liverpool Docks. The specimen discovered was a large one, and was found crawling on a rope.—*Dublin Express*.

LAMBETH PALACE.—His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury gave his annual dinner on Wednesday, at Lambeth Palace to the Stewards of the Festival of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy. A large and distinguished company was present.

By command of the Queen a State Ball was given on Wednesday evening at Buckingham Palace, which was attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal family.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, R.W. P.G.M., Oxfordshire, laid the first stone, on Wednesday, of the New Infirmary of the Asylum for Idiots at Earlswood, Surrey, and afterwards presided at a *dejeuner* given by the managers of the institution.

A meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 457, will be held on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Lodge will be opened at four o'clock.

The Attorney-General has appointed Bro. Douglas Straight junior counsel for the Treasury at the Central Criminal Court, in place of Mr. W. C. Beasley, resigned.

Bro. Alderman Hadley has promised to preside at the general meeting and midsummer election of the Asylum for Fatherless Children, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday next.

GUELPH LODGE No. 1685.—The first regular meeting of this new lodge will be held on Saturday at 4 o'clock at the Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, a report of which will appear in our next. An Emergency meeting took place on Friday.

Letters from Caprera state that General Garibaldi, whose health has not been good for some time past, is now in a precarious position.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

"Encouragement to the Ladies" in our next.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Bolletino Officiale del Grande Oriente Nazionale Egiziano;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Hajnal;" "Risorgimento;" "Keystone;" "Unity Trade Marks;" "London Chatham and Dover Panoramic Guide."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

EDMONDS.—On the 21st ult., at St. Oswald's-road, Fulham, the wife of J. H. K. Edmonds, of a son.  
PEARSE.—On the 4th inst., the wife of D. W. Pearse, of a son, at 6, Colville Terrace, East, Bayswater.  
TORKINGTON.—On the 6th inst., at Cheriton, the wife of Capt. Torkington, 41st Regt., of a son.  
ZETLAND.—On the 9th inst., at Upleatham, Marske-by-the-Sea, the Countess of Zetland, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

BURLEIGH—WATSON.—On the 7th inst., at St. Matthew's Denmark-hill, Camberwell, William Frederick, son of the late B. Burleigh, C.E., to Lucy, daughter of S. G. Watson, Esq., of Coldharbour-lane.  
MACNEILL—AGNEW.—On the 10th inst., at St. George's Hanover-square, Duncan Macneill, Esq., to Louisa Lucia, daughter of Sir A. Agnew, Bart.

## DEATHS.

BARNES.—On the 7th inst., at Ventnor, I. of W., Lowther Graves Colebrooke Barnes, aged 31.  
HARVEY.—On the 9th inst., at Albert-road, Brighton, Rosengrave, infant son of Capt. F. R. Harvey.  
HOLMES.—On the 18th inst., at 260, Portobello-road, Notting-hill, Caroline, the beloved wife of Frederick Holmes, aged 42.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1877.

## MASONIC BETTING CARDS.

Does the bare mention of such a state of things take away the breath, almost, of some of our readers? Well, we can only assure them of the fact, and propose, on the present occasion, to call the attention of our Craft to the subject. Betting clubs and betting cards are an institution of the day, and constitute one of the greatest sources of temptation and causes of wrong-doing, especially among domestic servants, young clerks, and a large portion of the criminal population. Ask any detective officer in Scotland-yard or the City, and he will tell you at once that few people, except themselves, who have to deal with it hourly, can form any conception of the prevalence of the nuisance, of the serious forms of evil it assumes, and the wide extent and spreading growth of this plague spot, this running sore, in our social existence to-day. Many a happy home is broken up, many a promising career is blighted, much and enduring sorrow falls to the lot of the innocent and the helpless, when some confidential clerk, some rising young cashier, some hardworking bread-winner, is lured into the fatal vortex of this betting maelstrom, and is whirled, here and there, in its dangerous eddies, until in a dark moment he robs his employer, in order to find "grease" for the wheels, or "grist" for the mill. That is to say, in plain language, he steals his employer's goods or money, in order to fulfil his engagement of dishonour (not honour), at the betting club, with the Vendor of this baneful poison. Perhaps at first he is undiscovered, and so he is tempted to repeat the easy process, until, emboldened and hardened, he sins, with a high hand, is detected, is exposed, and finds himself in the hands of the police and in a cell at Newgate. What wretchedness he has brought on his wife and children, how he has blighted a fair fame, and thrown away an honest career, it needs not for us to say here. Suffice it to add, that hardly a day passes but our police reports tell us of this great and growing evil. Indeed, it is a hard task to attempt to gauge the depth and width of this cancerous disorder, eating out honesty, confidence, morality, and sobriety amongst us, and making all serious persons feel how alarming is the epidemic, and how needful is a remedy. Can nothing be done to restrain the evil tendencies of these illegal associations? Will no words of kindly warning arrest the young in their downward course, alarm the middle-aged, or even affect the old, for betting cards and betting clubs are no respecters of persons or of age? If, as has been truly said, the "Love of money is the root of all evil," so surely this inordinate desire of hasty gain is both a sad spectacle and a regrettable malady, inasmuch as it betrays a very unhealthy state of moral perception, and too often proceeds from ill-regulated minds and ill-conducted lives, licentious habits, ill-omened connexions, for which money has to be got somehow, if not by fair means by foul. It is often very alarming for the philanthropist and the moralist to catch glimpses of the corruption underlying outside show and general reputation, and to know and believe that there is, as it were, a growing tendency in all the "strata" of society alike, to seek for unrighteous gains and illegal successes, and to subordinate everything, honour, duty, principle, and religion, to a determination to obtain money for their own unhallowed gratification or debasing habits, at any cost, at any price. And if this be true, as we fear most true it is, in the body politic at large, what can we say of Masonic betting cards but that they are opposed to every principle of Masonic teaching, every axiom of Masonic duty? To realize the fact, that in defiance of the laws of the land, which, as Masons, we profess to obey, betting cards are issued by Masons with Masonic emblems upon them, which are bought up by the young, the unwary, and the credulous, is, indeed, a sad satire on Masonic profession! How far such conduct renders the vendor or distributor of such cards amenable to the Board of General Purposes may be a matter of question,

but of this we feel certain, that if any lodge, after due trial and proved delinquency, expelled a brother from its ranks, as acting contrary both to the laws of the land and the morality of Freemasonry, and the credit of the lodge, for the traffic in betting cards with Masonic emblems, such expulsion would be upheld by our Masonic authorities. As Freemasons we are bound to obey the "ordinances of the realm," both in the letter and the spirit, and our constitutions assume, as a matter of fact, as the common law of Masonry, that we do not disobey in any particular, directly or indirectly, the decisions of the Supreme Legislature. We deeply regret to call the attention of the Order to this subject, but our excuse must be that the effects of this hurtful system have recently come before us in sad reality, and we think it our bounden duty, in the interests of that great Order for which we write, to protest against the evil of Masonic betting cards, per se, and the degradation to Freemasonry, involved in the fact that its signs and symbols may be seen on such illegal documents, alike, as we believe, hurtful to morality and a dishonour to the Craft.

## CHARITY AND RELIEF.

Perhaps this is one of the most difficult questions of the day, the problem most hard to solve, whether we consider it in the interests of society or for the welfare of the individual. The giving of charity and the administration of relief to the poor and needy are most largely affected by two opposing principles of action, neither of which, in our opinion, is perfect, per se. The one is the absolute gift to the applicant, without regard to ulterior effects, the other is the refusal to give without inquiry, and the laying down of certain artificial tests of the abstract characteristics of true poverty. No one can defend indiscriminate almsgiving, without inquiry or consideration, because the use becomes an abuse, and true charity is meant to be intelligent charity, and there may actually be times when it is the truest charity not to give at all. To contend that you are bound to give, simply because you are asked to give, and that the act of giving is sufficient in itself, without reference to any other consideration, is not warranted either by the Bible or reason. If we understand rightly the principle of giving, laid down by the Best of all Teachers, charity implies thoughtful consideration and careful treatment. Therefore we by no means join those who declare that in the mere act of almsgiving is to be found either its real essence or its true spirit. But, on the other hand, we cannot agree with those who seek to multiply unnecessarily artificial tests as to the condition of poverty and the claims of the poor, for we feel sure that they will only serve to augment, extend, and prolong the malady. As regards Poor law relief, for instance, we have long felt that though the workhouse test may be necessary, it may be equally too much pressed into the administration of relief, and we are convinced of this, that not only has it not diminished pauperism, but it has even in some cases tended undoubtedly to increase the pauperization of the people. We are going to assert not a paradox, but a conclusion of careful thought and study and administration for years, when we say that the real aim of all poor relief should be to keep people out of the workhouse, not to force them in. As once in, once imbue them with the idea that they are provided for by the State, they will remain paupers in mind to the end of their days, and never seek to regain either the consciousness of independence or the virtue of self-respect. Hence we are against all extremes in such matters, as the "workhouse test" in its abuse, is only the consequence of a reaction against indiscriminate outdoor relief. The technicalities and difficulties of our Charitable Reform Societies will not keep away the rogue or the vagrant, but will only affect "honest poverty," and we therefore deprecate the excess, (on this side somewhat rampant), just as we give up the excess on the other. There is, as usual, a via media in this, as in all other matters here, which we deem worthy of note, and certainly of travelling by, if we wish to make our relief and charity a



reality and a blessing. We must have enquiry, fair, proper, courteous enquiry, but we also require the granting of temporary relief, not the forcing of a person into the workhouse, not the mistake, too often committed, of ignoring the commendable independence in English women and English men and the dislike to seek the workhouse unless in absolute necessity. We have known a most useful charitable society, where the active agent was empowered, having ascertained the truth of the statement, to grant temporary relief, and that is the system we wish to see adopted, instead of the superabundance of enquiry, but the negation of relief now in fashion. There is no reason why the two systems should not work together, and we trust ere long to hear of a needful reform in this respect. But in the meantime let none of us be ashamed to give, when we feel convinced that the case is a good one, and that a little timely help may aid a poor brother or sister in the hour of need. The gentle and genial teaching of Freemasonry bids us compassionate the wants of a suffering brother or sister of the dust, and provided the applicant has a "fair claim" on our consideration, and we feel sure is but a too true emblem of "honest poverty," then may we well call to mind language familiar to us all, that charity is twice blessed, in that it blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.

### PERFECTLY RIGHT.

A worthy correspondent, signing himself "Delta," whose letter we published last week, seems rather to object on grounds of "Masonic service" to the presentation of a diamond ring by some brethren of a lodge to a fair sister of ours. We are always willing to recognize Masonic services and Masonic merit, but we do not see what they have to do with the matter in the case before us, as the presenters offered the valuable token of regard to the gentle "presentee" offered it on no such grounds, and for no such reasons, we may well believe. Whatever may have been the reason which prompted this act of Masonic gallantry, it clearly could have nothing to do with Masonry proper, and therefore we think, in the first place, that our excellent brother, the complainant, is "nonsuited," and completely "out of court," and in the second place we venture to hold that such presentation was in very "good form," and reflects no little credit on the sound sense of those who stepped a little out of routine to offer a token of regard and affection to their sister. We often, it appears, to us, ignore too much, not only how friendly our lady friends are to Freemasonry, but how much they do for it, in various quite feminine ways. Some wives could tell a tale of latish hours, &c., but they are most discreet, and say nothing. Not a few might fairly complain of solitary evenings, when Bro. Jiggins is illuminating the lodge with his wisdom, when Bro. Horner is charming it with his song, and when Bro. Jackson is returning thanks for the "dear creatures." As a rule ladies are most interested in Masonry, (as all sensible women should be), and often display the warmest and kindest feelings towards the lodge of which their husbands, or brothers, or cousins—yes—and "young men"—form a part. In one good lodge we could name, (and the list could soon be lengthened), much of the workable furniture of the lodge was prepared by the ready hands of kindly sisters. When this last presentation was made and we think wisely, it was no doubt the consequence of some prevailing feeling on the part of the donors. Perhaps those good brethren thought the gift to the wife would give pleasure to the husband. Some husbands like presents to their wives. Perhaps those good brethren themselves had pleasing memories of that gracious hospitality which woman always so charmingly dispenses, and could recall many evidences of interest in them, and, many pleasant days of yore, many long hours of Masonic acquaintances. So as those brethren, like their worthy P.M., valued aright "animæ dimidium suæ," they very properly presented that good lady with a diamond ring in token of brotherly regard and Masonic good-will. And, pace our good friend "Delta," we think that such an ex-

ample deserves to be followed, rather than to be found fault with. Such an act merits praise rather than criticism. We know not a few fair sisters of ours who like Freemasonry, and do not object to Freemasons; and we can conceive no better development of the chivalry of our young Masons, than to offer to those smiling faces, those warm hearts, and those taper fingers, the Masonic souvenir of a diamond ring, which we trust to be able to record in the friendly pages of the *Freemason*, from time to time, as a proof, if proof be needed, that woman's grace and woman's friendliness, and woman's goodness can still find grateful brethren to recognize their worth, and blessing to our good old Craft.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—OUR LUNCHEON.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the information of your readers, and, I also trust, to lead to an improvement in future in respect of courtesy to the ladies, allow me to trespass upon your valuable space.

On Monday, June 25th, the Stewards and friends visited our Masonic Boys' School, for the purpose of witnessing the examination of the boys, distribution of prizes, &c.

That all present were delighted with the improvement and great progress the boys have made under their excellent master, Dr. Morris, there is no doubt. That brother deserves the warmest thanks for his great care in not only educating, but in the production of happiness to our dear orphan children ("May Heaven bless and prosper them," I heard a lady say; and another "How well they look—happy, cheerful, and full of life.")

To this I could only say Amen, and may their after course in life be marked by honesty and perseverance, never forgetting in their prosperity the institution that reared them.

But I am diverging from my subject—"Our Luncheon."

On the occasion of the annual visit of Stewards the fair sex, consisting of wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters of Masons, form a large majority, and properly so, for there are few opportunities in Masonry for the ladies to take any share in the pleasure of work and interest, and knowing how full the heart of a good woman is of charity, we cannot, as Masons, show her too much of the excellent working of our institutions.

Now it must be admitted that however well the management of our institutions may be, without the annual Stewards, who work hard, the receipts would be very different. Therefore, I think that no trouble should be spared by all concerned to endeavour to make the ladies welcome.

On the annual visit a quiet and inexpensive luncheon is prepared (and properly so) for the ladies, &c. This luncheon could be prepared by the permanent staff of cooks, who every day have to provide for over 200, including boys. Last Monday, after a rush, we are seated at a table, with plenty of good things, including empty glasses for champagne, hock, &c. (no ale glasses). I was seated opposite some ribs of lamb, which I immediately carved for the ladies, and the meal commenced, without a sign of drink. A small card now showed itself, headed "Institution, &c.—Wine List—Bertram and Roberts," which informed us, Moët's champagne, 9s., and Bertram and Robert's (very kind of them to send their own), 6s.; Claret from 3s. upwards, and lemonade (Taylor's) only 6d. per bottle; ale, 1s. and 6d. per bottle. There was also a room in the playground, where you could obtain refreshment at similar prices.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have told all, and it is off my mind. What do you think of it? Why not get a wine merchant's licence, and make our dear Master not only Head Master, (a position never better filled) but our Wine Steward. See what a profit we can make.

Let me repeat, as this gathering is for the ladies, I think that this is a very uncomfortable state of things, and ought to be differently provided for, as it is both annoying to our fair sisters, and places many of us in an invidious position. Cannot the Stewards on some future occasion provide the small quantity of wine needful for the ladies, without causing the gathering to assume the appearance of an outing to a "restaurant?" or are there no brethren to be found in this age of chivalry who will readily assume the part of special ladies' Stewards for the day? I believe that no want of volunteers would be found in so good a cause.

Yours fraternally,

A SPECIAL STEWARD.

(Summoned at three o'clock.)

#### MASONIC LOTTERIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Binckes's letter with the attention it deserves, and hasten to send to you a few friendly comments upon it. I hope to write in the same spirit as he has written, and I shall be glad to think that we shall, (let us hope), carry on a fraternal controversy in that kindly temper which especially becomes Freemasons. He, like myself, has frequently heard the same remark, "You are wonderfully fine fellows for talking about 'brotherly love,' but whenever you get into print you are no better than other people." Indeed, I think you become the most

uncharitable dogs I know of anywhere." For once let our astute censors be proved to be mistaken.

Bro. Binckes, though he deems my views "exaggerated and untenable," admits them to be honest in themselves, which they certainly are, and did I not think that there certainly was something in them, I would not obtrude them on your readers. But I know that many of my brethren, equally with myself, have looked with regret on this growing combination of charity and chance.

If I understand Bro. Binckes aright, he objects to the term "gambling," as applied to Bro. Constable's lottery, on account of the absence of actual personal gain. I admit that there is some difference apparently, as between the man who at Monaco puts down one Napoleon, and hopes by so risking a small sum to obtain a large one, and the Mason who pays one shilling and obtains a life-governorship, value £10—200 times in excess of his original stake. But the difference is very small, practically, the essence of the act is the same; is an appeal to a risk on "chances," and for the purpose of winning a sum of money. For though Bro. Jenkins, who has drawn a lucky number, does not get the money paid to him, he receives what is worth £10 for 1s. by a "fluke," to use a common expression, and three votes for life.

Surely on every ground this looks like the principle of gambling, though I do not use the word offensively. For it is a great gain, as I have before said, which the winner in Bro. Constable's lottery obtains, though there is no considerable personal gain to himself. And if that be the true test of gambling, I fear that, logically, Bro. Constable's lottery can hardly be upheld, as it will require a very fine-drawn discrimination indeed to separate it from any common lottery forbidden by the law on this very ground, that the excitement of the principle of cupidity is prejudicial to the body politic, as well as to the individual mind. Whether the gain be more or less, direct or indirect, material or positional, matters nothing for the purpose of my argument. Charity, which is based upon the double principle of personal benevolence and self-abnegation, has nothing in common, and ought never, in my opinion, to be associated with the principles of a lottery, which only appeals positively, (regard it as you will) to the individual love of gain—the selfishness, actually, of the "homo."

I do not mean to say—Heaven forbid—that all who bought shilling tickets in Bro. Constable's lottery were actuated by a desire of gain, or any such ignoble aim, but I am objecting to the principle of a lottery as applied to the Masonic Charities, and I am constrained to repeat that, defend it as you will, uphold it as you may, (because directed to a good cause), it does not in any sense harmonise with the true teaching and action of genuine charity—which gives as a duty, and gives on principle.

II. Bro. Binckes very properly gives up at once "the end justifies the means" argument, so I will not prolong the discussion on this head, though I believe he rather makes the end of the lottery take the "support of a deserving institution which has charity for its object," and this is surely a gentle assertion of the old formula that you may "do evil" to bring about "good." I have heard this defence made for the lottery system, and so I thought it needful to deal with it.

III. I am not myself much concerned with the question of "success" and "non-success" further than this—that it is to the growth of the lotteries that I object, for one, and I know with many more, and I cannot see without alarm the extension of a principle of action which I deem equally unsafe and unsound.

IV. I confess that Bro. Binckes's argument, however able, does not remove my objection to the lottery system as a matter of policy. Many of those who gain £10 for one shilling and three votes for life are quite able to pay £10, and I fear that the increase of the lottery system will make many say, "I will run my chance by paying one shilling rather than qualify by paying £10." But I do not wish to take an exaggerated view of the whole question, and least of all to find fault with zealous exertions. I am only anxious to call attention to what I think unsound and questionable as regards the great principle of Masonic charity. I for one equally object to the "pious raffle" and the "Masonic lottery," and though not actually, perhaps, of any great consequence, yet they constitute, in my humble opinion, an unsound manifestation, whether as relates to principle or practice.

I have said my say, "quantum valet," and leave it to the friendly criticism of my courteous opponent and your readers. I quite agree with Bro. Binckes that Bro. Constable's exertions are alike remarkable and meritorious in the highest degree. I note that he sent in a list of £1200, and as that represents £800 for his list over and above the lottery, it necessarily represents an enormous amount of labour, and points out Bro. Constable as a most successful pleader in his own lodge and elsewhere for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. F.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think Bro. W. F. deserves our thanks for his letter in your paper of the 30th ult., his remarks seem to apply directly to a conversation I had with a brother a member of our own lodge, a few days after the drawing. I was asked the question if the Life Governors of the Boys' School were not confined to Freemasons, and if anyone outside the pale of Freemasonry could become a Governor of one of our noble institutions, of course I answered that the institution was purely Masonic. To my surprise I was told that the fortunate holder of the ticket, No. 4540, was not a Mason, nor had ever subscribed to any lodge, but that some friend had persuaded him to purchase a shilling ticket (only a shilling), and that he had



a post card sent to him after the draw, informing him that he was one of the Life Governors of the Boys' School. The end may justify the means, and it is right to help them anyway we can, but I certainly think that our brethren should refrain from asking outsiders to take a chance of becoming a Life Governor in one of our schools for the sake of selling a ticket.

I may add that this has been written under purely Masonic motives, and not from any spirit that would tend to mar Bro. Constable's undertaking.

I remain, yours fraternally,

ANCHOLME.

#### ANALYSIS OF STEWARDS' LISTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I warmly support your objection to give an analysis of the Stewards' Lists for the charities by provinces or in any other way, save by individuals, because the figures prove a snare to any would-be analytical editor or writer. Each Steward does his best, and procures subscribers from all parts of the country if he be a London Mason, and from any friends in London if he be a country Mason, so that frequently the names of provinces omitted have done their part, though unrecognised, as was the case of my province (Somerset) quite recently.

Yours fraternally,

J. T. C.

#### VOTES FOR THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have done well as Editor to ventilate the question of our voting Masonic Charities, and have earned the thanks of all practically acquainted with the subject. I know several most willing to support you, and Bro. Hughan (P.G.D.) is ready when needful to give facts illustrative of the value of the present system, indeed he has promised so to do, if anything turns up by way of objection of a character requiring attention and consideration.

Yours truly,

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

#### BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your leading article of last week you state "Bro. Binckes may pride himself on one great, if simple fact, that he has been privileged to announce the largest amount ever sent up to our Masonic Charities, viz. £13,248 17s. 6d." Will you permit me to state this is scarcely accurate?

While sincerely congratulating my good friend Bro. Binckes on so splendid a result, I am bound in justice to the Board of Stewards who worked so zealously for this Institution in February last, to inform you that the total amount brought in by them was larger than that you justly take pride in placing to the credit of the Boys' School, viz., £13,368 and there are five lists to come in.

Will you kindly insert this in your next, and oblige, yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I.

#### THE PRESENTATION OF DIAMOND RINGS TO LADIES BY MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice that Bro. "Delta" seems to object to such a presentation, but why? Surely it is a very fraternal proceeding, and is a little "variety" in our Masonic routine. A visit to your worthy publisher's "Emporium" would enable any chivalric brethren to gratify their own taste and that of the fair presentee at the same time.

I for one quite approve of the idea, and Jones of "ours" adds that it is one of those things which a "fellar can understand."

Yours fraternally,

SPOT.

#### THE ANCIENT CORNISH TONGUE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I think the enclosed cutting may interest some of our Cornish brethren, I beg to forward it to you.

"Next year (1878) being the 100th year since the date when, as is commonly supposed in the West of England, the Cornish language actually ceased to be spoken, through the death of the last person who could converse in it fluently—an old woman of Mousehold, near Penzance, who used the language chiefly for the purpose of swearing in it—it has been proposed to commemorate the "centenary" by holding at Penzance or at Truro—probably at the former—a congress of Celtic scholars. At this congress papers will be read and discussions invited upon the history and affinities of the ancient and now extinct Cornish language. Although this language has ceased to be vernacular for so long a period, yet it is well-known that there still remain a number of manuscripts which were written in it, and some of which have been recently translated and published. For instance, sundry of the old Cornish Scriptural dramas, the 'Origo Mundi,' the 'Passio Christi,' and the 'Resurrectio Christi,' by Mr. Norris, and the 'Beunands Meriasek,' by Mr. W. Stoke. It is expected that other similar manuscripts will also shortly see the light under the auspices of the 'Cornish Manuscript Society;' and it may be added, as a connecting link with our own times, that not a few old Cornish words are still embedded in the modern Cornish dialect. The celebration of this forthcoming 'centenary' is expected to prove the occasion of a re-union, in one of the westernmost towns in the kingdom, of some of our leading Celtic philologists and antiquaries; and the

gathering, if it should be held, will be one of the results of the interesting congresses of the British Archaeological Association held in Cornwall in August last."

I am, yours fraternally,

ARCHÆOLOGIST.

#### SHAKESPEARE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Do any of your readers interest themselves in the question, whether Wm. Shakespeare was a Freemason or no? To all such I call attention in your pages, to some remarkable lines in King Henry VI., part iii., act 2, sc. v., which appear to me very Masonic, so much so that, in my humble opinion, Shakespeare's quotation and our Masonic verbiage have a common origin.

"When this is known, then to divide the times;

So many hours must I tend my flock,

So many hours must I take my rest,

So many hours must I contemplate,

So many hours must I sport myself."

Perhaps some Shakespearian brother can "cap" this interesting passage.

A LOVER OF SHAKESPEARE.

#### A RELIC.

A "correspondent of the "Masonic Record of Western India" writes:—

I have in my possession a very interesting relic of Freemasonry in the shape of a "List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority and Constitution: printed for and sold by J. Pine, Engraver, Little Britain and in Aldersgate Street," and bears date 1729. As a short description of the work may interest your readers who have antiquarian tastes, I venture to send you the following notes:—

On the top of the first page is a male figure, clothed in the flowing robes in which the Apostles are usually depicted. He has in his right hand a square, and with his left he points to a plan of which he probably represents the architect. Opposite to him, crowned, and in the costume of a Roman Emperor, stands a figure which appears to be giving instructions regarding the plan. Behind the latter are discovered two Roman soldiers, clad in armour and bearing sabres. The background of the picture is formed by columns and round arches through which the facade of the temple is discovered. Below this is an engraving of the arms of Lord Kingston, Grand Master. On the four next pages is a list of the lodges, fifty-four in number. Their names are not given, but the dates of constitution, the days of meeting in each month, together with the names of the streets and engravings of the signs of the various taverns in which they are held, are given in parallel columns. Without some special research, which I am not at present in a position to prosecute, it would be difficult to identify the several lodges enumerated in the list, many of which have probably changed their names. This is actually the case with the very first one mentioned in the list, i.e., the world-famed "St. Paul's Lodge," then meeting at the Poker and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, and now known as the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2.

It was in this lodge that the famous resolution was passed in the year 17—, to the effect that Masonry should from thenceforth cease to be operative, and should become speculative. Although the lodge in question is now described as dating from time immemorial, still I note that the actual date of its constitution is given in the list curiously enough as 1692. Lord Kingston appointed George Pomfret the first Provincial Grand Master of Bengal in 1729, and having resigned in favour of the Duke of Norfolk in 1730, became the first Grand Master of Ireland in the year following. Findel, I notice, describes him as Viscount Kingston, whereas in my list he bears the title of Baron Kingston. In conclusion, I may mention that besides lodges in London, the list refers to others at Bath, Bristol, Norwich, Chichester, Chester, Carmarthen, Gosport, Tottenham, Salford, and Warwick, and even one at Madrid. This latter must, in my opinion, be the one which Lord Coleraine, who was the immediate predecessor of Lord Kingston as Grand Master in 1728, founded under the name of the Lilies, and I am fortified in this opinion from the fact that the sign of the lodge in my list is that of an escutcheon bearing three fleurs-de-lys. The lodge, however, which Lord Coleraine founded in 1727 at Gibraltar appears to have been but short lived, as it is not mentioned in the list.

On the last page is a table showing the number of lodges meeting on the same day of the week. The result is as follows:—

On Monday 13, on Tuesday 7, on Wednesday 11, on Thursday 10, on Friday 5, on Saturday 13, and on Sunday 1.

#### FREEMASONRY IN THE PUNJAB.

"A Past Master" sends the following to the "Masonic Record of Western India":—

I must send you a few lines regarding a most successful meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, held last evening. You may not, perhaps, be aware that our new Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. R. E. Egerton, is a Past Master of the Lodge Hope and Perseverance, No. 782, at Lahore, consequently the members of the Craft were most anxious to present him with an address of congratulation on the honour it had pleased the Empress of India to confer upon him, and to our great satisfaction he was kind enough to attend the meeting of District Grand Lodge to receive the same. Lodge was opened at a quarter before seven, and at seven his honour arrived, and

was received by a deputation consisting of the District Grand Master, his Deputy, the two Wardens and Deacons, and conducted to a seat on the left of the throne. He was received with acclamation, and, on silence being obtained, the District Grand Master welcomed him in a few well-chosen words, and read the address prepared for his acceptance. W. Bro. Egerton then responded and retired, being unable on account of a previous engagement to remain to banquet.

There were present some fifty or sixty brethren, many of them came from out-stations on purpose to be present on so auspicious an occasion, as this is the first time District Grand Lodge has been honoured by a visit from the Lieutenant-Governor of the province. Sir H. Davis was a member of the Craft, and a Life Governor of the Punjab Masonic Institution, but never attended a meeting of District Grand Lodge; in fact, being a Fellow Craft only, he could not have obtained admission.

I was not at all astonished to see that, at last, our brethren of the N. W. P. are going for a District Grand Lodge of their own. Alas! poor Bengal, it will be further deprived of nine lodges, only let me give the brethren one piece of advice, apply for a District Grand Chapter at the same time, and do not follow in the footsteps of the Punjab in that respect, and put off for a year such an application. If this one is granted, the other will be also; for I know for a fact, when the District Grand Master of the Punjab, in 1875, applied for a District Grand Chapter, the only question that arose was, why it had not been granted when the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was sanctioned. We in the Punjab will heartily welcome the new District Grand Lodge, and wish it all success; I feel certain the more local heads there are the more will the Craft flourish; take our D. G. Chapter—it started in February, 1875, with five R.A. Chapters, and we have now nine in full working order and doing plenty of work. That shows what a little energy and a hope of the honours of the purple will do.

I have no doubt you will in due time receive a copy of the proceedings of the special meeting of District Grand Lodge, with a copy of the address and its reply, and so I will say no more.

#### BRO. GEORGE KENNING'S ANNUAL EXCURSION.

On Saturday last the whole of the hands employed on Bro. George Kenning's establishment had their excursion for 1877. Bro. Kenning engaged the Citizen steamboat "R." to convey the party to Hampton Court, and by 9 o'clock about 200 persons embarked at Paul's Wharf Pier. Bro. Kenning, who defrayed the entire cost of the day's amusements, accompanied by Mrs. Kenning and the Misses Kenning, Miss Hayward, Bro. Wood, of the Liverpool house; Bro. Bickerton, of the Glasgow house; Bro. H. Massey and Mrs. Massey, Bro. D. W. Pearce, Bro. B. Wright, Mrs. Wright, Bro. H. Cox, Bro. F. A. Kelly, Bro. Toye, with the heads of the different departments, received the party on board, and to the strains of an excellent band of music, led by Mr. Stuart Dudley, the boat proceeded up the river. The journey was a very pleasant one, and to while away the time the party engaged in dancing and singing, which was kept up with unflagging vigour. The passage occupied nearly four hours, but the beautiful scenery of the Upper Thames and the numerous boating parties of ladies and gentlemen afforded a fund of enjoyment which made the time pass rapidly. Arrived at Hampton Court the party proceeded to the Cardinal Wolsey, where they sat down, headed by their worthy entertainer and family, to a bountiful dinner, to which ample justice was done, the ride up having given all a keen appetite. At the conclusion of the repast the holiday makers were left to follow their individual inclinations, some engaging in sports on the commodious green in front of the Cardinal Wolsey, and some (Bro. Kenning and family among the number), selecting the objects of interest in Hampton Court Palace for the afternoon's occupation. After spending three hours among the pictures, the tapestry, and the gardens, and some of the party having ventured on solving the intricacies of the world-famed "Maze," and others the wonderful grape-vine, they returned to the Cardinal Wolsey to tea, which was announced for five o'clock, and to this meal again the visitors applied themselves with the business-like air which is usually attributed to hunters. As the voyage occupied a considerable portion of the day there was not much time to be devoted to many outdoor amusements after tea, and therefore by half-past six o'clock every one was again on board the steamer and the vessel under way. Dancing and singing were of course the main portion of the entertainment on the passage down to London, and these were kept up without any cessation till the boat neared Paul's Wharf at a quarter past ten o'clock. Bro. Kenning had arranged for no speeches to be delivered at the dinner or tea, or, as is the custom on these occasions, some one would have called on the company before re-embarking on the boat to give three hearty cheers for the host of the day. However, as this item had been omitted from the programme to give the pleasure seekers as much time as possible to devote to their al fresco pleasures, the band on passing under Blackfriars Bridge struck up the tune "For he's a jolly good fellow," which the company, without exception, accompanied by giving the words, and concluded with vociferous hurrahs. Before the party separated "God save the Queen," was sung and played, and when they wished each other "good night," expressed their great satisfaction with the cheerful and pleasant day they had spent. These entertainments are given every year by Bro. Kenning, who selects a different spot and a different mode of conveyance to and fro on each occasion. The reunion is always a most enjoyable one, and we need not say that it is looked forward to by both young and old with the greatest confidence in its success. The heads of the different departments, both male and female, exert



themselves to the utmost to give zest to the meeting, and to infuse a spirit of cordiality and friendship amongst the numerous members of the establishment. Amongst the leading figures of the party we must not omit to mention Bro. Kenning himself, Bro. Wright, Mrs. Wright, Bro. Cox, and Bro. Kelly, the last of whom had the management of the weightier portions of the programme, and the general supervision of the arrangements. Bro. George Baker and Mrs. Baker, Bro. Reeves, jun., and a few others went by rail to Hampton Court, and joined the party on the arrival of the boat.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday the 7th inst. Present: Bro. Benjamin Head, in the chair; Bros. S. J. Row, A. Durrant, John W. Dennison, Jesse Turner, C. F. Matier, R. B. Webster, S. Rosenthal, W. Hyde Pullen, E. C. Massey (*Freemason*), F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last House Committee and of a Special Committee were read for information. The Secretary, Bro. Binckes, stated that he had addressed a letter to the Grand Secretary in reference to the resolution at last meeting on the subject of the insufficient office accommodation afforded by Grand Lodge for the Secretary of the Institution for Boys, and he believed that similar communications had also been sent in from the Secretaries of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution. He had not as yet received any reply, but it was within his knowledge that a committee was sitting at that moment to consider the subject. He, however, had not any hope that Grand Lodge would be able to afford the increased accommodation required, there not appearing to be available space for the purpose, and he thought it not improbable that the three Institutions would have to fall back upon their own resources in dealing with the question. He added that it was absolutely necessary that larger offices should be provided, for with the continual increase of their annual festival it was becoming utterly impossible to carry on the business of the Institution in such confined offices as they had at present.

After some conversation, it was moved by Bro. Head that two members of this committee be appointed to confer with two members of the Girls' School Committee, and two members of the committee of the Benevolent Institution on the subject.

This motion having been seconded, was carried unanimously, and Bros. B. Head and R. B. Webster were nominated to carry out the object of the resolution, and to report.

The petitions for placing thirteen candidates on the list were then read, and some of the children were passed; but three were sent back for better reading.

Bro. Binckes stated that there were 33 unsuccessful candidates at last election, that the petitions already accepted and that the number of candidates, with the ten accepted at this meeting, amounted to 66, and that, making allowance for the boys leaving the school up to March next, the available vacancies were only nine.

After some conversation as to the outlay (about £2000) required to increase the accommodation at Wood Green, to enable them to raise the number of boys admitted to 200, it was proposed by Bro. Turner, that the House Committee be requested to reconsider this question. Carried unanimously. A sum of £5 for outfit was voted to each of the following boys who had left the Institution. F. R. Matthews, Doncaster; Abraham Overend, Leeds; and Frank Harding, shipped to Australia.

Bro. Binckes called the attention of the committee to the services rendered to the Institution by Bro. Constable, who at three Festivals had brought in sums amounting in all to £2000, his list on the last occasion amounting to £1226; suggesting that such services should not pass unrecognised; and it was decided to give notice of motion to the General Purposes Committee, with a recommendation of this Committee that the rank of Hon. Vice President be awarded to Bro. Constable.

Bro. Binckes announced that a sum approaching £13,400, was the result of the late Festival and votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Beach and the Stewards.

Bro. Binckes said that their thanks were also due to Mrs. Monckton for her very valuable services in connection with the amateur performance, the proceeds of which had been divided amongst the Institutions. He did not know the total sum realised, but the sum handed to the Institution for Boys was £115 10s.; whereupon it was resolved that some suitable acknowledgment should be made to Mrs. Monckton.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free- and Accepted Masons, containing the charges, regulations E. A. Song, &c.** A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advt.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—In spite of all competition or opposition, the sterling qualities of these remedies have caused them to maintain the first position as curative and alleviating agents. No other remedies so quickly and effectually cure diarrhoea, cramps, dysentery, and all bowel complaints of a similar character. In the most acute and violent attacks it will be found that no matter how severe the vomiting and pain may be, that the brisk and frequent friction of this Ointment into the pit of the stomach and abdominal surface will allay the irritability of the stomach and soothe the pain. As soon as the vomiting, &c., has ceased, the Pills should be taken internally, to remove away any irritant matter.—Advt.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Portsmouth Mark Lodge Room, Portsmouth, on Thursday evening, the 5th inst. There were present the M.W. and Rev. Bro. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.M.; V.W. Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M.M.; V.W. and Rev. Bro. F. W. Thoyts, Grand Mark Chaplain; Bros. H. R. Trigg, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Lamb, P.G.S.W.; H. M. Emanuel, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, P.G. Chap.; T. Best, P.P.S.G.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.P.J.G.W.; Geo. Rake, P.J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, P.P.S.G.W.; W. C. Redward, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, O.G.S.; M. Emanuel, P.G.S.; J. Harrison, P.G.J.D.; J. R. Weston, P.G.M.G. F. Court, P.G.S.O.; A. Cudlipp, P.P.G.J.O.; C. A. Dyer, P.G.S.D.; G. F. Lancaster, P.G.J.W.; G. Cross, P.G.S.B.; Rev. G. R. Johnson, P.G.St.B.; H. J. Guy, P.P.G.St.B.; R. Osborne, P.G.O.; G. G. Tilling, P.G.I.G.; W. Payne, P.G. Steward; J. Watson, P.G.; Tyler; E. Groves, W.M. 17; E. D. Godwin, 37; A. Riddle, J.O. 2; H. T. Cecil, 17; G. D. R. Reeve, 17; T. J. Pulley, 54; W. Parsons, 37; Exell, 17; G. Carter, 2; J. Ivimey, 17; T. Maltby, S.D. 17.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, held in Southampton, having been read and confirmed, the P.G.M. Treas., produced his audited accounts, showing a balance of £32 11s. in hand, which were unanimously adopted. Bro. Frost proposed, and Bro. H. Emanuel seconded, the selection of Bro. Redward as Treasurer, which was unanimously carried, the P.G.M.M. thanking Bro. Redward for having reconsidered his determination not to accept office again.

The D.P.G.M. proposed, and Bro. Rake, seconded the selection of Bros. Frost and Maltby as Auditors, which was carried with the same unanimity.

Bro. Le Feuvre P.G. Sec. produced a return showing the number of members in each lodge in the province, the number of times each lodge had met, and the advancements in each. This return showed a satisfactory increase over the figures of last year.

The P.G.M.M. proposed, and the P.G.S.W., Bro. Lamb, seconded, a donation of £5 5s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, for which Bro. F. W. Thoyts, Grand Chap. was acting as Steward, and which was carried.

The minute books of the lodges having been submitted for inspection, and the P.G.M. having made some remarks on them for the guidance of W.M.s. generally, the Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—

Hickman.....	D. Prov. G.M.
R. Eve, 54.....	Prov. S.G.W.
E. Groves, 17.....	Prov. J.G.W.
J. Lillywhite, 2.....	Prov. G.M.O.
H. Court, 2.....	Prov. G.S.O.
S. B. Ellis, 2.....	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. E. T. Nepean, 63.....	Prov. Chap.
Rev. G. R. Johnson, 17.....	Prov. G. Chap.
W. C. Redward, 2.....	Prov. Treas.
W. Parsons, 37.....	Prov. G.R. of M.
J. E. Le Feuvre, 63.....	Prov. G. Sec.
H. J. Guy, 2.....	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Bond, 17.....	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Clark, 62.....	Prov. I. of W.
W. Sowdon, 54.....	Prov. G.D.C.
A. Riddle, 2.....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. Payne, 2.....	Prov. G.Swd.B.
S. J. Pulley, 54.....	Prov. G.St.B.
K. G. Westley, 63.....	Prov. G.O.
J. E. Ivimey, 17.....	Prov. G.I.G.

The brethren adjourned for refreshment when a very elegant cold collation was served, which reflected great credit on the culinary resources of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 17.

After this the usual toasts were offered and responded to with great cordiality, and the brethren separated for another year's work with the hope of similarly successful results.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *samples*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the library, Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation in the chair. There were also present Bros. N. G. Phillips, Benj. Head, S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas W. White, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hilton, W. Hale, Thomas Cubitt, John Newton, Charles James Perceval, C. F. Hogard, Joshua Nunn, H. Massey (*Freemason*), James Terry (Secretary), and George Knill (Collector).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry announced the death of two male and three female annuitants; the males after having received £722 in annuities, and the females £384.

The Warden's report informed the Committee that Dr. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, had presented about a thousand flower plants to the Asylum, and had sent his gardener to plant them.

On the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, seconded by Bro. J. Newton, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Strong for the present.

Bro. Terry read the following report:—

The Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 1st of April to the 30th June, 1877, inclusive, and do find the same correct.

MALE FUND.	
Balance 30th March, 1877	£3521 2 10
Receipts .....	2531 9 9
Disbursements .....	£6052 12 7
	3983 16 7
	£1068 16 0
WIDOWS' FUND.	
Balance .....	£1574 5 6
Receipts .....	2514 5 11
Disbursements .....	£5088 11 5
	2605 9 9
	£2483 18 0
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.	
Balance .....	£27 4 4
Disbursements .....	5 1 7
	£22 2 9
Total balance .....	£4574 0 5

The Chairman having mentioned to the Committee that the sum of £50, which the Secretary hitherto had been allowed to have in his hand for petty cash, was on account of the great increase in the business of the Institution insufficient to meet petty disbursements, on the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith, the sum was increased to £100.

A cheque for £106 17s. 9d., for balance of Messrs. Patrick and Sons' account for repairs to the asylum, was ordered to be signed and forwarded to that firm.

Two men and two women were placed on the list of candidates for next election.

The Chairman gave notice of motion for next meeting, That in acknowledgment of the zeal and energy so successfully exerted by Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, in connection with the various charities, more especially with the festival of this Institution he be enrolled as an Hon. Vice-President of the Institution.

Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the visit of the Stewards of last festival to the Asylum would take place on Thursday, at which he would be happy to see any of the brethren.

The Committee then adjourned.

The visit of the Stewards of the last festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the Asylum at Croydon, was made on Thursday. The Stewards, accompanied by Bro. Terry, the Secretary, and several members of the Committee, went to Croydon by train, and after a careful inspection of the building, and visiting the individual inmates, expressed themselves much pleased with the arrangements made for the comfort, health, and happiness of the inmates, and with the recent repairs effected in the buildings. The gardens, which are now in beautiful order, were also much admired.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF THE WEST INDIA ISLANDS.

At a Quarterly Communication held on Wednesday, June 6th, 1877—the Provincial Grand Master in the chair—the Provincial Grand Master laid before the Provincial Grand Lodge a letter to him from Bro. David Murray Lyon, the Proxy Provincial Grand Master, dated 31st March last, wherein Bro. Lyon, after mentioning his promotion to the office of Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Scotland, says—"This will necessitate my resignation of the Proxy Prov. Grand Mastership of the West India Islands, which I now do, thanking you for the high honour of being your representative in that capacity," whereupon it was resolved that Bro. Lyon's resignation be accepted. On the motion of Bro. Wm. McCall, seconded by Bro. J. W. Elliot, the following resolution was passed unanimously, viz.:—"This lodge, in view of the eminent services rendered to it by Bro. David Murray Lyon during his tenure of office as Proxy Prov. Grand Master, and of the manner in which he sustained the dignity of the office, the resignation of which has been rendered necessary by Bro. Lyon's promotion to the office of Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Scotland, desires to record its high appreciation, not only of Bro. Lyon's services as Proxy Provincial Grand Master, but of the manner in which he has upheld the dignity of the office, and while expressing its sorrow on the severance of the tie, wishes Bro. Lyon every success in his new office." That copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Lyon.—*Scottish Freemason*.



## FAREWELL TO THE OLD ROOMS.

The following lines were written by Bro. Thomas Blair, P.M. Wentworth Lodge, No. 1339, and were recited by him at its regular meeting held on the 2nd inst.

The Wentworth Lodge, of which Bro. S. B. Ellis is W.M., was the first lodge to meet in the new building of the Sheffield Masonic Hall Company.

The "old rooms" alluded to are the temporary meeting place of the lodges during the re-building of the hall, &c., adjoining, they will now be used as Tyler's Rooms, &c.

The new hall is on the site of the old one, and the very stones of which have been used in the new edifice.

Well; here we are at last, and soon 'twill seem  
That our long exile was a summer's dream;  
How oft we've wished for this long coming day,  
When from that dim retreat we'll wend our way.  
Oft by the light of taper or wax-match  
Glimpses of grandeur we have striven to catch,  
And venturous spirits in the unfinished halls  
Have gazed with longing on slow-growing walls.  
Still, while the months have dragg'd their weary train,  
The inconvenience was not all in vain.  
There many a brother first beheld the light,  
And learnt the mysteries of our ancient rite.  
Sufficient this,—discomfort set aside—  
Those walls to honour, if for naught beside.  
'Twas their Masonic birthplace, and their home,  
To which their thoughts will turn, where'er they roam.  
Home of our childhood! how affection clings  
And hovers round thee with her seraph wings.  
Dearest thy hill, though clad in russet brown,  
'Than fairest summits which the cedars crown.  
There o'er our duties, many hours were pass'd  
And the long evenings only flew too fast:  
—Our labours done, a later hour would bring  
To those small tables the accustomed ring.  
And while each brother at the festive board  
Join'd hand and heart in jubilant accord,  
O'er outside cares, forgetfulness was flung,  
And friendship loos'd the jesses of the tongue.—  
The banquet o'er, the dishes cleared away,  
Some singing brother tuned his plaintive lay,  
"Mavourneen Darling," "Waterloo," "King Cole,"  
"The Sexton," "My Old Wife" (with lengthy roll).  
"Albert the Good," or "Woodman spare that tree,"  
"Tell me the Sign, John," "Jolly dogs are we."  
So happy, happy, we our evenings spent,  
And happy, happy, went away content.  
To-night, with some regret, we'll say "farewell"  
To the old house we've loved—ah, pretty well.  
Yet recollecting many a jovial night,  
And coming here with undisguised delight,  
In glad anticipation of the joys before us,  
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## Craft Masonry.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The installation of Bro. G. Reed, W.M. elect, in the chair of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was well attended by the brethren of the district, where the spirit of emulation is so strongly manifested that the installation ceremony is keenly watched and criticised, and as in nearly all cases the retiring Master makes it a point to install his successor, the criticism is keen, and the result is as near as possible perfection. From the acknowledged ability of Bro. F. G. Pownall, the retiring W.M., a Masonic treat was anticipated, and indeed partaken in by all who heard the eloquent manner in which he worked the beautiful ceremony. The lodge was opened at one p.m. precisely, and, after approval, Mr. E. G. Westlake was initiated. Bros. Chasteaufort and Hiscock were passed to the Second Degree, and then Bro. Reed was presented for installation, and, according to ancient custom, placed in the chair of K.S., and duly saluted by the brethren. He then invested his officers as follows:—J. P. Moore, S. W.; T. Hutton, J.W.; J. Henderson, P.M., Treas.; H. Syer, Sec.; N. Brown, S.D.; G. Masters, J.D.; T. Hosgood, L.G.; T. Hassell, Stwd.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The usual addresses were then most impressively rendered by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony closed. A Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, being one of four specially prepared by Bro. George Kenning for the lodges in this district, was then presented to Bro. Pownall and it was unanimously carried that a vote of thanks should be presented to him, and as well inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for the manner in which he had that day fulfilled the duties of Installing Officer. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon, Bro. Lockey's hostelry at Gravesend, where a well served banquet awaited them. Among the visitors were Bro. E. West, P.M. 1076, 1472, 1437, and P.P.G. Herts; T. Butt, W.M. 700; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913; W. Gamble, W.M. 706; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706 and 1536; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; G. Andrews, P.M. 871; Dr. A. Prescott, P.M. 706; S. T. Finch, P.M. 898 and 861; the Rev. Holding, W.M. 1653; G. Spinks, S.W. 1536; A. W. Tattershall, P.M. 140; G. Picken, J.W. 1536; H. Aden, P.M. 1653; T. Day, P.M. 1076; J. R. Waller, W.M. 898; T. D. Hayes, S.W. 913; W. B. Lloyd, J.W. 913; M. Sherwood, Org. 1076; W. Holliman, 1536; B. H. Swallow, 1653; E. J. Scott, 1653; A. Woodley, J. W. 700; J. F. Randall, 1089; W. Chalk, 1559; C. Jolly (Freemason), and others. Among the Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. W. Appleby, C. Young, E. Mills, C. F. Hills and G. Davies. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Pownall proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing hoped he might have a happy and prosperous year of office. He, the W.M., went into the chair that day with the confidence and good wishes of every member of the lodge, and if he only did his duty, he would not only retain their good wishes and confidence, but would as well earn their lasting gratitude. (Cheers.) The W.M., in returning thanks, said he should always work for the benefit of the lodge, and would carefully listen to every suggestion that might be made for the welfare of it, and for the comfort and prosperity of every brother of it. (Applause). After the health of the initiate had been drunk, and responded to, the W.M. gave that of "The Visitors" saying that the Union Waterloo was always best honoured when it was most visited, and upon that occasion it was a great pleasure to see so many brethren of influence and eminence in the Craft present, some of whom had come long distances especially to do him and the lodge honour. (Much applause). Bro. P.M. Tattershall, in reply, spoke of his former connection with the lodge, and of the pleasure he felt in seeing Bro. Reed in the chair, and it was a proud reflection for him to know that three of the officers that day placed in important positions in the lodge were initiated into Masonry by himself. (Cheers.) There were some old faces that he missed from among them, but regret was tempered by seeing so many new and happy ones present. He was glad to see the old lodge doing so well, and spoke in terms of great admiration of the splendid work done by Bro. Pownall that day. He said it was a pleasure to sit under such a master of his art, and trusted

the lodge might long have so good a stay and support as that brother was, and would be. (Cheers.) Bro. Butt replied on behalf of the "Nelson Lodge," which he designated the oldest offshoot of the grand old mother of the district, the Union Waterloo, and thanked the brethren for the continued kindness always evinced by them to the brethren of No. 700. (Cheers.) Bros. Gamble, Hayes, Holding, Weston, Day, and West as well responded. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Pownall replied in a speech full of feeling and eloquence, thanking them for their magnificent present, and above all, for the affectionate regard and esteem they had at all times evinced towards him. Bro. Henderson as well replied, and after Bro. Moore had responded to a flattering reception of "The Officers," the National Anthem closed a gathering that will be long associated with many pleasant memories. A quartette party, under the direction of Bro. W. Sallenger, 913, contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion by their excellent singing.

**MIDDLETON.**—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The last monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, June 28th, at the Assheton Arms. There was a good attendance both of brethren and visitors. Bro. George Bradbury, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. D. Reid, I.P.M.; J. Wood, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Harvey Heywood, P.M., Treas.; S. H. Cheetham, P.M.; W. Percival, S.W.; F. Fothergill, J.W.; J. Hatton, Sec.; S. Lawton, S.D.; J. Millhouse, J.D.; F. Hooper, Org.; and J. Kent, Tyler. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. J. Salmon, P.M. 163; W. H. Warburton, W.M. 163; J. Compton, W.M. 1387; and C. Cooke, W.M. 1588. The lodge having been opened with the formalities of the Craft the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of Messrs. T.B. Smith and O. A. Jowett. They were therefore duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order; the former by Bro. J. Crompton, whose impressive and graceful delivery was much admired, and the latter by Bro. J. Wood in a most efficient manner. The working tools were presented by the J.W. Bro. Fothergill next moved the resolution of which he had given notice, viz., "That the lodge do adjourn from June 28th to September 27th." This being seconded by the W.M. was carried unanimously. "Hearty Good Wishes" were accorded from Lodges 152, 163, 324, 1034, 1213, 1387, and 1588. One candidate was proposed for initiation, after which Bro. D. Reid, I.P.M., gave some information respecting the library scheme. Charity being attended to, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. "The keen demands of appetite" having been satisfied, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. "The Initiates" were then toasted, and the newly-made brethren briefly responded. Bro. Harvey Heywood, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," expressed his gratification at seeing so many of them sitting at the festive board. It was not often they were favoured with such a goodly number, and in a small country place like Middleton they could not provide on sudden emergencies to the extent that they could elsewhere. He hoped, however, they would take the will for the deed. He could assure them they were heartily welcome, and he trusted it would not be long before they paid the lodge another visit. The visiting brethren responded, and all expressed the gratification they felt at their visit to the lodge. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Reid, Greenwood, and Salmon. The last toast was given by the Tyler, and the brethren separated, well pleased with a delightful evening's reunion, which had been so agreeably spent.

**ST. HELIER'S (Jersey).**—Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—This lodge held its sixty-sixth anniversary on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-road. Bro. J. T. Du Jardin, the Deputy of the States, and P.M. 244 and 590, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.:—Bros. P. W. Benham, I.P.M. 244, P.G. Treas.; L. H. P. Hespiradaux, B.A., S.W., P.G. Stwd.; J. Baker, P.M., J.W. (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. J. F. Le Gallais, J.W., P.G. Stwd.); W. T. Davey, Sec.; S. Gilley, Organist (acting), 491; Thos. Leat, J.W. 245, acting as S.D.; J. Gray, S.W. 245, acting as J.D.; J. Marett, I.G.; George Rogers, P.M. 1003, P.G.T., Tyler; E. Leigh Bennett, P.M. 244, P.P. S.G.D.; P. Blampied, W.M. 245, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Donaldson, P.M. 244; R. Barrow, P.M. 491, P.G.W.; Capt. P. Messervy, W.M. 590, P.G. Stwd.; F. LeFeuvre, W.M. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Oarly, P.M. 590 and 958, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Chapman, W.M. 958, Asst. G.D.C.; G. C. Renouf, P.M. 590, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O'Flaherty, P.M. 958, P.P.G.D.; W. Metherell, P.M. 1003, P.G.S.B.; P. Bois, W.M. 1003, P.G. Stwd.; Jno. Kuelin, J.W. 1003, P.G. Stwd.; St. Hurst, S.W. 958, P.G. Stwd.; S. Gilley, S.W. 491; B. Roberts, P.M. Zetland Lodge, 1005; M. Murphy, 244; Thos. Palmer, 1003; A. Vile, 359; Thos. Palmer, 958; J. Hardy, 1003; J. T. Le Geyt, 245; F. Noble, 1003; C. Blampied, 244; W. Fox, 244; C. Statt, 244; C. Bisson, I.G. 491; and others. The W.M. (Bro. J. T. Du Jardin) opened the lodge punctually at five o'clock in the First Degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Secretary, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Bro. C. Statt was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree in an efficient manner. The ceremony of passing at end, the W.M. informed the brethren that his term as the ruler of the Yarborough Lodge had expired, and that the next business before them was the installation of their new W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Their happy choice had fallen by an unanimous vote during their last regular meeting on Bro. P. Hespiradaux, their active and amiable S.W. for the last year. He could but congratulate them on their election, as he had always found Bro. Hespiradaux a very zealous and enthusiastic Mason, ever ready to assist in some office or other in the sister lodges of their province, and he was sure he (Bro. Hespiradaux) would be an orna-

ment amongst the rulers of the Craft. It was, therefore, a pleasure to him to leave the chair in his occupation for the ensuing year. Bro. P.W. Benham took the chair as Installing Master, and at his request the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. T. Du Jardin and W. H. Chapman. The customary preliminaries having been gone through, the ancient charges read and assented to, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, all the brethren below the chair retired. A board of fifteen Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Polick Hespiradaux was, according to ancient custom, installed in the chair of K.S. After the board had been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and having saluted the new W.M., the Installing Master proceeded with the rest of the ceremony, and delivered the usual addresses. The following appointments were made, Bro. Benham investing and addressing each officer in a very appropriate manner:—Bros. J. Marett, J.W.; Chas. Blampied, J.D.; M. Murphy, S.D.; W. Fox, Dir. of Cer.; Geo. Rogers, the onerous and very responsible post of Tyler. Bro. W. Adams, P.M., Prov. Board General Purposes, was appointed Treas.; Bros. W. T. Davey, Sec.; J. F. Le Gallais, S.W.; C. Statt, I. G.; and Campbell and McKee, Stewards, and will be invested at the next monthly meeting. After the closing address of the P.M., Bro. Polick-Hespiradaux rose to say that he had not fully overcome the emotion of his mind, caused by the impressive ceremonies of his installation as their W.M. When one's heart was overjoyed, as his was at the present moment, one's words were not always on the tip of his tongue, he would not, therefore, give them one of his usually long speeches, suffice it this time to acknowledge his sincere and deep felt gratitude for the honour bestowed upon and the confidence placed in him by the brethren of the Yarborough Lodge in electing him unanimously as their head and ruler during the ensuing twelve months. He was fully aware of the onus that thus fell on his shoulders, as also of the responsibility resting on him in his new capacity. Being, however, surrounded as he was by the most able and experienced Past Masters in the province, he should find his task neither a difficult nor a heavy one. He was determined to discharge his important duties as their W.M. with as much energy and perseverance as possible to him, and would try to please every brother in the province to the utmost of his ability. He, therefore, appealed to the Past Masters and officers of the Yarborough Lodge to be always punctual in their attendance and energetic in the execution of their duties in the lodge; the members he would remind of their C.T.'s length. The visitors he would on this occasion invite to assist as often and as numerous as possible at either their regular monthly or emergency meetings. A vote of thanks to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. T. Du Jardin, was then proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried. All lodge business being ended, it was closed at a quarter-past seven o'clock in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, beautifully decorated for the occasion, and nearly sixty brethren sat down to refreshment (a cold collation served with tea and coffee), provided by Bro. G. Rogers, the present Temple keeper, in his usual excellent style, which gave great satisfaction, and pleased every one. The W.M. presided. The cloth having been withdrawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The W.M." was warmly received, as well as that of "The Retiring W.M." and that of "The Installing Master."

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street Liverpool, last Wednesday afternoon, the 18th inst. and the annual picnic at Hawarden Castle on the following day. A full report of both interesting and highly enjoyable events will appear in our next issue.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Bro. Tucker's house, in Burrage-road, and was largely attended, several of the brethren and visitors wearing the purple, adding much to the coup d'oeil presented when the W.M., Bro. W. T. Vincent, opened the lodge in due form, and with solemn prayer. Among the visitors present were Bros. Dr. Spurrell, W.M. 615, and P.G.J.W. Kent; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chap. Kent F. G. Pownall, W.M. 13, P.M. 1536, and P.G. Supt. Wks. Kent; T. Hastings, W.M. 822, and P.G.P. Kent; R. Pidcock, P.M. 916, and P.G.A. Supt. Wks. Sussex; W. Weston, W.M. 1536; W. T. Gamble, W.M. 706; T. Butt, W.M. 700; F. A. White, W.M. 907; C. Penney, W.M. 1089; E. W. Young, W.M. 704; J. Caviel, P.M. 147; T. Whitmarsh, P.M. 1150; Sydney Clarke, P.M. 706; Dr. A. Prescott, P.M. 706; G. W. Tapp, P.M. 706; J. Rowland, P.M. 700; G. Spinks, W.M. elect 1536; H. Shaw, S.D. 1536; H. DeGrey, 706; W. Blane, 907; J. T. Pilditch, 1420; J. H. Williams, S.D. 1056; D. Campbell, 33; J. Davidson, 33; W. H. Roberts, 700; W. Denison, 1541; G. Beaver, 700; J. Watkins, 1536; and C. Jolly (Freemason). The following Past Masters of and belonging to the lodge were present: Bros. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Smith, P.P.G.P. Kent; E. Denton, Sec. and P.P.G.P. Kent; A. Penfold, J. McDougall, C. Ellis, and Payne. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. H. Butter, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and having assented to the ancient charges, the lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Officers to the number of 22 was opened, and Bro. Butter was placed in the chair with the usual formalities. The brethren were then admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the three degrees. Bro. Vincent, following an almost universal custom in this district, installed his successor, and well did he sustain the high prestige of the lodge by his excellent and admirable working of the impressive ceremony. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—T. D. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Chapman, S.D.; R. J. Cook, J.D.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Mason, I.G.;



Randall, D.C.; Edmonds, W.S.; and R. Lester, Tyler. A letter was then read from the representatives of the Pattison family, thanking the lodge for its sympathy with them in their late bereavement, as well as one from Bro. Major Pattison, desiring to become a joining member of the lodge, so that the family might still have its name identified with it. Bro. Coupland therefore gave notice that, at their next regular meeting, he should have the honour of proposing that Bro. Pattison become a member of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Vincent, the I.P.M., for his services to the lodge during the last twelve months. It was then proposed and carried that a vote of thanks, to be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, should be presented to Bro. Vincent for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day, and for both the vote and jewel Bro. Vincent returned thanks. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Bray's house, the Bull Hotel, at Dartford, where a banquet awaited them. The cloth having been cleared the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Lord Holmesdale, G.M. Kent," was then most enthusiastically received, as was the name of Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. The W.M. in giving the toast spoke pleasingly of the "deep blush of purple" that had pervaded the lodge that day, there being no fewer than four Present Grand Officers as well as several Past Provincial Grand Officers with them, and after expressing the pleasure every brother felt at seeing their esteemed Chaplain, Bro. Hill, amongst them, and congratulating Bros. Spurrell, Pownall, and Hastings upon their well won honours, he concluded by proposing the toast. Bro. Hill in responding regretted not being able to be present at the installation of their esteemed W.M., because the name of Bro. Butter had been indelibly engraved upon his memory through having been present when Bro. Butter was elected W.M. last month, and the continual cry of the then W.M. of "Bro. Butter, Bro. Butter," had been so intermittent, that he felt he should never forget Bro. Butter as long as he lived. He wanted to see Bro. Butter in the chair, and now that he had that pleasure, he knew that their unanimous vote was one deeply founded upon their knowledge, and conception, that in Bro. Butter they had a ruler who would do honour to Masonry and the lodge. He then, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent address, spoke of the Caxton celebration, and of the great good done to civilisation and Christian progress through the press, but did not think every writer who chose to discuss Masonry in the columns of the daily papers was always qualified to do so. The *Daily Telegraph* of the 4th of June said they were a philanthropic, and convivial body. He gloried in the philanthropy, and enjoyed the conviviality, if by that was meant "refreshment after labour." Their charity was as universal as the wind of heaven, and brought help and comfort to many a desolate home. And why should they not, upon such occasions as this, after a year of good hard work of love and charity, partake of the corn and the oil and the wine in sociality and moderation? The Rev Chaplain then concluded a brilliant address by thanking them for the toast. Bros. Spurrell, Pownall, and Hastings also briefly responded. To a loud call Bro. Coupland also responded. The I.P.M., Bro. Vincent, then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing wished him a prosperous year of office. He did not wish him a very great lodge, but he did wish him a thoroughly united and happy one. As Lord Holmesdale had said the day before, they did not want recruits, they were strong enough; what they wanted was to keep Masonry a corps d'élite. He therefore trusted their W.M.'s year of office would show that it was not the strength of a lodge but its honour that made its reputation stand high among the lodges of both the province and district. The W.M., in response, thanked the brethren sincerely, but felt that he was in a position where he had not been tried enough yet to feel easy under the responsibilities placed upon him, or to receive without some doubt, the flattering reception they had given him in response to Bro. Vincent's wishes, but he would try to make himself worthy the confidence they had so unanimously reposed in him. He hoped as they had taken him on trust that there would be a good record of results. One might have the very best intentions, and yet give pain and dissatisfaction, and if he had unintentionally wounded the feelings of any brother, or might do so, he trusted that brother would believe him that it had been, and would be, done unintentionally, with but one desire, to sustain the honour and the reputation of the lodge intact, and to further its interests in every way compatible with the grand principles upon which all true Masonry was founded. After a few further remarks upon the beautiful tenets of Masonry, Bro. Butter resumed his seat amid tenets of applause. The toast of the "Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Vincent and Ellis responded. To that of "The Visitors," Bros. Pownall and Penney replied, and after Bros. Hayes, Lloyd, and Cook had returned thanks for "The Officers," and Bro. Bray for "The Host," the brethren separated, after a most interesting and enjoyable event. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Lawler, sen., assisted by Bros. Lawler jun., Carter, and Large.

**EGREMONT.**—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The festival of St. John the Baptist was observed by this lodge on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow, S.W., of Inton Hall, High Sheriff of Cumberland, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in the well-appointed Odd Fellows' Hall, at 2 p.m., when the following officers, past officers, and members were present:—Bros. E. Clarke, W.M.; Rev. C. Strickland, Chap.; W. Armstrong, Sec.; Muncaster, P.M.; Eilbeck, P.M.; Nelson, Selkirk, Smith, Leech, Spiers, Fearon, Cooke, Satterthwaite, Macaulay, Douglas, Charteris, Bland, Woosnam, Goldie, Baxter,

Lamb, Reay, Dyson, Chapman, Dobbin, and Braithwaite, Tyler. The visiting brethren were as follows:—Lodge 119, Whitehaven: Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.G. Sec. C. and W.; J. L. Paitson, W.M.; W. Alsop, P.M.; E. W. Henry, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M.; J. Barr, P.M., P.G.S.D.; E. Fearon, P.M.; J. Montgomery, S.W.; J. Rothery, and MacArthur. Lodge 371, Maryport: Bros. T. Carey, W.M.; and A. Walters, P.M. Lodge 872, Whitehaven: Bros. J. Cowman, W.M.; J. J. Robinson, P.M.; Braithwaite, S.W.; Curtis, Hodgson, and Nicholson. Lodge 962, Workington: Bros. J. Wood, W.M.; J. Irving, Sec.; Reed, and Coverdale. Lodge 1002, Cockermouth: Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Sec. (*Freemason*); Evening, S.W.; and H. Peacock. Lodge 1400, Harrington: Bros. J. W. Young, P.M.; and J. Hardie, J.W. Lodge 1660, Frizington: Bro. W. Martin, J.W. Lodge 699, Cornwall: Bro. Chappell, W.M. Lodge 1190, West Yorkshire: Bro. Barton, W.M. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Burns-Lindow, the W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Clarke, who, on this occasion, for the first time, too, assumed the responsible and onerous office of Installing Master. Although a great undertaking for so comparatively young a Craftsman, suffice it to say that Bro. Clarke worked the whole ceremony, from first to last, without any assistance whatever, and with an ease, effectiveness, and eloquence that would put many of the older hands completely in the shade. It is so seldom that a retiring W.M. essays the duty of installing his successor, that we trust, now that the ice is broken, the veterans who for many years have performed the office, and consequently fairly earned retirement, will do everything to encourage so desirable an innovation. We may add that the Board of Installed Masters numbered close upon a score, and Bro. Clarke informed us it was his intention to have opened and closed the Board in full ritual, had he been at all aware there were two or three Past Masters present to fill the officers' positions. This is another improvement, common enough in some provinces, it is true, but almost entirely unknown to Installing Masters in Cumberland. Anyhow, the full working of a Board of Installed Masters gives a completeness to the ceremony of installation, and we hope this innovation—for innovation we may style it in the benighted north—also may become general. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. Edward Clarke, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Strickland, S.W.; Armstrong, J.W.; Chapman, Treas.; Robson, Secretary; Calderwood, S.D.; Kirkconnell, J.D.; Woodburn, I.G.; Towerson, D.C.; Mathews, Organist; Wilson, and Smith, Stewards; Braithwaite, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in form, and Bro. Clarke, the Installing Master, received congratulation, all round for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the most important duties of the day. Subsequently, the brethren, to the number of seventy, were invited by the High Sheriff to partake of banquet, at the Globe Hotel, which was sumptuously served. Bro. Burns-Lindow presided, faced by his Wardens, Bros. Rev E. Strickland and Armstrong. The Chairman having given the loyal toasts, Bro. Henry proposed "H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master of England," with "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Henry alluded to the dispute taken before a court of law for settlement, the other day, but referred, by the advice of Mr. Justice Field, to the M.W. Grand Master, who, he was glad to hear, had decided the matter to the satisfaction of both sides. This showed, in no little measure, the value and usefulness of their dear old Craft. Bro. Alsop next proposed "The Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland," and in doing so, reviewed the great services rendered by his lordship to the Craft since he succeeded the late Bro. Dykes, about ten years ago. His lordship not only took a most active part in the affairs of Craft Masonry, but likewise interested himself in the prosperity of the Royal Arch, the Mark, and Red Cross degrees. The brethren would never forget the princely entertainment given by their Provincial Grand Master at Kirkby Lonsdale last year. Bro. Gibson, Prov. G. Sec., replied on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Muncaster then proposed, in graceful terms, "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M. of the Kenlis Lodge," which was received with the greatest cordiality. He thought the members of the Kenlis Lodge ought to be proud of their being presided over by the representative of Her Majesty. Bro. Burns-Lindow, in response, assured them that he valued no little the great honour conferred upon him that day, inasmuch as he felt deeply, and was confident of his inability to do justice to the office. He hoped, however, nay, he could promise faithfully, in the words of the exhortation addressed to him that day, that he would never disgrace the Order; but, on the contrary, it should always be his unspeakable willingness and pleasure to advance the best interests of the Craft, in the hope that it would lead to further attainments. He was sure he had appointed a staff of officers who would do their best to assist him in maintaining the good and welfare of Kenlis Lodge. It was his wish, and he would put forward his best endeavours, to further the objects of Freemasonry. The remainder of the toast list was made up as follows:—"The Newly-appointed Officers," by Bro. Barr, responded to by the S.W. and J.W.; "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. Clarke," by the W.M.; "The W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Officers of Lodges in the Province," by Bro. Chapman, responded to by Bro. Paitson, W.M. 119; "The Visiting Brethren," by Bro. Calderwood, responded to by Bro. Barton; "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. Strickland, responded to by Bro. Gibson; "All Poor and Distressed Masons," by the Chairman. The proceedings were much enlivened by the following musical brethren:—Bros. Matthews and Lewthwaite, as pianists; Bros. Paitson, Hodgson, La-

monby, Gibson, Armstrong, Bland, Moffat, Macaulay, and Baxter.

**LIVERPOOL.**—De Grey and Ripon Lodge. (No. 1356).—The annual celebration of St. John's festival in connection with this very numerous lodge took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street, Toxteth-Park, Liverpool. There was a very large and influential gathering of the fraternity. The lodge was opened by the retiring Master, Bro. Thomas Horne, and there were also present Bro. J. Bell, P.M.; Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M.; Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. Rothwell, P.M.; Bro. Thomas Nickson, S.W. (W.M. elect); Bro. J. W. Williams, J.W.; Bro. Edward Paull, Treasurer; Bro. A. Woolrich, Secretary; Bro. Charles Arden, J.D.; Bro. J. Keet, I.G.; Bro. Larsen, P.M., Tyler, &c., and a number of visiting Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers. Two brethren were initiated, and the chair was taken by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.Z., P. G. Steward W.L., to whom the Worshipful Master elect (Bro. T. Nickson) was presented by Bros. Horne, P.M., and Bro. John Dewaynes, P.M. 667; and the ceremony of installation was performed in a manner which drew forth warm encomiums from all present. The usual Masonic honours having been heartily accorded, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows, the address being given by Bro. Marson: Bros. T. Horne, I.P.M.; J. W. Williams, S.W.; A. Woolrich, J.W.; Joseph Bell, P.M., D.C.; Edward Paull, Treasurer (re-elected); C. Arden, Secretary; James Keet, S.D.; Edward George, J.D.; W. Evans, I.G.; H. P. Squire, S.S.; and J. Parrington, J.S. Bro. Larsen, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. P. Gore for the presentation of a handsome W.M.'s gavel to the lodge, and to Bro. Marson for the efficient manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed. The brethren adjourned to the Adelphi Hotel for the banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, being "The Provincial Grand Officers," responded to by Bro. S. Ibbs, P.M., who expressed a wish that Lord Skelmersdale might be long spared to watch over the interests of Freemasonry in the province of West Lancashire. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Horne, I.P.M., and responded to in appropriate words by Bro. Nickson, W.M., who also presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Horne on behalf of the lodge, and spoke in high terms of his valuable services. Bro. Horne spoke of the kindly feeling of the brethren in heartily having supported him during his year of office, and thanked them for their cordial co-operation. "The Past Masters," "Installing Master," &c., followed, the former responded to by Bro. Evans, P.M. The proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs, recitations, &c., by Bros. L. Courtney, Constantine, J. P. Bryan, Robert Robertson, &c., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge.—(No. 1536).—"There was a sound of revelry" on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's house on Anglesea Hill, and "bright the lamps shone" on some seventy brethren of the mystic Craft, who had assembled to witness the elevation of one of their most esteemed members to a position that he had long and steadily worked for, and to which he will, we have every confidence, add dignity to wit the chair of the above lodge. Bro. Weston, the retiring W.M., was the Installing Officer, and well did he sustain the trust placed in him by the lodge. His manner of working the ceremony was at once careful and intelligent, and won the highest encomiums from all who had the pleasure of witnessing it. Bro. G. Sprinks who as S. W. gained the best wishes of every Mason in the district, having been with all due solemnity placed in the chair, invested his officers as follows: W. Dickens, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W.; Rev. E. A. Solbe, Chap.; W. Murphy, Treas.; F. G. Pownall P.M., P.M. 13, and P. G. Supt. Works Kent, Sec.; J. M. Caffery, S.D.; Lieut. J. Ritchie, R.A.J.D.; W. Harding, Organist; D. Deves, I.G.; Wilding and Wright, D.C.; Brooks and Holliman, Stewards. The usual addresses were then delivered by Bro. Weston, and after that brother had had, amid the applause of the lodge, a really handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, pinned upon his breast by the W.M.; and had, as well a vote of thanks passed to him, to be inscribed upon minutes of the lodge for performing the installation ceremony, the lodge was closed and adjourned to a banquet, which was served shortly after. Upon the reassembling of the brethren, the fine hall presented a sight at once pleasing and exhilarating. The tables were lovingly decorated with choice bouquets and flowering plants, not sparingly, but in profusion, the many colours of which were interminably reflected back from the glittering plate and crystal around, while the scarlet and blue uniforms of the military brethren shone out in pleasing contrast to the sombre evening dress of the civilian element interspersed among them. The menu was a triumph of Bro. Plaisted's art, being simply perfection; and the service, thanks to Bro. Moulder's generalship, beyond criticism. The toasts were as usual most loyally drunk, indeed our military brethren not only serve Her Most Gracious Majesty, but from the *elan* with which her health, and that of her son, the Prince of Wales, our beloved Grand Master, was received by them, "brave hearts and strong hands" are still as of old, ready to do and die for her and her throne. The enthusiasm was most catching, and the roof shook to "God Save the Queen," and the Prince's hymn. Our Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, is, we know, well and worthily honoured in Kent; his flattering recognition of the importance of this lodge, as shown by the elevation of its popular first Master, Bro. F. G. Pownall, to the purple, at the last provincial meeting, has endeared him to the brethren, especially in Plumstead, and so "in bumpers" he had his reward. "Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the G. and Officers," were worthily represented by Br. Dr. Spurrell, P.G.J.W., who returned thanks for the



honour done him and them. Br. Weston's jovial face beamed with pleasure as he asked the brethren to drink the W.M.'s health, and the cheering was loud as that brother finished a masterly response to the toast, in which he assured the brethren that his year of office should see no new or sensational policy inaugurated, but that he should uphold the sociable, charitable, yet economical policy carried out by his predecessor with so much honour and credit to the lodge, and its position in the district (loud cheers). They had taken him on trust, and if they would only extend to him that generous indulgence they had ever shown to those who preceded him, he hoped, as they had done, to merit their respect and approval. The toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Butter, W.M. 913, brought out the mind of that brother in felicitous and pointed sentences. He spoke of the wonderful precision and decision with which every act of Masonic duty was done in that lodge. Told of the novel sensation he and a brother experienced on their first visit to the lodge, when, to their application for admittance, they got a stern but decided refusal from the O. G., who said, "No, it is against my orders," and resolutely denied them admittance. "Oh," then said the brother, who was a P.M. of a neighbouring lodge, "I will admit myself," but the way in which the O. G. went and took up his sword, and the cool, determined, yet experienced manner with which he handled it, made them stand aside till the good brother had got an order for their admission (cheers and laughter). He had been as well struck by the splendid working of even the subordinate officers. He found that there were even at the social board brethren who were constantly going round asking him and the rest of the brethren if they "wanted anything." Of the grand ceremony so impressively worked that day by the I.P.M. Bro. Weston, he could not find words sufficient to express his admiration; it and the whole of the work was a credit to Masonry, and a pattern to the district (loud cheers). He then told them of a conversation he had had with a distinguished officer, who, although not a Mason himself, had known of much good done, and of many lives saved, and comforted, in and after battle, by brothers, who, foes in arms, were yet Masons in heart, and after invoking that benign spirit of charity which is the star of Masonry to bind them in one bond of brotherly love together; concluding a brilliant address by feeling assured they would all do their duty when called upon for their lodge, their Queen, and the Craft (loud cheers). Bros. Henderson, Gamble, and Parish as well responded. Of course the Past Masters were toasted, and Bro. Weston replied; as did Bro. Shaw for the officers. Bro. Jolly returned thanks to an enthusiastic reception of the *Freemason*, and Bro. Plaisted modestly responded to a warm eulogy of his liberal and most enjoyable catering, and then the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The visitors present included, Bro. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Bro. Capt. C. Phillips, P.M. 706; R. Croisdale, P.M. 706; and H. Bryc, 913, who are as well members of the lodge; Bros. H. Spurrell, W.M. 615, and P.G.J.D. Kent; W. J. Blackey, P.M. 159, and P.P.D.C. Kent; T. Butt, W.M. 706; W. Gamble, W.M. 700; H. Butter, W.M. 913; W. G. Parish, W.M. 1604; W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913; J. Henderson, P.M. 13, &c.; T. G. Day, P.M. 1076; J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, S.W. 913; W. B. Lloyd, J.W. 913; J. Mutch, J.W. 706; J. Donnelly, S.D. 706; E. Palmer, 913; D. C. Capon, 913; F. W. Corder, 913; W. Lomax, 913; W. H. Keen, 1604; J. Harper, 1604; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*) 913.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The brethren of this lodge met for installing purposes at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Bro. Councillor Forrest, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening, and the usual Masonic business having been gone through, the chair was taken by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. 241, who proceeded to instal Bro. John Marshall, Worshipful Master elect, in a very impressive manner. The following officers were invested:—Bro. Wm. John Lunt, P.M., D.C.; Bro. John H. Parker, S.W.; Bro. J. W. Cave-Brown-Cave, J.W.; Bro. Roger Warriner, Secretary; Bro. Jas. A. Forrest, I.P.M. and Treasurer; Bro. John Duncan, jun., S.D.; Bro. Wm. Ladyman, J.D.; Bro. James C. McGuire, I.G.; Bro. Charles J. Caddock, S.S.; Bro. Edward Walker, J.S.; Bro. W. H. Ball, Tyler. After the lodge had closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Bro. Ball, and the usual toasts were proposed. "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. M'Muldrov, P.G. Purst, and Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O.; "The West Lancashire Educational Charities," proposed by Bro. Forrest, was responded to by Bro. Lunt, P.M. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Forrest, and enthusiastically received. The Worshipful Master responded in suitable terms. A jewel was presented to Bro. Forrest by the Worshipful Master as a token of esteem from the brethren of the lodge on completing his year of office. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and presented him with a beautiful combination of staff and telescope, and Bro. Haynes, P.M., with handsome smoking paraphernalia, in acknowledgment of their assiduous support since the formation of the lodge. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., assisted by Bros. Busfield, T. J. Hughes, John Hill, and others.

**LEYTONSTONE.**—Guelph Lodge (No. 1685).—Two meetings of this lodge took place last week at the Hall of the Red Lion, Leytonstone (Bro. T. Barford's). The first meeting was an emergency, called for Friday evening, for the express purpose of initiating Capt. William Joseph Wheratt, of the merchant navy, who was about to proceed the following day to India and China. The captain was initiated by Bro. Edwin Bare, W.M. of the lodge, who was supported by his officers. The brethren

afterwards sat down to supper, and in toasting the initiate wished him a happy and prosperous voyage, which would extend over about fifteen months. The following day, the first regular meeting of the lodge was held, at which there were present the following brethren:—Edwin Bare, W.M.; Walter C. Claridge, S.W.; Ebenezer Skelt, J.W.; Edward Brown, Treasurer; J. B. Shackleton, Sec.; J. W. Francis, S.D.; R. Vincent, I.G.; D. Sayer, D.C.; Robert F. Hogg, J. W. 1595; H. W. Godbold, 1595; W. Christian, W.M. 1662; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*) and Thomas Barford, P.M. 55. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings, the brethren having balloted for the candidates for initiation, the following gentlemen were initiated by the W.M.:—Messrs George Chew, Edward Gayton, Robert Warner, Ed. Maulton Odams, and Wm. Cripps. Afterwards the W.M. invested Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.M., with the collar and jewel of the P.M. of the lodge. The draft of the bye-laws of the lodge were produced, and on the motion of Bro. Vincent, seconded by Bro. Francis, the same were remitted for settlement to a committee consisting of the W.M., the S.W., the J.W., Bro. Chew and Bro. Cripps. The brethren then closed lodge and adjourned to a choice banquet provided by Bro. Barford, when the beautiful display of flowers and fruit at the installation banquet a month previously was repeated. After doing ample justice to the elegant repast the brethren honoured the usual list of toasts. The introductory toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Shackleton, as the P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. was better known to the brethren of the lodge than they were to him, Bro. Shackleton; but he, (Bro. Shackleton) knew enough of Freemasonry to be sure that Bro. Bare would not have been chosen to occupy the W.M.'s chair if it had not been thought he would do credit to the office. He was positive he would do credit to the Guelph Lodge, as would also every officer of the lodge, and every member of the lodge, all of whom most heartily wished the W.M. a prosperous year. He could confidently tell the initiates that they could not have a better example in Freemasonry than the W.M. It was only 15 months since he first saw Masonic light, and he had achieved a position which many men worked zealously for 10, 20, or 30 years to attain. The offices in Freemasonry were ordinarily only to be obtained by a constant attendance at lodge and a faithful discharge of the various duties attached to the different offices, and it was considered the highest privilege a brother of a lodge could acquire to become the Master. The toast having been heartily received, the W.M. said that so far as Masonry was concerned anything which promoted its welfare would always have his most sincere and unqualified support. He believed in Freemasonry; he was certain that it would make a man a better man if he understood it. From a very early age he had been taught to think very seriously. Freemasonry had helped to deepen in him the interest he took in the things of this life and those pertaining to a future life. He had to thank the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had responded to the toast, and begged to say it should always be his most sincere desire and earnest wish to promote the prosperity of the Guelph Lodge. After a short interval the W.M. proposed with a great deal of pleasure "The Health of the Initiates." The brethren knew that unless they had fresh material brought into the Craft, in a given time everything Masonic must cease. The lodge had that night initiated the maximum number they were allowed to make at one meeting, except by special dispensation. They had been promised a dispensation for a sixth, but on the whole they had thought it best to initiate one of the number at an emergency meeting the night before. Speaking in the presence of those who were initiated that evening, he hoped that they, and he who had been initiated at the emergency, might long be spared to take delight in labouring in the works of Masonry in all its branches. Bro. Chew responded for all the initiates. The brethren would not expect him to say much about Masonry because, as they were aware, he knew but little of it at present. However, he thanked the brethren most sincerely for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, and he could assure them for himself and his brother initiates that they would do their best to be good Masons. When they contemplated entering Freemasonry they believed they would enter a society of good and true Englishmen. From what he had seen he believed they had entered such a society. It had always been his desire to carry out, as far as he could, matters which were for the benefit of common humanity. That carried with it the sentiments of good Masons; and whatever the initiates could do in this direction they would always be ready to do. The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," said he was very much indebted to the officers for the able assistance they had rendered. They were officers who thoroughly understood their duties, and with their aid he was in hopes of making the lodge a thorough success. Bro. Claridge, S.W., replied. The Guelph Lodge was a little hobby with them; and he was sure the brethren would believe him when he said that they would not ride it to death. They would endeavour to make the Guelph Lodge one of the best in the east of London. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Christian, W.M. Beaconsfield, No. 1662, in replying, said that the Guelph Lodge had also been a hobby of his. When it was first proposed he was quite with the W.M. Bro. Barford was also in favour of it, and he thought that if it was possible for the Ley Spring Lodge to produce officers who could carry on a lodge, they ought to have a lodge to carry on, and that all brethren should give them their support in getting a warrant. They all knew the success of the Ley Spring Lodge, and that evening he might say he was very much pleased to see how the Guelph Lodge had been worked. He flattered himself that he had been instrumental in producing this lodge. Since he had been a resident in Leytonstone he had done his best

in forming a lodge of instruction, and in giving brethren instruction in such a lodge, and also in his private capacity. Therefore for him to see the Guelph Lodge in prosperity was very pleasing indeed, for it made him feel that he had done something for Masonry in that district. Bro. Hogg also responded, and said that he had the pride and satisfaction of knowing that he initiated the W.M. in Masonry, or, at any rate, raised him to the Third Degree. It was also a great satisfaction to him to know that all the officers had so well equipped themselves for a Masonic campaign as they had done that evening. He hoped they would go on as well as they had begun. Bro. H. Massey was also called upon to respond, and after a few words from him, Bro. W. Steedman gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

### Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER** (No. 192).—The July meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Cannon Street Hotel, when there were present Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, M.E.Z.; Birdseye, H.; Wagstaff (visitor), J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; Kiely (visitor), N.; Fellows, E.; Phythian, P.S.; Newton, Medwin, J. Copestick, Cohn, Lorkin, Arkell, Yeoman, Cheese, Parry, Wilson, Cann, Kent. The other visitors were Comps. Gale, White and Mordeau. A very handsome gold jewel was presented to Comp. George Newman, the I.P.Z. Comp. George Kenning proposed, and Comp. Henry Birdseye seconded, that the annual subscription be raised from 1½ to 2 guineas, which was carried unanimously. Comp. George Kenning proposed, and Comp. F. Fellows seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the chapter to the Henry Muggerridge Testimonial Fund, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Wilson and Perry were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch in an able manner by Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, assisted by Comps. Birdseye, H.; and Wagstaff, J. The companions afterwards supped together, the usual toasts being duly proposed and acknowledged.

**HAMPTON.**—Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, July 12th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. There were present Comps. W. Hammond, M.E.Z.; H. A. Dubois, H.; E. Hopwood, J.; W. Smeed, P.Z.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; E. Gilbert, S.N.; J. B. Shackleton, D.C.; B. Meyer, H. Meyer, and others. The visitors were Comps. J. Stevens, P.Z.; Price, 946, &c. The only work done was the installations. Comp. W. Smeed installed Comps. H. A. Dubois, M.E.Z.; E. Hopwood, H.; E. Gilbert, J.; S. Wickens, P.Z., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; John Hammond, S.N.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.S.; W. Mitchell, 1st A.S.; J. B. Shackleton, 2nd A.S.; J. Gilbert, Janitor. Apologies were received from the absent candidates for exaltation. The chapter was closed, and adjourned to Thursday, August 7th. Banquet followed. A ten guinea P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. W. Hammond, P.Z., from the chapter funds.

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Island Hotel, on Saturday, July 14th. There were present Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.G.P.S. Middlesex, P.Z., M.E.Z.; E. H. Thielley, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, H.; F. Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; H. A. Dubois, P.Z., Treasurer; T. C. Walls, 1st A.S.; J. Faulkner, 2nd A.S.; J. W. Baldevin, W.S. The only visitor was W. Smeed P.Z. 946. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the joining members and candidates for exaltation—Bros. T. G. Tagg (1423), T. W. Ackenden (1512), and J. Austine (1569)—the ceremony being beautifully given and impressively rendered. The bye-laws were approved. Some candidates were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was closed and adjourned to Saturday, September 8th. Banquet was served. The usual toasts were gone through.

### Mark Masonry.

**ERA LODGE** (No. 176).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Friday, July 13th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. J. Baxter Langley, W.M., opened the lodge. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., installed Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. T. Horton, S.W.; W. Hammond, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., Sec.; J. Johnson, M.O.; A. F. Loos, S.O.; J. B. Shackleton, J.O.; R. P. Tebb, S.D.; J. H. Dodson, J.D.; B. Meyer, I.G.; W. Y. Laing, Tyler. Bros. A. Maers, 871; E. Woelcke, 1423, were advanced. The usual five-guinea Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. B. Langley, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Middlesex and Surrey. Banquet was served. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on Friday, October 12th.

**FIRE AT ROSSIE PRIORY.**—On Tuesday, the 17th inst., a serious fire occurred at Rossie Priory, the seat of Bro. Lord Kinnaird, P.G.M. Banffshire, and before it was extinguished the coachhouse, stables, buildings, and clock tower, in which there was a fine peal of bells, were reduced to ashes. No one can explain the origin of the conflagration, but immediately it was discovered the servants and tenantry did all they could to subdue it. With the assistance of the Dundee brigade, who were summoned by telegraph, the splendid residence was saved. At one time it was in jeopardy, the flames frequently reaching almost to the picture gallery, and the room in which there is one of the finest collection of Sevres ware in the kingdom. The bells are much damaged, one of them being partially melted. Damage to the extent of several thousands has been done. Lord and Lady Kinnaird are at present in England.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

The half yearly general Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the banner of St. John's Lodge, No. 279. Amongst those present were R.W. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. G. Master, and W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. the Rev. William Langley, P.P.S.G.W., as D.P. G.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.S.G.W.; T. Maccaulay, as P.J. G.W.; Rev. F. Richardson, P.G. Chap.; W. B. Smith, P.G. Treas.; G. Potter, jun., P.G. Sec.; F. Grant and T. Worthington, P.G. Deacons; C. E. Stretton, P.G. S. of W.; C. D. McBride, as P.G.D.C.; R. Boughton Smith, as P.G.A.D.C.; C. E. Willoughby, as P.G. Org.; S. Weaver, P.G.P.; and Bros. C. Gurden, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Balmforth, E. C. R. Cust, and J. F. Rolleston, P.G. Stwds.; and Bembridge and Dunn, Prov. G. Tylers. Visitors: W. Bros. G. Powell, P.M. 142; Rowley, P.M., and Sec., and others.

The St. John's Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Master entered the lodge-room, accompanied by his Prov. Grand Officers, and was received with the customary honours.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and after calling the Roll of Lodges (which was duly responded to by accredited representatives from all except No. 1265) the Roll of Prov. G. Officers, reading the minutes of the last general meeting and disposing of the other routine matters, the special business for which the lodge had been more particularly summoned was proceeded with. This consisted of the presentation to Bro. George Toller, jun., P.M. 523, and Past Senior Grand Warden of the province, of an address of congratulation on his appointment by H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, as Grand Sword Bearer of England. The Prov. G. Master, in presenting the address, passed a high eulogium on the Masonic zeal and abilities of Bro. Toller and expressed on behalf of the lodges and brethren of the province the high esteem in which he was held, and their appreciation of the well-deserved honour which had been bestowed on him by the M.W. Grand Master. The presentation also included a complete set of full and undress Grand Lodge clothing, together with a Past Grand Sword Bearer's jewel, and on Lord Ferrers investing Bro. Toller with the handsome regalia of Grand Lodge, the worthy recipient was greeted with the heartiest acclamations.

Bro. Toller, in a most effective speech, returned his thanks for the hearty congratulations of the brethren, and expressed himself as quite overwhelmed with the unexpected form their recognition of his appointment had taken. In itself he considered that the office was an honour in which any one might feel the greatest pride and pleasure, but its value to him was infinitely enhanced by the hearty and spontaneous manner in which it had been endorsed, and, in conclusion, he expressed the hope that although this was the first Grand Lodge appointment ever given to a member of this province, the like honour might in future years fall to the lot of other Leicestershire brethren.

The preparation of the address was entrusted to Bro. Wm. Millican, P.M. 523, by whom it was most beautifully and elaborately illuminated, and enclosed in a massive frame, bearing appropriate emblems, and also designed by the same brother.

The address was in the following terms:—

"To the Worshipful Brother George Toller, Jun., P.M., P.P.S.G. Warden of Leicestershire and Rutland, Grand Sword Bearer of England. We, the Provincial Grand Master, Past Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to offer you our warmest congratulations on the dignity conferred upon you by the M.W. Grand Master in calling you to rank and office in the Grand Lodge of England. Your appointment has given universal satisfaction to the brethren of the province, as it is well known by all of us that no brother has more warmly and heartily devoted his services to the best interests of the Craft than yourself, and that in every way you have endeavoured to carry out the principles upon which our institution was founded. We hope that for very many years to come you will have health and strength, and that as in the past, so you will continue to lend your valuable assistance to the Rulers of the Province, and that when you wear the clothing and jewel of the office to which you are honourably entitled, and which the lodges in the province now offer for your acceptance, you will ever remember that you do so with the hearty good wishes and kindly feeling of the brethren of your native county."

(Signed), FERRERS, P.G.M.

WM. KELLY, P.P.G.M.

H. ST. JOHN HALFORD, D.P.G.M.

The election of two members to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge on the Committee of the Leicester Freemasons' Hall, then took place, and Bros. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., and Dr. Hunt, P.P.G.A.D.C., were unanimously elected.

Bro. S. S. Partridge reported to Provincial Grand Lodge the result of his Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and tendered his thanks for the liberal way in which the brethren had responded to his appeals on behalf of that charity, thereby enabling him to take up the very handsome sum of £400 18s. 6d. and placing his list as Steward at the Festival on June 27th, highest but two in point of amount on that occasion.

Apologies for absence were read from the D.P.G.M., Sir Henry Halford, and other brethren, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed.

The usual banquet afterwards took place at the Hall, under the management of the Stewards of St. John's

Lodge, Bros. M. A. Cooke and G. H. Stonehall, whose admirable arrangements gave the greatest satisfaction. The banquet was presided over by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Monmouthshire was held at Newport, at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 11th July, at 3 p.m., when, in the unavoidable absence of Lieut.-Col. Lyne, P.G. Superintendent, the Chapter was presided over by Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.G. Standard Bearer of G. Chapter and P.G.H., assisted by Comp. J. Middleacre, P.Z., as P.G.H., and Comp. W. Pickford, P.Z., as P.G.J. There was a very good attendance, and the chapter having been opened in due form, Capt. S. Geo. Homfray then explained to the companions present the progress that R.A. Masonry had made in the province. Since they had last met he had consecrated the Kennard Chapter at Pontypool, and during the year had himself exalted many worthy companions. The appointment of officers then took place, when Comps W. Pickford, P.Z. Silurian Chapter, and one of the oldest Masons in the province, was duly appointed and obligated as P.G.J. for the ensuing year, the following other appointments were made:—

Chas. Rowe, Z. Silurian.....	Prov. G. Scribe E. G. A. Brown, P.Z. ....	Prov. G. Scribe N. E. Horlick, P.Z. ....
H. Griffiths, Z. Kennard.....	Prov. G.P.S. ....	Prov. G.A.S. ....
W. Watkins, Z. S. Woolos.....	Prov. G.A.S. ....	Prov. G. Treas. ....
R. B. Evans, P.Z. ....	Prov. G. Treas. ....	Prov. G. Reg. ....
C. Daniel, H. Philanthropic .....	Prov. G. Reg. ....	Prov. G.D.C. ....
B. Laurence, H. Silurian .....	Prov. G.D.C. ....	Prov. G.A. ....
H. J. Groves .....	Prov. G.A. ....	Prov. G.S.B. ....
H. Hiscox, H. St. Woolos .....	Prov. G.S.B. ....	Prov. G.S.B. ....
W. Lloyd, H. Kennard .....	Prov. G.S.B. ....	Janitor. ....
H. Fletcher .....	Janitor. ....	

There being no other business the chapter was duly closed.

Capt. S. G. Homfray then proceeded to open a chapter of emergency of St. Woolos, which was called under dispensation from the P.G. Superintendent, in consequence of the death of Comp. W. H. Wickey Homfray, M.E.Z. of this chapter, to instil Principals, also to exalt any duly qualified brethren. Capt. Homfray then exalted three worthy brethren, and about four more were proposed for exaltation on a future occasion. He performed the ceremony in his usual efficient manner, and then proceeded to instil as Principals Comps. W. Watkins as M.E.Z.; and Hiscox as H.; and the installation of the third Principal was deferred until the next chapter meeting.

The chapter was then closed in perfect harmony.

## THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, P.G.M. of Lancashire, president for the past year of the Royal Agricultural Society, was entertained at a splendid banquet, given by His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Walker) at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 11th inst., in connection with the "Royal" show in that town.

Amongst those who accepted his lordship's invitation were his Excellency the Hon. H. B. Loch, C.B., Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man; the Earl of Bective, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, Viscount Bridport, Lord Chesham, Earl Cathcart, the Earl of Ellesmere, Lord Feversham the Duke of Manchester, Lord Winmarleigh, Sir Joseph Whitworth, Bart., M.P.; Sir Thomas Christopher Booth, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.; the Hon. A. Nelson Hood; Sir T. Edward Moss, Bart.; Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P.; Sir A. E. Ramsey, Bart.; Admiral Hornby; General Fairchild; Mr. J. Torr, M.P.; Mr. Edward Greene, M.P.; Mr. Albert Peel, M.P.; Mr. M. White Ridley, M.P.; Mr. Clair S. Read, M.P.; Mr. C. Brocklehurst, M.P.; Col. Ireland Blackburne, M.P.; Mr. Bernhard Samuelson, M.P.; Professor J. B. Simonds; Professor Brown; the Mayor of Beverley; the Mayor of Southport; Mr. W. Warrington Wood, &c.

The Mayor, in proposing the principal toast of the evening, said—I am sure that we all felt that a great honour was conferred upon our town when Liverpool was selected for this year's meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society; and it affords me very great pleasure indeed, personally as well as in my official capacity as Mayor of Liverpool, to give a hearty welcome to the noble lord the president of the society, and to the various members under whose guidance the proceedings are being conducted. Liverpool is more the centre of commerce than of agriculture, but it is, at the same time, the business centre of a very important agricultural district, which will be largely benefited by the valuable information and instruction placed within easy access by the holding of the Royal Exhibition in this town. I have now very great pleasure in proposing the toast of the "Royal Agricultural Society," and in associating with it the name of Lord Skelmersdale, the president, to whom we give a hearty welcome, not only on account of the high position which he occupies in the council of the society, but for the great esteem in which we hold him as a worthy son of Lancashire, and a deservedly popular neighbour, always ready to take an active part in every movement having in view the protection and promotion of our local interests. (Applause.)

Lord Skelmersdale said that it was with some diffidence that he rose to return thanks for the toast just proposed. He was a comparatively a young member of the society, but at the same time he felt that it was a great honour to him to stand there in his own county, as president of the Royal Agricultural Society. In the name of the society

he most heartily thanked the Mayor and people of Liverpool for the cordial welcome which they had given to the society. (Applause.) There was a time—a dread time—when there was a prospect of the show not being held. He was happy, however, to say that the show was an insured success. Notwithstanding the month's delay, which might have been fatal to it, owing to the great exertions of the local committee no bad effects had resulted from that delay. (Hear, hear.) The cause of that delay gave not only to himself but to every breeder in the country a pang of dread that the whole of their cattle might be swept away from them as they very nearly were a few years ago. Thanks, however, to the precautions taken, and thanks to the energetic strictness that was shown by the authorities, the danger had been averted. (Applause.) He thought they might congratulate themselves on that fact, because it showed that should the disease break out again they had the power to stamp it out. (Hear, hear.) He ventured to express a hope that at some not very distant period the hoof and mouth disease might be treated in the same manner as the cattle plague had been. (Hear, hear.) It was quite as pernicious, if not more so, than the cattle plague, and it was more dangerous, because, as farmers did not think so much about it, it was allowed to spread. He only wished that they thought more about it, and that some stringent regulations were taken, so that they might be able to stamp out that disease. (Applause.) The show, he thought, was a great success. But, he would ask, what had Liverpool undertaken that was not a success? (Hear, hear.) Everything undertaken by this great town was a success; and with the cordiality with which the Mayor had received the society, such a success was to be expected. He only hoped that the prospects of that day might be thoroughly carried through. (Hear, hear.) The society had certain objects in view; some of them had been mentioned by the rector, but there were others which were more especially perhaps within the province of the society, namely the improvement of farm produce and the improvement in agricultural machinery. Those were the great objects of the society, and he thought that Liverpool was very intimately connected with those objects, because the society offered prizes not only to this country, but to North America and Canada, and to the whole world; and everything which came to the show from abroad came through Liverpool, and must surely do Liverpool some good. Referring to the import of dead meat from America, he understood that it was a great success; and he thought there was no reason why it should not go on. And so much the better. He himself was a shorthorn breeder; and he saw a great opening for the exportation of male animals to America. This country wanted dead meat; and America would require the best cattle of this country to improve its stock. Therefore Liverpool, as the port both of import and export between here and America, was most intimately connected with the agricultural interests of the kingdom. That day they had had at the show, although he was incog., a most eminent person, the Emperor of Brazil. He (Lord Skelmersdale) was with the Emperor only a short time, but he understood that his Majesty spent three hours in the show, and examined everything most attentively, and expressed the most intense satisfaction with everything he saw. He (Lord Skelmersdale) thought that the visit to the show of a great sovereign like the Emperor of Brazil was a very important thing in the interests of the society and of agriculture generally. With regard to the success of the show, he might mention that on the last occasion when the show was held in this town the space occupied by it was about seven acres, and he believed he was correct in stating that the present show covered 70 acres. (Applause.) He concluded by asking the company to drink the health of the Mayor, whose hospitality was known to most of those present.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. Eminent Analysts declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The London and Provincial Press unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. Economists advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. Testimonials in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwar street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary.

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## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday last the summer entertainment to the inmates of the Asylum for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, was given on the premises at Croydon, and was attended with even more than the ordinary success. The periodical amusements for the old people were established by Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, shortly after his election to the office, when they were instituted as a tentative scheme, which it was thought by that energetic brother, would be acceptable to the Craft at large, who are strong supporters of this, as well as the other Masonic Charities. The first little fete was so successful that Bro. Terry considered the scheme fairly launched, and when he made his second proposition to the Committee for the use of the hall at the Asylum, it was received not only with as much readiness as his first request, but with an amount of warmth which showed that the brethren were determined to work hand in hand with him to afford the annuitants a change in their life at Croydon, which they might look forward to with pleasure. As time has gone on, thanks to the widespread popularity of the Craft, there has been but little difficulty in finding brethren and ladies willing to give their assistance in making up a programme of entertainments acceptable to those who partake in them, while they are always diversified and free from a set form. Consequently no one can say that a forthcoming entertainment will be in any respect similar to a former, and the certainty that something new will be given furnishes a charm to the diversion which a set entertainment would not possibly have. At times dramatic readings have been given; at other times there have been magic lanterns, and dissolving views, with panoramas and instructive lectures; entertainments exclusively musical have at other times been given; and at all times a hearty social reunion in which the brethren who support the Institution and the ladies of their families spend a few hours of friendly intercourse with their brethren and sisters, and strive to make this sublunary sphere as enjoyable as under the circumstances it can be rendered. On Wednesday last, Bro. Terry's programme was strictly musical, and to carry it out he secured the valuable services of Madame Thaddeus Wells, (whose feelings are so strongly Masonic that she may be identified with Masonry,) and Bros. Seymour Smith, T. Lawler Junr., and George Weige. The South Eastern Railway kindly put on a special saloon carriage to the 3.38 p.m. train from Cannon Street, and landed the party at Croydon in twenty-two minutes, the party consisted of the following ladies and brethren: J. Terry, Sec.; Dr. H. J. Strong, Hon. Surgeon to the Institution; Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Constable, Bro. Newton, Miss Terry, Bro. Bowyer, P.M. 1580; J. Stock, S.D. 1178; J. Newton, R. Percy, S.D. 228; R. H. Halford, S.W. 228; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. Reece, 228; Mr. J. E. Terry, Bro. L. H. Webb, J.D. 174, J.W. 1607; Mrs. Lacy, Bro. E. G. Legge, S.W. 1196, Treas. 1607; C. J. Perceval, S.D. 1607; C. Lacey, P.P. G.D. Herts; W. W. Morgan, jun.; H. Massey (Freemason), G. Knill, Mr. G. Recknell, Bros. W. H. Stevens, J. J. Berry, Mrs. Berry, Bros. S. Smith, T. Lawler, jun., G. Weige, J.W. 860; Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Percy, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Halford, Mrs. Reece, Miss Constable, Miss E. R. Reece, Mrs. Stock, Bro. J. Constable, and Bro. J. Stevens.

On arriving at the building a general inspection of the place was made by the visitors, and it was universally admitted that it had never, within the memory of the present supporters of the Institution, presented such a favourable appearance. The reason of this was speedily made known. Finding that some repairs were required to the premises, the committee early in the year resolved to call in an architect to advise them what was required to be done, and it was on that brother's report that the committee gave directions for the entire place to be put in a thorough state of repair. Messrs. Patrick and Son were employed on this work, and after a few months again handed the building over to the Institution. The way in which all the work has been done reflects credit not only on the builders, but on the chairman of the committee, the committee, and the Secretary, who have followed the progress of the builders with a very scrutinising eye. The Craft may rest assured that they took a wise step in having the repairs done as soon as they did, for if they had not then taken it the small cost which has been incurred would have been rendered very heavy. In addition to the pleasant appearance presented by the buildings another beautiful sight met the visitors' view as soon as they entered the gates. The gardens were beautifully laid out, and the recent handsome gift of flowers by Dr. Strong, chronicled by the *Freemason* last week, was noticeable as adding much to the charming scene. It was also observable that an addition had been made to the grounds, for at the northern end was a large kitchen garden, well stocked with vegetables, and we were informed by the Secretary that the slip of land between the railway and the grounds no longer is traversed by the persons who had formerly a right-of-way to the fields at the extremity of the gardens. Of the different proceedings necessary for the acquisition of these additions the *Freemason* has given full account in its reports of the meetings of the Committee of the Institution, and it is not therefore necessary that we should now repeat the steps that were taken. After partaking of tea the entertainment to the old people was given, and it lasted for more than three hours. Everybody experienced great pleasure at the entertainment, although there was a universal feeling of regret that the space afforded by the hall was so confined. For these entertainments it is totally inadequate; and, as, with a very small expense the hall might be made nearly double the size it now is, it is to be hoped that the Craft, whom we heartily wish would go down and see the place to form their own opinion on

the subject, will shortly sanction a small outlay, by which means accommodation will be given to enable the well-wishers of the Benevolent Institution to extend the numbers to whom invitations to these small fetes may be issued. Madame Thaddeus Wells, Bro. Seymour Smith, T. Lawler, jun., George Weige, John Constable, James Stevens, J. J. Berry, C. J. Perceval, Mrs. Strong, Miss Terry, Miss Reece, Miss E. Reece, and Miss Constable threw their heartiest efforts into the entertainment, and gave vocal and instrumental performances. Among the pieces were Bro. Seymour Smith's "opera" "Brown's Dinner Party." Among the other pieces were "Jack's Yarn," "Never mind the rest," "Coming through the Rye," "Nancy Lee," "Polly," "Just another Glass," "Cherry Ripe," "Nothing like Leather," "The Women of our Native Land," "The Singing Lesson." During the intervals between the songs and performances the old people were regaled with wine and cake, and all the fruits that are in season; and besides this every old lady was presented with a pound of tea, and every old brother with a pound of tobacco, the gift of the Supreme Council. Before the party separated, Dr. Strong proposed a vote of thanks to Madame Wells, and the professional brethren, as well as to non-professional ladies and brethren who had given their services; and in doing so he said that all who were present knew what a sacrifice it was to the professional artists to devote an evening away from their engagements. He thought that every one had spent a very pleasant evening; that every one enjoyed the songs, and that no one could go away and forget the charming style in which Madame Wells had given "Cherry Ripe," and "Coming through the Rye." "Cherry Ripe" was a very old-fashioned song, but of all the numerous songs which had been written since, there was not one which eclipsed it. Having alluded then to the professionals, they must not forget the amateurs, who had also contributed to the evening's entertainment, and he hoped there would be many future occasions when the brethren and the rest of the company would enjoy a similar treat.

Bro. Seymour Smith responded, and expressed the extreme satisfaction of all the artists that their efforts to please had been so eminently successful. On behalf of himself and the others he thanked the company very much, and as often as Dr. Strong prescribed a similar treatment for the old people, the artists would be too happy to repeat the dose. Bro. Smith concluded by proposing thanks to Bro. Terry, who was the originator of these periodical entertainments.

After singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the brethren listened to Bro. Terry, who said it was no small pleasure to him to be recognised among those who had ministered to a few hours' enjoyment of the inmates of the asylum. He was very much pleased that some brethren who had never been in the building before had come down that day, as it would enable them to speak with a practical knowledge of the Committee whenever any questions arose. The brethren would go away with the satisfaction that they had endeavoured to render the old people happy. Bro. Terry concluded by personally thanking the professional ladies and brethren for the entertainment they had given; and he added that as years went by he hoped these pleasant reunions would be frequently repeated.

The party broke up after wishing each individual inmate good night, and returned to town by the South Eastern Railway's special saloon.

## TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. TWEDDELL.

Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., of Hull, the Hon Sec. to the Testimonial Fund now being raised to present Bro. George Markham Tweddell with a purse of gold, has received the following excellent letter from a gentleman well known as one of the most gifted of the Yorkshire Poets, but who has for many years been resident in Devonshire:

"Elmfield House, Exeter, June 10th, 1877.  
"DEAR SIR,—A day or two ago I received a circular announcing that it was proposed to present a Testimonial to Mr. G. M. Tweddell, of Stokesley, having had some personal knowledge of his literary labours, and the reverses he has encountered, I must ask you to add my name to the list of subscribers, to the amount of the enclosed cheque (£5). Whether from not being much of a man of business, a thing not uncommon among authors; or from having 'too many irons in the fire,' or from an over sanguine temperament, Mr. Tweddell has encountered these reverses, he is not the less entitled to the sympathy of those who appreciate literary industry and a perseverance in self improvement in the face of any disadvantages.

"I am Sir, yours faithfully,

"WILLIAM DANLEY."

A new Masonic Hall was opened at Sheffield on Wednesday, 18th inst., by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire. There was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the country, about 250 being present. The hall has been erected at a cost of about £6000. It is in the Classical style of architecture. The lodge room, the chief feature of the building, is upwards of 50 feet long, and is magnificently decorated. At the conclusion of the opening ceremony the brethren dined at the Cutler's Hall.

Bro. Sir John Bennett was entertained at a dinner on Tuesday, the 17th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, by his friends and supporters, in celebration of the result of the recent election for the ward of Cheap. Mr. Goschen, M.P., who presided, alluded to the opposition to Bro. Sir John Bennett's return, and remarked that members of Parliament would be very uneasy indeed if they were to be held personally or morally responsible for all the proceedings of their over-zealous friends.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The W.M. (Bro. R. Sharpe) and brethren of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton, at their last meeting were visited by the W.M. (Bro. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. Grand Sec. of Hants and the Isle of Wight) and officers of the lodge Vale of Avon, whose warrant, having for some time been in abeyance at Fordingbridge, was recently transferred to Shirley, a rising suburb of Southampton, Bro. Sharpe being the Secretary of the new lodge. Under the auspices of the Masons of Southampton residing in the district, and encouraged by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master (now the I.P.M.), the lodge is making excellent progress. "The Visitors" during the evening included Bro. Brayson, P.M. of the Union Lodge, at Kurrachee, Scinde, who responded to a toast which is very rarely given without personal recognition in the Royal Gloucester Lodge.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has subscribed £3,000 (being half the total cost) towards the building fund of the Martyrs' Memorial Schools, Clerkenwell.

The next regular meeting of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, will take place at the Agricultural Hall on Friday, the 27th July next.

The Thames International Regatta will take place on July 26, 27, and 28th, under the patronage of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; H.R.H. the Duke of Teck, Bro. Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. G.M. Norfolk; Bro. Right Hon. Lord Lonsborough, F.R.G.S.; Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin; Alderman Sir R. Carden; Bro. Alderman Sir F. Perkins, M.P., and other distinguished personages. There are fifteen races on the programme, and prizes, exceeding £1000 in value, will be given. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales gives a silver cup as the first prize for the Thames International Amateur Champion Sculls.

The Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, will be consecrated at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Friday, the 27th inst. The officers designate are Bros. Louis Beck, S.D. 1557, W.M.; Frank Kirk, 1563, S.W.; and John Hancock, 1563, J.W.

At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards on the 17th inst, the result of the kind efforts of 225 Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School was declared to be £13,325 12s. 6d., with two lists not received.

The annual drill inspection of boys attending the Board Schools took place in Regent's Park on Thursday afternoon, at three o'clock. About 10,000 boys were officially inspected by Sir Charles Read.

General Grant intends making a tour of some weeks' duration in Switzerland. He will afterwards proceed to Denmark and Sweden, and will arrive in Scotland at the end of August. He is expected to visit Paris at the end of October, and will, before leaving the Continent, make a lengthened stay in Berlin.

Sir W. Stevenson, who has been more than half a century in the public service, has retired on an allowance of £2000 per annum, having vacated the post of Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue.

We are glad to learn from intelligence received at the Admiralty, that Bro. Ward Hunt is very much better.

There was a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons from the metropolis and other parts of the country at Chatham on Wednesday, on the occasion of the opening of a Provincial Royal Arch Chapter for Kent, in accordance with a dispensation issued by the M.W.G.M., with Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M., Kent, as the First Grand Superintendent for the Province. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent for Hampshire; Lord Holmesdale, after his installation, appointing Bro. J. S. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. Kent, as Second, and Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., as Third Principals, with Bro. T. S. Warne as Grand Secretary for the province. The other Grand Officers appointed were selected from the various Royal Arch Chapters in Kent.

The marriage of Mr. M. Biddulph, M.P. for Herefordshire, and Lady Elizabeth Adene, eldest daughter of the late Charles Philip, fourth Earl of Hardwicke, and widow of Mr. Henry John Adene, of Babraham, Cambridgeshire, was celebrated on Monday, 16th inst., at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, a select family circle being present at the ceremony.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.D.G.M., Lady Skelmersdale, Lieut.-General Sir L. Simmons, and Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Commerell left the Castle on Tuesday.

On Saturday evening last Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. S. Wales E. Div., entertained at dinner at his residence, No. 1, Park-street, Park-lane, a distinguished party of friends, amongst whom were the following:—Lord Barrington, Lord Eglinton, Lord Harry Thynne, Hon. D. Plunket, Right Hon. Colonel Taylor, &c.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., accompanied by the Princess of Wales, presided on Saturday afternoon at the unveiling of a statue of Alfred the Great, in the market-place of Wantage, King Alfred's birthplace. The statue is the work of Count Gleichen, and has been presented to the town at the cost of Colonel Loyd-Lindsay, V.C.

Bro. J. W. Dennison, architect, of 33, King-street, Cheapside, is the designer and patentee of the new iron paving recently laid in Beech-street.

The *Chelmsford Chronicle* states that Bro. Tweddell has written a song to be sung in the Town Hall at Dunmow on the 23rd inst., on awarding the Flitch of Bacon according to ancient usage.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The following unavoidably stand over:—Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey; Freemasonry in New Zealand; Swedenborgian Rite. Letters from "Athole;" "448;" (Masonic Lotteries); in our next.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Hebrew Leader;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "L'Art;" "Calendar of the Great Priory for 1877;" "Church of the People."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

CLARKE.—On the 16th ult., at Murree, Punjab, India, the wife of Major Clarke, 4th Hussars, of a son.  
COULSON.—On the 14th inst., at Ferryside, Twickenham, the wife of Frederick B. Coulson, Esq., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

RANKEN—BELL.—On the 13th inst., at St. Paul's Church, St. John's-hill, Clapham Junction, Walter Blackie Ranken, Esq., youngest son of Peter Ranken, Esq., to Anne Marie Bell, youngest of the late William Bell, Esq.  
ARCHER—HALE.—On the 16th inst., at the parish church, Ewell, Surrey, John Locke, eldest son of John A. Archer, Esq., of the Strand, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Bro. William Hale, of Drury-lane.

## DEATHS.

TAPLEY.—On the 10th inst., at Turville, near Henley-on-Thames, Thomas H. Tapley, Esq., in his 41st year.  
HALCOMB.—On the 11th inst., at Cheltenham, Thomas Halcomb, Esq., aged 84.  
HEMMING.—On the 12th inst., at Studley, Warwickshire, Richard Hemming, Esq., in his 89th year.  
SHIRTLIFF.—On the 13th inst., at 233, Maida-vale, W., Fredk. S. Shirtiliff, Esq., in his 31st year.  
BUCKLEY.—On the 17th inst., at 14, Westbourne-square, W., Robert Norris Rede, eldest son of Robert Orford Buckley, Esq., in his 27th year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1877.

## A CONTRAST.

We fear that the contrast we are about to essay to draw, if with feeble pencil, will not be the most agreeable or welcome of topics to some of our courteous readers, and we, therefore, in the outset, recommend those who are not particularly anxious to study Masonic ethics, to spare themselves the perusal of lucubrations which possibly may go much "against the grain" with them. At the same time we beg to say that we do not wish to appear to write too sternly, or in any spirit either of complaining criticism, but only desire to "point the moral" for all who, like ourselves, believe in Freemasonry, and consider that it has something more to boast of than the mere social gathering; something in it about which we may be both pleased and proud that we are permitted to announce ourselves to be Freemasons. After this little prologue our readers will, perhaps, be wondering what it is we are, as the Irish say, "afther." At this period of the year we are struck by the constant commemorations of summer St. John's, and we can call to mind numerous pleasant gatherings at which our good brethren are neither conspicuous for defect of attendance or for want of appetite. All, in fact, goes with them merrily and cheerfully as a "marriage bell." We can even well remember the "menu" so artistically arranged, the "bouquet" of that last bottle of dry champagne still lingers with us contentedly. And then the friendly conversation; the gay banter; Pigwiggin's little story; and Duxbury's charming song; the beaming smiles of the best of W.M.'s; the assurances of the most correct of Treasurers; the pathos of that indefatigable Secretary; the "old, old story" of that excellent P.M.; the premises of assiduous officers, and the thanks of contented visitors! All these float before our peaceful vision at the hour we write, surrounded as it were by a wreath of savoury vapours, composed of cigarettes and full flavoured Havannahs; the sweet scented rose-water, and the titillating lodge snuffbox. Well, all this is very agreeable and very enjoyable while it lasts, but there comes a time, as good Bro. Balasso may one day realize, when all these pleasant things will cease to charm us; when we become cold to the assurance of a "good muster," of a "first-rate dinner," of Pigwiggin's proper story, of Duxbury's entrancing song, when even the "chorus" ceases to exhilarate us, and "Worthy Freemasons all" has lost its ancient spell. But do not suppose that because we are old and weather-beaten, and that the infirmities of the flesh make us eschew all such "poms and vanities," that, therefore we wish to denounce or disdain such needful relaxation from the laborious moments of the lodge. Far be from us any such unwise asceticism, any such un-Masonic churlishness. We, on the contrary, would say to all who read these lines, that we sincerely trust they will enjoy these gatherings now, as we did those grateful hours we still can pleasurably remember and keep before us. For many of us can find, in our lodge social circle, all those refreshing moments which true-hearted friendship and genial association offer us, which are good, we may believe, to the sympathetic mind and need of gregariousness of man. But a question may fairly come in, whether in all these respects we do not a little overdo it. When we, on the other hand, remind ourselves of the struggles of Masonic literature and the paucity of Masonic readers, we cannot help asking ourselves very often—do we not sacrifice too much of our time and attention, and active energies to the material and corporeal, and put on one side the spiritual and the intellectual? It is a very sad fact to realize how few Masons read, and how still as a closed book is Masonic literature to the many. As regards Masonic archæology and study we can count up those in England who, amid our 100,000 members, interest themselves in such things at all, and in no other jurisdiction is it any better. Without then presuming to lecture or dogmatize too much, may we not justly say that the contrast, as between refreshment and literature, the "knife-and-fork" degree and Ma-

sonic intellectuality, is a very striking, and we must add, a most regrettable one? But, having said this, we pause. Though friendly Mentors, we are not spiritual directors, and we dislike confession just as much as we object to Popes of any kind, lay or spiritual. We may however be permitted to express the hope that the "tide is turning" somewhat now, and that the generation which will succeed us will be as famous for their love of Masonic literature as their punctual attendance at a good dinner, and that while they do not neglect the wants of the body, they will also bear in mind the as important needs of the mind.

## THE LAST QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A long and important meeting was held on Monday, under the very able presidency of Bro. John Symonds, at which a great deal of business was transacted. A prolonged discussion took place as to the report of the House Committee for increase of accommodation, which it was understood at last was not a report at all, but a statement, and the meeting received an assurance that a distinct and amended report would be presented through the General Committee to the Quarterly Court in October. As Bro. Symonds very pertinently declared, a taint of informality seems to affect the whole proceedings, "ab initio," but it appeared to be the general opinion that it would have been better had the statement been sent on to the Quarterly Court, and not circulated until that course had been taken. If, however, we all get into the right way at last, we shall be able to overlook slight informalities. A most important discussion arose about several of the candidates, two were not elected, and another was withdrawn. There seems to be some legal doubts as to whether the Quarterly Court can do more than elect—almost as a matter of form—and whether it can reject, which course it is contended by the laws belongs to the General Committee alone. If, however, the Quarterly Court has power to "elect," it would seem "ex-necessitate rei," to have authority also to "reject," or else a "reductio ad absurdum" might easily be brought about. If the limited view be correct, (a good deal turns on the clause on the power of the General Committee and on the actual meaning of the words "shall elect,") a case might inadvertently get on the list through an innocent "malfeasance" of duty on the part of the General Committee, and there is no power to remedy such a direct contradiction of our laws. A case was mentioned, as bad as well can be conceived. A brother subscribes one-and-a-half or two-and-a-half years, goes out of Masonry for six years, dies out of Masonry, but his child is put on by the votes of influential brethren at the General Committee, in defiance of the express law on the subject. There is no power in the Quarterly Court to take such a case out of the list, it is asserted. It seems a very hard case; and to say the truth, one likely to do harm to the Institution, and as a precedent, open to grave abuses, and we wish here to impress upon our brethren the injustice to the Boys' School, and other meritorious brethren, which accrues from the action of those who, in defiance of the plain words of the laws, for sentimental or other reasons carry candidates on the list, even where, as we said before, the wise laws of the Institution declare such cases, "ipse facto," ineligible. We think, therefore, that power should be given distinctly to the Quarterly Court, to affirm or refuse the recommendation of the General Committee, as it seems to be a farce, if the Quarterly Court has the power to elect that it is unable to reject also, and put a stop, at once, to a clear contravention of the rules of the Boys' School. Though there was, (owing no doubt to the weather), a small meeting, it was very a satisfactory one, and too much praise cannot be accorded to the patience and courtesy of Bro. John Symonds, always a most careful and conscientious chairman. A committee was very properly appointed to consider about a testimonial to Mrs. Monckton, and Bro. Constable was elected honorary Vice-Patron. We regret to add that there were sixty-three candidates announced for October, and only nine vacancies.



## THE FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S.

DEAR BRO. KENNING.—

I feel certain that you will require no apology from me in calling attention, through your widely-read paper, the *Freemason*, to the dreadful disaster which has fallen on New Brunswick. Every feeling of English humanity, and every sentiment of English benevolence will concur with this seasonable reminder, as I venture to deem it, of a great disaster, and of a national calamity. For though the matter be foreign, perhaps, to Freemasonry proper, (hence an apology, apology be needed, for its appearance in your cosmopolitan pages), yet it is a subject which affects deeply the undying heart of human sympathy, and fraternal concern. That distant land is bound to us by many and enduring ties. Its people are "bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh," and all emotions of patriotism, as well as many considerations of unsevered interests, would bid us feel for their calamities as for our own; "to rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with them that weep." Perhaps a more startling and stunning disaster has seldom fallen upon a peaceful, industrious and prosperous community! We are told that "this disastrous fire began on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 29th, in a building on the south of York Point Slip. In a few minutes after the first outbreak it had already passed beyond control, and in half an hour's time it was threatening the entire town. Although the firemen got to work right speedily, both sides of Union-street were soon in flames, and the conflagration, proceeding along Smyth-street in a southerly direction, soon reached Nelson-street and the South Wharf. With the strong wind from the north-west, the entire wharf was soon in a blaze. All Wednesday night and during the whole of Thursday the flames swept onwards, and ceased only when there was nothing left for them to feed upon. The greater number of the public buildings, churches, and newspaper offices were destroyed and the bulk of the inhabitants were left without food and shelter." We are also informed that "the loss of property is estimated at about 20,000,000 dollars, and the insurance amounts to about 6,000,000 dollars. The saddest part of all is the loss of life. Our people feel deeply gratified for the very tangible feelings and expressions of sympathy that are showered upon us from all quarters, and the suffering of the poor and homeless is fast being alleviated. Rebuilding has already commenced in some quarters, and we think that the energy and pluck of our business men have not been extinguished, but that in a very few years, by the blessing of Providence, our city will rise up from its ashes, and that we will be again a prosperous people." In the United States great sympathy has been manifested, and considerable sums have already been forwarded for the sufferers, at Liverpool £5000 have been already raised, while in London a subscription has been opened at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor. It appears to me, though I speak deferentially, that it is a good opportunity for our Grand Lodge to come forward and aid, by a liberal grant to the Lord Mayor's Fund, in this great work of needful assistance. I admit at once that it is not strictly Masonic, but it is most certainly humanitarian, and fully in harmony with the most genuine tenets and teaching of our kindly and philanthropic Order. Why should not a special Grand Lodge be summoned and vote, with hearty unanimity, a liberal grant to this most pressing claim and this most national object? I can conceive of no objection, at least not of any valid one, and I feel sure, from what I know of the praiseworthy liberality and striking large-heartedness of our fraternity, that neither an adherence to routine nor technical difficulties will prevent them manifesting now, as ever, that they are always sensible to the claims of suffering fellow creatures, and the dictates of the greatest of all virtues, true Charity.

I am, yours fraternally,

A PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

I do not append my humble name, as it will lend no force to my earnest utterance.

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## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

## SHAKESPEARE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is always unadvisable to weaken a cause by advancing a plausible but sophistical argument, and such I conceive to be the illustration adduced to day by "A Lover of Shakespeare" in support of his proposition that the great poet was a member of our divine Craft. An analysis of the twenty-four hours of the day has always been a favourite subject of intellectual exercise. The poets of the Augustan age of Latin literature indulged in these diversions. The monks and learned writers of the middle ages followed their example, and here, *par parenthèse*, let us remember that Henry, he within the "holy shade," whose great educational monument I am writing, who is supposed to apostrophise time in the lines quoted, was said to be more of a monk than a monarch—more fitted for a cowl than a crown—as his consort, the so-called "She Wolf of Arjou," was reputed to be better qualified to strike with the sword than to save with the sceptre. What more likely then than that the devout and contemplative king should, in his acute misery, recall some of the exertions over which he had pored in the cloister? If this hypothesis be adopted, what a much higher estimate do we arrive at of the—I really want an adjective—may I say sublimely intuitive genius?—of our divine bard, who puts into the mouth of a character he has wonderfully elaborated, not only the utterance of the reflections that might occur to any afflicted potentate stricken from his high estate, but reflections the very form and direction of which history and literary enquiry prove that the mind and memory of this particular monarch must have been charged with.

With that "great upheaval" as Lord Bacon calls it—the Reformation—the outcome of which, in the shape of the printing press, we are this year celebrating as a quarter-century—the speculations perpetuated in the elegant Latin of Virgil, and Horace, and Propertius, and in the barbarous jargon of the monks of the middle ages, became the common literary property of the Anglo-Saxon race, by their reproduction in a tongue "understanded of the people." There exist many examples of this curious indulgence in metaphysical analysis. The one that occurs most readily to my mind, although I do not guarantee its accuracy, and quote only from memory, is said to be by the great Lord Coke—so-called—properly speaking, Sir Edward Coke, the "Coke upon Littleton," righteously abhorred by the drudges of the Temple, and runs as follows:—

"Six hours to sleep, to law's great study seven,  
Eight to the world devote; and—all to heaven!"

The comprehensive peroration may be said to render detailed examination unnecessary, yet I venture a little surmise. The eight hours devoted to the world I take to indicate the time to be allotted to "necessary labour." The three hours not specifically accounted for, it is not, I think, very extravagant, to attribute to the needs of "refreshment," including in that term the necessary recreation which may almost be said to be its equivalent. To give point to this argument, however, it is necessary to indicate that nobody (so far as I am aware) has ever asserted that the learned author of the above lines was a Freemason, and yet an allusion, obviously Masonic, will, in the last four words, strike every brother who can recall the address made to him on the presentation of the W.T., during the ceremony of his initiation.

Where I am rusticated I have not at hand the "New Shakespearian Dictionary" by my friend (not as yet a brother), G. Somers Bellamy, Esq., published in 1875 by the Charing Cross Publishing Company, and, if I mistake not, favourably reviewed in your columns at the time of its appearance.

I hate anything having the appearance of calling attention to one's friend's talents; but, like the officer who was so notoriously brave that he could afford to be called a coward, I will risk the imputation of puffing by referring "A Lover of Shakespeare," and any other brother who feels an interest in the discussion, to that very exhaustive work—it is in my library in London, but that is not here. Perhaps when I have had an opportunity of consulting it, you will let me bore your readers again.

I am quite sure the correspondent whose interesting communication has evoked this epistle will recall Brutus's protestation of his love to Caesar, and do me the credit of believing that, if he loves Shakespeare, I love him no less. A Mason the "Swan of Avon" undoubtedly was at heart and in soul, whether affiliated to a regular lodge or not. My opinion is—and therein I agree with your correspondent, though I do not admit the force of the special proof he adduces, but base my theory upon other illustrations which I propose to postpone presenting for the present—that he was regularly initiated and passed; whether raised or not is an enquiry involving "vexatio quæstio" with a discussion upon which I do not wish at present to trouble your readers. However, notwithstanding my mental conviction, the subject must be admitted to be obscure, and I do hope that you will afford facilities for its discussion in your columns, and, as any materials for elucidation must be valuable, allow me to quote the name of another friend, perhaps the most reliable of Shakespearian authorities, a gentleman—also alas! not a Freemason—my learned friend William Lowes Rushton, Esq., of 2, Plowden Buildings, Temple, E.C., resident however in Liverpool. Many works on Shakespeare have proceeded from his pen, and his illustrious position as the English corresponding member of the great German Shakespearian Society, whose

head-quarters are at Berlin, of course indisputably attaches considerable weight to his theories and speculations. I purpose writing to him on this most interesting subject, and pending his reply will refer to his published works. When I have done that and heard from him, I shall be in a position to communicate with you again if you will allow me a little space.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SAMUEL POYNTER.

P.M. and Treas. Burgoyne, No. 922,

P.M., Athenæum, No. 1491.

Datchet Common, near Eton, July 14.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the last number of the *Freemason* a brother asks if Shakespeare was a member of our ancient Order. I think he was; I remember once seeing an old book in which it stated he was, but I forget the name of it. Our brother inserts a few lines in support of his argument. The following few quotations will (if not written by a Mason) easily be understood by one, viz. :—

"Who builds stronger than a Mason?"—Hamlet, a. 5, s. 1.

"The labour we delight in physics pain."—Macbeth, a. 2, s. 2.

"We cannot all be masters, nor all masters cannot be truly follow'd."—Othello, a. 1, s. 1.

"Friends now fast sworn whose double bosom seem to wear one heart."—Coriolanus, a. 4, s. 4.

"Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all."—Troilus and Cressida, a. 3, s. 3.

"Even from the east to the west."—Ant. and Cleo. a. 4, s. 2.

"And thus our life exempt from public haunt finds tongues in trees, books in the running brook, sermons in stones, and good in everything."—As You Like It, a. 2, s. 1.

"Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge."—Titus Andronicus, a. 1, s. 1.

"The quality of mercy is not strain'd, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes; 'tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown."—Mer. of Ven., a. 4, s. 1.

I could quote several other passages from Shakespeare that point to Freemasonry, but am afraid to trespass on your valuable space and patience.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, obediently and fraternally yours,

STEPHEN C. HEATH, W.M. 797.

## LITTLE BRITAIN.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that your worthy publisher may like to know the history of the street to which he has given a cosmopolitan renown.

Henry Thomas, in his valuable and careful "Ancient Remains, Antiquities, &c., of the City of London, &c.," 1830, states that "Little Britain was formerly the residence of the Duke of Bretagne, whose Palace was near St. Botolph's Church; one of the Earls of Bretagne, Alan, surnamed the Red, married Constance, daughter of William the Conqueror; Alan Geoffrey Plantagenet, fourth son of Henry II., who married Constance of Conan, was the father of the unfortunate Prince Arthur, Duke of Bretagne, presumptive heir to the throne of England, but prematurely murdered by his uncle King John, whose tragic history has been immortalised in the pages of our 'divine bard' Shakespeare."

In Little Britain also were situated the mansions of the Earl of Peterborough and Lord Montague, whose name is yet preserved in the Court.

About two hundred years ago and later Little Britain was celebrated for the booksellers of various kinds who lived there, and sold and issued their works. Many books of all kinds, as collectors well know, were printed at the Pelican and other signs in Little Britain.

I think this may interest Bro. Kenning.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ARCHÆOLOGIST.

## CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to send you a few lines to day, as I see with great regret that the discussion in the *Times* already over-passes, in my humble opinion, the limit of fair play to the authorities. Many of the writers who declaim so dogmatically seem to forget in their zeal that there is such an axiom in personal and public ethics as "audi alteram partem." I do not blame the *Times* for its insertion of such a plethora of excited appeals, for if it did not do so "Othello's occupation" would be "gone;" but I do blame some of the writers who are masters themselves, forgetting that by the tone of the letters (like Mr. Butler, of Winchester) they are throwing the greatest impediments in the way of school administration, and making the responsibility of the authorities, great as it is, still greater in the eyes of the public, by interjecting doubts as to the school government and the like.

I cannot help being amused, especially with Mr. Butler's letters from Winchester School. One would think that he had never heard of a "Prefect's licking." One cannot help feeling, and I hope he will pardon the expression of my opinion, that had he had one himself it would have done him a great deal of good, and taught him to write a little more moderately than he has been pleased to do.

But the main object of my letter is this. Two very worthy brethren of ours are connected closely with the administration of the school, Bro. Derby-Allcroft and Dr.



Brette. Mr. Bell, the late master, says that only two of the masters are resident, the head master and the French master, hence much imperfection of discipline is, in his opinion, unavoidable. The *Times* instantly improves upon this by stating that the French master is a "personage, though by no fault of his own, not always the most successful in commanding the boys' respect." It is quite clear that the writer of that article is ignorant of the true facts of the case, as none of the masters of Christ's Hospital ought and can command more of the respect of the boys than our good Bro. Dr. Brette. To all who know Bro. Allcroft and himself I will only add, that two more humane and kindly-hearted persons, or more respected, whether in public or private life, do not exist, and that everything they can do to promote the material comfort or intellectual improvement of the boys will be carried out, all may rest assured, with freedom, fervency, and zeal. I therefore think it well to call the attention of your many readers to the "bad form" of much that is so hastily advanced against the school authorities, and ask them fraternally to suspend their opinion until the proper enquiry has taken place. As Freemasons and citizens of the world we ought above all things always to keep before our minds a truth which some of us like often, apparently, to forget, that there are "two sides" to every question in this world of ours.

All the suggestions of reform and improvement do not enter into this special discussion, and while we shall all deeply deplore the fate of the unfortunate boy, we yet very well believe that no pains are spared by the authorities to make the boys happy and contented, and to render that great foundation worthy of the City and the Country.

Yours fraternally,

CIVIS.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am truly glad to observe that my province, West Yorkshire, is so well represented in the Stewards' Lists, and I am especially pleased to note that Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Sheffield, has been enabled to send up so goodly a sum as £661 10s., the whole contribution of West Yorkshire being £766 10s. Of course this is nothing to former efforts, but then West Yorkshire has done well for the Boys' School. This return is a very striking proof to my mind, and that is the gist of my letter, that, despite some most regrettable and injudicious proceedings in respect of the Boys' School, there are those in West Yorkshire who will always support that useful and excellent institution.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WEST YORKSHIRE.

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly permit me to point out a slight inaccuracy in the interesting report of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, which appeared in your issue of the 14th inst.

The District Grand Master in the chair (speaking of Bro. Marshall Wood, the eminent sculptor, who presented the bust of H.R.H., the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the District Grand Lodge) is reported to have alluded to him as a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 256.

Allow me to say that it should have been Lodge of Unions, No. 256, as I had the pleasure of witnessing the ceremony of Bro. Marshall Wood's initiation, admirably performed by my excellent friend, Bro. Charles Birch, I.P.M. of the Lodge of Unions.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. No. 256.

#### FRENCH AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You were kind enough to insert in your issue of June 23rd long extracts of a letter which I had addressed to the *Chaine D'Union* of Paris about a month earlier.

As the author of that letter, I feel bound and indeed pleased to thank you for the kind remarks you inserted in your excellent paper in reference to it.

This correspondence will be continued, and as both English and French brethren are greatly interested in the point at issue, perhaps it is not asking you too much to further notice it when an opportunity occurs.

I remain, dear Editor, yours fraternally

LEON CLERC.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE LADIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read a letter in your last issue under the above heading, and also the report on which that letter was founded, with, I must confess, feelings of humiliation. Our keystone is charity, but do we make this manifest by our "works?" If we wish to do honour to a brother why not connect his name with the charities? If we wish again to do honour to a brother's wife, although it is past my comprehension to understand a lady's relation to Masonry, "do likewise." We should deprecate the sacrifice of charity to vanity. The Book of Constitutions defines the "regulation" jewel, and says it is "to be in silver." In my opinion the "ring" presentation is calculated to bring ridicule upon our Order, while the expenditure of lodge monies, or monies contributed for Masonic purposes, in such presentations, is open to grave question.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

[We entirely disagree with our worthy correspondent.—Ed.]

#### HAMPSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having seen an analysis of the subscription list to the Masonic Institution for Boys, which credited "one lodge in Southampton (394)" with contributing to the total, will you allow me to say that I believe it will be found 394, which numbers about fifty members, contributed ten guineas, whilst the two other Southampton lodges placed on the list of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master fifty guineas, viz., the Royal Gloucester (the mother lodge of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and of which he is the P.M.) about eighty members, twenty-five guineas, and the Peace and Harmony, about 110 to 200 members, twenty-five guineas.

Fraternally yours,

A SOUTHAMPTON MASON.

#### THE CASE OF CAPTAIN WILLIAMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You made some remarks with reference to this subject in your last *Freemason*, and I think it well to call your attention to the following two extracts from the *Times*, which serve to place the incomprehensible conduct of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief in a remarkable light:—"Mr. C. S. Loch, Secretary of the Society for Organising Charitable Relief, sends us what he describes as 'a short but necessary statement of facts' in relation to this very sad case:—'I am desired by the Council of the Charity Organisation Society to forward you a brief statement of their conduct in the case of the late Captain Williams. They regret that in doing this they are obliged to mention some facts that they would wish to have omitted, but the charges made against the society in the newspapers make it necessary to state certain reasons which have influenced them in their decision. Captain Williams's case was, on the 11th of April, brought under the notice of the St. Saviour's Committee of the society, by a clergyman who had several times assisted him, and who was anxious for further information. The more recent facts of the case are as follows:—In June, 1873, Captain Williams obtained a situation in an insurance company. He resigned his post in the summer of 1874 on being appointed to the Gold Coast Constabulary, from which force he was dismissed in March, 1876, for insubordination. In April, 1877, a re-engagement was offered to him by the same company on condition that he consented to pay off a sum of £18, overdrawn by him when in their employment in 1873-4. This sum they offered to deduct by easy instalments from his salary. It appears that the claim was acknowledged by him, as, before leaving for the Gold Coast, he had given an order for the amount, which was, however, not honoured, as the gentleman upon whom it was drawn had no longer any funds of Captain Williams's. There was apparently, therefore, no reason why he should not have recommenced his work at any time in April, May, or the early part of June, during which period he represented himself as being in want of immediate assistance and employment. The fact that throughout the inquiry a situation was open to Captain Williams is of itself, in the opinion of the Council, a sufficient ground for the rejection of the case. From the circumstances above stated, they have no reason to believe that a more suitable opening—always difficult to procure—would have been obtained. The society is obliged to limit its assistance to those cases in which there is a reasonable prospect of such assistance being of permanent benefit. The Council desire to express their regret that, owing to the delay in obtaining replies to letters of enquiry, the investigation was not sooner completed; and that Captain Williams was not informed at an earlier period that no assistance would be given him, though a statement that this would be the probable result was, soon after the enquiry commenced, made to the clergyman who was interested in him. In conclusion, I may say the Council deplore the circumstances of Captain Williams's untimely death; and hope that this short, but necessary, statement of facts may not cause needless pain or injury to his wife and children, whom they are sincerely anxious to assist.'"

In the *Times* of July 7th, the following letter also appears, which is worthy perusal:—Mr. R. Gibson Brown writes to us from 144, Brixton-road, S.W.:—"The letter from the Charity Organisation Society contains one grain of fact to two of fiction. It is true that Captain Williams was dismissed from the Gold Coast Constabulary, but when the facts are considered I do not think the public will judge his to be such a very heinous offence. After he had been there a short time, an officer, who was his junior, was sent out to take the command. This officer exercised a certain amount of harshness, which culminated in ordering Captain Williams to a very unhealthy station 200 miles up the country. Captain Williams objected on account of his health, was ordered home, and on his arrival was dismissed. After sifting very fully all the circumstances in connection with Captain Williams's character this is the darkest blot I can find upon it; and when we remember that he was in a climate in which the liver plays an important part, and that he had a large proportion of Spanish blood in his veins, we must not be surprised at the result. I do not palliate, I only extenuate. As regards the £18 alleged to have been overdrawn by him, it appears that he was in the habit of deducting his commission from the premiums he received, and no objection to his accounts was made in any way until he resigned his appointment. The secretary says 'it appears that the claim was acknowledged by him, as he had given an order for the amount which was not honoured.' I cannot better refute this than by quoting two extracts from a letter written by the gentleman (a solicitor) upon whom the order was alleged to have been drawn: 'Captain Williams certainly never drew any order on me for payment of any money to the —, nor did I ever dishonour such cheque, on the ground that I

did not know him;' and further, 'I subsequently called at their office and went into the question of their alleged claim, and having come to the conclusion that it was an unjust claim and not legally due, I advised Captain Williams not to pay it, and to leave England without troubling about it; and I told the person I saw at the office that if they wanted to take any proceedings to recover the amount I would accept service for him. I heard no more about it.' The secretary says that they are sincerely anxious to assist the widow and children. We are much obliged to them; but, thanks to a generous British public, we shall be able to do without them, and they can devote the amount to some more deserving case. The following committee has been formed to administer the sums subscribed on behalf of Mrs. Williams: Dr. Cotton, Colonel Russell, Captain the Hon. R. R. Best, Mr. W. Elwyn, and myself."

Comment seems superfluous.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

TRUE CHARITY.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday in the board-room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut-Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. J. Symonds, B. Head, T. W. White, A. H. Tattershall, G. Smith, R. W. Stewart, T. J. Sabine, J. A. Rucker, J. Terry, J. J. Berry, T. Massa, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, W. Downing, W. F. Denman, A. J. Beckwith, H. Massey (*Freemason*), A. H. Diaper, C. F. Matier, I. Russ, F. Binckes, H. Potter, E. H. Finney, J. Blyth, W. Mann, B. Picking, W. F. C. Moutrie, P. De L. Long, and Bro. Hedges, for Bro. Little, who is, we are happy to say, recruiting his health at Bournemouth.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. R. C. Webster brought on the motion of which he had given notice, for the admission of twenty-five to the Institution, in addition to the ten for whom there will be vacancies at the October election. He said as the new buildings for the accommodation of more girls than the 160 at present in the school were completed, or would be completed and ready for occupation long enough before the time when the candidates who would be successful at the October election were taken in, there was no reason why the additional space afforded by these new buildings should not be utilised. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion, as he was entirely with Bro. Webster, and wished to have the subject discussed.

The Chairman asked whether any brother had anything to say on the matter.

Bro. John Symonds said that Bro. Webster had said that the buildings would be ready for occupation. He supposed that was the case, and would ask the chairman if it was so.

The Chairman said the buildings were ready, and he believed everything would be completed by the end of September; at all events in January, which was the time for taking in the successful candidates at the October election, everything would be ready for as many children as were elected.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart observed that if that was the case, then, he thought, they should pass this resolution. He understood from the Treasurer that the funds of the Institution had come in so abundantly that the capital of the Institution had not yet been touched. That being so, it would be a great thing to meet the wants of the Craft, by admitting more children to the school. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Thos. J. Sabine said that all who took an interest in the Institution ought to support the very moderate proposition Bro. Webster had placed before the Court. He would have been quite prepared to support Bro. Webster had he proposed to admit forty additional girls; but, perhaps, it would be best, under all the circumstances, to place the number on the list that were named in the notice of motion, and at some period next year still further to increase the number, as he understood the additional accommodation which had been provided would meet the accession of a much greater number of children than were on the list. Then, again, he was quite sure, in every part of the country from whence the Institution drew those wonderful supplies which had poured in, where the brethren were looking forward to an increase in the number of children to whom the benefits of the Institution were extended, but who at present, he thought, were somewhat disappointed that the proposed increase had not been adopted earlier, the step they were proposing to take would be received with the utmost satisfaction. Carrying the present motion would be a graceful compliment to pay all those who had raised the funds, and he hoped it would be carried unanimously.

Bro. Symonds wished to know how many children in the ordinary course of events would be elected in October if Bro. Webster's motion had not been brought forward.

Bro. Hedges read the proposition on the minutes, which had been confirmed, declaring 50 candidates and ten vacancies for the October election.

Bro. H. A. Dubois asked whether he understood the chairman rightly, that the newly-elected children would be received in January. He should like to know the extreme limit of time when the House Committee would be prepared to admit them.

The Chairman said he had told the brethren already that the place would be finished so as to receive the children in January. The only question that remained was with regard to the staff being prepared for the additional number. But then there were now six months to make preparations.

Bro. J. A. Rucker was among the number of brethren



who wished to see the Institution utilised to the very greatest extent; and he believed every brother was actuated by the feeling that the buildings should be occupied to their maximum receiving power with the least possible delay. But he thought that the course which was proposed by Bro. Webster would be somewhat forcing matters on. For himself he very much doubted whether the buildings would be in such a state of completeness by January as to be fit for the reception of any number whatever of children. He was opposed, and always had been opposed, to the infirmary being even temporarily used for the purposes of the school. He should have no objection at all to increase the number in the school at the proper time; but to admit them now, especially such a large number as an additional 25, at the present time, he thought would be unwise. He was desirous to see extra children in the new buildings as soon as they could reasonably be allowed to go; and the brethren might have a memorandum placed on their minutes that the children were to be received as soon as the medical officer could certify that they could with safety be housed. To load the staff with the care of an additional 35 children would be to place on them a burden which they would not be able to bear. The brethren owed a debt as much to the staff as to the children coming into the school. However, if the children were elected, whether the school was prepared to receive them or not, they must go in on a certain day. He would vote most strongly that the building should be utilised as soon as it could be done with propriety and success; but he did not think it would be fair to the staff to throw 35 additional children on their care all at once. Let the Craft know that the Institution was prepared to utilise the new building as soon as possible, but he thought there should be an intimation that it would be referred to the medical officer to say when the proper time had arrived for the new buildings to be occupied.

Bro. John Symonds would like to know what was the actual condition of the building at the present time.

At the request of the Chairman, Bro. Massa (Architect) explained that the building itself was erected, and had been so for a considerable time. It was, so to speak, dry, though not completely; but by artificial means it could be made perfectly dry, though the walls were of considerable thickness. By artificial means it could be made quite ready for habitation by January.

Bro. Symonds thought that if it was only by artificial means the building could be ready by January, Bro. Webster should modify his motion, and not tie down the House Committee to admit the additional children in January. The ten children might be admitted, because in the ordinary course of events there would be room for them, but it might be left to the discretion of the House Committee, without any detriment to the additional children, to say when afterwards they should be taken in. If they thought the buildings were quite ready in January they would admit the 25 extra children; if not, they would admit them as soon as possible afterwards. He hoped Bro. Webster would agree to this view.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, as the seconder of Bro. Webster's motion, objected to any modification of it. If the brethren proposed to take in 25 additional children, let it be a bona-fide thing, and not encumbered with any qualification. There were six months yet for the staff to get prepared, and the Architect and the Chairman said the building itself would be ready.

Bro. A. H. Tattershall moved as an amendment to Bro. Webster's motion "That vacancies for ten children more than those recommended at the last meeting of the General Committee be declared in October next, making altogether 20 children to be elected, and that the number so elected be received into the Institution so soon as the House Committee is prepared to receive them." Bro. Tattershall said he thoroughly endorsed all the remarks which had been made by Bro. Rucker.

Bro. Benj. Head seconded the amendment. The addition of 25 children all at once was too much for the staff, and too much for anybody. Let additional children be taken on by ten at a time. No doubt it was desirable to take them on as fast as possible, but he thought that it might be done by adding ten at each election.

The amendment being put by the Chairman there were but nine hands held up in its favour, while the supporters of "the contrary" were numerous.

Bro. Symonds, before Bro. Webster's motion was put, proposed as a rider "Or as soon thereafter as the House Committee can conveniently admit them."

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the addition.

Bro. Sabine opposed it, as this would be to hand over the powers of the Governors to the House Committee. If the House Committee did not think in January that the buildings were ready, there was a Quarterly Court on the second Saturday in the month (which was earlier than the day appointed for taking in the candidates), and if the House Committee came to the Court for authority to postpone the receiving day, the Court would give them power to postpone it.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was surprised to find the House Committee raising any objections. He fully expected that they would have done their utmost to meet the wishes of the Quarterly Court.

Bro. Webster's motion was then put and carried, and the meeting closed with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, Vice-patron, presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. Creaton, H. Massey, (Freemason), Capt. J. Wordsworth, W. F. C. Moutrie, C. F. Matier, J. Terry, F. Adlard, W. Roebuck, and F. Binckes, (Sec.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in reference to the report of the House Committee on the subject of affording increased accommodation at the School at Wood Green, said he wished to say a few words. With all submission, to the Chairman, it appeared to him that the brethren had been getting a little out of order with regard to the way in which they had been transacting their business. It had been referred to the House Committee to consider the subject of extension, and the Committee were to report to the Quarterly Court through the General Committee. The report had been made and submitted to the General Committee; but what this Court had to consider was, had the House Committee reported to the Quarterly Court. At the last Quarterly Court it was stated that there was no report before it. But the brethren had just heard read from the minutes that the General Committee, without any reference to the Quarterly Court, had remitted the report to the House Committee for further consideration, and by so doing had hung up the report for three months. Now, he submitted that in doing so the General Committee had exceeded its powers. The House Committee was directed to report through the General Committee to the Quarterly Court, and therefore with the Quarterly Court rested the ultimate consideration of the matter. The General Committee had, no doubt with good intentions, dealt with the matter as an ultimate court of appeal, and had ordered the report to be printed and referred it back again to the House Committee. The proper course, in his humble opinion, would have been for the General Committee to have passed it on to the Quarterly Court with such remarks as it thought fit. The only body to deal with the report was the Quarterly Court, and through its not having been submitted to them they were the only body which knew nothing of the report. It had been printed and circulated as "The report of the House Committee," but it had never yet come before the Quarterly Court at all. With all deference he thought it was a very informal way of doing the business. He had had something to do with societies of various kinds, but he had never known a subordinate committee take upon itself a power which belonged to the superior body. If the report was not complete it might, after being sent to the Quarterly Court, have been referred back through the General Committee to the House Committee. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed, and, he himself, seconded, the motion which referred the subject to the House Committee; and he could tell the brethren why they put in that portion directing the report to be sent through the General Committee. They might have referred it to the General Committee, but they considered that the House Committee had more practical information about the building. It would not have been in order for the House Committee to have reported direct to the Quarterly Court, and, therefore, they took the courteous course of having it reported through the General Committee. The Quarterly Court which referred the matter to the House Committee never intended the General Committee should have the arbitrament of the whole question. As he had said before, he thought the proceedings had been rather informal, and he ventured to submit that the attention of the General Committee should be called to the fact that the report ought to be sent through them to the Quarterly Court.

The Chairman said that as he understood the question at the last Quarterly Court, the House Committee did not consider it their definite report. They had brought it before the General Committee somewhat informally, perhaps, and the General Committee had ordered it to be printed. But it was thought by the General Committee, and by the House Committee themselves, that the House Committee had power to reconsider the report, and it was on that ground it did not come before the last Quarterly Court. It now occurred to him, in point of fact, that the whole matter was somewhat informal. The reference from the Quarterly Court to the House Committee (who were not appointed by the Quarterly Court) was out of order. The Quarterly Court should have directed the General Committee to instruct the House Committee to make the report. He did not think because there was that amount of informality it would justify this Court taking notice of what the General Committee had done, or of what the House Committee had done in not reporting definitely to the Court. As he understood, the House Committee did not consider their report final. The General Committee had thought the report should be printed and circulated, but for all that the report was in abeyance, having been referred back to the House Committee. The objection came a little too late. The report was to have been brought forward at last Quarterly Court, but having been sent back to the House Committee there was no report then to submit to the Quarterly Court.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said the brethren were in a great difficulty at the last Quarterly Court. He pressed the matter, and the brethren were told there was no report whatever. The minutes of the General Committee which mentioned the report were only read for information, and no report was submitted. The report was simply to the General Committee. Six months had now elapsed since the resolution of the Quarterly Court, and there was no report be-

fore it, and he thought a report ought to be sent directly to the Quarterly Court. Let them remember what the resolution was. The House Committee were to recommend. They had not done anything of the kind; they had reported to the General Committee, which had nothing to do with the matter, and the General Committee had authorised Bro. Binckes to have the report printed and circulated.

Bro. Binckes said the report was simply a tentative report. The House Committee declined to take any responsibility upon themselves, as the report stated. They said there was a power of extension, and a capability of extension, if the Craft would give the brethren the amount to do it with. The amount was estimated and named, and the General Committee thought the amount too large to be laid out at the present time. They said "Wait and see what is the result of the festival, and what funds we have at our disposal." When he reported the result of the festival to the General Committee on Saturday week it was said that something could be done to increase the building to some extent for the admission for another 14, 15, or 20 boys. The House Committee were asked to consider their report, and it would be read at the meeting of the House Committee on Friday next (yesterday). The House Committee would then consider the matter, and make a report, and that report would go to the Quarterly Court in October. The thing was as simple as it possibly could be.

The Chairman thought that if it was understood that the last report was only in abeyance, it ought not to have been printed and circulated among the Craft generally.

Bro. Binckes said the House Committee were bound to embody their views in the report, and they did so, and they said they would not incur the responsibility of enlarging the school until the Craft gave them the power. It was with the intention of obtaining assistance from the Craft that the report was circulated.

The Chairman observed that the report was withdrawn, so to speak, and the House Committee would, on next Friday (yesterday), take the subject afresh into their consideration; after which they would report to the General Committee, and perhaps a Special Court would be summoned to consider it. He would venture to make a suggestion now to Bro. Binckes that he made some time ago, that whenever a Special Court was summoned to consider the report they should endeavour to obtain the presidency of Bro. Plucknett, the Treasurer, whose practical views on the subject of the extension of the building would be found to be very valuable, and they should try to fix the Special Court at a time that would suit his convenience.

Bro. Binckes said that Bro. Plucknett was ex-officio a member of the House Committee.

After a short general discussion on the subject of the report, the matter dropped, on the understanding expressed by Bro. Binckes.

The list of candidates for next election was then brought forward, and after some debate the list was settled at 63—nine to be elected.

The next business was to consider the subject of a testimonial to Mrs. J. B. Monckton, in recognition of her services to the Institution in the amateur performances lately given, by which a large sum of money was divided between the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Col. Creaton moved, "That in the opinion of this Court it is desirable that a testimonial, in recognition of the services of Mrs. J. B. Monckton, should be presented from this Institution."

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, seconded the motion, which was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Col. Creaton also moved, "That it be referred to a sub-committee of three brethren, with power to communicate with any sub-committee that may be appointed by a General Committee of the Girls' School, to consider as to the nature of such testimonial, and to report thereon, through the General Committee, to a Quarterly Court."

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford seconded this motion also.

The motion having been carried, Colonel Creaton, Capt. John Wordsworth, and Bro. Benjamin Head were appointed the special committee on the subject.

Colonel Creaton moved—"That in acknowledgment of the zeal and energy so successfully exerted by Bro. John Constable, P.M. No. 185, in connection with the recent festival, the result being an addition to the funds of £1226, he be enrolled as an Hon. Vice-Patron, with the full privileges of that rank." He said that very few words from him would suffice to tell the brethren, for they all knew, what Bro. John Constable had done for the Institution. Part of what he had done was communicated to the brethren in the words of this motion, of which notice had been given. His services had been very valuable, and he was entitled to some recognition of them.

Bro. W. Roebuck seconded the motion. He had seen Bro. Constable several times in Masonry; and he could say that a more energetic and hard working brother he had never met with.

The motion having been put and carried unanimously, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the brethren separated.

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## SLIGHT\* SCIENCE FOR LEISURE HOURS.

By Our "V.P.C."  
Series I; Vol I; Part I; No. I."He is the oft the wisest man,  
Who is not wise at all."

That's Me! as I often tell Jones. Yes! I mean "Me" and not "I," for although I don't want to "trench" on the worthy Archbishop's (not Felton's) specialité I think I do know something of my "Word's worth," and I maintain that a good round solid "Me" describes me far better mentally as well as physically than a poor meagre "I." Not that, as a rule, I attach much importance to mere words, for although "words are wise men's counters"—but that savours of "shop," so I'll c'en go back to my "Muttons," as we said "abroad," where I used to take my Watts's walks—no, I mean works. Let me see, I was talking about what I said to Jones, who was always urging me to write a book. "You know, old fellow, what a splendid degree you've got—'pages of low degree'—nay volumes, why don't you write what you know?" "Well" I've always said, "and what if I have, is that any reason why I should be bothered with those critic fellows who are eternally cockroaching (no! I'm thinking of crickets), I mean encroaching—on the inmost recesses of our hearths—hearts I should have said." Jones always teases me, I believe out of spite, on account of the letters I am entitled to put after my name, and the way I got them was this. Some months ago a most learned American was lecturing at our Institute upon the Psycho-Zoe and Cooke-Maskylenic Spiritualistic Transmutation of Biologic Metals, and selected me out of the numerous and enlightened audience to assist him in his demonstrations. His astounding experiments were a complete success, especially one that he said was a proof that gold was a good circulating medium, in which five sovereigns that I lent him were put into a sand and water bath connected with a galvanic battery. When I could get my hands out again we found that all the gold of the sovereigns had been absorbed in the bath, and there was nothing left but a small, residuum like quicksilver (not half so rapid by the way as the gold), which the professor demonstrated to the satisfaction of the audience to be the alloy out of the sovereigns. Of course they had gone, but at the close of the lecture the professor conferred on me, (on behalf of his University), in consequence of my evidently scientific proclivities, the degree of D.U.F.F.E.R. ("Doctor of the Universal Fraternity of Free and Enlightened Rurality.") However, if it's only to spite Jones I've determined to commit to paper some of my observations of the Science of Nature. Now, although I know something of Nature (not that I am a "natural"—much obliged, "O.P.D.," for the suggestion), I had some misgivings about the Science, and so I asked my old friend Robinson how to acquire a little, when he promised to introduce me to a well-known Professor.

Accordingly the other night I put on a spread in my own private sanctum (my "library" or "study" I call it indiscriminately. Mrs. P. Pry-Smith speaks of it most disrespectfully as "Yours going, I suppose, into your—Pough!" this as through the opening door she catches a whiff of the incense of my best Virginia. Our domestic "genius" talks of it as "Marsurshum"). In this blissful abode then of Science and Smoke, at a table laid for three, sit Jack Robinson, Professor Konx, and your humble servant myself. After supper we are to have the first preliminary lesson in "Science," of which Jack says the professor is a master—"practical, you know," says he—"knows how to double you up before you can utter my name." The professor has brought a bag of apparatus with him, with which I am to be instructed in the preliminaries; this, which Robinson most irreverently calls "his tackle," the professor won't allow me to see as yet. "Harter supper, Sir," he says "Harter supper, not afoore." "Strange that the professor should have such an odd, not to say vulgar, way of pronouncing his words," I remark aside to Jack. "Sh.!" he says, "its only his modesty; trying to bring himself down to the meanest capacity." So I am content, but anxious to begin my studies, although I must say I can't help feeling certain qualms much like I did on the night that I was in—, but there's the bell, and "Pleasant Bwoyurwaitun," says Rosinella-Susan. It's "O.P.D.," and as I know our "Headman" I daren't keep him a moment, so I can only stay now to say that he, i.e., the "Headman," is like

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The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The chairs were occupied by Bros. John M. Clabon, President; Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and James Brett, Junior Vice-President. The other brethren were Bros. Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; C. C. Dumas, P.G.A.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; Wm. Mann, P.M. 186; G. Scrutton, P.M. 898; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; G. R. Corner, W.M. 1139; H. Albert, P.M. 189; C. G. Hill, W.M. 1366; J. Constable, P.M. 185; B. Carter 1382; H. Massey (*Freemason*); Charles Braid, P.M. 1196; Nelson Reed, W.M. 167; George Tunley, P.M. 183; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Perceval A. Nairn, P.M. 176; Obed Roberts, P.M. 188; J. A. Hudson P.M. 879; John Hemmings, W.M. 534; F. W. Koch, P.M. 138; W. H. Lee, W.M. 975; Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; Bro. H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury also attended.

The grants of last meeting which required confirmation (£70) were first confirmed; after which the brethren proceeded with the consideration of the new cases, of which there were twenty on the list. After a long sitting, eighteen of these were relieved with the total sum of £274, consisting of two of £30 each (£60); six of £20 each (£120); three of £15 each (£45); four of £10 each (£40); one of £5 (£5); and two of £2 each (£4).

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

## Reviews.

"Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers," By Bro. EMRA HOLMES.—Stokesley: Tweddell and Sons.

We have received this little work, and hasten to call the attention of our readers to it, having perused it with pleasure and profit ourselves. It may be well first of all to give its "raison d'être."

Bro. Emra Holmes (a well-known member of the Civil Service and of our Order) has long been popular as a public lecturer and reader, generously giving his services to the mental improvement of others in various parts of England. He has also, for several years past, been favourably known as a contributor to the metropolitan and provincial press; but his "Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers" have hitherto been so scattered through a variety of magazines and newspapers, that many of his admirers have expressed a wish to see a collection of them published in neat and handy volumes, each forming a complete book in itself. To meet this desire a selection of the best of these contributions is now being offered to the subscribers; Bro. Holmes kindly proposing to present any pecuniary profit that may be derived from the publication of these volumes to a brother Mason who has been unexpectedly plunged into poverty in the declining years of his life, and who, we betray no secret in saying, is Bro. G. M. Tweddell, of Stokesley.

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We can cordially recommend the volume to our readers, not only because it is likely to be the means of aiding a deserving, if suffering brother, but, also, because the stories and poetry reflect credit on the taste and talent of our zealous Bro. Emra Holmes. He is well known to many of our readers as a very frequent contributor to the pages of the *Masonic Magazine*, and occasionally to the *Freemason*, and we are all aware also, that his writings display not only literary powers far above the average, but bespeak a considerable amount of "geist" and culture, a power of winning the attention and attracting the interest of his readers. Alike in prose and poetry he commands both a facile and a correct pen, and we may fairly assert that his works are full of promise of even better and greater things to come. We would call on all our brothers who are wishful to encourage a Masonic writer, and help a worthy brother, to purchase the little work. It is a very good half-crown's worth, indeed, notwithstanding that we live in an age of cheap literature and countless publications. We also wish to add that the work is well printed and neatly got up.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**THE CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—**The members of this new lodge, the consecration of which we fully reported on June 23, held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 18th inst, the following brethren being present: Bros. Jarvis Maples, W.M.; Dr. W. J. Hunter, J.W.; F. Rothschild, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; J. S. Knight, D.C.; A. Millward, W.S.; W. C. Gay; Cummings, S. S. Bacca, Manns, J. D. Loverdo, F. Goode, W. Goode, Taylor, Stuckall, and J. G. Defriez, Sec. This lodge is much to be congratulated on the success it has already achieved. The want of a new lodge in Clerkenwell has been long felt and several energetic brethren, after a great deal of preliminary discussion, necessary upon an undertaking of this sort, constituted themselves as founders, and petitioned Grand Lodge for a warrant. The simple fact that, prior to the grant of the warrant, there were on the lists fifteen candidates, demonstrates sufficiently that a new lodge was really needed, and that the founders have rendered a service to Freemasonry in establishing the Crusaders Lodge. The members are also to be congratulated upon the place they have chosen for their new lodge. No spot could possibly be more appropriate than St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, an edifice as full of historical associations as it is unique in London. It is the only relic of the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem, the members of which, the famous Knights Hospitallers, are so closely identified with the history of the Crusades. This society was founded in the year 1100, by Gordan Bristet and Muriel his wife, persons of rank, and received its consecration from Heraclius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. Meek and humble at first, they soon became arrogant and proud. They received vast endowments and the great riches they enjoyed infected their manners and mode of living. They had as many as 19,000 manors in different parts of Christendom. In the beginning of the 14th century the immense revenues of the English Knights Templars were bestowed on them, and this increased their importance to such a degree that the prior assumed the dignity of "first baron of England." So widespread was the knowledge of their luxury that the rebels, headed by Wat Tyler, burnt the priory to the ground, only however, to rise again in greater splendour. As is well known, the property of this great society was confiscated by Henry VII., the last prior, Sir William Weston, receiving a pension of £1000 a year. The vicissitudes of "The Gate" have been many. Sylvanus Urban made it his home and printing office, and from here was issued the first number of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, Johnson, Goldsmith, Burke, Reynolds, Garrick and others were frequently the guests of Mr. Urban at "The Gate," where some of them wrote their contributions to the *Magazine*. The place was afterwards neglected until it fell into the hands of Mr. Ben Foster, a man of considerable archaeological and literary attainments, who improved its condition, and made it the centre of some excellent literary societies, as well as Masonic lodges. The Urban Lodge, and the Urban Club, hold their meetings here, and now the Crusaders Lodge has found a home within the walls of the ancient and venerable building. The chief business of the evening of the 18th inst. was to initiate the following gentlemen: Messrs. Thos. M. K. Gilbert, William F. Garrad, Samuel Rushton, M. Moorhouse and B. Jackson. The balloting being in their favour they were regularly initiated into our mysteries, the ceremony having been very ably performed by the W.M., who was efficiently assisted by his officers. The bye-laws were then read and passed with the exception of the initiation fee, which was raised from five to seven guineas. The lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the hall, where a supper was prepared by Bro. W. C. Gay. The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., the brethren responding musically. The toast of "The Initiates," then followed and the W.M. remarked that it would be useless for him to dilate at any length upon their merits, as they were all well known to the Crusaders. At the same time he would add his testimony to the excellent recommendations given by the proposers and seconders, by expressing his confidence and reliance as to the high character borne by each initiate. He hoped they would all endeavour to the best of their ability so to distinguish themselves as Masons that their ap-

pointment to the chair he had the privilege to occupy, a position which must for ever be regarded as the blue ribbon of all Masons, would be but the natural reward of their labours and the sweet fruit of their endeavours for the preservation, continuance and glory of Masonry. The initiates responded to the effect that they were grateful to the W.M. for the kind expressions he made use of, and also to the Crusaders for the honour they conferred upon them by electing them as members. They would always use their best endeavours to prove worthy of the confidence reposed in them and of one day rising to the exalted post so honourably occupied by the W.M. Bro. Rushton added that for a long time it had been his ardent desire to join the ranks of Freemasonry, and hearing that a new lodge was to be established in his neighbourhood he immediately expressed his wish to Bro. Dr. Hunter, his proposer, to belong to it. He was thoroughly impressed with the solemn beauty of the ceremony through which he had to go, and although he was not as yet in a position to say much with regard to Freemasonry, yet he had seen enough to induce him to believe that it is an institution eminently calculated to promote the welfare and happiness of mankind. The health of the W.M. was feelingly proposed by Bro. Defriez, and was suitably responded to by the W.M. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Manns, Loverdo, and Bacca replied. The toast of "The Officers" then followed, the W.M. passing a high eulogium upon them for the very able manner in which they performed their duties. This well-merited tribute was received with great applause. Some very excellent music was given during the evening by Bros. A. Millward, Rushton, Knight, Jackson, Rothschild and Davis, the last of whom created great laughter by the humorous mimicry with which he delivered an Irish song by Lover. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very interesting, very pleasant, and, in all respects, an exceedingly harmonious evening.

**WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—**The last of a series of brilliant gatherings in this district took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., the occasion being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. S. Waters, into the chair of the abbe lodge, and truly the universal verdict "magnificent," pronounced by all who heard Bro. T. Butt, W.M., install his successor may be recorded in the annals of the Nelson Lodge as evidence of a triumph of studious research, and unflinching decision; not a word or action was omitted that could bring the beautiful sentiments of that superb ritual home to the hearts of his hearers, but vividly and pathetically eloquent; Bro. Butt went through his work to the end, and hearty and spontaneous was the applause that greeted him when he for the first time took his seat on the left of the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. R. Russell, P.M. 299, and P.P.D.C. Kent; G. Spinks, W.M. 1536; W. Gamble, W.M. 706; W. Steel, W.M. 1472; J. Dorton, W.M. 1076; W. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; J. White, S.W. 1076; F. Brien, J.W. 1076; Manning, S.W. 1472; W. B. Lloyd, J.W. 913; T. Hutton, J.W. 13; A. Jessup, Treas. 913; H. Balls, 77; E. Farwig, 180; G. R. Nichols, 1567; C. Jolly, (Freemason) 913; and others. The following Past Masters of the lodge were also present: J. Rowland, G. Crawford, F. G. Dawson, W. Graham, E. Bowles, S. Goddard, C. Norman, C. M. Hobson, and J. Henderson. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Messrs. Wright and Harris were, after approval, initiated into Freemasonry; and Bro. Epsom passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Waters was then initiated with the usual ceremonies, and duly honoured; Bro. Butt, as before observed, filling the position of Installing Officer. Bro. Waters then invested his officers, as follows: A. Woodley, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; C. M. Hobson, P.M.; Treas. J. Henderson, P.M.; Sec. J. Wilkins, S.D.; E. B. Hobson, J. D.; W. M'Goy, I.G.; G. Beaver, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The addresses having been delivered, it was proposed by Bro. Butt, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. W. Graham, P.M., that the sum of ten guineas each be given to the Boys and Girls School Charities, and carried unanimously. Bro. Butt was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and it was resolved that a vote of thanks be presented to him, and that the same be inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for his masterly performance of the installation ceremony that day. After Bro. Butt had returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sped away to Gravesend, where at Bro. Lodgey's house, "The New Falcon," a superb banquet awaited them, splendidly served and in profusion. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured most cordially, and in proposing that of the W.M., Bro. Butt compared him to a ship captain just about to sail forth upon the broad ocean, his craft freighted with many cares and responsibilities, but they one and all wished him a safe and prosperous voyage, and that when once again he returned into port, might he be loaded with all that was good and creditable both to himself and his owners, the brethren of the Nelson Lodge. They had seen Bro. Waters in the minor offices, and from what he knew of him he believed Bro. Waters would faithfully and honourably carry out the duties of the office in which they had placed him. (Applause.) Bro. Waters briefly replied, asking them to help him to carry out his duties, and assuring them of his sincere desire for their prosperity and comfort. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and was responded to severally. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Gamble, Spinks, Hutton, Jessup, Farwig, and Pillar. Bro. Spinks saying that it was a matter of hearty congratulation that so good a feeling existed between the United Military Lodge and the Nelson. At the winter banquet of the latter he could not help noticing that a large number of the guests were military brethren, and upon enquiry he found that, with but few exceptions, they were individual invitations from the Nelson brethren. That would at least show that a close bond of social union

existed between the brethren of the two lodges. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Butt excused himself from replying for the "Past Masters," having been such a short time among them that he hardly knew or felt the responsibilities of the office yet; but they had among them an old Past Master, who would speak for them from the experience of many years. He alluded to their senior Past Master, Bro. J. Rowland. (Cheers.) Bro. Rowland said the Past Masters looked upon the chair with a deal of jealousy. It was a position they had all filled with credit, and they wished to see the Masterahip of the Nelson Lodge retain its ancient prestige in the person of good men and good Masons. (Cheers.) The brother who had just vacated it had added, if possible, new honour to it by his firm and determined, yet courteous rule. (Applause.) The incoming Master they felt sure would never suffer those glories to grow dim; and when his day shall have come, they would welcome him among their ranks with the same pleasure they had that day received the I.M. (Loud cheers.) To the toast of "The Officers" Bro. Woodley briefly responded. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who he said had by his reports made their lodge known all over the world. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Jolly returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast wound up the meeting. Several of the brethren on their way from the Grand Provincial R.A. meeting at Chatham gave a call, and were received with *ecclat*, notably Bros. Coupland, Pownall, Denton, Penfold, and Hayes, all of whom are of eminence both in the Province of Kent and Woolwich District.

## LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—

The members of this "crack" lodge, which is one of the most numerous and flourishing amongst the strong representatives of eighty in the Province of West Lancashire, met on Wednesday for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M., elect, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The popularity of the W.M. elect (Bro. John Houlding), the respected vice-chairman of the West Derby Board of Guardians, the *ecclat* which has marked the year's office of Bro. Wm. Wilson, the retiring W.M., and the prestige which rightfully belongs to the "Everton" were clearly shown by a large and most influential attendance of visitors, among whom were a good sprinkling of P.G.L. officers. There were altogether upwards of 40 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present, and amongst those who attended to do honour to the occasion were ten guardians belonging to the Board of which Bro. Houlding is Vice-Chairman. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Wilson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. Shaw, I.P.M.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Turner, P.G. Treasurer, P.M.; W. Cottrell, P.M.; T. Ashmore, P.M.; J. Houlding, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. Ashmore, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer; J. S. Cuthbert, Secretary; P. W. Oglesby, S.D.; T. Webster, J.D.; W. Boulton, P.M., D.C.; J. Boyle, I.G.; and T. H. Carefull, S. The members present included Bros. J. Beesley, C. E. Kidd, E. H. Bryson, F. J. Pentin, J. M. King, W. Lowe, R. Brough, J. Brough, C. King, R. H. Webster, J. Worthington, D. Callow, J. A. Forrest, J. Brunton, A. Strother, R. Milne, R. Lowry, E. Morgan, R. Ellis, C. Mawdesley, J. Douglas, J. W. Robinson, S. Milkirk, I. Hughes, W. Maddock, W. Gaskell, W. Brassey, J. G. Hassall, R. O. Duck, T. R. Grandy, J. R. Broadbent, J. Marsh, D. G. Ross, S. Campbell, R. Thompson, J. Smallwood, J. C. Corrie, J. Holden, J. Carson, E. Kelly, S. Doughty, W. H. Spenceley, T. Cunningham, J. Rosburgh, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Registrar; J. Peters, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shropshire; R. Martin, juv., W.M. 1181; T. J. Hughes, 216; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. McCracken, 1620; J. Hill, 1600; W. Savage, 216; J. R. Bottomley, J.W. 1675; J. Busfield, 216; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; R. H. Evans, P.M. 1393; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; J. Marshall, W.M. 1547; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; J. McCarthy, P.M. 1393; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Winkill, P.M. 1325; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; E. Dutch, 1393; G. R. Twist, 292; J. Jones, P.M. 216; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; Dr. D. D. Costine, S.D. 216; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Cooper, W.M. 1330; R. P. France, P.M. 594; T. Berry, P.M. 155; W. King, 1600; J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W. J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325; T. Holden, 1188; J. R. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; J. C. Robinson, W.M. 249; J. Burgess, 1336; H. Liversage, 1299; F. Knight, P.M. 1325; J. Jones P.M., 594; A. C. Wythe, S.W. 1269; F. Sammons, W.M. 1398; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; S. P. Gore, 1336; &c. After the transaction of the usual preliminary business, Rev. W. Wilson, the retiring W.M., closed an honourable and distinguished year of office by installing Bro. John Houlding as W.M. for the ensuing year. The major part of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Wilson, in a masterly manner, the concluding portion being entrusted to Bro. W. Boulton, P.M. The following were invested by Bro. Houlding as his staff of officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. Wilson, I.P.M.; H. Ashmore, S.W.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected for the tenth time); P. W. Oglesby, Secretary; T. Webster, S.D.; J. Boyle, J.D.; T. H. Carefull, I.G.; J. Beesley, S.S.; J. Hunter J.S. (by proxy); W. Brassey, Assistant S.; R. Webster, Assistant S.; W. Boulton, P.M., D.C.; R. Brough, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The anthem at the close of the ceremony was sung with fine effect by Bros. J. Jones, P.M. 216; J. Busfield, 216; and T. J. Hughes, 216; Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, presiding at the harmonium. As the first act of his official year in the chair, Bro. Houlding, W.M., initiated several candidates in a manner which clearly indicated the experience and aptitude which he brought to bear on his important position. At the close of this section of the business, a valuable P.M.'s jewel, along with a handsome clock and bronze figure en suite, were presented to Bro. Wilson, I.P.M., as a token of



the esteem of the brethren and in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge during his Mastership, and also while he had held various offices in the lodge. The good wishes of numerous lodges were conveyed to the W.M., there being a large representation of brethren connected with the West Derby Board of Guardians, of which Bro. Houlding is the Vice-Chairman. The brethren subsequently banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., and the usual loyal, Masonic, and charitable toasts were given and responded to during the evening. In continuation of the celebration of the festival of St. John, the Evertonians and their fair friends held their annual picnic on the following day (Thursday), within the grounds of Hawarden Castle, which, by the kindness of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., were most courteously thrown open for the special occasion. A special train, starting from Lime-street shortly before ten o'clock, conveyed about 250 to the scene of the day's festivities, and the outers were increased by the arrival of others at a later stage of the day's pleasant proceedings. The weather looked rather threatening, but, beyond one or two slight showers, there was nothing in this direction to mar the complete enjoyment of the Everton picnic. On arriving at Queen's Ferry, specially hired vehicles conveyed a large section of the party to Hawarden, while others preferred to walk the pleasant two-mile road which led them to the village. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Houlding, W.M. of the lodge; W. J. Lunt, P.M.; Treas.: T. Ashmore, P.M.; W. Boulton, P.M., D.C.; W. Cottrell, P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; W. Wilson, I.P.M.; nearly the whole of the officers, and a large representation from other lodges, including Bros. H. Liversage, 1299; E. Dutch, 1393; J. Jones, P.M. 216; and others. According to previous custom, on arriving at the prettily situated village of Hawarden, the ladies and brethren proceeded to the church, where all joined in singing "The Old Hundredth," Bro. J. Jones, P.M. 216, presiding at the organ. The Rev. Stephen Edward Gladstone, rector of the parish, who kindly granted the use of the sacred edifice for this appropriate portion of the day's proceedings, was present, and at the close of the short service of praise, he gave a brief address to those who had assembled. He said they would not expect from him in that place the fuller and more cordial greeting which he would otherwise have given them to Hawarden, but in God's name he welcomed them to that place, and in God's name he was able to assure them that the praises which had been sung that morning, if from the heart would be heard in heaven. They had come to that place of worship to sanctify the proceedings of the day, and he need not say that by that act of worship they all intended the day should be one of holy pleasure. Pleasure had two aspects; it had its earthly and temporal aspect, and it had also its heavenly and joyous aspect. If the people of this world had only the wisdom to see that true pleasure was to be found in the latter aspect, the earth would be a far purer place than it is. In God's name he greeted them in His house, and he rejoiced that they had commenced the day in that becoming manner. The service was closed with prayer by the reverend speaker. The party then left the church and proceeded to a large tent erected within the castle grounds, where dinner was served. In the afternoon the ladies and gentlemen had the privilege of going through the grounds of Hawarden Castle, and by the kindness of Mr. Gladstone the private green within the ruins was placed at the disposal of the pleasure seekers. Bro. Captain Vickers, the agent of Mr. Gladstone, was present during the afternoon, and did all in his power to promote the enjoyment of all who were present. An inspection of the ruins, which included the magnificent view from the summit, a glance at the wonderful subterranean passage leading to Ewloe Castle, a ramble through the grounds with their magnificent trees and walks, and a visit to the orphan asylum, which is one of the special features of Mrs. Gladstone's benevolence in the neighbourhood, constituted the chief features of a most enjoyable visit to Hawarden Castle. Dancing on the green in the old castle ruins was also kept up till about five o'clock, when the Evertonians returned to tea in the tent at the village. The return train started from Queen's Ferry about half-past eight o'clock, and arrived in Liverpool shortly before ten o'clock.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The annual picnic in connection with the Prince of Wales Lodge, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The brethren, with their lady friends, left Exchange Station shortly before noon for Rufford, where a substantial dinner was provided by Bro. Ashcroft, at the Hesketh Arms Hotel. The travellers afterwards adjourned to the park, where, by the kind permission of Sir Thos. Fermor-Hesketh, Bart., they spent a pleasant afternoon in going over the grounds, conservatories, &c., and in dancing to the strains of the police band, conducted by Mr. Beardhall. Bro. Willis, W.M., presided at the dinner, and was supported by the Past Masters and officers of the lodge. The brethren, after a substantial tea, spent the evening in various amusements, and returned to town, after spending a most enjoyable day. It was generally acknowledged that this was one of the most successful of the Prince of Wales picnics.

**SANDGATE.**—Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sandgate, on Monday, the 9th inst. The officers present were Bros. R. H. Pledge, W.M.; F. H. Field, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. Keeler, J.W.; J. Dickson, S.D.; B. Simmonds, J.D.; J. Cain, I.G.; R. Butcher, Tyler; also Bros. R. H. Fynmore, I.P.M.; C. Gosby, P.M., P.G.S.B.; E. Sheppard, P.M.P., District Gd. D. Madras; J. English, P.M.; J. Bray, J. McGonagill, T. Moore, R. W. Duncan, J. Hodgson, J. McGovern, F. Norris, C. Grimwood, T. G. Lockyer, A. Keeler, J. Syson, and J. B. Candell. Visitors: Bros. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; R. White, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight; L. Earn-

shaw, W.M. 558, P.P.G.J.D.; Kennett, 558, P.P.G.O.; Stock, P.M. 558, P.P.G.S.W.; Evenden, W.M. 125; W. H. Hoad, Andrews, Klatt, Tiffen, Josephs, 558; Busby, Cullen, Minnie, Noakes, 1043; Steele, 177; Pulley, Elms, 1201; Sneeby, and several others. The business of the meeting was the initiation of Mr. A. Taylor, passing Bro. Grimwood, and installation of the W.M. elect. The ceremony of initiation and passing was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Pledge, after which Bro. F. H. Field, S.W. and J.W., of 558 and 1331, was presented for the benefit of installation. After the customary obligations had been made, all brethren below the rank of Installed Masters retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed (there being eleven present), when Bro. Field was duly inducted in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. R. White, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight, and it has seldom fallen to our lot to witness the ceremony so ably and impressively performed. The brethren below the chair were then re-admitted, when Bro. Field was successively declared W.M. of the Sandgate Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. R. H. Pledge, I.P.M.; Adam Heeler, S.W.; J. Dickson, J.W.; R. Jenner, P.M., Treas.; Gosby, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Caudell, S.D.; J. McGonagill, J.D.; J. Hodgson, I.G.; and Butcher, Tyler, accompanying each investiture with a few appropriate remarks. The Installing Master then delivered the customary addresses, which met with unwonted applause from the brethren present. Heartly good wishes having been offered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed about five p.m. The brethren, to the number of 51, then adjourned to Bro. A. Keeler's, Kent Hotel, where a most recherche banquet had been provided in a spacious marquee on the lawn, facing the sea. After substantial justice had been rendered at the banquet table, the W.M. rose to propose the toasts, the whole of which were prefaced by a few apt remarks. In reply to the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. Spencer, P.G.S., stated, in responding, that it was very gratifying to see such an important gathering in so young a lodge. He was sure that every brother present gave the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, credit for having the true interests of Masonry at heart. Never on any occasion did he omit forwarding anything which tended to benefit Masonry, especially in the province of Kent, but he thought it as well to state that he could but repeat the words of the P.G.M., that Masonry having received such a stimulus through the Royal patronage, it behoved the brethren to be especially careful whom they recommended for admission into Freemasonry. The province was now in a flourishing condition—good men and true ranged under its banners—and it was incumbent on the masters of all lodges to exercise the utmost care to preserve the tone of the Order, so that it might not be entered with a view to personal benefit or self-aggrandisement on the part of new initiates, but rather in conformity with the tenets of the Craft, each candidate having a sincere wish to render himself more extensively useful to his fellow creatures. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren present very heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and coupled with his name. The toasts of The Installing Master, P. Masters, W.M., Officers, Visitors, Masonic Charities, &c., having been severally proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close about 10 p.m.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The summer meeting of this highly prosperous lodge was held on the 11th inst. at the Albany Hotel. There were present, amongst others, at the opening of the lodge, Bros. C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, who officiated in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.G.S. of Surrey, W.M.; S. H. Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.D. of Norfolk, Treas.; Taylor, S.D.; Vaughan, J.D.; Court, jun., Asst. Org. The I.P.M. and Sec., Bro. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, was present later in the evening. Bro. Buckland, P.M. Dobie, &c., was a visitor. The minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting of June 11th were read and confirmed. The principal officers present on the latter occasion were Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Knaggs, S.W.; Court, J.W.; Wigginton, I.P.M. and Sec.; Tomlinson, Treas.; Taylor, S.D.; Vaughan, J.D. The two candidates for passing—Bros. Taylor and Clarke—were impressively inducted by Bro. Horsley. A financial question having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. The preliminary toasts having been duly honoured, the acting W.M. proposed, in happy terms, "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M." The toast of "The R.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Past and Present," followed, and gave Bro. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Wks., an opportunity of making a very excellent reply. "The Health of the W.M. and his deputy that evening," was proposed by the I.P.M., and drew from Bro. Horsley, P.M., a characteristic response. "The Visitor" came next, and having been warmly received, Bro. Buckland duly acknowledged the compliment. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the remaining toasts were quickly disposed of. Bro. Wigginton replied on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Tomlinson and Knaggs for "The Officers."

### Royal Arch.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, where the companions mustered at four o'clock. There were present Comps. John Barr, P.Z., P.M. 119; W. Sandwith, H., P.M.

119; J. J. Robinson, as J., P.M. 872; E. Tyson, Scribe E.; J. D. Thompson, Scribe N.; W. F. Lamony, P.S., P.M. 1002 (Freemason); J. Rothery, 1st Assist. S.; J. W. Young, 2nd Assist. S., P.M. 1400; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; W. Armstrong, P.M. 371; T. Dixon, W.M. 1400; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872; Rowland Hill, jun.; J. R. Banks, J. S. Wilson, W. F. Hunter, C. Hooper, J. W. Miles, J. R. Smith, J. S. Braithwaite, F. Hodgson, D. Reece, T. B. Roxby, T. Wood, J. W. Meredith, H. Waiting, W. A. Smith, and John Smith. In the unavoidable absence from Whitehaven of the M.E.Z., Comp. E. Fearon, P.M. 119, Comp. Barr, P.Z., took the presiding officer's chair. After the minutes were read and confirmed, two candidates for exaltation, out of four on the agenda paper, presented themselves, and were duly exalted to the degree of R.A., the M.E.Z. in the chair performing the long and beautiful ceremony (including the mystical lecture) with that correctness and effect for which he is so well and favourably known in the north. Comp. Sandwith, H., also delivered the historical and symbolical lectures in capital style. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months, which was conducted by ballot, and proved a lengthy operation, on account of the keen contests (in two cases ties), the final results being as follows:—Comps. W. Sandwith, Z.; E. W. Henry, M.D., H.; W. F. Lamony, J.; E. Tyson, Scribe E. (re-elected); J. J. Robinson, Scribe N.; J. Rothery, P.S.; J. M'Kelvie, Treas. (re-elected); and G. Fitzgerald, Janitor (re-elected). Comp. Rothery announced his intention to appoint his assistants at the installation convocation. The Past and Present Principals and Scribes were then appointed a committee to audit the accounts, after which Comp. T. Dodgson, P.Z. Furness Chapter, 995, was proposed as a joining member, as also a brother of Lodge 962, Workington, as a candidate for exaltation. The chapter was then solemnly closed. Subsequently the companions adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a couple of hours were harmoniously whiled away in toast and song, under the presidency of Comp. Barr. Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter is now one of the strongest and best worked in the North of England, having largely increased in membership during the past three years. Apropos of Royal Arch Masonry in the province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, petitions have been sent to the Supreme Grand Chapter for the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter, which will, no doubt, be granted, seeing that there are seven chapters in the two counties.

**HAMPTON.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A convocation of this newly constituted chapter was held at the Island Hotel on the 14th inst. There were present, amongst others, Comps. Sabine, P.Z., P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; Thielley, H.; Smeed, P.Z., acting J.; Dubois, M.E.Z.; Lebanon, Treasurer; F. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S., S. E. Mason, P.Z., S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.S. 185, First Assistant; Faulkner, Second Assistant; W. Hammond, P.Z., P.G.A.S., D.C.; Baldwin, M.E.Z. Mount Lebanon, W.S.; Gilbert, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation and emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. Smeed and Walters, exalted Bros. T. W. Ockenden, D.C. 1512, and Sec. 1656; Tagg, 1326; and Austin, 1567, to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. very impressively. The draft bye laws were then read, and each clause having been thoroughly eliminated, they were passed. The convocation having been closed, the companions adjourned to an excellent collation, well served by Comp. Tagg, in a marquee erected in the grounds. This al fresco arrangement was somewhat marred by the too liberal favours of Jupiter Pluvius, and brought the proceedings to an early termination. The preliminary R.A. toasts having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Exaltees." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the chapter upon the admission of three such excellent Masons, who would, he had no doubt, in the end also prove worthy members of the R.A. Order. Having been well and worthily recommended, they had successfully passed the threshold of the Sublime Degree, and he personally was delighted that they had been received into so newly a constituted chapter as 1423, and in conclusion he wished them long life, and every domestic and Masonic prosperity. Comp. Ockenden, in reply, said that from the moment he had entered Freemasonry he had experienced a great veneration for the ancient science, and that feeling he hoped would ever continue. In concluding he stated that he had been highly impressed with the whole degree that he had passed that day, thanks to the able way he had been inducted. Comps. Tagg and Austin having replied in similar terms, Comp. F. Walters proposed in very felicitous language "The Health of the M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks he stated that he had initiated Comp. Sabine in 1863 and was greatly pleased at having been the means of introducing so excellent a Mason as their M.E.Z. had proved to be. He, Comp. Sabine, had filled the chair of his mother chapter with great success, and he believed that he would give equal satisfaction to the discharge of his duties in No. 1423. This toast having been well received the M.E.Z. made an excellent reply. He stated that he was a great admirer of the charitable principles of the Order and that he had never turned a deaf ear to the sacred calls of charity. He hoped that they would pardon his mentioning that in 1869 he had served the three institutions, and taken up nearly £1000, thanks to the hearty support he had received from his brethren and friends. (Hear.) Fourteen years was a very considerable time to be devoted to Freemasonry, but he had not, and he hoped he never would begrudge any time so spent, and concluded by forcibly remarking that he had always endeavoured to do his duty not only in Masonic but also in social life. The remaining toasts, "The Second and Third Principals" and "The Officers," were given briefly, and responded to on behalf of all absent and present by Comp. Thielley. Comps. Tagg, Walls, and Thielley vocally entertained the companions, who separated at 8 o'clock.



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF  
MIDDLESEX.

On Wednesday afternoon the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, under the presidency of Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master. Bro. F. Davison occupied the G.S.W. chair, and Bro. H. G. Buss that of G.J.W. There was a crowded attendance of brethren, amongst whom were General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Col. Wigginton, Major Shadwell Clerke, W. Hyde Pullen, H. C. Levander, H. A. Dubois, Lord de Clifford, T. J. Sabine, Dr. Ramsay, Sir C. Bright, Captain Reginald Williams, G. A. Smith, W. H. Green, A. H. Tattershall, Lieut.-Col. James Peters, J. Lewis Thomas, E. Kimber, Thos. Massa, W. H. Pearce, W. Hammond, J. M. Stedwell, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read by Bro. H. Levander, Prov. G. Sec., and after their confirmation, the balance-sheet of the province was submitted to the brethren. This showed a balance in hands of the Treasurer of £200 9s. 5d., a result which was hailed with much cheering by the brethren.

Bro. Levander, after the balance-sheet had been received and adopted, by direction of the P.G.M., read the patent of appointment of Bro. R. W. Little as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and Bro. Little having been formally obligated, was invested by Col. Burdett with the clothing of his rank, the ceremony being accompanied with hearty signs of approval by the Grand Lodge.

The appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers followed, Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. J.G.W., being first unanimously elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, amidst loud cheering. The following is the list of the new appointments:—

Dr. Ramsay.....	Prov. G.S.W.
J. Lewis Thomas.....	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. W. F. Reynolds .....	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. W. L. Moses .....	Prov. G. Chaplain
H. G. Buss .....	Prov. G. Treas.
E. Letchworth .....	Prov. G. Register.
H. C. Levander .....	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Mason .....	Prov. G.S.D.
B. H. Swallow.....	Prov. G.J.D.
Thos. Massa .....	Prov. G.S. of W.
E. Kimber .....	Prov. G.D.C.
C. S. Brown.....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
E. Hopwood.....	Prov. G.S.B.
T. C. Walls.....	Prov. G. Org.
J. W. Baldwin.....	Prov. G.P.
J. Driscoll .....	Prov. G.A.P.
J. Gilbert .....	Prov. G. Tyler.
Lord B. de Clifford, Sir Chas. T. Bright, G. C. Rushworth, Frank Green, B. Sharp, and W. H. Saunders...	Prov. G. Stewards

On the motion of Col. Burdett, seconded by Bro. T. J. Sabine, the following sums were voted by Provincial Grand Lodge:—£10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and £10 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Col. Burdett then left the chair, while Bro. Little proposed, and Bro. Buss seconded, "That the sum of £10 be voted towards the Burdett Testimonial Fund, and that all expenses of printing, postage, &c., connected with the testimonial be defrayed out of the funds of the province."

This comprised the whole of the lodge business, and Bro. Levander having announced that letters of apology for absence had been received from Col. Creton, Maxwell Close, Jas. Terry, J. C. Parkinson, F. Walters and others, lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to the Greyhound, Richmond, to banquet. At this banquet Col. Burdett presided and he was supported by forty other brethren. The toasts were afterwards proposed in regular order, and Bro. Hyde Pullen responded for the toast of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers.

Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. Grand Treasurer, proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master." After apologising for Bro. Little, D.G.M., not being able to propose the toast on account of the state of his health, he said that the brethren all knew Col. Burdett so well, and the ability with which he had always discharged his duties since he had been G.M. of the Province of Middlesex, that it would be unnecessary to say much in proposing the toast of his health. Col. Burdett was the first Grand Master of Middlesex, and had travelled with it from its foundation through all the difficulties and dangers which must attend a newly formed province. He had weathered all its storms and breezes, and had succeeded in bringing about a happy result. No province could possibly exhibit a better phalanx of Masons than the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. They were all happy and united together, and, he believed, no province could pay a greater amount of respect or honour to its Prov. G. Master than Middlesex did to Col. Burdett. The Colonel was always among them at their meetings, no matter where they were assembled. He was always willing and anxious to assist them, and in all their undertakings they never found him flagging. When they had a Prov. Grand Master who showed a determination and energy to promote the interest and welfare of the Masonic Order, the brethren could not but set a high value on him. In fact he did not know where a better Prov. Grand Master could be found. It had been his (Bro. Buss's) peculiar pleasure to hold the office of Treasurer of the province ever since its establishment, with the exception of last year, when the honour of wearing the Prov. Junior Grand Warden's clothing had been conferred on him by Col. Burdett; and in the position of Treasurer he had had occasion to refer very frequently to the Prov. G.M. Whenever he did so a letter always came in by return of post. This showed the thorough business-like way in which he performed his duties with regard to the province.

Col. Burdett, in reply, said he felt very much gratified by what Bro. Buss had said, and he was delighted to find by the heartiness with which those sentiments had been received, that the brethren appreciated his endeavours to advance the interests of the province. They might depend upon it that he would exert himself on behalf of the province, and, as far as he was able, of the brethren. He had been ably assisted by the brethren of the province, who had endeavoured to raise the province high among the list of provinces. Though it had only been established seven or eight years, it was able now to hold up its head and say that very few provinces in the South of England were able to compete with it in any way whatever. He believed there were no better set of officers or working Masons to be found in any province in the South of England, or in the north, or any part of the country. He said this not only from hearsay, but from his own experience, derived from visiting lodges in his province. As far as he was able, he visited every lodge. He was always most hospitably received, and he was much gratified at the way the work was conducted. There were some lodges which did not perform the work so well as others, but he was convinced they could come up to the same degree of excellence as the majority. It was the admirable way in which the work was done which gave him his pleasure in visiting the lodges.

Col. Burdett then proposed "The Prov. Grand Master of Surrey."

General Brownrigg, in reply, said that Col. Burdett and he held nearly the same date in the army as they did in Grand Lodge, and when they went into Grand Lodge they usually walked side by side, "shoulder to shoulder," and as soldiers they knew the meaning of that expression, and also of the expression "knee to knee." When the infantry went shoulder to shoulder, and the cavalry knee to knee, they never feared the results. Surrey and Middlesex would always be so, and would assist each other as they should. He would answer for the province of Surrey, and Colonel Burdett could answer for Middlesex. He would tell them now what took place before Surrey and a sister province a little north. Surrey and Berks and Bucks met before the election for the charities and compared notes and assisted each other. The first year this was done Berks and Bucks had a boy they wanted to get into the Boys' School, and Surrey had a girl they wanted to get into the Girls' School. Consequently Surrey gave their boys' votes to Berks and Bucks, and Berks and Bucks gave their girls' votes to Surrey. Both were successful. Bucks and Berks wanted to get an old man into the Benevolent Institution. Surrey wanted to get an old woman in. By an exchange of votes both candidates were got in. So many of the brethren of these provinces belonged to London lodges that they furnished stewards for the festivals and so got more votes. He wished Middlesex to join in the convention between Berks and Bucks, and he threw the hint out for consideration, thinking it would be a profitable arrangement for all.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Health" of Bro. Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Every brother was quite aware of what the services of Bro. Little had been to the Province. He had been the instigation of this province, its mainstay, and had placed it in the position it now occupied. On account of the state of Bro. Little's health he would not trouble him to respond to this toast. It would cause him great exertion, and it would be out of a feeling of kindness to him that he wished to spare him the fatigue of replying. Throughout his life Bro. Little had exerted himself in the cause of Masonry, particularly during the last few years, and more especially for the Province of Middlesex. He did not believe any brother could have done more than Bro. Little had done for Middlesex, for it was to him that Middlesex owed the proud position she now occupied. He would ask the brethren to thank Bro. Little in silence for what he had done.

The toast having been duly acknowledged by the brethren,

Col. Burdett proposed "The Visitors." Among the visitors they had brethren who were very severe critics in Freemasonry, brethren who would perform Masonic duties in the most energetic and perfect manner. In their ranks Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke held a front place; and although that brother might not perhaps think the Province of Middlesex had yet reached the point of excellence it ought to have reached, yet he must remember that the province was a young province. He would however confess that the province was very favourably progressing, and that it had worked satisfactorily and well.

Major Shadwell Clerke replied, and said he had for many years been invited to attend the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, but unfortunately he had been unable to accept the invitations. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present that day, for he had met several very old personal and dear friends. Also he had seen the working of the Grand Lodge, which although the Prov. Grand Master had somewhat apologised for, was a model to all lodges in England. It was the youngest of the provinces, but it was equal to the oldest and largest. It was very good of the Prov. Grand Master to speak of him (Bro. Shadwell Clerke) in the way he had spoken, and he could assure the brethren that any service he could render to Masonry was a labour of love to him. He might tell the brethren that they were most fortunate in having such a Provincial Grand Master at their head. At the same time they were most fortunate in having such a Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Bro. Little. It was a great pleasure to him (Bro. Shadwell Clerke) to see his old friend and schoolfellow elevated to the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and he hoped he would long be spared to hold that high and honourable office. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. F. Binckes proposed, by request, the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and told the brethren that up to the present time over £36,000 had been received by the three Masonic Institutions this year. He believed that the

greater part of this sum had been taken up by new Stewards for new lodges; and, if so, it showed that the new lodges were started, not for the aggrandisement of the brethren, but for the promotion of the welfare of the Institution. The new lodges had done their duty nobly. Looking around the table he could see a large number of brethren who had served the office of Steward. The brethren were not yet "weary in well doing," and when they saw the officials of the Institution exerting themselves to the utmost on behalf of their respective charities, it was, perhaps, somewhat of an incentive to them to exert themselves. He called on Bro. J. Lewis Thomas to reply.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas having responded to the toast, Col. Burdett proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers." Dr. Ramsay replied, and the Tyler's toast having been drunk the brethren separated.

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Capt. Reginald Williams, by Mesdames Thaddeus Wells and Barnett, and Bros. Thurley Beale and H. Parker.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF  
MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire took place on Thursday, the 19th of July, at the Masonic Hall, Newport, under the banner of the Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Lodge, No. 1429, when Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lyne, P.G.M., presided, supported by Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. of England, and D.P.G.M. Monmouth; W. Pickford, P.G.S.W.; H. Gratte, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Osman, P.G. Chap.; C. Rowe, P.G. Sec.; and many other distinguished brethren, including Bros. D. Watson, W.M. of Glamorgan Lodge, 36; J. Hopkins, W.M., and W. Davis, P.M. of Bute Lodge, 960.

The lodge being opened, the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were passed, showing a balance of £148 17s. 0d.

The following officers were then appointed:—

G. A. Brown .....	Prov. G.S.W.
H. Griffiths .....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. Osman .....	Prov. G. Chap.
C. Rowe .....	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Pickford .....	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Parfitt .....	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Piggford .....	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
M. Jones .....	Prov. G.S.D.
R. Spencer .....	Prov. G.J.D.
F. Orders .....	Prov. G.D.C.
S. Gorvin .....	Prov. A.G.D.C.
H. J. Groves .....	Prov. G. Org.
Jos. Gibbs .....	Prov. G.S.B.
W. Dovey .....	Prov. G. Pura.
L. Preece .....	Prov. G. Tyler.
H. Fletcher .....	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
Wills, Golding, Hermessen, and Martin .....	Prov. G. Stwds.

V.W. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., and D.P. G.M., having served the office of Steward for the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions, and having taken up over £500 and qualified himself as Vice-Patron, was then presented with the charity jewel by Col. Lyne, P.G.M., on behalf of the province, who hoped that he would live for many years to wear it.

Bro. H. Griffiths, on behalf of the Kennard Lodge, proposed that something more substantial should be given to the D.P.G.M. for the valuable services rendered to the province.

Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray thanked the brethren, and hoped that he might always maintain the same good opinion they had formed of him. When he undertook the office of D.P.G.M., about seven years ago, the province had scarcely any votes for either Institution, and now they had over 130 for the Benevolent, ninety for the Girls, and about seventy for the Boys, and he should never rest until this number was largely increased.

The P.G.M. then stated that it was his intention to act as Steward for the next Boys' School festival, and qualify himself as a Vice-President, he being already Vice-President for the other Institutions, and hoped that when the time arrived the brethren would send him up with a good list.

The business of the Prov. G. Lodge was then suspended and the brethren, to the number of over 150, formed procession, headed by the band from the Industrial Schools, Caerleon, and the Prov. G. Lodge, preceded by the Volunteer Rifle Corp Band, and marched to St. Woolos Church, where a most excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Osman, Prov. G. Chaplain, and a collection made. The procession was then re-formed, and the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, when £10 10s. 0d. was announced to be the amount collected, which the brethren very generously voted towards the New Organ Fund for St. Woolos Church. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Hawkins for the use of the church, and also to the choir for their valuable assistance.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, which was presided over by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lyne, P.G.M., supported by Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray and several distinguished visitors, amongst whom were J. Challinder, Lodge 679, E.D. of South Wales; E. Hamer, Lodge 1072, W.D. of South Wales; and Rev. — Laton, of Gloster. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and some excellent harmony was given by the Newport Glee Society, and the P.G.M. thanked Bro. F. Orders, the W.M. of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Lodge, for the excellent arrangements he had made throughout the day.

SHAKESPEARE AND FREEMASONRY.—A letter on this subject, from the able pen of G. Somers Bellamy, Esq., will appear next week.



# PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting was held at the New Town Hall, Twickenham, on Friday, the 13th July, 1877.

The New Town Hall is a most handsome, elegant, and spacious building, and was kindly lent for the purpose by C. J. Freake, Esq., who, with great liberality, placed the building at the service of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and must have put himself to much trouble and expense in completing the building for that day.

Prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181, was opened, and the ceremony of advancement was duly rehearsed.

At three o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The officers present were the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Col. Francis Burdett; the V.W. the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. F. Davison; Bros. E. Simpson Bakie, P.G.M.O.; Col. W. Wigginton, P.G.S.O.; Chas. Pullman, P.G.J.G.; C. Hamerton, Treas.; W. G. Brighton, Sec.; J. M. Klenck, Registrar; E. B. Bright, Supt. of Wks.; J. B. Shackleton, D.C.; H. Court, Swd. Br.; W. Taylor, Std. Br.; R. P. Spice and R. Davies, Stewards; and amongst the numerous brethren present were Bros. Lieut.-General J. O. Brownrigg, P.G.W., and W.M. of the new Mark Lodge the Studholme, No. 197; Sir Chas. T. Bright, 7; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Chaplain 7; Rev. Thomas Cochran, J.D. 7; E. Passawer, M.O. 5; A. W. Hume, J.W. 5; J. Kirke, S.O. 13; T. J. Pulley, J.W. 54; Prov. G.S.B. Hampshire; Alfred Clark, W.M. 7; Geo. Yaxley, W.M. 198; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.W.; and J. Tomlinson, W.M., with officers and brethren of the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, in March last, having been read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called over by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighton, whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the returns being now regularly made by each lodge (with one exception only), the number of members being further increased, and three new lodges having been consecrated in the province within the last year, viz., the Studholme, No. 197, the Croydon, No. 198, and the Duke of Connaught, No. 199.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then called off to Divine service at the parish church, where evening service was kindly conducted by the vicar, the Rev.—Limpus, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, who took for his text Ezekiel chap. xlv., 5th verse—"And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, mark well."

On returning Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, and the warrant of re-appointment of the Prov. G. Master was duly read, upon which the brethren saluted Bro. Col. Burdett in due form. The Provincial Grand M.M. then re-appointed Bro. F. Davison his Deputy Prov. G.M.M., and the brethren thereupon saluted Bro. Davison in due form, after which the Prov. Grand Mark Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

Sir Charles T. Bright	Prov. G.S.W.
J. T. Ritchie	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. Ambrose W. Hall	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. Thos Cochran	Prov. G. Chap.
John Kirke	Prov. G.M.O.
J. Tomlinson	Prov. G.S.O.
Henry Court	Prov. G.J.O.
W. Taylor	Prov. G.S.D.
R. P. Spice	Prov. G.J.D.
R. P. Tebb	Prov. G. S. of W.
J. B. Shackleton	Prov. G.D.C.
George Harrison	Prov. G.A.D.C.
R. Davies	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
Chas. Legg	Prov. G. Std. Br.
Louis Beck	Prov. G. Org.
H. A. Pocock	Prov. G.I.G.
H. Wing Charrington, A. W. Hume, Bernard Meyer, Alfred Clarke, and J. T. Gibson	Prov. G. Stwds.
John Gilbert	Prov. G. Tyler.

The accounts of the Prov. G. Treasurer were then presented, received, and ordered to be printed.

Bro. Col. Wigginton, after speaking in terms of high praise of the sermon from Bro. Hall, now the P.G. Chaplain, proposed, and Bro. R. H. Thrupp seconded, that the sermon be printed, published, and circulated, which proposition was carried unanimously.

After the appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year, Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the large Hall, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The foundation-stone of Lady Holles's Middle-Class School for Girls, in Hackney, was laid on Monday last by Bro. Alderman Knight, chairman of the board of governors.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E. A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Adv.

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# FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

Two lodges have quite recently been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England—Lodge "Remuera" was opened on the 11th of April, in Bro. Cunningham's Newmarket Hotel, Newmarket. This lodge was started to meet the requirements of many brethren resident in Newmarket, Remuera, Epsom, and adjoining suburban districts, who found considerable difficulty in attending their respective lodges in Auckland city at all seasons. Bro. M. S. Leers was the acting D.P.G.M., and presided with his accustomed ability. After the consecration ceremonies Bro. Leers installed Bro. Lodder, P.M. of 689, E.C., as W.M. The following is the roll of office bearers:—Bros. H. Reece George, S.W.; H. Haase, J.W.; W. Rattray, Sec.; W. J. T. Bell, F. M. Hewson, S.D.; C. T. Saxton, J.D.; J. Martin, I.G.

The banquet was a great success, toast and song alternating till past midnight.

Lodge Remuera has been inaugurated under very favourable auspices and ought to be a success, most of the leading Freemasons in and around Auckland being present at the opening.

Lodge "Rodney" was inaugurated on the 3rd of May. Bro. Leers again presided as D.P.G.M. This lodge is held in Waskworth, the township of the rapidly rising settlements of Mahurangi, some forty miles north of Auckland. The steamer "Annie Millbank" was specially chartered to convey the brethren from Auckland, and a goodly number availed themselves of the opportunity to assist at the opening ceremonies. On the lodge being opened the usual formalities and business matters were complied with, and after the installation of Bro. W. P. Moat as W.M., the officers were duly installed in their respective chairs. Inclement weather interfered with part of the arrangements, but the banquet and ball were held and were very much enjoyed by those in attendance, dancing being kept up till past three o'clock a.m.

## NEW MASONIC HALL AT ONEHUNGA.

The members of Lodge Manukau, 586, S.C., have greatly distinguished themselves by the building of a most respectable Masonic Hall, and have outstripped the older and more numerous scions of the Order which are located in and about the City of Auckland. The Building Committee were appointed but a few months ago, and are to be congratulated upon the speedy and very successful issue of their enterprise. The gentlemen forming the committee are:—Bros. J. W. Waller, W. Dunwoodie, J. R. Hendry, P. Clarke, and T. G. Blakey. The building is situated upon a piece of ground fronting the main street, and within a few minutes' walk of the railway station. The hall has added considerably to the substantial appearance of Queen-street, which has of late years received the addition of several two-storied shops and dwelling-houses. The want of a well arranged public hall has long been felt in Onehunga, and the originators of this Masonic Hall Company had in view to supply the want. The enterprise will thus prove a public boon, and will no doubt be largely patronised by the inhabitants of this rising township. The hall is 72 feet by 36 feet, and is 24 feet high clear from floor to ceiling. On entering the hall from the front there are rooms on each side to be used as dressing rooms. The plan of lighting is similar to that of the Choral Hall, the windows being placed at the top of the walls. The style of finish inside is remarkably neat and striking. The walls are panelled, inside the panels being papered with green tinted paper having gold borders, and the proscenium is being finished to match. The stage is ample, and altogether the effect of the internal arrangement is most pleasing to the eye. Everything is done to suit the eye of the most fastidious, and the result will prove equally satisfactory to caterers for public amusement, as to the audience, who will not have to rest their eyes on rough beams nor rugged lengths of scantlins, nor the overlapping edges of the weather boarding, sights which greet the eye in most of our newly built edifices. On the contrary, here, every inch is carefully lined or papered, or painted, regardless of trouble or expense, and with an artistic display of taste which bespeaks a well-cultured mind on the part of the architect, shewing that he is likewise aware of the pleasure afforded to an intelligent mind by being surrounded with objects of beauty, and well-contrasted shades of colour. The interior of this hall is perfect of its size and kind, and we learn that the committee are thoroughly satisfied with their building, which reflects great credit upon the architect, Mr. Bartley. The first mayor of Onehunga will sit majestically within the graceful arches of the proscenium as he presides over the first public meeting held in the new building, and his worship's manly bosom will inflate with honest but pardonable pride as he gazes on the interior of the Onehunga Masonic Hall.

The consecration had for some time past been looked forward to as an event of interest by the Masons of Auckland and their friends.

On the 15th May close on a hundred brethren assembled within its walls to assist at the dedication. Amongst others Bros. G. B. Pierce, Provincial Grand Master I.C.; Leers, D.P.G.M. of the E.C.; Bro. Wade, and other officers of the Royal Arch Chapter; Bro. Burns, &c., from the Mark Masters Lodge; Bro. Walker, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew, and all his officers, except the J.W., who was laid up through an accident; Bro. Warren, W.M. Lodge Waitemata; Bro. Clayton, W.M. Lodge Prince of Wales; Bro. Redfern, W.M. Lodge United Service; Bro. Robinson, I.P.M. Lodge Ara, &c.

Apologies were given for the unavoidable absence of the W.M. of Lodge Remuera, and other brethren who were unable to be present.

Bros. Rees, Haywood, Gordon, Brock, P.M.'s, were also in attendance.

At half-past four Bro. Niccol, 330, the R.W.M., took his seat and opened the lodge with the following officers: Bros.

Walker, P.M.W.D.M.; Hardington, S.M.; W. Dunwoodie, S.W. As Bro. Hendry's duties as Director of Ceremonies prevented him from filling the Junior Warden's chair, Bro. J. H. Burns, P.M., very kindly and ably filled the vacant seat. Bros. Codlin, Treas.; J. W. Waller, Sec.; C. T. Saxton, Org.; Capt. Mason, Swd. Br.; Thos. Collings, Bible Bearer; Schofield, S.D.; Austin, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; and Robinson, Tyler.

The lodge being duly passed and raised, was called off for the purpose of attending Divine service, and the brethren marshalled by the D.C. in the usual order.

The procession marched to St. Peter's Church, when, opening right and left, the officers marched through the centre, and filing in, all entered the church. The evening service was read by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Purchas; the lessons by the incumbent, Rev. Mr. Tomlinson. The sermon was preached by the Chaplain of Lodge Union, 154, Mark, E.C. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson. Miss Wayland presided at the harmonium, and the choir of the church rendered the musical portions of the service very efficiently. Bro. Nelson having offered an appropriate Masonic prayer, preached an eloquent sermon from the words, "Be kindly affectionate one to another, in honour preferring one another."—Romans, xli. chap. 5th. verse. At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken up on behalf of the Onehunga Benevolent Society, the amount collected being £5.

The procession was re-formed, and marched back to the hall. The brethren having resumed their places, the lodge was called on, and the consecration ceremonies began.

The ode "Master Supreme, accept our praise," being sung, Bro. Walker, W.D.M., expressed the desire of the brethren to have the hall consecrated. Bro. Waller, chairman of the directors, gave up his working tools, plans, &c., and the R.W.M. declared that he was satisfied that the building was suitable for Masonic purposes, and called on the Chaplain to invoke the Divine blessing.

This done, the lodge altar was uncovered, and a procession of the various officers was formed, and, after verses of the ode, "Genius of Masonry, descend," the hall was successively dedicated to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence, with the usual oblations of corn, wine, and oil, and accompanied with grand honours, music, and singing.

After another prayer by Bro. Nelson, Bro. Niccol, in an able and explicit manner, explained the nature of the consecration ceremonies.

During the whole of the services Bro. Saxton presided at the harmonium, and the brethren being supplied with copies of the odes, were enabled to join in the singing. This, with the intoning of the responses, added very much to the effectiveness of the whole ceremony.

The representatives of Lodges Ara, I.C.; St. Andrew, S.C.; Waitemata, E.C.; United Service, I.C.; Sir Walter Scott (Thames), S.C.; Prince of Wales, E.C.; St. John's, S.C.; Rodney and Remuera E.C.; and last but not least, Bro. P.M. Wade, for the Mark Masters, having offered their hearty good wishes and congratulations to Lodge Manukau, thanks were voted to the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson for the use of St. Peter's Church, and the Rev. G. Brown, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church, for the use of his communion plate, &c. The lodge was lowered and closed with the usual ceremonies.

A concert, in which the leading local and Auckland talent assisted, and a ball wound up the opening of the Masonic Hall, Onehunga.

## Reviews.

### "The Canadian Craftsman."

We have received the number for June of this valuable publication, and regret to note that Bro. Mason retires from its editorship, after his continued and creditable labours. His, alas, is the usual complaint, albeit 'stereotyped' now in Masonic literature that he has not been duly supported, or Masonically appreciated. We greatly regret to lose the important services to Masonic literature of so conscientious and intelligent a confrere. We trust that all "good fortune" will attend the efforts of his successor, Bro. Berry, and that the "Craftsman" may yet succeed in gaining the hearty support of an increasing circle of readers. We are amused at the reappearance of a "petit sujet" in its pages—a little "bantling" of our own. The "History of the Unfledged Bantam" is not a little striking. One of the Staff of the *Morning Post* kindly sent it to us from the *Correspondence Scandinave*. We printed it in French, the *Monde Maconique* reprinted it from us and it has been retranslated from the *Monde Maconique*, has appeared in journals, Masonic and profane. But such is the way of the world. We wish the *Craftsman* success.

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## GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have received the following official circular relating to the late fire at St. John's.

Office of Grand Secretary,  
Saint John, 7th July, 1877.

Right Worshipful and dear Brother,—

The telegraph wires and the public newspapers have announced to the world the terrible calamity which befel the City of Saint John on the 20th day of June ultimo, by which the largest and most valuable portion of our city was reduced to ashes, and the majority of the inhabitants rendered homeless—very few of them saving even a portion of their personal or household effects.

Among the victims was a large portion of the Masonic fraternity.

In order to aid and shelter our suffering brethren, a General Masonic Board of Relief has been organized, composed of the city members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, and the presiding officers of the Masonic bodies of all grades.

Thus composed, the Board extends its helping hand to the sufferers of all degrees of Masonry, and ensures a regular and systematic mode of dispensing the funds placed at its disposal.

The officers of the Board are—M. W. Robt. T. Clink, Grand Master, Chairman; V. W. James McNichol, Jun., Grand Treasurer, Treasurer; V. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, Secretary. M.W. Bro. Clink is authorised to receive all contributions it may please our sympathizing brethren to remit.

I remain, dear Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

The seals of Grand Lodge were destroyed by the fire  
Address of Grand Master—Robt T. Clink, St. John, N.B.

„ Grand Secretary—Wm. F. Bunting, St. John.

## VISIT OF THE PUPILS OF THE GIRLS SCHOOL TO WIMBLEDON.

On Friday last such of the pupils of this Institution as are remaining there during the holidays received an invitation to visit the camp of the Victoria Rifles at Wimbledon Common. On their arrival they were courteously met, and after being conducted round the entire camp, were most hospitably entertained at tea, the tables groaning beneath the weight of fruit and other edibles provided by Bro. H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron of the Institution; Capt. Tomkins, of the Victoria Rifles, and of the Victoria Lodge, 822; Quarter-Master Serjeant Block, of the same corps and lodge; Serjeant-Major Abbott, of the same corps, and Sec. of 822; Lieut. Halkett, of the Victoria Rifles, and by other members of the corps, rivaling them in their endeavours to make the pupils' visit a feature, and a pleasing reminiscence.

The competition for the "Loyd Lindsay prize" was a source of inexpressible delight; the children, under the charge of Miss Shepherd and Miss Triggs, of the Institution, Miss Castle, an ex-girl and visitor, accompanied by Bros. Edward Cox, P.M. 657, Prov. G.S.W. Norths, and Hunts., and Mrs. Cox, viewing the contest from the grand stand, erected as a vantage ground for the accommodation of the magnates of the camp and their friends when viewing the athletic sports appointed to take place on the last day of the meeting. After making a tour of the camp and camping ground, and inspecting the prizes won by the various competitors, the pupils took leave of their generous entertainers with a hearty expression of thanks, and grateful recognition of the kindness exhibited towards them.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the Subscribers to this Institution met on Thursday afternoon in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. A. Rucker presided.

There were also present Bros. Col. Creaton, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, Benjamin Head, H. Browne, H. Massey (*Freemason*); John Boyd, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. W. Faulkner, Peter de L. Long, Thomas Massa, W. Paas, R. W. Little (Secretary), and R. W. Hedges.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Hedges read a letter from Grand Secretary, stating that, looking to the increase of the Craft, the Premises Committee could not find further space for the office accommodation of the three Masonic Institutions.

The Chairman said it was quite impossible that the work of the Secretaries of the Charitable Institutions could be carried on in the confined space afforded by the present offices. Three rooms at least were required for each Institution; one room for the Secretary; another for the clerks, and another as a waiting room.

Bros. Nunn and Tattershall were then appointed to confer with the brethren already nominated by the committees of the other Institutions, and to co-operate with them on the subject.

Col. Creaton then brought forward the subject of the testimonial proposed to be presented to Mrs. Monckton, in recognition of her services to this Institution. He said that at the Boy's School Quarterly Committee it would be resolved that some recognition of Mrs. Monckton's services should be made, and he (Col. Creaton) undertook to bring the matter before the General Committee of the Girls' School. He did not require to be asked to do so, because he had intended to do it of his own free will. He would therefore move "That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that a testimonial in recognition of the services of Mrs. J. B. Monckton should be presented from this Institution."

Bro. Joshua Nunn having seconded the motion was carried unanimously.

Col. Creaton then moved, that it be referred to a sub-committee of three brethren, with power to communicate with any sub-committee that may be appointed by the Boys' School, to consider as to the nature of such testimonial and to report thereon through the General Committee to a Quarterly Court.

Bro. Head said he had seen Mrs. Monckton and had ascertained that a portrait of her would be most acceptable to the family.

Bros. Rucker and Nunn were appointed as a Committee on the subject, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## NEW MASONIC HALL IN NORWICH.

On Tuesday an influential meeting of the Freemasons of Norfolk and Norwich was held at the office of Bro. H. J. Barwell, the Prov. Grand Secretary, under the presidency of the Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield. He was supported by several other Pro Grand Officers, Colonel Duff, M.P., Sir Francis Boileau, Colonel Lestrangle, Colonel Bignold, Major Penrice, Bros. Ray, G.M. Perseverance, J. H. Browne, Kennett, J. W. Lacey, Orams, Big Ben, and many others of position and influence, as well in the Masonic as in the outside world. It was duly resolved that the Masons form themselves into a Limited Liability Company with a large subscribed capital (to be forthwith paid up) in shares £1 each, so that the poorest brother can be a shareholder. The following brethren were appointed a committee to subscribe the articles of association and carry out the undertaking at once, namely, Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Col. Duff, M.P., Colonel C. E. Bignold, Colonel Lestrangle, Major Penrice, O. D. Ray, and J. H. Browne (architect), with Bro. H. G. Barwell, of course, as secretary. As the hall is to be built according to the designs of Mr. J. H. Browne (who has so justly obtained a high reputation for his designs as architect to the School Board) we can congratulate Norwich on soon being the possessor of a noble hall, which will be a boon to all Freemasons' hopes, and a great gain to the city for concerts, parties, and balls—especially as the company has resolved to purchase the property known as "Kett's-yard" in St. Giles's-street, as the site for the new institution. There is a rumour, however, of another site—in the Haymarket.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following notices of motions have been received for the next Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons:—

1. By Comp. John Mason, H., No. 73:—

In order to harmonise the regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter with the laws of Grand Lodge, and to accord with a recent decision of the Grand Registrar in reference to the powers of Grand Superintendents of Districts or Provinces,—That paragraph 37, page 12 of the R.A. Regulations, commencing at the words "they are also empowered" be expunged, and the following regulation substituted.

"The Grand Superintendents may summon any chapter or companion within their district to attend them within the limits of such district, and to produce the charter, books, papers and accounts of the chapter, or the certificate of the companion."

"If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the chapter or companion may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Supreme Grand Chapter. The decision of the Grand Superintendents shall be final unless an appeal shall be made therefrom to the Supreme Grand Chapter, but no appeal shall be entertained unless transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. within three calendar months from the date of the decision appealed against."

"The Grand Superintendents are also empowered to visit the several subordinate chapters in the province or district, to see that the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter are observed."

2.—By E. Companion Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, P. Sword Bearer, President of the General Committee—

"That the sum of one hundred guineas be granted from the funds of the Grand Chapter towards the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick."

General Grant was received on Wednesday morning by the President of the Swiss Confederation.

The Hon. Mrs. Wilbraham and Hon. Miss Wilbraham have left town to join Lady Skelmersdale and Hon. Rose Wilbraham at Kissingen.

A dramatic fete on a grand scale will be given at Allie Bridge Grounds on Friday and Saturday, including a polo match by the officers of the Coldstream Guards, in aid of the funds of the Royal Dramatic College.

The insignia and jewels for the Provincial Grand Lodge North Island of New Zealand (Scottish Constitution) are now on view at the Masonic Show-rooms, Little Britain.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire met on Friday in the National School Rooms, Wood-street, Barnet. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A full report of the proceedings at the Consecration of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, will be given in our next.

By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Winchester, on Tuesday week, the 7th proximo.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**—At the final meeting of the Board of Stewards which was held on Tuesday the 17th inst, the result of the kind efforts of 225 Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School was declared to be £13,535 12s. 6d., and not £13,325 12s. 6d., as given in our last.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to give a subscription of £50 towards the expenses of the Social Science Congress to be held in Aberdeen in September next.—*Globe*.

According to the latest information received from Homburg at the Admiralty, Bro. Ward Hunt is making favourable progress.

Mayfair is glad to be assured that the Thames Steam Ferry, of which we have not lately heard much, has been steadily approaching completion. It is so far advanced that it will, I hear, be opened for traffic in a few weeks. It is proposed that for a week the ferry shall be thrown open gratuitously to the public, who will thus have an opportunity of testing its convenience. The sooner it is opened the happier will be the fate of those who have to cross London Bridge at those hours of the day when 'busses, cabs, and carts most do congregate.

**THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND.**—The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and the Duchess of Marlborough, accompanied by Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill and suite, left Dublin on Monday morning on a semi-official tour round Ireland.

A petition for the winding up of the *Daily Express* Newspaper Company (Limited), will be heard this day (Saturday).

The Post office authorities have given notice that on and after the 1st October next, letters addressed to any of the branch offices with "initials or fictitious names," will not be taken in, but forwarded forthwith to the returned letter department.

**ABERCORN LODGE.** (No. 1549).—The second season of this prosperous summer lodge was completed on Wednesday week, at which meeting a large gathering of brethren were present, and witnessed the installation of the highly popular Brother, Osman Vincent, as W.M. for the ensuing year. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Installation meeting of the St. John and St. Pauls Lodge, No. 615, took place on Friday. A special report will appear in our next.

The Prince of Wales has, it is stated, accepted an invitation to visit the Marquis of Bute at Mount Stuart House, Rothesay. It is said his Royal Highness has given a definite promise to the Marquis, but no date is yet fixed for the visit, which will probably be about May or June next.

The consecration of the Rev. Canon Hill, Bishop Designate of Sodor and Man, will take place on the 24th of August at York Minster.

On Wednesday evening Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Hartington R.W.P.G.M. Devonshire, was entertained at a banquet given by the Fishmonger's Company, of which he was made a member.

**THE FIRE BRIGADE.**—Captain Shaw presided at a meeting held this week at the chief station of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, when a gold watch and chain and a purse of 100 sovereigns were presented to Superintendent Bridges on his retirement from the brigade, after nearly forty years service.

Bro. Binckes announced at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex on Wednesday, that up to the present time £36,000 had been received during the current year by the three Masonic Institutions.

Our distinguished Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter, has given notice of the following motion which he intends to bring forward on Wednesday next. That a sum of 100 guineas be granted from the funds of Grand Chapter towards the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. Eminent Analysts declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The London and Provincial Press unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. Economists advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. Testimonials in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 1lb. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea, throughout the kingdom, must be addressed to the Secretary



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## Answers to Correspondents.

HENDRY, J. R.—The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are undergoing revision. A copy will be sent you when published.

MURRAY, G., (Cape of Good Hope).—The books were despatched at the same time as the invoice.

D.G., (Panama).—Has an M.M. who wishes to take the Royal Arch to pass (or take) more than that Degree?—[He must have been 12 months a Master Master.]

The following stand over:—Masonic Hall at Bourne-mouth; Shakespeare and Freemasonry (G. Somers Bellamy) in our next.

Reports of lodges Peace, 327; Belgrave, 749; Skid-daw, 1002; Lebanon, 1326; Abercorn, 1549; Southfield, 1623; Liverpool Red Cross Conclave.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—On the 20th inst., at St. James's-square, Bath, the wife of F. W. Anderson, of a daughter.

DUNDAS.—On the 21st inst., at Edinburgh, the wife of G. S. Dundas, Esq., of a daughter.

MITCHELL.—On the 20th inst., at Broomfield Villa, Enfield, the wife of H. Mitchell, of a son.

## DEATHS.

KENYON.—On the 20th inst., aged 60, Sarah, relict of the late T. Kenyon, of Dogley Villa, Huddersfield.

LYNE.—On the 22nd inst., at Broadstairs, Louisa Genevieve, wife of Francis Lyne, and mother of Father Ignatius, after a long and painful illness borne with Christian patience, deeply beloved by her bereaved husband, large family, and many friends.

WOLLASTON.—On the 22nd inst., at Glen Hill, Walmer, Caroline, widow of the Rev. F. H. Wollaston, in her 73rd year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1877.

## OUR GREAT METROPOLITAN CHARITIES.

By a somewhat remarkable coincidence the last *Freemason* contains reports of all our three great Institutions, and we are glad to be able to congratulate the brethren on their unexampled prosperity. Never at any time in their history were their position so healthy—their prospects so good, their need so evident, and their usefulness so marked as to-day. If any doubts had ever existed in the minds of some of us as to their necessity or their blessing to our Order, the events of the last few years must have dispelled them for ever, and we think that all will admit that Freemasonry has in them the truest exposition of its tenets, and the most practical commentary on its professions. Time was, when some Freemasons looked rather coldly on these, our great institutions, but prepossessions and prejudices yield mostly here to the onward course of events, to practical realities and prevailing needs; and the undeniable usefulness, value, and necessity of our great charities have long been heartily acknowledged and fraternally realized by us all alike. The only objection which ever has been made, and which requires some consideration, is this, that they tend to make Freemasonry in England "a great benefit society," and that they even offer a premium to a condition of "Masonic pauperism." But, on careful consideration, we do not find that such assumptions can be brought to a logical conclusion. It is true that, at present, the actual benefits of Freemasonry in England are very great, and are becoming greater day by day, but, so far, there is no evidence that we have forgotten the great and essential difference as between Freemasonry and any other benefit order. Neither can it be said, we think, fairly that the charitable efforts of Freemasonry tend to create a condition of "Masonic pauperism," because, if such an argument be sound, all eleemosynary institutions must be placed in the same category. We hold, on the contrary, that reasonable and well conducted charitable institutions are the best antidotes against pauperism, inasmuch as they serve to diminish the always pauperizing tendency of extended parochial relief. But leaving these questions for the time, let us devote ourselves to a short view of the actual position and work of our three great Metropolitan Charities. The first fact connected with them, which strikes us necessarily, and which is one calculated not only to offer a subject of proud congratulation, to us as Freemasons, but materially to impress the world outside Freemasonry, is, namely, that in 1877 we shall have collected close on £36,000 for our three charities. As regards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, it is in a state of wonderful financial prosperity, and much practical utility. Never, at any time, were its benefits so marked or so widely extended, and we express the aspirations of all our brethren when we say that we hope its future may be even still more brilliant, alike in its abounding value and blessedness to many poor brethren and sisters of ours. We are somewhat sorry, we confess, as we said before, that the governing body did not see its way, amid its unexampled prosperity, to make 1877 an exceptional year, and place all the candidates on its books. Such an act of large-hearted liberality on the part of the Institution would undoubtedly have greatly pleased the subscribers and the Order, and the Committee would have been "recouped," we feel sure, for its fraternal munificence by the returns of 1878. Too much praise cannot be accorded for the admirable manner in which its affairs are carried on, to the proper authorities, and above all to Bro. Terry. As regards the Girls' School, it has before it, in future, as in present and past, a very great career of usefulness and success. It perhaps is an institution "suigeneris," without an equal in the country, either in respect of the education it imparts and the tone it gives to its pupils, and we always feel what a debt of gratitude we owe to those who so carefully and economically manage its prosperous revenues. Thanks

to the wise plans of our worthy Bro. Colonel Creaton, the Girls' School is now receiving considerable enlargement, and ere long 200 orphan daughters of Freemasons will receive there an admirable and befitting education. We trust that all of good will attend the school in its onward progress, and that our excellent Bro. R. W. Little will regain that activity of health and strength, which will enable him to continue to work for Freemasonry, and for the school, with that zeal and kindness which have rendered him so useful and so respected a member of the Craft. The Boys' School is equally going on manfully "to the fore." It can boast in 1877 of having the largest income ever raised for a Masonic Institution. £13,500, and there can be little doubt that it is now doing a good work. The Boys' School has been somewhat unlucky in previous scholastic arrangements, but under Dr. Morris, it seems to be acquiring a character for steady "all round" work, which we venture to hope will long cling to it. We feel strongly that the festival of 1877 is the best reply to hasty allegations and unwise contentions, and we cordially wish all success to the labours of the governing body and the active efforts of Bro. Binckes. To suppose that the school can continue at its present number is, we apprehend, out of the question, whether that fact be for good or evil. If owing to its happy return for 1877 the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is enabled by a slight addition to fill up the School to 200 we fear we cannot hold out any hope that such enlargement will last for long, and we are convinced that we must calmly make up our minds to the increase of the School to 300, and the eventual erection of a preparatory school for 100 or 200 boys, as near Wood Green as can be. If our brethren will bear in mind, that our Craft is rapidly increasing, and that many lodges are admitting members, in our opinion far too promiscuously, so to say, each year, as it passes over our heads, will produce new orphans, and new claimants on the Boys' School. We have now before us sixty-three applicants, and nine vacancies in October, what will be the state of the case in April 1878? What, moreover, humanly speaking, must be the proportion, as between received and disappointed candidates then? It is always better to look difficulties fairly in the face, and we feel that we are exercising a wise discretion in thus stating fully, our clear if humble opinion to the subscribers of the School and our munificent order at large.

## THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT SHEFFIELD.

A report elsewhere, which will be read with much interest, and for which we thank an ever friendly correspondent, testifies effectively to the zeal and energy of our good brethren in Sheffield. We think that they deserve great "Kudos" for their most successful undertaking, which is not only a credit to the town and to Yorkshire, and to Masonic Archaeology, but will, we trust, be a great boon as well as an honour to Freemasonry in general.

## THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We call attention to an able letter in another column which deals effectively with this very serious, and, to say the truth, distressing question. We do not now go into the well-known or latent facts of the case, which will be duly considered, no doubt, at the meeting on the 30th, but we think it right to express our earnest hope that an attempt will be made by the Order to come to the rescue of the Directors. It would seem to be a great reproach to Metropolitan Freemasonry if such a bonâ fide venture should fail for want of Masonic support, and if so important a property, so needful an adjunct to our Masonic lodge life in London should be allowed to pass into non-Masonic hands. We have been declaiming for years about the importance and value of Masonic buildings, of Masonic centres, of existence, work and usefulness, and is the only result of all we have thus loudly proclaimed, but the giving of the cold shoulder to the efforts of the zealous, and the sacrifices of the enthusiastic? We do not believe this, and, therefore, in



the interests of metropolitan Freemasonry, and of Freemasonry generally, we trust that a goodly attendance on the 30th will manifest the zeal of the Craft, and enable the directors to carry on the Surrey Masonic Hall, not only as a valuable Masonic adjunct to this great metropolis, but as a successful business undertaking.

### FREEMASONRY IN DISPERSION.

At the time we write our metropolitan lodges are in a state of somnolence and separation. The lodge room is deserted, and even the good old Tyler is gone off by a cheap excursion train. Our brethren are scattering, and are even scattered in all directions, getting away from the dog days and the hot and crowded streets of London to country homes and sea breezes. Bro. Higginson, who is the best of mortals and Masons, has, of course, a very charming wife, and an interesting collection of "olive branches round about his table." Mrs. Higginson—sister Mary Jane, as some young members of the lodge call the agreeable life companion of their worthy P.M.—has, of course, in cabinet council, as Secretary of State for the Home Department, expressed her opinion to Bro. Higginson that the "children want change of air." "For herself," she adds, "she is happy anywhere with him. But Edward Thomas has come back thin from school, Emily has not quite recovered from her weakness in the whooping cough, Robert is looking pale, and Fanny is a little feverish, while the twins are somewhat fractious, and baby is teething, and so she thinks that a change is needful for the family Higginson." Bro. Higginson, amiable fellow as he is, always obeys his wife, for, as he says in the "Megatherium Lodge," amid a quiet conversation and a consoling cigar, "she is, sir, a first-rate woman, and a capital wife, for she talks for two, and does everything for everybody, and she is so economical and so very particular; and then her intellect is very remarkable, and she is so genuine and affectionate," &c., &c. Now we do not blame Bro. Higginson for being proud of his wife, and even talking about her, when just now the morality of young married men, and that we should say it, of old married men, is much "beneath par," but we mention a familiar occurrence of domestic history to account for the rural peregrination of so many of our most distinguished brethren. For the Higginsons are only types of many Masonic husbands and many Masonic wives; and well it is, we think, that it should be so. We, who stay in London, and keep to work, can sincerely wish them all happiness in their "outing." For it is a good thing, in our opinion, this domestic life of Englishmen and Englishwomen which takes them away with their children to enjoy the green fields of the country or the glad ozone of the sea shore. No doubt we can see the same sight across the Channel at Trouville, and Deauville, and countless other well-known spots, but it appears to us as if English domestic life was a closer and more intimate life, most good for all, than in any other country. When then to-day our lodges are closed, and our good brethren are dispersed, wandering here and there, or settled down cosily somewhere for the time on attractive sands, or on breezy hills, with their "Lares and Penates," and what Jones of "ours," irreverent dog, terms their impedimenta, "nurses, children, bandboxes, and perambulators ad libitum," we trust that they are enjoying their "exodus" from the little village, and that when next we meet our brethren in our well-known lodge, we may find them "all to the fore," fresh and genial and hearty as ever.

If life, as it leaves us weary and often lamenting at the bottom of the "everlasting hills," seems to pass from us, with few glad memories, and fewer enduring associations, let us trust and believe, that the true-hearted sympathies of personal attachment and honest-hearted friendship, of genial companionship, and of family affection, are destined yet, when they leave the changing and failing attributes of mortality, to become themselves intensified, fragrant and deathless in the "beatific mansions" of another and a better scene.

Prince Albert Victor continues to progress favourably.

### MASONIC UNCHARITABLENESS.

We are often struck—perhaps our readers are too—with the great uncharitableness displayed by us Freemasons, in our words as regards others, in the pages of the *Freemason*. In a recent correspondence one of the writers actually prides himself on the fact that neither he nor Bro. Binckes will forget that they are brethren and Freemasons, or are likely to degenerate into the too common uncharitableness of Freemasons. Surely this is not as it should be, and is a great reflection on our words and acts, our professions and our practice. It would almost seem as if the uncharitableness of humanity were so ingrained in us all alike, that the moment either our "amour propre" or our interests are excited, we open the floodgates of passion and personality. Let us all try and amend our ways in this respect, and let us no longer remain open to the "profane" charge that our precepts and practice are in utter contradiction. And it is not only in public that such remarks seasonably apply, for in private, in domestic life, how uncharitable and censorious we are, utterly inconsiderate of the good name and untarnished reputation of some whom we call our "brethren in Masonry." But if we once get on this topic we shall never stop, so we hasten to return from our little digression. After all, of how little value is controversy, "per se," except in eliciting the truth, and even at the best how worthless, as Lord Macaulay has sung, is the "Victor's prize." We think that the following "morceau" of true philosophy about hating people is so true that we transfer it bodily to our pages, and conclude our "Sermonette" with it to day.—"Hate not. It is not worth while. Your life is not long enough to make it pay to cherish ill will or hard thoughts towards any one. What if that man has cheated you, or that woman played you false? What if this friend has forsaken you in your time of need, or that one having won your utmost confidence, your warmest love, has concluded that she prefers to consider and treat you as a stranger? Let it all pass. What difference will it make to you in after years, when you go hence to the 'undiscovered country?' All who treat you wrong now will be more sorry for it than you, even in your deepest disappointment and grief, can be. A few more smiles, a few more tears, some pleasure, much pain, a little longer hurrying and worrying in the world, some hasty greetings and abrupt farewells, and life will be over and the injurer and the injured will be laid away and ere long forgotten. Is it worth while to hate each other?" Let us learn, all of us, then, to be confiding and charitable, lenient and forgiving, hating slander, and putting our foot on detraction.

### OPENING OF THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT SHEFFIELD.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., the new Masonic Hall, erected in Surrey-street, Sheffield, was formally opened. The leading Provincial members of the Masonic fraternity were present, the chair being occupied by the R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire.

The new hall fronts to Eyre-street and Surrey-street (standing on the site of the old hall) it is built entirely of dressed stone, partly of that of the old building. It is in the classical style of architecture, of a neat and substantial character, the decorations being quiet, yet including the conventional "square and compasses," &c.; the tout ensemble, though suggestive of durability, is pleasing. The new building contains a lodge room and a banquetting room, and there is a spacious cellar. The banquetting room, which is on the ground floor, is 51 feet long by 26 feet wide by 15 feet high, it is lighted by double windows of plate glass, the inner ones being ornamented with Masonic emblems embossed thereon. A serving window gives direct communication with the kitchens, which are extensive and fitted up with all modern requirements. The furniture of the banquetting room can be readily lowered into the cellar, which extends the full size of the building.

The lodge room, which is over the banquetting room, is 51 feet long by 26 feet wide by 24 feet

high, having an arched roof springing from a cornice running round the room, ornamented with moulded ribs and panels, and carved bosses. The walls are relieved with columns, which have foliated capitals springing from ornamented car-bels, from which the ribs in the roof form one continuous line. The whole of the fittings are of polished pine, slightly stained and varnished, which produce a very pleasing effect. The east end is occupied by a dais of three steps, along the north and south sides runs a raised platform, so that a double row of chairs can be placed, enabling the brethren occupying the back seats to see and hear with comfort. At the west end is an organ, built expressly by the firm of Messrs. Brindley and Foster, of Sheffield, the following is the specification:—

GREAT ORGAN, compass CC to G 3. 1. Open diapason, metal, 8 feet, 56 pipes; 2. Lieblich Gedact, wood and metal, 8 feet, 56 pipes; 3. Dulciana, zinc metal grooved into No. 2 in bass, 8 feet; 4. Flauto Traverso, wood and metal, 4 feet, 56 pipes.

SWELL ORGAN. 5. Violin diapason, zinc metal, H bass to CC, 8 feet, 56 pipes; 6. Salicet metal 4 feet, 56 pipes; 7. Oboe, metal, 8 feet, 56 pipes.

PEDAL CCC to E, Couplers. 8. Bourdon wood, 16 feet, 29 pipes, two composition pedals; 9. Swell to Great; 10. Swell to Pedal; 11. Great to Pedal.

The appearance of the lodge room when illuminated is brilliant, and when the promised decorations have been completed there is little doubt about its being one of the most beautiful Masonic temples in the provinces. We are glad to hear that the main part of the work of an ornate nature has been reserved for the interior. Both rooms are lighted by very chaste gaseliers, and are warmed by hot water on the most improved principles; the ventilation is on Tobin's system. In addition to these two large rooms there are, on the ground floor, a club room, commodious kitchens, lavatory, &c.; on the first floor, one small lodge room and a convenient cloak room; a wide passage with a broad flight of stairs leads to the lodge room; on the second floor are several rooms, affording accommodation for a resident Tyler. The acoustic properties of all the rooms, we are happy to say, are perfect. The entrance to the hall is made through the adjoining premises, which we have already described; the arrangements are such that, at any future time, these can be pulled down and more spacious premises erected in the same style as the new hall; when this is done there will be not only spacious offices, &c., necessary for the lodges, but plenty of accommodation for a club. The whole of the properties are freehold, and are owned by the Sheffield Masonic Hall Company, Limited, the shares of which are held solely by the lodges or brethren—virtually, therefore, they are their own tenants—a move in the right direction (though it is only fair to say that it is many years since a Sheffield lodge met in a public-house), and we trust the day is not far distant when every brother will realise the fallacy of the poet's lines, where he goes on to say that he

"May sigh to think he still has found

His warmest welcome at an inn."

Tempora mutantur; to day every lodge may, and should, meet under its own roof, or, at least, in a room set apart for the purpose, yet in no way connected with a public-house. Practice ever being preferred to precept we feel bound to point to Sheffield as an example we would urge upon others to follow. To the true Craftsman there is nothing, in our way of thinking, so undignified as the association of a lodge with a public-house—if our Constitutions were more studied the very significant article No. 4, page 62, would cause many a brother to think, and—*verbum sat sapienti*.

At a quarter-past one o'clock the ceremony of formally opening the hall was commenced.

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., said: Brethren, in addressing this brilliant assembly of the members of the Craft in West Yorkshire the first part of my agreeable duty to-day is to acknowledge in the most cordial manner your hearty reception of your Provincial Grand Master. I am again reminded of the welcome this Provincial Lodge met with in October, A.L., 5875, from the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239. To that admir-



able and select lodge I expressed my obligations and those of this Provincial Grand Lodge for the use of a building accorded to that gathering of Freemasons, but which was not a Masonic edifice. I ventured to remark that I trusted that the lodges in Sheffield might at no distant time be able to hold their meetings, as well as their invitations to Provincial Grand Lodge, in commodious premises of their own, dedicated solely to Freemasonry, and befitting the status and increasing influence of the Craft in this busy town of mechanical industry. Allow me, as the next part of my duty, to thank the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, the second oldest in the province under whose banner we labour to-day, for their invitation to inaugurate the completion of an important work, and for the excellent preparations the brethren here have made for the reception of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Our meeting to-day is the completion of the hope expressed in the Wentworth Lodge in 1875, the construction of a Masonic Hall well worthy of the Craft in Sheffield, and we congratulate the united lodges on their energy, their wealth, and their skill, which, in two years, have produced this magnificent temple, fraught as I believe such a work must be in advantages and benefits identified with the future of this district. It would border on ingratitude and negation if I did not embrace this opportunity of personally offering my tribute of praise that the aspirations of 1875 have become practical realities in 1877. The auspicious occasion which has brought us together in these new walls would be incomplete without some brief mention of the circumstances which have led to their reconstruction, and the history of Freemasonry in Sheffield, the statistics for which have been kindly supplied me by my worthy Deputy, and other members of the Craft in Sheffield. Sheffield has a Masonic history of which the members of the three lodges may feel proud. The history is not of yesterday. It extends over a series of past years; and this history is associated with Masonic events and transactions, both of imperial significance. The brethren of Hallamshire have for many generations, by the magnitude of important mechanical industries, earned enduring honour by building up England's greatness. Your mighty appliances for heavy works have elicited the admiration of foreign critics, and your machinery and adaptable architecture have equally gratified the visitor, whatever may have been his tastes, feelings, or proclivities. The Masonic bodies in Sheffield consist, I may say for the information of the Craft in general, of three Craft lodges, Nos. 139, 296, and 1239, numbering about 300 brethren, including 25 Past Masters. There are besides two Royal Arch Chapters and a Rose Croix Chapter, a Mark Mason's Lodge, a Preceptory of Knights Templar, a Conclave of Knights of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and a Sanctuary of Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist, together with a Priory of Knights of Malta. There are two remarkable coincidences of similarity in connection with the meeting places of the two oldest lodges in West Yorkshire, one which in July, 1738, met at the Crown and Rose, Halifax; and "The Britannia," under whose banner we meet to-day, which on 19th April, 1765, was first unfurled at the Rose and Crown, Sheffield; and it was called "The Rose and Crown," but changed its name to "Britannia" on 8th April, 1795. With the exception of the first two years the minutes of this lodge are perfect. In 1861 it established itself in a hall devoted exclusively to Freemasonry, and upon the old foundations the present magnificent edifice has been rebuilt for the Masonic Hall of the united lodges. The Royal Brunswick Lodge was constituted in due form 28th July, 1793. The ceremony of dedication concluded with a liberal subscription to the Poor Girls' Charity School. On the 4th October, 1798, the Britannia Lodge and the other brethren from all the lodges dedicated and opened in solemn form, in the presence of Lords Fitzwilliam and Galway and a distinguished company, the General Infirmary here, a lasting monument of benevolent usefulness. In identification with this noble institution I must mention the name of Bro. Dr. Bartolomé. In the minute book of Britannia Lodge 17th Feb., 1775, is the consi-

deration of a proposal for the establishment of a lodge at Rotherham. On the 10th March the Rotherham petitioners were informed that, "as they have irregularly dared to make a Mason without formal powers, they are unworthy the countenance of Britannia Lodge." I am proud to inform the province that in 1808 a lodge was opened, and in 1860 or 1861 Bro. Bentley Shaw re-consecrated at Rotherham the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, which is now not the least prosperous or the least loyal amongst the 63 lodges of this province, and I hope on some future occasion for an opportunity to pay my personal respects to its excellent W.M., Bro. Fawcett, and the brethren. In 1797 Mr. Scott proposed to build a lodge room suitable for the Britannia Lodge. In June, 1799, Bro. Chadwick preached a sermon before the brethren in St. Peter's Church for this purpose, and it was resolved that every brother absent except being sick should incur a pecuniary penalty. In 1798 the brethren marked their loyalty and patriotism in support of the Government of the day against a foreign country by a subscription which amounted to a considerable sum. In 1838 the united lodges assembled at the Spread Eagle, and in 1839 Dr. Bartolomé was installed Worshipful Master; and it must be gratifying to the Sheffield brethren to see this old and esteemed Past Master present in Provincial Grand Lodge on this auspicious occasion. In 1841 a handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. Bartolomé who was again re-elected Worshipful Master. In this year of Britannia 33 members were present. In the last month of this year the consecration of the lodge took place at the Music Hall. Thus after moving about as it were from pillar to post, the members of the Craft in Sheffield at last found a permanent habitation; and until 1861 the most perfect harmony prevailed amongst the brethren. In this year the Freemasons purchased the Old Savings Bank premises in Surrey street, the site of the present Masonic Hall, and adapted it to the present purposes of the Craft in Sheffield, raising the money in shares of £5 each. This property was vested in trustees for the benefit of the Craft, and a trust deed was drawn up setting out clearly the object for which the purchase was made, and that the building should ultimately become the property of the Britannia Lodge. These shares were not all taken up until 1867. From this time, in accordance with the trust deed, Britannia began to purchase, and to gradually absorb the shares of the various brethren. The three lodges in Sheffield, after experiencing much inconvenience for many years from the inadequate accommodation afforded by the existing buildings, formed the idea of a limited company and erecting the present hall, which it is hoped will meet the requirements of the Craft in Sheffield for several generations. After much grave consideration it was finally resolved to pull down the old building (the property purchased from Sherwin standing for a time) and to build on the old ground a New Masonic Hall. Bros. Scargill and Clark were intrusted with the plans, and the work was commenced in 1876. I must express my satisfaction to all parties concerned on the success of the work and its adaptability for the purposes of Freemasonry, and that this hall is a memorial of your skill and ability in Sheffield, and this Masonic Hall Company, Limited, was registered on the 24th November, 1874. It is divided into 2000 shares of £5 each, having a nominal capital of £10,000. Of these shares only 1000 have been issued for allotment and, with the exception of a very few, have been generously taken up. As each of the lodges whose warrants ornament its walls have shown at some period of their history the value of the principles of Freemasonry in the exercise of charity and benevolence, so, I understand, it is the intention of the Craft, to mark with significance their completion of this stately and superb edifice to co-operate in the work of restoration of the ancient parish church of St. Peter, now called Trinity. I must be allowed to mention the munificent contribution of £10,000 by a lady who has proved herself on several occasions a faithful friend to the Freemasons of Sheffield, and neither must I forget that other lady who supplements this work of restoration by a gift of £3000. I believe the Craft here will restore

their portion of this fabric as well as the Freemasons of Durham their part of the cathedral of St. Cuthbert. My Deputy hoped to have the honour of initiating the late vicar of this church into Freemasonry, recently translated to the Bishopric of Sodor and Man, a noble imitator of the virtues of a previous vicar, the Reverend Jas. Wilkinson, who for half a century, by his unaffected piety, inflexible integrity, and unwearied zeal in the public service, obtained and deserved the endearing appellation of the father of the town of Sheffield. Time would fail me were I to enumerate the handsome contributions in detail, extending over a series of years, to the London charities, or how such brethren as Britain, Arnison, and Tindall are supported by the brethren of the three lodges in this noble cause of charity, suffice it to say this year alone the contributions of the three lodges amount to nearly three hundred guineas. I must, however, record one act of magnanimity on the part of the Sheffield lodges. At the Charity Committee meeting in March, Mary Ellen White, a daughter of one of the noblest of Sheffield Masons, was a candidate for the Girls' School. Because it was the last chance of Ada Hartley Healey, 264, you generously gave way to allow this girl to be the nominee of our Charity Committee. It afforded me the highest satisfaction to learn that at the election on the 14th April, through the exertions of the Charity Committee, both these West Yorkshire girls were elected. The members of the various lodges I believe vie with each other in their efforts to do good. The remarks of my Deputy to the Wentworth Lodge are still singularly applicable to this occasion. The spirit of Freemasonry here is the spirit of sublimity, of a depth, grandeur, and lovable beauty equal to all the mind of Plato ever conceived. And I doubt not the inauguration of this new hall will consolidate into perpetuity this harmony amongst the brethren he then so poetically expressed in 1875. In conclusion I congratulate the Craft on the re-building of this noble hall, and in the language of his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, at York, in 1841, "I exhort you, brethren, never collectively or individually to suffer a breach of the constitutions of the Craft. And when assembled in lodge to leave all religious prejudices and political feelings outside the portal of the sacred temple, to strictly uphold the honour and dignity of the Craft by ever vindicating the laws and regulations, which being made in hours of cool reflection, after long and serious deliberation, provide a remedy for the correction of every abuse, and to defend at all times its rights and privileges by a close adherence to the established usages and customs of the Order." Thus may the principles of Freemasonry be supported as heretofore by old Masons and young Masons, and the Craft prosper in this hall, where order, peace, and harmony shall reign until every stone now built one upon another, through time, crumble into dust.

Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also addressed the assembly, pointing out the duties of the general lodges in reference to the general working of their business, and amongst other matters dwelling upon the objects of Freemasonry, as tending to the social and moral elevation of its members, but without either interfering with business or politics. He deprecated any undue influence by Masonic brethren in any matters not pertaining strictly to the interests of the Craft, so as in any way to prejudice their opportunities of doing good in legitimate and proper channels. He congratulated the Sheffield brethren on the position they had attained, and on the possession of a suitable building in which the business of the Craft could be carried on with comfort to themselves and in a manner befitting the honourable society to which they belonged.

After the usual business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been transacted the brethren adjourned to the Cutlers' Hall, where a banquet was held, under the presidency of Sir Henry Edwards. Amongst those who took part in the proceedings were the Rev. Dr. Cox, of London; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Rev. Bro. Greenbury, Rev. E. B. Chalmers, Alderman Gill (Mayor of Wakefield), Dr. Bartolomé, H. J. Harrison, J.P.,



W. Jervis, W.M. 139; J. Ridal, W.M. 296; R. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239; B. Saville, W.M. 904; W. Jendwine, W.M. 681; W. T. Beanland, W.M. 1462; and most of the P.M.'s of the Sheffield lodges, and many other distinguished brethren.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE SURREY MASONIC HALL. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the walls of the metropolis, and in the advertising columns of our newspapers, may at this moment be read the following announcement, viz: "To be sold by Auction, by order of the Mortgagees, the well-built and very important public building known as the 'Surrey Masonic Hall.'"

Can this be read by any of the numerous members of our Craft in the South Metropolitan district without a twinge of conscience for non-assistance to a body of men who have done their best in the interests of Freemasonry, and have worked heartily and thoroughly against adverse circumstances to carry out an undertaking which it is admitted on all sides was not only a need, but of the greatest importance in promoting the "morale" of the Order by disassociating the practice of its ritual from the influence of tavern accommodation? I cannot now stay to compute the number of brethren within the district, but feel assured that it is sufficiently large to warrant the assertion that a contribution averaging amongst them the value of our smallest golden coin would have sufficed to prevent so deplorable a circumstance as the offer to public competition of the handsome building the promoters have erected.

In the report of the ceremony of laying the foundation or, as it was termed, the memorial stone, in May, 1874, I find the statement that for so long a period as ten years previously strenuous endeavours had been made to secure such a building. The first association formed for that purpose under the style of "The Masonic Hall Company" was registered under the Joint Stock Companies Acts, 1856-7 by twenty-four brethren, the capital being stated at £5000, in shares of £1 each, and I well remember that its early expectations were bright, although at that time the number of South Metropolitan Freemasons bore no adequate proportion to the present number and the anticipations of the later Company. The enthusiasm it evoked however soon died out, and subsequent attempts proved also fruitless. Not daunted, although probably disheartened, several of the "twenty-four" still kept the project afloat, and waited the better opportunity, which came at last, and in 1872 the two remaining of the original promoters obtained the adhesion of other brethren and with their assistance the present Company was formed. The Capital was fixed at £3000 only, in 600 shares of £5 each, and it was, I think, not unreasonably assumed that from amongst the many members of the Order surrounding the locality chosen for the Hall so small a share list would be speedily filled. The Directors laboured assiduously to interest both lodges and individual brethren, and their project met with universal approval and promises of support in all directions; but the failure of former attempts had great influence in causing that support to be withheld until assurance in the shape of "bricks and mortar" was given. Then there would be no hesitation! Then shares should be taken and cheerful assistance given! So, by the munificent aid afforded by two or three of the directors, the site was selected, a portion of the building was erected, and the memorial stone laid by the Prov. Grand Master on the 29th May, 1874, with great éclat, and still further approval and promises. And then began a time of trial for the directors, having committed themselves to the building of the hall they must needs go on, and the usual result of monetary complications ensued. Differences of opinion arose among the directors as to this, that, and the other plan of carrying out the project to completion in the face of difficulties occasioned by the non-fulfilment of the promises, so apparently earnestly made. Again the liberality of individual members of the board, the architect, and the builder himself, prevented the "Surrey Masonic Hall" remaining a carcass to this day, and at last the "substantially built public building of handsome elevation" was completed.

But where were all the promised shareholders; where the assurances of support? It was never intended or announced that the company should be a purely commercial speculation, or pay its shareholders more than a merely nominal dividend. It was built more than principally for the uses of Freemasonry, and the income from such use was to have covered cost and annual expenditure. It will be a standing disgrace to the fraternity if the hall ever becomes anything but a *Masonic Hall*. "It is there!" is the consolatory reflection of many who have lost time and money in the endeavour to raise it, and now it should be for others to keep it devoted to its original purpose. It has been a hard task for those who have connected themselves with this and former attempts, and they have seen their associations gradually dissolved by death, removal, and other circumstances, until now the directory of the Company does not contain the name of any one of the originators of the building. And it is in my personal knowledge that those who now form the "Company" have been equally unselfish in respect of both time and money as were their predecessors. Surely the "Craft," or that portion most nearly interested in the maintenance of such useful premises, should now take their part in the work and save the building for its original

purpose. How that can be done at this critical moment I must confess myself unable to suggest; but, nevertheless, something should be attempted, if possible, to prevent so great a scandal to our Order as would be evidenced by an inability to keep what it has cost so much to obtain. In another week, say, even after a few days, it may be too late to do anything. In a great dilemma even little hopes give much encouragement, and a suggestion which at another time might appear ridiculous may be now worth some consideration. I venture to make one, and although perhaps no good may come of it, who knows what it might lead to? This will be read I hope by many on Saturday, the 28th inst. The auction is fixed for Tuesday the 31st. On Monday, the 30th, at six in the evening, let all those who think some sort of consultation might not be altogether unproductive, meet at the Hall itself, and see the outcome. It is a very impromptu summons, but Freemasons will be there to meet Freemasons, and them only. It is but right that the general body should know how very unselfishly individuals have acted in the general interest, and although I have no present connection with them, I can "a tale unfold" so creditable to the directors of the Company that in common fairness it should be heard. And if they can be supported and the building saved to the purpose for which it was dedicated there are many Craftsmen who will rejoice equally with

Yours very truly and fraternally,

P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, July 25rd, 1877.

#### To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a Freemason of the old school, of that period when Masonry was a bond of friendship, when brothers acted by rule, and our lodges were focusses for the exchange of fraternal love.

To what are we to attribute the decadence of this bond of union? I say that Masonry is not what it was. Do you require proof? Then go to the Surrey Masonic Hall, that beautiful structure at which all South London, whether Masons or otherwise, ought to feel proud.

It is now plastered over with large bills announcing that the mortgagee has foreclosed, and the Hall is to be sold by auction.

Is not this sufficient to make a Mason blush? What are the shareholders about that they thus allow their property to be sacrificed, their honour tarnished, and an esteemed brother ruined for having placed too much confidence in the brethren.

Let a meeting at once be called of the shareholders, and the conduct of the Directors and their Secretary be severely censured; let a new board be formed, to which not one of the present managers should be selected, and with a new secretary the builders' claim could soon be paid with honour, and the Hall continue to be a success.

Yours fraternally,

AN EX-DIRECTOR.

#### MASONIC LOTTERIES.

##### To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great interest the correspondence in the *Freemason* relative to "Masonic Charities." Whilst approving the laudable effort of Bro. Constable, I must admit that I think the system recently adopted by our lodge, if more generally known and practised, would tend more to increase the sympathy of the Craft, and encourage the brethren in systematic benevolence, than the strictly "Masonic Lottery," to which exception is being taken, besides perhaps, satisfying the "conscience clause" of those who object—seeing that all subscribers are expected, eventually, to pay for what they receive.

I enclose a copy of our rules and regulations, for publication herewith—if you deem them of sufficient importance—which you will observe, provide for brethren becoming Life Governors or Life Subscribers to any, or all of the Masonic Charities, either at once, or by small contributions, according as circumstances or inclination may permit.

I am pleased that the movement is so far successful with us, as to allow of first ballot being taken at our next Lodge meeting on the 31st inst.

Yours fraternally,

"448."

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Benevolent

Fund in connection with Saint James's Lodge, No. 448.

1. The object of this fund shall be primarily—to increase the number of life-subscribers and life-governors of the Masonic Charities, and the moneys shall at all times be kept separate and distinct from the regular lodge funds, and be solely and strictly confined to purposes of Masonic benevolence, either of a local character, or in connection with the general charities of the Order.

2. The fund shall consist of subscriptions of one shilling and upwards per month, payable in advance, annually, half-yearly, quarterly, or monthly, at the option of each brother contributing.

3. The management of the fund shall be in the hands of a committee of six subscribing brethren, to be elected annually, by the contributing members, at the same regular lodge meeting as the Worshipful Master of the ensuing year. The first committee shall be appointed forthwith, on those rules being approved by the brethren in open lodge. The committee shall present an annual report to the members, shewing the state of the fund, and number of life-subscriptions or life-governorships obtained; and such annual report shall be sent to the brethren, along with the regular balance sheet of the lodge.

4. When and so often as the sum in the Treasurer's hands shall amount to five pounds five shillings, over and above working expenses, a ballot shall be taken for a life-subscription at the ensuing meeting, of which

due notice shall be given in the regular lodge summons. The successful subscriber shall have the privilege of selecting the particular Charity to which the donation is to be made, and the Treasurer of the fund, or the lodge member of the Provincial Charity Committee, shall forthwith forward the same, in such brother's name, to the Secretary or Treasurer of the Charity selected.

5. Whenever and so often as any brother shall have paid to the fund the sum of five pounds five shillings without drawing successfully, he shall be entitled to a nomination as life-subscriber or life-governor, as the case may be, when the fund reaches the requisite amount; and if several brethren shall become entitled to a nomination at one and the same time, the priority of their respective claims shall be decided by ballot.

6. Any brother ceasing to contribute to the fund, shall thenceforth have no control over the money he has already subscribed, but the same shall be at the disposal of the committee.

7. If any brother should become entitled by ballot to a life-subscription, or life-governorship, and cease to subscribe to the fund previous to his having paid in contributions the requisite amount of five pounds five shillings, or ten pounds ten shillings, as the case may be, he shall be solicited to pay up the balance at once; and in the event of the money not being obtainable from him, the matter shall be dealt with by the committee, as the nature of the case may require.

8. Should any matter or question arise for which these rules do not provide, the same shall be decided by a majority of the contributors present at any regular lodge meeting.

9. The members are empowered to frame any new rule which they may deem needful for the well-being of the fund; but no new rule shall become effective, nor an old rule abrogated, until such proposed new rule, or such abrogation of any existing rule, shall have been submitted to the consideration and decision of the subscribers at two several lodge meetings, and at every such meeting the matter proposed shall have been severally determined upon and sanctioned by the majority of the contributors present thereat.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the brethren in open lodge, this 29th day of May, 1877.

C. T. RHODES, W.M., Treasurer, pro. tem., who will be glad to receive the names and contributions of all brethren who may feel disposed to confirm and redeem the promises made by them at their initiation.

#### CHARITY ORGANISATION REFORM.

##### To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not seek to re-open this question in its entirety, but simply to call attention to one point connected with it. I think Bro. Simpson has expressed a hope, in accordance with the Editor and other correspondents, that more attention shall be paid by the committees of the Institution to the original cases. As I was one of the few present on Thursday last, I can bear testimony to the anxiety and carefulness exhibited by all in dealing with the petitions for admission. If the same scrutiny be exercised by the General Committee, I, for one, cannot see the need or possibility of any reform in that respect. I do not agree with the result of the Quarterly Court deliberations, in one case especially, but I yet feel bound to express my admiration of their evident desire to do justice to all concerned. One fact, I think, became patent to all, that more power must be given to the Quarterly Court to deal with all the cases of petition for admission, as an ultimate court of appeal, as the apparent want of any such power has resulted in placing on the Institutions list a case, (I say it in all kindness to the poor orphan boy), which ought never to have got on the list, and may lead to many and grave abuses, if it be not at once dealt with, and rectified. Even on Thursday, when two cases were withdrawn, they were withdrawn apparently by resolution of the General Committee, though announced to the Quarterly Court, and in future, I for one, think that the Quarterly Court should have power to reject or affirm any recommendation of the General Committee. I should not have troubled you with this, but as I always like to give "justice where justice is due," I think it right to defend the General Committee and the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School from the popular allegation and the hasty assertion that they do not consider the cases carefully. The truth is, as one correspondent has well said, the greatest abuses are committed, not by the committees or officials, but by those good brethren, who in defiance of the laws of the school carry cases on to the list which ought, neither legally or morally, to be there at all.

I am, yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

#### GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

##### To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Sometimes you kindly allow a brother to draw attention in your columns to an exceptionally deserving case; such a favour I ask at your hands, in order that I may point out that of Mona Beatrice Henet.

Her father was well-to-do, but through no fault of his own sank into poverty; this and illness, (repeated rupture of bloodvessels on the lungs) have prevented his supporting his six children; the mother (from a fearful affliction) has been able to do nothing; and I therefore ask the subscribers who may remain unpledged to render a real service to this distressed family.

The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:—Bros. R. C. Elze, D.P.G.M. Somerset, Redgar, Bridgwater, L.G.; E. Turner Payne, P.G.D. England, P.G. Treas. Somerset, Bath, V.P.; Dr. Samuel Bryant, P.G.S.W. Somerset, Bristlington; J. L. Stothert, P.P.G.S.W.



Somerset, Newton St. Loc, near Bristol, V.P.; F. H. Woodforde, M.D., P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, Taunton; T. P. Ashley, P.P.J.G.W. Somerset, Bath; F. R. Pridaux, P. G. S. Somerset, Bridgwater; T. E. S. Jelley, P.P.G.S.D. Somerset, Bruton, L.G.; Mrs. Jelley, Bruton, V.P.; John Budge, P.P.J.G.D. Somerset, Crewkerne; R. Herniman, P.P.S.G.W. Somerset, Taunton, L.G.; Capt. A. T. Perkins, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, Wells; B. Atwell, P.P.G.S. Wks. Somerset, Wincanton; E. Appleby, P.P.G.P. Somerset, Bath; W. G. Bloxham, P.P.G.S.B. Glastonbury; C. L. F. Edwards, P.G.J.D. Somerset, Wrington, V.P.; Paris Saunders, P.P.G.A.D.C. Somerset, Shepton Mallet; J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135, Bridgwater; H. W. Batten, W.M. 291, Bridgwater; John Baily, W.M. 973, Frome; Robert Baker, P.M. 1197, Ilminster; E. B. B. George, Lodge 1222, Weston-Super-Mare; also by the Charity Organisation Committee of Somerset, which organisation has selected this case as its next effort on which to concentrate the whole voting power of the Province of Somerset; and by Bros. Col. Charles Lyne, Prov. G.M., Vice-Pres., Newport, Mon.; Benjamin Head, P.G.S.D., 12, Earl's Terrace, Kensington, W.; Henry J. Gardiner, P.M., and P.G.S. No. 4; R. Smith, P.M. 291, P.G.S.W. Somerset; J. Beavan Phillips, P. Prov. G.W. Bank, Llanelly, Carmarthen; the Rev. William Tebbs, M.A., P.M. 285; J. 285 (R.A.); P.S. 540 (R.A.) P.P.G.C. Somerset, &c., Ashwick Lodge Caterham Valley, Surrey; Broome Pinniger, M.R.C.S., Ryde, Isle of Wight.

By the above list you will see that the case is recommended by many other brethren than

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM TEBBS.  
P.P.G.C. Somerset.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sincerely gratified by being enabled to announce that at the final meeting of the Board of Stewards on the 17th inst. that the result of the kind efforts of 225 Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School was declared to be £13,535 12s. 6d., with two lists not received.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDK. BINCKES, Secretary.

[By an unaccountable error, this letter did not appear in our last week's impression.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by your paper that there are 63 candidates announced to fill nine vacancies in this school. It is said some of them ought never to be in the list.

As a subscriber, I intend to vote for those I consider most worthy; more especially those dear orphans that have lost both parents, leaving no means for their support. I have no doubt that others will follow my example. By this means those that are deserving will be elected, and those not deserving will be rejected.

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE SCHOOL.

#### MASONIC CANVASSING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like to have the opinion of some of your correspondents on the following points.

A, a Freemason, is a candidate for a public appointment. Shortly before the election Z., a P.M., issues a circular, signed him as such, to the Freemasons of his town, requesting their votes in favour of A. The circular is marked private and confidential.

Is or is not the issuing of such a circular contrary to the principles of the Craft?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

Scio.

[Most entirely so.—Ed.]

#### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask you kindly to insert the enclosed letter, which appeared in the *Windsor and Eton Express* of July 7, and allow me (in justice to myself) to state that my attention has only just been drawn to the fact that a somewhat similar report occurred in your paper of June 30, otherwise I should have contradicted it sooner.

To the Editor of the *Windsor and Eton Express*.

Sir,—I see in your issue of to-day that in the report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks at Wycombe, on Monday last, I am credited with having contributed 100 guineas to each of the Masonic Institutions. I shall feel obliged by your correcting this in next week's paper, as it was not me, but Bro. John Palmer, who was referred to.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. S. CANTRELL, JUN.

Thames-street, Windsor, June 30, 1877.

#### THE SHAKESPERIAN CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I see that you are having another "shine" about Shakespeare, I think it well to send you the following extract from an American contemporary, which, I think, is very "apropos."

"A Shakesperian student affirms that Double, double, Toil and trouble, has no reference to matrimony. Persons about to embark will feel easier."

I am, yours fraternally,

Spot.

#### ROLL OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am now trying to get together certain statistics of Freemasonry throughout the Globe, I should be obliged if the Prov. Grand Secretaries of England Ireland and the colonies would kindly publish in your columns the number of the brethren on the rolls of their respective Provinces. I should be obliged also if the Grand Secretaries of Foreign Grand Orient lodges on the Continent, and throughout the world, if they would in the same manner supply me with the correct number of Masons on the Rolls of their respective Grand Lodge, Orients &c.

Yours fraternally,

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#### THIRD CLASS BY ALL TRAINS.

(PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ALLPORT.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

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I trust the subject is worthy the attention of the Editor of the *Freemason*, and that brethren will support the proposition.

Yours fraternally,

ATHOLL.

[We entirely agree.—Ed.]

#### "IF A BODY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Remembering the good old song, I wish to ask my brethren, through the medium of your excellent paper, which is read aloud in our family circle, whether the following questions, which appear in 'an Israeliish contemporary, do not require an appropriate answer in the columns of the *Freemason*.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).**—A lodge of emergency was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of raising the five following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Hall, Mulcock, Tubbs, Watson, and Spragg. On Friday, the 20th ult., the members dined together at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. The members and visitors, to the number of sixty-two, sat down precisely at six o'clock, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Hobbs. There were also present Bros. Greenwood, S.W.; Booker, J.W.; Garrod, Sec.; Runtig, Treas.; Gardner, S.D.; Coltart, J.D.; Groves, I.G.; Painter, Hester, Grogan, and Battey, P.M.'s.; Bros. Forscott, Spragg, Wallace, Tubbs, Hull, H. W. Hobbs, H. Elliott, Weeks, Clemence, Tyrrell, Peirson, Harvey, Speller, Strip, Holloway, Newton, Tucker, Chandler, Hannaford, Poupard, Kift, Drew, Barnett, Berton, Moss, R. E. Booker, Leech, Hall, Snelling, Hill, Cruden, Fitley, Culpin, G. S. Elliott. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; Randell, P.M., 194; Newman, P.M. 892; Palmer, W.M. 1541; Badkin, S.W. 1365; Collins, 25; and Trencher and Upstone, 1309. The opportunity was taken of presenting to Bro. Henry Garrod, Sec., an illuminated testimonial and handsome timepiece, subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The testimonial, the work of Bro. Badkin was greatly admired, and ran as follows: "Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.—This testimonial, together with a timepiece, value twenty guineas, was presented by the members of the above lodge to Bro. Henry Garrod, P.M. 177, 720, 749, and P.Z. 507, 749, 766, to mark their appreciation of his services as Secretary for nineteen years. Signed by the W.M., Wardens, and P.M.'s." The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Kift, assisted by Bros. Collins, Trencher, and Upstone, and gave great satisfaction. A special train left the Palace a little after ten, bringing the brethren to town, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, July the 19th, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield. Punctually at half-past two the W.M., Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. T. W. Adams, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; E. Mallett, A.S.; J. J. Howes, P.M., S.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., I.G.; Al Black, D.C.; W. Pennefather, P.M., W.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler; T. Bates, C. Davis, F. A. West, H. J. Lardner, G. Stephens, W. Snow, W. Malt-house, T. M. Batt, W. Smyth, W. C. Watts, H. Leblush, W. B. Delafons, R. Leggett, E. C. Van Wagenen, S. Oradock, and others. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. E. Wylie, P.M. 186; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 31; J. Flatman, 376; L. Etheridge, W.M. 829; J. Clark, 1431; W. Horstone, 1423; J. Tovell 1489; and others. The W.M., in his usual correct and impressive manner, raised Bros. H. Leblush, O. Davis, J. J. Howes, H. F. Lardner, G. H. Stephens, F. A. West, and W. Hurlstone (1423) to the Third Degree. He passed Bro. W. C. Watts to the Second Degree; completing his work by initiating Messrs. Cornelius Von Wagenen and Seymour Oradock. The bye-laws were then read. The election for the office of W.M. was unanimous in favour of Bro. T. W. Adams, S.W., and for Treasurer Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., W.M. The Tyler, Bro. John Gilbert, P. G. Tyler Middx., was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. H. J. Lardner, G. Stephens, and W. Malt-house were elected Auditors, to assist those previously appointed. A twenty guinea testimonial was unanimously voted to Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., W.M., for his exertions on behalf of this lodge, and the admirable manner he had presided over the lodge during his year of office. The audit was fixed to take place at the lodge house on the fourth Thursday in August. Several propositions were handed in to the Secretary of names both for joining and initiation. Business being ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, September the 21st, to meet at two o'clock p.m. An excellent banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. T. Butt.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Garston Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool, on the afternoon of the 25th ult. [Bro. John Hughes, I.P.M., acting as W.M., opened

the lodge, supported by Bros. C. Leedham, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; S. Tickle, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.M.; P.G.S., Treas.; G. Price, Sec.; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; T. F. Hill, J.D.; Dr. J. V. Worthington, P.M., D.C.; H. Hatch, S.; J. Robinson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Ellis, J. Crowther, T. Sloper, W. Troughton, P.M. 1013; W. G. Sharpe, R. Humphries, F. Jones, J. Carter, J. E. Lloyd, H. Mercer, W. Lovelady, W. Tait, C. Sayer, H. Paine, J. S. Bullock, W. S. Matthews, J. W. Pickering, J. Blair, S. Chambers, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. A. Macmahon, 1350; W. H. Cooper, W.M. 1350; J. Bowes, P.M.; D. W. Finney, P.M.; T. Salter, Sec. 241; W. Jones, P.M. 1299; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; T. Roberts, I.P.M. 673, and others. Bro. S. Tickle was placed in the chair of W.M. by Bro. J. W. Baker, P.M. The officers invested were Bros. Dr. V. Worthington, I.P.M.; G. Price, S.W.; T. F. Hill, J.W.; J. W. Baker, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Vines, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; James Carter, Sec.; J. N. Clark, Org.; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; H. Hatch, J.D.; A. Sharples, I.G.; T. Wainwright, S.S.; J. R. Ivey, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined at the Reading Room, the caterer being Bro. Woods. The annual picnic of the lodge was held at Grappenhall on the following day.

**STOCKPORT.**—Lodge of Peace (No. 322).—The Lodge of Peace held its Festival of St. John on Tuesday, July 10th. The brethren assembled at the lodge-room, at the Warren Bulkeley Arms Hotel, soon after three o'clock, when the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. N. Dumville, was duly performed by Bro. J. C. Chetham, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. (Cheshire). The following officers were appointed by the W.M., and invested by the Installing Master, viz., I.P.M., Bro. John Williamson; S.W., Bro. J. H. Carrington; J.W., Bro. Worsnop; Treas., Bro. Hickson, P.M.; Secretary, Bro. Philip Chetham, P.M.; S.D., Bro. L. D. Bradbury; J.D. Bro. G. Bennett; D. of C., Bro. Bardsley, P.M.; Organist, Bro. Colonel Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. (Cheshire); I.G., Bro. Robert Chetham; S. Steward, Bro. A. J. Bradbury; J. Steward, Bro. Ginger, Tyler, Bro. Joseph Meadows. The visitors present included were Bro. Schofield, W.M., 104; Bro. Wills, W.M. 1213; Bro. Strangeways, S.D. 111; and others. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren proceeded to the banquet, which was artistically laid out in the adjoining room, by Bro. Firth. In addition to the usual toast list, several songs and glees were given by an efficient party of vocalists engaged by the W.M., consisting of Bro. Edmondson, Bro. M. Stafford, P.M., Bro. W. Dumville, P.M., Bro. H. Lister, S.W., and Bro. Balfe, assisted by brethren of the lodge. Bro. Fielding ably played the pianoforte accompaniments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting was invested with additional interest from the presence of Bro. Philip Chetham, the aged Secretary, now over ninety years of age, and upwards of sixty years a Mason; said to be the oldest Mason in England. The old gentleman is hale and hearty, and does most of the Secretary's work at the present time. It is worthy of remark, too, that this lodge can boast of having amongst its members three generations of one family. Bro. J. C. Chetham, the Installing Master on this occasion, is the son of the aged Secretary, and has himself four sons in the lodge, the eldest of whom (Bro. John Chetham) like his father and grandfather, is a P.M. of the lodge.

**ERITH.**—St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 615).—The "Men of Kent" and the "Kentish Men," with no thought of the feuds which raged between their ancestors, met in amicable array at the Pier Hotel, Erith, on the 27th ult, to do honour to the installation of the Master elected to the high position of presiding over the lodge, this being Bro. Charles Andrews, P.M. of No. 77, and of No. 299, and P.P.G.S. of Kent. There was a great array of Prov. Grand Officers of the White Horse county, which is not by any means a "one horse" county, as its history proves, and its Masonic sons show as much spirit in carrying out the work of the Craft as their progenitors of old showed in maintaining their liberties. The venerated and kindly brother, Dr. Spurrell, P.G.J.W., the Master, opened the lodge. Brother Andrews then being Senior Warden and Bro. Churchley, Junior, and after the minutes were unanimously confirmed, Bro. T. Smith, P.P.G.P., and Bro. Coste, P.G.D.C., took the Wardens' chairs. Bro. T. W. Knight, P.M. and P.P.S.G.W., worked the ceremony in a style which elicited the warmest praise. The officers appointed, and at once invested with the jewels and cares of office, were S.W., Bro. Churchley; J.W., Bro. T. W. Knight, (in place of a brother who was to have taken the position); S.D., Bro. James Fletcher; J.D., Bro. Robert Stone; I.G., Bro. George Fletcher; Treasurer, Bro. Poole; Secretary, Bro. Spurrell, I.P.M.; D.C., Bro. Tomkins; W.S., Bro. Boyden. Bro. Martin was invested as Tyler. After the addresses in the course of the ordinary lodge business, the following motion, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., was carried unanimously, that those who rise "to eminence by merit" shall be fined; in other words the resolution ran: "That each Worshipful Master on his installation shall pay a sum of five guineas; each Senior Warden on his investiture shall pay the sum of three guineas; that each Junior Warden shall pay the sum of two guineas on his investiture, to the Treasurer of the lodge, and the amount so subscribed to be voted to the Masonic Charities in such manner as the majority of the brethren in open lodge shall determine." The sum thus raised was devoted to charity, being voted to the Boys' School. With many expressions of pleasure it was also resolved to present the I.P.M., Bro. Spurrell, with a P.M., jewel, valued at ten guineas, as a slight acknowledgment of his services in the faithful discharge of the Mastership of the lodge. The lodge then closed in due form, and the brethren mustered for dinner. There were present Bro. Charles [Ralph,

P. Prov. G.S.D.; Bro. W. Russell, W.M. 77, Prov. S.G.D.; Bro. A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. of Kent; Bro. Binckes, Sec. of the Boys' School; Bros. Bevan, of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge; Leake, I.P.M. of 77; Smith, P. Prov. G.P.; Hastings, Prov. G.P.; Lewis Etheridge, W.M. Sidney Lodge; J. Nunn, P. Prov. J.W.; Staff-Sergeant Spinks, W.M. United Military Lodge; John White, P.M. 228 (Freemason); Gamble, W.M. Florence Nightingale Lodge; Pryce, Woolwich, &c. After the dinner the grace was chanted with an exquisite harmony of voices by Bros. Musgrave, Hubbard, and Nunn. The W.M. gave, in fitting terms, "The Health of her Majesty," who, he reminded the brethren, was an earnest supporter of the Masonic Charities. In giving the toast of "The M.W. the Grand Master," after whose name stood the Shakespearean motto, "The immediate heir of England—the hope and expectation of our time," the W.M. said his Royal Highness, as time rolled on, took more and more interest in his duties as Grand Master, and every Freemason had good reason to be proud of his Royal Highness as the Grand Master. The toast was heartily accepted, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," who were commended as "whom you all know are honourable men," the W.M. remarking that the proof of the attachment to the Order of these noblemen and gentlemen who held the highest positions in the Craft was shown in the fact of its high position and the high estimation in which it was held in the world. This toast was warmly cheered. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, Lord Holmesdale," whose name on the programme was adorned with Shakespeare's words, "A lord to a lord, a man to a man," and his lordship was warmly toasted with all honours. The next toast was "The Deputy Grand Master for Kent, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers," against which stood the motto, causing much comment, "Your voice shall be as strong as any man's in the disposing of new dignitaries." The W.M. said that they would all have been glad to have seen Bro. Eastes among them, but doubtless his many duties had kept him absent, and the company would gladly welcome the Prov. G. Sec. Bro. A. Spencer said the reason why the D.P.G.M. was not present was because he was on his holidays. The Prov. Grand Officers might be divided into two classes—those who enjoyed their honours, and those who had to work. There was a natural desire to share the Prov. Grand honours, but as there were forty-two lodges in the province and only eleven purples to be given each year, it was impossible that every lodge should have a share of the honours each year, and those who did not must exercise patience. He trusted that in time every deserving brother would receive the recognition of his merits. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," whose motto stood on the programme, "The Master, he is a good one, and his worthiness does challenge much respect." Bro. Spurrell said that the W.M. had distinguished himself very grandly in the cause of Masonic charity, and did not look for any reward for doing good. The W.M. was most deserving of the interest and good wishes of his brother Masons, and all would wish him a successful year of office, an office which was certain to be well worked. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, and then the I.P.M. was toasted, Dr. Spurrell being spoken of as one than whom "A braver place in our heart's love hath no man." He acknowledged the toast, and "The Visitors" were toasted, with the motto "And will he not come again," to which many of them, through Bro. Smeed, gave an affirmative response of the most unquestionable character. "The Officers of the Lodge," prefaced by the words "One step I have advanced thee," was acknowledged by Bros. Churchley, Knight, and Poole. "The Charities" had no response from Bro. Binckes as he had departed by the last but one train, Bro. Hastings responding instead, and the W.M. observed that the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul would be one of the first in the province in its action towards the charities, and did not seek for members. The increase of the applicants for the charities—this, too, of members who had only been a short time in the ranks—proved that discrimination was not at all times exercised. The Tyler's toast concluded the programme, and the evening's entertainment was most pleasantly diversified by the efforts of Bros. Musgrave, A. Hubbard, J. Nunn, Smeed, and Miss M. Roby.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw (Lodge No. 1002).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., who presided in the absence of the W.M.; I. Evening, S.W.; Jos. Kerr, J.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. and Sec. (Freemason); W. Shilton, P.M.; S. Thwaites, S. Ferguson, S. C. Robinson, H. Peacock, W. Rule, and W. Potts, Tyler. The meeting was called for the purpose of raising Bro. W. Rule, and the first part of the sublime ceremony was most efficiently performed by the W.M. in the chair, with Bro. Lamony as S.D., after which Bro. Lamony took the chair, and worked the concluding portion of the degree. The lodge was then closed in form. At a meeting of the Permanent Committee the same evening, Bros. W. Taylor and Shilton were appointed to superintend the removal of the furniture from the old lodge room, and the fitting up and decoration of the new premises, in time for consecration, on the occasion of the Provincial Grand festival.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The annual picnic of the brethren connected with the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, holding its meetings at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., the scene of the day's festivities being the Victoria Gardens and Hotel, Thatto Heath, a short distance from Prescot, which is a perfect oasis in the desert of surrounding coal mines and manufactories. The "Old Neptune" has long been celebrated for the



unanimity, cordiality, and fine brotherly feeling which animate every brother, from the W.M. to the youngest initiate, and as a consequence the annual pleasant "out" which has existed for a number of years has invariably been looked upon and experienced as the most enjoyable in the district. Weather favoured the outers, the day being bright and breezy, and the whole of the day's proceedings passed off as "merry" as the proverbial "marriage bell," without the slightest semblance of a hitch. The officers vied with each other in promoting the harmony and enjoyment of those who were present. About 80 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street shortly before ten o'clock, and arrived safely and expeditiously at Thatto Heath Station, where the floral beauties of the platforms, carried out by Mr. Prescott, station master, were the subject of universal admiration. Here the party was met by the St. Helen's borough band (under the conductorship of Mr. J. Parr), and the whole party marched to the grounds, nearly the whole of the "natives" turning out to see the procession. Amongst those present were Bros. Joseph Healing, W.M. (whose urbanity and attention contributed largely to the day's enjoyment); A. Cotter, I.P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; Joseph Korn, S.W.; W. C. Webb, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M.; Treasurer; J. Linaker, Secretary; A. C. Wylie, S.D.; Thomas Walton, I.G.; C. Foxtergill, S.S.; J. Hughes, J.S.; and C. Rigotti, Assistant Secretary. There were also a number of visitors from other lodges. Dinner was served in the large covered marquee by Mr. W. Carr, landlord of the hotel and grounds, and the excellence of his catering has certainly never been excelled in the history of the Neptune. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proceeded to perform the unusual but pleasing task of proposing the health of Bro. Royle and his bride, mentioning his long connection with the lodge, and wishing the newly-married couple every prosperity. The toast was received in a manner which showed the great popularity of Bro. Royle. Bro. Cotter, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," stating that this was not his first year of office, as he had been the Master of the lodge when it was first consecrated. He said they must all be aware of Bro. Healing's efforts to make the lodge successful, and especially on the occasion on which they were then assembled. The W.M., in replying, said he was fully rewarded by witnessing the happy re-union of the brethren and their friends. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," to whose cordial co-operation, he said, was owing the great success of the gathering. Bro. Cotter responded, "The Officers," replied to by Bro. Korn, S.W., and "The Press," responded to by Bro. Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094, (*Freemason*), followed; while "The Visiting Brethren" was coupled with the name of Bro. Gotham, 823. In proposing "The Ladies," the W.M. said that, as one of the first promoters of Masonic picnics in this province, he hoped the day was far distant when such social gatherings should be discontinued, as they conduced to harmony and brotherly love. Bro. Cotter responded. As an extra toast, the W.M. gave, as a most appropriate toast for the Neptune Lodge, and one which they were proud to honour, "The Absent Seafaring Brethren," and gave a hearty welcome to those brethren who had just come home. Bro. Campbell responded. "The Health of the Host and Hostess" followed, the W.M. wishing them prosperity in their new undertaking. The after dinner proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs rendered by the brethren. The afternoon was spent in a most enjoyable manner in the grounds, and both then and after tea dancing was kept up with spirit on the green. The party, headed as before by the band, returned to the station at nine o'clock, and arrived in due course at Lime-street, very much pleased with their day's outing. Bro. Cotter, I.P.M., acted as Director of Ceremonies, and performed the duties to the satisfaction of all.

**HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult. at the Lion Hotel, when there were present amongst others, Bros. Gilbert, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Williams, P.G.O. of Middlesex, W.M. elect 1275; J.W.: J. Hammond, P.M., W.M. elect, 1572; S.D.; Shackleton, W.M. 1524; J.D.; F. Walters, P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; Dubois, P.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M. P.P.G.D.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex; and Balwin, P.M. 1423, P.A.G.P., I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Fox, W.M. elect, to the chair of K.S. was most ably performed by Bro. Baldwin. The beautiful language of the ritual was enhanced by the clearness of the enunciation that accompanied it. To mark their appreciation of Bro. Baldwin's efforts, the lodge unanimously passed him a vote of thanks, and which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The officers invested were, Bros. Williams S.W.; J. Hammond, J.W.; Shackleton, S.D.; Baldwin, J.D.; Gloucester I.G.; F. Walker Sec.; Lawrence, D.C.; Shott, Organist; H. Potter, P.M.; W.S.; Stone A.W.S. Bro. Fox having vacated the chair, the I.P.M., Bro. Gilbert, initiated Mr. Williams, of the mercantile marine, in a very careful manner. Previously to the lodge being closed, the W.M., in a few well-chosen sentences, presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome souvenir of his year of office in the shape of a costly jewel, which compliment was duly acknowledged by Bro. Gilbert. The visitors were, Bros. Hunt, W.M. Hemming; Crag, S.W. 1586; T. Walls, J.W. 1381; Simmons, J.W. 1559; Clarke, D.C. 1654; Hartnall, 871; Murphy, 1512; Knell, 1607. The banquet was well served by the caterer, Bro. Murphy, and at its conclusion the long array of toasts were briefly given from the chair: The honour of replying upon behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present, fell to Bros. Dubois and Baldwin, and Bros. Hurst and Walls responded for "The Visitors." "The Past Masters" toast was responded to by Bros. Gilbert and Moss.

The latter dealt with the subject matter most humourously, and also proposed the health of the W.M., in a very neat speech. P.M. Fox in reply briefly said that he felt exceedingly honoured at being placed in the Master's Chair of so large and powerful a lodge as the Lebanon, and he hoped that his year of office would be a most pleasurable one to all parties, at least nothing should be wanting on his part to make it so. "The Initiate" having been given, Bro. Williams responded by saying that if he could not make a useful Mason he would endeavour to prove a worthy one. During the proceedings Bro. Walls entertained the brethren. "The Officers" having been proposed by the W.M., was acknowledged by the Junior Warden. Bro. Smeed having been called upon to discharge his duty, the brethren departed until the 18th of August next.

**GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).**—The second season of this prosperous summer lodge was completed on the 14th ult. and witnessed a large gathering of brethren, to greet the advent of the highly popular Bro. Osman Vincent, who had been unanimously elected for advancement to the chair of K.S. The lovely weather gave an additional charm to the quiet and rural but delightful spot where this lodge meets, and many enviable expressions invariably proceed from visitors at these re-unions whilst enjoying the beautiful scenery and exquisite summer flowers. The meeting, was, in honour of the occasion, well and worthily sustained, everything passing off to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Garrod, for the last time in his year of office, at 2.45, and was well supported by his officers—Bros. Vincent, S.W.; Tidcombe, J.W.; Rogers, Treas.; Veal, Sec.; Ebbs, J.D.; Winter, Organist; Eversden, I.G.; Helsdon, I.P.M.; Middleton, Tyler; and the following brethren: Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; H. T. Swatton, Peach, Hunt, E. G. Swatton, Clark, Buck, Darby, Long, Meek, Thompson, Marshall, Lavin, Johnson, Felton, Smith, Roy, and visitors, J. W. Garrod, 889; Woodstock, P.M.; Walker, Hitchcock, Humphress, and George, 733; Rogers, P.M. 902; Hall, 34; Nethersole, 840; Mapleson, 95. After disposing of the preliminary business and confirming the minutes of the previous lodge; great satisfaction was expressed by all present at the Secretary's announcement of the prosperous report of the audit meeting on June 13th, and state of the finances. The ballot being unanimous for the admission of Bros. Thompson and Smith, of No. 733, and Dr. Lavin, 404, those brethren were welcomed accordingly, it also proving favourable for the admission of Mr. W. F. Middleton, that gentleman was duly enlightened by the W.M. to the First Degree. He then, after opening his lodge to the Second Degree, invested Bro. R. Helsdon, I.P.M., with his collar, and entrusted him with his jewel for the purpose of installation. The W.M. elect having been duly presented by Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., and also having acknowledged in the customary manner those ancient charges to which all must assent prior to that elevated position being bestowed, the interesting ceremony was completed in the presence of several P.M.'s and purple honoured brethren, whose congratulations were as hearty as sincere, equally with the rest of the brethren when admitted to pay homage to their new W.M. After the customary salutes and the effective rendering of those beautiful addresses which form so great a feature in this ceremony the brethren were unanimous in according their thanks to the I.P.M. for having again so ably illustrated this duty, and the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bro. Tidcombe, S.W.; Ebbs, J.W.; Eversden, S.D.; Marshall, J.D.; Roy, I.G.; Helsdon, M.C.; Hunt, W.S.; J. Middleton, Tyler; the responsible duties of Treas. and Sec. being again left in the hands of Bros. Dr. Rogers and C. Veal, and Bro. H. Llewellyn Winter, re-appointed Organist. On resuming the lodge to the First Degree, the W.M. invested his I.P.M. with the usual handsome P.M. jewel, for which he suitably and gratefully responded. The W.M. also proposed Mr. Ede Pontchalon and Mr. G. H. Hall for ballot at the next meeting. The Secretary adverted to the subscriptions for the Burdett Testimonial Fund as progressing favourably, and had instructions to increase such by a donation from the lodge funds. He also announced that after next meeting the lodge would probably number 30 subscribing members, and in accordance with bye-law No. 7, the initiation fee should be raised to seven guineas. Hearty good wishes from the various visiting lodges completed the business, and the W.M. effectively closed the lodge at 5.10 in perfect peace and harmony. The banquet was served at 5.30, and the usual unlimited hospitality was observed, the new W.M. showing how happily he was fitted also for this branch of his duties. The various toasts were given in the most appropriate manner, and the responses were all equally unanimous. In reply to his own health by the I.P.M., the W.M. honestly observed (what is generally but too true) that he had that day been very nervous as a young man on taking so exalted a position, but feeling now how genuine was the support of his brethren he was decidedly on better terms with himself, and hoped to shew, during his year of office, that his best efforts would succeed in maintaining the reputation so liberally accorded to the Abercorn Lodge. The toast of "The Initiate" brought the old Entered Apprentice's Song from the Secretary; in fact, this is now becoming in many lodges that officer's duty. The chorus, as usual, was hearty and effective. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by each and all, and they were most lavish in praise, not only of the working of the lodge but of their hospitable and hearty reception. The musical contributions of the brethren were equal to the occasion, and needed no help from without, the Organist being a host in himself, and was ably supported by Bros. Garrod, Johnson, &c. The W.M. having passed the highest eulogiums severally upon his officers, nothing now remained but the Tyler's toast, which was quickly given, according to ancient custom, the brethren separating with the honest conviction

that the Abercorn Lodge still maintained its enviable reputation, not only for the good of the Craft, but itself in particular.

**STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).**—The regular July meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines, on Saturday, the 21st ult. The lodge was opened punctually at 3 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. F. Keily, Prov. Grand Treas. Middlesex, supported by the following brethren: Bros. E. Amphlett, S.W.; G. Pythian, (visitor), acting J.W.; I. G. Dunn, S.D.; G. P. Gillard, J.D.; H. T. Bing, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Wilson, P.M. 209, acting I.P.M.; R. G. Jewell, W. H. Stevens, A. S. Paterson, T. Hulburd, 40; Jno. Prince, 209; W. Fowler, 1305; and several other brethren. After the lodge had been opened in due form the W.M. called upon the Hon. Sec. to read a dispensation of the M.W. Grand Master, for the initiation of Mr. F. G. Hulburd, aged 18, a "Lewis," into Freemasonry, which ceremony was performed in a very excellent and impressive manner, the charge being delivered by Bro. Wilson, the acting I.P.M. The sum of five guineas was then voted to the Burdett Testimonial Fund, and after receiving one proposal for initiation the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

### Knights Templar.

**NEWPORT.—Gwent Preceptory.**—The Gwent Preceptory of Knights Templar was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport on Thursday, 26th ult., at 7 p.m., where the following were present:—Lieut. Col. Lyne, G. Constable, P.E.P.; Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.E.P.; Sir Kt. W. Williams, E.P.; Sir Kt. W. Pickford, W. Watkins, J. Piggford, H. J. Groves; Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, P.G. Chap. of England; H. Tweedy, and others. The minutes of the last preceptory were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Francis Green Lake, of the Philanthropic R.A. Chapter, Abergavenny, and he was unanimously accepted and installed as a member of the Order by Sir Kt. W. Williams, E.P., who performed the ceremony in a very effective manner. Sir Kt. W. Pickford was then proposed by Sir Kt. W. Williams, and seconded by Sir Kt. Capt. S. G. Homfray, to become the E.P. for the ensuing year. The ballot was then taken, and he was unanimously elected to be installed at the next meeting. Sir Kt. W. Williams was proposed, balloted for, and elected as Treasurer. There being no other business the preceptory was closed. The Priory of Malta was deferred until the next meeting, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub Pr or of England, one of the founders of this priory, and who usually performs this ceremony in such an effective manner, when it was earnestly hoped that he would be present.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MONMOUTH.—Ivor Hael Chapter, Rose Croix.**—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, on Wednesday, 25th July, at three p.m., when the following were present:—Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, 32°, M.W.S.; Bros. R. J. Chambers, 18°, 1st Gen.; W. Williams, 18°, and Gen.; H. Howells, 18°, Recorder; H. J. Groves, 18°, Org.; W. Watkins, 18°; Chas. Ffennell, 18°; J. Piggford, 18°; H. Fletcher, Janitor. The minutes of the last chapter were then read and confirmed. Bro. W. Pickford, of Baldwin Chapter, then took the necessary oath, and was affiliated as a member of the Ancient Accepted Rite, and became a joining member of this chapter. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Francis Greenlake, Philanthropic Lodge, Abergavenny, who was unanimously elected and made a member, the ceremony being performed by the M.W.S. Bro. R. J. Chambers was then duly installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, by Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, 30°, and then appointed his officers. In pursuance of a resolution on the circular by Bro. W. Williams 18°, the perfection fees of this chapter were reduced to three guineas. Several brethren were then proposed for ballot at the next meeting, and the chapter was closed in harmony. After passing a resolution of extreme regret at the absence of Gen. Doherty, 33°, Inspector General of the district, through illness, and a fervent hope that he would be speedily restored to his usual health and spirits, a P.M. W.S. jewel was presented to Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, 32°, in recognition of his services as M.W.S. for the past year. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head, when a very pleasant evening was spent, and Bro. H. J. Groves in his usual manner provided the harmony.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).**—The members of this section of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Em. Sir Knight R. Brown, M.P.S. occupied the throne, surrounded by a full complement of officers. Bro. W. Vines, W.M., 1299, was duly exalted by the M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knight Clark, Past P.S. All below the rank of Enthroned Sovereigns then retired, and Sir Knight John Capell's enthronement as M.P.S. was efficiently performed by Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellott Smith, Dep. Int. General. The officers invested were Sir Knights Joseph Bell, V.E.; J. Thomson, S.G.; H. Burrows, J.G.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (*Freemason*), who has held the office since the



consecration of the conclave; R. Young, Prelate; W. P. Vines, Recorder; J. McWean, S.P.; T. Roberts, J.P.; L. Courtenay, Orator; Archdeacon, H. R. Pearson, S.B.; J. R. Goepel, P.S., D.C.; P. Ball, Sentinel. Sir Knight the Rev. Dr. Hyde was present as a visitor. A sumptuous repast followed the business. Eight Sir Knights took the order of St. Lawrence, and two guineas were handed over to the funds of the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

On Wednesday evening the quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall.

Dr. R. Hamilton presided as M.E.Z.; Col. Burdett as H.; and Comp. S. Rawson as J. Among the other companions present were Col. Creaton, as S.E.; Capt. N. Phillips, S.N.; Peter de Lande Long, P.S. James Glaisher, as 1st A.S.; Robert Grey, 2nd A.S.; A. J. D. Filer, Robinson, F. Adlard, Hyde Pullen, J. C. Parkinson, Thomas Fenn, Benjamin Head, Capt. Platt, Andrew Holman, P.G.S.B.; R. T. Elsam, Z., 185; J. McDougall, H. 913; C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z. 177, &c.; John Canham, H. 22; Edward Cox, P.Z. 360; R. Loveland-Loveland, Z. 257; Henry Reed, P.Z. 180; C. Burmeister, Z. 538; W. Stephens, Z. 865; E. Driver, H. 742; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 720; Dr. Ramsay, Z. 877; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*); and J. R. Kerr, P.G.J., G.C. of Canada. There were also several other Principals of chapters present.

After Grand Chapter had been opened, the warrants recommended by Grand Chapter Committee to be granted were granted.

The granting of the charter for the Wanderers' Chapter raised considerable discussion, some companions holding that as Grand Chapter had a rule that no charter should be granted to a lodge which had not been three years in existence, the rule ought not to be relaxed in favour of this lodge, which, though a military lodge, had only been in existence fourteen months. In the end the companions resolved not to grant the charter.

A motion, of which Comp. John Mason had given notice, was not proceeded with, because Comp. E. J. McIntyre was on the South Wales circuit, and Comp. John Mason was too ill to attend.

The next business was the voting 100 guineas for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick.

Col. Creaton said that all the companions were familiar with the circumstances attending the late lamentable fire at St. John, in New Brunswick, and he should, therefore, in a very concise form, place them before the companions. There were 375 acres consumed and 7000 families were burnt out, making about 20,000 people houseless; the value of the property destroyed was about 13,000,000 dollars, of which only about one-fifth was covered by insurance. With this simple statement he thought he might at once put the motion—"That the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the funds of Grand Chapter for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick. He was sure it would be a great boon to those sufferers, and, at the same time, a very graceful act.

Comp. S. Rawson, acting J., seconded the motion, and added that the amount should be sent to Grand Lodge of Quebec for distribution, as they were best able to appropriate the amount.

Comp. Thomas Fenn, objected to this, as there was no reference to Freemasonry in the matter. He would propose that it be paid to the general fund.

Comp. Creaton said he presumed this would be the Mansion House Fund.

Comp. Rawson consented to this, and the motion was carried without a dissentient voice.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The ninth annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 1st inst., the R.W. Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, G.S.W., in the chair, supported by the following, including, as will be seen, some guests not belonging to the Craft:

R. W. Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; V.W. Rev. F. W. Thoys, G. Chap.; Fredk. Davison, G. Treas.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.J.W.; G. Sec.; Thos. Meggy, P.M. Macdonald Lodge, P.G.M.O.; W. Bros. Berridge, P.M. Macdonald, G.D.C.; S. Rosenthal, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, P.G.M.O.; J. H. Wynne, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, P.G.I.G.; Bro. J. H. Spencer, W.M. Southwark 22, P.G.I.G.; J. S. Funkenstein, P.G. Steward; Alfred Williams, P.M. Macdonald, G.D.C.; Richard Boggett, W.M. Humber; P. S. Robinson, Humber, 182; A. Middleton, P. G. Steward Lancashire; Geo. Higgins, P.G.W. North Wales and Cheshire; H. R. Cooper Smith, Carnarvon Lodge; Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Henry Berridge, T. J. Pulley, J.W. Aldershot Military Lodge, Henry Wm. Binckes, P.M. Old Kent Lodge, G.A.S.

There were also many ladies, it being one of the principles of the Mark Masons in holding their festivals to arrange that ladies add to the lustre of their banquet table.

The banquet was served in admirable style by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the lessees of the Alexandra Palace. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells, the vocalists being Mad. Thaddeus Wells; Mad. Alice Barnett; Bro. Frank Elmore; and Mr. Horscroft; and the instrumentalist, Bro. Henry Parker, P.P.G. Organist, Middlesex.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the Chairman rose and said, Ladies and Brethren, in introducing the toast

list to you to night, I should just like, before I begin it, to state what the nature of the toast is. There are some toasts which are usual on all occasions like the present, and there are others which are of special importance, and though I have no doubt they will all be received by you with pleasure, there are some—especially the toast of the evening—which will demand more attention than the rest. We must not forget that there are such things as trains, which wait for no man, nor must we overlook the new class of men that has sprung up—the obstructives—and I assure you though I have some Irish blood in my veins, I have no wish to be classed with the Irish obstructives, and therefore I should not waste time over the toast list. With these few observations, I give you the first toast "The Queen and Mark Masonry."

The Chairman:—Brethren, the second toast is "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." And I see on my toast list that the name of one member is particularly referred to, namely, Prince Leopold. I feel very much honored in proposing this toast, and the mention of Prince Leopold's name is very agreeable to me, because I and another brother Mason lately vacated offices which were afterwards held by Prince Leopold, and his illustrious brother; and we feel honoured that offices held by us are considered not unworthy of these illustrious brethren.

The Chairman:—It is only a few weeks ago that I had to propose this toast that I am about to give you. I proposed it after very valuable advice I received from the very worshipful brother sitting opposite (Bro. Binckes), together with information upon what I may call the statistics of the Mark Degree, which enabled me to put before the party assembled the very satisfactory effect of having occupied the Grand Master's chair. I reminded the company assembled of the effect I refer to, namely, that there were a great many Mark Grand Masters alive. We were only a lot of men sitting round that table, and I now repeat it for the benefit of the ladies. It is a very curious fact that we have seven Grand Masters alive, and, I believe, well, for it is so short a time since, that it is very unlikely anything has happened to them. I state it with a view to encourage them to think that if they could in any way persuade those with whom they have influence to become Mark Masons, they might be doing a very good action. There are the Earl of Limerick, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Portal, Bro. Beach, and Bro. Lord Percy. Brethren, I give you "The Grand Masters, Past and Present."

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres:—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I confess that it is a great pleasure for me to rise and be able to say "Ladies" as well as "Brethren." We have not quite reached the position of America, where the ladies are Masons, and where they have lodges of lady Masons. Though we cannot say "Sisters" it is a great pleasure to say "Ladies," and I trust that the ladies will confess that the ladies are treated better by Mark Masons than by Masons in general. The last festival I attended was in Freemasons' Hall, where the ladies viewed the dinner from a gallery. Here, however, we have had them amongst us, and I am sure we have all enjoyed our dinner the better for their society. The toast committed to my hands, [I presume, because all present are Grand Officers, or Past Grand Officers,] is the Health of Lord Sk. Imersdale, and all the Grand Officers Past and Present." We have heard that there is something very conducive to health, in the Grand Mastership of Mark Masons, and there appears to be every probability of our numbers increasing very rapidly. I confess, as a Mark Mason, I do think our Craft is not recognised as it should be; I do think that Masons in general are apt to look down on Mark Masonry; are apt to look upon us coldly. However gentlemen, without prolonging the time, I will at once give you "The Health of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the name of Bro. Matier.

Bro. Matier:—Right Worshipful Brother Chairman, ladies and brethren, for the last six years, my name has the honor of being coupled with the toast proposed. It is always with a very large amount of diffidence that I rise to respond to it, there being great number of brethren who could respond to it much better. Suffice it to say of the Grand Officers, that I believe, I and they have done our best. As Deputy Grand Master, we have had Lord Skelmersdale. In addition to this post he occupies the office of Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Lancashire, the largest province in Mark Masonry. The other Grand Officers it would ill become me to speak of, seeing that you sir, are the chief of them for the present year; and that the Past Grand Officers have done their duty, I think this meeting amply shows. Bro. Matier concluded by reminding the Chairman, that in proposing the health of the Royal Family, he had omitted to call attention also to the Duke of Connaught, who also belonged to the Mark Degree, adding that he obtained it in Ireland, where he would shortly be made Prior.

Major Barlow:—Ladies, brethren and friends, I have now to propose a toast, and I am perfectly sure that you will anticipate what that toast is; I allude to our worthy chairman who has presided over us this evening, (loud and continued applause). After that reception it will not require much more for me to say, except that the G.S.W. of the Mark Degree, has presided over us; and I also have very great pleasure in stating to the brethren connected with the Mark Degree that this has been the most successful collection we have had; with that process the influence of the Chairman has much to do. It is so with all charities, and we know that it is so. The song which is to follow is rather appropriate, because as we have always a fresh president every year, and we are now to hear a song of "The love who has sailed away," which, I think, is rather appropriate. Without further preface I beg to propose "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W. of England,

long life, and prosperity to him. I only wish to add that I trust I may live to see him occupy the position of G.M. in the Mark Degree.

The Chairman:—Ladies, brethren, and gentlemen, I do not know quite what to respond to this toast. I think I may say that the song has been very impressive, and calculated to carry one away. My invitation to take this position this evening was rather sudden, and the notice somewhat short, but these sudden pleasures are always the greater. The position I occupy to night I shall look back to with pleasure and pride. I have heard a rumour that there is a lot of money flying about. I hope it is true; it will be a happy recollection for me, with these words I will ask you to accept my very heartfelt thanks for the way in which you have received my name, and I will now proceed to the more important matter of the toast of the evening, "The Mark Masonic Benevolent Fund." Well, you will expect me to go a little into the history of the fund. It is now nine years, and I think we may say that steadily—for nine years measures the age—the prosperity of the fund has been on the increase. There is one feature connected with the fund, which to me individually is one of very good omen; and that is that the fund is not connected with the Freemasonry of this country alone. In giving relief we have gone beyond the channel, and have also assisted brethren in Scotland and Ireland, and this was done in what I may call the struggling days of the fund; in these struggling days the effort was made, and the effort has now met with its reward. Whenever a pressing emergency did arise there has been no stinginess, but substantial aid has been forthcoming. In the past year three large grants were made from the fund. As far as the fund itself is concerned it has reached a point where its prosperity is assured. Now, however, I want to think of those to whom the prosperity of the fund is due. There are two names in particular. One is Bro. Meggy, whose exertions have been very great, and participating with him is Bro. Binckes, and to these two are mainly due the success of this fund. I am told, apropos of this particular matter, of a school in contemplation in connection with this fund when it reaches a certain state of prosperity—that there will be a school for the children of Mark Master Masons, assisted by their own particular fund. And I should like to express the wish before we sit down that some progress may speedily be made in it. When we are dealing with any particular fund the object is generally a charitable object, and if we can assist what extends over a very large section of the Craft by means of this fund without restricting the objects of the charity or hurting ourselves,—what I mean is if we keep ourselves within the four corners of the intentions of the fund, we need not be perfectly exclusive, and we can be helping others. With these words I conclude, and have said them with the wish for the prosperity of the institution and with very keen appreciation of its success.

Bro. Meggy, in returning thanks, stated that during the last nine years twenty-four families had received substantial assistance from the fund; and latterly the generosity of the brethren had enabled them to increase the amounts they could give, so that sums of £20, £25, or £30 were given when occasion arose. It was satisfactory also to say that they had £600 at present invested.

Bro. Binckes, Grand Sec., also returned thanks, and stated that the present year's was by a very considerable sum the largest amount collected at any festival of the Mark Degree, and after some earnest appeals on behalf of the school, called upon the Assistant Sec. (Bro. H. W. Binckes), to announce the amounts of the Stewards' lists, which were as follows, giving a total of £232 2s.

Wm. Barfoot, Simon de Montfort Lodge	£194	0	0
Rev. F. W. Thoys	26	0	0
C. W. Wyndham	20	1	0
J. C. Podevin, Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, 152	10	10	0
J. H. Spencer, Southwark Lodge, 22	9	18	6
J. D. Moore, Moore Lodge, 146	10	17	6
Richard Boggett, Humber Lodge, 182	30	15	0
Arthur Middleton, St. Andrew's Lodge, 34	11	11	0
H. Cooper Smith, Carnarvon Lodge, 7	14	14	0
Alfred Williams, Macdonald Lodge, 104	11	11	0
G. Higgins, Cheshire and N. Wales	29	8	0
Major G. Barlow, Studholme Lodge 197	5	5	0
John Wordsworth	5	5	0
S. Rosenthal	3	6	0
F. Binckes, Aldershot Military Lodge 54	27	5	0
F. M. Tindall, R. Arnison, C. H. Perrot, Britannia Lodge 53	15	15	0

Total.....£232 2 0

Bro. Frederic Davison proposed "The Health of the Board of Stewards," coupling with it the name of Bro. Boggett, who had collected the largest amount.

Bro. Boggett having returned thanks, Bro. Meggy proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which (with the Chairman's concurrence) he called the toast of the evening, as the ladies were the most important feature in securing the success of these festivals, and he trusted that those who came would use their influence to bring their friends another time. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Cooper Smith, who briefly returned thanks.

The musical arrangements were very complete, and the efforts of the artistes pleasantly filled the intervals between the speeches. We may congratulate Bro. Binckes on the admirable arrangements, which secured so pleasant an evening.

The total receipts from the revenue into the National Exchequer from the 1st April to the 14th inst. were £21,805,837. In the corresponding period of last year they were £21,442,931. The expenditure was £26,644,677, against £26,521,291 last year. The balance in the Bank of England on Saturday was £1,132,430, and in the Bank of Ireland £532,405.



## THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The meeting suggested by our correspondent, "P.M., P.Z.," in his letter, published in our columns last week, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on the evening of Monday last.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Dr. Pinder, G. H. N. Bridges, N. B. Headon, M. S. Larham, T. L. Green, E. Moody, E. Clark, S. Drysdale, H. Garrod, James Stevens, and W. Ramsey.

Although the gathering might fairly be considered sufficiently representative, it was not, however, so large as the circumstances of the case had led us to expect it might be, and it was soon discovered that the large hall would not be required for the purpose of the meeting. The dining hall was therefore thrown open, and this was very sufficiently filled by members of the Craft, shareholders in the Company, or otherwise.

Bro. James Stevens was nominated as chairman, but, stating that he was the writer of the letter which had led to the meeting, declined that position, and Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. The Great City Lodge, No. 1436, was requested to preside.

The Chairman, after briefly explaining that the gathering together of the brethren on this occasion was more for the purpose of consultation on the position of the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, and the risk of the building being purchased for, and devoted to other purposes, than for the purpose of passing resolutions condemnatory or otherwise on past proceedings in relation thereto, hoping that the subject would be approached by each speaker in a proper Masonic spirit, and, as far as possible, free from personality or bias. A cool, calm consideration was necessary, and that could not be given if feeling was to be strongly displayed. The meeting was not formed, or held, under authority. It was more as a committee of interested persons than as a body of men capable of deciding upon action, and of carrying that action to a practical result. He called upon Bro. Stevens to read the letter published in the Masonic paper, and this was done.

From this point a lengthy discussion ensued, the details of which we consider it quite unnecessary to report. Freemasons have natural feelings and impulses, and it was not to be wondered at that the narration of certain past proceedings should have occasioned indignant remarks, which, although each speaker endeavoured to avoid personality, could not fail to be unacceptable to some individuals. However, all who desired to speak were listened to with attention, and many propositions were put forward with a view to remedy the past.

A Director endeavoured to explain away some of the extraordinary proceedings which were attributed to the Board, but failed to do so. Indignation was expressed that the shareholders had not been called together prior to the announcement of the sale by auction under foreclosure by the Mortgagees.

Sympathy for the builder, Bro. J. Oliver, whose unpaid balance for the erection of the buildings amounted to nearly £4,000 was generally expressed, and the tone of the meeting subsequently became that of a general desire to see him saved from so great a loss. Nothing however, resulted of a practical nature, as so little time remained for carrying out any of the suggestions made, and after two hours debate the brethren separated, very doubtful indeed as to the issue of the morrow's public sale of the building.

## FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

On Thursday week the Provincial Grand Lodge of the South Eastern District, met in the Masonic Hall, The Mall, Waterford. Never was there a larger meeting of the members of the Order held in the city. The large Lodge-room was well filled by brethren from the remotest parts of the district, and visitors from the Drogheda and Poonah Lodges. In addition to its being the quarterly communication, the members of the Craft assembled in great numbers, to show their regard and respect for their new R.W. P.G.M. Brother Stephen Moore, M.P., whom his Grace the Duke of Abercorn has appointed to that high dignity. They also were anxious to show the high estimation in which his predecessor, Sir John Keene, was held, and to express their gratitude for the genial rule he held over them from the formation of this Masonic Province, and also to testify their regret for Brother Denny, who has been his Deputy. After the R.W.P.G.M. was installed, he appointed Brother Guff, P.P.G. Treasurer, to be his deputy. The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the next year were then elected in the following order:—D. A. Milward, (5), P.G.S.W.; W. H. Constable (44), P.G.J.W.; T. Swan (116), P.G.S.D.; H. Waugh (32), P.G.J.D.; J. Sunderland (32), P.G.I.G.; J. E. Murphy (5), P.G. Treasurer; Rev. J. DeRenzy (297), P.G. Secretary and Chaplain; C. Fennell (44), and R. Walley (32), P.G. Stewards; J. Moreland (297), P.G. Organist.

Having transacted all business coming before it, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment rooms, where a sumptuous entertainment was provided under the banner of No. 5 Lodge, catered in the best style by Sergeant Tiffin, when the new P.G.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and as is done at all Masonic banquets, there was a collection made for the relief of the distressed members of the Order. The brethren separated at an early hour in "peace, love, and harmony."

Much credit is due to the Secretary Bro. Murphy, for the admirable manner in which he arranged for the banquet and meeting.

Bro. Col. Craton's proposition that be voted 100 guineas toward the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John's, New Brunswick, was we are happy to record carried unanimously at Grand Chapter on Wednesday.

## ANOTHER PROPOSED NEW MASONIC HALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The proposal to build a new Masonic Hall at Kirkdale, situated at the north end of Liverpool, has been for some time under consideration in the Walton Lodge, 1086, and to this lodge certainly belongs the credit of being pioneer in the movement. The result is that a company has been formed and the building already commenced. The proprietary and directorate are strictly confined to Masons, in order to avoid any clashing of interest in the management of affairs. The new hall, to be called the "Skelmersdale Hall," will be situated in Westminster-road, at the corner of Kirkstall-street. The building will have a handsome brick front and side elevation, and the upper part is to be exclusively reserved for Masonic work, and will be fitted with every convenience, the lodge-room being about 50 feet by 27 feet. The lower part will be principally taken up by the dining rooms, which will also be available for public meetings, &c., while the basement will contain kitchens and heating apparatus. The brethren have taken a large number of shares, and it is hoped that the building will be finished in time for the new year installation. It is believed that the Prince of Wales Lodge, the Walton Chapter and the Walton Mark Lodge, &c., will transfer their meetings to the hall, and it is hoped that the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, will consent to open the building with Masonic honours. The architect is Mr. John Wells, and the contractors Messrs. R. Wells and Sons.

## THE FIRE IN ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Masonic fraternity occupied the front portion of the upper story of Ritchie's building, Princess-street, where there were two lodge rooms and several ante-rooms; whilst the encampments of Knights Templars and the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite had their ante-rooms, armouries, &c., on the storey below. For nearly twenty-one years this building was the head quarters of Freemasonry in New Brunswick, the Craft having previously held their meetings in Marshall's Building, corner of Princess and Charlotte-streets, which also fell a victim to the fire. On September 24th, 1856, the late Grand Master Keith, of Halifax, then Prov. Grand Master of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, dedicated the hall to Freemasonry, there being a Masonic procession, service at Trinity Church, at which the Rev. Jerome Alley preached the dedication sermon, a Masonic dinner and ball in the evening. The late Alex. Balloch was Mr. Keith's Deputy for New Brunswick, but the old hall now in ashes witnessed the formal constitution of the Prov. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with Mr. Balloch as Prov. Grand Master, the installation of his successor, Robt. T. Clench, and finally the constitution of the Grand Lodge. The walls of the room were adorned with the warrants of the different bodies that met in the hall—some of them dating back to the early days of the present century, that of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, whose origin goes back to 1802, being the oldest—with choice engravings and paintings, including many Masonic pictures of interest, an oil painting of the Ascension of considerable merit, a portrait of the late Bro. Balloch, and Bro. Furlong's gift to the Grand Lodge of the "Prince of Wales in his Masonic clothing." To everything that hung on the walls some special interest attached. One bore the signature of some eminent man, another commemorated some great event, another was the work of a departed brother, another recalled struggles and trials of which nothing now but happy memories survived. Each body had its own silver jewels, banners, furniture, regalia, and cabinets. In the armoury of the Encampment of St. John of Knights Templars was probably the finest set of uniforms in Canada, and the loss falls not only on the organisation itself, but on individual members, whose private property was there. The Union De Molay Encampment also had a large lot of fine regalia. Albion Lodge had, among other treasures, one set of silver jewels, the gift of the late Asst.-Commissary General, Oliver Goldsmith, a descendant of the poet. Indeed, it would not do to undertake to recount the treasures which the Masonic bodies possessed—all are swept away. Not a thing in the room was saved, and no amount of money can replace the losses.

The bodies burnt out were:—Albion Lodge, St. John Lodge, Hibernia Lodge, Union Lodge of Portland, New Brunswick Lodge, Leinster Lodge, Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, St. John's Council Royal and Select Masters, New Brunswick Council Royal and Select Masters, Moore Conclave Knights R.C. of Rome and Constantine, Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars, Union De Molay Encampment, Knights Templars, Harington Lodge of Perfection, A. and A. Rite, Harington Chapter Rose Croix A. and A. Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, New Brunswick Consistory S.P.R.S. 32°.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is also a heavy loser, though it had very little property in the Masonic Hall buildings. Its library and valuables were chiefly kept in the room of the Grand Secretary, W. F. Bunting, Esq., in the City Buildings. All of the books, and there were many rare and curious ones, are destroyed. Indeed, so complete was the destruction that not even was a copy of proceedings of Grand Lodge to be found. A portion of the regalia was preserved. This is but a drop of water however, from an ocean of waste.—*St. John Globe.*

It has been decided to present the Mayor of Manchester with a gold key on the occasion of the opening of the new Town Hall, and a special design has been prepared and approved by a committee. The top will be of solid gold, pierced and richly enamelled, with the city arms on one side and the arms of the Mayor on the other.

## Obituary.

## BRO. WILLIAM PITT LELEIOHOKU.

The following Masonic Addresses to His Majesty on the death of H.R.H. Prince William Pitt Leleiohoku, heir-apparent to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and brother to King Kalakaua, will be read with interest by our readers. We are indebted to Bro. John J. Taylor, J.W. 121, Penzance, for the transcripts, who kindly forwarded them per W. Bro. W. Hughan, P.S.A.D., &c.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Universal Terrarum Orbis Architectonici Summi ad Gloriam."

From the Orient of Kamehameha Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, in the city of Honolulu, Kingdom of Hawaii, under the celestial of that zenith, which answers unto 21° 18' north latitude.

It having pleased the Supreme Grand Master and Great Architect of the Universe, in the decrees of his inscrutable wisdom to summon from an earthly to the Celestial Lodge the spirit of our beloved Brother William Pitt Leleiohoku, one whose youth, devotion to the sublime principles of Freemasonry, and marked abilities gave some promise of a career of future usefulness to his country, therefore,

Resolved, That while in the decease of our lamented brother, this lodge has sustained an irreparable loss, we bow with reverence and submission to the will of God.

Resolved, That we tender our most sincere and respectful condolence to our exalted Brother Kalakaua, to the Royal Sisters of the deceased Prince, and to Her Highness his adopted mother, in their sad bereavement, and we earnestly pray and confidently believe, that God himself will give them "the oil of joy for mourning, and a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

Committee. { Ph. Opfergelt.  
H. L. Sheldon.  
C. S. Bastow.

Honolulu, April, 24, 1877.

Sire and Brother Sir Knight,—We find it written in the "Great Light of Masonry" that "it is appointed for all men once to die," and the great leveler Death knocks at the door of a Prince's Palace, as well as at the cottage of the peasant, and although we have the consolation of religion to console us in the hour of trial, still when the summons comes for one in the pride of manhood, and with every prospect of a long and prosperous career before him, and eventually to a seat on the Throne which you now so worthily fill, the blow falls with crushing force; and we, the members of Honolulu Commandery, No. 1, of Knights Templar, feel that the Masonic chain which bound us together has been severed, ere yet the link which bound your Royal brother to us had become dimmed in its Masonic lustre, and that that link will only be re-united when we assemble before the Supreme Grand Commander.

But, to you, Sire, your sisters, his mother by adoption, and your brothers-in-law, we tender you on behalf of our Commandery that sympathy which Sir Knights should bear to each other in their afflictions.

We are, Sire,

Fraternally and respectfully,

D. K. Fyfe,  
Wm. G. Irwin,  
I. B. Peterson,  
Geo. Williams. } Committee.

Hall of Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, F. &amp; A. M.

Honolulu, May 9th, 1877.

Sire:—It was with the deepest feelings of grief that the Members of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, learned of the death of their brother W. P. Leleiohoku, on the 10th of April last.

The Lodge desires to express to your Majesty, and to the Royal Family, their sympathy with you all, in this your great bereavement, and to assure you, that they feel very severely the loss of their brother, who had in his short Masonic intercourse with the Lodge, made himself respected and loved.

Sire, in times of grief and trouble, human sympathy and condolence avails but little to soften the blow, but the little the Lodge can offer you and your family of sympathy, they do fully and feelingly.

As a brother Mason you know full well, the brotherly feeling one Mason should have for another; we can assure you that this Lodge, had the full Masonic feeling for your brother; they feel, that in his early death, not only his family, but the whole nation have met with a great loss.

With the renewed expression of the Lodge's sympathy, and condolence to your Majesty and the Royal Family.

We have the honor to be your Majesty's most obedient servants,

Committee { W. F. Allen, P.M.  
M. Louison,  
Chas. T. Gulick.

To His Majesty, Kalakaua.

## THE LATE BRO. HENRY NEWMAN.

The Masonic fraternity in Liverpool have once more been called on to mourn the loss of a brother whose praise was deservedly in all the lodges for geniality, generosity, and nobility of character. Bro. Henry Newman, who for a long time was a worthy member of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, after a brief illness, died at his residence, "Binfield," Park-lane, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 19th ult. Deceased was formerly connected with the volunteer service, and identified with a number of local charitable institutions and public bodies. He was universally esteemed by an extensive circle of friends in and around Liverpool, and the large gathering at his funeral, which



took place at Holy Trinity Church, Waverley, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., where the body was interred in a new family vault, showed how deep and general was the respect for his memory and how great the regret for his loss. The attendance comprised representatives of nearly every class, amongst the number being several well-known Masonic brethren. At the deceased's late residence a short service was conducted by the Rev. P. T. Forfar, minister of Oldham-street Scotch Church, an intimate friend of the family; and the body was afterwards removed to the place of interment. The relatives of the deceased present were Masters Henry, Thomas, and William Newman (sons of the deceased), and his brothers, Bro. Captain W. J. Newman, 80th L.R.V., and Mr. Arthur Newman (who has been associated with him in business as a dentist for about 18 years). Amongst those present at the funeral were Captain R. E. Stewart, Major Robinson, Captain Bradley, Captain and Adjutant Bloomfield, Bros. Councillors G. Peet, G. Fowler, and D. Campbell, Bro. Dr. Kisch, Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, the Rev. P. T. Forfar, Messrs J. Hood, G. Hunter, J. Moulding, Bros. Joseph Wood, (Freemason), R. R. Martin, C. Campion, J. S. Macbeth, S. Campbell, C. Dvall, C. Powell, H. Lawson, R. Bennett, A. Ralph W. Chapple, T. Langstraw, C. Stewart, W. Peet, Bro. H. Crowther, Bro. W. Gamble, J. Milner, Wilson, J. Winkle, C. Wells, Durandu, R. Compton, Pealing, Fraser, Jones, C. Wignall, W. Ring, N. Ring, &c. The funeral service in the church and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. R. Irvine, curate of St. Mary's, Waverley. Mr. J. J. Monk, was the Organist, and played the "Dead March" in "Saul" as the body was taken into and removed from the church. The solemn funeral service was partly choral, the choristers being Bros. T. Armstrong, P. G. Treasurer, T. J. Hughes, H. C. Harrison, Hogarth, Hughes, jun., and three boys. The 30th Psalm was sung to Felton's chant, and the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," formed the closing portion of the church service. The responses and the hymn "Jesus Lives" were also sung at the side of the grave by the same choristers. Messrs. J. and W. Okill, Waverley, were the undertakers. The deceased was for some time a member of the Toxteth board of guardians and of the Toxteth local board. He was also honorary dentist to the Orphan Boys' and Infants' Asylums, Myrtle-street; the Stanley Hospital, Bootle Hospital, the Indefatigable Training Ship, and the Seamen's Orphanage. He was also a member of the Temple Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1094, in which he was greatly esteemed; and he was probably instrumental in creating a large number of life-governors for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, by his benevolent efforts, than any other brother in the province. The deceased formerly held a captaincy in the 1st L.E.V., and in 1869 he was presented with an illuminated address and sword by the members of his company (E), and with another address by the general corps on his retirement in 1871.

#### BRO. GEORGE WARD HUNT.

It is with much regret we announce the death of Bro. Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty. The announcement has caused considerable surprise, coming as it did so closely upon more favourable news, which had led us to expect his early return to the Admiralty in order to resume his official duties. But the hopes of his friends have experienced a sad and unexpected blow. Early on Sunday morning a telegram was dispatched from Homburg urgently requesting the presence of his son, and shortly afterwards a telegram reached the Admiralty asking the authorities not to forward any more official documents, as the right hon. gentleman would for the present be unable to give them his attention. Later on came another telegram announcing that he had expired at half-past ten o'clock.

Bro. George Ward Hunt was the only surviving son of the late Rev. George Hunt, of Buckhurst, Berkshire, and Wadenhoe House, Oundle, Northamptonshire. He was born at Buckhurst on the 30th of July, 1825, and was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A., second in Classics, in 1838, and M. A. in 1851. In the year 1870 he was made an honorary D.C.L. by his university. He married, in 1857, Alice, the third daughter of the Right Rev. Robert Eden, Bishop of Moray and Ross. He was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in November, 1851, and for a short time went the Oxford circuit, but he relinquished practice before he entered Parliament. In 1873 he was made a bencher of his inn, and amongst other appointments he was one of the Royal Commissioners for Inquiring into the Constitution of the Law Courts.

Bro. Hunt first entered Parliament in 1857 as the Conservative candidate for the borough of Northampton, and during his service was extremely popular, his manly, frank nature gaining him the friendship even of his political opponents.

The Lord Mayor announced that in consequence of the lamented decease of the First Lord of the Admiralty, the banquet to her Majesty's Ministers fixed for Wednesday last, would not be held.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, at Homburg. Col. Gardiner represented the Queen. All the English and American residents and visitors attended, including Bishop Macdougall and Bishop Masters, Archdeacon Hopper, and Archdeacon Huxtable, Lord Tweeddale, Lord Waterford, the Earl of Warwick, Lord Forester, and Lord Farham, Admiral Sir John Drummond and Admiral Wiles, General Sir Richard Wilbraham, General Green, and General Wilkinson, Mr. Trelawney, Mr. Miles, Mr. Wedderburn, the British Consul, and many others, more than 100 in number. The Vivid, Staff-Commander Wise, which conveyed the late First Lord of the Admiralty and family to Cologne, arrived at Portsmouth on Tuesday, from Devonport, and proceeded to Antwerp for the purpose of embarking Mrs. Ward Hunt and relatives,

but is detained at Cologne owing to the illness of Mrs. Hunt, caused by excessive grief.

#### BRO. JOHN EMMENS, P.M., &c.

It is also our melancholy duty to record the death of Bro. J. Emmens, a well-known and much esteemed brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172. His funeral takes place on Friday, the 3rd inst. The brethren of the Old Concord will assemble at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, at 11.30 a.m., leaving that establishment at 12.30 p.m. for Brompton Cemetery, which they expect to reach at 1.30. White kid gloves and ties will be worn, and a sprig of accacia carried by each brother. An account of the proceedings will appear in our next.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons Hall, on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock precisely, at which meeting Bro. Col. Creaton will move, "That the Building Committee be authorized to expend the sum of £2500 in the purchase of a plot of land adjoining the premises of the Institution at St. John's Hill."

The Masons of the English and other lodges of Smyrna, on the invitation of Bro. Stab, P.M. of the Homer, have contributed £50 for the benefit of the Turkish wounded.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, accompanied by the Duchess, left town on Wednesday last, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, at Mount-Edgumbe, Plymouth.

The consecration of the Chapter of United Strength, No. 228, took place on Tuesday last at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The principal officers installed were Comps. J. Terry, Z.; John Winsland, H.; and Robert Griggs, J.; The ceremonies were performed by Comp. H. Muggeridge, P.G.S. Br. All the founders are members of the mother lodge. A full report will appear in our next.

The *Whitehall Review* understands that the office of Sub-Prior of the Order of the Temple, vacant by the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, will probably be conferred by the Grand Prior upon the Earl of Carnarvon. It was hoped that Prince Leopold would have accepted the office, but the state of his health will not allow him to undertake any additional Masonic duties.

The *Daily News* states that the Masonic lodge of Perigueux has been dissolved. The offence lay in some of the brethren saying that Freemasonry was the most fraternal, rational, and, in its essence, Christian religion in the world. I believe this view is not confined to the Masons of Perigord.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to take under her patronage the Westminster Training School and Home for Nurses, 8, Broad Sanctuary, founded in 1874 by Lady Augusta Stanley, has sent a donation of £100 in aid of its funds.

Princess Louise (Marchioness) and the Marquis of Lorne left Kensington Palace on Tuesday morning for Germany.

Among the soldiers who left for Malta on board the *Crocodile* on Friday evening, July 27th, was a man who had enlisted in the 2nd battalion of the 13th Light Infantry under an assumed name, but who is now discovered to be really named Burke, and to be heir to an estate in Chancery worth £70,000. A solicitor arrived at Portsmouth shortly before the departure of the troop-ship, and acquainted the lucky fellow with the change in his fortune, but there was no time to complete the formalities necessary for his discharge.—*Standard*.

The marriage of the Lady Mayoress (Miss White) and Mr. Cecil Price is to be solemnised on Thursday next, in St. Paul's Cathedral, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishop of Ely and Canon Liddon. It is expected that the Bishop of London will also be present. The service will be choral. It is stated that it is nearly 120 years since a marriage was celebrated at St. Paul's.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—All Advertisements intended for insertion in our next issue should reach the Advertisement Office, 198, Fleet-street, E.C., by 12 o'clock noon on Wednesdays, and all communications respecting the same must be addressed to THE PUBLISHER.

The Lord Chancellor has offered the vicarage of Sheffield to the Rev. Canon Blakeney, vicar of St. Paul's, Sheffield. The *Sheffield Telegraph* mentions that should the Rev. Canon accept the vicarage of Sheffield, the next presentation to the vicarage of St. Paul's rests with himself.

The directors of the Midland Railway Company have decided to recommend to the proprietors the payment of a dividend on the ordinary stock for the past half-year at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum.

It is in contemplation to erect a statue of Bro. Alderman Walker, Mayor of Liverpool, in commemoration of his gift of an art gallery to the town.

A meeting of the Urban Literary Club was held on Tuesday week, at St. John's Gate, Bro. S. S. Bacca taking the chair.

Mr. Simmons, the aeronaut, ascended from Dewsbury, on Monday, and descended at Sleaford, 100 miles distant, an hour afterwards.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Tait will leave Addington Park about the 15th inst., to pay a few visits in Ireland, and will afterwards go to Scotland or the autumn.

In nothing are men more fastidious or fanciful than in pens. What one writer would call exquisite another would deem execrable, what one would term beautiful another would consider wretched. Of course, under such circumstances, no pen, however carefully manufactured, can be expected to suit all hands, but by purchasing a sample box of Macniven and Cameron's pens, now of world-wide reputation, any writer, whatever may be his peculiar notions of a good pen, can find one to suit his hand. We have been favoured with samples of many descriptions of pen manufactured solely by this eminent and well known firm, and really feel great pleasure in recommending them to our readers. We cordially endorse the numerous favourable criticisms that these nibs have been subjected to by the Press throughout the world, and quite agree with the following now well-known lines:

"They come as a boon and a blessing to men,  
The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen."

The foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall was laid at Barnard Castle, on Tuesday by the W.M. of the "Barnard" Lodge, No. 1230. The edifice will prove an ornament to Newgate, which street has of late years been considerably improved in its architecture. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Financial trouble, we are pained to learn, has overtaken our brethren in Indiana, whose Grand Lodge is embarrassed by a debt of 100,000 dollars. A joint-stock company is spoken of to save the new Masonic Temple at Indianapolis. The Temple is worth a quarter of a million of dollars.

ROMISH INTOLERANCE has been exhibited afresh in Australia, in the case of the late Bro. Maurice Reynolds, a lawyer of repute, of Parramatta. The remains of Bro. Reynolds were refused interment, with the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, because he was a Freemason. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Irish Constitution), Bro. Jackson, conducted, however, the Masonic service, and pronounced an eloquent oration at the grave. We are reminded by this incident of a like event that occurred four years ago in Australia, when the Romish priests of Sydney refused to bury the Chief Justice of New South Wales, because he was a Mason, when the District Grand Chaplain, (English Constitution), Bro. Rev. Wazir Brg, M.D., LL.D., performed the last rites of the Craft at his grave. Freemasonry is not opposed to the Romish, or any other Church, but Rome is for ever at war with every liberal principle, and permits her children to have no secrets from her, and not even to do good secretly.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. R. Phillips, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

A notice from the Post Office states that on and after Aug. 1st, a single post-card, or any number of post-cards—whether "stout" or "thin"—may be purchased by the public. The prices respectively will be according to the following scale, namely:—Stout cards: one, 2d.; two, 1½d.; three 2d.; four, 2½d.; five, 3½d.; six, 4d. Thin cards: one, 1½d.; two, 1d.; three, 1½d.; four, 2½d.; five, 3d.; six, 3½d.

The *Australian Freemason*, in June entered upon its fourth year. We congratulate its Editor, Bro. Dr. Beg, upon its evident prosperity.

The *Masonic Eclectic*, of Washington, D.C., has just completed its first volume. We fraternally congratulate Bro. Ramey, primarily upon its value, and secondarily upon its beauty.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom must be addressed to the Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Ever useful.—The afflicted by illness should look their diseases fully in the face and at once seek a remedy for them. A short search will convince the most sceptical that these noble medicaments have afforded ease, comfort, and oftentimes complete recovery, to the most tortured sufferers. The Ointment will cure all descriptions of sores, wounds, boils, leg ulcers, eruptions, erysipelas, rheumatism, gout, and skin diseases. The Pills never fail in correcting and strengthening the stomach, and in restoring deranged liver to a wholesome condition, in rousing torpid kidneys to increase their secretion and in re-establishing the natural healthy activity of the bowels. Holloway's are the remedies for complaints of all classes of society.—ADVT.



## NOTICE.

**THE HOLIDAYS.**—Brethren leaving town for the holidays can have the *Freemason* forwarded to any new address on communicating with the Publisher.

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## TO ADVERTISERS.

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## NOTICE.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received are published in the first number of every month.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

## NEW POSTAL RATES.

Owing to a reduction in the Postal Rates, the publisher is now enabled to send the "*Freemason*" to the following parts abroad for One Year for Thirteen Shillings (payable in advance):—Africa, Australia, Bombay, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, China, Constantinople, Demerara, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Jamaica, Malta, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Suez, Trinidad, United States of America, &c.

## Answers to Correspondents.

AN OLD DEVONSHIRE P.M.—Devonshire was, by a printer's error, set up for Derbyshire.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Keystone," "Hebrew Leader," "L'Art," "Freemasons' Repository," "Chaine D'Union," "New York Dispatch."

## REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Adams, F., The Cape, (P.O.O.)	...	...	£1	6	0
Brown, G., U.S.A., (P.O.O.)	...	...	0	12	0
Francis, E., New Zealand, (P.O.O.)	...	...	1	4	0
Goldsmith, Panama, (P.O.O.)	...	...	3	0	0
Hart, W., New Zealand, (P.O.O.)	...	...	0	13	0
Johnson, H., U.S.A., (P.O.O.)	...	...	0	13	0
Morrison, J., Spain, ...	...	...	0	17	8
Phillips, S., The Cape, ...	...	...	1	6	0
Revell, W. H., New Zealand, ...	...	...	2	9	0
Samson, B., New York ...	...	...	0	12	0
W.M., Lodge of St. John, Perth	...	...	2	10	0

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## MARRIAGES.

GORTON—TURNER.—On the 26th ult., at the parish church, Horringer, Suffolk, John Edward, son of the Ven. J. Gorton, late Archdeacon of Madras, and Rector of Kirby-la-Thorpe, Lincolnshire, to Mary Catherine, daughter of J. H. Turner, Esq.,

WYLLY—CLERK.—On the 23rd June, at St. Mark's, Bangalore, Edward A. E. Wyll, Lieut. 8th Regt. M.N.I., to Henrietta Mary, daughter of R. Clerk, Esq.,

## DEATHS.

BARNARD.—On the 26th ult., George Barnard, of Sidmouth, Devon, aged 47, deeply lamented.

DODSWORTH.—On the 26th ult., at Roseford gardens, Shepperton's-bush, Penelope Ruth, widow of G. E. Dodsworth, Lieutenant H.R.A.

EMMENS.—On the 28th ult., Bro. John Emmens, P.M. and Sec., Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, of 254, Kingsland-road, N., in his 68th year.

RADCLIFFE.—On the 30th ult., of consumption of the brain, Edward, eldest son of Bro. Dick Radcliffe, aged three years. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

WATERFIELD.—On the 18th ult., David Waterfield, of Ladbroke-grove-road, aged 45.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1877.

## THE LAST MEETING OF GRAND CHAPTER.

We are glad to note that after the transaction of the usual business, and the granting of several new warrants, Grand Chapter dealt with the opportune motion of our gallant Companion Col. Creaton. All our readers are aware of the dreadful fire at St. John, and Comp. Col. Creaton proposed to vote 100 guineas towards the fund now raising for so many homeless and distressed fellow creatures. We are happy to record that the motion was unanimously agreed to, and the amount will be paid over to the Mansion House Fund. Those of us who take pleasure in Royal Arch Masonry will be gratified to observe the gradual growth of Capitular Masonry and the prosperous financial condition of Grand Chapter. We have always been among those who deeply value and admire Royal Arch Masonry, and can realize the need and importance of the Grand Chapter.

## SUMMER MUSINGS.

Summer is upon us in full force, and in its glowing hours some of us may be disposed to think, (if we think at all), that the seasons pass us by very quickly. So in truth they do; but still as they neither accelerate nor decrease their speed, such as that quickness of passage is, such it has been since the Great Architect of the Universe proclaimed his glad and loving Fiat, and the grateful voice of Nature and of man echoed these thrilling and familiar words, "Behold," it is all "very good!" It has often struck us, and perhaps the same idea may have struck the minds of some of our more thoughtful readers, that there is something very wonderful in this unchangeability of the great created world of nature all around us. Years come and go, centuries disappear, ages vanish in turn, and still, summer and winter, cold and heat, day and night do not cease. Strange revolutions and wondrous events take place on this lower earth of ours, great scenes, moving epochs fraught with untold happiness or sorrow to our human race, appear and fade away one by one, but still Nature asserts its ceaseless sway, and continues its unaltered appearance. This earth of ours changes; it is true that its contour receives a sensible alteration of appearance. Dry land becomes sea; sea becomes dry land; hills subside; volcanoes cease their fiery ebullitions; towns and villages utterly disappear; and the whole face of a country or district is greatly and strikingly varied. But through all these outer changes and revolutions, the operations of nature never cease. The seed is sown, the seed is harrowed, the seed springs to life, the seed becomes the full corn in the ear; and the summer harvest is reaped at last, for the food of millions, for the contentment of all. All through these long ages and through these marvellous centuries, through peace and war, through plague and pestilence and famine, through human joy and suffering, and gladness and tears, through the long roll of living and dying men, over the graves of countless generations, all the while the beneficial and remedial processes of kindly Nature, in the good providence of Almighty God, have kept on their ceaseless round. There is no change possible, no destruction no diminution, no revolution for them. Such as Infinite Goodness and Wisdom have planned them, in Infinite Forethought, Contrivance, and Design, such they are still, such they ever will be, alike for the praise and wonder, the grateful memories, and the reverential thoughts of reflective mortals. And as Freemasons, we are bound alike, taught by our symbolic lore and our human sympathies, to regard with mingled pleasure and awe the wonderful works of nature all around us. To us, let us hope, that mighty Creation which spreads before our enraptured gaze on every side is something more than a mere piece of

extraordinary mechanism, a mere act of dreary necessitarianism, but rather a compact, astounding, living whole, witnessing, ever to us, that the Hand which made all these things and us is indeed Divine, that that outward and startling fabric of a world of ceaseless wonders is indeed permeated ever, penetrated through and through, by a Living Spirit which tells to all listening ears, and gentle minds, that all we see around us, is the benign handiwork of our Great Creator. When, then, as to day some of us may be strolling, amid childhood's pleasant voices, and fair faces, and warm hearts, by the sands of the great sea, or when we are loitering among green fields, or noting the crops of golden grain, or inhaling the scent of the heather on breezy moors, or resting neath the shades of umbrageous trees, let us call to mind reverently that in respect of these glorious and beneficent gifts of Nature we are not to treat them as idle things, of no account, but we are to value them deeply and truly. Nothing often is so consoling to the jaded heart and strained spirits of our race as the aspects of Nature, in its gentler forms or even in its more startling phasis. There is a soothing and subduing influence for all right-thinking beings in the sights and sounds of the sea waves, in the murmur of the breeze, in the tracery of the foliage, in the gleaming graces of field and forest, of hill and dale, of the goodly lochs, and the luxuriant pastures. The wise and instructed Freemason will regard these outer things gladly and gratefully, and he will look through them all as though, unequalled in themselves and imparting true joy and peace and wisdom to man, yet also bidding us, with no uncertain voice, believe, that we see and hear "voices in the babbling brooks, sermons in stones, and God in everything."

## OUR GREAT HOSPITALS.

We are among those who consider our London Hospitals a source of genuine pride and satisfaction to every Englishman! For they are purely English in their conception, in their development, in their labours, and in their views. They represent equally the efforts of enlightened philanthropy and the perfection of medical science—the indubitable spirit of Christianity and the noble toils and skilful assiduity of an admirable profession. In nothing, perhaps, is true benevolence so much displayed and so rightfully employed as in the alleviation and treatment of the many maladies to which humanity is "heir to" in that kindly and unselfish ministering to the urgent and palpable sufferings of the afflicted and tormented of our fellow creatures. Our London Hospitals, founded by benevolent persons, supported by the sympathetic, are, we venture to think, Institutions concerning which all patriotic Englishmen have but one opinion, deserving, as they most surely do, the commendation and confidence of us all. Of late a theory has been started, we hardly know on what authority, certainly not, we believe, on that of the medical profession at large—namely, that "gratuitous medical relief" is a mistake altogether. At the present day, abounding with sciolists and "windbags" of every species and genus, and when men seldom reason, and hardly ever give themselves the trouble to think, no paradox is too perverse, and no proposition is too preposterous but they are sure, to find plenty of teachers and supporters. We are favoured at once with an overflow of "tall talk," of magnificent lucubrations, of dreary essays on so-called first principles. It is at once boldly assumed and dogmatically declared that all "gratuitous medical relief" is vicious and vitiating per se, and without drawing on the sublime memories of the past to restrain and correct the crude ideas of the present, we are coolly and decidedly told that all "gratuitous medical relief" is condemned by the experience of the day, (the experience of the day!—God help us all!), and that in the future, hospitals are, or ought to be, "self-supporting," and the example of the United States is invoked in support of this great revolution. But as often happens, though some writers unnecessarily press the regulations of American Hospitals upon us, in proof of the



soundness of their own views, yet they always forget, in their hurry to profit by the so-called "illustration," that the London hospitals and the American hospitals have been founded under entirely different circumstances, and the same rules which apply to the latter may not perhaps equally apply to the former. We shall, however, be very greatly surprised to hear, that the "American illustration" goes very far, if it goes any way at all, as we have read accounts of noble institutions attended to by most skilled members of the medical profession in the United States, in which the principle of administration is with them, as with us, "gratuitous medical relief." But even supposing that the special circumstances of the United States might demand a different system from ours, is that any reason why we should change ours in obedience to a technical cry or a hard and fast line of an abstract proposition, which so far as appears are more tentative than practical, more suggestive than real? That it may be a good thing, and a very proper thing, to establish hospitals for those who can afford to pay for medical treatment there, and prefer to avail themselves of the services of skilled nurses and an able medical staff, is a matter for serious consideration, about which, as in all sub-lunary questions, much may be said, and will be said, on both sides of the case. But coolly and solemnly to propose that because of an admitted "abuse," (countless are the abuses of life), we are to do away at once with a great and admitted "use" is a very striking commentary on the shallowness and superficiality of the hour. We certainly are living in strange times, and have to witness curious episodes. And most distressing is it to the thoughtful mind, when the great difficulty of the hour is to steer clear, as between the excess of dogmatism and the excess of doubts—between the untenable claim of authority and the ill-omened assumptions of scepticism—to find that the more unmeaning, illogical, and unsound a proposition is, the more likely is it to commend itself to the appreciation of the impulsive, and to the acceptance of the unthinking. Hasty assertion, unfounded induction, and audacious arguments, which would have scared Aldrich, horrified Whateley, and distressed Mansel, "are apparently the order of the day just now;" and we need only take up the daily papers to find many specimens of "capital crimes" against right reasoning and common sense, which some of the "Parrots" of this, our generation, indulge in habitually for the amusement of their fellow men, and to their own evident self-satisfaction. We therefore protest, once for all, to-day against the hasty asseveration that the principle of "gratuitous medical relief" is either condemned by the experience of the "Faculty," or hurtful to true charity, or subversive of the proper and needful administration of our great and admirable hospitals. We shall recur to this subject in our next.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### SHAKESPEARE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

My name having transpired in the course of the interesting correspondence on the above subject, I should like, with your permission, to say a word touching the same. As an outsider I should have thought that had Shakespeare been a Freemason, his name, when he was initiated, would have been entered in the book or books of his lodge, and that such book or books would have been preserved. Perhaps, however, I am wrong in supposing that any books whatever are kept, in which case, of course, my suggestion is valueless. Your correspondent, Stephen C. Heath, Esq., makes, I think, a great mistake in giving scraps of quotations from the great poet to show that he was a Freemason. Shakespeare was so voluminous a writer, and touched upon almost every conceivable subject in his writings, that by thus "chopping" his sayings up, as does Mr. Heath, he could with some plausibility be made to be anything. Besides, we all have a tendency, I think, to dwell unduly upon favourite passages in the writings of great men, and tutor ourselves to believe in the end that our prejudices were shared by them. We should learn, more especially when dealing with dramatists, to distinguish between the sentiments they held and those they deemed fit, for dramatic purposes, to put into the mouths of their characters. A Roman Catholic does no violence to his conscience when he asserts that Shakespeare

was a member of his faith—he can give many quotations and bits of quotations to favour his argument; the same may be said of a Protestant, or even an Atheist. Let me deal with two or three of Mr. Heath's "hashed up" quotations, given for the purpose of proving Shakespeare was a Freemason.

1st. "Who builds stronger than a mason?"—Hamlet, A. 5, S. 2.

To a non-student of Shakespeare this would read, standing alone as Mr. Heath gives it, as though Shakespeare implied by the question thus put, as it were, defiantly, that none could build stronger than a mason, (by the way, there is no capital M to mason in the original), whereas the question, including others besides masons, is put by one gravedigger to another, and the answer, as we all know, is that the gravedigger builds stronger than any.

2nd. "The labour we delight in physics pain."—Macbeth, A. 2, S. 2.

This may or may not apply in a particular sense to Freemasonry, but I am very certain it applies with great force to all civilised men—and to women too, civilised or otherwise.

3rd. "Friends now fast sworn, whose double bosoms seem to wear one heart."—Coriolanus, A. 4, S. 4.

There is only a comma after the word "heart" not a full stop. The quotation runs thus:—

"Friends now fast sworn,  
Whose double bosoms seem to wear one heart,  
Whose house, whose bed, whose meal and exercise,  
Are still together, who twice as 'twere, in love,  
Unseparable, shall within this hour,  
On a dissention of a doil, break out  
To bitterest enmity."

By quoting this passage, for only in its entirety has it any sense, Mr. Heath would give outsiders to think that Freemasons are much given to "falling out" about nothing.

4th. "Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all."—Troilus and Cressida, A. 3, S. 3.

There is no stop whatever after the word "all." Here is the passage:—

"Beauty, wit,  
High birth, vigour of bone, desert in service,  
Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all  
To envious and calumniating time."

In conclusion, whether Shakespeare was a Freemason or not, I fail to see what good can arise by straining beautiful and well beloved passages from their original meaning. Let Shakespeare be found to have been a Freemason by all means—I do not begrudge your Craft the honour, but in the discussion let there, I pray, be no "fantastic tricks" played with the writings of the great poet.

I remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

G. SOMERS BELLAMY.

#### ROLL OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Very singularly about the time that Bro. G. R. Harriett was writing his letter to you of your last issue, I was observing that such a work should be issued about every five years by the united action of the various Grand Lodges.

Bro. Leon Hyneman, now of New York, printed such a work in 1860, entitled the "World's Masonic Register: containing the name, number, location, and time of meeting of every Masonic Lodge in the World, so far as known; also, of every Chapter, Council, and Commandery in the United States and Canada; also the date of organisation, time and place of meeting of every Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery in the United States and Canada, with the Statistics of each Masonic Jurisdiction; also, the name, business, residence and Masonic affiliations, and titles of each subscriber, besides much useful and valuable Masonic information. Philadelphia. Printed for the author by J. B. Lippincott and Co. 1860." (556 well got-up pages.) I suppose it could not have paid, or would have been followed by other editions.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry I did not, until to day, see my copy of the *Freemason* of last week, that I might have, at the first opportunity, corrected the error into which your correspondent had fallen. I certainly acted as a Steward at the last festival, but it was not my good fortune to send in the grand sum your correspondent attributes to me. How the mistake can have arisen I can't tell, but I have just referred to your report of June 30th, and see that the sum of £661 10s. od. was placed to my name, instead of the modest sum of ten guineas.

I take this opportunity of correcting another mistake in connection with my name and the Boys' School. On June 16th I was reported as a winner of a life governorship by one of Bro. Constable's tickets—No. 9993—such, however, was not the case. Amongst the tickets I sold for our good Bro. Constable two drew prizes—No. 9993 was one of these, and it was purchased and held by Bro. Joseph Starkey.

I was pleased to hear of West Yorkshire's handsome contribution—£766 10s. od.—suggesting, as it does, that—  
"The clouds that lowered upon our house (at Wood Green);

In the deep bosom of the ocean buried."

I am, Fraternally yours,

S. B. ELLIS.

July 27th, 1877.

#### THE LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

The following appeared in the Masonic columns of the *N. Y. Dispatch*—

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can somewhat corroborate the position taken by the writer of the *Keystone* article on "Free and Accepted Masons," reprinted in the *Dispatch* of June 24th. Some years ago, being anxious to learn the details of my grandfather's record as a member of Lion and Lamb Lodge, London, I wrote to W. Bro. John G. Marsh, the Secretary of that lodge, in respect thereto. In reply I received several courteous letters, and this truly fraternal brother even went so far as to search the list at Freemasons' Hall, London, and the lodge minutes books for me without charge.

My grandfather, R. W. Bro. Thomas Sothoran, P.M., and in good standing in his mother lodge for over fifty-eight years, was initiated in 1808, under the so-called "York" Constitutions, but really those of "The Ancients." The warrant of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, of which my uncle and my father were also members, was granted December 24, 1789, by the Marquis of Antrim. W. Bro. Marsh informed me that this nobleman "was Grand Master of Masons according to the Constitutions granted by H.R.H. Prince Edwin of York, A.D. 926; and when the union took place in 1813, the constitution of the York (?) Grand Lodge became united with the Grand Lodge of England, so that since that date, the warrant having been confirmed and registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, we have continued so up to the present time." The warrant of the lodge commences in a way which cannot be misunderstood so far as the designation "Free and Accepted Masons" is concerned: "We, the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions, granted by H.R.H. Prince Edwin of York, Anno Domini, 926, and in the year of Masonry 4926, in ample form assembled, viz.: The Rt. Worshipful and Puissant Prince Randall William McDonnell, Marquis, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunlacy, Lord Lieut. of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging to, Grand Master of Masons, &c."

The numerical position of Lion and Lamb Lodge, after the union of the Moderns and "Ancients" in 1813, was No. 325; in 1832 it was altered to No. 227, and in 1863 to 192.

So much is to be learned on the various issues involved that I would recommend those interested to study what I consider the two best works on the subject, and which cover the whole of the debatable ground from every conceivable standpoint. They are Leon Hyneman's "Freemasonry in England from 1567 to 1813, including an analysis of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 and 1738, authorised by the Grand Lodge of England." 12mo., pp. 192. New York: R. Worthington, 1877; and William James Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union of A.D. 1813." 4to., pp. 120. London: Chatto & Windus, 1874. In conclusion, I should say that the list of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from 1717 to 1813, according to Hughan, reveals the fact that there were three distinct Grand Lodges of all England in existence during some portions of that period, namely, "The Moderns," "The York Masons," and "The Ancients."

The list of "Moderns" begins with Anthony Sayer, elected first speculative Grand Master, 1717, at the Apple Tree Inn, by four old operative lodges, and concludes with H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, 1813.

Of the "York Masons," R. W. Bro. Hughan says: "The earliest roll of Masters preserved of the Ancient Lodge, held at York, commences 1705, when Sir George Tempest was the chief officer, and down to the year 1724 the chairman was either styled Master or President, in which Lord Bingley, Sir William Robinson, Bart., Sir Walter Hawkesworth, and others served the lodge, but it was not until 1725 that the members constituted themselves into the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, at which date the list of their General Masters begins."

In 1725 Charles Bathurst was elected first Grand Master of the "York Masons," and there appears, with two breaks (1734—1761 and 1782—1791), a succession of sixteen Grand Masters, up to Edward Wooley, 1792, when this Grand Lodge collapsed.

The secession of "The Ancients" took place in 1753, and on December 5th of that year Robert Turner was elected Grand Master of this schismatical body by some dozen lodges. From 1753 to 1813, when H.R.H. the Duke of Kent was Grand Master, there were altogether ten Grand Masters of "Ancients." The Marquis of Antrim, who granted the warrant of the Lion and Lamb Lodge referred to, was, from 1782 to 1790, Grand Master of "The Ancients," who have been also termed "Atholl Masons," from the fact of two successive Dukes of Atholl having ruled over the body from 1771 to 1781, and from 1791 to 1813.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES SOTHERAN.

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# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts was held on the 27th July, at Barnet, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., presiding. By the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Hutton, vicar of Barnet, the Provincial Grand Lodge was accommodated with the use of the National School Rooms, which, by the grace and kindness of the ladies of Barnet, were beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags, emblems, and flowers.

The parish church also was placed at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. George Finch, Vicar of Leverstock Green, for a special service, in which he was assisted by the Incumbent, Organist, and fell choir.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened at the National School Rooms, the officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows:

J. Sedgwick, 404	.....	D.Prov. G.M.
J. Livingston, 1385	.....	Prov. S.G.W.
P. W. Taylor, 409	.....	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne, 404	.....	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. G. Finch, 404	.....	Prov. G. Chap.
A. J. Copeland, 404	.....	Prov. G. Treas.
H. C. Finch, 404	.....	Prov. G. Reg.
F. H. Wilson Iles, 404	.....	Prov. G. Sec.
Geo. Askew, 1385	.....	Prov. G.S.D.
Edgar Bowyer, 1580	.....	Prov. G.J.D.
E. A. Simson, 403	.....	Prov. G.S. of W.
James Terry, 1327	.....	Prov. G.D.C.
D. C. Foster, 504	.....	Prov. G.S.B.
W. J. Fitch, 504	.....	Prov. G.Org.
F. Venables, 1385	.....	Prov. G. Purst.
J. E. Dawson, 404	.....	Prov. G.A. Purst.
J. Parrott, 1385	.....	Prov. G. Stwd.
J. Brittain, 1385	.....	"
W. J. Green, 404	.....	"
W. Webb, 1580	.....	"
Bernhard, 869	.....	"
W. J. Crutch, 1580	.....	"
T. Thomas, 404	.....	Prov. G. Tyler.
T. Wright, 403	.....	"

The Prov. Grand Officers and brethren were then marshalled in due order, and marched in procession to the parish church to attend Divine service, as above stated. The sermon, preached by Bro. Finch, Prov. Grand Chap., was taken from the text "God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are," xviii. Luke, part of 11th verse. "Was this," said the preacher, "thanksgiving, or was it mere boasting? If the speaker felt within himself that God in His mercy had done a great deal for him, that he had kept him from the presumptuous sins that those about him were devoted to, and that this goodness demanded praise and thanksgiving from him, then he said surely in no better words could such beautiful gratitude be expressed than 'I thank Thee I am not as other men are,' but if on the contrary it was nothing but pride, nothing but self-esteem, which drew from his lips the opinion he had formed of himself, and if it was only in a spirit of boasting that he spoke of himself as being different from others, his language was ill-chosen, his appeal to the Most High Irreverent and his sweeping denunciation of others quite out of place in a house of prayer." Passing by the more particular examination of the position of the speaker and the publican, the preacher proceeded to consider what it was that prompted this prayer, if prayer it might be called, 'God, I thank Thee I am not as other men are,' and said it must be borne in mind that the man was a Pharisee, a member of a strictly religious body, by profession a separatist, one also who believed most strictly in tradition, and in performing to the letter the ceremonial law. Taught from his youth up to see with his particular sect the truth of God as it had been revealed to the fathers, the Pharisee clung most tenaciously to the persuasion that he was not, indeed, as other men were, because he believed himself to be much more highly instructed in those things which it became them to know, and also that he believed himself better than others, because he lived more strictly within the letter of the Divine Law. Addressing the brethren around him he said that those who had met to-day in that house of God might be justified in saying just what this man said of himself—that they were not as other men are. Theirs, just like his, was a religious body; they, as Freemasons, believed in one God, the Great Architect of this Universe, the Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible, the Great "I Am," the first and the last, in whom we live and move and have our being. The Volume of the Sacred Law was their guide also, by following whose precepts they hope to ascend at last to the throne of God, and shine as the stars for ever and ever. Religion pervaded all their rites and ceremonies, and was, in fact, the mainstay of their fabric, and they, like this man, if they cared to boast (which, thank God, they did not), they might boast that they were not as the outside world; that they are men with higher, loftier aims than the uninitiated; that from remotest ages the members of this Society have lavished their gold for good, have passed their lives in kindly affection one to another, with brotherly love; being considerate to the poor and needy, speaking the truth from the heart; principles which as they approximate to the Divine love, having, he trusted, lost none of their hold over them, their children, but being just as firmly believed as they were in the lodges of old, can carry us no higher. It was not with feelings of personal superiority, it was not a consciousness of higher worth, that prompted a Freemason to compare himself with others who do not belong to this Craft. If, as the possessor of certain secrets, he believed himself wiser than his uninitiated brethren, the worthy Mason is the last person in the world to act in the presumptuous spirit indicated in the words "Stand by, for I am holier than thou." A Mason may be proud, but it is

the pride of the brotherhood. He wished, however, to impress upon them that it was impossible to preserve the dignity of the Order unless they individually endeavoured to live up to what they professed. Any breach of the laws of morality, any deviation from the paths of uprightness, must bring disgrace upon the Order. The outside world were naturally curious about a secret society, and it naturally expected much of those who were ready to confess that to them much had been given. As the Chaplain he might be pardoned on an occasion like this if he reminded them of the importance of admitting none but upright and true men into the Order, because it was true of the Masonic as well as the natural body, that if one member suffer all the members suffer with it. Least of all among Masons could it be said "Am I my brother's keeper?" Connected by indissoluble forms they were bound together, they were many members but one body, therefore he would urge upon them to see that the badge of innocence should cover no un-Masonic breast, but the truly spiritual and Masonic jewels of a meek and quiet spirit and an honest and true heart. He reminded his hearers that on this occasion they met in an historically famous town, near to the spot where the fourth Edward met in battle the King-maker, the Earl of Warwick. They had not come, as the others did, with anger raging in their breasts, but with brotherly love in their hearts and the emblems of peace in their hands, very different from those which animated the rival factions in those unsettled times, and they might thank their God that they were not as those others were. In one respect he would call upon the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to emulate those to whom he had referred. As those others grew famous by the triumphs wrought upon that ground, let those before him seize this present occasion to do some present good. The Masonic heart was always open to the cry for help, and, therefore, in appealing to them to-day on behalf of the Barnet National Schools he knew that he needed not to unlock the Masonic breast, which was always open to relief. The schools were very much in need of funds, and if a Freemason in certain respects is not as other men are (and as a Freemason he must be content to be a separatist), yet in his heart he is not as the Pharisee was, but always ready to relieve suffering of every form, always ready to listen to the tale of destitution and sorrow and woe, always willing to do good unto all men, but most especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

At the conclusion of the service the brethren were again marshalled and returned in procession to the lodge room.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master said that he should now proceed with the motion, notices of which had been given and were entered on the agenda paper; he therefore called upon Bro. T. S. Carter, P.P.G.S.D., to propose the motion that stood in his name.

Bro. T. S. Carter rose, and with a few appropriate remarks moved "that the sum of twenty pounds be given from the funds of Prov. G. Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the amount be placed on the list of the Prov. G. Secretary, Steward for the Province, at the next festival," and the motion having been duly seconded, was put from the chair and carried nem con.

The Prov. G. Secretary, (in the absence of Bro. J. L. Mather, W.M., No. 1580), moved "A vote of £10 to the Gladsmuir Lodge, towards the expenses of receiving Prov. G. Lodge."

The Prov. G. Master, in putting this motion to the Prov. G. Lodge, said I should not be doing right if I left unexpressed my own satisfaction at the excellent arrangements that have been made, and at the cordial manner in which everything up to the present time has been done to contribute to the convenience of Prov. G. Lodge, and to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors to the Gladsmuir Lodge. The Prov. G. Master then read the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary: I beg to move "a vote of £10 to the funds of the National Schools, Wood-street, Barnet." These schools are very much in want of funds, the rooms belonging to which schools we have the use of to-day, by the kind courtesy of the Vicar, who has rendered all the assistance in his power to secure the comfort of the Prov. G. Lodge on the occasion of its meeting to-day.

This motion having been seconded was put and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Geo. Finch, announced that the collection made in the church, in aid of the funds of the Barnet National Schools amounted to a little over £16. (Applause).

The Prov. Grand Secretary said that at the meeting last year it was decided to publish a Masonic Calendar for the province, and a committee was appointed to carry the resolution into effect; and he had now to report the results of that work, because it was necessary before deciding to continue it, to look a little into the past, and also into the demand in the province for such a publication; and in order to place himself in the right he would say that it was a very valuable publication, that it was exceedingly useful, and, he believed, had proved a great convenience to the Provincial Grand Master. It would not do, however, for the cost of maintaining it to fall almost wholly upon the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge. The receipts from the sale of the Calendar during the year were £5 11s., which, with 12s. due for same from the Gladsmuir Lodge, gave a total of £6 3s. on this side of the account. Was that a satisfactory state of things? Out of nine lodges in the province, five lodges had taken copies; the other four were not represented. Of those lodges two were very important lodges—lodges to which the proposer and the father of the Calendar belonged; and he thought that the least these brethren could do, after coming forward to propose a considerable expenditure, was to take some steps to secure a satisfactory circulation of

the work. Now with regard to the cost, the printing came to £2 19s. 6d. From evidence he had been able to obtain this appeared rather a large sum. Nothing could be better than the way in which the work was brought out, but the question was whether it could not be done at a smaller cost if it was to be continued for another year. He knew there were many difficulties in the way of the first publication of such a book—the difficulties of getting in returns, &c., which increased the cost very much. The P. G. Secretary then read a communication from Cornwall, showing that the Masonic Directory for that province was produced at a cost of £9, and concluded by moving "That in the event of Provincial Grand Lodge deciding to continue its publication, every lodge be invited to contribute a fixed sum, according to the number of its members."

After some conversation, from which it appeared that the notices respecting the publication of the Calendar had not been generally responded to, and that the Secretaries of some lodges had not made the publication known to the members,

The Prov. Grand Master made some observations upon the usefulness of the work, which he cordially approved of, and upon the method adopted in the province of Oxford, which also published a book of this kind, it was agreed that the publication should be repeated for the next year, the publisher stating that the cost would not be so great in the second year, and the P. G. Secretary's motion was put and carried.

Bro. Captain Dick, P.M. No. 403; moved "that the brethren of the Province be invited to subscribe, as a body, to a fund to be devoted towards the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey."

The motion was seconded by the W.M. of the Hertford Lodge, who referred to the action taken in the matter by the lodge over which he presided, which as the oldest lodge in the province had taken a forward part in the movement; and at his request the Prov. G. Sec. read a copy of a resolution of the Hertford Lodge and a committee appointed for promoting the object.

After some conversation, in the course of which it was suggested that as the professional and Masonic duties of the Prov. Grand Sec. were already sufficiently onerous, Bro. Capt. Dick should be constituted an Assistant Sec. for the special object of this resolution but which Bro. Iles declined, he having already ample aid in the efficient assistance of Bro. Dawson, the motion was put and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Mr. Hutton, Vicar of Barnet for his kindness in placing his church at the disposal of Prov. Grand Lodge for the special service which they had attended.

The Prov. Grand Master:—For the work of decorating the rooms in which we meet to-day, which has been done by the ladies of this neighbourhood, I feel that we should be wanting in July if we did not propose a vote of thanks, requesting Bro. Livingston to communicate it to them.

The vote having been carried with applause, a vote of thanks to the respected Chaplain, Bro. Finch, for the able sermon he had preached, was also proposed and carried, and Bro. Finch returned thanks.

The Prov. Grand Master:—Before I close this Prov. Grand Lodge I am sorry to have to announce to you that that it is quite out of my power to do myself the pleasure of presiding at the banquet table this evening, my duty as a member of Parliament demands my presence in another place. I have no wish or intention of introducing politics, but you as Masons, being friends of order and decorum will, I am sure acknowledge that the very important business coming before the house to-night renders it incumbent upon me to be in my place there this evening. I am extremely sorry that this necessity exists for my absenting myself from your festivities, but under the circumstances I feel sure you will excuse me. In the absence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master I will ask our Prov. Senior Grand Warden to take my place at the banquet table, where I am sure he will preside most efficiently.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form and with solemn prayer. Among the visitors present were, Bros. M. Edward, 1479; T. Kent, 1479; C. Drummond, 403; E. Baxter, 504; P. A. Coard, 90; T. F. Carter 403; F. Till, 403; Willson, 403; J. W. Bonus, 1580; R. T. Young, 1385; E. F. Francis, 403; J. Askew, 1585; J. R. Cocus, 403; T. Bonard, 869; J. S. Copestick, 869; J. Robinson, 467; G. F. Barrett, 367; D. C. Foster, 504; J. Brittain, 1385; J. Livingston, 1385; W. C. Madden, 803; G. Chambers, 504; J. G. Baker, 500; T. H. Hill, 524; A. Leattot 1385; A. J. Small, 403; G. Nicoll, 1208; J. S. Hailer, 127; T. D. Cox, 1580; W. J. Fitch, 499; J. C. Massey, (Freemason), and others.

The brethren were then ushered into the banquet room, which, like the lodge room, was elegantly decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion, where they sat down to a handsome banquet, which, with the exception of soups and fish, was cold. The tables were loaded with all the good things in season, and arranged in a very tasteful and superior manner, and the attention paid by the brethren of the Gladsmuir Lodge to their visiting friends and their evident desire to make them abundantly welcome, were beyond praise.

The company having done ample justice to the excellent viands, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honored.

Bro. Livingston. I rise to propose "The Health of the Rt. W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Halsey." (applause). I knew when I mentioned our R.W.P.G.M.'s name, that it would be received with enthusiasm. I do not know a man who is more highly respected. I wish he was among us this evening personally, as he would have presided over you much better than I could hope to do. You all know his good qualities as well as I do, some much better. I give you "Our Rt. W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Halsey," wishing him health and happiness. This toast having been en-



thusiastically received, "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Seagwick, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers," was proposed by Bro. Nivett, and duly honoured; after which the Chaplain, Bro. Finch, proposed "The Health of the W.M.'s of the several Lodges in the Province of Herts," and Bro. Willson responded. Various other toasts including "The Visiting Brethren," "The Masonic Institutions," "The W.M. of the Gladsmuir Lodge," and "The Ladies," were duly honoured and responded to. During the intervals between the speeches, some excellent music, vocal and instrumental, was contributed by Bros. Seymour Smith, G. T. Carter and Lester. The musical arrangements were entrusted to the care of Bro. Seymour Smith, and were very ably carried out. The weather throughout the day was everything that could be desired, and every one present had reason to be thoroughly satisfied with the success of the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Herts for 1877.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

On the evening of Friday, the 27th ult., a new London Lodge was consecrated at the Inns of Court Hotel by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

The new lodge is called the Rothesay Lodge, Duke of Rothesay being one of the titles of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The ceremony was performed in a most convenient and suitable room on the ground floor of the hotel, and although the room was full of brethren, no inconvenience was felt from vitiation of the atmosphere during the two hours that the ceremony lasted.

Bro. Little had on his right Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, and on his left the Rev. P. M. Holden, who acted as Chaplain. Bros. James Lewis Thomas was S.W.; C. A. Cotebrune, J.W.; H. G. Buss, D.C.; W. C. Parsons, Sec.; and C. S. Scott, I.G. Among the other brethren present, in the ranks of whom were numerous Present and Past Grand Officers of Middlesex were Bros. E. Moody, E. S. Scott, H. Massey (Freemason); H. C. Levander, Keys, A. Barfield, G. Bubb, H. Reed, E. H. Thillay, C. Burrell, West, W.M. 1328, G. Reg. Surrey; Green, Scott, P.M. 823; B. H. Swallow, P.M. 381 and 1362; Brignall, P. Prov. G. Reg. Durham; F. Walters, and C. B. Payne, G.T.

After the lodge had been opened Bro. Little addressed a few words to the brethren, stating the pleasure he had in coming to consecrate the lodge, and regretting that his deficiency in power of speaking prevented him articulating so strongly and forcibly as he could wish. He was, however, assisted by Bro. Holden, who would supply anything that might be wanted.

The usual ceremonies having been performed:

Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden delivered the oration, and said, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Deputy Grand Master, Officers and brethren. The occasion on which we are met together to-day is, I conceive, interesting not only to ourselves as Masons personally and individually, but to the whole Craft at large, inasmuch as it denotes the continued prosperity of our venerable Order, which like the famous Indian tree, the banana tree, perpetually renews itself in scions as vigorous and flourishing as their parent stem. To myself it is a source of peculiar pleasure and gratitude, to have been invited to assist you, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, at so interesting and important a ceremonial as the consecration of a new lodge, the Rothesay Lodge, more especially as I feel convinced and have good reasons to know that its founders are brethren eminently qualified to fulfil the duties of the high offices to which they have been appointed by the Grand Master in the warrant of constitution. Having, doubtless, already "won golden opinion," for their zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, they are now laudably anxious to devote their time, talents, and ability to the still further advancement and development of so noble, so interesting, and so very ancient a science. What had been said by a learned and well known writer of literary men may I think equally well be applied to the members of our enlightened Craft—"they are a perpetual priesthood, stand from generation to generation, the dispensers and living types of God's everlasting wisdom." And I rejoice to know and think that so many excellent, worthy, distinguished, and talented men are to be found in the ranks of our fraternity. To their enfranchised minds Freemasonry unveils a universe of thought. To them it is a keen delight to trace and to interpret those grand and solemn truths which were but dimly shadowed forth in the mystic rites of the ancient world. Looking back through the mists of ages they behold in the white-robed Aeenians a kindred race, and are familiar with the symbolic teachings of the great philosophers of old. Amid the obscurity and darkness of occult ceremonies they discern faint gleams of the true light in which we now rejoice. In every land they find traces and tokens innumerable, graven by the hands of skillful Masons, upon the walls of ruined faves and temples. They establish the affinity of our Order with the Dionysian artificers of old, with the disciples of Pythagoras, with the College of Architects at Rome, and with the various operative associations of the middle ages. They demonstrate clearly that the grand ethics of Freemasonry were known and taught by the very wisest sages of Greece, whose names and whose works are still honoured and revered by the whole civilised world. They prove that our Order, though often persecuted and often reviled, has never yet failed or even faltered in its sublime career, though meanwhile the mightiest empires and the proudest kingdoms have been compelled to succumb to the destroying hand of conquest, or to the effacing fingers of time and decay. And I would ask what nobler exercise of the intellectual faculties can

possibly be found than a calm and earnest pursuit of Masonic knowledge, thus gleaning and gathering on our onward way the vast treasures of wisdom which it reveals to our view? But, brethren, it is not merely to the intellectual pleasure to be derived from the study of Freemasonry that I would desire to direct your attention. Our Order possesses other and more practical claims upon your sympathy and support. It is founded upon principles that are at once an honour and an ornament to human nature. It bids us hasten to the rescue of the young and helpless from the pitfalls of ignorance, poverty, and even vice. It calls upon every one of us to ameliorate the sad condition of those who, in the decline of life, from some circumstance or other, require our consolation and assistance. And I am proud indeed to add that English Freemasons have ever been distinguished not merely for their zeal in promoting the welfare of the Order, but for their large-hearted benevolence and diffusive charity. The very best answer that can be given to the evils, and the sorrows, and the disparaging remarks of the unenlightened world is to point to those splendid establishments which have been raised for the nurture of the young and the shelter of the old. Nearly 100 years have now passed away since the Masonic Girls' School was founded; and who would venture to estimate the vast amount of good that it has achieved. The Masonic Boys' School was established some ten years later; and the crowning of our charitable undertakings was effected by the erection of a suitable retreat for those who, having "borne the heat and burden of the day," and standing, as it were, on the threshold of the Grand Lodge above, desire to end their lives and peace in tranquillity. Brethren, it is our duty to prove that Masonry is something more than a name, something infinitely better and higher than a mere excuse for social gatherings, be those social gatherings never so pleasant. It is our solemn duty to prove to the world that its principles are high and lofty, its designs grand and praiseworthy; and the clearest and most logical way to convince the sceptic or scurrilous is by a steady, consistent, and unwavering practice of the benevolent precepts and principles of the Order. Freemasonry will then present, not only to the mind of the philosopher, an organised system of knowledge, unfolded in beautiful ceremonies known only to the initiated, but to mankind in general it will appear as a beneficent and benevolent institution, teaching, inculcating, and enforcing the very purest principles of morality, and wisely bearing the fruits of charity and goodwill. May this lodge then which we are met to consecrate and inaugurate to-day, the Rothesay Lodge, prove a conspicuous example of all those virtues which adorn the mystic character; may it convey to distant posterity the august lessons which have been handed down to us from our forefathers; may it be the shrine of intellect and the temple of thought; the abode of peace and the home of joy; founded by the hands of true, faithful, and devoted Masons, and supported by the firm pillars of intelligence and truth. May it ever remain as an imperishable memorial of its founders, growing year by year in prosperity and happiness, and shining brighter and still brighter in the glorious firmament of Masonic fame. I have now, worshipful sir, arrived at what is not, to me, at least, by any means the least pleasing part of my duty; and that is to thank you, sir, and you, Col. Burdett, and brethren all, for the very kind and patient manner in which you have been pleased to listen to the remarks I have made; and I cannot better perhaps conclude than by wishing, with all my heart, and I do so most sincerely, that the grand principles upon which our Order is built and established, namely, brotherly love, relief, and truth, may ever be present with us in our hearts, and shine conspicuously in the whole of our conduct through life, so that when we are summoned away from this earthly scene our names may be enrolled as members of that glorious brotherhood who loving their fellow men, are loved of God; even as we learn from that well-known little poem, how

About Ben Haden, (may his tribe increase),  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel, writing in a book of gold.  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Haden bold;  
And to the presence in his room he said,  
"What writest thou?" The vision bowed its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
And is mine one?" said Abou; "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low;  
But cheerily still he said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night  
He came again with a great glowing light,  
And showed the names of those that God had blessed,  
And lo! Ben Haden's name led all the rest.

Bro. Holden at the conclusion of this address, resumed his seat amidst the loud applause of the brethren.

The ceremony of consecration of the lodge was afterwards proceeded with, and when it was completed Bro. Little installed Bro. Louis Beck, S.D. 1559, as Worshipful Master in the presence of a Board of 21 Installed Masters. Bro. B. Swallow was invested by the W.M. acting as I.P.M. When the brethren below the degree of Installed Master were admitted, and the salutes given, the following brethren received the collars of the offices attached to their respective names:—Frank Kirk, 1328, S.W.; John Hancock, 1563, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, Treasurer; Wm. C. Parsons, Secretary; J. B. Docker, S.D.; Bro. Croesland, J.D.; Bro. Outhwaite, I.G.; and Bro. Potter, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the Rev. P. M. Holden, after which the W.M. proposed and the J.W. seconded the names of five gentlemen as initiates, and of three brethren as joining members. Subsequently, Bros. Col. Burdett, R. W. Little, the Rev. P. M. Holden, and H. G. Buss, were elected as honorary members of the lodge on

the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W. Also on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Little for consecrating the lodge; and Bro. Little having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Col. Burdett in replying for the Grand Officers said that all the Grand Officers were glad to find that the performance of their duties was appreciated by the brethren at large. It was a great pride to the Craft that at the present time they had the Prince of Wales for Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught for Grand Senior Warden, and Prince Leopold for Grand Junior Warden; while the Pro Grand Master's office was held by Lord Carnarvon and that of Dep. G.M. by Lord Skelmersdale. He believed that at no former time had these offices been so eminently filled, and at no time could such distinction be exceeded. The Grand Officers felt very proud of the progress that Masonry had made. Very probably the number of the lodges consecrated this year would exceed the number consecrated last year; but he might observe that what was wanted was not so much an increase in the number of brethren admitted, but in their quality. Speaking of his own province, Middlesex, he believed they had had a much higher class of men introduced during the last year than ever they had had before. Although that province was but a young province, only six or seven years old, it had a large number of lodges, and a great body of brethren moving in the higher class of society. From what they had seen that day it must be noted that great progress was being made in Masonry throughout the whole of the kingdom; and one particular feature must have been observable, that all the work that had been done was executed in an admirable manner. This was an evidence of a progress in the knowledge of the science of Freemasonry.

The banner of the lodge, on which were the arms of the Duke of Rothesay, and the motto "Avito vires honore," was here raised, and

Bro. Little rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said they had that moment hoisted the banner of the lodge, a banner which he hoped would be the brethren's guiding star for many ages yet to come. On the present occasion they hailed it as an omen of hope, and as a prognostication that the lodge would achieve great success. It was his pleasure and privilege to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and he was sure that the brethren would wish him all success, and all the support that he could desire, from the cordial feelings they had towards him. He could not say, as many of the brethren could, that he had enjoyed the friendship of Bro. Beck for a long time; but he could say from what he did know of him that he was a Mason at heart, that he had not entered Masonry merely to put himself forward and make himself a Master. He had, in fact, made himself a master of the art of Freemasonry, and he would bring this lodge to all the prosperity and success the brethren wished. After a few other complimentary remarks Bro. Little proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the Rothesay Lodge."

The W.M., in reply, said that it would not be for want of exerting himself if the lodge failed. He had had the honour of being placed in the chair, and he should not have sought that honour if he had not intended doing his best. He then proposed "The Health of Bro. Little, D.P. G.M. Middlesex, and Consecrating Officer."

Bro. Little said that strictly the officers of provinces were not entitled to receive any honour outside the limits of their provinces; nevertheless he appreciated the compliment, which had never been paid him more gracefully than it had that night. It had given him a great deal of satisfaction to be present at this meeting. He had not come up from the country specially for it, but for almost a week's meeting—for the Audit Committee of the Girls' Institution, for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, for another meeting on Thursday, and for this meeting. If the Great Architect gave him health nothing would afford him greater pleasure than to assist in the onward work of the Craft.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Founders."

Bro. Kirk responded.

Bro. Brignall, P. Prov. Grand Registrar Durham, responded. He had had experience of Masonry for over forty years, and it had given him much pleasure to see its prosperity, especially lately. For the courtesy of the lodge in inviting him he begged to return his hearty acknowledgements. Being in London on business, and sojourning at the Inns of Court Hotel, he stepped into the lodge to see the consecration. The circumstances were quite accidental; but the brethren with hearty Masonic feeling had invited him to stay; he had done so; and he had very much enjoyed himself. He was very proud to be present, and he hoped that every successive Master would leave the chair to his successor as pure and unsullied as he received it.

Bro. H. C. Levander also responded, and trusted that the Rothesay Lodge would flourish for many years. If the brethren were careful whom they admitted it could not but succeed.

Bro. F. Walters also replied. He had known Bro. L. Beck many years, and he had found him a sincere Mason, working hard to do his duty. He knew he would carry out his duties in a praiseworthy manner, and that he would set a laudable example to the other brethren.

Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden proposed "The Masonic Charities," and advocated the claims of all those Institutions to the liberality of the Craft. He looked upon charity as the grand prophylactic virtue of the Order, the power that preserved it from corruption, that would prevent people saying that Masons were nothing better than a body of revellers, who never bestowed a thought upon their poorer brethren. For himself, he wished that the charities might flourish and increase more and more.

Bro. Levander replied, and said that without charity no



man could be a real Mason. He recommended to the attention of the brethren the three noble Institutions of Freemasonry, with one of which Bro. Little, the Consecrating Officer of to-day, was connected as Secretary. He only regretted that Bro. Little's state of health prevented him from replying to this toast, because had he been able to reply the brethren would have had a much more eloquent and powerful address than he (Bro. Levander) was capable of giving.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated.

Bro. Louis Beck's band played during dinner, and the singing after banquet was performed by Bro. Farquharson and Mr. Cotte. Bro. Louis Hermann was pianist.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

### INAUGURATION OF A MASONIC LODGE AT PALMERSTON.

Thursday May, the 24th, will long be regarded by members of the Masonic Order as a day worthy of holding a prominent place in their recollection; for, not only was it the birthday of her Majesty Queen Victoria, but the occasion also of laying the foundation-stone of the new hall of the Palmerston Lodge. The site selected is an elevated one, and affords visitors thereto an excellent view of the townships and districts adjacent. Already the building has been raised several feet above the basement, and nearly all the materials for enabling the contractor, Mr. Clarke, of Palmerston, to make an early completion, are on the ground. At about 4 p.m. the members of the Craft residing in Palmerston, and the Dunedin and Oamaru brethren, as well as those from other places, assembled at the local Town Hall. There, at half-past 1 o'clock, the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland was opened by dispensation, and, shortly adjourning, a procession was marshalled by District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. D. H. Rhodes.

Captain Kitchener, on behalf of the members of the new lodge, invited the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. J. H. Harris, to lay the foundation stone, whereupon that gentleman intimated that it gave himself and the brethren who had accompanied him from Dunedin great pleasure to be present, and assist, to the best of their ability, the Palmerston brethren in performing the interesting ceremony about to be proceeded with.

A plan of the building having been produced,

The R.W.D.G.M. stated that it had been prepared by Mr. Lawson, architect, that it appeared complete and suitable for the purpose for which it was intended. He next called upon the proper officer to read the scroll, which which was afterwards placed in a bottle and deposited in the cavity; as also were copies of the *Daily Times*, *Guardian*, *Palmerston* and *Waikouaiti Times*, and *Freemason*. The following coins were likewise deposited by the D.G.T., Bro. Gilligan—One sovereign, one half-sovereign, one five-shilling piece, half a crown, two-shilling piece, one shilling, sixpenny piece, fourpenny piece, threepenny piece, a penny, and halfpenny.

Bro. A. H. Burton offered up prayer as follows:—

Almighty and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made; we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly beseech Thee to pour down upon this congregation the continual dew of Thy blessing. More especially we invoke Thy blessing on this our undertaking, ever remembering the object and aim of this Institution—obedience to Thy holy law. Grant, we beseech Thee, that our Order may flourish in every part of the globe, become increasingly influential in the diffusion of the light of wisdom, aiding and strengthening reason, and dissipating and lessening human error, misery, and vice. May it teach us to regulate our actions by the rule of rectitude, square our conduct by the principles of morality, and guide our conversation and our thoughts within the compass of propriety. May the edifice which is this day commenced be carried forward to its completion prosperously. Do Thou protect the workmen; secure them from all injury; and when completed, may it be the means of strengthening our Order. Finally, grant us the knowledge of Thy truth; do Thou be our guide and ruler, and ultimately admit us into Thy everlasting Kingdom—that house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Amen, so mote it be.

The D.G.D. of Ceremonies, Bro. Rhodes, then gave instructions for the stone to be lowered three degrees; while this was being done the band played "God Save the Queen." Bro. Rhode, next called upon the brethren to salute three times three; and similar salutes were given as the remaining stages of lowering the stone proceeded.

Addressing successively the officers having the custody of the square, level and plumb-rule, and having obtained the usual answers to the satisfactory performance of their respective duties,

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, said: Worshipful brethren, having full confidence in your skill in our Royal art it only remains for me to finish the work you have begun. Having struck the stone three times with a gavel, he added:—May the Almighty Architect of the Universe smile benignantly on the work now commenced, and may the Craftsmen conduct and complete the building according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

P.M. Bro. Geo. Smith then poured corn on the stone.

D.S.G.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, strewed wine on the stone.

D.D.G.M. Bro. Joyce poured oil on the stone.

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, then said that it had been the custom amongst Masons from time immemorial that the person on whom devolved the honour of laying the foundation stone should offer a few remarks which he should think suitable to the occasion. The remarks which he intended to make would be addressed to those who were not Masons, because, so far as Masons themselves were concerned, the observations which he should offer would be unnecessary and uncalled for. Masonry, as he viewed it, was a religious, moral, and social

institution. In its religious and moral aspects it taught them to believe that the whole universe, the whole material universe, owed its origin to the one great creative power; it taught them their duty to that great Supreme Being, to reverence His Holy Name, to obey His laws, and in all respects to fear and love Him. Masonry taught them their duty to their neighbour, and the commands in the Decalogue were included in the Mason's belief. Referring to the social aspect, he might say that Masonry was of the greatest antiquity; it was founded on truth; it had survived the attacks of its enemies, and the wreck of nations, and he had almost said, would probably survive even the world itself. Within its ranks had been found kings, princes, rulers, statesmen—the highest in all lands had not felt ashamed to become members of the Craft. Their ranks were opened to every true man, no matter what his language or colour; so long as he was a true man, and believed in these principles, he could be admitted to their ranks. It was in connection with that great and noble Institution that they had assembled that day. They had been told by the Worshipful Master elect that this was the foundation stone of a temple dedicated to Masonry; and he now wished to add that the work which had been the cause of the visit here of himself and brethren was to them a work of love. They rejoiced to find that Masonry was spreading in this comparatively remote district of the Province of Otago, and he was sure that if carried out according to its tenets it would be found to be a blessing, not a curse, to this neighbourhood. He expressed the hope that in that Temple, the foundation of which they had that day laid, would be found for many years to come the true spirit and principles of Masonry. With those few remarks he begged to thank the public for their attendance, for the kind manner in which they had listened to the few remarks he had made, and for the quiet and orderly way in which everything connected with the ceremony had proceeded.

Bro. Capt. Kitchener having thanked, in a few well chosen remarks, the R.W.D.G.M., and the other visiting brethren, for their attendance, the procession returned to the Town Hall, where the Grand Lodge was closed.

At about 5 p.m. the visiting brethren, the members of the Palmerston Lodge, and other gentlemen, to the number of about forty, assembled in the large hall.

The W.M. elect of the Palmerston Lodge, Bro. Capt. Kitchener, presided. Immediately on his right was the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, and the other brethren from Dunedin occupied seats in the vicinity. The hall was nicely decorated with flags, banners, and evergreens; and the Palmerston Brass Band added materially to the general enjoyment.

The Chairman proposed the toasts of "H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England;" and "The Grand Masters of the Irish and Scotch Constitutions," which were enthusiastically responded to.

The Chairman said that with the next toast "The District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland," he desired to couple the name of their worthy friend and guest, the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. the Hon. J. H. Harris, who had kindly come all the way from Dunedin, to assist the Palmerston brethren, aided by the other gentlemen, who had also kindly accompanied him. The brethren here were thankful that Bro. Harris had consented to pay them this visit. (Hear, hear.) The gentlemen to whom he referred had, at great inconvenience to themselves, left home to render all the assistance in their power in carrying out satisfactorily the interesting ceremony of that day; they well merited the sincere thanks of the Palmerston brethren, and he asked them to drink in bumpers the toast of "The District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland." The toast was heartily received.

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Harris, on rising to respond on behalf of himself and visiting brethren, returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the Palmerston brethren had treated them. And while tendering his thanks, he must also add that the Chairman had somewhat overrated sacrifices which he himself, at any rate, was supposed to have personally made. Speaking for himself, however, and for the gentlemen who had accompanied him, he believed that had their visit to Palmerston involved any personal sacrifices, those sacrifices would have been cheerfully made. (Applause.) But it so happened that what they had done was simply an important duty. A District Grand Lodge for Otago and Southland had been constituted, and it was the duty of the Grand Master to assist all the outlying districts in the formation of lodges, and to instruct them when instruction was required; to render, in fact, every possible assistance that one body of Masons could render to another. But, as he had said once before that day, the performance of this important duty had been, at the same time, a labour of love; and he hoped they would all live to see completed, in a very short time, the building, the foundation stone of which they had that day laid. (Applause.) Further, he hoped they would all live to see the cope stone laid, and that the Worshipful Master elect, all the members of the lodge, and many members from different parts of the colony, would meet to see completed what he could only regard as a reproach to the Masons of Dunedin, who were now in the position of being without a building they could call their own! He was glad to be able to say, however, that there was reason to believe that that reproach would ere long be removed, as steps were being taken which would probably result in obtaining a suitable building for the purposes of Masonry in all its branches. (Hear, hear.) He had further to say that they might rest assured that any communications, by their recognised officers to Dunedin lodges asking for assistance would meet with prompt and proper responses. (Hear, hear.) As regarded the step the Palmerston brethren had taken, it was one of which they need not feel ashamed; they ought rather to rejoice in it, if properly carried out. Their Institution was an old one; it had weathered the storms of many cen-

turies; it permeated all society, the whole of the civilised, and, he had almost said, the uncivilised world. He congratulated the Palmerston brethren on the step they had taken in this somewhat remote district from the centre of Masonry in this Province, and felt sure that, if properly carried out, the step would prove a blessing to the inhabitants of the town and district. He again returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. (Applause.)

Bro. J. H. Harris said the duty he had now to perform was a very agreeable one to himself. They had witnessed that day what he believed many would consider a very interesting ceremony; they had also partaken of a very excellent dinner, which was another matter for gratification. All that had been done could not have been accomplished unless a good deal of important work had been done previously by somebody. Financial arrangements, among other things, had to be made for building the new hall, and a great deal of other important preliminary work. In the first place he wished to congratulate the Palmerston brethren on the selection of their Worshipful Master. He thought, for two reasons, that they had acted wisely in that respect. It was important that the first Master should be a man, not only of good standing in the district, but a man who could exercise a considerable amount of personal influence over the lodge itself. Moreover, they had selected a very old and experienced Mason, who not only stood high in blue Masonry, but in the higher degrees of Masonry; and the duties devolving upon them that day would be imperfectly performed if they did not ask them to join in drinking "The Health of Bro. Capt. Kitchener, the Worshipful Master Elect; and prosperity to the Palmerston Lodge." (Applause.)

The Chairman, in responding, returned thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received; it had been proposed, in fact, in terms which, as applied to himself, were too flattering. True, he had risen to a certain height in Masonry, but that had been the result more of spasmodic action than real hard work. He now hoped he was about to depart from his old ways of being raised in that way, and that hereafter he should be brought face to face with real work, so that he would be able to learn his duty sufficiently well to teach those under him. He intended to do his best, and he was sure that he would be cheerfully and willingly assisted by the brethren. (Applause.) He trusted that that day twelve months, if they had the good fortune to induce Bro. Harris, and assistants, to again come to Palmerston, he would find that the Palmerston Lodge had advanced in a manner even beyond expectation. (Applause.)

Bro. S. W. Cobden proposed the toast of "The Lodges under the English Constitution," coupled with the name of Bro. A. H. Burton. He would simply say he trusted that the harmony which existed at the present time between the various bodies would ever do so, and that the sooner one great union took place the better it would be. (Applause.)

Bro. Burton replied.

Bro. Gilligan also made a few remarks, intimating that the Palmerston brethren would be glad to see the visitors here again when the lodge was opened, about the 15th August.

Bro. M'Kenzie returned thanks on behalf of the Scotch Constitution.

"The Health of the Officers Elect of the Palmerston Lodge" was proposed by P.M. Bro. Smith, coupled with the name of Bro. Keen.

Bro. Keen said that, as junior officer, he begged to return thanks. He was pleased and proud that that day they had opened their English lodge. He must say, however, he was surprised to find a peculiar feeling existing as regarded the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions. He had come to the antipodes to learn, for the first time, that there was any difference; he hoped he should never hear such an opinion expressed again.

Bro. Burton proposed "Prosperity to the Town of Palmerston," coupled with the name of Bro. Gilligan, formerly Mayor of Palmerston.

Bro. Gilligan responded.

Bro. Joyce proposed the toast of "All poor and distressed Masons."

The Mayor, Mr. C. Haynes, returned thanks on behalf of the visitors for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

"The Health of Host Duncan" having been proposed and drunk, with three times three for "Mr. Duncan and family," that gentleman responded, and

The proceedings, which passed off most satisfactorily were closed.—*Palmerston Times*.

## SALE OF THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

The announcement of the public sale of this well-known and handsome building attracted a large and influential assemblage at the Auction Mart on Tuesday last, amongst whom we noticed the faces of several well-known brethren.

Bro. J. Green (of the firm of Bros. Weatherall and Green) officiated, and after a few introductory remarks as to the character and capabilities of the structure, and expressing his hope as an old Mason that the building might be secured by the Craft, so as to avoid what our correspondent last week characterised as a standing disgrace to the fraternity if it ever became anything else but a Masonic Hall, a first bid of £3000 was promptly made, which was rapidly followed by biddings of £100 each, until £4000 was reached, when Bro. Green announced that low as the price was, his reserve was obtained, and the property was entirely in the hands of the public. Biddings of £50 each followed from numerous competitors, and the hammer ultimately fell at £4600, offered on behalf of Bro. John Oliver, by Bro. M. Sansom, of Kennington-road.



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—At a special meeting of this lodge, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, August 2nd, 1877, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the lodge having heard of the unfortunate position in which the W.M., Bro. Lewis Lazarus, is placed, beg to tender to him the expression of sympathy which animates every member present, and also their full confidence in his integrity and his humanity, which actuated him in the circumstances which placed him in his present position. That a copy of the above resolution be sent to the W.M., and also one to his wife."

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—On Saturday last, the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham-High Road. Considering the seaside attractions, and the general desire of Baak Holiday-makers to quit the town of toil for other and more agreeable scenes, the attendance may be said to have been a good one, although in one or two instances the absentees were out of town. With his usual reverence for punctuality, the W.M., Bro. H. Keeble, entered lodge, and assumed the duties of the chair, being supported by Bros. E. H. Thielley, P.M. 145, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Walter Simmonds, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, J.D.; Ernest E. Smith, (acting as) I.G.; T. Grummant, Secretary; Bro. E. M. Hubback, P.M. 79, P.G.S. &c.; Bro. Hamilton, 1559, as I.P.M. There were present Bros. A. Macgillivray, H. Metham, Hiram Henton, Knibbs, Fry, Thornton, Swain, and Wise; and visitors, Bros. J. L. Cogan, J.W. 1365, and Aime Hugon, 145. The lodge having been opened, Bros. S. Wise, and E. Fry were interrogated and subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. Lodge having been further opened, the W.M., in a most impressive manner, passed to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bros. Thornton, Knibbs, and Swain. Too much cannot be said of Bro. Keeble's excellent working, but we may add in parenthesis it was the general remark that our esteemed brother exceeded all previous efforts. This concluding the business on the agenda paper, lodge was closed, and an adjournment made for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Bro. E. M. Hubback, P.M. 79, P.G.S., &c., proposed in an overwhelmingly complimentary speech "The Health of the W.M.," whom he described as a Mason who had the welfare of the Craft at heart, and as W.M. of 1559 the welfare of that lodge in particular. He assured the brethren that in Bro. Keeble they had a W.M. who would not fail to advance the interests of those under his Masonic rule, and was ever willing to listen to, and adopt any suggestion made by a member, so long as it was for the good of the lodge, and its brethren. Much more he said in praise of one who well deserved it, but we regret that we cannot give Bro. Hubback's speech at farther length. The W.M. was warmly received, when he replied, and from the reception accorded him it is easy to see that never has it fallen to the lot of an occupant of the chair of K.S. to be so universally popular with his brethren. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Cogan, J.W. 1365; and that of "The Officers" by Bros. Thielley, S.W.; Simmonds, J.W.; L. Beck, S.D.; H. Green, J.D.; Grummant, Sec. Excellent harmony was supplied by Bros. Beck, Metham, Hagon and Swain, and it was not until a very late hour that the Tyler's toast brought to a close what was acknowledged to be one of the most enjoyable evenings spent since the consecration of 1559.

**THE HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).**—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince George, Park Road, Dalston, on Saturday, July 28th, when the following business of the lodge was admirably conducted by Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; Francis Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; H. John, J.D.; J. H. Wilkin, I.G. Bro. Emil Hülland, of the Neptune Lodge, was raised. Bros. Alfred Sack, Edwin Charles Dyer, and Compton F. Brown were passed, and Messrs George Clark, S. Stamper, Charles Haines, and Charles Arnold were initiated. Among the visitors we noticed our Bro. Henry Marston, a very highly respected member of the Craft, and eminently

known in the theatrical world. Bro. Alfred Henry Diaper, Past Grand Steward, P.M. St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, was elected a joining member. It was late before the banquet was on the table, in consequence of the work to be got through in lodge, and we much admire our old friend Bro. Henry Muggeridge for taking the initiations one at a time. It is a pity it is ever otherwise, for such a fine and solemn ceremony should not be imperfectly done. We have sometimes three candidates taken at one time, and the effect is not so good. The banquet was well served, but being nearly ten o'clock, little time could be allowed for long speeches or songs, many of the brethren residing at a great distance. The second meeting of this successful lodge closed in harmony.

**PAIGNTON.—Torbay Lodge (No. 1358).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Paignton. Present: Bros. John Couldrey, W.M.; W. E. Warren, I.P.M.; S. E. Heath (W.M. 797), as S.W.; J. F. Chinnock, J.W.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C., and Rev. N. Pratt, P.G.C., Chaplains; James Greenfield, P.P.J.G.O. (W.M. elect), Treas.; A. L. Palk, Sec.; F. Palk, S.D.; P. Warren as J.D.; T. Brooks, R.A.M., Organist; C. Perrot, I.G.; W. Tozer, Tyler. Also Bros. Oliver, P.M.; Pillar, P.M.; J. Burton, W.M. 328; Yates, Hunt, Sawyer, W. Rossiter. Visiting brethren: John Hurrell, S.W. 797; Pearl, 22; P. Warren, 1245; Sampson, 282; Coffin, sen., Coffin, jun., 1205. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C., by Bros. Couldrey and Warren, and was, according to ancient custom, duly installed in the chair of K.S. All below the rank of I.M. were then admitted and saluted the W.M. in the usual manner; the W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. John Couldrey, I.P.M.; J. F. Chinnock, S.W.; F. Palk, J.W.; Rev. Noel Platt, Chaplain; W. Rossiter, Treas.; W. E. Warren, P.M. Sec.; Rev. Noel Platt, S.D.; A. L. Palk, J.D.; B. C. Heath, D. of C.; T. Brooks, R.A.M. Organist; Preclar and Bovey, Stewards; C. Perrot, I.G.; W. Tozer, Tyler; W. E. Warren, P.M. The lodge being closed, the brethren proceeded to the Esplanade Hotel, where a capital banquet was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and duly honoured, Bro. T. Brooks presided at the piano, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## Mark Masonry.

**TRURO.**—Fortitude Lodge (No. 78).—On Friday, the 3rd inst., Bro. William Lake, the well known Cornish publisher, was installed as W.M. of the Fortitude Mark Lodge, No. 78, Truro, by the R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughtan, Senior P.M. 78, P.G.W. of England, &c., assisted by W. Bro. W. J. Johns, P.M. and Treas. No. 78, Prov. G. Sec. There was a goodly muster of the members, Past Masters; Crews Sec.; and Middleton, P. Prov. S.G.D.; as usual being present. Visitors, Bros. Bray, Taylor, and Hooper, of No. 73, 87, and 101 respectively. Mark Masonry has always found congenial soil on which to flourish, since its introduction in 1865, under the wing of its Senior P.M., and its popular Prov. G.M., Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., and we understand that a warrant for another new lodge has just been issued for Newquay.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CARADOC LODGE, No. 1674.

Friday the 3rd inst., will long be a red letter day in Rhyl, as it marked the identification of the town for the first time with Freemasonry. For some time past the want of a Masonic lodge has been felt in Rhyl, and at the instance of Bro. J. A. Spinks several of the fraternity held meetings with the view of establishing a lodge in that town. All preliminary difficulties having been smoothed away, the brethren communicated with Bro. J. Salmon, of Chester, Junior Grand Warden of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, and P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, whose experience in Masonry well qualified him for the task of forming a new lodge. Bro. Salmon had several conferences with the brethren at Rhyl, and a petition was finally sent up to the Grand Lodge.

The petition was acceded to, and Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., the popular Grand Master of the Province, was then asked to consecrate the lodge, which is called the Caradoc Lodge, being No. 1674 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, but in consequence of his ill-health the ceremony was postponed. No sooner, however, had the worthy baronet recovered from his indisposition than he announced his intention of consecrating the lodge, and on Friday the event took place under his auspices.

The town was visited by a large number of the brethren of the province, together with Masonic visitors from Liverpool, Chester, and various other places.

The consecration took place at the Town Hall at two o'clock, the following Prov. Grand Officers being present:—Bros. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., G.M. of the province; G. Owen, P.S.G.W.; the Rev. T. L. Kyffin, P.G. Chap.; Sisson, P.G.B.; Spaul, P.G. Sec.; Parmiter, P.G.D.C.; W. L. Banks, P.G. S. of W.; F. Wood, P.G.D. of Cer.; Hyde, P.G. Tyler; Britton, P.G. Steward; R. Phillips, P.G. Std.; E. Andrew, P.G. Std.; J. Stokes, P.G. Std.; A. Walker, P.P.G.S. of Works; John Peters, P.P.G.S.W.; A. W. Blaney, P.P.G.S.W.; L. G. Wardley, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Worrall, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; J. T. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; C. Dutton, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; and James Gerrard, P.P.S.J.D. Cheshire. In addition to the above each lodge in the province was represented by its W.M. and a detachment of the brethren.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. W. H. Spaul, who performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner.

In the oration Bro. the Rev. T. L. Kyffin, P.G. Chaplain urged upon those present, and especially upon the officers to be elected for the lodge, the carrying out of the sacred principles and duties of Freemasonry, which had spread among all ranks of society and throughout every clime. These sacred precepts taught them the right way to live and their duty to rise higher and higher on earth, that when the Grand Master of all came to make up his jewels they might feel in their own minds the happy consciousness of having done their duty.

At the conclusion of the consecration the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master appointed Bro. James Salmon W.M. of the new lodge, the installation being performed by Bro. George Owen, P.S.G.W. Bro. Henry Nicholson Gilbank and A. J. Spinks were appointed Senior Warden, and Junior Warden of the lodge.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren, in full regalia formed in procession, and proceeded to St. Thomas's Church. The demonstration would have been very imposing had it not been for the rain which compelled the members of the fraternity to assume their overcoats. The brethren arrived at the church shortly after four o'clock. The service was read by the Rev. T. L. Kyffin, and the lesson by the Ven. Archdeacon Morgan, P.P.G. Chaplain. The service was choral. The sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Morgan, who said that by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, a collection would be made at the close of the service in behalf of the Rhyl Charities, and the Masonic Benevolent Institution of the Province. He might mention that the Rhyl Charities named were the Women's Home and the Ragged Schools; which were local so far as the buildings were in the town. But the benefits of the Women's Home were limited to persons not resident in Rhyl. He thought it best to mention the object. The home stood in much need of aid; and he appealed to his brother Masons who had the means, to consider the wants of poor women who had lost their health and were without the means necessary to restore it. Of the Ragged Schools he might say they were for destitute children in the parish, who during the summer months ministered to the wants of visitors. Having again appealed to those before him to consider these objects, he took for his text the words to be found in St. Matthew, xxii, 37 and following verses. The preacher proceeded, after a brief introduction, to treat of the twofold love mentioned in the text—of selfishness, of hatred. He noticed the words of the Apostle, "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death," and said that if self-interest were the great thing with any one of them, if he were wanting in sympathy with his fellows, he was in God's sight as a dead man. If anyone amongst them had no sympathy with, or withheld support from these charities, he had not learnt the rudiments of Freemasonry.

At the close a collection was made, the bags being carried by members of the fraternity. The amount contributed was £20.

There was a strong choir, and an anthem was sung.

Mr. Wrigley, organist and choirmaster, presided at the organ, and after the close played the National Anthem.

The brethren then wended their way to the Town Hall, where they sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master. A number of ladies were admitted to the gallery.

On the removal of the cloth,

Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn proposed "The Health of Her Majesty," which was most loyally received.

In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales," Bro. Sir Watkin remarked that he had great pleasure in proposing the toast, seeing that his Royal Highness was heir apparent to the throne, and Grand Master of their Order. The Prince had seen Masonry in many parts of the world, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Craft.

Bro. J. Salmon, who was received with applause, proposed the health of "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master," and in doing so he regretted that the toast had not been placed in abler hands, but at the same time he felt it did not require a long speech from him to remind them of the many good qualities which distinguished Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, who was beloved throughout the principality of North Wales. It must be pleasing to those present to think that their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master's health had been so far restored as to enable him to be present on that occasion, and he trusted that Sir Watkin would long be spared to preside over the Province of North Wales and Shropshire. During the time he had been their Grand Master, Masonry had greatly increased throughout the Principality, and the Province was now second to none in the kingdom.

Bro. Sir Watkin, in responding, said he felt much obliged to them for the kind way in which the toast had been received. He was very glad every time he came to Rhyl to see how wonderfully the town was improving. Forty years ago, when he first visited it, it was an unimportant village, but every time he re-visited it he could not fail to notice its growth. He had the honour of assisting at the laying of the foundation stone of the beautiful church they had attended that afternoon, and he was now glad to see that the gentleman by whose exertions it had been completed had, by the unanimous consent of the diocese, been appointed archdeacon. As to the good of Freemasonry it would be idle on his part to take up their time in speaking of it. He had had the pleasure of attending lodges in many parts of Europe, and had seen the good it had done everywhere. He regretted that in consequence of the state of his health this was the first time he had been able to come among them that year. The consecration of the lodge had been postponed longer than he could have wished, but he had, unfortunately, been confined to the house. Thanks, however, to the care of his doctors and a visit to Germany, his health was now restored, and he hoped to make up for his shortcomings during the remainder of the year.



Bro. Gilbank next proposed the health of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P.," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. G. Owen. He stated that at the last moment Bro. Bulkeley Hughes had been detained in town, which he regretted very much; but he was very glad to see that the other Provincial Grand Officers had acted so well during his absence.

Bro. Owen, in responding, remarked upon the necessity for a Masonic lodge in Rhyl, and expressed himself satisfied with the efficient manner in which the business had been conducted that day. He felt sure that the lodge had a bright career before it.

Bro. Sir Watkin then proposed "Prosperity to the Caradoc Lodge." He said they had appointed a brother as Worshipful Master who had worked up not only that lodge but other lodges in the Principality. Bro. Salmon was well up in Masonry, and it was fortunate for the members of the lodge that they had so energetic a brother at their head. He was initiated in the same lodge as him (Sir Watkin), and he therefore knew how good a Mason he was. He trusted that the lodge would prosper, and concluded by formally proposing the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Salmon, the W.M. of the lodge.

Bro. J. Salmon, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to think that the consecration of the lodge had now been completed. He did not derive so much pleasure from the recollection that they had given him work to do, although many of his brethren in Masonry often said they could not give him too much. However, he would do the best he could to merit the honour which had been conferred upon him, and he believed the lodge would prosper and become a shining light in Masonry. Rhyl was most favourably situated for the establishment of a lodge. It was central, and had convenient railway accommodation, and if the brethren would only support him there could be no reason why the lodge should not succeed. Of course he should look to them for their most earnest support, for the Master of a Masonic lodge was like the captain of a ship, which could not well be navigated unless the captain was supported by his officers and crew. The position which they had conferred upon him was not of his own seeking; he had accepted it purely from his love of Masonry and his wish to extend it; for he believed that however good a man might be he would become better by joining a Masonic lodge. He would become a better man, a better husband, a better father, and a better member of society. If a man would only observe the principles inculcated in Freemasonry he would be a gainer by it in every way. In conclusion, he thanked them for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received, and he trusted that the Caradoc Lodge would, in its future career, be as a shining light set on a hill.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Venerable Archdeacon Morgan," which was well received.

Archdeacon Morgan having replied, the Junior Warden of the lodge, Bro. A. J. Spinks, proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," to whom a great deal of credit was due for the complete and able manner in which he had rendered the ceremony that day.

Bro. Spaul, in responding, said it was the first lodge he had consecrated, and he was pleased to think that he had had the opportunity of performing the ceremony. As the lodge was his first Masonic child, he should look upon its future career with very great interest. There was one thing that struck him that day, and that was the attendance of ladies at the banquet. (Hear, hear.) That was an example he hoped to see followed on other occasions, for he believed that every true-hearted Mason desired that the ladies should participate sometimes in their enjoyment after the lodge meetings were over. It reminded him of the occasion when he attended the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a festival at which, he might remark, the province of North Wales indeed, no less than £170 being contributed by it, and £100 of that amount he had the pleasure of taking up himself, a duty he hoped to have to perform again. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. J. Salmon next proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. J. McHattie (Chester), who said it gave him very great pleasure to be present on that occasion. Bro. Salmon, he added, was a thorough working Mason, and deserved credit for the energy he had displayed in forming the new lodge. One of the proudest distinctions of their Craft was the amount of money contributed annually to the Masonic charities; and he was glad to see that the province of North Wales and Shropshire was not neglectful in that respect.

Bro. J. J. Cunah proposed "The Health of Bro. A. J. Spinks, the Junior Warden," remarking that had it not been for the efforts of Bro. Spinks Freemasonry would never have been identified with Rhyl.

Bro. Spinks briefly responded, and after a few other toasts the proceedings terminated.

The lodge music was under the direction of Bros. J. Humphreys and Herbert Ellis, Chester, assisted by Bros. Adams and Alton Jones, Mold. During the evening some capital songs and duets were ably sung by these gentlemen, and materially contributed to the entertainment of the brethren.

The Registrar General reports that the fatal cases of small-pox in the twenty principal towns, which in the nine preceding weeks had steadily declined from 92 to 29, were 37 last week, of which 31 occurred in London and five in Liverpool. Scarlet fever continues fatally prevalent in Wolverhampton. There were 28 fatal cases of measles in London last week, one of typhus, 14 of enteric or typhoid, and six of simple continued fever. No less than 60 deaths occurred from different forms of violence.

The Great Yarmouth and Stalham Railway was opened for traffic on Tuesday.

## CONSECRATION OF THE CHAPTER OF UNITED STRENGTH, No. 228.

More than eighty years ago, as the records in the minutes of the Lodge of United Strength are stated to show, it was resolved that steps should be taken to form a chapter to the lodge. What came of the resolution, and what steps were taken, Masonic history is as silent about as is general history concerning the detailed actions of the Picts and Scots of blessed memory. This is not caused by the Lodge of United Strength being without means of going back in its history to remote times. The lodge is in possession of a written history, more or less complete like all written history, but altogether unvarnished, unlike all other history. This written history is in the minutes; but it is silent as to the steps which were taken by the brethren in the year A.D. 1797, and we fail to find the United Strength Masters and Wardens ever travelled from the far west, somewhere about the then wilds of Cheyne Walk, to the east, in the search of a charter, or, if they travelled, what was the result of their perilous journey. But besides the written history there is existing, and long may its authors flourish, certain oral testimony. Far is it from us, to allege or to hint that this oral testimony be in any degree traditional, or, still worse, legendary, and none will think so when we say that this is in the memories of certain ancient brothers, so ancient that grey-headed members who have grand-children are mere youths by their side. These very ancient members have, to the great glory of the lodge, memories so green, that the bald records in writing are, upon occasions, amplified and made living testimony. One instance will suffice. In 1869 a very ancient dame, quite on a par with the very ancient members of the lodge, applied for the aid of her late husband's brethren. Her husband had been dead 40 years, and he left the lodge nearly 60 years before, but she brought with her his discharge from it, showing that he had left it in 1814, in an honourable manner, and showing his jewel, for the lodge is a jewelled one, and his widow had kept this memento of her husband's brotherhood through the many years of her solitude. Of course the very ancient members knew the name of the brother who had left the lodge just before the Battle of Waterloo was fought, and the youthful members of the lodge, led by that most enthusiastic youth in matters of charity, Bro. James Terry, cheerfully embraced the opportunity of practising the virtue they all admire, and the old lady was sent rejoicing, happy to find, that though all blood relations had died away, her dead husband had living brothers in the inheritors of those who had more than 60 years ago received her good and true man amongst them.

All history, written or oral, being silent as to any practical result of the movement for a chapter in 1797, the subject was often mooted as to pressing on another step. The very ancient members, being as modest as they are worthy, did not press the subject, and the more youthful ones, with the deference ever paid by worth, waited for their elders. Last year, however, the lodge was ruled over by one whose keen love of his lodge is only equalled by his love of the Craft, and having, perhaps, felt the strangeness of entering the Royal Arch apart from his lodge, bridged the gulf which, in no unkindness, had existed, and invited all the Royal Arch Masons in the lodge to apply for a charter for a new chapter. This was Bro. Robert Griggs, the well-known architect of Gray's Inn-square, and the second important step of this undertaking was the consecration of the new chapter on the last Tuesday in July (last Tuesday week).

The ceremony was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E. Comp. Henry Muggerridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer, P.Z., being the Consecrating Officer, assisted by E. Comp. John Newton, P.Z., acting H., and E. Comp. Hazelgrove, acting J.

The new officers designated were: Bros. James Terry, Z.; John A. Winsland, H., Treas.; Robert Griggs, J.; James Hillhouse, Scribe E.; John White (Freemason), Scribe N.; Robert Snare, P.S.; Halford, First A.; Killick, Second A.; The visitors included Comps. Hill, of the Domestic; Faija, of the Caveac; Goolden, of the Royal York; Humphreys, of the Phoenix; and Cousins, the latter presiding at the harmonium.

It is unnecessary for us to go through the whole ceremony, and it will suffice to say that the companion of the benign countenance, Comp. Muggerridge, gave the whole ceremony with wonderful impressiveness, all the more wonderful when it is considered that the room was like the hottest room at a Turkish bath, and that the coolest and most self-possessed of mankind, the new M.E.Z., was only sustained by a plentiful supply of "Sainsbury's best" (lavender water), administered outwardly. The new chapter was formed with all solemnity, the Principals inducted into their chairs (Comp Terry being presented by his old friend, brother, and companion, Newton) and the officers invested and placed in their respective chairs. For the propositions for election the first name read out by Scribe E. was that of the worthy Secretary, Bro. Joseph Crump, for upwards, too, of a quarter of a century (no mere reckoning by years in this case) of the dear old mother lodge, and, as in the case of the siege of Rome by the Tuscan, if there had been any enemies present, they "could scarce forbear to cheer," and, as it was, "all ranks gave forth a rapturous shout." The other chapter work included the election of Comps. Muggerridge, Newton, and Hazelgrove as honorary members. After many names for exaltation, had been given in and the chapter closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was certainly a very pleasant feature in the evening's proceedings. The M.E.Z., in his usual graceful manner, proposed the usual loyal toasts—"Her Majesty," "The G.Z.," and the other Grand Officers." Then the Consecrating Officer was toasted, and responded to the toast with the eloquence which is to him a natural gift.

Comp. Newton, in proposing "The M.E.Z.'s Health,"

reviewed the memories of bygone years to both, and dwelt upon the good which Comp. Terry was never tired of doing.

The response was brief, and to the purpose, and the M.E.Z., referring to his two worthy companions, Winsland and Griggs, thanked them for the honour they had done him, in conjunction with the other founders in offering him the chair. Comp. Winsland, as an old P.Z., and an older P.M., might have taken that position, and Comp. Griggs, as the active promoter of the chapter, might have looked to a higher position; but as it was the wish of all, the position of M.E.Z. had been accepted by him with pride.

The two other Principals were toasted, and an acknowledgment was made of their arduous work in promoting the welfare of a lodge whose unitedness does not stop with its name. The officers, too, spoken of as worthy Masons, who had worked their way to good positions, and that too, by the one standard recognised in the Book of Constitutions, "Merit only," were likewise toasted with heartiness, as were the visitors and the honorary members.

The evening, in sober pleasure spent, had its pleasures greatly enhanced by the singing of Comps. Cousins, Humphreys, and Griggs, and by recitations by Comp. Muggerridge.

## FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

### WELL DESERVED HONOURS.

Our active brother, Chas. E. Meyer, has had new honours conferred upon him. In May last he was declared an honorary life member of Canongate and Leith and Leith and Canongate Lodge, No. 5, Leith, Scotland. This lodge is the offshoot and eldest daughter of the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1, and was formed May 29, 1828. It is not only one of the oldest but one of the largest and most powerful working lodges under the Scottish Constitution. Accompanying the announcement of his affiliation, Bro. Meyer received a certificate of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with Bro. D. Murray Lyon's signature appended as Grand Secretary, also a beautiful gold badge, upon which are emblazoned the coat of arms of each of the two corporations, Canongate and Leith. This badge is a present from Bro. James Neilson, Lodge No. 5.

Bro. Meyer has also been made the second honorary member of the Centenary Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, Cornwall, England, and has received a most elegantly engrossed certificate of the same.

At the stated meeting in June the members of Melita Lodge, No. 395, of which Bro. Meyer is a Past Master, were apprised of the high honours conferred upon him, and it was decided that a recognition was due, whereupon the following was offered:

Resolved, that Melita Lodge, No. 395, fully recognises the compliment conferred upon one of its members, Bro. P.M. Charles E. Meyer, by Canongate and Leith Lodge, No. 5, Leith, Scotland, and by the Centenary Lodge of Fortitude of Truro, in making him an honorary member of said lodges, and we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of said lodges for the high honours thus conferred. After some eulogistic remarks from some of the brethren present, the resolutions were unanimously adopted and the Secretary directed to transmit a copy to Leith and to Truro.—*Philadelphian Chronicle*.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The 20th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to be held at Cleveland in August, promises to be unusually enjoyable. Oriental Commandery, No. 12, on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, will entertain the visiting Knights as follows: Monday, August 27, Reception at Cass Hall; Tuesday, 28th, Grand Parade and Review, Excursion on Lake Erie by steamer, and Evening Reception; Wednesday, 29th, Lawn Fête, Reception, and Competitive Prize Drill; Thursday, 30th, Lake Excursion to Put-in-Bay. This programme speaks for itself. The knightly courtesy of our fratres of Ohio could not be more fully exhibited.—*Keystone*.

### ST. JOHN'S DAY IN LOUISIANA.

Bro. David Leatherman, District Deputy Grand Master of Louisiana, writes to Bro. F. H. Babbitt, M.D., of this city (who has fraternally shown us his letter), that Atchafalaya Lodge, No. 164, and Tyrian Lodge, No. 206, celebrated St. John's Day last by a Masonic festival at Red River Landing. There was a large gathering of brethren present, and a delightful time was enjoyed. Bro. Leatherman was Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Samuel J. Powell, Grand Master of Louisiana, was present, and delivered an address, as did also Bro. John B. Gordy, M.D., a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work. The celebration concluded with a sumptuous banquet. A large number of ladies were present, and after partaking of the banquet, dancing was indulged in by the brethren and their guests. Grand Master Powell is a model Grand Officer—unassuming, unselfish, courteous to all, and loved by every member of the fraternity over whom he presides. He is indeed a Solomon, and not a Cæsar over the Craft. Bro. D. Babbitt, of this city, we may add, is a P.M. of both Atchafalaya and Tyrian Lodges, and naturally feels proud of their prosperity.—*Keystone*.

### EXCURSION OF COLUMBIAN COMMANDERY.

On Saturday, 14th ult., this venerable and long-famed commandery, known as the "Old Guard," from the fact that it has been from its organization, No. 1, and older than the Grand Commandery itself, visited Rockaway Beach for a parade and excursion, at the invitation of Sir Knight J. G. Worth, whose guests they and the visiting Sir Knights were, on the steamer William Cook. The line was formed at their asylum, Masonic Temple, on Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, at 8:30 a.m., when, preceded by the full drum and fife corps of the Eighth



Regiment, under the baton of Bro. Mackever, they repaired to the steamer as follows: Em. Sir Peter Forrester; Commander; Sir Knights E. M. L. Ehlers, Generalissimo; W. D. May, Captain General; Em. Sir Knights Robert Macoy, Gr. Recorder, and Chas. Aikman, Gr. Warder; R. Em. Sir Knight Beatty, Past Gr. Commander, and Em. Sir Knight Lancing Burrows, Grand Prelate of the Gr. Commander of New Jersey; the officers and twenty Sir Knights of Damascus Commandery, No. 5, of Newark, N. J., and a delegation of Sir Knights from Clinton Commandery, No. 14, of Brooklyn; the whole forming a line of about ninety Knights Templars in full uniform. The Beauseant was displayed as well as the guidons by their bearers. Among many of the well-known knights of the Commandery we noticed Sir Knights Wm. Fowler, a descendant of the Knickerbockers, and E. B. Fairchild, and E. Bonabue, jr. of the command. The trip to the beach was greatly enjoyed, the day being unexceptionably fine, the music by the band being all that could be desired, and the attention of Sir Knight Worth duly appreciated by all. On arrival at the second landing, the objective point, a salute of nine guns was fired, when the visiting Sir Knights were welcomed by the proprietors of the Sea-Side House, Messrs. Remsen and Wainwright, and after re-forming on their spacious landing and preceded by the drum and fife corps, were by the gentlemen named escorted to their magnificent pavilion on the ocean, where, after the command were brought in line, the hosts of the Sea-Side House invited the excursionists to a feast at three p.m. The command broke ranks, and, until the hour designated, enjoyed themselves with bathing, dancing, and occasionally smiling. Three o'clock having arrived, the Knights, with the ladies accompanying them, were seated at two long tables in the upper pavilion, where pyramids of roast clams and any quantity of clam chowder was ready for the assault. In fact when the pyramid of clams was captured, and they grew clam-iferous, more pyramids appeared, until they gave up in perfect exhaustion. To the originator of the excursion, Sir Knight Worth, and to the landlords of the Sea-Side House all credit is due for their exertions, free of charge, to make everything go as pleasant as a marriage feast is supposed to go.—*New York Dispatch*.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

This Orient has been conducting itself very unmasonically. At its general meeting, held in Paris in September last, it was decided by a large majority to take into consideration the outrageously unmasonic proposal, viz.: "The obliteration from their Constitution of the belief in God and in the Immortality of the Soul." It appears that the majority of members in this Orient are what are commonly called "Atheists," who like to live "without God," and denying, as they do, the "Immortality of the Soul," to die "without hope." They, in their own self-esteem, have become so elevated or superhuman, that they are contented to live and die "like the beasts of the field." Of course, being "highly cultivated" (as they fancy), they think it their privilege to be on the same level with the beasts of the field. It will be well for these deluded individuals to pay attention to what some of the greatest and the most philosophical and learned of men have said on the subject of Atheism. For their behoof we quote the following:

1. Lord Herbert, of Chesham: "Whoever considers the study of anatomy, I believe will never be an Atheist; the frame of man's body, and coherence of his parts, being so strange and paradoxical that I hold it to be the greatest miracle of Nature."

2. It is said of Galen, the celebrated physician of antiquity, that he was once atheistically inclined. But after he had anatomized the human body, and carefully surveyed the frame of it, viewed the fitness and usefulness of every part of it, and the many intentions of every little vein, bone and muscle, and the beauty of the whole, he fell into a fit of devotion and wrote "a hymn to his Creator."

3. Dr. Marshall, a lecturer on anatomy, once devoted a whole lecture to display the profound science that was visible in the formation of "the double hinges" of our joints. Such was the effect of his "demonstrations" that an inquisitive friend, who had accompanied Dr. Turner to the lecture, with sceptical inclinations, suddenly exclaimed with great emphasis, "A man must be a fool indeed who, after duly studying his own body, can remain an atheist."

4. Dr. Arnold, in one of his weighty letters, says, "I confess that I believe conscientious Atheism not to exist."

5. Dr. Krummacher, in his Alliance Paper on Infidelity in Germany, remarks "That atheism in the lower classes appears as a plant—proceeding more from political interest than as a proof proceeding from a clear self-judgment. Religion is looked upon as an invention to press down the people."

6. Mr. Vanderkiste, in his deeply interesting "Notes and Narratives of a Six Years' Mission among the Dens of London," says: "The so-called atheists with whom I have met have proved, with few exceptions, upon being closely questioned, not really to be atheists at all. They have admitted some causation, and when pressed closely upon the subject of intelligent causation, and required to define terms, they have fairly broken down and become angry. Atheism is to be regarded as the desperate shift of an ill-regulated mind, determined to rid itself of responsibility at the expense of all reason and argument."

7. John Foster, the original-minded author of the Essays says: "The wonder then turns on the great process by which a man may grow up to the immense intelligence which can know there is no God. What ages and what light are requisite for this attainment! This intelligence involves the very attributes of Divinity while a God is denied. For unless this man is omnipresent, unless he is at this moment present at every part in the

universe, he cannot know but there may be in some place manifestations of Deity, by which even he may be over-powered. If he does not know absolutely every agent in the universe, the one that he does not know may be God. If he is not himself the chief agent in the universe, and does not know what is so, that which is so may be God. If he is not in absolute possession of all the propositions that constitute universal truth, the one that he wants may be that there is a God. If he cannot with certainty assign the cause of all he perceives to exist, that cause may be God. If he does not know everything that has been done in the immeasurable ages that are past, some things may have been done by a God. Thus, unless he knows all things—that is, precludes all other Divine existence by being Deity himself—he cannot know that the Being whose existence he rejects does not exist. But he must know that he does not exist, else he deserves equal contempt and compassion for the temerity with which he firmly avows his rejection and acts accordingly."

8. Newton, Kepler, and others of the greatest discoverers in science, rose from Nature up to Nature's God, and had their minds filled with "religious emotion" when exploring the earth and the heavens.

9. Lord Bacon, "one of the most remarkable of men of whom any age can boast"—"a reformer of philosophy"—says; "God never wrought a miracle to convince Atheism, because His ordinary work convinced it."

10. Morell, in his "History of Philosophy, vol. 2, pp. 646-7," states; "If you want argument from design, then you see in the human frame the most perfect of all known organization. If you want the argument from being, then man in his conscious dependence has the clearest conviction of the independent and absolute one on which his own being reposes. If you want the argument from reason and morals, then the human mind is the only known repository of both. Man is, in fact, a microcosm—a universe in himself; and whatever proof the whole universe affords is involved, in principle, in man himself. With this image of God before us, who can doubt of the Divine type?"

11. Cicero, Brougham, Paley, Chalmers, and others, with unrivalled eloquence, have convincingly established the argument—declared in the Sacred Law—"The heavens declare the Glory of God, and the firmament sheweth forth His handiwork."

It is needless to multiply quotations. The opinions of philosophers ought to have "weight" with "the Atheists" in the Grand Orient of France, who, we confidently and defiantly assert, have not "the gigantic mind" either of Bacon, Newton, or Kepler. Would the Atheists in the Grand Orient of France remember that if they persist in their truly unmasonic resolution, "cut off," they must be from, and disowned by, all the genuine Sons of Hiram in the Universe of Masonry.

Alas, for La Belle France! The Atheism of its God-defying children has been its ruin. Did not Atheism produce the too-well-known "Reign of Terror" in that land? Did not Atheism then transform "the beautiful" France into a troubled sea and a sea of blood? Did not Atheism dissolve the bonds of Society? Did not Atheism worship a common Siren in a state of nudity, as "The Goddess of Reason"? Ay, did not Atheism, under the sacred name of liberty, perpetrate "horrid deeds," which are unrivalled in the history of the world? In the words of Lamartine—"The republic of these men without a God was quickly stranded." And we again assure the Atheists in the Grand Orient of unhappy France—"Let the throne in the heavens be declared vacant and proclamation be made throughout the land that there is no God"—not only are the Masonic bonds that bind Masons dissolved, but society itself is left of all its safeguards, crime is committed without dread of punishment, and the vilest passions of the vilest rush onward without restraint.—*Australian Freemason*.

#### FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Chapter of St. John was opened and consecrated, at Timaru, on Tuesday, 10th April, by M.E. Comp. H. Thomson, M.E. Comp. Thiel, and E. Comp. Deane, from St. Augustine Chapter, Christchurch; Comp. G. H. Wildie, 1st P.; Comp. W. Williamson, and P.; Comp. John King, 3rd P.; Comp. Samuel Hammond, Treasurer; R. R. Taylor, P.S.; Comp. N. M. Simms, S.E.; Comp. N. A. Hobbs, S.N.; Comp. J. N. S. Zister, Organist; Comp. N. Dall, Janitor; eight Brethren of St. John's Lodge were exalted, and three joining members admitted. At the conclusion of consecration ceremony the companions sat down to a dinner in the Library of the Masonic Hall. Owing to the amount of business to be done, the dinner was not a lengthy one and only a few of the principal toasts were drunk.

**MASONS' STREETS.**—During the Middle Ages it was a custom universally followed in large cities and smaller provincial towns, for the several Craftsmen of various vocations to be aggregated in lodges which occupied either the entire quarters of a municipality, or were opened on both sides of a street which was often designated by the name of the handicraft. At a very remote period the Austrian metropolis, Vienna, had the public thoroughfares, according to a venerable plot of the city, specially set apart, and also entirely abandoned to various skilled handicrafts. For many centuries the Masons in Paris were regularly domiciled along the Rue des Maçons, and in this respect closely followed a more ancient custom descended from their Roman predecessors. A number of the cities of the United States have a "Freemasons'-street," for example, Norfolk, Va., and Indianapolis, Indiana.

We are requested to announce that the Yarrow Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, will meet at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, Jersey, on Monday, 13th inst., at 7 p.m.

#### RIGHT ESTIMATE OF FREEMASONRY.

Masonry, like every other institution, has a body and a soul, and therefore is to be regarded both literally and spiritually. If only the outward form—the visible unfolding—is taken into account, there will be no high and proper estimate of its character. It requires a mental and moral discernment to obtain a large and just appreciation of the Masonic system. Running rapidly through the degrees, gathering a few catch words of the ritual, occasionally witnessing some portion of the ceremony rehearsed, paying dues and fulfilling the specific obligations that Masonry imposes, will by no means lead to a full comprehension of the genius of our institution, or make evident the sublimity of its principles and its far-reaching moral benefits. A man without imagination or sensitiveness of soul, having no mental or moral training, whose whole being is saturated with materialism, can by no effort estimate rightly the breadth and sweep of the Masonic system. It makes no difference how many degrees such an one may take, how perfect, even, he may become in the text of the ritual and in matters of ceremonial procedure, there will always remain a glory hidden from his discerning, so that he will see and judge the institution on its lower and not on its superior side.

When the land surveyor looks forth upon the landscape he sees so much of distance and surface manifestations, so many helps or obstructions in the laying out of roads, the building of bridges, or the cutting of tunnels. The speculator in real estate notes the availability of the same prospect for house lots, his estimate being that of the market. The geologist and chemist regard the formation of the rock and the properties of the soil, their estimate being also professional and limited. It is the man imbued with a love of nature, possessed of a true sensitiveness of soul, and a broader reach of thought and vision, who alone is able to pass all these lines of outward seeming to discern a beauty and a worth in the landscape which were but faintly apprehended by the others. To him a wonderful meaning—an indescribable charm—will be manifest, as he goes forth among the fields or forests which fill his cultivated thought with a thousand suggestions, while by such an intelligent estimate of nature he is lifted up into communion with Nature's God.

Precisely thus are some men fitted to appreciate Masonry at its best, to discern its genius and its philosophy, while others will never do more than perceive its material side, albeit they may become excellently well versed in the technicalities of the system and punctually fulfil its outward obligations. Perhaps these ought not to have entered the fraternity. They are unsuited by original constitution and temperament, by lack of any special capacity, and by the want of mental and moral training, for the rightful appreciation of a society which holds a philosophy of such mystical character, and makes use of forms and legends so various for the purpose of ministering to the faculties that belong to the spiritual side of human nature.

But being admitted to Masonic relationship, even the comparatively prosaic and uncultivated should consider that they have pledged themselves to a work of personal spiritual expansion. First of all they must devote themselves to a cultivation of sentiments and faculties which lie dormant in their natures, so that they may apprehend the underlying principles and moral glory of Masonry, no less than its visible signs and practical benefits. Let them but exercise their moral powers, cultivate a spiritual insight, and it will not be very long before they will begin to appreciate the moral and philosophical character of the organization to which they have given their allegiance. Then they will honour it, not merely for its instituted forms and prescribed ceremonies, its social helps and bountiful benefactions, but also for these intangible yet essential properties that belong to its higher life and character. Masonry has a soul as well as a body. The body is one outward and visible part, comprising law, ritual and ceremony; organization and administration; a variety of practical manifestations by no means to be undervalued. The soul is the interior life—the vital source of impulse and grandest movement, and may of right claim pre-eminence. Hence more thought and study should be given to the spiritual characteristics that impart to Masonry its truest dignity and worth, while the brethren keep in mind that statement which applies to every system, even to religion itself, viz.: that the letter kills, while the spirit alone gives life.—*Repository*.

The quietness of an hotel in London possesses a great charm, especially to those who, visiting town from country seats or country towns, seek refuge from the noise and babel in their hotels, in many cases only to find the quietness sought for an illusion. Many Metropolitan Hotels, replete with accommodation, are situated in noisy thoroughfares, or great centres of traffic; and it is our pleasure now to direct the attention of noblemen, gentlemen, and families to an hotel that, although situate in the fashionable part of town, and within a stone's throw, so to write, of Saint James's-street, Pall Mall, Piccadilly and Bond-street, yet possesses all the advantages of perfect quietude and a private and direct entry to the Green Park. There is no traffic through Saint James's Place, Saint James's-street, and in this is situate (No. 17) Green's Saint James's place Hotel, containing elegant suites of rooms adapted for families of the highest distinction, and in addition single apartments with use of coffee room. The great care devoted to the cuisine, the choice selections of first quality wines, good attendance, and the whole under the personal supervision of Bro. Anton Herold, give to visitors frequenting the establishment all the comforts of a home. The elegant suites of rooms are admirably adapted for lodge meetings and banquets; and it is desired that noblemen and gentlemen, will kindly give the same their consideration, being ensured of every attention and accommodation.



## A SUMMER ST. JOHN'S IN AMERICA.

The *New York Dispatch* says that Monday 16th July, was set apart for the twelfth annual excursion of Delta Lodge, New York, No. 451, and Providence smiling upon the effort, the weather was all that could have been wished and better than it would have been had the participants fixed it for themselves. At ten of the clock, the large steamer chartered for the occasion, with its two attendant barges, like the wings of a swan sailing on the placid waters of some sylvan lake, and filled with a company in which many of Brooklyn's choicest spirits had a place, sailed forth on its journey up the Hudson. Mirth sat like a wreath of bridal roses on every happy countenance, and joy unrestrained floated on the zephyrs that fanned the brows of the participants, from tender infancy to sedate old age. Anon the sweet strains that recall the goddess Euterpe and the secter dedicated to Gambrinus set little feet to

"—stealing in and out  
Like mice upon the carpet."

and larger ones, like these of the *Dispatch*, for instance, followed suit, till the very rafters trembled, and Old Sol, though somewhat out of the lenient mood he has lately affected, curved up one corner of his mouth and smiled sweetly on the happy devotees of the triangle. So happy was the day, so sweet and pleasant was the companionship, that when at last Iona's beach embraced the gilded prow of our galleys, old and young men and maidens refused to be separated, and by general consent hundreds of lunch baskets gave forth their contents on the boats and set out a feast at which Lucullus in person might have enjoyed a surfeit—where every clime contributed its richest stores, from the orange of Florida to the truffles of Perigord, to say nothing of the renowned Widow Cluquet and the pipers whose hide is always sick. Talk about Olympus and the feasts of the gods! Refresh your memory with golden dreams of last year's strawberries served in silver bowls, moistened with Alderney cream and fitly crowned with sugar white as the snows born of mid-winter and pulverulent as the dust of ages; think of *douchees à la Reine*, *Becasse* on toast, or the choicest menu of—anybody you like, and you will still come short of the gastronomical enjoyment of this festive occasion. Followed a season of intellectual refreshment, in which song and jest, wit and repartee, flashed and corruscated like jewels in the light. Those whom "Bruce had often led" still followed their leader and made the air vocal with sweet sounds, which the environing shores sent back in echoing reverberations, and anon when our bark turned once more to the city of the bridge and its sails reflected the soft radiance of the declining day, Terpsichore again assumed command, and held undisputed sway till the "Sweet By-and-By" and "Home Again" announced to unwilling ears that the fairy scene was ended, and the cares and struggles of life again in presence.

Among those present we noticed Bros. and Mrs. Chas. P. Marrat, Bro. and Mrs. McPhail, Bro. and Mrs. William J. Orr, Bro. George Orr, Sergt. John Beatty, Bro. and Mrs. John Bruce, Bro. and Mrs. Saunders, Bro. and Mrs. Sutton, Bro. and Mrs. Forest with Miss Charlotte Forest, Bro. and Mrs. Leighton, Bro. and Mrs. Ivory, Miss Fitzpatrick, Bro. and Mrs. Dispatch, and fourteen hundred and seventy-eight others whose names we would gladly give did we know them. It is scarcely needed that we should add that the *Dispatch* received more attention than could be conveniently divided among one, and it is a matter of regret that there were not half a dozen of us. It was a day to be remembered, and if we had the proper kind of type we would mark it here in red.

An envious, crusty, forlorn old bachelor, who happens to be looking over our shoulder here remarks: "No wonder they didn't want to go ashore; it rained like the D—idymus." But as the Irishman said, "we pay no attention to such remarks."

## "SHOULD OLD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT?"

At the June Assembly of Boston Commandery, Boston, Mass., a very pleasing incident took place, which must have been agreeable to the more youthful knights, and cheering to those more aged. For nearly a year past Sir Abraham A. Dame, who presided over the Commandery in 1826-29, under the title of Most Eminent Grand Master, has been unable to attend the meetings; but on this evening E. Commander S. Mason, Jr., had taken especial care to have him present. A committee of Past Eminent Commanders was appointed to escort the venerable knight into the Asylum, where he was received with appropriate honours and respect. On entering, the Sir Knights rose to their feet, and all joined in singing "Should Old Acquaintance be Forgotten?" This was continued with fine effect during the march to the East, where a kindly welcome was extended by the Eminent Commander. After witnessing the work in the Order of the Temple, Sir Dame made a brief speech, in which he expressed himself grateful for the attentions shown him, and filled with pleasure at again meeting with the Knights in the Asylum of Boston Commandery. He also complimented the fidelity shown to the ritual, as taught by Webb and Fowler, and gave words of encouragement to all. He said that possibly he might not have the satisfaction of again meeting with them in the Commandery; but so long as God permitted him to live, he should feel, as he always felt, a lively interest in their prosperity, and, in conclusion, wished them "good night."—*Liberal Freemason*.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Waverley, R.W. P.G.M. Suffolk, has left town for Ballymena, Antrim,

## LODGES BY IMMEMORIAL CONSTITUTION.

Preston tells us that a sufficient number of Masons met together within a certain district, with the consent of the sheriff or chief magistrate of the place, were empowered, at this time, to make Masons, and practice the rites of Masonry, without a warrant of Constitution. The privilege was inherent in themselves as individuals; and this privilege is still enjoyed by the two old Lodges which are now extant (1795), and act by immemorial constitution.

The two Lodges alluded to are still in active existence, but there were formerly four referred to in the old records, and accounted for as follows, by Preston, whom we again quote:—

"1. The old Lodge of St. Paul, now named the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 1, formerly held at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Church-yard, is still extant (in 1795), and regularly meets at the Freemasons' Tavern, in Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn Fields, on the 4th Wednesday of every month. This Lodge is in a very flourishing state, and possesses some valuable records and other ancient relics.

"2. The old Lodge, No. 2, formerly held at the Crown in Parker's-lane in Drury-lane, has been extinct about fifty years by the death of its members.

"3. The old Lodge, No. 3, formerly held at the Apple-tree Tavern, in Charles-street, Covent garden, has been dissolved many years. By the list of lodges inserted in the Book of Constitutions printed in 1738, it appears that in February, 1722-3, this lodge was removed to the Queen's Head; in Knave's Acre, on account of some difference among its members, and that the members who met there came under a new constitution; though, says the Book of Constitutions, they wanted it not, and ranked as No. 10 in the list. Thus they inconsiderately removed their former rank under an immemorial constitution.

"4. The lodge, No. 4, formerly held at the Rummer and Grapes Tavern, in Channel-row, Westminster, was thence removed to the Horn Tavern, in New Palace-yard, where it continued to meet regularly till within these few years, when, finding themselves in a declining state, the members agreed to incorporate with a new and flourishing lodge under the constitution of the Grand Lodge, entitled the Somerset House Lodge, which immediately assumed their rank.

"It is a question that will admit of some discussion, whether any of the above old lodges can, while they exist as lodges, surrender their rights; for those rights seem to have been granted by the old Masons of the metropolis to them in trust, and any individual members of the four old lodges might object to surrender, and in that case they could never be given up. The four old lodges always preserved their original power of making, passing and raising Masons, being termed Masters' Lodges; while the other lodges, for many years afterwards, had no such power, it having been the custom to pass and raise the Masons made at these lodges at the Grand Lodge only.

## MARRIAGE OF THE LADY MAYORESS.

On Thursday the marriage of Miss Ada Louisa White, daughter of Bro. Sir Thos. White, Lord Mayor, with Mr. Cecil Herbert Thornton Price, partner in a Scandinavian mercantile firm in the City, took place in St. Paul's. This ceremony has excited much interest in the City circles, and long before the hour at which the marriage was announced to take place a large number of people had assembled at the grand entrance to St. Paul's. The noble building has very rarely been used for the marriage service, and never has any person of historical name or civic note been wedded at the Pauline Altar. It was therefore to be expected that the marriage of the Lady Mayoress would excite more than ordinary interest. For some days past there had been a great demand for tickets for the interior of St. Paul's, and it was not long before the limited number was exhausted. The interest of those persons who had not been fortunate enough to secure tickets was centred in the arrival of those who had been invited to the ceremony, and it was not long before the latter filled the space in the choir and under the dome of the building, the galleries being also occupied. The bridal party having arrived, the service commenced with the processional hymn, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," which was sung by 40 choristers, preceding the bridal party as it advanced from the west entrance to the steps of the choir. The lectern had been moved aside for the occasion, and here the principal part of the ceremony took place. The Psalm sung was "Blessed are they that fear the Lord," and before the exhortation the choir sang Mr. Arthur Sullivan's Marriage Anthem, "O God, Thou art worthy to be praised." The bride was given away by her father, the Lord Mayor. At the end of the service, and while the signatures were being appended to the register, Dr. Stainer, the organist, played a voluntary, which was followed by Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," as the newly-wedded pair left the Cathedral. There were sixteen bridesmaids. On the return to the Mansion House, the guests were entertained at a breakfast in the Egyptian Hall, where the bride-cake was cut with a silver sword. The marriage presents are both costly and numerous. It will, doubtless interest our lady readers to be made aware of the fact that the bride's dress, from Lyons, was a white satin Princess robe, with a rich white court train four yards long from the waist, and brocaded down the back with rosebuds and forget-me-nots. The front, as well as the back, was cut all in one, with a row of orange blossoms on either side, from the shoulders, and a large bouquet, of the same flower on one side of the petticoat. The veil, handkerchief, and trimming of the bouquet, as well as of the dress, were of Brussels point lace. The shoes, from Paris, were made of white satin, hand-painted, with a design of orange blossoms and myrtle.

The dresses of the sixteen bridesmaids were petticoats and trains of Rose de Barri silk, and these young ladies all wore wreaths.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the Worshipful Bro. Col. J. Creaton, P.G.D. presided. There were present: Bros. James Brett, Wm. Stephens, J. W. Stedwell, Griffiths Smith, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, L. Stean, Hyde Pullen, Samuel G. Phillips, Warren, Wheeler, T. Cubitt, and Thos. A. White. The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and confirmed. The committee reported the deaths of Bro. Richard Kidd, (Rye); William Warren, (Bristol); and O. G. Phipp, (Ramsgate); also that Mrs. Stanbank, an annuitant had become insane, and that in consequence of her being taken care of by the parish authorities her annuity would cease.

The Warden's report was read and adopted. The letter of the Grand Secretary, conveying a resolution of the Board of General Purposes as to office accommodation having been read, two members were nominated to confer on the subject with those already appointed by the Girls' and Boys' Committees. The petitions of Bro. J. Lister (Bristol) a Mrs. G. Bird (Devizes) were placed on the lists. The Chairman's notice of motion was considered and unanimously adopted, viz.: "That in acknowledgment of the zeal and energy so successfully executed by Bro. John Constable, P.M., Lodge 185, V.P., in connection with the various charities, more especially with the festival of this Institution in 1874, he be enrolled as an hon. V.P. with all the privileges of the rank." The Secretary reported that he had received three out of the outstanding five lists of the Stewards of the late festival, making the total sum realized £13,556 16s. The Chairman signed various cheques. The proceedings then terminated.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and over which Col. Creaton, V.P., presided. There were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, Thos. Massa, E. H. Finney, W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rawson, Thos. F. Peacock, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, H. Dicketts, Col. James Peters, Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, H. Phythian, G. Phythian, Thos. W. White, Prier de Lande Long, Thomas Cubitt and H. G. Buss.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed,

The Chairman said the special business which had called them together to-day was to authorize the Building Committee to expend the sum of £2,500 in the purchase of a plot of land adjoining the premises of the Institution at St. John's Hill. He said that it would be patent to all of them that the large building now on the ground at Battersea Rise would take a great deal from the open space, and it was suggested by the Building Committee that he should see the owner of the adjoining land with the view of ascertaining whether he would sell a portion of it. He saw Mr. Whiting, and at first he would not listen to the proposal; he said he would loan them a piece but would not sell it. After three or four interviews, however, that gentleman said he had seen his brothers and others interested in the property, and they had consented to sell the piece adjoining the Institution, for a sum of £2500; and he also gave his word that when the land was properly in the market that he would let him know, and give him the first refusal for the Institution. The piece of land in question was about five eighths of an acre, and ran the whole width of the ground, the price was a long one, but it must be understood that Mr. Whiting did not want to part with it. The committee pressed him to sell, and £2500 was the sum he put on it. He moved "That the Building Committee be authorised to expend the sum of £2500 in the purchase of a plot of land adjoining the premises of the Institution at St. John's Hill."

Bro. Dubois seconded.

Bro. Dicketts thought that £2500 was a very long price to give for five-eighths of an acre; he had all along understood that the land measured seven-eighths of an acre. The question was whether it was worth while to buy it.

The Chairman replied that Mr. Whiting would be much better pleased if they did not purchase.

Bro. Dicketts: Is it possible for the Institution to purchase the whole piece?

The Chairman: That is not possible. We all know that it is a very long price, but we want it.

Bro. Peacock thought that they should not miss the opportunity of acquiring land which they really wanted. It must be remembered that they had an unwilling vendor.

Bro. Tattershall supported the motion.

Bro. Dubois asked if there was any contract to sell.

The Chairman: Only verbal.

Bro. Dicketts moved as an amendment that the land be not purchased.

There being no seconder, the original motion was put and carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the proper medicine for people whose faculties are jaded and whose energies are exhausted by excessive heat, too much work, or over-indulgence. A few doses of these Pills always prove a simple, safe, and cooling treatment, for all stomach and liver complaints, a longer course will set right every organ whose action is impaired, strengthen every structure whose tone is diminished, and renovate that blood whose purity is tainted. Giddiness, headache, nausea, flatulency, and all other dyspeptic symptoms yield with surprising certainty and celerity to these corrective Pills, which lay siege to the seat of these distressing sensations, and carry off without any pain or other disagreeable drawback those peccant matters which are disordering the entire humane machine.—Adv.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE GOLD MEDAL OF THE BARD OF AVON LODGE.**—It may not be known to the brethren that the Bard of Avon Lodge gives a gold medal (value five guineas) to be contended for annually at the Collegiate School, Stratford-on-Avon—Warden, Bro. Dr. Collis, vicar of Stratford-on-Avon—the subject, English Literature, comprising Shakespeare, History, English Essay, &c. It is open to all the school. It has been won this year by John Percy Simpson, aged sixteen, son of Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain. Dr. Collis remarked in presenting it that twenty-five years ago he presented a prize on a similar occasion to his father.

**Mr. E. W. ALLEN, Ave Maria Lane, E.C.,** has just issued a book which cannot fail to interest not only Old Blues, but the public generally. It is written by a well-known author of the day, himself an Old Blue, and the book is brimful of fun and anecdote. It is called "Blue Coat Boys; or, School Life in Christ's Hospital, with a short History of the Foundation."

**The directors of the Floating Swimming Baths Company** have made arrangements for giving instruction gratis during the remainder of the present season, in their Northumberland-avenue Floating Bath, between the hours of 11.0 a.m. and 2.0 p.m.

**Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.,** left town on Saturday to stay a few days with the Earl and Countess of Portsmouth at Hurst-bogoe Park, Hants.

**We are informed that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.W.J.G.W.,** has forwarded to the Secretary of the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, Bucks, a donation of 20 guineas in aid of the funds of the institution.

**Mr. W. H. Smith, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury,** has accepted the office of First Lord of the Admiralty, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. George Ward Hunt.

**SUNSHINE.**—The Astronomer Royal reports that the duration of registered sunshine in the week ending on Saturday, was 46.6 hours, the sun being above the horizon 107.4 hours.

**THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.**—The Government are, we understand, about to make a change in the postal telegraph department. The staff of telegraphists (at least, in the south of England), is about to be reduced, and the vacancies are to be filled by sappers from the Royal Engineers. Four members of the telegraph staff will shortly leave Portsmouth, eight will go from Southampton, and ten from Brighton, and they are to be employed in London.

**The Right Hon. Robert Lowe, M.P.,** has declined to be put in nomination in the Liberal interest for the Lord Rectorship of the University, which becomes vacant at the end of the current academical year.—*Scotsman.*

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY.**—The Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund available for distribution amounts to £24,960, a slight falling off when compared with last year's total.

**THE HEALTH OF PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.**—We are glad to be able to report that the Prince is now convalescent, the fever having run its course and the temperature subsided. The interest of the case, from a medical point of view, has been the abnormal relation between the respiration and circulation, but these functions are now becoming healthy. The drainage of Marlborough House is to be entirely reorganised, but we are glad to hear that negotiations are in progress for securing an excellent mansion, with a fine park, in the north of London, which will be used as a kind of nursery for the Royal children in the London season.—*Medical Examiner.*

**The Craft in general will learn with great interest that the Royal National Life boat Institution** has accepted a tender for £520 for the erection of a very handsome boathouse at Clacton-on-sea, where the first of the lifeboats presented by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England, in honour of the safe return from India, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the United Kingdom, and a fine tower will be erected above it at the request of the donor of the site. The boat is built, and will be placed on the station before the wreck season, and a crew is being formed of men well acquainted with Maplin and Goodwin Sands.

**Bro. General J. Meredith Reed, Minister of the United States to the Court of Greece, and a son of the late Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Judge John M. Reed,** says that the arms lately found, alleged to belong to the famous statue "Venus de Milo," are genuine; that their workmanship is perfect, and their artistic value very great.

**The decease is announced of Bro. Lord de Clifford, which took place at Kirkby, Mallery, Leicester-shire, on the 6th inst.**

**A telegram to the Russian Agency in Paris** states that at Samara a great fire has destroyed two churches, the governor's residence, the police-station, and the office of the State Bank. The money and papers were saved; as well as 150 houses, most of which were insured.

**Admiral the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.,** is to be the new Admiral of the Fleet, in the place of the late Sir Henry Codrington.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. R. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*Adv.*

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**—A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday week, the 20th inst, when the following recommendation of the General Committee will be moved: That the report of the House Committee on extension of accommodation, as submitted to the General Committee be approved, and confirmed; and that in accordance therewith, the building at Wood Green be enlarged for the reception of 32 additional Boys, at an estimated expenditure of £3000.

**CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.**—Late on Wednesday evening, a skeleton model of this celebrated obelisk was completed in New Palace-gardens, Westminster. The site chosen, or suggested, in this locality, is in the middle passage of the west garden plot, with the statue of Lord Derby on one hand and that of Lord Palmerston on the other, the statue of Canning being in the rear. The model has first a step 2 feet 2 inches deep, with a tread 19 inches wide; the second step is 1 foot 9½ inches high, with a tread 1 foot 7 inches wide, and the third step is 1 foot 8 inches, with an 18 inch tread. Then follows a block 9 feet in dimension horizontally, and six feet high. From the block the obelisk proper springs, with a base of 7 feet 4½ inches. The Luxor obelisk at Paris is 76 feet high and 8 feet square at the base. The Cleopatra Needle is, as regards the monolith, 63 feet high. Another skeleton model, it is said, is to be put up on the Thames Embankment.

**THE SEA SERPENT MYSTERY.**—A remarkable fish has been washed ashore at Thurso, a model of which has been made by Mr. F. Buckland, and has just been added to the piscatorial exhibition at the Royal Aquarium Westminster. The fish in question was alive when it came ashore, but was in a dying state. It measures 12 ft. 4 in. in length, and is much in the shape of an enormous sword, gradually tapering off at the tail. It is undoubtedly a fine specimen of the "Gymnetrus Arcticus," otherwise "Regalacus Banksii." The back is studded with sharp webbed spines forming a continuous back fin, and the belly is covered with little ivory studs. The account of this fish at the present time is of great interest, because it affords us some clue to the monsters seen by the officers of the Royal yacht Osborne et sea off Cape Vito, on the coast of Sicily. This monster was observed to rear its head and body several feet out of the sea (after the manner of the so-called sea-serpent), and, judging from this fact and other particulars, there is every reason to believe that the creature seen was no other than a very large specimen of Gymnetrus. We may say that a similar fish was caught off the Tyne in 1849, but it was at least 4½ ft. shorter. Let us hope that we have at last solved the mystery surrounding the so-called sea serpent.—*Fishing Gazette.*

**A CURIOUS INCIDENT.**—A Berlin paper reports the following curious incident, which happened on the Potsdam line of railway on Sunday afternoon.—The driver of the engine, upon the train nearing the station of Steglitz, was surprised to observe three ladies standing upon the rails, gesticulating vehemently, for the purpose, it seems, of causing him to stop the train. The driver made good use of the engine-whistle, to induce the ladies to step off the rails. But all in vain; the ladies remained immovable upon the line of the approaching engine, and thus left the driver no alternative but to run over them or to signal for the train to stop, though there was nothing upon the line to justify such a signal. The ladies, as soon as the train had come to a full stop, ran hurriedly towards a carriage, out of which a gentleman was looking with surprise marked in his face, called him papa, and requested him to alight from the carriage (the train having stopped exactly opposite the residence of the ladies), so as not to be compelled to finish the journey to the station of Steglitz and travel back unnecessarily. The officers in charge of the train, surprised by such impudence, though different, however, and not only would not allow the gentleman to leave the train, but compelled the ladies to enter a carriage and in company with their papa took them to the station of Steglitz, and probably to pay a heavy fine for delaying the train and infringing their bye-laws.—*Daily Express.*

**The Local Board of Worthing have accepted,** with cordial thanks, Mr. Robert Loder's (of Beach House) offer of £500 towards acquiring a central cricket-ground for this town.

**The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea** beyond all expectations. *Eminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The London and Provincial Press unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). Families are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1 lb. 2s. 6d., 2 lbs. 5s., 4 lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as *sampler*, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom must be addressed to the Secretary.

**At the Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday last, Bro. James Terry, the energetic Secretary of this Institution,** reported that of the five outstanding lists of the Stewards of the late Festival, three had been received, making the total sum realized £13,556 16s. We offer Bro. Terry our heartiest congratulations.

**The Masonic Relief Associations of the United States met in Convention in Albany, New York, on May 29th.** Twenty associations (by no means all) were represented. Bro. Alexander Gardner, of Washington City, presided. There were many new and valuable points brought out at the Convention. The general interchange of views will no doubt result beneficially to these associations. Each delegate seemed willing to give all the information he could, and present his experience in the working of his own association.

**Bro. E. H. Cushing delivered an original, able and very entertaining address before Holland and Gray Lodges, Houston, Texas, on June 25th.**

**THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF FLOWER SHOWS.**—The value of the poor man's flower show is to himself great, but to his children greater. The educational system that prevails is altogether too subjective, and there is but little attempted in the way of teaching the young to observe and reason on their observations. The three R's are of primary importance, but they require to be supplemented by systematic teaching in the open air on open-air subjects, and we look forward hopefully to a recognition of the necessity by school boards, not only in towns where the field of observation is contracted, but in the country, where it is practically unlimited. We are advised by the powers that be to prepare the children everywhere for catching and killing the Colorado beetle, but their imperfect training in the faculty of observing compels us to fear that in their zeal to exterminate the *doryphora* they may wage war with *coccinella*, that is to say, the potato beetle being much talked of, but as yet unseen, the lads of the village may find consolation in the wholesale destruction of the ladybirds, which are among the very best friends of man in the kingdom of insects. The window flower show may be made immensely useful as an aid in the education of the young, and we once more remind the guardians of the youthful poor that a habit of observing and a taste for a knowledge of nature's ways and means are of immense importance in the development of manliness, and independence, and intelligence, and morality, and usefulness. The book of nature is worthier to be read than a majority of the books in common use, and it is one of our duties to encourage the young, whether of rich or poor, in learning to read it with a view to the acquisition of useful knowledge, and the cherishing of sentiments of reverence and love for the beneficence that warms the world, and renders capable of happiness every living creature.—*Gardener's Magazine.*

**The Midland Railway Company intend, we are informed, to introduce a dining-saloon carriage into some of their trains.** In this carriage hot dinners may be cooked and served the same as in a hotel or restaurant.

**A notice has been placed on the doors of St. Dunstan's West, Fleet-street, to the effect that a faculty has been asked for permission to make a road through the disused parochial cemetery, so as to connect Chancery-lane and Fetter-lane.**

**TRAFFIC IN ITALIAN CHILDREN.**—On Wednesday the Lord Mayor received the following communication from the Home Secretary:—"Whitehall, 6th August, 1877.—My Lord,—The attention of the Secretary of State has been called to the practice under which children bought or stolen from their parents in Italy or elsewhere, are imported into this country by persons known by the name of 'Padroni,' who send them out into the streets to earn money by playing musical instruments, selling images, begging, or otherwise. It is most important to suppress this traffic by every available means, and Mr. Cross relies on the vigilant co-operation of the police for this purpose. In many cases the employer will be found to have committed an offence against the vagrant Act 5 Geo. IV., c. 83, by procuring the child to beg. (See the case of Reg. v. Viasani, reported in Justice of the Peace, Dec. 1, 1866, p. 756.) If so, he should be forthwith prosecuted and the result of such prosecution should be made the subject of a special report to the Secretary of State. The child will probably come within the provisions of the 14th section of the Industrial Schools Act, 1866 (29 and 30 Vict., c. 118), either under the first class as a child begging alms, or under the second class as a child found wandering and without proper guardianship. An application should therefore be made to the justices for the child to be sent to a certified industrial school. Further application should be made under section 19 for the temporary detention of the child in a workhouse until the industrial school has been selected, information being at once communicated to the Secretary of State in order that if requisite he may render assistance in making the necessary arrangements. The final result of each case should also be reported to the Secretary of State. Mr. Cross requests that your lordship will be so good as to cause instructions to be issued to the police of the City of London in conformity with these suggestions.—I have the honour to be, my lord, your lordship's obedient servant, A. F. O. LIDDELL."

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the charges, regulations, E. A. Song, &c.** A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address Publisher, 108, Fleet-street, London.—*Adv.*



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

## NEW POSTAL RATES.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

BRO. POLICH ("Exclusion of the Hebrews.")—As this discussion has been closed we do not think it well to reopen it.

D.D.G.M. (Trinidad).—We think it better not to publish your letter.

X.Y.B. in our next.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Freemasonry, A Lecture;" "History of the Dunmow Flitch of Bacon;" "New York Dispatch;" "Broad Arrow;" "The Blue Coat Boys."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

HOPWOOD.—On the 2nd inst., at Warley, Essex, the wife of Surgeon-Major E. J. Hopwood, A.M.D., of a son.

MAXWELL.—On the 2nd inst., at Holywych, the wife of Captain W. H. Maxwell, R.N., of a daughter.

STEER.—On the 4th inst., at Barnack, the wife of the Rev. George Steer, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

POWELL—GREENHEAD.—On the 25th ult., at St. Andrew's, Watford, Hugh Rice, third son of John Rice Powell, Esq., of Merton, Surrey, to Sophie, youngest daughter of the late C. Greenhead Esq., M.D., Surgeon, R.N., and late of Reading, Berks.

## DEATHS.

CODRINGTON.—On the 4th inst., at 112, Eaton-square, Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Henry Codrington, K.C.B., aged 68, son of the late Admiral Sir. Henry Codrington.

MITCHELL.—On the 3rd inst., at No. 9, Thornhill-square, Barnsbury, George Rowland Mitchell, aged 46.

PARKER.—On the 3rd inst., at New Steine, Brighton, Edward Parker, youngest son of the late Charles Rowland Parker, Esq., of Greenwich, and Blackheath, Kent, aged 37.

WILSON.—On the 2nd inst., at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, Daniel Wilson, Esq., aged 71.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1877.

## EXAGGERATED VIEWS OF FREEMASONRY.

The *Daily News* states that a lodge at Perigord, or Perigord, has been closed by the French Government, because some of the brethren stated, (a very rare "paté de Perigord" indeed), that "Freemasonry was the most fraternal, rational, and, in its nature, Christian religion in the world." We can hardly believe the statement "pur et simple," and feel sure, that there must be something more in the background. For though we do not agree with "some brethren" of the lodge in such statements, yet we could afford we think, to treat such an expression of "hyperbole" with tranquil indifference. It is quite clear to us that it is a grave error to term Freemasonry at all a Religion. It is not, and never can be, a "Religio," to any one. Indeed it makes no such profession, and claims no such character. It is simply a religious and philanthropic sodality, advocating charity, toleration, and brotherly love, whose morality is based on the word of God! Its platform and its professions are equally broad and sincere, and it wishes to serve as a rallying point among the inevitable controversies and disagreements of men, for those of contrasted views and differing creeds. But it in no sense declares itself to be a Religion to the world, and any such view is in grave excess both of its tenets and its practice. In this age of exaggeration and cloudy statements, it seems well to us to be precise in such matters, and to lay down accurately, as far as we can, alike what Freemasonry does teach and what it does not teach, to avoid the errors of some, to anticipate the accusations of others.

## GRATUITOUS MEDICAL RELIEF.

We alluded in our last to the general assertion that "Gratuitous Medical Relief is hurtful per se," hurtful, that is, to the hospital, the community, the individual, and the medical profession; and we propose to consider the subject to-day a little more in detail. The argument, such as it is, as must be evident to every Tyro even in logic, is simply an assertion, a "petitio principii," and above all an arguing from a particular to an universal. An abuse exists in this or that particular hospital, that is to say, persons who can afford to pay for medical advice, avail themselves improperly of gratuitous attendance and pay nothing, and therefore the whole system of "gratuitous medical relief" is injurious and objectionable. But can any such naked proposition be really brought to a logical conclusion? We have no hesitation in answering "no." Admitted the "abuse"—and a great abuse no doubt it is—does it therefore affect the use? Again we reply emphatically in the negative. For the principle of "gratuitous medical relief" is, we venture to contend, despite the dicta of some, a very good and wholesome principle. For what is it but simply this? A manly and beneficent attempt to offer skilled nursing, and scientific treatment, in those many dreadful diseases which unceasingly afflict humanity, to those who for want of personal means or through lack of home accommodation are unable literally to avail themselves comfortably and satisfactorily of the one or the other. And this endeavour, which is the aim and object of all our great Metropolitan hospitals, is one which commends itself entirely to every sense of philanthropy, and every dictate of religion. It is in fact, in its measure a humble approximation to the example of that Holy and Divine Teacher, who "went about doing good," and was ever glad to heal "all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." It is a fact "bene notanda" on this subject that to Christianity must be conceded the perfection and development of the hospital and the infirmary. If it be true, as probably it is, that the temples of Æsculapius, in the Pagan world, were schools for medical instruction and centres for the cure of

disease; if it be also correct, that the Hebrews had hospitals and refuges for their sick and suffering, yet the present noble infirmary and hospital system is the benign expansion of the benevolent teaching of Christianity. Hospitals and infirmaries in this country were originally "lazar houses," or places of reception and isolation for those who wandered back from the crusades, who were afflicted with the mental curse of leprosy, or grave cutaneous disorders. As gradually their need died out they became homes for the sick and infirm, until in the last century the special infirmary and hospital movement began in the metropolis and provinces, which has culminated in the present remarkable development of those needful and praiseworthy institutions. In particular cases and distinct foundations, the appropriation for the sick is of much earlier date than the last century, but these are exceptions from the general condition of hospitals, and need not be dwelt upon now, as they are known to all our readers. At this moment the great hospitals and infirmaries of the metropolis and provinces occupy one of the noblest positions which ever has been attained, either in the history of medical science, or the progress of benevolent relief. Can it then be fairly contended by any, even by the most hasty inductionist, that we are bound, because of an admitted abuse, to deprive ourselves of so great and noble a use? Is not the proper way of procedure to correct the "abuse" but to uphold the "use;" It may be quite proper, as we have said before, that self supporting hospitals should be established, if there be a need for them, but why, are we, because of partial "abuse" of a noble system, to abolish the general "use" which has been an untold blessing to countless thousands of the suffering and less opulent of our fellow citizens, of our fellow creatures male, female, and infant? And then comes in the further question, what are we to do, how are we to deal with large endowments left for the absolute object of "gratuitous medical relief?" We live in an age of confiscation and large-hearted plunder, and it is just possible that some great authority may discover a ready "Cypres" interpretation of founders' wills, as affecting our great hospitals. But can such a course be either reasonable or recommended which would practically deprive countless hundreds of the poor and helpless of all curative efforts, and all skilled nursing? Those of us who know anything of the "Cottage Homes of England" must be well aware how utterly unfitted they are for the treatment of fever or infectious disorders, of dangerous maladies, necessitating severe surgical operations. Few except those who have stood in ill-ventilated rooms, and badly drained cottages, (still a disgrace to our civilization), have any idea of the amount of blood-poisoning which there goes on, or what pest-houses of epidemics they often are to a village or a district. We feel therefore bound to protest to-day, in the great interest of thousands upon thousands of our poorer brethren and sisters of the dust, against any tampering with the noble and beneficent system of "gratuitous medical relief." That some abuses exist we do not deny, but they can easily be met, by special legislation of the hospitals themselves. We feel certain that any attempt to turn all our great hospitals, (impossible as we deem it to be), into paying institutions, if worthy indeed of this calculating age, is alike inconsistent with the object of hospitals themselves, and above all with the views, as we make bold to assert, or the great majority of a most enlightened and benevolent profession. We feel assured that so great a change—must we not call it a revolution?—in these honoured schools of medical science, these unequalled centres of humanitarian relief, will not be very readily conceded by that most important section of our community which is ever most conspicuous for its generous self abnegation in the interests of suffering humanity and the absorbing claim of scientific progress, and which devotes itself with such characteristic energy to the alleviation of suffering, the extirpation of disease, and those curative, sanative, saving remedies which may arrest the fell inroads of contagion, and give health to a community, life and peace and comfort to our individual and family life.



## THE HORRORS OF WAR.

Though not politicians in any sense, we are humanitarians, and we cannot help feeling and saying that the accounts in *The Times* of Tuesday, in respect of the atrocities committed by the Turkish army on dead and dying Russian soldiers deserve the indignant reprobation of all lovers of humanity, and, above all, of all Freemasons, who are ever marked by kindness to their fellow men. If it be also true that Sir Arnold Kemball has left Mucktar Pasha's army in consequence of similar horrors, even extending to the disinterment of brave soldiers, buried as they fell, for the purpose of mutilation, it is impossible to say too much in indignant condemnation of atrocities, which are a disgrace to civilization and humanity. In all nations respect for dead soldiers has been held to be a solemn duty, because those who thus pass away with "harness on their backs," have a claim on the consideration of the chivalrous and the loyal. It seems as if the Turks had determined to convince Europe how impossible it is for them to remain in it any longer, and we do, as humanitarians, loudly protest against acts which must bring a blush to every cheek and sorrow to every heart.

## TRUE RELIGION! TRUER CHARITY.

The *Chaine d'Union* for August gives us a startling account of a neat specimen of rampant, bigotry and intolerance in Brazil, which we deem only right to notice and to reprobate. It seems that on Good Friday, (of all days in the year), a certain Rev. P. Montara, rector of the seminary there, had to preach during the services of that sacred day. He employed his time, we are informed, in pouring forth a series of invectives against Freemasons. He exhorted the women "never to consent to allow their husbands, brothers, or sons to affiliate themselves to this society of the damned, and threatened to devote them, without remorse, with the Freemasons, to the flames of Hell." Is not this a charming episode of true religion, of genuine charity, taking place, as it did, on a day which might have been consecrated, we should have thought, to preaching the love of God, and good will to man? Some time ago we were severely taken to task by an esteemed correspondent for what we said about Ultramontanes, and we believe that in consequence we lost the favour of his patronage. But even he, we venture to think, if he reads these humble lines, will perhaps be inclined to modify his opinion, and to admit that, we may fairly call attention, from time to time, to that want of sense and that parody on true religion which so conspicuously mark Ultramontane utterances and proceedings just now, everywhere in respect of Freemasons and Freemasonry.

## WHY MASONIC UNDERTAKINGS ARE OFTEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

There may be many reasons given why, as a rule, Masonic undertakings are often unsuccessful, which, to-day, we have neither time nor inclination to enter upon. But there is one indubitable cause, to which we think it well to advert, as it is one which, probably more than anything else, affects seriously such ventures and enterprises, in themselves perfectly lawful, advisable, and good. It is this, the absence of Masonic support given to the Masonic press by those who advertise Masonic Institutions and wants. "A priori," we should have been tempted to think that if Freemasons desired to make their needs known to Freemasons the most natural and most obvious channel would be to advertise in a paper largely read by Freemasons, like the *Freemason*, for instance. "But no, my brethren, that would be a great mistake if you thought so." Masonic societies and individuals will often advertise in any paper but a Masonic paper, even when the object is a purely Masonic one, though we do not profess to understand on what grounds, either of reason, common sense, or fair play, they really do so. Of course every one is free to advertise where he thinks he gets the most value for his money, but as a large

proportion of our Order, as we know, never see *The Times* at all, we presume to think, (blind beetles, perhaps, that we are), that more Freemasons would have read the announcement had it been duly published in the advertising columns of the *Freemason*. It seems to us, though we may be wrong, that we want a little more "esprit de corps" in such matters, and that very often if Masonic undertakings do not sometimes succeed, a good deal may be fairly attributed to that short-sighted policy which is content to publish the requirements and applications of Freemasons in any journal but a Masonic one. We are, of course, aware of the immense circulation of our contemporary, *The Times*, which is, perhaps, the "raison d'être" of such proceedings, but nevertheless, as Freemasons, and in the interests of our brethren and our Order, and our publisher, we venture to deem them alike unwise in themselves, and most unfair and inconsiderate towards Masonic Journalism.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

### SHAKESPERIAN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to offer a few words of explanation in reply to your correspondent, G. Somers Bellamy, Esq., respecting the Shakesperian quotations sent by me and which appeared in the *Freemason* last month. I beg very respectfully to assure that gentleman, that I had not the least intention of offering them for the purpose of trying to prove the great poet to have been a Freemason; they were simply to show how very similar they are (I mean the scraps I sent only) to certain parts of our ceremonies. I willingly endorse all Mr. Bellamy's remarks, that by cutting out certain parts only, Shakespeare might be made to be nearly everything, at the same time if that gentleman will kindly refer to my letter he will not find a single word to show that there was any intention on my part to offer them as proofs, but simply as being similar to what we have heard in our ceremonies.

In conclusion, Sir, I beg to state in the most friendly manner, that the paragraph in Mr. Bellamy's letter as follows—"Let me deal with two or three of Mr. Heath's 'hashed up' quotations, given for the purpose of proving Shakespeare was a Freemason," is rather severe and quite undeserved on my part, and I trust that Mr. Bellamy will accept my word of honour that I had no such intention, and in the same kindly spirit as this explanation is offered acquit me of any desire to play any "fantastic tricks" with the beautiful writings of the immortal bard.

I am, dear Sir, and Brother, very obediently and fraternally yours.

STEPHEN C. HEATH.

### MASONIC CANVASSING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I agree most thoroughly with your editorial note, in answer to "Scio," as to "Masonic Canvassing" for matters not Masonic. My opinion is that for a Freemason to make use of his connection with our "ancient and honourable Society" to further his business, or to secure a situation (not Masonic), is wholly derogatory to the Institution of which undoubtedly he is an "unworthy member."

I sigh for the time when our Grand Lodge will make it penal to make use of Masonic signs on shop fronts, circulars, &c. (to advance business objects), in accordance with the rule in so many Grand Lodges in the United States, where brethren are not allowed thus to parade their membership.

I have known individuals have their business cards printed, with the "Square and Compasses" thereon, prior to their initiation, and only awaiting their formal reception to circulate them amongst the fraternity.

It is for the Craft generally to stamp out such a nuisance by never supporting men (and brethren) who thus act, and render their unmasonic conduct less remunerative than they anticipate. Masons can only be approached Masonically on Masonic business, and the sooner this fact is recognised the better.

Yours fraternally, WM. JAMES HUOHAN, P.S.G.D.

### ITINERANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A brother (if he deserves the name) visited our town last week and called upon the brethren, pleading distress. He was in appearance a regular vagabond, dirty and filthy, holding his certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, from the Lodge No. 122, Royal Arch, Perth; signed on the margin J—W—. It is well worn, having been presented to a host of brethren during the peregrinations of its owner, until you can hardly make out what it is. It had been folded into 24 squares, each square on the back bearing signatures of brethren, with the amount of relief given. One of the latest —, Cardiff, 2/7/77.

As soon as it was presented to me I recognized the old parchment, the vermilion signature at the top still showing its colour through the dirt and grease with which it was smeared, but not quite so legible as when I saw it about six years ago.

Very likely many a brother in reading the above will call to mind the individual and his parchment, and perhaps they know something about him, and will let the brethren know if he is worthy of being assisted.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. C.

### THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you inform me when the engraving of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Albert Hall is likely to be finished. I have looked in vain for the promised advertisement, it is now very long overdue.

Fraternally and very faithfully yours,

DISAPPOINTED.

## Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

### LITTLE BRITAIN.

As I think that Bro. Kenning may like to know what old Stowe says of this now classical-Masonic street, I have copied his remarks: "In Briton-street, which took that name from the Dukes of Brittany lodging there, is one proper parish Church of St. Botolph, in which church was sometime a brotherhood of St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, founded in the year 1377, the 51st of Edward III., and confirmed by Henry IV. in the 6th of his reign. Then Henry VI., in the 24th of his reign, to the honour of the Trinity, gave license to Dame Joan Astley, sometime his nurse, to R. Cawood, and T. Smith, to found the same a fraternity, perpetually to have a master and two mistresses, with brethren and sisters, &c. This brotherhood was endowed with lands, more than thirty pounds by the year, and was supported by Edward VI." The more detailed account of this re-founded guild, with a view of the old Guild Hall, will appear, I am glad to say, pace Bro. Kenning and the Editor, in the October number of the *Masonic Magazine*.

A READER OF OLD STOWE.

### Rebiew.

"La Chaine d'Union."

The August number of this excellent Masonic periodical not only does great credit to our esteemed and able confrere Hubert, but is most interesting to all Freemasons in France or out of France. We are very glad to think that in the main and leading questions of the hour we are very closely in accord with Bro. Hubert, whose enlightened views and tolerant sympathies are most pleasant to note and to realize. We earnestly commend *La Chaine d'Union* to the notice of all our brethren who read French, and we wish sincerely to our esteemed Bro. Hubert all possible success in his unselfish and meritorious efforts.

### FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

BANGALORE.—The season of this favourite Indian station was inaugurated by a grand ball given by the W.M. of Lodge 1043, and the members of the fraternity in the vicinity. The entertainment took place in Brown's new Assembly Rooms, one of the finest suite of public rooms in Southern India, and used on this occasion for the first time. Not only were all the leading members and residents at Bangalore present, but numerous visitors came from Madras, Ootacamund, and Cannanore. The Chief Commissioner of Mysore, the General Commanding, and all the leading officers accepted the hospitality of the brethren, and the ball was acknowledged to have proved a great success. Great credit is due to the unwearied exertions of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. J. W. Hayes, who was most ably supported by the Stewards, Bros. Lieut. Ricardo, Captain McCleverty, Capt. McCullagh, Captain Nepean Smith, and the Past District Officers, Bro. Major Aubrey Saunders and Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### FREEMASONRY IN GERMANY.

The Grand Lodge of Darmstadt recently held a memorial lodge in honour of the late Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt, the Protector of Masons. The lodge was draped in black and white, and beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and a most impressive ceremony was presided over by the Grand Master, who delivered a fitting address on the occasion, which was followed by another from the Speaker, eulogising the character and kindly disposition of the late Grand Duke. The music, instrumental and vocal, was composed expressly for the occasion, and ably executed by the musical professors of the lodge. Amongst the visitors was Bro. Hollon, a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Worshipful Company of Grocers have given £50 and the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers an annual subscription of £100 to the London Diocesan Home Mission.

THE METROPOLITAN RAILWAY.—On Tuesday an inspection of the Metropolitan Railway was made by Governor Tilden, the Hon. J. Bigelar, and Mr. Cyrus W. Field. They were accompanied by Sir E. Watkin, M.P., and Mr. Myles Fenton, who conducted them over the principal stations and explained the working and general features of the line.



## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday afternoon in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and among those on the dais were—Bros. Lord Inverurie, Prov. G.M. Kincardineshire; Captain G. R. Harriott, Prov. Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright; Alex. Hay, Grand Jeweller; D. Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer; D. M. Neilson, Grand Deacon, &c. The Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. W. Mann; and W. Hay, Grand Architect, acted as Junior Warden. Among those present were—William Officer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; D. Kinnear, Cashier; J. Monro, R.W.M. 360; D. Murray, R.W.M. 103; W. Kyle, R.W.M. 34; J. B. M'Naught, R.W.M. 556; J. T. Allan, R.W.M. 28; A. Thomson, R.W.M. 262; J. Shiels, R.W.M. 579; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. Grand Sec. Glasgow, (Freemason); Adam Thomson, R.W.M. 262; T. Halkett, P.M. 141; J. A. Ferguson, P.S.W. Mother Kilwinning, &c.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ancient form, letters of apology for absence were read from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart.; Colonel Campbell, Provincial Grand Master Renfrewshire; Captain G. F. R. Colt of Gartsherrie, Grand Sword Bearer; Nisbet, Burnet, Kelso, and others.

The Chairman then introduced Bro. Carr, R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Dr. Baynes, R.W.M. Lodge Elgin, Montreal, the representative of the only lodge in the district which had remained faithful to its mother lodge in Scotland; and Dr. Hay, P.M. Lodge Eden, East Indies.

These brethren were heartily welcomed, and acknowledged the warm and brotherly reception which had been accorded to them.

The Chairman stated that as an experiment the minutes had been printed, and placed in the hands of members some time previous to the meeting. He therefore moved that they should be held as read.

After some discussion the minutes were adopted.

A special report regulating the duties of the Grand Secretary and Grand Cashier was approved, after some slight alterations suggested by Bro. Officer.

Lord Inverurie, on behalf of himself and the new province over which he had been installed as Grand Master, rendered thanks to Bro. Barrow and the Grand Lodge for the kind way in which the deputation had performed the duties connected with the ceremony at Stonehaven.

Chapters were ordered to be expedite for Lodge St. Andrew, Queen's Town, Cape of Good Hope, and Gael, Glasgow, the latter of which proposed that the officers-bearers must be able to carry out the business in the Gaelic language.

The Grand Secretary intimated that he had received a telegram from Captain Borland, Dist. G.M. Bombay, resigning his position, and the appointment of Bro. MacIntosh Balfour in his place was unanimously approved.

Bro. Bickerton submitted a motion the effect of which was to do away with the present system of members of Edinburgh lodges being ex officio members of Grand Committees. He pointed out that when this law was enacted the difficulty of reaching Edinburgh was very great, and no one could be got to attend unless they were resident in the neighbourhood of the city. The facilities in the way of travelling, however, had now altered this state of matters, and it was time that this law should be rescinded, so that the country at large should be better represented on Grand Committee. Bro. Adam Thomson seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. Officer and Bro. Mann, and carried by a large majority.

Bro. Thomas Halket, Pr. M. No. 141, moved an addition to the Grand Lodge laws to the effect that a Provincial Grand Lodge may enact that every member of each lodge in the province shall pay the sum of two shillings annually to the Provincial Benevolent Fund; that the Treasurer of each lodge shall keep a separate account of these subscriptions, and pay them to the Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund—said fund to be distributed and applied by the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee.

A member of a lodge in Dumbartonshire moved the previous question, which, after a considerable amount of discussion, was agreed to by a large majority.

Bro. W. M. Pearson, seconded by Bro. Officer, moved:—"In order to save the valuable time of this Grand Lodge, and avoid the tiresome process of calling the roll, it is hereby resolved that in future none but members of the Grand Lodge be admitted to the body of the hall; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue tickets of admission to all members of Grand Lodge annually, on payment of their fees. Such tickets to be forfeited if transferred. Visiting brethren to be accommodated either in the gallery or without the bar of Grand Lodge." The motion was unanimously agreed to.

After some other business was disposed of, Bro. J. A. Ferguson, P.S.W. Mother Kilwinning, proposed that in future the quarterly communications of Grand Lodge should be held at two o'clock instead of five. It was ultimately resolved to fix the hour at four o'clock.

Grand Lodge was therefore closed in ample form.

A Red Cross conclave was subsequently held, at which Bro. Bickerton was invested with this degree.

Roan, Gilt Edges, elastic band or tuck, price, post free, 2s. 2d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1877. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order, payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (Advt.)

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee met on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Benjamin Head in the chair. The following were also present: Bro. Hyde Pullen, Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie, Bro. J. Wordsworth, Bro. H. Browne, Bro. W. Roebuck, Bro. H. T. W. Hunt, Bro. H. B. Webster, Bro. Revd. Morris, Bro. D. M. Dewar, Bro. John N. Dennison, Bro. J. C. Dwarber, Bro. B. C. Massey (Freemason), Bro. Jesse Turner, Bro. C. F. Matier, Bro. Frederick Adlard, Bro. H. Perryman, Bro. C. Horsley, Bro. S. B. Wilson, and Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the General Committee of 7th July were read and confirmed, and there were also read for information the minutes of the Special House Committee of 7th ult. of the Quarterly General Court of 16th, and of the House Committee of 20th idem, and report of the Audit Committee; whereupon it was resolved that the report of the Audit Committee be entered on the minutes; and that the purchase of £3000 guaranteed India Five per Cent. Stock be effected, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the purchase money.

The Secretary reported that at a Special House Committee held that day (Saturday), to consider the question of extending the accommodation at Wood Green, so as to admit of a larger number of boys being received, Bro. Steven Barton Wilson had submitted a plan of the proposed additions, with his report upon the same (from which it appeared that the proposed additions will give sleeping accommodation for 33 boys, besides supplying additional class-rooms), which the Special House Committee recommended for adoption, at a cost not to exceed £3000, the sum for which, in Bro. Wilson's judgment, the work could be executed.

After some remarks from Bro. Jesse Taylor as to certain details about which he desired information, which was at once given by Bro. Wilson, the report was adopted by the General Committee, and referred to a Special Court, which in order to facilitate the completion of arrangements for the work was fixed for Monday, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock.

Petitions on behalf of E. C. Hunt, John Gibbs, and R. H. Nicholls, to be placed on the list of candidates for election, were read and accepted; and a presentation from the Marquis of Ripon in favour of Samuel Willyhurst was submitted by the Secretary and received.

The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, in relation to the application made to Grand Lodge for enlarged office accommodation for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to the effect that the requirements of the Craft precluded the possibility of further space being given at Freemasons' Hall for this purpose. Bro. Binckes reported that on receipt of this letter he had placed himself in communication with the Secretaries of the other Masonic charities, with the view to their taking joint action in this matter.

Bro. Binckes reported that on final examination and verification of the list, it was found that there were sixty-seven candidates for vacancies at the next half-yearly election.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## A POLICE REPORT.

At the Guildhall justice room on Monday, the 2nd inst. Thomas Edwards a carpenter, living at No. 16, Andover-road, Holloway, was summoned by Mr. Arthur George Newton, the managing director of the Masonic Building and Investment Society (Limited), for assault and threatening language. Mr. Ody appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Louis Lewis for the defendant. Mr. Ody stated that the complainant, who was the managing director of the above society, having offices at No. 1, St. Ann's-lane, employed a man, named Sugden, to fit up the offices there. The latter employed the defendant to do the work for a certain sum. The defendant not having been remunerated by Sugden, went to the offices and demanded the money, but the society, having paid his employer Sugden half the amount, refused to listen to his application. The defendant, after staying in the office for some hours, said that if he could not have the money out of the complainant he would take it out of him, and struck him in the mouth, beat him about the body, and broke his hat. He (Mr. Ody) had made a proposal to Mr. Louis Lewis, that if he would consent to his client being bound over to keep the peace the complainant would be satisfied. That course was the more necessary as the next day after what he had referred to took place, the defendant met the complainant in Cornhill, and there threatened him again, and the police had to be got to remove him. Mr. Arthur George Newton said he was managing director of the Masonic Building and Investment Society, of 1 St. Ann's-lane. It had been recently started, and Mr. Chant was the Secretary. He entered into a contract with a man named Sugden to do certain work, and had paid him £2 15s. on account. Witness then gave evidence as to the assault, confirming Mr. Ody's statement. As soon as he recovered he sent for a constable, who refused to take the charge. He had been ever since under medical treatment. On the following day he met the defendant in Cornhill, when the latter was so violent that the police were obliged to be sent for. Cross examined by Mr. Louis Lewis: He was managing director of the Masonic Building and Investment Society. He had had an office in Thavies Inn, and was not ejected from there. He had offices in Noble-street now. He had an office at 251, Tottenham-court-road, and houses at Edmonton, and land at Melford-road, Dulwich. He refused to answer any more of those questions, as they were irrelevant. Mr. Louis Lewis said that they tended

to impeach the credibility of the witness, as it would show that he was not to be believed on his oath, and that no assault whatever had been committed. Alderman Figgins ruled that Mr. Lewis was entitled to test the witness as to his credibility. Witness, in continuation, said that the society's bankers were Messrs. Barnett, Hoare, and Co., of 61 and 62, Lombard-street. They had not £10,000 at their bankers', but he refused to say if they had £1000. He had not been proprietor, manager, or secretary of a skating rink, but he had had something to do with one. Witness refused to answer any more questions of Mr. Lewis's. Alderman Figgins remarked that if he refused to be cross-examined he had better retire from the summons. Mr. Newton said he would not withdraw from the summons. Alderman Figgins said then he must answer the questions put to him. Mr. Newton said then he would adopt the alderman's suggestion and withdraw from the summons. Both summonses were then dismissed.—Daily Telegraph.

## FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The brethren of the Alexandra Lodge, 1581, Somerset East, celebrated St. John's-day on June 25th. At 10 a.m. the brethren assembled in their handsome little lodge, and after the necessary Masonic preliminaries, they proceeded in procession to All Saints' Church, where the Rev. H. R. Woodrooffe delivered a very interesting and appropriate sermon, so much so that an outsider would have been led to suppose that he was one of the Craft.

After service the brethren again formed in procession, and returned to the lodge, when the ceremony of installation of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year took place. The ceremony was performed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. T. E. Butler, who during his term of office proved himself a most energetic Mason, and by his unremitting zeal and love for the lodge tended greatly to raise it to its present prosperous condition. Many witnessed the installation ceremony who had never witnessed it in an English lodge before, and one and all expressed themselves in terms of admiration at the impressive manner in which the ceremony was performed.

In the evening the brethren, after opening the lodge, proceeded to the banquet prepared for them at the Somerset Hotel.

At 8 o'clock the newly elected W.M., Bro. Alex. Cruickshanks, took the chair, supported on his right by Past Master T. E. Butler, and on his left by Past Master S. V. Cloete.

After enjoying themselves for the space of an hour or so, the W.M. called the brethren to order, and to charge their glasses. He was a Good Templar himself he said, but he did not restrict them to any kind of liquor. He would ask them to drink "The Health of her Majesty the Queen." This toast was of course responded to with that loyalty for which Somerset lies, and especially the Freemasons, have been distinguished.

The next toasts proposed by the W.M., and most heartily responded to, were "The Health of the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," and "The Deputy Grand Master, Hon Richard Southey," which were drank with Masonic honours.

"The Health of His Excellency Sir Bartle Frere" came next in order, to which Bro. S. V. Cloete, Civil Commissioner, replied.

The W.M. in proposing The Health of Bro. Butler, the retiring W.M., said it gave him a double pleasure, because the toast was of a twofold nature. A deputation of the brethren, had waited upon him and handed him a Past Master's presentation jewel, for him to present to Bro. Past Master T. E. Butler, as a small token of their esteem and regard. As it is just newly to hand, and all have not seen it, I will read the inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge Alexandra, No. 1581, in appreciation of his services while filling the chair of Worshipful Master." I think, brethren, that conveys the intention. And now, Bro. Butler, in the name of the Lodge Alexandra, No. 1581, Somerset East, I present you with the Past Master's presentation jewel, as a token of the esteem in which you are held by them. And where your lot or ours may be cast, in this our earthly lodge at any future time, the name of Bro. Butler will be cherished with a fond remembrance by every Mason in connection with the Lodge Alexandra. But I sincerely hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare you and yours long amongst us, that you may be able to assist us in carrying out that noble work in Masonry which you have already begun, and after a long and well-spent life you may be able to meet the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge above, there to receive your wages without scruple and without diffidence.

Bro. Butler suitably acknowledged the gift.

After this Past Master Butler said that he had an important toast to propose, and this time it must be a bumper, it was the toast of "The Newly-elected W.M." Every one knew him, and, therefore, they had confidence in placing him in the chair; and if he took the same interest in the lodge during his Mastership as he did when he was an officer, it must succeed. As a Master he is young still. He has encountered many ups and downs, but these will be a lesson to him, which he will find useful during his Mastership. I express now to him every feeling of confidence, and I hope this day twelve months he will merit your applause.

Bro. Cruickshank, in responding, said that he would merely thank them for the honour of installing him in the chair, and for what they had expressed of him that evening.

The next toast, "The Newly-elected Officers," was proposed by Bro. Cloete. He said that he knew intimately the difficulties and labours attendant upon the proper conduct of a lodge. All will agree with him that when



the members of this lodge were just starting their little craft for sea, they found breakers ahead when it came into the broad ocean. To meet these breakers the officers are put round the W.M., and where there is much anxiety they remain at their posts, supporting their Master until the ship is brought into port. Brethren, and newly-elected officers, conquer the breakers of prejudice, become acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, and prove that you are upon a proper course. Be able to argue it when necessary—to meet your opponent with good sound argument, and push on your little barque and laugh at those who scorn you. I hope all the officers will show confidence in their Master, and that the barque will come safely into harbour, and that the applause, "good and faithful servants," will meet you on your entrance to the mansions above.

Bro. J. Hobson proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren." He was pleased to see them, and he was sure the same pleasure was experienced by the Masters and officers in seeing them around the table.

Bro. Dr. Moolman responded.

Bro. Cloete proposed the toast of "Poor Brethren." This was the greatest toast, he said, and the one which ought to be nearest the heart of a Freemason.

To wind up with, "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Buddenbrock" was proposed, and responded to most heartily, for the excellent dinner they had prepared, and for the attention shown all present during the evening.

Among the brethren present as visitors we noticed Bros. S. V. Cloete, C.C.; Dr. Botha, Dr. Moolman, W. Anderson, Masons; and the Rev. H. R. Woodrooffe and Rev. A. Brigg.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Cruickshank, W.M.; T. E. Butler, I.P.M.; W. H. Reddle, S.W.; C. J. Hobson, J.W.; J. McLaren, Sec. (re-elected); S. Barnett, Treas. (re-elected); W. McCallum, S.D.; T. Jackson, J.D.; H. Buddenbrock, First S.; W. H. Culley, Second S.; W. Robb, I.G.; G. Lake, Tyler.

#### PROPOSED FREEMASONS' HALL AT BARNARD CASTLE.

The foundation stone of the Barnard Masonic Hall, Barnard Castle, was laid on Tuesday, the 31st day of July, with Masonic honours, by the W.M. of the Barnard Lodge, 1230, Bro. R. J. Dent.

The building is being erected in Newgate-street, and when completed will be both an ornament to the town and a credit to the Craft. The brethren met at the lodge room, Witham Testimonial, at 2 p.m., and after opening the lodge a procession was formed, and the brethren proceeded to the ground.

Upon arrival at the enclosure the procession halted, the brethren opening to the right and left, allowing the W.M. and his officers to proceed to and take up a position round the stone, the brethren following after in inverted order. A very handsome and emblematically engraved silver trowel was then presented to the Worshipful Master by the builder, and a prayer offered up by the Chaplain. The Treasurer then, by command of the W.M., deposited, in a suitable cavity in the lower stone, a phial containing various coins of the present reign, a list of the members of the Barnard Lodge, 1230, programme of the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, local newspaper, &c. After the cement was laid, and the stone properly adjusted by the plumb rule, level, and square, the builder delivered the mallet to the W.M., with which he struck the stone in the customary manner, declaring it to be well and truly laid.

The W.M. then strewed the corn, wine, and oil, with the accustomed ceremonies. After prayer was offered up by the Chaplain, the following oration was given by the Worshipful Master of the Barnard Lodge (Bro. John Ralph Dent, of Streatham House): "There is a bright side and a dark side to most scenes, and it is so with our position to-day. We have our misfortunes and successes. It is always best to leave off, if possible, with the pleasant impression, therefore I will begin with our misfortunes. We had great hopes that we should have induced some one of high Masonic rank to lay this foundation stone to-day, as we felt that an occasion like this was not likely to occur again in the lifetime of any of us, and it is our misfortune that it has devolved on one so unworthy as myself. I can assure you this has come about from no personal ambition on my side, for I should have been highly pleased to have seen another in my place, neither does it arise from any desire of the brethren of the Barnard Lodge to keep the honour among themselves. As I have said, we have made considerable efforts to obtain some one of high rank to come here to-day, but in these we were unsuccessful. But we can turn to a brighter side. The ceremony to-day marks the commencement of a work long looked forward to and long desired. As a lodge we have been in existence some ten years, and during that time we have had two temporary lodge rooms. As these were not our own, were not built or designed for Masonic purposes, and were besides used for various purposes in the intervals between our lodge meetings, it will be seen that our position was unsatisfactory. Therefore, to obtain a house of our own was one of the greatest objects of our ambition. An eminent Frenchman has said that people rarely attain the great objects of their ambition, and when they do attain them, it is in such a way, and at such a time, as to deprive them of half their value. This, however, cannot be said of us. We shall, I hope, very soon attain the object of our ambition, and I venture to think the time and the manner of obtaining it will be equally appropriate. We are not too old to appreciate it. We could well have begun it before this year, for it is not every day that a suitable site can be found. We have taken the first opportunity, and I think we are fortunate in obtaining a lodge room of our own at so early a period of our history. The manner of our ob-

taining this object of our ambition has been equally satisfactory, for it has brought out the zeal of the brethren to an extent which few of us expected. They have not only contributed their money, and I believe every brother has done so, but they have also contributed their time and advice in furthering this object so much desired, and I feel proud to have assisted in a work so earnestly carried out. There is only one drawback in this, that is the fear which may arise that having in hand a work of such magnitude for so young a lodge, our contributions to charities may suffer injuriously, but I feel sure the brethren will not allow this to occur. I would urge them not to lose sight of the greatest ornament of Freemasonry. When we enter into possession of our own lodge, we shall, I hope, be too grateful to the Great Architect of Universe for His many favours,—I say we shall be too grateful to Him to fail in our duty to our fellow creatures and to those of our brethren who are in need. In our lodge we have always, I am glad to say, worked together with the utmost unity and harmony. In times past, we have had a worthy succession of Masters, but they have ruled a lodge sojourning, as it were, in a strange land. It happens that my year of office will witness the turn of the tide. And when we enter into our promised land, I hope we shall see a worthy succession of Masters as those who have preceded me, and that our new building will consolidate the unity and prosperity of our lodge. (Applause.)

The brethren then returned in procession to the lodge room, when the lodge was closed.

A cold collation was afterwards given at the King's Head Hotel. The architect is Bro. R. R. Rule. Contractor and builder, Bro. Kyle.

The following brethren took part in the ceremony, viz: Brethren of the Barnard Lodge, 1230:—Bro. R. J. Dent, W.M.; J. W. Badcock, S.W.; G. C. Lee, J.W.; J. Brockbank, Chaplain; R. C. M. Cooke, Treasurer; W. Lang, Secretary; H. Boazman, D.C.; J. Kyle, I.G.; J. Kitley, Tyler; Stewards, W. Gardner, and D. Finlay; J. M. Moore, I.P.M.; R. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. B. Wardale, J. G. Hall, J. Wild. Visiting brethren: Bro. J. G. Todd, W.M. 94; J. Hoggett, P.P.G.O. 111; J. C. Martin, 111; W. Milford, 111; T. Garget, Tyler 111; J. Wharton, 123; W. Pringle, 124; G. Oldham, 124; D. Whitehead, 124; C. S. Laue, S.W. 764; W. Mason, 764; J. W. S. Manners, J.D. 764; J. Tweddell, S.D. 764; R. R. Rule, 1121; W. Waistell, 1336.

#### Obituary.

##### THE REV. H. V. PALMER, P.M. 236, P.P.G.C. NORTH AND EAST YORKS.

Numbers of our country readers will hear with the deepest regret of the sudden demise of the Rev. Henry Vaughan Palmer, rector of St. Margaret's, York, and Chaplain of the York Cemetery, which took place on Sunday, at his residence in Fulford-road. On Saturday, 28th ult., Bro. Palmer was suddenly seized with alarming symptoms, having previously been in his usual state of health, and medical aid having been summoned it was found that he was suffering from an apoplectic attack. He never rallied, and after some hours of unconsciousness he died about seven o'clock on Sunday morning. Bro. Palmer had been a resident in York for some 30 years, and from his geniality and Christian-hearted conduct had rendered himself very popular with all classes. He was formerly connected with the Unitarian body in York, but subsequently joined the Church of England, and was ordained to the ministerial office, and about sixteen years ago was appointed to the living of St. Margaret's, in the gift of the Archbishop, and four years afterwards obtained the chaplaincy of the York Cemetery. Bro. Palmer was closely identified with many excellent local institutions, and was an ardent supporter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and was an extensive literary contributor to several well-known serial publications. He was an active Freemason, and was a Past Master of the York Lodge, No. 236. At the time of his death he was the Chaplain of that lodge, and Second Principal of the Zealand Royal Arch Chapter. He died at the early age of 59, leaving a widow and a son and daughter. His son, the Rev. W. V. Palmer, is at present curate of Stokesley. The funeral took place at noon on Thursday, and was attended by many of the clergy and gentry of the city. A number of members of the two Masonic Lodges, York, 236, and Eboracum, 1611, were present, evincing the fraternal esteem in which the deceased was held. Amongst them we noticed the following:—Bros. Ald. March, P.M. 236; W. Lawton, P.M. 236; J. Todd, P.M. 236; T. Cooper, P.M. 236, and W.M. 1611; G. Balford, P.M. 236 and 1611; Rev. W. Valentine, 236; Alderman Terry, 236 and 1611; Flint, 236; G. Simpson, 236 and 1611; T. S. Camidge, 236; I. F. Taylor, 1611; G. H. Simpson, 236; T. B. Whytehead, 236 and 1611; J. S. Cumberland, 1611; Taylor, 236; H. Churchill, 236 and 1611; M. Cooper, 236 and 1611; G. C. Baskett, 236; Mann, 236; Hollins, 236; J. Smith, 236; J. Redfear, 236; Buckle, 236; Lewis, 236; Marshall, 1611; Humphries, 1611; Ald. Valey, 236; M. Rooke, 236; Powell, 236; Storey, 236; Gibson, 236; Tissiman, 236; Gairforth, 236; Ayre, 236; Kirby, 236; Hartley, 236; Saville, 236; Wood, 236; Hill, 1611; A. T. B. Turner, 1611; J. Ward, 236; and others. The service was read by the Rev. J. Metcalfe, rector of Holy Trinity, Micklegate, and a member of Eboracum, 1611; assisted by the Rev. F. Umpleby, sole curate of Osballdwick. The W.M. of the York Lodge, 236, Bro. W. Cowling, P.M., brother-in-law of the deceased, was amongst the principal mourners. The procession also included the governor and members of the Company of Merchant Adventurers, to which the deceased was chaplain; the Friendly Societies of the city, the deceased being a member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows; the children of St. Margaret's Church Schools, and a very large number of the parishioners, both rich and

poor. The plate on the coffin bore the following inscription:—"Rev. H. V. Palmer, born April 4th, 1818, died July 29th, 1877."

##### BRO. JOHN EMMENS.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., the mortal remains of the late Bro. John Emmens were consigned to their last resting-place in Brompton Cemetery. The deceased was for many years a distinguished member of the Craft. He was initiated into the mysteries of the Order on the 3rd August, 1836, in the Old Concord lodge. Two years after his initiation he was elected W.M., and three years afterwards accepted the office of Secretary, which office he held up to the time of his death, a period of 36 years. His burial, by a curious coincidence, took place on the anniversary of his initiation. In 1860 Bro. Emmens conceived the idea of founding a new lodge, and having received the cordial support of some eminent members of the Craft, a warrant from the Grand Lodge was obtained, and the New Concord Lodge was consecrated, he being selected as its first W.M. He did not, however, forsake his first love, but remained loyally attached to both up to the time of his death, and, being the oldest surviving P.M. of the Old Concord, he was familiarly called "the father of the lodge," a distinction to which he was justly entitled as the founder of the New Concord. In him Masonry had an ardent and firm adherent, and his genial disposition and unvarying kindness to all with whom he came in contact, either in the ordinary business of life, or in the more esoteric relationship of the Craft, endeared him to a large circle of brethren and friends. That he was admired and esteemed by his brethren is patent from the fact that on one occasion he had the honour of being chosen Grand Pursuivant, and filled that office with the most marked ability. In his long career as a Freemason—one who took an active rather than a passive part in all that concerns the Order—he naturally came prominently forward, and few men have succeeded in endearing to themselves a larger circle of acquaintances than he had. Later in his life he had unfortunately given way, but his death, which took place on Saturday, 29th ult., was nevertheless somewhat sudden, for on the 19th ult. he was present at the banquet of the Old Concord Lodge, at Rosherville.

The funeral cortege left the late residence of the deceased, No. 254, Kingsland-road, at twelve o'clock, and proceeded by way of the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, where it was joined by seven private carriages, containing the Past and Present Officers of the Old Concord Lodge, each of whom wore white kid gloves, white neckties, and carried a sprig of acacia. Amongst these gentlemen were Bro. J. S. Ward, the present W.M. of the lodge; his Wardens, Bros. A. J. Dottridge and Goosey; Past Masters Gorton, Jeffries, Dixon, King, Holland, E. Dottridge, and Hockley, and other officers, besides several lay members of the lodge. At the cemetery gates the mournful procession was met by a large number of brethren, principally members of the New Concord Lodge. Amongst these were Bros. Cusworth, W.M., and Thos. Bartlett, who has twice filled the chair of K.S. in this lodge, and the following Past Masters and officers of the lodge:—Bros. H. J. Gabb, J. R. Gallant, W. H. Main, Spratt, Sinclair, Blyth, Bolton, W. J. Erabb, Louis Duke, and Henry Gabb, and several brethren connected with different lodges in the metropolis. These were also attired in the customary manner amongst Masons on these mournful occasions, and walked in procession in the rear of the carriages.

The Rev. Bro. Laughlin, who has for many years been the Chaplain of the Old Concord, read the burial service within the chapel in an impressive manner, and officiated also at the grave, around which the relatives of the deceased and the Masonic brethren clustered to take a last glance at the coffin.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Bro. K. Dottridge, of the firm of Messrs. Dottridge Brothers, Dorset Works, East-road, City-road, and was of an imposing character, without unnecessary display. There were, besides the hearse, two new and improved mourning carriages, containing the son and daughter of the deceased and other relatives, and the seven private carriages already mentioned as containing the principal brethren of the Old Concord. The coffin was of polished oak, with massive brass handles and furniture, and was mounted with appropriate Masonic emblems. On the plate was engraved the simple inscription, "John Emmens, died 28th July, in his 68th year." The pall used was embroidered with white silk, with fleur-de-lis corners, worked in applique.

##### BRO. MOORE BEATTY.

Bro. Moore Beatty's death at Atlantic City on the 18th July was very heroic, but very sad. As he was walking upon the beach with his wife; Mrs. Phillips, who was in bathing, and a stranger to him, cried out for help. Bro. Moore at once divested himself of his coat and boots, and plunged in the surf to the rescue. The result was the drowning of both Mrs. Phillips and Bro. Beatty. Bro. Beatty was a member of Integrity Lodge, No. 187, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He died a noble death, and let us embalm him in our memories.

We record, with extreme regret, the very sudden death of the wife of Bro. Walter Montgomery Neilson, at his residence, Queenshill, Kirkcudbrightshire, on Wednesday, 25th ultimo. Masons in the Glasgow Province, and throughout Scotland generally will deeply sympathise with the Provincial Grand Master in his bereavement.

It is hoped (says the Times) that public business will be sufficiently advanced to enable Her Majesty to prorogue Parliament on the 14th or 15th inst.



## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 17, 1877

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 13.

Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 14th.

Lodge 167, St. Johns, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1538, St. Martins' le Grand, The London, Fleet-St.  
" 1664, Wanderers, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 369, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, N.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.

Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 18, 1877

## MONDAY, AUGUST 13.

" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
Lodge 721, Independence, Eastgate-Row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bdg., Barrow.  
" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H. Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 248, Merchants, M.H. Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R. Warrington.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 823, Everton, M.H. Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's Schools, Kirkdale.  
" 1345, Victoria Cross, Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H. Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 17.  
Hamer L. of I. M.H. Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**BOLTON.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The third annual picnic of about 40 of the members of this lodge, with the requisite company of ladies, took place on Wednesday, the 1st August. When we say that the weather was all that could be desired, the company happily assorted, and the arrangements complete, it only remains to be added that the place of pilgrimage selected was that charming residence, Eaton Hall. The journey by rail to Chester accomplished, a few spare minutes was occupied by "Ye Ladies" in "Ye room," and by "Ye Lords" in "Ye kitchen." Luncheon having been served in Messrs. Bolland's well known style, tracks were made to "the Groves," on "Ancient Devas banks," where a commodious barge, rowers and band, were waiting to convey the party a joyous four miles to the palatial hall of the Duke of Westminster. This excursion, so well known to many of our readers by its time-worn associations, as by its exceeding beauty and peacefulness, demands no more from us than an acknowledgment of the thorough enjoyment, and the close of the return journey to the city was marked by general sighs of regret. The ancient church and priory of St. John's, the celebrated walls and the venerable pile of St. Wedburgh were only cursorily examined from lack of the time, which had been so delightfully spent elsewhere. Tea was heartily partaken of, and the party, accommodated with the largest L. and N.W. Railway saloon carriages, was speeding on its return journey, pleased, delighted and unitedly disposed to accord to Bros. Stanley, W.M.; J.W. Taylor, D.C.; P. Prov. G. Organist; and J.M. Rutter, P.M., a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for their trouble, caution and care in organizing and conducting so happy an excursion, begun, continued and ended without a single hitch or contretemps.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday night, the 13th inst., for the purpose of balloting for, and, if approved, initiating into Masonry, the Rev. George Richard Hoskins, minor canon of Carlisle, evening lecturer of All Saints, Cockermouth, in order to enable him to take part in the forthcoming provincial festival, which has been fixed by the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., to be held on the 28th September, under the banner of Skiddaw Lodge, the new premises in connection with which will be consecrated on the same day. There was a good muster, and all the officers' positions on this occasion, with one exception, were filled by Past Masters, viz: Bros. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas., as W.M.; W. E. Lamonty, P.M. and Sec. (Freemason), as S.W.; W. Shilton, P.M., as J.W.; Rev. E. R. Rice, M.A., P.M., Chaplain; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, W.M., as S.D.; and A. Taylor, P.M. 310, Carlisle, as J.D. The other brethren present were H. Dodgson, M.D., P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; J. Evening, S.W.; T. Kerr, J.W.; C. Gibson, I.G.; W. M'Quhae, Steward; Stephen Thwaite, R. Bailey, J. Bolton, H. Moncrieff, H. P. Wicks, W. Martin (J.W. 1660), T. C. Robinson, H. Peacock, and W. Potts, Tyler. The requisition concerning the meeting having been read, the ballot was taken, which proved unanimous, and the candidate being admitted, was regularly initiated, with a completeness and machine-like effect which created a deep impression on all present, the rev. candidate in particular. The working tools were presented by Bro. Lamonty, P.M., and the E.A.'s charge was delivered by Bro. Dr. Dodgson, P.M., whilst the music, both opening and closing, as also incidental to the general ceremony, in the hands of Bro. Lewthwaite, P.M., and choir, was so hearty and telling, that much of the success of the proceeding was due to that harmonious and desirable adjunct to our beautiful work. Altogether, this was one of the most enjoyable working meetings ever held since Skiddaw Lodge was consecrated.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—Since its translation from the suburban district of Wavertree to the purely urban locality of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, has continued to prosper so much as to render it at once a leading lodge in the province, an example in the way of charity, and a model in its working. Harmony and Masonic enthusiasm have always marked its existence, and the happy family feeling was not absent on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the brethren assembled at head-quarters to assist at the all-important

work of installation. There was an attendance of between 120 and 130 brethren, including an unusual array of P.G. Lodge Officers and other leaders of the Craft in the W. Lancashire Division of the Order. Bro. R. Martin, jun., whose year has been a most prosperous one, was in his place in the E., and his officers in their respective places were Bros. T. B. Myers, I.P.M.; J. Edginton, P.M.; Capt. Williams, P.M.; R. Thorn, P.M.; J. Williams, S.W.; T. Davies, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; G. Musker, Sec.; A. D. Hesketh, S.D.; A. Barclay, J.D.; T. Dutton, I.G.; J. Weston, S.; J. O'Rea, S.; and W. Monk, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Haynes, W. H. Tyson, J. C. Brew, T. Holden, J. Dodd, J. J. Ratchford, T. H. Pierce, R. Stirzaker, J. Thompson, T. Burrows, J. Curlender, H. Sawyers, J. Holden, R. Baines, T. Davies, A. Finger, G. Bowring, D. Buchanan, A. McGuffey, J. H. Wilson, J. Brocklebank, L. Lawson, J.S. Bullock, E.T. Simpson, T. Banks, W. H. Gick, C. Jones, W. Batty, T. Roberts, R. H. Pennock, G. Collings, T. Wareing, R. Hargreaves, T. Snelson, J. Newport, S. Wilkinson, M. Findlan, J. Ward, A. Thomas, C. Savage, T. W. Bertenshaw, C. Williams, J. Blundell, and B. Wilson. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; H. Williams, P.M. 249; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; Jno. Chapman, S.W. 1609; T. F. Carter, 1609; W. Savage, 241 and 1609; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G.Reg.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S.W.; the Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; W. S. Vines, P.G.S., W.M. 1299; R. Ing, P.M. 594; A. Morrison, S.W. 1570; G. Turner, P.P.G.Treas.; J. W. Johnson, S.D. 1675; R. G. Milton, 1356; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; W. Doyle, P.P.J.D.; K. Callow, 1094; T. G. Winstanley, 1094; R. P. France, I.P.M. 564; J. Keet, S.D. 1356; A. Woolrich, J.W. 1356; D. Jackson, S.W. 673; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Bailey, 667; L. B. Goodwin, 594; J. Fogg, W.M. 580; T. Whitfield, 203; P. Larsen, P.M. 673; Captain W. A. Griffiths, 710, (Brooklyn, U.S.); R. Reader, S.D. 292; W. A. Wilson, P.M. 203; and G. O. Rothwell, P.M. 1356. After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Robert Martin, jun., W.M., concluded his year of office by installing Bro. John Williams as his successor in the chair of W.M., the presentation being made by Bros. P.M.'s Myers and Edginton. The whole of the ceremony of installation was performed in a highly effective manner, and the following brethren were subsequently appointed officers:—Bros. R. Martin, jun., I.P.M.; T. B. Myers, P.M., D.C.; T. Davies, S.W.; G. Musker, J.W.; W. Brown, Treasurer (re-elected for the tenth time); A. D. Hesketh, Sec.; A. Barclay, S.D.; T. Dutton, J.D.; J. O. Rea, I.G.; H. C. Haynes, S.S.; T. Wareing, J.S.; and W. Monk, Tyler. A special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. R. Martin, I.P.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the W.M. also presented him with a chaste and valuable P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, and the efficiency with which he had worked the lodge during the year. The brethren subsequently dined in the large banquet hall, under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bros. Major Turner, P.G. Treas., and J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., acknowledged "The Prov. G. Officers of W.L." Bro. Martin, I.P.M., gave "The W.M.," and said he had watched Bro. Williams since his earliest Masonic life, and he was sure that every brother must wish him the greatest prosperity during his year of office. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and said he would do his utmost to maintain the present high position of the lodge. Bro. Martin, I.P.M., in reply to the toast of "The Installing Master," thanked the brethren for the kindness which had been shown him in connection with his work that day. Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., and Bro. H. Williams, P.M. 249, responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, for "The Masonic Charities," specially referring to the undoubted excellencies of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the Hamer Benevolent Fund. A most enjoyable evening was spent, capital songs being given by Bros. Queen, Atkinson, and Gilfillan, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the piano, and playing one of his own brilliant fantasias with an amount of verve which could hardly have been excelled.

**SALOP.**—Castle Lodge (No. 1621).—On Friday, the 10th inst., the members of this lodge held their first anniversary at the Crown Hotel. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. Jones Chetty, was installed by Bro. J. Stokes, and after the installation ceremony the W.M. appointed Bros. Southwell, S.W.; and Dr. Colles, J.W. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, among whom were Bros. J. Stokes, E. Jones Chetty, Lester, H. Smith, H. B. Southwell, Dr. Colles, J. Sewell, J. S. Vince, T. F. Nock, W. L. Southwell, E. Price, G. C. De Lessert, C. Delgton, T. Pratt, C. Edkins, A. S. Trevor, T. M. Deighton, Thos. Whitefoot, and F. Foxall; and the numerous company of visitors comprised Bros. Waring, Russell, A. Green, T. Brettell, J. Nicholson, W. Smith, and T. P. Hanson, of 252; Masfield, D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire; W. H. Sporiall, 1124; J. Fitzgerald and R. Lloyd, 377; J. R. Harris, 773; W. Waldron, and W. M. Pritchard, 573. During the proceedings, the W.M. presented a splendid gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Stokes, bearing the following inscription: Presented to Bro. Joseph Stokes, P.M., P.G.S.W. of Worcestershire, by the brethren of the Castle Lodge, 1621, as a mark of great esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as first W.M. of the lodge. At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in first class style, and reflected great credit upon the purveyor. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

Mark Masonry.

**JERSEY.**—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—A quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Helier, on Thursday, August 9th, when the chair was taken at 7 p.m. by Bro. Benham, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.J.W. and P.M. 26 and 74; A. Schmitt, Chaplain and Sec.; J. Catley, S.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, J.W.; W. Metherell, M.O.; R. Barrow, S.O.; P. Blampied, J.O.; P. Binet, Treas.; T. Leat, S.D.; W. H. Chapman, J.D.; W. Pugsley, Reg.; Dr. T. Aubin, I.G.; Rogers, Tyler, and many members. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that the only business for the evening was the installation of his successor, for which he had availed himself of the presence in the island of the founder and first W.M. of the lodge, by whom he had himself been installed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. Bro. Benham presented Bro. John Catley as W.M. elect, and the usual preliminaries having been completed, the brethren were requested to withdraw, and in their absence Bro. Catley was duly installed in the chair of Adoniram. On their return he was, according to custom, proclaimed and greeted as W.M. He then proceeded to appoint and invest the following as his officers: Bros. Benham, I.P.M.; Schmitt, Chaplain and Sec.; C. D. Bishop, Assist. Sec.; Dr. T. Aubin, S.W.; I. O. Le Sueur, J.W.; C. Kingsnorth, M.O.; T. Leat, S.D.; W. Wetherell, J.O.; W. T. Pugsley, Reg.; J. O'Flaherty, S.D.; W. H. Chapman, J.D.; P. Blampied, Dir. of Cers.; W. H. Campbell and J. Gray, Stewards; J. Huelin, I.G.; Rogers, Tyler. The installing Master concluded the proceedings by giving the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, each of which elicited the applause of those present. On the proposition of Bro. Schmitt, seconded by the I.P.M., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his efficient services on this occasion, to which a suitable response was made by the recipient, who congratulated the lodge on its resuscitation after having been long in abeyance, and its good prospects for the future, observing that just ten years had elapsed since he had placed in the chair the brother who was now I.P.M. A similar vote of gratitude was passed in favour of Bro. Benham, to whom the brethren are greatly indebted for his zeal in resuscitating the lodge after so long a cessation of working, and without whose efforts its existence must have terminated, whereas it is now in a most flourishing condition, not only in print of numbers, but also of the materials of which it is composed, as evidenced by the fact that almost all the officers are Past Masters of Craft Lodges. No other business offering, the proceedings were brought to a termination soon after 8 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room for supper. The usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. Among them three require especial notice. The first was proposed by Bro. Schmitt, and included the name of Bros. Hughban and Dr. Hopkins, of whose services to the Craft in general and to this lodge in particular he spoke in most eulogistic and affectionate terms, of which the last named had given ample evidence this evening to those brethren who having joined the Craft since he left the island had previously no personal acquaintance with him. The second was in honour of the I.P.M., who was well known to all present, by whose continuous and judicious conduct as their head in Mark Masonry the lodge had been sustained in the island under great discouragements, all of which he had overcome, and had thus re-established this branch of the Craft on a firm basis. The last toast was proposed by Bro. Binet, himself one of the oldest, most consistent, and zealous Masons in the province, in honour of Bro. Schmitt, the experienced, prudent and active guide in Masonry, always ready and willing to render help and advice under all circumstances. The brethren separated at about 10 o'clock, after having spent a most pleasant evening, in the proceedings of which the greatest interest was manifested, and an amount of harmony and kindly feeling prevailed, to an extent not often met with, even among Masons.

**CROYDON.**—Croydon Mark Lodge (No. 168).—This newly-constituted Mark Lodge held its third meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Friday, the 10th inst., the W.M., Bro. George Yaxley, P.G.S. and P. Prov. G.M.O., presiding. Amongst the officers and brethren present, were the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; Bros. J. Close, S.W.; the W. Bro. Thomas Poore, G.I.G., acting J.W.; Bros. Legg, Prov. G. Standard Bearer, M.O.; Nicholls, S.O., and Brown, J.O.; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., acting S.D.; Bros. S. W. Lambert, as J.D.; Haynes, I.G.; Ridge, Organist; H. A. Pocock, Prov. G.I.G.; J. P. Dickens, Treasurer, &c. The lodge was opened with musical service, and the ballot was taken and declared clear for several candidates. Of these, however, only one attended, business and "out of town" engagements precluding the attendance of the remainder. Bro. T. R. Adams, M.D., of St. Mary's Lodge, was advanced into the degree with full ceremony and in most perfect manner. The meeting being one of emergency, in consequence of the previous regular night having been devoted to Provincial Grand Lodge, no further business was taken, and the brethren made an early adjournment to dinner. A very pleasant evening was spent by the numerous company, and Masonic toasts, charitable interests, and harmony enlivened the proceedings until "train time" caused the necessary separation until the second Friday in November next.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.



# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual Grand Lodge of this Province was held at St. John's Rooms, Winchester, on Tuesday, when, despite the unfavourable state of the weather, there was a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened shortly after two o'clock by the P.G.M., the R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was supported by Bro. Major-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. of Surrey, and the following Officers of P.G. Lodge, Bros. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; H. Abraham, S.G. Warden; F. Pinco, J.G. Warden; Revs. E. W. Watts and F. W. Thoytes, G. Chaplains; E. G. Holbrook, G. Registrar; M. E. Frost, G. Treasurer; J. E. Le Feuvre, G. Secretary; and many other past and present officers, Bro. E. Groves, G.A.D.C., officiating as Director of Ceremonies.

Among the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, F. Davison, P.P.G.W. (Middlesex), and J. Mason, 309, P.S.G.D. (Middlesex).

The Past Provincial Officers present included Bros. Capt. Best, R. Eve, H. Ford, Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Wyatt, E. Booth, G. S. Lancaster, J. Naish, J. Wallingford, J.W. Lamb, P.P.G. Wardens; Captain J. C. Moore, F. F. Hare, J. Dew, J. R. Weston, P.P.G. Registrars; J. T. Craven, J. Lemon, G. Rake, T. Stopher, P.P.G. Supts. Works; F. Sheppard, 76, A. Richardson, H. Hacker, W. Sowdon, P.P.G. Deacons; E. W. Rebbeck, P.M. 195, P.P.G.P.; F. Newman, P.M. 175, P.P.G. Sec. Isle of Wight; C. A. Dyer, P.M. 359, P.G.S.B.; J. Weeks, P.M. 804, P.P.G.S.B.; T. J. Fitcher, P.M. 1112, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Parkes, W.M. 151, P.P.G.S.B.; J. D. Barford, P.M. 359, P.P.G.D.C.; E. W. Wyatt, W.M. 35; R. Sharpe, W.M. 130, P.P.G.O.; Dr. H. C. Dyer, W.M. 132; Dr. A. P. Wilks, W.M. 698; J. Druitt, jun., W.M. 195; W. R. Rogers, P.M. 195; J. Clark, W.M. 259; H. T. Bath, P.M., 319, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. M. Passenger, jun., W.M. 394; J. Walker, J.W. 1112; Capt. C. C. Petley, 551; W. Parsons, W.M. 694; G. Lear, P.M. 604; A. W. Ward, J.W. 132; C. C. Gold, P.M. 723; H. T. Way, P.M. 76; M. Miles, P.M. 130; J. Harrison, P.M. 804; J. Smith, W.M. 133; M. Emanuel, P.M. 205; C. V. Powning, P.M. 1373; T. Morgan, W.M. 175; C. V. Helsdon, P.M. 1373; W. Tasker, W.M. 1373; J. Maltby, P.P.G.S.B.; G. F. Sherman, P.G. Steward; G. Bond, W.M. 487; J. Clay, W.M. 804; S. Ellis, P.M. 342; F. Court, W.M. 257; T. Francis, P.M. 804; J. Lintott, P.M. 804 (Havant); J. Cole, P.M. 928 (Petersfield); Edgeler, P.M. 928; C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 903; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903; H. W. Townsend, W.M. 1428; R. J. Turney, P.M. 342; J. R. Johnson, P.P.G. Steward; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. 1069; R. Osborne, J.W. 487, P.P.G. Org.; R. Barber, 342, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. G. N. Godwin, Chap., 257 and 1428; Valentine Brown, J.W. 903; W. Payne, S.W. 341; R. W. Mitchell, Sec. 903; Wilmott, S.D. 342; Arnold, J.W. 342; T. P. Palsgrave, I.G. 487; C. M. Liddell, J.W. 804; J. R. Hayman, Sec. 257; F. White, Outridge, W. E. Atkins, C. Daniels, J. H. Bridge, G. Dean, all of 487 (Portsmouth); H. Kimber, I.G. 804; W. D. Parkhouse, 342; R. W. Downing, 903; Rev. T. W. Johnston, 804, &c.

The Economy Lodge, No. 76 (Winchester), was represented by the W.M., Bro. E. D. Godwin, P.M.'s J. C. Moore, T. Stopher, E. Snelling, J. Harris, Salter, S. R. Everitt; Col. A. R. Naghten, M.P. for the city, and several other members; Every lodge in the province being represented except the Twelve Brothers and the Clausentium.

The transaction of the business of the Province occupied nearly three hours. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts exhibited a very gratifying state of affairs, shewing a balance in hand of £258 17s. after investing £210 in New Zealand bonds during the past year. The accounts were received and adopted, also the report of the committee for auditing them. The invested capital of the province now amounts to £600. Of the balance in hand propositions to subscribe 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Boys' School (at the recent annual festival of which Bro. Beach presided), and additional votes to the other charities, as well as various other sums, were unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Bro. G. Rake (Portsmouth), seconded by Bro. E. Booth (Southampton), Bro. M. E. Frost was re-elected Treasurer.

After the transaction of the remaining business on the agenda paper the P.G.M. appointed the following brethren officers for the ensuing year:—

J. Harris, P.M. 76	Prov. S.G.W.
G. Rake, P.M. 487	Prov. J.G.W.
E. W. Watts, P.M. 151	Prov. G. Chaplain
S. Scott, 364	Prov. G. Chaplain
W. B. Rogers, P.M. 195	Prov. G. Reg.
M. E. Frost, P.M. 1069	Prov. G. Treas.
J. E. LeFeuvre W.M. 1112	Prov. G. Sec.
C. T. Allee P.M. 151	Prov. G.S.D.
W. F. J. Turner, P.M. 698	Prov. G.J.D.
J. Lintott, P.M. 804	Prov. G. S. of W.
M. Miles, P.M. 130	Prov. G.D. of C.
S. R. Ellis, P.M. 342	Prov. A.D. of C.
Capt. C. C. Petley, P.M. 551	Prov. G.S.B.
Dr. H. G. Dyer, W.M. 132	Prov. G. Purs.
E. W. Wyatt, W.M. 35	Prov. G. Steward
J. Druitt, jun. W.M. 195	Prov. G. Steward
R. J. Turney, P.M. 342	Prov. G. Steward
G. M. Passenger, jun., W.M. 394	Prov. G. Steward
J. Cole, W.M. 928	Prov. G. Steward
J. Smith, W.M. 1331	Prov. G. Steward
J. Biggs, 130	Prov. G. Tyler
J. Exell, 487	Prov. G. Tyler

Before the P.G. Lodge closed Bro. Binckes tendered the best thanks of the executive of the Boys' School to Bro. Beach, and their high estimation of the services cheerfully rendered by him on the occasion of the recent festival of that institution, the most successful ever held in connection with any of the Masonic charities, the sum of £13,570

having been received. Bro. Binckes added that it had been decided to invest another £3000, and that the committee were authorised to provide for 32 additional sons of Freemasons being admitted. In conclusion he thanked the Deputy P.G.M. and the province generally for their liberal support of the schools.

Subsequently a banquet took place at the Guildhall, the P.G.M. presiding.

About 100 brethren attended, and at the close a few toasts were given. "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," and "The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and Officers of Grand Lodge," were proposed from the chair and enthusiastically received by the company. With the latter Bro. Beach coupled the name of a brother who had served the office of Grand Warden in former years, but who had since been selected, for the great merit he had displayed, to preside over a most important province—of that brother who had done them the honour to be present at the meeting that day—General Brownrigg. (Much cheering.) They greeted his presence with the utmost enthusiasm. They had never had the pleasure of seeing him in the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight before, but he trusted that his visit would enhance the good understanding which had previously existed and would be cemented that day between the Freemasons of Surrey and those of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

General Brownrigg responded, remarking that it was more than 21 years since he had had the honour of being the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and Masonry had become so popular in the present day that a small man like himself could hardly expect to attain those very high ranks which existed in the Craft; when they saw the Wardens' chairs occupied by princes of the blood royal it was very flattering to the Craft, but exceedingly difficult for others to attain to such high honours. (Hear, hear.) The principles which had guided their Provincial Grand Master had always been so just and excellent that he had no doubt, in the distribution of the purple, he always took care to give it to those who were worthy of that honour. (Applause.) He trusted that they would permit him to propose a toast before he sat down—the toast of the evening—that of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P." (Great cheering.) He had been extremely pleased that day with the visit he had paid them, and he should very much regret if in the future he could not be able to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and he hoped when his convenience would permit to see the Provincial Grand Master of Hants at the Surrey meetings.

The Chairman acknowledged the toast. He was happy to say that during the time he had had the pleasure of presiding over them he had met with nothing but encouragement on all sides, and he was induced by that to think that the Craft had not suffered in any way during that period. (Applause.) They had in various parts of the province seen of late new lodges spring into existence, and they had also seen that lodges which became dissatisfied with the buildings in which they had previously met had secured new buildings for themselves which did honour to the Craft and their enterprise. (Hear, hear.) He should be failing in his duty if he did not offer to the brethren of his province his most cordial thanks for the way in which they came forward and supported him when called upon to preside over the proceedings in connection with the Boys' School—a subject which had been already alluded to by Bro. Binckes during the former part of the day's proceedings. He (the Chairman) knew that the brethren had been previously called upon to make great exertions in that cause, and it was hardly to be expected that when they were appealed to by him to support him during the proceedings for the charity, they would again make the sacrifices they did, but when the donations were announced at the festival they elicited the warmest recognition. (Hear, hear.) The right worshipful brother intimated that the Provincial Lodge would be held next year at Southampton. (Hear, hear.) It was nine years since the Provincial Grand Lodge had been held in that town, and not since the year he had the honour of being installed as Provincial Grand Master. He assured the brethren it was his earnest wish, in the distribution of the honours of the Grand Lodge, to reward merit and ability, but it was extremely difficult always to meet the case. He could, however, assure those brethren who had exerted themselves in the cause of Freemasonry that though they appeared to be passed by at the present moment, such would not be the case eventually, for their merits would not be lost sight of, and he trusted that all would endeavour to promote the prosperity of the Craft by all means in their power. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Stopher (Winchester) submitted the next toast, "The D.P.G.M. of the Province, Bro. W. Hickman, P.A.G.D.C. of England," and Bro. Hickman suitably replied.

Bro. Eve (Aldershot) gave "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. Davison (Province of Middlesex).

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Wardens and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. James Harris, who had rendered great services during the past few years. (Applause.)

Bro. Harris, in acknowledging the toast, said it was just fourteen years since he was initiated, and it was also just fourteen years since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in Winchester.

Bro. Hickman then gave "The Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province," and said that of the twenty-eight lodges of which the province was composed twenty-seven were in full working order.

Bro. Godwin, Winchester, replied to the toast, and ex-

pressed his opinion that much good was done in the province and throughout the world by an interchange of visits between the members of different lodges.

"The Masonic Charities" was the last toast on the list. It was proposed by the Chairman, who dwelt on the eminent services of Bro. Binckes on behalf of the Charities.

## CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

The above new lodge was formally consecrated on Tuesday, 7th inst. The M.W.G.M. had authorised Bro. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, to perform the ceremony. That brother announced, during the evening, that this made the list of lodges consecrated by him during the past nine years 100 in number.

Among the brethren present were Chas. Daniel, W.M. 65; Chas. G. Hill, W.M. 1366; R. Snare, S.W. 228; W. Bawson, S.W. 1580; R. H. Halford, J.W. 228; R. Percy, S.D. 228; A. J. Vanderlyn, P.M., P.G.S.B. Kent, 199; Cohen, Montefiore, 1017; F. G. Guyer, 1288; W. Morgan, 1385; E. Bowyer, P.M. 1580; John Hodges, 1319; R. De Lacy, 97; G. E. Cook, 382; Alex. Mullord, 1288; W. Fysh, W. T. Owens, 1507; J. Powell, S.D. 186; Jos. Stock, S.D. 1178; E. T. Read, P.M. 781, 1349; W. H. Main, P.M. 813; Jas. Lyons, 188; Jas. Hill, W.M. 228; T. Baile, 917.

Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1471, occupied the Chair of S.W.; Jas. Hill, W.M. 228; J.W.; Killick, sen., P.M. Merchant Navy, Secretary; and Main, P.M. New Concord, Inner Guard. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the consecration ceremony was proceeded with. The customary oration was delivered by Bro. Terry, Bros. De Lacy, Hodges, and Mullord undertook the musical portion of the ceremony, and Bro. Cook presided at the harmonium.

On the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. L. Mather introduced Bro. Charles Kingston Killick, jun., as the W.M. designate. The necessary obligations having been taken, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Terry performed the ceremony of installation.

The W.M. on taking the chair appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Trewinnard, S.W.; H. P. Isaac, J.W.; C. K. Killick, sen., P.M., Sec.; J. H. Hawkins, S.D.; A. W. Fenner, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; T. Fitzmaurice, D.C.; W. Steedman, Tyler.

The W.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry, in acknowledgment of the manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, which was unanimously carried, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Bro. Terry returned thanks.

Bros. Terry, Mather, Hill, and Bowyer were elected honorary members of the new lodge. Several propositions for initiation and joining were handed in, and the lodge was closed.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation being concluded the brethren adjourned to the banquet, to which full justice was done by the brethren.

Grace having been sung, Bro. Killick, jun., proposed the usual loyal toasts.

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master," and "The M.W. Pro G. Master, the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers" having been duly honoured, Bro. Terry proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He did so at the request of the brethren who had been invested that evening. Bro. Killick, jun., ever since the day he was initiated, had exhibited a vast amount of zeal in the cause of Freemasonry. He had worked hard and consistently, and he was sure the petitioners, as well as his Royal Highness the Grand Master, had made a wise selection in appointing him the first W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge.

Bro. Killick replied. The position in which he was placed that evening was one of which he was very proud. He sincerely thanked Bro. Terry for the kind way in which he had offered the toast for the acceptance of the brethren, and the brethren for the way in which they had honoured it. He would say that, though this was the last of the 100 lodges that Bro. Terry had consecrated, he hoped it would not be the least in his esteem.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer." He referred to Bro. Terry's exertions in all matters Masonic. His zeal was known to all present, and he felt himself perfectly inadequate to do justice to his many sterling qualities. Bro. Terry suitably replied.

Bro. Vanderlyn replied for "The Visitors," which was given from the chair.

The next toast was that of "The Officers," which was acknowledged by each.

Bro. Trewinnard said the proceedings of the day had been so eminently satisfactory that he was sure the most sanguine hopes of the promoters would be realised.

Bro. Isaac gave a retrospect of the motives that led to the formation of the lodge, and promised that he would do all in his power to enhance its prosperity.

The Secretary remarked that it afforded him great pleasure to see his son in the chair; it was gratifying to his feelings as a father to hear the eulogiums that were passed on their W.M.

The other toasts comprised "The Health of Bro. Fysh," "The Charities," &c.

The steamer German, built for the Union Steamship Company, arrived at Southampton on 13th instant from the Clyde, having made the run round, a distance of about 580 miles against fresh head winds, in 43 hours, being an average of over 13½ knots per hour.



## FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

**MURREE (Punjab).—Lodge Light in the Himalayas (No. 1448, E.C.).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-rooms, Murree, on Thursday, the 7th June, 1877. Present Wor. Bro. Dhanjibhoy Fakerejee, W.M.; Bros. H. Whympier, S.W.; G. Wood, J.W.; Garrow, Secretary and Treasurer; Holmes, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Robb, I.G.; McIntyre, Tyler. Members: W. Bro. A. Stewart, Beatley, Rich, Shipman, Adie, and Gauly. Visitors: W. Bros. Jeffcoat and Briggs, Bros. Capt. Mure, Scott, Davis, Lyseth, and Haynes. The lodge was opened with prayer. The Secretary read work before the lodge, which was to install the Worshipful Master and invest officers for the current year. Bro H. Whympier, the Master elect, was then presented by W. Bro. Jeffcoat, who having asserted to the ancient charges, was duly installed and proclaimed as Worshipful Master, and saluted by the brethren in the usual manner. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy, P.M., and District Grand Director of Ceremonies, then presented the Worshipful Master with the implements of his office, and commended his attention to the volume of the Sacred Law, the Book of Constitutions, the bye-laws of the lodge, and the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and delivered charges to the officers and brethren of the lodge. The following officers were then invested:—Bros. Wood, S.W.; Shipman, J.W.; Garrow, Sec. and Treas.; Mills, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; McIntyre, Tyler. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy proposed, and Wor. Master seconded, Bros. Mure and Lyseth as joining members. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy proposed, and W. Bro. Major Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., seconded, W. Bro. Jeffcoat and Bro. H. Scott as joining members. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy proposed, and W. Master seconded, that the members of Lodge Mayo, No. 1413, at Rawul Pindee, be permitted to join this lodge without paying the joining fee, the brethren of Mayo Lodge having already passed a resolution giving a like privilege to members of this lodge. Carried unanimously. Proposed by W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy and seconded by the W. Master that a vote of thanks be passed to W. Bro. Major A. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bros. J. fcoat and Briggs, for the trouble they have taken in coming up from Rawul Pindee to assist at the installation. Carried unanimously. W. Bro. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., then replied for himself and Bros. Jeffcoat and Briggs, and said that it had given them all great pleasure to assist at the installation, and how highly gratified they were to find the lodge worked so well and with such unanimity and concord amongst its members. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy proposed and W. Master seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Garrow for the valuable services rendered by him in the working of the lodge during the past year. Carried unanimously. Bro. Garrow then replied, and said what pleasure it gave him to find that the slight services he had been able to render had been appreciated. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy expressed his regret for not receiving the Worthy and Wor. Bro. Major A. Stewart, P.D.D.G.M., with the honours to which his Masonic rank entitled him. The W. Master then requested W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy to retire from the lodge for a short time, and during his absence said:—Brethren, to the untiring energy and zeal of our late Master the present efficient state of the lodge is entirely due. When he took up the Mastership at the beginning of last year there were only 8 subscribing members, while now, upon his retirement, there are 24; and its funds are also in a very flourishing condition. He is one of if not the first Parsee gentleman who has risen to the high dignity of Master of an English lodge in the Punjab, and his worth as a Mason has been acknowledged by the District Grand Lodge, which has appointed him as one of its Grand Officers, and as a mark of our respect and esteem, I propose that, in addition to asking him to sit for his portrait (to be hung in the lodge rooms) we present him with a Past Master's jewel. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Wood, S.W., and carried unanimously. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy was then re-admitted and acquainted with what had occurred in his absence. He replied in an appropriate speech, that he felt his services had really been over-estimated, and he would never fail to appreciate the kind sentiments which had been expressed and the honour conferred upon him on this occasion. The jewel will ever be a pleasant remembrance of his connection with the lodge, and the happy hours he had spent amongst his brethren. There being no further work before the lodge, it was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love at 8 p.m. The brethren adjourned to the banquet hall to dine, and on the removal of the cloth the first three toasts of O.B. were given by Bro. Major A. Stewart and, duly honoured. The District Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the District Grand Lodge Officers, coupled with the name of W. Bro. A. Stewart, was proposed by W. Bro. Jeffcoat, and responded to by W. Bro. Stewart, Past Deputy District Grand Master. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy then gave the toast of the evening, "The Health of the newly-installed W. Master, Bro. Whympier," in the warmest and most expressive manner, and detailed his many excellent qualities as a Mason, and the liberality which he had shown towards the lodge. W. Bro. Whympier thanked the brethren most cordially, and expressed a hope that with the assistance of the officers and brethren he might be able to maintain the efficiency and prosperity of the lodge. At the least he will devote himself heart and soul to the work. W. Bro. Whympier then proposed "The Health of the retiring W. Master, W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy," whom he highly eulogized for the high state of efficiency of the lodge at the present moment. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy replied briefly by thanking the W. Master and brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and received. "The Officers of the Lodge" were proposed by the W. Master, and responded to by Bro. Shipman, J.W. W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy next proposed "The Health of W. Bros. Stewart, Jeffcoat and

Briggs," thanking them for their kindness in coming so great a distance for the express purpose of giving their assistance at the installation of the W. Master. W. Bro. Stewart replied in a very effective speech, and expressed his readiness to repeat the journey at any time should his services be required. "The Army and Navy" was given by W. Bro. Whympier, and responded to by Bro. Capt. Mure. "The Visitors" was given by W. Bro. Dhanjibhoy, and responded to by Bro. H. Scott. "The Ladies" were proposed by Bro. Mure, and responded to by Bro. Gauly. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast and the old chorus.

**MHOW.—Lodge St Paul (No. 389, S.C.).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th July, 1877, when the following brethren were present: W. Bros. J. Street, W.M.; Jewanjee Appoo, P.M.; J.W. Butler, P.M.; Bros. E. Hart, S.W.; Jasonjer, J.W.; J. Geddes, Treas.; W. Chapman, Sec.; M. Ardaser, S.D.; J. Munro, J.D.; A. B. Mercer, I.G.; W. Parsons, Tyler. Members: Bros. McLennan, Aspland, O'Connor, Batt, Dorman, Keeley, Kirkby, Taylor, Johnson. Visitors: Bros. W. Batchellor, D. B. Lindsay, V. Brown, Hurrychund Chintamon. The lodge was opened with prayer. The business on the summons was to raise Bros. Kirkby and Johnson, who being present and properly prepared were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Hart proposed, and Bro. Jewanjee, Appoo, seconded Bro. W. Batchellor as a re-joining member, which being put to the vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Batt then proposed Mr. Alfred John Batt for initiation, which was seconded by Bro. M. Ardaser. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**BUDNAIRA.—Lodge Berar (No. 1649), (E.C.).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday the 7th April, 1877, at which were present: Bros. W. E. Perkins, S.W. in charge; W. Hunt, S.D., as S.W.; R. Chamberlain, as J.W.; H. Hodgart, J.D., as S.D.; G. I. Yeend, as J.D.; J. Moreau, Treas., as I.G.; C. W. Collins, Sec.; H. Shields, Steward, as Tyler. The lodge was opened with prayer. Bro. Charles Ritchern, of lodge St. Andrew in the East, was balloted for and duly admitted as a joining member. There being no business before the lodge the question of delivering a lecture on the Tracing Board, or on any subject connected with the Craft, for the improvement and instruction of the brethren on such occasions, was fully discussed and generally approved of. One brother was proposed as a joining member. The Secretary was requested to invite the attendance of W. Bros. Col. Hodgson and Eason at the next regular meeting, there being several candidates for the Third Degree. Bro. Perkins then informed the brethren that he had received a letter from the W.M., Wor. Bro. Llewellyn, from Hyderabad, desiring to be kindly remembered to the brethren and wishing the lodge continued prosperity, also forwarding a report of the directors of the Bombay Masonic Association. The Secretary was desired to record the former and to read the latter for the information of the lodge. A regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 21st of April, 1877. Present: W. Bro. F. J. Laville, P.M., as W.M.; Bros. W. E. Perkins, S.W.; W. Hunt, as J.W.; J. Moreau, Treasurer, as Secretary; H. Hodgart, as S.D.; G. I. Yeend, as J.D.; E. Bethell, as I.G.; H. Shields, as Tyler. —Members: Bros. C. Richtern; A. Mutton, B. Lahore, and N. Brown. Visitors: Bro. R. Chamberlain, of Lodge Corinth, No. 1122; W. J. Chamberlain, of Lodge St. John No. 434, Secunderabad; and W. Stewart, of Lodge Pleiades, No. 1487. The lodge was opened with prayer. Bros. A. Mutton, A. Brown, and B. Lahore were admitted, properly prepared, and solemnly raised to the high and Sublime Degree of Master Mason, according to the ancient custom and usages of the Order, the charges being most impressively delivered by W. Bro. Laville, and the working tools explained by Bro. Perkins. Two brethren were proposed as joining members. Bro. Stewart received and signed his Grand Lodge Certificate, sent to him by Lodge Pleiades. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**POONA.—Chapter St. Andrew's in the East, (No. 68, S.C.).**—At a regular convocation of this old chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, at 7.15 p.m. on the 7th June, there were present: Comp. A. M. Lawson, M.E.Z.; Aldersey, as H.; Beynon, J.; Wise, P.P.Z. and S.E.; Taplin, N.; McCarter, Treasurer; Burton, First Sojourner; J. Fox, Second do.; Rowbottom, Third do.; Burgess, S. of W.; Ellis, Janitor; Comps. Crane and D. M. Smith. Visitor: Comp. A. Smith. The chapter was opened with solemn prayer. The ballot for the affiliation of Comp. A. Smith, Orion, proved clear. The companion, who had been instructed in the Mark and Excellent Degrees, was affiliated in due form, as prescribed in the Constitutions, and thereafter received some further instruction in the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Comp. Lawson was presented with his diploma as Z., and Comps. Crane and D. M. Smith with their R.A. diplomas. Scribe E. read remarks of the P.G. Permanent Committee on the revised bye-laws of the chapter; the reply thereto was approved, as was also some slight change in the laws, among which was an alteration of the day of meeting. An allowance was granted to the widow of a companion to pay her rent. A candidate for exaltation was proposed, and this closed the business of the evening.

**MASONIC PRESENTATION AT LAHORE.**—The Masonic Lodge Industry, in Lahore, has recently moved its quarters to a position near the railway, more convenient to the bulk of its members. This entailed considerable trouble and expense in fittings, &c., and Mrs. B. J. Hill, the wife of one of its members, having very kindly devoted considerable time to the matter and given very valuable assistance in decorating the hall, the members of the lodge expressed their gratitude by passing a formal resolution of thanks, and inviting Mrs. Hill to attend in open lodge at the next

meeting, to receive a copy of the resolution from the hands of the District Grand Master of the Punjab. Unfortunately the health of Mrs. Hill did not permit of her attending the lodge, consequently a deputation of Masons, headed by the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of the Punjab, waited upon her at her own house on Thursday, June 21, and formally tendered a copy of the resolution, which ran as follows:—

Presented to Mrs. B. J. Hill, by the members of lodge Industry, No. 1485, in appreciation of the handsome presents made by her, and the interest she displayed in the decorating of the lodge rooms, as well as an expression of goodwill towards her generally.

Extract from the minutes of Lodge Industry, No. 1485, dated Lahore, 30th May, 1877.

Proposed by Wor. Bro. James Wilkinson, seconded by Wor. Bro. W. T. S. Grigsby, "That this lodge records with pleasure its hearty and best thanks to Mrs. Hill for various handsome presents made to it, including a canopy and other decorations to the lodge room."

And further, that she be invited to attend the next regular meeting on 27th June, to receive this extract from the hands of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of the Punjab, in the presence of the W. Master, Wardens, and brethren in open lodge assembled.

Carried unanimously.

(Signed) ROBERT KERR, W.M.

CHAS. CARROLL, S.W.

BOYLE TRAYERS HILL, J.W.

J. W. SULLIVAN, Sec.

The Right Worshipful District Grand Master, in presenting the resolution, which was very handsomely illuminated by Mr. Bull, made a short but appropriate speech, in which he regretted Mrs. Hill's inability to attend in open lodge, but hoped that she might be early restored again to health. He also touched upon the question of ladies' opposition to Masonry on account of its secrecy, and stated its real secret was "Peace on earth and good will towards men." Mrs. Hill was too unwell to reply personally, but handed in a paper which was read on her behalf; in it she remarked that the ladies had no desire to worm out of their husbands the technical secrets of the Order, but she thought they might be taken into their confidence upon matters of charity; and wound up by stating that the little help she had given to the lodge was partly to shew that there is no necessity for the entire exclusion of ladies' help from Masonic proceedings and charities, and partly to shew her esteem for a lodge in which her husband had taken a great interest, and she felt proud of the very gracious manner in which her poor efforts had been recognised. The deputation then took leave. Mr. and Mrs. Hill left Lahore for Bombay en route to England by mail train on Friday evening (June 22)—many Masonic friends being on the platform to say good-bye and wish them a prosperous journey home and a happy return to India.

## THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science for the second time since its formation, forty-seven years ago, has selected the fine town of Plymouth for its annual congress, and everything bids fair for a successful meeting. Curiously enough, the Association now, as formerly, migrates from Plymouth to Glasgow; not only so, it brings from the University of that city one of its most distinguished professors, Dr. Allan Thomson, as president of the year. The first general meeting of the Association was held on Wednesday evening, when Professor Andrews, of Belfast, resigned the chair, and Dr. Thomson assumed the presidency and delivered an address. The sectional meetings commenced on Thursday morning, and will be continued on Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week. The sections are—Mathematical and Physical Science, Classical Science, Geology, Biology (including three separate departments of Zoology and Botany, Anatomy, and Physiology, and Anthropology), Geography, Economic Science and Statistics, and Mechanical Science. On each morning of the congress a general address will be delivered by one of the presidents of the sections. The programme also includes a series of evening meetings. On Thursday a soirée will be held in the Assembly Rooms. On Friday evening a discourse will be delivered by Professor Warrington Smyth on the "Physical Phenomena connected with the Mines of Cornwall and Devon." On Monday evening Professor Odling will deliver a discourse on the new element "Gallium." On Tuesday there will be a second soirée, and on Wednesday the concluding general meeting will be held. On Saturday there will be an excursion to Exeter, where the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens and inhabitants of the neighbourhood, has issued numerous invitations to luncheon at the Royal Public Rooms, to meet the president and members of the Association. On Thursday, the 23rd, there will also be excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood of Plymouth.

Mrs. Ward Hunt is recovering from her illness. On Saturday last she was able to leave her chamber for the sitting room, and is expected to leave Cologne at the end of the week.

Roan, Gilt Edges, elastic band or tuck, price, post free, 2s. 2d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1877. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order, payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (Advt.)



## FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

St. John's day happening to fall on a Sunday, the brethren of Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, Cradock, determined to hold their annual festival on Wednesday, 27th June. Accordingly on that day they assembled at about half-past ten o'clock, and after the lodge had been opened by their Worshipful Master, Bro. W. S. Leigh, they proceeded in order to St. Peter's Church, where the rector, the Rev. W. C. Wallis, preached an excellent and appropriate discourse.

The rev. gentleman took for his text the third verse of the 40th chapter of Isaiah: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

"For what reason St. John's day is chosen by the Order I would not presume to give an opinion to you who are acquainted with the mysteries and the history of Freemasonry. Nor would it perhaps become this place to enter upon such a discussion, sufficient that John the Baptist seems by this act to be chosen, as it were, your patron saint, and it is supposed that there is in the saint thus chosen something which is to be held up to the members of the Order as worthy of their regard and imitation, and therefore it is well that I should to-day lead you to consider some portion of the history or character of John the Baptist. Before proceeding to the consideration of the words of our text, I would wish to say that I am thankful that the Order do in this town (I know not whether it is a universal custom) attend, in their corporate capacity, a Christian temple. It has been urged by men learned and pious, but whether ever members of your Order or not I cannot say, that the order itself is Anti-Christ, because though acknowledging one Supreme Being as ruler of the universe, they in their ceremonies are said never to use the name of Jesus Christ. Whether such an accusation be true or false, it is not for me to say; or, if true, what the reason may be for such an omission—whether it be accidental or premeditated—whether done from a disbelief in the Messiahship of Christ, or whether merely done for the purpose of having a wider basis upon which all persons believing in a God, as the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, can join together as men of the world, for mutual society—help and protection. Now I consider that this annual gathering in a place of Christian worship at once takes away the ground from under the feet of those who thus accuse your society, and I am thankful that I am able to look upon this Order, which, as we know, includes some of the noblest names in the State, and many a one in holy orders, as not Anti-Christ, to say the least, and, therefore, I may take it as granted that in asking me, a Minister of Christ, to preach before you to-day, you wished to hear from my mouth some of that Gospel truth which I am appointed to preach, on the words of our text: 'The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' It is my desire to hold up the pattern of St. John the Baptist as an example for us to follow, and especially to those who are Freemasons, as he seems, as I have said, to be the patron saint of the Order, and therefore they are doubly bound to follow that example, for it cannot be forgotten that, although the rites and mysteries of Masonry may not be able to claim the character of Christian—it so happens that the members of this lodge whom I now address are Christians, so that both as Masons and as Christians I can call upon you to follow Him. I consider it the bounden duty of every man to seek to adorn the position he may hold, the office he may fill, or the society to which he belongs, and by doing your duty faithfully with honesty, zeal, and integrity, in the fear and love of God, and looking for the approval of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, you do, each one, adorn the position or office you hold, or the society to which you belong, and there is no doubt that every one has much in his power in this respect. Look at St. John; he had a special mission given unto him." The reverend gentleman then proceeded to describe the mission. "Are we not all placed in the world for a special purpose? Are we not all in the strictest sense missionaries sent forth by the Lord, and having hereafter to answer to Him? You have a special mission—as Masons certain duties are incumbent on you, and I am aware that you are required by the Order to display certain dispositions in your intercourse with your brother Masons, by which it is hoped that good may be done in the world, and the amount of evil lessened. Another such mission is so to act as a Mason that those who have before despised the Order, and spoken evil of its rites and mysteries, may be led to acknowledge their error, and confess the good it may do, and has done. But remember your mission as Christians exceeds all this, in the same degree that the Christian brotherhood is higher and more extensive than the Masonic brotherhood. And now consider the mission which the Christian religion lays upon us. Is it not the same as St. John's? 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' We see daily around us brethren who are bound to us by the same initiatory rite of baptism, admitted by that most solemn of all mysteries into this our brotherhood; and we are bound by vows—the Christian Order to which we belong lays upon us this clear and distinct injunction: 'Love the brotherhood.' If you are bound not only to live in unity and good will with the Masonic brotherhood, consider how much more are you bound so to do with that wider and higher brotherhood of Christians to which you belong. If you are bound by your vows to relieve the distress of any of your brethren who are in need, or the distress of their friends, wife or widow, children or orphans, of your own, or a foreign country, how much more are you so bound to do to those who belong with you to the higher brotherhood of Christ? Mind you, I do not for one moment intend that you should

neglect aught that is laid upon you as a Mason; whatever duties or responsibilities a man takes upon himself he is bound to perform. These ought ye to, and not leave the other undone; and my object is, as I have already said, to show to you that whilst you feel bound to fulfil your engagements as Masons, you will not forget your obligations to do yet more as Christians. The coming for which we have to prepare the way is the coming of Jesus to judgment, when each one of us, and each one of those whom we see in the world around us, will either be allowed to join the holy brotherhood of the glorious angels and saints made perfect; or be compelled to join the awful and terrible brotherhood of Satan, and the other evil and debased angels. Mr. Wallis then proceeded to shew how this could be done, concluding thus: "I do not wish to detain you by many words this morning, but I must not omit to make a personal application of these words. I would earnestly ask of you: Do you think your heart is prepared for the coming of the Lord? All these things of the world will pass away, but the world to which we look will not pass away. On the coming of that great and terrible day of the Lord, it will matter nothing whether we have been Masons or not; but it will matter a great deal whether we have been Christians or not; Christians, I mean, not only by baptism, and that new birth in Christ, but Christians in our life, and in our services to Christ. We see in some members of the Order an earnest desire to obtain still higher degrees, they will work their way up, or they will purchase their degrees—this of some only—but I would beg that all my Christian brethren showed the like earnestness in working for their degrees in the Christian brotherhood; as the Apostle says, 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.' And as the same Apostle saith to Timothy in language which sounds Masonic, 'They that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree,' so I would say, they that have used the office of a Christian well, purchase to themselves a good degree in God's Kingdom hereafter. Consider with yourselves of how much more consequence it is that you should be a good Christian than a good Mason, and henceforth, if it has not been yet the case, be seeking that better Kingdom. And now I have only to add, that I trust that God's blessing may rest upon the Society in this place; that, as you have thus publicly acknowledged your allegiance to Him, and as a body given to Him your public worship, He also, for Jesus Christ's sake, will accept your offer, and bestow upon the lodge the Grace of His Holy Spirit, guiding it in its counsels, directing it in its charities, and offices of good will and friendship; and also may, upon each individual member, bestow the benign influence of His grace, so that he may prepare his own heart for the coming of the Lord—so that the rough and rugged places being made plain, and the valleys of sin in his human heart being filled up with his goodness for Christ's sake, he may with joy see his Lord coming, in humble faith believing, that he will say to him: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

After the sermon there was an offertory in aid of the Building Fund of St. Peter's Church.

On return to the lodge the dispensation from the Earl of Carnarvon to the W.M. was read, by which the brethren had been permitted to attend Divine service in Masonic form. The W.M., Bro. Leigh, then appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. A. E. Austen, S.W.; T. R. Smallman, J.W.; T. R. Smallman (elected), Treas.; A. Ziervogel, Sec.; H. Beadle, S.D.; S. J. Griffiths, J.D.; A. Metcalf, Steward; A. Engels (by proxy), Org.; H. Hinwood, I.G.; Jno. Urie (elected), Tyler.

W. Bro. P.M. Chalmers, assisted by giving the closing address to the Wardens and brethren.

In the evening a number of the brethren met in a private room of the Victoria Hotel, and spent several hours in very social intercourse.

**GRAHAMSTOWN.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 828).—This lodge assembled on the morning of the 25th June, to celebrate the festival of St. John, and after opening lodge proceeded (in company with Albany Lodge, No. 389) to St. George's Cathedral, where Divine service was conducted by Bro. Dr. Ross, Chaplain of both lodges. On their return the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect Bro. D. Sampson, took place, conducted by Bro. A. S. Dudley, P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Waller, P.M., and Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, I.P.M., of Albany Lodge. After the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Dr. E. Atherstone, I.P.M.; C. W. Black, S.W.; T. Holliday, J.W.; Rev. G. G. Ross, Chaplain; R. Mundy, P.M., Treas.; A. Matthews, Sec.; J. Stanton, S.D.; J. W. Bayes, J.D.; Geo. Locke and T. White, Stewards; A. Evans, I.G.; A. Will, Tyler.

**GRAHAMSTOWN.**—Albany Lodge (No. 389).—The members of the old lodge assembled in their temple on Tuesday, 25th June, to commemorate the festival of St. John. After the lodge had been opened the brethren marched to St. George's Cathedral to attend Divine service, being joined there by the officers and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 828. The Chaplain of both lodges, Bro. the Rev. G. G. Ross, delivered an eloquent sermon from the text 1 Peter 11, 17 v. On their return to the lodge the brethren separated until 4 p.m., when they again met for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. A. Smith. (who has been many times both S.W. and J.W., and also Treasurer). The duties of Installing Master were most effectively performed by Bro. O. Lester, the retiring P.M., ably assisted by Bro. R. Currin, P.M., Wm. Wedderburn, P.M., and Bro. A. S. Dudley, P.M. No. 828. After the newly-installed W.M. had been proclaimed, he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wm. Wedderburn, I.P.M.; Rev. G. G. Ross, M.A., D.C.L., S.W. and Chaplain; G. C. Goodwin, J.W.; O. Lester, P.M., Treas.; J. Vialls, Sec.; W. T. Sampson, S.D.; F. Cook, J.D.; G. Reynolds and F. E. Orren, Stewards; H. Richmond, I.G.; G. Shaw, Tyler. Before the lodge

was closed a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. W. Wedderburn on his retirement from office as W.M. of Albany Lodge. This is the last occasion on which No. 389 will met on St. John's-day, having recently altered their bye-laws, fixing their future annual festival on the 20th September (being the anniversary of the first meeting of the lodge in Grahamstown, after the receipt of the warrant, dated 3rd January, 1828).

## ROYAL ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

A long day's work was set out for the members of the Royal Archæological Institute on Monday. The first object of attraction was Credenhill Church and camp. The church dates from about the end of the 12th century, consisting of a nave and small chancel. A bit of stained glass in one of the chancel windows was pronounced by Mr. Beresford Hope (who was of the party) to be a remarkably excellent specimen of glass of the middle period. It bore the effigies of St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Thomas of Hereford. The chancel (recently opened) is entered by three arches. The central arch is plain, but the two sides arches have a cinque-foil heading. The sill of a window on the north side of the chancel appears to have been made out of a stone of flint lid cut in two. Leaving the church the party proceeded to Credenhill, a Roman encampment approached by a narrow, deeply-cut Roman road. The position must have been a strong one; the cuttings are deep and numerous, and the top is defended by an unusually high earthwork. The area of the camp is considerable. It is now covered with wood. From Credenhill the route of the travellers was over or in sight of historical ground, in view of Kenchester, said to be the *Ariconium* of the Romans, and four or five miles distant from Hereford. It is a vast station, well termed *Magna Castra*, covering upwards of 50 acres, with two openings to the west and two to the north. A few traces of the walls, which appear to have surrounded an irregular hexagonal area of a temple at the east of a niche of Roman brick and mortar, called "The Chair," were until lately visible. Vaults, tessellated pavements, stone altars, coins, &c., have been discovered at various periods, but the whole site is now covered with green meadows and waving corn-fields. It has, however, been surveyed, and its limits correctly ascertained. At Byford Church, the next stopping place, the chief object of interest was the Early English chancel and an Early English arcade leading into the south transept. A manor house near is of the time of Henry VIII. Monington Church was next visited, a unique specimen of a church of Charles II., chancel screen and seating complete. At the entrance, by the north door, a broken slab lying on the turf is supposed to cover the remains of the great chief, Owen Glendwr. The seats in the church—high-backed long forms—are dark with age, and there are pulpit and reading desk to match. Mr. Beresford Hope said the church was restored in 1680, and pointed out its peculiarities, especially the chancel screen. There were many other examples of chancel screens before the Restoration, but after the Restoration they were not so common. The chancel screen is, perhaps unique of its kind. It is of wood, and over the centre are the Royal arms carved and painted. At Moccas Court, the seat of Sir George Cornwall, the party were received by the baronet and Lady Cornwall, and hospitably entertained. The house is beautifully situated on the banks of the Wye, and the terraces command most lovely scenery. A remarkable stone sundial was shown in the garden. It is supposed to be of the date of 1630. There are carved inscriptions in English and Latin on its numerous faces. It bears the imprint "Phillips Jones, fecit." Among the English lines are the following:—

"Amende to-day and slack not,  
Dette cometh and warneth not,  
Tyme passeth and specketh not."

The signs of the zodiac are also displayed on the dial. Moccas Church, which adjoins the park, was an object of much interest. This is a good specimen of a Norman church, with nave, chancel, and apse. It bears, as Mr. Beresford Hope remarked, a family likeness to Kilpeck Church (visited on Friday), which bore evidence of a later style of Norman architecture than the stern, grave style of this church. Each was great as a specimen of its own peculiar type, corresponding in general plan and differing in detail. Mr. Hartshorne, secretary to the Institute, read some remarks which he had prepared on a remarkable effigy—a Knight Templar in the chancel of this church. Having first quoted an extract from the "Speculum Regale," a Latin manuscript of the 14th century, which gives a description of the proper costume of a knight of the early period of that century, he pointed out that the garment worn by the knight here was neither a surcoat nor eyelas, and that it was probably an unique instance of such a military vestment as appeared in this effigy. There could be no doubt that a vestment of this special and particular kind was actually used by this member of the De Frene family. In addition to this it was valuable in another way, as showing the extraordinary accuracy of the mediæval sculptors as representing their patrons in their habits as they lived. Referring to the scale armour worn by the figure, he said that with the exception of an effigy of this period at St. Peter's Church, at Sandwich, there was, as far as he was aware, no other sculptured example of scale armour in this kingdom. Bedwardine Church, another Norman edifice, with out-bending walls, and containing a remarkably large font of conglomerate—sufficiently large for immersion—supported on five rude shafts, was the last place visited. This church, Mr. Beresford Hope remarked, had passed through several gradations. The leaning wall pointed to 14th century work, and the chancel was not quite on a line with the nave. There had been a rood loft, and Mr. Hope pointed out where the wooden staircase leading to it had been. An effigy of the 16th century was also pointed out.



FRESH ROMAN CATHOLIC  
INTOLERANCE.

We have taken the following from the *Daily Telegraph* of Thursday:—

On Wednesday, at Macclesfield, Canon Walter, Roman Catholic priest, refused to inter the body of an excise officer, named Delany, on the ground that the rules of the Church forbade him reading the service over any member of a secret society. The deceased, who was a Roman Catholic, was also a Freemason. The Rev. Mr. Hurst, of Hudsfield, interred the body, which was laid in the Church of England portion of the cemetery. The funeral was attended by the deceased's relatives and other Roman Catholics.

THE ROSE CROIX DEGREE IN NEW  
ZEALAND.

A chapter of this degree, called the Zola Chapter, No. 4, under the Supreme Council of 33°, Valley of New Zealand, was opened in Auckland at the Masonic Hotel on Thursday, the 28th June, by Bro. M. Niccol, 33°, as M.W.S., when the following brethren were installed as the first officers: Comps. H. G. Wade, H.P.; W. P. Rees, S.W.; W. Sloane, J.W.; A. Brock, Treas.; J. Herbert Burns, Sec.; Bros. Graham, Chancellor, and Larrit, I.G. The whole of the ceremonies being impressively rendered by Bro. Niccol, and sixteen members being enrolled.

After the closing of the chapter the companions adjourned to refreshment, and spent an hour in a very agreeable manner.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Duke of Connaught proceeds immediately from the Curragh, where he has been with his battalion for the summer, to Fermoy, at which station His Royal Highness will remain throughout the winter.

The Princess of Wales has, by her own desire, been elected a "Dame Chevaliere," of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a philanthropic society presided over by Bro. his Grace the Duke of Manchester.

We observe it is stated that a suite of apartments costing £2421, exclusive of furniture, to be fitted on board the "Britannia," cadet ship at Dartmouth, has been prepared at Devonport yard. The apartments are intended for the sons of the Prince of Wales, tutors, and domestics, and when fitted will occupy nearly the whole of the vessels poop. The erection and furnishing are to be completed by September 3.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and attended by the lords and ladies of the Court, will, according to the latest arrangements leave Osborne on Tuesday next, the 21st inst., for Balmoral.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales remains at Marlborough House during the convalescence of the young prince. We understand that the Prince and Princess of Wales will shortly leave for Scotland.

The *Whitehall Review* lately informed its readers that the eldest son of the Prince of Wales is destined for the Army. It now understands that the Prince favours the idea of his son adopting the example set by his soldier-uncle, the Duke of Connaught, and entering the service at the bottom of the ladder. It is accordingly expected that the young Prince, on completing his education, will be appointed for duty to a regiment, continuing in a subordinate position until he has obtained a full insight into the working of the regimental system.

**THE HEALTH OF PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.** Although the young Prince may be considered convalescent, he is still very weak, and has not yet made sufficient progress to enable his medical attendants to decide when he can be removed.—*Medical Examiner*.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., left town on Tuesday last for Highclere Castle.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, left London on Wednesday for Lathom House, Lancashire.

The state apartments of Windsor Castle will remain open to the public on the usual days during the absence of the Court in the north.

**VISIT OF THE KING OF DENMARK TO LONDON.**—The King of Denmark, attended by his suite, has arrived in London on a visit to the Princess of Wales. After a short rest at the Lord Warden Hotel, his Majesty left Dover at 8.45 a.m. yesterday by the up South Eastern express, Mr. John Shaw, manager and secretary, having charge of the arrangements for the journey to the metropolis. In anticipation of his Majesty's arrival the Princess of Wales, attended by General Sir F. Knollys and Miss Knollys, left Marlborough House shortly before eleven o'clock for the Charing-cross terminus of the South Eastern Railway, where her Royal Highness awaited the King's arrival. But short notice was given of the visit, but in the little time left at the disposal arrangements were made for the King's reception by Mr. Grimstead. Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., chairman of the company, was in attendance at the station. The train conveying the illustrious visitor reached Charing-cross at eleven o'clock, and the Princess of Wales and suite walked along the arrival platform to just opposite the Custom House room, where she met the King, who had mingled among the throng of travellers issuing from the carriages of the express train. Her Royal Highness and her father drove to Marlborough House.

It is stated that a marriage is arranged between Bro. Lord Ramsey and the Lady Hilda Bennett, youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Tankerville.

**SUPREME COUNCIL FOR NEW ZEALAND.**—Since the establishment of the above council, five Rose Croix Chapters have been constituted under its auspices in New Zealand, also two consistories of the 30° and a petition to establish another is under consideration. Now that the opposition at first encountered from the Supreme Council of Scotland has subsided, a prosperous career is predicted.

**FREEMASONS' TAVERN COMPANY.**—We extract the following from the *City Press*:—The court of the directors of this company (which was unanimously adopted at the 13th annual general meeting) stated that the expectations of the directors, as expressed at the last general meeting, had been fully realized. The management of Mr. Dawkins had resulted not only in a large extension of the business of the tavern, but also in giving the utmost satisfaction to its numerous patrons. There stood to the credit of the company an absolute profit of £640, or a net increase of profit over the previous year's working of £1000. The balance was transferred to the profit and loss account to diminish the amount of the accumulated losses of former years. The directors reported the death of their zealous and highly-esteemed colleague, Mr. J. C. Daniel, who had been connected with the company from its inauguration. The vacancy had been supplied by the election of Mr. C. E. Amos. Mr. Lawley and Mr. Dumas the retiring directors, were re-elected, and Mr. H. Chatteris and Mr. B. Baker were re-elected auditors.

**THE MINISTERIAL BANQUET.**—Her Majesty's Ministers have informed the Lord Mayor that there is likely to be much difficulty in arranging a time at which many of them could attend a Ministerial banquet at the Mansion House at this season of the year, with the 9th of November approaching. They add that they are very sensible of his lordship's hospitality, and they much regret that circumstances prevented their sharing it before the end of the Session.

The directors of the North London Railway Company recommend a dividend for the past half year at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum, as against 6 per cent. in the corresponding period last year, payable on the 25th inst.

A capital portrait of the late Mr. Ward Hunt, is temporarily hung in the tea-room of the House of Commons, before going into the hands of the engraver. It is painted by Captain Mercier, to whom Mr. Hunt gave a sitting at the Admiralty a short time previous to his death.—*Mayfair*.

The death of Mr. William Longman took place on Monday last, and has created a widespread feeling of regret among many attached friends. Mr. Longman was the second son of the head of the world-famous Paternoster-row firm, and combined with a wonderfully energetic character for business much refined taste and considerable literary ability, which he occasionally exercised in the production of historical and other popular brochures. Mr. Longman died at Ashlyers, Hertfordshire, where he resided for several years, and acted as an influential local magistrate. Mr. Longman leaves three sons and four daughters.

Lord Carnarvon has offered the Colonial Secretaryship, vacant by the death of Mr. Rushworth, to Major W. Owen Lanyon, C.M.G., Administrator of Giqualand West, who has discharged with great ability the laborious and difficult duties of his office, which will cease to exist on the annexation of that province to the Cape.

Prizes of the value of over £800, exclusive of a large number of medals, are offered in connection with the National Eisteddfod of Wales, which is to be held this month at Carnarvon. The general arrangements appear to be on a scale worthy of the occasion.

The statue to be erected in Bombay in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's visit to the Presidency is now nearly completed. The statue, which is equestrian, represents his Royal Highness in his Uniform of Field-Marshal, seated on his favourite Arab, Aleph, raising his Marshal's hat with his right and holding the bridle with his left hand. The entire cost of the undertaking has been defrayed by the Parsees of the Bombay Presidency, and the monument, as well as the pedestal, will be erected in the city at their cost. The total weight is twelve tons, and the model, designed by Herr Bachm, has received the approbation of the Queen.

**The Church of England Pulpit and the Ecclesiastical Review** of Saturday last contains a full and verbatim report of a sermon on Formalism and Infidelity, and the only remedy, the Great Sacrifice, delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, M.A., of Oriel College, Oxford, in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, the 29th ult.

**OBELISKS.**—Bro. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., at whose expense Cleopatra's Needle is being conveyed to this country, is preparing a popular work on the subject of obelisks, which will serve as an introduction and explanation of the coming monolith.

The next regular meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock.

**ERRATUM.**—In the paragraph relating to the gold medal of the Bard of Avon Lodge, which appeared in our last—"Twenty-five years ago" should have been printed "Thirty-five years ago."

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons**, containing the charges, regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland will be held under the banner of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, on the 28th proximo.

A new lodge of Mark Masters, named the Fort Lodge, No. 106, was consecrated at New Quay, Cornwall, on Thursday last. It was arranged that an oration on Mark Masonry would be delivered by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Mark Warden of England.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., in forwarding a cheque to the Turkish Compassionate Fund of the *Daily Telegraph*, writes:—"It is impossible to read unmoved your column headed 'Turkish Compassionate Fund.' Kindly receive five guineas to its credit from me as an average (or thereabouts) middle-class Englishman, enjoying the delights of a fine weather holiday, and sincerely hoping that others in like case may do the same."

Bro. J. Edward Curteis, P.M. 189, Prov. S. G.W. Devon., Arch Treasurer of the Order of the Temple &c., has been elected Clerk to the East Stonehouse Local Board of Health.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold has given a beautiful edition of Tennyson's works as a prize for the best scholar in the Grammar School at Newport, Isle of Wight.

At the Council held on Monday by the Queen at Osborne, it was ordered that Parliament be prorogued until Tuesday, October 30th next.

Bro. Joseph Cox, proprietor of the *Hackney Express*, has had a purse of £320 presented to him, subscribed by the inhabitants of the district, to indemnify him for law costs in an action for libel, which arose through some comments in his journal on "Jerry Builders."

**THE OBELISK AT ALEXANDRIA.**—The Foreign Office has suggested to the Admiralty that, if thought advisable by that department, it would be as well that one of the ships of war on the station should be directed to tow to England the cylinder in which the obelisk has to make the passage.

**WESTMINSTER CLOCK.**—It is announced that the great clock at the Houses of Parliament will be stopped for about three weeks from the 21st inst.

**THE VALUE OF CITY LAND.**—A valuable plot of land, situate at the corner of Gracechurch-street and Cornhill, covering an area of about 850 feet, has recently been let on building lease at a rental of £1750 per annum, or nearly £1 per square foot.

**SUNSHINE IN LONDON.**—The Astronomer Royal reports that, out of 104.8 hours, during which the sun was above the horizon last week there were 34.6 hours of sunshine.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting the dignity of a Knight of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Henry Whitley Tyler, Esquire, late a Captain in her Majesty's corps of Royal Engineers, and late Chief Inspector of Railways.—*Gazette*.

We understand that the Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed a committee, consisting of Sir H. Selwin-Ibbetson, Bart., M.P., Lieut.-Col. the Hon. William Fielding, of the Coldstream Guards, W. Overend, Esq., Q.C., and J. B. Maule, Esq., to enquire into the management, discipline, and efficiency of the detective force of the metropolitan police.

The Corporation of the City of London has given the munificent sum of two hundred guineas to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot.

Bro. Dick Radclyffe, the eminent seedsman and horticultural decorator, of High Holborn, has just received a silver medal from the Cape Exhibition for seeds, and a similar present from Oporto for ferneries and aquariums.

A great number of Russian ladies in St. Petersburg have pledged themselves mutually neither to wear silk nor satin nor costly ornaments, nor to give balls, nor to indulge in other luxuries during the present war; but to devote the money which they would otherwise have spent upon such objects to the nursing of the sick and wounded of their country.

The late Southwark Conference created a demand for Compressed Tea beyond all expectations. *Fminent Analysts* declare it is only when tea is in its pure and native state that it will yield to pressure under hydraulic power. The *London and Provincial Press* unhesitatingly assert that if you want a cup of tea in perfection it must be brewed from tea that has been compressed. *Economists* advocate the use of Compressed Tea, and say if you want to get double the value out of your tea use it Compressed. *Testimonials* in thousands speak highly of the increased value and advantages in using the finely selected teas of the Compressed Tea Company (Limited). *Families* are making constant applications for the smallest wholesale quantity supplied, and say, "We are compelled to send to the warehouse for Compressed Tea; because the tradesmen in our locality appear to know nothing of it; and as one pound weight of Compressed Tea goes as far as two pounds weight of loose tea, we hope you will supply us." Sold in handsome cabinets—1lb. 2s. 6d., 2lbs. 5s., 4lbs. 10s.—got up specially for the Easter trade as samples, carriage free to any part of the kingdom. Works and Warehouse, 36, Southwark-street, London. Arrangements have been completed whereby Tea Dealers can have their own blended and selected teas Compressed at a nominal cost per pound for compressing. All Applications for Agencies for the sale of Compressed Tea, or from traders desirous of opening up wholesale depots for the sale of Compressed Tea throughout the kingdom must be addressed to the Secretary



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## Answers to Correspondents.

ENQUIRER (POOWAH).—1. We know nothing of the book alluded to, and are quite sure that it is not authorized in any way by the Emulation Lodge. 2. The "Charges" are, as a rule, optional, though in the opinion of the Editor, they ought to be delivered. 3. The Custom is irregular the proceeding ought only to be resorted to for convenience sake. 4. Yes.

"Deutscher Gemüthlich Freimaurer" in our next.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Eight years a Blue Coat Boy;" "Victoria Cross in the Crimea;" "Keystone;" "Library Committee of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania;" "The Hebrew Leader;" "Australian Freemason;" "New York Dispatch;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Church of England Pulpit;" "Medical Examiner;" "Masonic Record for Western India;" "Hajnal;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Herald;" "The Death of Saul;" "Industry and Idleness."

[Reviews of these two books in our next impression.]

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

AKSELL.—On the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. W. T. H. Aksell, of a son.

CRESSWELL.—On the 11th inst., at Pinkney-park, Malmesbury, the wife of C. E. Cresswell, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

HAYLES—IKIN.—On the 9th inst., at Holy Trinity, Tulse-hill, by the Rev. M. Campbell, Charles, the youngest son of the late Benjamin Hayles, to Jane Louisa, only daughter of the late John Alfred Ikin, C.E.

## DEATHS.

COSS.—On the 14th inst., at Copton Manor House, Faversham, Isabella Cobb, eldest daughter of the late John Wildash, of Wye, Kent.

KIBBLE.—On the 9th inst., at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Kibble, of Gracechurch-street and Brixton-road, aged 58.

MASSEY.—On the 13th inst., Bro. John Daniel Massey, of 41, Highbury New Park (of disease of the heart). Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1877.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We are very glad to note and to record that the governing authorities of the Boys' School have determined, at a special court on the 20th ult., to recommend the increase of the school by thirty-two boys, at a cost of £3000. This is a proposition so reasonable, and, as we hold, so needful, that we do not think any controversy can arise about it. Had the enlarged scheme for 120 boys been persevered in, and, above all, the very objectionable plan of concentrating a preparatory and higher school in the same building, the friends of education would have had a good deal to say in opposition to a scheme which antagonizes every known principle of scholastic arrangements. In our opinion the present limited augmentation is absolutely demanded by the numerous claims now on the school, and is a step completely in the right direction. It probably will suffice for about two years, when humanly speaking, in all probability, we shall have to make up our minds to an enlargement to 300 on a permanent basis. Be this as it may, we feel bound to express our hope and expectation that this reasonable proposal of the executive will be unanimously supported by the subscribers, as both imperatively demanded by the wants of our Order, and the best interests of the school itself. In all probability the alterations can be made so as to allow of subsequent needful additions, in order to bring up the numbers to 300. The question of a preparatory school may safely be left to the progress of time and the yearly increasing demands for admission. It is only postponed "pro tem," not adjourned "sine die;" in fact, at present, we venture to think, as we said before, that it is hardly opportune or required, and that many insurmountable objections exist to a scheme hardly sufficiently digested to encounter hostile criticism, or to supply any proved requirement. It is to us, as we said before, a mere question of time, and one involved almost necessarily eventually in the growing necessities of the Order and the School.

## THE REPORT ON CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

The report published on Saturday happily exculpates entirely the authorities of this great School, as we felt sure it would from the first, from any blame or responsibility in respect of the death of the unfortunate boy Gibbs. Many of us, who are aware of the eminent services of the Treasurer, Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, of the zealous efforts of the present Head Master, Bro. Lee, as well as the high character of the Warden, Bro. Major Brackenbury, were perfectly convinced from the first outbreak of a sensational panic, that to no more able or painstaking rulers could the administration of any school be possibly committed, and we most sincerely rejoice to know, to-day, that their arduous labours are fully appreciated, and their high character satisfactorily upheld by the recent commission of enquiry. Our worthy and able Bro. Dr. Brette, to whom a somewhat slighting allusion was made in an article in *The Times*, by one evidently ignorant of the facts of the case, on which he thought fit to dogmatize, has since, we are informed, received, at the private speech day, a remarkable ovation from the boys themselves—the best reply to such remarks, and most justly merited by himself. We trust now that all those excited writers, many of them masters themselves, who wrote inveighing against the old school, will see the error of their ways, and learn to be more tolerant, and more truthful, and more just, to those upon whose shoulders a great responsibility rests. With respect to suggested reforms and changes, we do not feel ourselves to be competent to comment upon them. But we feel bound to say this, in the interest of one of the greatest of our educational institutions, that all deviations from the old established system should be care-

fully weighed, and cautiously elaborated. The governing system of Christ's Hospital may appear to be somewhat too complex; the distribution of responsibility may be too widely diffused in some instances, too much concentrated in others; but a great deal may be advanced on the other hand, against that excess of independent action on the part of co-equal authorities, so fashionable just now, and in which, (we must confess this much), we do not believe at all. For as we do not accept the "absolute wisdom" of our ancestors, neither do we trust in the "unlimited infallibility" of our contemporaries. Much that we are doing now, especially scholastically, is only experimental at the best, and tentative, and it is just possible that our descendants may think us as much behind the age, as we often profess loudly to believe our ancestors to have been. The one point, however, to be considered, is the welfare of Christ's Hospital in its actual and active relation to the great and useful end of education of those who nestle within its venerable walls, and we feel certain ourselves that its present and future condition of efficiency and importance to all concerned, are perfectly safe in the hands of those who control its destinies, and skilfully conduct its administration.

## THE ATROCITIES OF WAR.

We shall all have been deeply pained with the accounts of atrocities which mark the present untoward warfare in the East, and deplore them deeply, in the ever sacred interests of humanity and civilization. The greatest evil of war, qua war, is the fact of the evil passions which it appears to release, like the winds of Æolus from all restraint the hateful brutality of poor human nature, to which it serves to give full play. All war is, no doubt, a record of dismal cruelties and mournful horrors, lightened up only by deeds of chivalrous daring and heroic courage, and when we have stripped from the history of internecine struggles, their glory and their blazon, we have for the most part very little left behind indeed, except that stern and terrible tale which war ever tells to us all. For what does war disclose? we ask to-day (and we are not "peace at any price" men under any circumstances), but rapine, cruelty, wrong, and outrage? What do the annals of war attest but acts and results at which humanity shudders, and memory grows pale? The greatest of soldiers, the Duke of Wellington, always deprecated, as we know, the mournful catastrophe of war, and no one was a more sincere friend to peace. He once said in the House of Lords in most impressive words, that no one who had participated in the scenes and consequences of war would desire to inflict them on any country in the world. We therefore never like to hear persons glibly talking, as we often do, to-day, (the wind-bag or the impostor of the hour), of "war as a necessity," of "war as advisable," of war as a "tertium quid," for we are well assured that in war all the glittering and rejoicing side of the pageantry of armies is soon lost in fell horrors and in dark deeds. The shouts of an applauding multitude, the echo of military bands, the strains of the drums and fifes, and the gallant march of thousands of brave men, are too soon exchanged for the groans and agonies of the dying, piles of silent and shattered corpses, the destruction of the labours of the industrious, the outrages of license, the unmerited sufferings of the weak, the helpless, and the innocent. War means always, remember, dear Bro. Bunkum, a ruthless annihilation of all we hold most near and dear in family and personal life, the ruin of peaceful progress, the destruction of commerce and agriculture, in fact the very counterpart to all that contributes to the happiness of families, the well being of society, and the progress and prosperity of mankind. When then a war has broken out, as in the present case, when religious passions and national antipathies are roused to the uttermost on both sides, we must expect, we fear, to hear of war's most disastrous results. Indeed, it is not at all impossible but that we may receive reports of a more widespread prevalence of all these direful animosities which can apparently be only quenched in mutual extermination.



nation. In the detailed account of atrocities which now daily distress us all, there seem to us, however, to be a marked distinction and a striking difference of kind and character. Without at all ignoring or palliating in any degree these atrocious acts of violence and bloodshed, which seem to be evolved from the sterner contingencies of angry combats, of personal encounters, of the deadly *melée* (sad,—most sad, as they are in themselves) what can possibly be said in respect of the loathsome and cold blooded cruelties of the massacre at Kavarna? Who can bear to talk of the horrors of Kesanlik? Who can extenuate the absolute horrors of wholesale murder and mutilation of wounded, dead, and dying Russian soldiers? The case of Kavarna is simply awful, too awful almost for words, and certainly far too awful for complacent criticism. Kavarna was a flourishing town near Varna, of 3,000 inhabitants, mostly Greeks and Christians, under the Turkish Government, and contained a peaceable and industrious population, and several schools for the young. It is invaded entirely and suddenly by Circassians in the pay of the Turkish Government, who demand from the Christians a ransom of several thousand piastres. The Turkish Governor recommends the Christians to pay this ransom, (he was probably "squared," as we say), and blames them for refusing. After a hasty refusal, and a hopeless defence, the Circassians began to massacre the men and outrage the women. For twelve long hours this horrible state of things endured, until 750 persons are massacred and outraged. The mind revolts at such possible and actual atrocities, so insulting to humanity, for which no punishment is meted out by the government of the country in which they took place. As regards Kesanlik, *The Times* correspondent declares that the awful horrors cannot even be narrated. So, too, in respect of the slaughter, and mutilation of wounded, dying, and dead Russian soldiers. The eye-witnesses of the deeds state that the sight was too horrible to describe, and we will not pain our readers with their terrible descriptions of this degraded barbarity, but simply record the fact for the information and abhorrence of our high-minded and kindly Craft. We can but lift up our feeble voice again to-day against a savage ferocity, and blood-stained deeds which degrade humanity and startle civilization, and which seem to convince us how much in 1877 this world has got to learn of the genuine principles of true religion and those dictates of kindness and consideration for our brother man, without which the pomp of empires is a lackered sham, and civilization itself a painted dream. Since we penned the above we have seen the *Times* of Wednesday, and think it well to give the reporter's own words: "All prisoners had been murdered and mutilated. The bodies of men, women, and children were found roasted alive in barns, whence they were not suffered to escape, and a baby was found nailed through its little tender body against a wooden gate. You can bear no more to read, or I to write, of such fiendish cruelty." Further comment is superfluous, the more so as we only write in the interests of Humanity.

### THE TRUE TEACHING OF TOLERATION.

Prince Bismarck, it appears, has been "interviewed" by some Wurtemberg Lutheran Ministers at Kissingen, and the *Times* of the 9th inst., quotes the Leipzig *Dauheim* as giving an account "in extenso" of this episode in the "Kur" at that pleasant town upon the Saal, of a great statesman. We cannot, as Freemasons, avoiding as we do carefully all "debatable ground" and all controversial points, which we happily and utterly ignore, deal with many of the topics dwelt upon in that remarkable meeting. But as the Prince, in his usual terse and effective vocabulary, lays down one cardinal principle on which the present struggle and what the Germans term the "Cultur Kampf" actually turn, we may fairly comment upon a seasonable axiom of the German Imperial Chancellor, the more so as it entirely accords with the unchanging tenets of our tolerant and Cosmopolitan

Order. Prince Bismarck most truly says that "various beliefs and constitutions have always existed and will continue to exist in the church"—he is speaking, as we understand, of the Christian Church in general—"and no one has a right to appropriate to himself the exclusive privilege of being in the right." Yes, this is the great truth, enshrined in a few telling words, which Freemasonry would seek to proclaim, namely, that we have no right to say, any of us, "this is the truth" and therefore proceed to excommunicate every one else who differs from us. That all who hold truth firmly to be one and the same in successive ages, may openly avow it and manfully stand by it at all hazards, we shall all probably hold to be a noble manifestation of personal or general faith. And we shall equally be prepared to laud and to admire all who abide by what they honestly conceive to be the truth, at whatever consequence to themselves. But while such a position is both most allowable and praiseworthy in all, be they who they may, who seek to aver and uphold what appears to them the truth in its highest aspects, yet common sense and Freemasonry would equally deny the right of any, to persecute or punish those who venture to differ from their dogmata, or deny their conclusions. Limitations to this general rule, however, will necessarily occur where the question arises out of lawful terms of communion propounded by this or that religious body, as it is quite clear that there can be no intolerance in any religious denomination prescribing the conditions of belief for those who claim to belong to them, as ministers or people. It is the universal prevalence, unfortunately, of an intolerant view of things in general and particular, against which Prince Bismarck's seasonable protest is delivered. The old theory of the Roman Catholic Inquisition, (on which all their sanguinary proceedings were based), was that, in the words of a Divine Parable they had a right to "compel" all men to come into the one true and saving fold, and that if they would not do so, they had authority to burn them, "con amore." It is this most mistaken view of moral duty, which in a less degree still affects in its measure many other religious bodies even at the present hour. The soothing and persuasive suggestion of Dominic still forms the standpoint of burning allocutions, and denominational fanaticism, angry resolutions, and childish menaces, issued often by those who for many reasons are utterly incompetent to express any opinion in the matter at all. As extremes always meet in this world, even so-called Protestant bodies have joined with Roman Catholic authorities, especially in the case of Freemasonry, in proclaiming to the world their anger and their impotence at the same time, only substituting for the "peine forte et dure," and the "fiery mercies" of the Inquisition bitter words and damnatory decrees. We have then, it appears to us, all of us, be we who we may, to learn to day, this simple but noble truth, that "the world is wide enough for us all," and that while it is our duty to adhere firmly to the denomination to which we belong, the creeds we love within the church of which we are members,—not half-hearted professors, but zealous and energetic believers, we have no warrant, except perhaps as "amici curiæ," so to say, to step outside our own line of demarcation, and antagonize and antagonize any other person or persons whatever. As Freemasons we shall gladly note and re-echo the language of an illustrious statesman, that toleration ought always to be "the badge of all our tribes," that as members of a cosmopolitan Order we should learn to be large-hearted and forbearing, and oppose, under all circumstances the debasing practice of persecution "for conscience sake." In all the struggles of the day, in the diversities of individual belief which prevail amongst us, amid the antagonistic forces of zealous religionists, (all honour to those who hold their own views in honesty and single-heartedness), we should always remember and say, "Sirs, we are brethren all," children of the Great Creator, and whatever our personal or general opinions may be, they give us no sanction whatever for supposing that we are alone in possession of the truth, (objectively), and most of all, do they ever lend us any special

privilege of cursing or calumniating those from whom we differ in the abstract and in the concrete. True toleration is perhaps the hardest of all lessons to be learned by the intolerant animus of humanity, but we thank Prince Bismarck once more for his seasonable and sensible words, and for his admirable assertion of the ever-needed truth of a real and healing toleration.

### TRUE HEROISM.

It is not without emotion that we shall all read the following passage in the letter of the correspondent of the *Times* from Bucharest, August 14th. It is a glorious contrast to horrible atrocities, on the part of the Turkish soldiery, in which some, like an excellent correspondent of ours elsewhere, do not like to believe:—"Turn the page, and hear how Dr. Carrick, an English correspondent, forsook his note-book to tend the wounded under fire; and how Mr. Hale, the artist of the *Illustrated London News*, saved his last drop of brandy, though sorely in need of it, saying, in public school phrase, 'Some poor devil might want it'; then later volunteered to fetch water from a distant well, because the road to it was so exposed to fire that the Russian soldiers there dared not go; but the English lad, for he looks little more, went and brought the water to the wounded." Whether as connected with the English Press, or as loyal citizens of our great Monarchy, we may well feel proud of our countrymen.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### A MASONIC QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A and B are candidates to be raised, C and D are candidates to be passed.

To save time the W.M. has A and B raised together, then C and D passed together. Is this according to the laws of the Craft, or ought they not to be respectively raised and passed separately?

If you could kindly give me an answer in the next number of the *Freemason* I should be obliged.

Faithfully yours.

X. Y. B.

#### MASONIC BUILDING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,

As many enquiries have been made of me relative to the "Police Report" contained in your last week's issue as well as in other papers will you kindly grant me space in your next impression for this disclaimer.

The Masonic and General Permanent Building Society meeting at 1, Gresham Buildings, Basinghall-street, E.C., is not in way connected with the Masonic Building and Investment Society Limited referred to in the said report.

Permit me to add that the directors and officers of my society are as under:—

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I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. H. GENDER.

Secretary of Masonic and General Permanent Building Society

### ATROCITIES.

A. M. Le Rédacteur Du Times.

Monsieur,—L'Ambassade de Russie a l'honneur de transmettre ci-joint à la Rédaction du *Times* la copie d'une pièce reçue du Quartier-Général Russe concernant les faits qui se sont produits au passage du défilé de Schipka. Ambassade Impériale de Russie, Chesham-house, 1c 9 Août.

"Kesanlik, 9-21 Juillet, 1877.

"Etrangers admis à suivre les opérations de l'Armée Russe, comme représentants de quelques-uns des principaux organes de la Presse Européenne, nous croyons de notre devoir de constater publiquement les actes de barbarie commis par les troupes régulières Ottomanes chargées de la défense du défilé de Schipka.

"Les 5-17 et 6-18 Juillet, dans les combats meurtriers qui ont précédé l'évacuation des ouvrages retranchés élevés par les Turcs, certaines positions ont été successivement occupées et abandonnées par les combattants des deux armées sans que de part et d'autre on ait eu le temps d'enlever morts et blessés. La lutte terminée, les blessés



Turcs, abandonnés en grand nombre, ont été recueillis, soignés sur le plateau même par les chirurgiens de l'armée adverse; mais des blessés Russes, aucun de ceux qui ont eu le malheur de tomber en un endroit momentanément occupé par les troupes Turques n'est resté vivant. De vingt à trente malheureux ont été décapités, plusieurs amputés des pieds, des mains, des oreilles, du nez, des parties sexuelles; la poitrine tailladée à coups de yatagan, et leurs têtes portées dans le camp Turc, où les ont trouvées les soldats Russes après l'occupation des ouvrages. Nous avons vu de nos yeux ces têtes coupées, ces corps mutilés, quelques-uns témoignant par la contraction des muscles, la torsion des membres, les horribles tortures d'une mutilation pratiquée à vif. Nous avons vu un corps décapité et mutilé encore étendu sur le brancard d'ambulance où il avait été placé blessé, par les siens, et non loin de là, les cadavres également décapités des deux brancardiers portant au bras gauche le brassard de la croix rouge.

"Nous en tenant strictement à ce que nous avons vu, et laissant à ceux qui ont été témoins du combat lui-même le soin de relever la violation des droits de la guerre qu'auraient commises les Turcs, en arborant deux drapeaux parlementaires pour rouvrir presque aussitôt le feu sur les troupes Russes au repos, nous soumettons au jugement du monde civilisé le contraste que présentaient le lendemain du combat, à quelques centaines de mètres de distance, d'un côté, plus de cinquante blessés Musulmans soignés selon les préceptes de l'humanité par les médecins de l'Armée Russe, de l'autre, le monceau de têtes coupées, hideux trophée des barbaries de la garnison régalière Ottomane.

"C. B. BRACKENBURY, Lieutenant-Colonel, Correspondant Militaire du *Times*.

"DICK DE LONLAY, Correspondant Spécial du *Moniteur Universel* et du *Monde Illustré*.

"H. DE LAMOTHE, Correspondant du *Temps*.

"J. L. PELLICER, Correspondant de la *Ilustracion Espanola y Americana*.

"Pour copie conforme à l'original. Tirnova, le 15-27 juillet, 1877.

"Le Directeur de la Chancellerie Diplomatique, "NÉLIDOW."

[We think it well, as this letter appeals to us in a cosmopolitan character, so to say, to give currency to it in our pages.—It appeared in the *Times* of August 10.—Ed.]

#### ATROCITIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to venture, as a young Mason, to express some surprise that your paper should, in its last number, have referred to the atrocities committed by the Turks, and omitted all mention of the still more horrible deeds perpetrated by the Russians, in the present war. The latter have been recounted in the *Times* and *Daily Telegraph*, and only one case, that of the Jewish maiden, who was so barbarously treated by nearly twenty Russian soldiers at Yeni Zaghra, would suffice to account for, if not justify, any acts of retaliation on the Turkish side.

There is nothing Englishmen hate more than hypocrisy, and for a Government like that of Russia, steeped in horrors from Poland to Circassia, to pretend to have undertaken the present war from motives of charity is the greatest of hypocrisies.

It is the old story of the kettle and the pot.

Fraternally yours,

R. H. BLADES.

[We publish this letter, though not wishing to encourage a controversy on a political subject. The Turkish atrocities are only too true, and a fearful scandal to humanity.—Ed.]

#### CHURCHWARDENS' RECEIPTS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I send you an interesting item from the Churchwardens' Register of the parish of Dursley, Gloucestershire, taken from a work entitled "*Chapters of Parochial History of Dursley and its Neighbourhood*." The Register begins in 1566 and ends in 1758. In the accounts for the year 1707, of money expended in the repairs of the church, occurs the following item: "£2 6s. 0d. to the Free Mason for 23 day's work, about carving and setting up the new bartlemas on the Church."

Yours fraternally,

H. S. ALPASS, P.G. Sec. W.D. Lanc.

[We thank our correspondent, no doubt many similar items may be found by the curious and industrious.—Ed.]

#### THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me assure the brother who signs himself "Disappointed" that the engraver has been constantly at work upon the plate since the issue of the last proof, early in May last.

No one possibly can have more interest in bringing the work to a conclusion than myself, every month's delay adding to the great expense on my part, but materially adding to the value of the plate as a work of art on the subscriber's part.

The last and final proof is to be examined by me towards the end of this month, and if I find no further alterations or additions are required, the plate will be undoubtedly in the hands of Messrs. McQueen, the printers, by the first week in September, where everything has been ready for the last two months to at once proceed with the issue of the proofs.

I take this opportunity of assuring "Disappointed" and subscribers generally, that nothing that I could possibly

devise has been left undone to hasten the execution of the work, but as the plate progressed, and portraits increased, so did the time required to finish far exceed all our calculations. A very few weeks more patience is all that will be required from my friends and the Craft generally.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

EDWD. J. HARTY.

[We think the two following letters are so important in themselves, as having a general as well as a particular bearing, that we take them from the *Masonic Record for Western India* for July for the information and consideration of our many readers.—Ed.]

#### VERY UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the medium of your valuable publication I shall take the opportunity of making a few remarks on the state of affairs as now existing in one of the lodges of this city, I mean Lodge No. 273, in the hope that some good may come thereby.

The first point that requires to be noticed is the deplorable want of unity, and even of brotherly feeling, that is too evident in the relations of—not the members—but of the Past Masters among themselves. Of course such a state of things will very easily tend to spread to the members, but, I am happy to say, there is nothing to complain of in this respect as regards the latter. The unmasonic feeling existing amongst some of the Masters has shown itself occasionally in the relations between certain of the Masters and the brethren. I mean to say that some of the Past Masters, those to whom these remarks apply, have so little of the feeling of brotherly love and regard that they do not think it necessary to exhibit such feeling in their dealings with certain of the members.

This bad feeling and disunion has, I am sorry to say, always been, more or less, the characteristic of the lodge under notice, but I sincerely hope that the time may come when such will not be the case. I hope those of the Past Masters who are to a great extent responsible for the state of things complained of will be induced to cultivate more fraternal feelings amongst themselves.

Another matter that requires to be pointed out is the disposition on the part of some of the Past Masters to fancy themselves absolute monarchs over the lodge. They seem to claim the right, at any rate they assume it, to dispose of every matter according to their own wishes, and irrespective of the wishes or feelings of the brethren. Of course there are some Past Masters in whom the brethren place implicit reliance, but that does not entitle any one of them to assume undue powers and privileges.

Not the least serious complaint I have to make against the lodge is the off-handed way in which the funds are handled. While not a rupee—beyond the stereotyped meagre donation, once a year, to some of the charitable institutions of this city—is devoted to charitable or Masonic purposes, hundreds are wasted in presentations of costly jewels, watches, chains, tea services, paintings, addresses and Lord knows what more, to some of the Masters. The wonder is that these should be accepted by worshipful brethren who affect to perform their duties in the lodge out of purely Masonic feeling. Surely as Masons they do not labour for any substantial or worldly remuneration. Being placed in the Master's chair ought to be an all-sufficient reward for any true Mason. Since of late it appears to have become an established custom for the Past Masters and other ex-officers to appropriate jewels to themselves. I was always under the impression that the bestowal of jewels and other gifts depended solely on the wishes of the brethren, and that in all such cases the matter was left entirely to the votes of the brethren assembled in open lodge. At the present moment there are some three or four officers who have not only ordered jewels for themselves out of the funds of the lodge, but have been so kind to themselves as to increase the value of those jewels over that of previous years, and what is more, have taken the precaution to secure the intrinsic value of the jewels by having them made up in this country of "sovereign" gold. So this means business! It is certainly not Free Masonry. The funds of the lodge some four years back amounted to something like Rs. 600, at the present moment there is something like a negative balance of Rs. 20, in fact, though on paper it is something different, and somewhat more couleur de rose. An exact statement of the receipts and expenditure since 1873 will prove the truth of what I say.

For fear of taking up too much space I shall reserve what I have yet to say for another occasion.

A MEMBER.

#### GRAND LODGE FOR ALL [INDIA.]

Dear Bro. Bease,—

In your magazine for June, I observe you have an article on a "Grand Lodge for all India," and am glad to observe that you discourage the idea.

In my opinion it would never answer. In the first place where would you have its headquarters? Calcutta would come forward and claim it, as the oldest of the District Grand Lodges, and Bombay would claim it for some other reason; and Madras, Burmah, and the Punjab would be left out in the cold, having no reason to offer why the headquarters should be in their district. The only way in which it could work would be to have it at Calcutta, as the headquarters of the Viceroy. Let the District Grand Lodges remain as at present, but subordinate to the Grand Lodge in Calcutta instead of in London; but no single province would, I feel sure, agree to this. The case of the other colonies cannot be taken into account, as their population is quite different: here we are a fluctuating body and one constantly changing, and the rulings of a body in India would never carry the weight and strict obedience with which all rulings from England are met. Where should we find a Bro. McIntyre to explain our laws? and where should

we find a Bro. Hervey, so courteous and kind, ready at all times to reply to all letters, with a knowledge almost equal to that of Bro. McIntyre? No, believe me, it would never answer, and the sooner the brethren who are stirring this question drop it, the better. Besides, we look with pride to the constitution of our Grand lodge, with the Heir Apparent as our Grand Master, and his two brothers as Grand Wardens. And when we go home, we, who are Past Masters, take our seats in Freemasons' Hall, with a pride in what is going on, and visit the schools, and feel we are paying our mite towards these magnificent institutions; now all these would be cut off and left in the cold, with nothing in the shape of a Grand Lodge to take a pride in, except a Calcutta assemblage of Masons, no better or no worse than the present District Grand Lodge meetings there, which to judge from its proceedings is in a worse condition than any of the District Grand Lodges on the Continent of Hindoostan. Rulings from such a body, which would be final, would never be received without being questioned, and the result would be the falling off of Masonry, the withdrawal of many good and faithful brethren, and the general collapse of the whole of Masonry in India.

I know a good many Masons in India, but I could not point to a single one whose opinion would carry that weight that the opinion of a Grand Master should do, throughout India; our District Grand Masters are good men and true, but still are liable to error, and, if so, there is the appeal open to England. When the appeal comes up, only those who, like myself, have heard W. Bro. McIntyre, can understand how ably he lays the case before the Grand Lodge of England, how thoroughly he is up to and at home in our ancient laws and landmarks.

So let the brethren who are urging this question take the advice of *Punch* to those about to marry, and "Don't." It will never succeed, and, even if partially discussed, will soon be the cause of heart-burnings and disagreements of all kinds.

PAST MASTER.

#### Reviews.

"History of the Dunmow Flitch of Bacon," by WM. ANDREWS, F.R.H.S. Wm. Tegg and Co., Pancras-lane, Chapside.

The history of the Dunmow Flitch is deeply interesting to all married couples, and is especially important for those who, like some dear married friends of ours, who, if they are not, ought to be candidates for the savoury rashers. We have known them long and well, and a more accommodating husband and a more obedient wife, we doubt exist on English or foreign soil. He never finds fault with her, and she never contradicts him. If all hymeneal arrangements resulted thus, whether temporary or perpetual, there would be fewer lone bachelors, fewer sighing old maids in this queer world of ours. And as we mean to encourage them and all other conjugal couples to go in for the "flitch", we have reviewed to-day Mr. Andrews' little book, which gives an historical, antiquarian, lucid, and we will add, affecting account, of an ancient usage, of a very valuable premium for married consistency, and married courtesy. If any there be who wish to know all about the Dunmow Flitch, when it was first cut off the well fattened bacon hog, why it was instituted at all, and how it can be obtained now, let them carefully study Mr. Andrews' authoritative narrative, and the result will be greatly to their edification. Whether the existence of the Dunmow Flitch adds anything to the serenity and reality of matrimonial concord and hymeneal comfort we may be inclined to doubt, as there are some husbands we know whom nothing can improve, and some wives who are beyond all control. Still, marriage is a wonderful institution and deserves encouragement, and demands commendation.

"The Blue Coat Boy, or School Life in Christ's Hospital," By WILLIAM H. BLANCH, E. W. Allen, Ave Maria Lane.

The author of this little work who is, we believe, a brother of our Order, appears at a time of sensational alarm and childish panic. There are other records, amusing and authentic, of Christ's Hospital, but this last "little stranger" seems to commend itself to the attention of all who like to know something about a school concerning which so much has been unjustly and foolishly advanced. The bad tone of the letters which appeared with reference to the poor boy Gibbs, and "bullying," and the like, were absolutely creditable to those who penned them, on account of their hypocrisy and untruthfulness, their "suppressio veri," and their "suggestio falsi." Our readers may study Bro. Blanch's little work with advantage and profit to themselves, as they will find much that is new, amusing, important and pleasant in its pages. We hope that the general public, having recovered from their scare, which some silly writers, "Old Blues," by the way, and under masters elsewhere, laboured to encourage and confirm, will believe that that great institution, which is such a credit to the city and the country is administered, and always will be administered, alike for the welfare of the scholars, and the honour of education. In all earthly institutions ameliorations may be made as old time moves on, but we may all rest perfectly convinced that the present administration of the school is fully alive to their responsibility, for the improvement of the scholars and the credit of the school.

"L'Art; Revue Hebdomadaire Illustrée;" A. Baltiere, Editeur, Paris.

This most interesting and important publication, which is now in its third year of existence, deserves the patronage of all lovers of artistic excellence. The engravings are alike marked by excellent taste, and effective skill, and place before us the contemporary position of French en-



graving art, as in a most satisfactory and striking condition of excellence and power. For all artists, this French review of the pictorial and engraving art is very useful and important, and we sincerely commend it to the attention not only of our brother artists, but to all who, like ourselves, admire the skilful colouring of the painter, and the happy facsimiles of the engraver.

"The History of Coaches," by G. A. THURPP. Kirby & Edean, 190, Oxford-street.

We have perused this elaborate and well written book with much interest. It is most admirably got up, and illustrated; and reflects no little credit on author and publisher.

The History of Coaches, which is the history of locomotion, concerns us all alike, as it throws no little light both on the manners and customs of our ancestors, and points out to us in how great a measure the present generation excels them alike in the conveniences of living, and the many comforts which skilled ingenuity has devised, or the advance of civilization and luxury has procured for us all. Space does not permit us to go into a detailed examination of this striking work, but having read it ourselves, we can conscientiously recommend its perusal to all who desire to keep up with the literature of the hour.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND, 1812-23. By Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

A few curious notices or circulars of the Grand Lodge of Ireland have lately been sent me by a friend and brother and I have much pleasure in affording the readers of the *Freemason* an insight into their character.

1. The first is an order of the Grand Lodge respecting the lodges to appear on a printed list to be issued annually from A.D. 1813.

The list of lodges has been from time to time increased, and for several years there has been a really useful and accurate "Calendar and Directory" published by the Grand Lodge, and particulars afforded as to the officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and other degrees.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

Dublin, 6th August, 1812.

Right Worshipful and Honorable ABRAHAM H. HUTCHINSON, D. G. M. on the Throne.

Ordered,

That a list be printed and published, once in each Year, of all the Lodges with the names of the Masters, Wardens, and places of Meeting thereof, deriving under this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

That to facilitate this desirable object, it is necessary that the lodges do make returns on or before the 5th of November next, in order that the list may be prepared and ready to forward by St. John's day in December.

That the Grand Lodge orders of December, 1809, and December, 1811, respecting lodges seven years in arrears be extended to said 5th November, after which day they will be strictly enforced.

No officer shall be received in this Grand Lodge, or his name inserted in said list, belonging to any lodge four years in arrears, or that does not make regular returns and register its members according to rule.

The names printed in said list shall be considered as the constituted members of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the time being.

No report, memorial, application, or reference shall be received from any lodge not making its returns in time to be included in said list, except Military Lodges which may return from foreign service.

Worshipful Sir, and Brother,

I feel much pleasure in communicating the above resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and entertain no doubt of their meeting your concurrence, and that of the members of your Worshipful Lodge.

You and they will fully appreciate the advantages of such a publication, and forward its completion, by making the necessary returns at the time required by the resolutions—viz, 5th November next, and by settling the account if any arrears are due.

The utility of publishing the list intended by the Grand Lodge must be obvious to every intelligent brother; it will disseminate a general and most desirable knowledge of the regular lodges, as well as prevent intercourse or communication with unauthorised and illegitimate meetings, or any who shall belong thereto.

I have the honour to be, Worshipful Sir and Brother,

With much respect, your very obedient servant,

By Order of the Grand Lodge,

WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, D.G.S.

2. The second is a Report of Committee on the state of Lodges in Ireland, which was duly confirmed and ordered to be sent (when printed) to all whom it should concern.

This report affords light upon a subject hitherto little known, I expect, even to our friends in Ireland, and certainly not familiar to me before, as I had no idea that even the Grand Lodge of Ireland followed the example of the "Ancients" of England in permitting junior lodges to assume senior numbers (if vacant). It is evident, however, that in a modified form such was allowed, and a perusal of the report will not only confirm this statement, but also prove that the Grand Lodge of Ireland desired that all the lodges should have warrants of a uniform character.

As there is nothing said about the return of the originals, we are left to imagine the treatment these old charters were to receive, for the sake of uniformity, for we can scarcely suppose that the original and duplicate charters were to be retained by the lodges.

By the list of lodges in the directory of A.D. 1877 we

see that many availed themselves of the opportunity thus to secure the revival of old charters, with their original numbers, e.g.

No. 4, Dublin, warranted originally about 1730, was rewarranted and revived A.D. 1823, and so with other old dormant, if not extinct, warrants of lodges, including Nos. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and others from early this century to a few years since, all of which originally would date from about 1728 to 1750.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

5th of December, 1816.

Ordered.—That the following Report of Committee on the state of lodges on the establishment of this Grand Lodge be confirmed:

The state of lodges on 24th June, 1816, were as follows: 607 Warrants, the dues of which are paid up within a period of three years.

110 Warrants in arrears three years and not exceeding five years.

68 Warrants in arrears five years and upwards.

25 Military, that have not corresponded for many years.

210 Dormant and cancelled.

1020 Gross number.

In order to dispose of the 210 numbers now vacant as above, together with such others as may be in arrears of dues and cancelled by the rule of the Grand Lodge—It is ordered that on and after the 24th June, 1817, the numbers of cancelled and dormant warrants and all numbers then unoccupied on the Grand Lodge books, shall be granted to applicants, properly qualified and recommended for same in manner following, viz.—Every regularly warranted lodge on the Irish Establishment, not in arrears to the Grand Lodge for dues or fines, or under censure or suspension, the members of which shall apply to the Grand Secretary (post paid) for a senior vacant number, shall be arranged according to the seniority of their present numbers, and the oldest vacant number given to the senior applicants, and so on till all such applications shall have been acceded to, respect being always had to applications for particular numbers if vacant, provided that the particular number so claimed be not senior to that which the applicants would have been entitled to, if they had not put in their claims to any specific number.

An exception to this rule is to be allowed in favour of military applicants when the number similar to the number of the regiment is vacant.

Lodges not making their applications for exchange of warrants, and clearing off their arrears due to the Grand Lodge, on or before said 24th of June, 1817, shall be considered as having relinquished their claim to the opportunity of obtaining senior numbers, in the future numerical arrangement of the lodges of Ireland.

That to meet the expense of revival and exchange of warrants the sum of one guinea shall be forwarded with each application, and after same are defrayed, the surplus shall be appropriated in aid of the Funds of the Masonic Female Orphan School.

In order to prevent any confusion or disappointment in the revival of warrants, it is ordered that with each application the warrant now held be sent up (together with the names of the officers and a list of all the members) an acknowledgment for same to be returned.

In all cases of warrants exchanged for those of different numbers, the sum of one British shilling must be paid for the transfer of each member to the new; same to be sent up with the applications for such exchange.

In order to a perfect uniformity of warrants, the Grand Lodge recommend that that such regular lodges as do not wish to change their present numbers will take a duplicate of same off the improved plate, in such case the original date shall be preserved and inserted.

After the lodges now in existence shall have their applications acceded to, all new warrants granted by the Grand Lodge shall be ordered for the highest senior number then vacant on the list, so that the numerical order shall not be increased till all the vacant numbers are disposed of.

It appears that of the sixty-eight lodges in arrears five years and upwards, several have been in correspondence with the Grand Lodge and made payments, on account, within said period, it is therefore ordered that time be given to those lodges to clear up their arrears to 27th December, 1817, after which period the rule shall be strictly enforced.

It is ordered that when the proposed arrangement is completed, a correct list of all the lodges on the establishment of Ireland shall be printed, as they will then stand on the books of the Grand Lodge, with the names of the Masters and places where held, a copy of which shall be sent to each lodge.

It is to be observed that no part of the foregoing is to apply to brethren who may require a warrant to form a new lodge, the regulations for which are provided for in rule No. 6, Section the 4th of Revised Laws.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

Dublin, 3rd of April, 1817.

Ordered.—That the foregoing be printed and sent to all lodges in Ireland.

By order of the Grand Lodge.

ROBERT HANDCOCK,

Grand Secretary.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GRAHAM,

D.G. Secretary.

35, Capel-street.

No regular renumbering of the lodges in Ireland, as in England, appears ever to have occurred. Though the lodges are numbered from 1 to 1014, there are not more than 365 on the list of lodges in Ireland, exclusive of the Grand Master's Lodge (without a number), at head of roll.

I fully sympathise with the brethren who have an

affection for their numbers, as for the names, of their lodges, but the system of retaining them as in Ireland involves some awkward results in having so many blank numbers.

3. The following will explain themselves, and abundantly illustrate the loyalty and law-abiding character of Freemasons:—

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

4th December, 1823.

Whereas on 1st August last, it was deemed prudent to make an order to suspend the meeting of lodges, and whereas it is now necessary for the election of officers of the Masonic Order in Ireland, that said order of suspension be for the present rescinded.

Resolved.—That the said order of suspension is hereby rescinded for the purpose of election and confirmation of officers.

Resolved.—That it is expedient that each lodge in Ireland do meet forthwith, elect officers for the ensuing half-year, and transmit returns as usual for St. John's-day, 27th December inst.

Under existing circumstances, it is recommended that on the ensuing election, the choice of Masters shall be of such brethren as have previously served that office, and due caution shall be observed that there be no infringement of the law of the land.

By Order of the Grand Lodge,

J. WILLIAM HORT, Grand Secretary,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GRAHAM, D.G. Secretary.

Brethren are hereby informed that a petition to Parliament, on behalf of the Masonic Order, is in preparation. Copies thereof will be forwarded as soon as possible to the different districts for signatures, with directions for future proceedings.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

6th April, 1826.

Resolved,—

That the services rendered to the cause of Freemasonry in Ireland, by the able, eloquent, and manly advocacy of its true principles and spirit, used by our worthy Bro. Joseph Rolleston, Esq., barrister-at-law, in his professional capacity at the late assizes in the County of Londonderry, justly entitles him to the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and of all the brotherhood, which are hereby given to him.

Resolved,—

That the above resolution be communicated to our Bro. Rolleston, in the most respectful manner, and that a deputation consisting of the Grand Officers, and three members of the Grand Lodge, be, and are hereby appointed to wait on him for that purpose.

Signed by order,

WILLIAM F. GRAHAM,

D.G. Secretary.

Committee having waited on Bro. Rolleston, he was pleased to return the following answer:—

Gentlemen of the deputation.—The resolution passed by the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the 6th of April, 1826, demands my most sincere and heartfelt acknowledgments; it is, if possible, more grateful by being communicated to me by Masons of your distinguished rank and character. The Grand Lodge have much overrated my services and advocacy at the late assizes of Londonderry—What was urged by me there, proceeded from a sincere attachment to the Order, and from an earnest desire to make public the true principles and spirit of Freemasonry. I confess the charge of riot affected me much at the time I heard it stated—it was an awful charge in those times against Freemasons; but it was false, and has passed away without injury—We should no longer remember it, or for a moment (on that account) imagine that any thing degrading was intended to be imputed by the Government to the real Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland—No, gentlemen, our loyalty and love for public tranquillity is known to all. But the legislature had enacted that public processions should be deemed illegal—To carry this law into effect, and to shew the impartiality of the administration of justice in Ireland, the society of the first respectability in the nation was selected—They had given some cause—they had marched in Masonic procession on the annual anniversary—it was felt from the nature of the prosecution that a wise and instructive lesson of submission to the existing laws might be given to the people of this distracted country on this important occasion, and it was instantly determined that Freemasons should never throw an obstacle in the way of public peace, resist the law, or impede the course of justice—A verdict of acquittal might perhaps have been obtained; for though the men had erred, their minds were pure—There was mistake without intention—But an appeal to a jury was disdained—The truth was not to be denied by Masons—Nothing inconsistent with the honour and character of the Masonic body had been designedly done; therefore no admission, consistent with truth, could injure them—The charge of riot was indignantly repelled, and the Masonic procession (in total ignorance of the law) was admitted—Contrition was expressed, and observance of the law in future promised—The learned judge, on being convinced of the error into which the Masons had inadvertently fallen, discharged them with expressions of kindness and salutary advice, which I hope they will never forget—That enlightened judge was indulgent, and Freemasons should be grateful—It seems (I know) singular to Freemasons in general that the legislature should prohibit the processions of the most loyal and peaceable society that ever existed—that it should by a general act prevent the proud and public display of the emblems of brotherly love, morality, and friendship, by a body of men uncontaminated by party, and untainted by intolerance—But we ought to reflect that the sacred name and character of Freemasons might be assumed by evil disposed persons, and converted to the worst of purposes; we ought, therefore, to acquiesce



in the wisdom of the legislature, and so far from our feelings being hurt by the prosecution, we should rejoice that it has taken place.—It has given us an opportunity of shewing to the world what our principles are, and of assuring the Government of this country that while we exist, and have power to raise the ensigns of our Order, we shall use our utmost energies to preserve and strengthen the venerable fabric of the British Constitution, and if any sudden gust of stormy times should shake it, the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland will be at hand, ready to restore the edifice, and, if necessary, to cement it with their blood, or perish in its ruins.

Be pleased, gentlemen, to communicate those sentiments of mine to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, and assure them that their approval of my discharge of a professional duty has made the deepest impression on my heart.

Gentlemen, I feel most sincerely grateful to you for the kind and dignified attention you have shewn me on this occasion.—I shall remember it with gratitude to my latest hour.—And may you and the Freemasons of Ireland enjoy every happiness that pure principles and national peace can bestow.

JOSEPH ROLLESTON.

18th April, 1826.

Ordered.—That the Master shall have the foregoing read in open lodge.

### Obituary.

BRO. WM. KIBBLE.

We deeply regret having to announce the death of Bro. Wm. Kibble, which sad event took place on Thursday week. Bro. Kibble, who was a member and a P.M. for many years of the Panmure Lodge, was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Bro. Kibble's death took place at East Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, where he had been staying for the benefit of his health.

**THE LONDON LIVERY COMPANIES.**—On Monday the interior of the Guildhall was lined with the names of the freemen of the various Livery Companies—31 in all—entitled to vote in the election of Members of Parliament for the City of London. It may not be out of place to state that the Livery Companies derive their origin from the early associations termed Guilds, and were either ecclesiastical or secular, the former being for devotion and alms-deeds, the latter for trade principally. Both, in ancient times, were distinguished by various religious observances, and partook much of the nature of monastic institutions. The secular Guilds appear to have included the entire open gate of a town, and were originally named merchant Guilds. In England Guilds were at first political and one of the elementary parts of the Constitution. They originated in the Saxon custom of frank-pledge, and were established here before the Anglo-Saxons abandoned their vocation as husbandmen in detached habitations or farms to form municipal governments in towns and cities. The steel-yard merchants of London were a decided trade Guild, and gave existence to the famous Hansatic League—a commercial confederacy first formed on the east shores of the Baltic in the eighth century to protect their trade from the piratical incursions of the Normans. Pennant described them as our "masters in the art of commerce;" and they are known to have been settled here before the year 967, for a regulation of King Ethelred of that date declared that the Emperor's men coming with their ships to Billingsgate should be accounted worthy of good laws; only they were not to forestall the markets from the London burghers, and were to pay toll at Christmas in the shape, among other things, of 10 lbs. of pepper, five pairs of gloves, two vessels of vinegar, and as many at Easter. In those days if any one slandered an Alderman on account of his official decisions, or of anything which appertained to the common interests, he was subjected to a fine of 40s., and condemned to apologise to the magistrate in open Court. All these ancient customs practically ceased long ago, and the status of the Liverymen of London differs now in comparatively few respects from that of the general community.

On Wednesday morning, on the arrival of the Cape mail at Bristol from Plymouth, the letter sorters found in the bottom of the railway carriage a live Colorado beetle. As the carriage was used for the conveyance of the American mail from Plymouth on Monday last it was the opinion of the railway officials the beetle had remained in the foreign mail carriage for that day, having been deposited there from the American mail, and not from the Cape mail. The insect having been properly secured, it was sent on to London to be delivered into the hands of the foreign branch Post-office officials.

Mr. Alderman Finnis, presiding in the Mansion-house Police-court, had the satisfaction on Monday, of receiving a pair of white gloves. There was not a single prisoner nor a summons of any kind for hearing. Alderman Finnis expressed himself delighted to hear of such a state of things, indicating as it did a growing respect for the Sunday, and contrasting favourably with the time when he had the honour to fill the office of Lord Mayor.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

## ULVERSTONE.—Furness Lodge (No. 995).—

The usual meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., within the Masonic Hall, Ulverstone—probably the most unique and best appointed Masonic room in the West Lancashire province. There were present on this occasion Bro. James Robinson, M.D., W.M.; Bro. Casson, S.W.; Bro. J. Hankey, J.W.; Bro. Harrison, I.P.M.; Bro. J. Case, P.M.; Bro. T. Dodgson, P.M. 995 and 1231, P.P.G. Pur. Westmoreland and Cumberland; Bro. Remington, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Bro. R. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Bro. Brook, P.M. 311, Secretary, &c. The visiting brethren were Bro. John Atkinson, I.G., and Acting Secretary of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, 1609; Bro. Burgess, Assistant Organist, 1609; and Bro. Booth, Lodge of Concord, Preston. The First Degree was given by the W.M. most impressively, Bro. Burgess presiding at the harmonium, and giving the musical portion of the ceremony in a highly efficient manner. At the conclusion of the business, Bro. Remington, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., moved, and Bro. R. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., seconded a motion to the effect that the lodge should vote a sum of 15 guineas towards providing a portrait of the late Bro. Roger Dodgson, P.M. 995 and 1231, P.P.G.S.B. Westmoreland and Cumberland, to be hung on the walls of the lodge-room, in recognition of his services to Masonry in the district and the Furness Lodge in particular. The motion was carried with unanimity. Bro. Pearson referred to the able manner in which Bro. Burgess had presided at the harmonium and stated that he had never heard the musical portion of the ceremony so well rendered. He therefore proposed that the thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Burgess. The motion was seconded by Bro. Casson, S.W., and carried with acclamation. Bro. Burgess suitably acknowledged the compliment, and the business then terminated.

**LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge** (No. 1182).—As a pleasant sequel to the installation proceedings of the previous week, the brethren of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge held their annual picnic on Thursday, the 16th inst. About 200 ladies and brethren started from Lime-street Station of the L. & N.W. Railway, and proceeded to Broxton, a few miles beyond Chester, where, at a pleasantly situated farm-house, creature comforts were plentifully provided for the whole party. Unfortunately rain began to fall during the afternoon, and spoiled the complete pleasure of the day's "out." The ample tent fitted up served to shelter the pleasure seekers, who made the best and the most of the unpleasant circumstances, returning to town shortly after 9 o'clock. Amongst those who greatly promoted the pleasure of the day were Bros. John Williams, W.M.; R. Martin, jun., I.P.M.; J. Edginton, P.M.; T. B. Myers, P.M.; T. Davis, S.W.; G. Masker, J.W., and nearly all the other officers.

**GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge** (No. 1549).—The fourth regular meeting of this young lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bro. Osman Vincent, W.M., in the chair. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Tidcombe, S.W.; Ebbs, J.W.; Veal, Secretary; Marshall, J.D.; Roy, I.G.; Garrod, I.P.M.; Helsdon, P.M., D.C.; and Middleton, Tyler; and several other brethren. Visitors: F. H. Fletcher, M.M. No. 12; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 3.30, and after confirming the minutes of the last meeting the ballot was taken favourably for Mr. E. F. di Poutchalou and Mr. G. H. Hall as initiates. Bro. W. F. Middleton, who proved his proficiency, was then passed to the Second Degree, and after resuming his lodge the W.M. also duly enlightened the above gentlemen into the First Degree of Freemasonry, this being the first occasion of the new W.M. shewing his ability in these ceremonies. It is sufficient to say, to his great credit, that during his junior offices he had ably prepared himself for good service; both were worthy of an old P.M., and gave general and hearty satisfaction; the new officers also gave evidence of admirable working. Four candidates having been proposed for next meeting, making the three ceremonies then necessary, the W.M. announced an emergency for that purpose on the 4th September. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.30, and the brethren passed an enjoyable evening at banquet under the able presidency of the Worshipful Master, assisted by many musical brethren.

**SALTBURN.—Handyside Lodge** (No. 1619). On Monday, August the 13th inst., the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. D. W. Dixon, took place at the Zetland Hotel, when there was a large attendance of members of the lodge and representatives of the district. The ceremony was performed in a most interesting manner by Bro. George Marwood, P.D.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings, after which the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. Charles Moore, I.P.M.; J. C. Simpson, S.W.; N. H. Ground, J.O.; A. B. Moss, Sec.; George Taylor, S.D.; Joseph Taylor, J.W.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; R. Deighton, O.G.; H. T. Adamson, S. After the ceremony the brethren dined together.

**BRIDGNORTH.—Castle Lodge** (No. 1621).—This lodge held its first annual installation meeting at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, on Friday, August 10th, 1877. A lodge of emergency having been called for one o'clock for the purpose of raising Bro. Southwell, and to receive the report, of the audit committee, which was read, approved, and showed the lodge to be in a very good position considering that the whole lodge had to be furnished, the brethren, including the twelve initiated, passed, and raised, during the first year of the lodge, having very generously contributed to the fund for the purchase of the furniture. Several of the brethren, including Bros. H. B. Southwell, J.D., and F. F. Foxall, deserve the thanks of the brethren for their very generous gifts to the lodge. Bro. H. B. Southwell, always ready to render help and assistance, when required, very handsomely presented the lodge with a very beautiful harmonium (by Alexandre); Bro. F. F. Foxall, one of the three very beautiful pedestals which have been so much admired by the brethren. Bro. W. L. Southwell having been raised to the sublime degree of a M. Mason by the W. Master, Bro. Stokes, P.G.S.W. of Worcestershire, the lodge of emergency was closed in due form. The W.M., Bro. J. Stokes, immediately proceeded to open the regular lodge, which had been called for two o'clock, the following brethren and visitors present: Bros. J. Stokes, W.M., and P.G.S.W. Worcestershire; E. Jones Chitney, S.W. and W.M. elect; C. W. Lester, J.W., and W.M. 1120, Ironbridge; Hubert Smith, Treasurer and Secretary; H. B. Southwell, S.D.; Dr. A. Colles, J.D.; John Sewell, Organist; J. S. Vince, I.G.; G. G. De Lessent; T. Whitefoot, Clement Edkins, F. F. Foxall, T. M. Deighton, T. Pratt, C. Deighton, T. F. Nock, Elihu Price, A. S. Trevor, E. M. Southwell, and W. L. Southwell. Visitors: Bros. William Mansfield, P.M. 252, and D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; W. H. Spaul, P.M. 1134, and P.G. Secretary Shropshire and North Wales; James Fitzgerald, P.M. 337, P.P.G.D. of C. Worcestershire; Wm. Smith, P.M. 252, and P.P.G.P. Worcestershire; J. R. Harris, P.M. 773, and P.P.G.S.; Charles Brettall, P.M. 252; W. Wearing, J.W. 252; A. C. Green, I.G. 252; J. Russell, S. 252; F. C. Chitney, Lodge of Charity, 1521, Birmingham; J. Nicholson, 252; W. Waldron, 572; Wm. Pritchard, 573; Thos. Tyler, Tyler. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. E. Jones Chitney, S.W. and W.M. elect was presented by Bro. H. B. Southwell to the Installing Master to receive at his hand the benefit of installation, which ceremony was very beautifully performed by the retiring Master, Bro. S. Stokes, and deserves the highest praise. The working tools in the several degrees were presented to the newly installed Master, and the brethren saluted him in ancient form. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and they were duly invested by the Installing Master. Bros. J. Stokes, I.P.M.; H. B. Southwell, S.W.; Dr. A. Colles, J.W.; Hubert Smith, Treas.; Thos. Whitefoot, Sec.; F. F. Foxall, S.D.; C. Deighton, J.D.; J. C. W. Lester, D. of C.; C. G. DeCessant, I.G.; J. Sewell, Org.; Thos. Deighton, Thos. Pratt, and J. S. Vince, Stewards; Thos. Tyler, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and his officers were given in an impressive manner by the Installing Master. Before the lodge was closed the newly-installed W.M. presented Bro. Joseph Stokes, I.P.M., with a very handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of his excellent services to the lodge during his year of office as its first Past Master. Heartly good wishes were given from the Prov. Grand Lodge of Shropshire and North Wales, the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, the Lodge of Harmony, the Lodge of Charity, and several other lodges, and duly acknowledged by the W.M. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room in the Agricultural Hall, kindly placed at their disposal by Bro. Clement Edkins, who, with the assistance of Bros. Whitefoot, Foxall, Deighton, and others had tastefully decorated the walls, &c., adding much to the comfort of the brethren. The banquet was supplied by Bro. Vince in his usual liberal style, and gave general satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. During the evening Bro. Sewell, assisted by his son, gave the brethren the benefit of their professional abilities of playing a selection of music, which was duly acknowledged by the brethren, who departed shortly before 8 o'clock; many, having come from distant towns, had to return early, thus ending the first anniversary of the Castle Lodge.

## Red Cross of Constantine.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave** (No. 36).—The annual assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, Aug. 15th, in the rooms of Skiddaw Lodge, Cockermouth. There were present:—Em. Sir Knights R. Robinson, P.S.; G. M. Tickle, P.M.; J. Pearson, P.S.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S., as Recorder and H.P. (Freemason); W. Shilton, P.S., D.C.; E. Tyson, V.E.; Six Knights T.

Mandle, Treas.; R. Bailey, J.G.; J. Evening, S.B.; T. Bird, Herald; W. H. Lewthwaite, Organist; D. Titterington, H. Moncrieff, Jas. Quay, W. Lamonby, Jas. Gardiner, S. Thwaite, J. Pearson (Lorton), and W. Potts, Sentinel. Em. Sir Knight—occupied the throne. After the minutes of the previous assembly were read and confirmed, it was resolved that a copy of the latter part thereof relating to the great loss sustained to Masonry in West Cumberland through the death of Em. Sir Knight Rev. W. Beeby, M.A., the last Sovereign of Dykes Conclave, be forwarded to the family of the deceased. Sir Knight T. Mandle, V.E. elect, was then presented to the presiding Sovereign, and all below the rank of Viceroy having retired, a College was opened, when Sir Knight Mandle was re-admitted, and duly consecrated to the priestly office. Em. Sir Knight Edward Tyson, M.P., Sov. elect, was next presented, and all below that rank retiring, a Senate of the Princes of the Order was opened, when the new Sovereign was re-admitted, and duly and solemnly placed in the imperial seat of Constantine. After the closing of the Senate and College, the main body of the Sir Knights were summoned, and the new officers invested as follows: Comps. R. Bailey, S.G.; T. Bird, J.C.; W. F. Lamonby, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; J. Evening, Recorder; Jas. Gardiner, Prefect; J. Pearson (Lorton), Junior Prefect; W. Lamonby, St.B.; R. Robinson, Orator; Jas. Quay, H.; S. Thwaite, Almoner; H. Moncrieff, Steward; D. Titterington, D.C.; and W. Potts, Sentinel. Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, in consideration of his valuable services as Organist, was unanimously elected as honorary member of the conclave; after which three notices of motion were put in by Em. Sir Knights W. T. Lamonby and E. Tyson, the first proposing to alter the termination of the financial year from January to July; the second to remove the place of assembly of the conclave to the new rooms of Skiddaw Lodge; and the last to reduce the installation fee from two guineas to one guinea. The conclave was then solemnly closed, when the Sir Knights adjourned to the Old Hall for refection. Em. Sir Knight E. Tyson presided, and Em. Sir Knight T. Mandle was in the vice-chair. The usual toast list was gone through, interspersed with a selection of music, under the direction of Sir Knight Lewthwaite, Organist, which included the new song and chorus, by Bro. Mahon, official reporter of the Grand Lodge of New York, entitled, "The Mason's Beacon," and which was here introduced by Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, who also sang a Masonic piece, comparatively unknown in England, entitled, "A Wee Drappie o't," the words evidently written by a Scotch brother, whilst the music and accompaniments are by Sir Knights Lamonby and Lewthwaite, who propose publishing it at once. In the course of the proceedings some very profitable discussions ensued as to the future prosperity of the conclave, and it was the general opinion that, with all the arrears of subscription collected, and a little more vitality thrown into the concerns of the conclave than has hitherto been exhibited, the knightly Order would enter upon an era of success it cannot be yet said to have experienced in Cumberland. We may add that Dykes Conclave was instituted in April, 1873, that it now has on the roll 46 members, three of whom are honorary, whilst during the four years of its existence there have been five deaths, and three resignations.

## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall.

The President's chair was occupied by Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Board; the Senior Vice-president's chair by Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President; and the Junior Vice-president's chair by Capt. N. G. Philips, S.G.D. The other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M.; China; Henry Murray, P.D.G.M.; China; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Chas. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Henry Brown, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; C. Edwin Willing, G.O.; H. Pullen, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buas, Asst. G. Sec.; J. Smith, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Samuel Foxall, G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Griffiths Smith, William Stephens, P.M.; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; Charles F. Hogard, H. Massey (Freemason), R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; Thos. Knott, W.M. 73; J. G. Defriez, W.M. 45; H. Higgins, W.M. 1381; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; Wm. Manton, P.M. 725; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; J. M. P. Montagu, P.M. 707; Col. Somerville-Burney, P.M. 1697; Richard P. Leeson, W.M. 1615; Geo. R. Corner, W.M. 1139; Geo. J. Smith, W.M. 1636; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M. 1193; Copeman W. Fox, W.M. 1326; Raphael Costa, P.M. 263; Alex. T. Hollingsworth, W.M. 59; John Seez, W.M. 1426; Alfred, 24; Black, W.M. 156; Wm. H. Myers, 34, P.M. 1445; Chas. Daniel, W.M. 65; W. Coffin, P.M. 189; Geo. Porter, W.M. 901; J. P. Cohen, W.M. 205; R. P. Davis, P.M. 1288; W. Toye, W.M. 1278; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671; W. S. Whitaker, W.M. 1572; Geo. Gale, P.M. 548; Edwin Barr, W.M. 1685; Samuel Waters, W.M. 700; R. W. Gibbs, W.M. 76; S. R. Speight, W.M. 147; and Walter Hopekirk, W.M. 1586.

Eleven grants, to the amount of £225, made at the former meeting of the Board, which required confirmation, were confirmed. There were twenty-four new cases on the list, but of these twenty-four cases three were deferred. Three were recommended to Grand Lodge for the sums respectively of £50, £75 and £200. Eighteen cases were relieved with sums varying from £5 to £40.

At the Board of Masters, held previously to the sitting of the Lodge of Benevolence, the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge was settled, and notices of motion for that meeting were given.



## CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

We have pleasure in publishing the following report of this Institution for the year 1876:—

To the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Cheshire, President of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of Children of Distressed and Deceased Freemasons, and to the Vice-Presidents, Life-Governors, and Governors.

Your Committee have again great pleasure in presenting their annual report, being able to state that continued success has crowned their efforts.

The balance in hand at the close of the last financial year was £2500 19s. 5d., and after paying all requisite expenses, the amounts in hand, invested and otherwise, are £2858 13s. 10d., of which £270 has been invested on mortgage, and £250 in a bond of the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board.

During the year nineteen children have been educated, of whom has now finished; there were four old scholars who required assistance towards their advancement in life, which your Committee have extended to them, and there are two candidates for education.

It is a matter of congratulation that the report received from the various instructors of the children have been invariably satisfactory, and if any Life Governor of the Institution would like to see the reports, the Secretary will be happy to show them on application.

The Committee desire to convey their thanks to the brethren at Stockport for £17 8s., the net proceeds of a Masonic ball held in that town. They have also to acknowledge the receipt of £20 on account of the amateur performance held in Birkenhead, February, 1876, in aid of the funds of this Institution.

While expressing great satisfaction with the exertions of many lodges and chapters in increasing their subscriptions and donations, they would fraternally call the attention of all the brethren in the province to the great importance of adopting the recommendation of the R.W.P.G. Master, that a certain amount out of every initiation and exaltation fee should be appropriated to the funds of this Institution, for when a resolution of this kind is universally adopted, it will form a source of revenue on which your Committee can place more reliance than upon occasional large donations.

The following is the Treasurer's balance sheet:—

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1875. To Balance brought forward, as per last Report...	388	11	7
1876. To Bro. the Lord de Tabley, R.W.P. G.M., Subscription...	5	0	0
To the Lady de Tabley, Subscription...	2	0	0
To Donation of proceeds of Masonic Ball held at Stockport, per the four Stockport lodges...	15	15	0
To Donation on account of proceeds of Amateur performance at Birkenhead, February, 1876...	20	0	0
To Fees from Lodges and Chapters, as per List...	45	19	0
To Donations from Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren, as per List...	233	14	6
To Subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren, as per List...	104	11	6
To Interests on Investments, viz:—			
£100 Birkenhead Commissioners' Bond, at 4½ per cent., less Income Tax...	4	9	1
£100 Birkenhead Gas and Water Bond, at 5 per cent., less Income Tax...	4	19	0
£500 Mortgage, House, Mrs. Hewitt, at 5 per cent.,...	25	0	0
£350 Mortgage, House, Bro. Mulholland, at 5 per cent.,...	17	10	0
£270 Mortgage, Houses, Trustees of Mrs. Hutchings, at 5 per cent.,...	6	15	0
£100 Mersey Dock Bond, at 4½ per cent., less Income Tax...	4	4	2
Five Grand trunk of Canada Equipment Bonds, 6 per cent., less Income Tax...	29	12	6
Liverpool Gas Company's Stock...	13	16	9
Interest allowed by North and South Wales Bank, less Bank Commission...	1	14	9
	£923	12	10

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
1876. By Bro. E. H. Griffiths, printing 1000 Reports...	11	11	0
By Brother Harbord, printing Circulars, &c. ...	1	8	0
By Expenses of Annual Audit and Committee Meetings...	5	5	7
By Bro. Henry Bulley, Expenses in transferring Trustees...	5	2	6
By Payments for Education for 19 Children, viz:—			
Lodge.			
941 Carter, Lucy...	3	6	3
295 Foden, Emily...	5	0	0
537 Howard, Percy...	5	0	0
721 Harrison, John R. ...	3	1	10
721 Harrison, Wm. H. ...	7	19	0
477 Jones, Samuel M. ...	8	0	0
320 Little Mary L. ...	5	5	0
320 Little, Thos. A. ...	6	0	0
477 Meacock, Walter ...	7	18	11
322 Meadows, John ...	4	0	0
1166 Middleton, Thos. H. ...	5	0	0
1166 Middleton, Kate A. ...	3	13	7
721 Morris, Wm. D. A. ...	10	0	0
368 Poynton, Denny ...	8	1	

	£	s.	d.
368 Poynton, George ...	8	8	0
425 Roberts, Hugh Thos. ...	10	10	0
368 Shaw, Eleanor S. ...	4	4	0
758 Sherratt, Richd. H. ...	10	0	0
487 Whyte, Elizabeth H. ...	7	19	0
By payments for Advancement for 4 Children, viz:—			
295 Foden, Samuel ...	4	4	0
477 Meacock, Louisa ...	6	1	11
447 Meacock, Elizabeth... ..	4	4	0
477 Lenox, Henry ...	4	4	0
By Investment Mortgage, Trustees Mrs. Hutchings on two Houses at Oxtou, at 5 per cent. ...	270	0	0
By Stationery, Postage, and Incidental Expenses for the year, per Secretary, Treasurer, &c. ...	12	8	9
By Balance in North and South Wales Bank ...	345	11	9
By Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	130	14	3
	£923	12	10

The funds of the Institution were invested as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Birkenhead Commissioners' Bond...	100	0	0
Birkenhead Gas and Water Bond...	100	0	0
Mersey Dock Bond...	100	0	0
Mortgage on house at Liscard...	500	0	0
Mortgage on two houses at Great Crosby...	350	0	0
Mortgage on two houses at Oxtou, Birkenhead...	270	0	0
Ten Shares Great Western of Canada Stock...	191	10	0
Five Grand Bank of Canada Equipment Bonds £500...	505	0	0
Liverpool Gas Company's Stock...	265	17	10
Cash in North and South Wales Bank, waiting investment...	345	11	9
Cash in Treasurer's hands...	130	14	3
	£2858	13	10

The following are the qualifications and privileges of Governors:—

A subscription of five shillings per annum constitutes the subscriber an Annual Governor, with the privilege of one vote, and one vote for every additional subscription of five shillings.

A donation of five guineas or upwards, in one or more payments, within twelve months (or at two successive annual meetings), constitutes the donor a Governor for life, with the privilege of one vote for each guinea given.

A donation of twenty guineas in one payment, or in two or more payments within two years (or at two successive annual meetings), constitutes the donor a Vice-President.

A lodge or chapter making a donation of twenty guineas at one time, or in several payments within three years, is entitled to twenty votes during its existence.

A subscribing lodge or chapter has the same privileges as an individual subscriber.

A minister of religion, being a Freemason, who advocates the cause of this Institute from the pulpit, in the place of worship where he officiates, and has a collection made on its behalf, shall, in consideration thereof, be a Governor for life, with the privilege of five votes.

## CONSECRATION OF THE FORT MARK LODGE, No. 206.

The R.W. Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 32<sup>d</sup>, attended at Newquay on the 16th inst., and as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Cornwall, consecrated and dedicated the Fort Mark Lodge, No. 206. There was quite a goodly gathering of Mark Masters in honour of the occasion, representatives being present from the following Mark lodges in the Province, many of whom had travelled many miles to take part in the proceedings, so much is the worthy Prov. G. Master respected by the whole Province, viz:—Meridian Lodge, No. 73, Redruth; Fortitude Lodge, No. 78, Truro; Cornubian Lodge, No. 87, Hayle; Live and Honour Lodge, No. 94, Falmouth; Boscawen Lodge, No. 101, Chacewater; True and Faithful Lodge, No. 175, Helston.

The Mark lodge was opened by the R. W. Bro. W. J. Hughson, P.M. 78, Past Grand Warden of England, at 11 a.m., when some eight candidates were advanced, who were anxious to witness the ceremony of consecration, and on the degree being completed the Prov. G.D.C. announced the arrival of the Prov. G.M. R.W. Bro. Hughson deputed W. Bro. W. J. Johns, P. Prov. D.G.M. (Prov. G. Sec.); W. Bro. W. Lake, Prov. G. Reg.; Capt. Michell, Prov. G.S.B., and others to escort Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., to the East, when he resigned the gavel into the hands of the Prov. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, with R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughson, P.G.M., as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., Prov. S.G.W.; William James Johns, Prov. G. Sec., as Prov. J.G.W.; William Lake, Prov. G. Reg.; J. C. Polglaze, Prov. G.J.O.; Capt. Michell, Prov. G.S.B.; S. Mitchell, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Samuel Harvey, Prov. G.D.C.; Charles Truscott, S.W. 78, P. Prov. G.S.B.; William Johns, Prov. G. Steward, and many other Provincial Grand Officers and others.

The Prov. G.M. announced the object of the meeting, and throughout carefully followed the programme which had been circulated by the respected Prov. G. Sec., for the information of the members. The consecration was then formally accomplished, the elements being carried by the brethren in the procession as follows:—

Prov. G. Master.

Acting Dep. Prov. G. Master (with corn).

Prov. Senior G. Warden (with wine).

Acting Junior G. Warden (with oil).

On the first circuit of the lodge, the corn was presented to Sir F. M. Williams; on the second, the wine; and on the third, the oil; each time the usual remarks being made, and finally, after the customary prayers by the Acting Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., (who was ready throughout to discharge any part allotted to him), the consecration and constitution of No. 206 was accomplished by the Prov. G. Master in a most dignified and graceful manner.

The oration by the R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughson was considerably curtailed, to the evident regret of the brethren, but the business being considerable, he wisely shortened his discourse, but promised at another time to address the Province on the principles and customs of Mark Masonry.

The warrant was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. W. J. Johns, P.M. and Treas. 78 (to whom all the arrangements had been entrusted by the Prov. G.M.) and the W.M. nominate, Captain William Edwards Mitchell, was duly installed by the R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughson, (senior P.M. of the Province, and the Wardens.) Bro. Bryant Wellington, Senior, and Thomas Hawker, Junior, invested.

The W.M., in a neat speech, congratulated the members of the new lodge on the day having passed off so successfully, and proposed that a vote of thanks be offered to Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. M.P., for his kind attendance as Prov. G. Master, which on being put to the meeting was carried by acclamation.

The principal officers of No. 206 were then appointed, viz., by the W.M., (the others previously mentioned being named on the warrant granted by the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, M.W.G. Master of England) Thomas Hicks, M.O., W.M. 1529, Craft lodge; Henry F. Whitefield, S.O., S.W. 1529, Craft lodge; Thomas G. Prout, J.O., W.M. 1528, Craft lodge; Rev. D. C. Brown, Chaplain; Samuel H. F. Cox, R. of M.; W. H. ymons, S.D.; W. W. Howard, J.D.; T. Crapp, I.G.

A banquet was served at the close of the proceedings the W.M., Captain W. E. Mitchell, in the chair.

## BROTHERS WELL MET.—A LANCASHIRE SOJOURN.

For my transgressions I was cast a week in the dull, dirty, wet city of Manchester—a place rendered all the more miserable to my southern eye from the fact that to reach it I passed through, in sunshine, the beautiful counties of Huntingdonshire, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire, and in entering Manchester passed from the most beautiful parts of England into clouds of smoke and showers of rain. Then, to add to the depression which will naturally fall upon a stranger, there is the great contrast between the city and some of its people. One stands before marvellous palaces, such as the New Town Hall and the Assize Courts, which rival in beauty of adornment even Westminster, and around the gazer at these creations of wealth are multitudes of alms-seekers in little ragged children, seemingly God-forgotten.

To whatever part of Cottonopolis I wandered in my week of enforced stay these wretched children were to be found, not in ones and twos, but in dozens, fearless of School Board officers, and evidently being trained to viciousness and crime. The sight took off all the gilt from the gingerbread of the splendid architecture, and let me tell the ratepayers and citizens of Manchester that the waste of "material"—to put it on no higher ground—in permitting these wretched children to be dragged up in the streets in this way will knock away a good deal of the gingerbread with the little gilt which may be left in a few years' time. As it is, the existence of the Lancashire "rough" is no mystery. I saw many of the Manchester poor children of past years in the ruffians who, on Bank Holiday, were too ready to attack unoffending strangers on the least pretence, and on no pretence at all. When the attack comes on property the political economists of Manchester will deeply lament that they had not an efficient School Board system.

But it is not of Manchester streets and evils that I wish to speak. It is of those in the "Craft" I met there. It was a week of science we had, for I was there with the British "Med's." among whom there are no lack of brothers of the right sort, and their experience as "P.M.'s" was brought into requisition in being the organisers of the "Mess" which found favour in most of the hotels during that week in that noisy city. For instance, there was Dr. T., of Leamington, who gathered round him at the Royal a jovial crowd, filled to the brim with kindness and happiness—and most of his gathering were freres. But it is not of Bro. and Dr. T., of Leamington, that I have to speak, but of a little romance in real life—real existing life. In London some years ago I had a kind friend (and brother), a clever advancing medical man, whose devotion to the sick poor was only equalled by his talents and that sincerity of character which always marks the true man. Suddenly I heard that Dr. B. had broken down in health, had been obliged to resign his practice. I had been forced to travel; years had rolled by since then, and my joy was great on finding at Owen's College a letter from my long lost friend and brother. Soon after I received the letter we clasped hands, and then I learnt that visiting the Lancastrian shore in search of a health resort he fell among brothers, who discerning his talents urged him to stay. His health improved, and practice coming rapidly in, he had decided to found his home anew, and then he was an accepted among the accepted, who had found in him one of the worthy. He could not stay in Manchester, and I could not then leave, and he urged me to come over to the coast on the end of the week. Science ended its holiday in the grimy town, and I sped me away from the murky town of Manchester, not shaking the dust from my feet, for the dust stuck too thick, and then I made my way with a friend to Southport. The change was marvellous. The depression which had been cast over us departed as if by magic, as we walked that night in the



sweet ozonic air of Southport, and late as time was, tired as we were, we walked up and down the long promenade, listening to the music of the rolling sea, and striving to get from our lungs some of that Manchester carbon which the manufacturer so wastefully distributes from his chimneys, and with which the lungs of every Manchester citizen are so charged, that a doctor told me a post-mortem will reveal the exact number of years a person has lived in the city, the thickness of the carbonic deposit being a sure guide to this fact. Well, now about Southport. We were taken in and done for most hospitably, and for the first time for a week awoke to sunshine. Out in the balmy air early, and we wandered across the deserts of sand, with the Cumberland Hills rising in the distance, and then come to Bro. Deussen's, who has the Queen's Hotel at Southport—Bro. Deussen being the well-known wine grower, of continental fame, whose products were specially appreciated by our lamented Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose kindly letters to "Dear Bro. Deussen" are an honour to both. Our Bro. Deussen, let me say, gave up his whole morning to our company, for the doctor was on his professional visits to those poor patients who sought at Southport the health sacrificed at the shrine of Mammon in the Lancastrian towns, where sanitary appliances are disregarded and abhorred, as being opposed to the "interests of trade"—poisoned rivers and poisoned air thus being free to work their ill. To Southport—forty miles from Manchester and eighteen from Liverpool—the people flock like panting harts to pellucid streams, and to great natural beauties the energy and capital of men like Bro. Deussen have added many charms, until Southport stands pre-eminent as perhaps the finest and most enjoyable health resort in England. It has a constant wind from the sea—the south-west; a mild air in winter; never has snow or fog; and its created attractions include the finest series of baths in the world—all the swimming baths being filtered sea water—a winter garden, a glaciarium, a town built upon the continental system of boulevards, but without continental smells—for Southport is scientifically drained, and the sewage disposed of naturally and inoffensively. All these things were shown to the medical visitors from Manchester, whose fares were paid by the medical men of the town, and there is but one thing of which complaint can be made—Southport gave too much hospitality. A dozen places to visit in the course of a day and something to eat and drink at each, and a journey to sea in a steamer (from the end of a pier a mile long), was likely to prove upsetting to any ordinary visitors. There are at least two visitors who will remember Bro. Deussen's "extra sec." and his German biscuits. May his shadow never grow less, and long may this brother of a Southport lodge live to join hands with his brether; long may he wave his rod over his adjacent river, and may his memory never grow green among those whose town he has helped to glorify and improve by wisdom, strength, and beauty.

#### THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION AND THE FREEMASONS.

The Freemasons of Plymouth on Monday gave a reception to the Masonic members of the British Association at the Hayshe Temple, in Princess-street. Bro. L. P. Metham, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon presided, and a company of about two hundred brethren, including Bros. J. Wordall, P.P.G.S.W. of North and East Yorkshire; H. Pullen, P.G.M. of Egypt, &c.; J. Glashier, P.S.G.D. of England; R. R. Rodda, P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall; L. Latimer, P.P.G.W.; F. Aubrey Thomas, P.P.G.S.D.; E. A. Davies, P.P.G.S.W.; J. P. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Dupre, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G. Chap.; H. G. Hearle, P.P.G.A.D.C.; C. Godtschalk, P.G.J.D.; F. P. Tomas, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Stribling, P.G.S.; J. J. Avery, P.G.T.; J. P. Bell, P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; P. G. Clemens, P.P.G.O.; J. Hele, P.P.G.O. Cornwall; W. K. Mitchell, P.P.A.D.C. Past Masters—R. C. Bird, 70 and 1550; J. Gidley, 1205; T. Goodall, 954; R. B. Triplett, 156; J. Rendle, 1247; J. P. Rogers, 1550; G. Bignell, 105; J. R. Lord, 1247; W. Harries, I.P.M., 1205; D. Box, 156; J. C. Fly, I.P.M. 1247; H. Rance, Cambridge; T. Kingston, 862. &c. Worshipful Masters—J. Y. Ayrey, 156; R. Pengelley, 70; C. Philip, 1550; J. H. Keats, 1247; J. Pearce, 1255; J. H. Stephens, 159; R. N. Fowler, 626. Senior and Junior Wardens—T. J. Smith, J.W. 1255; A. S. Stuart, J.W. 1550; S. Roach, J.W. 70; J. H. Thomas, S.W. 101; F. H. Varley, S.W. 1656. Visiting and other brethren—B. H. Paul, 778; P. Braham, Sec. 41; D. Banks, J.D. 156; L. J. Sydenham, 223; E. Hawkins, 70; W. H. Blackmore, 1650; C. D. Stenford, 159; C. Mitten, R. G. Tippet, S.D. 1550; F. B. Westlake, 70; J. K. Bond, A.D.C. 1247; G. Mitchell, 70; T. E. Peck, 1205; A. E. Leau, S.D., 70; E. P. Popkiss, 70; Odum, Tarrant, &c.

The lodge was opened with Bro. Pengelley, W.M., of Lodge St. John, in the chair, and Bro. G. Y. Avery being in the S.W. chair, and Bro. Keates in the J.W. chair. The lodge was opened in due form, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, with the distinguished visiting brethren, were then received with the customary salutations, Bro. Gover ably acting as D.C. The formalities over,

Bro. Metham took the chair, and after expressing his gratitude at his recovery from a serious illness, and the pleasure which it afforded him at being present on such an auspicious occasion, he said he was extremely pleased that the first time which he had had the opportunity of meeting them should be to introduce to them the brethren who had come from so many parts of the country, and who had been attracted here by the great scientific meeting which was now being held in the town—a meeting with which all Masons in England and elsewhere ought to

feel the deepest sympathy, because the questions broached there were questions which affected not only the progress of science, but, as a consequence, the happiness of the world—(applause). He might almost say that it was through the distant brethren themselves that the present meeting had been brought about, they having expressed a desire to meet their Masonic brethren of the neighbourhood, and it was impossible to have thrown cold water upon such a proposal. Accordingly they were now assembled, and he did not know that he could say any more than that they were most heartily welcome—(applause). He, perhaps, of all the brethren in the room, had the greatest reason for giving them a hearty welcome, because he had been most hospitably entertained when he had visited other parts of the country, and he should be indeed an ingrate if he did not, when the opportunity was afforded, join in exhibiting the same fraternal feeling now that they had so many brethren in their midst.

Bro. Professor Glashier acknowledged the heartiness of the reception which had been given him and his brethren from a distance, and offered some valuable advice as to the internal discipline and conduct of Masonic lodges, pointing out that private feeling ought to be sacrificed to the general welfare of the Order.

Bro. Bell followed, and mentioned that he had an old book in his possession (which he handed round to the members present) of lodges that existed in the last century, amongst them being three in Plymouth—the Oxford Inn Lodge, No. 67, in Plymouth Dock, in 1734; No. 233, the Three Crowns Lodge, in Southside-street, in 1758; and No. 237, the Second Division of Marines Lodge, Plymouth, in 1759. It appeared that Plymouth had been for many years past far in advance of other towns as a Masonic town, and he was exceedingly glad to have had the opportunity of fraternising with the brethren in the district.

Bro. Hyde Clarke also thanked the brethren of Plymouth for the cordiality of their reception, and said he was glad to find that the ritual of the Order was so closely observed as it was in this province, because it kept before the brethren the records of the past, and showed them the importance of maintaining and preserving them in the future.

Bro. Varley and other brethren also spoke, and before the lodge separated, cordial thanks were given to the Masonic body for their reception, as well as to the choir—Bros. Hele, Fly, Firks, Rendle, Bond, Harries, Goodall, Barter, Peck, and Clemens—for the excellence of their musical arrangements. During the evening refreshments were provided, and this department, together with other arrangements, was admirably controlled by Bros. Whitley and Aubrey Thomas, who did all that was requisite to contribute to the comfort of the brethren. The refreshments were provided by Bro. Thorn, who, as usual, performed his task in the most satisfactory manner, and altogether the evening was most agreeably spent.

#### DEUTSCHER - GEMUTLICH FREIMAUEREI.

By fortuitous circumstances and my good tutelary saint I happened to be on the frontier of Westphalia, and in the midst of that hive of industry called the Wupperfeld, which is the chief gem in the crown of Germany's Emperor. This part of Rhenish Prussia is, and truly may be, called the "Stockport of 'Unsers Vaterland,'" from Schwelm to Elberfeld, with the smaller towns being near Bei. A person knowing the district around Manchester might be led to suppose that he suddenly had dropped into this quarter, through the countless shafts reaching from the valley to the mountain's top, as far as the eye can stretch, looking from the Johannisberg to Schwelm, or, which is better, from the tower recently erected (in remembrance of those who fell in the late Franco-German war) in Barmen-Rittershausen—here on its top is one of the prettiest sights that the eye can behold. Down the deep Wupperthal, from mountain side to top, this long valley is studded with factories and mills, of unnumbered kinds, producing merchandise which is shipped to every quarter of the inhabitable globe. The people are very industrious, of the highest order of intelligence, and keen competitors with "Old England" in most of the markets in the world.

The river which passes through these centres of labour, viz., Barmen-Rittershausen, Unter Barmen, and Elberfeld, near to which town is Solingen, known for its cutlery and swords, is called the Wupper, and it is only some twenty yards to thirty yards wide. Sometimes it overflows its banks; at other times you could walk over it as you would a country ford in summer time. Be this as it may, this tiny river has made the wealth and continues to build up the fortunes of the inhabitants living in the aforesaid towns from its chemical properties; but it is larger in proportion than the small stream which produces the beautiful Lyon's black, and other colours, which are the admiration of the angelic mundane sphere. This Rhenish-Wupper river is generally as black as midnight, and I doubt if the Styx on which old Charon plied his boat can approach it for blackness. But to continue my happy coincidence, for the once I was staying at the grand Hotel-Vogeler in Barmen, and on Thursday evening, 7.30., whilst busily engaged in my chambers, there came three gentlemen, unknown to me, with the customary knock at the door, when the reply was, as usually is, "Herein," and in they came.

"Gentlemen, to what am I indebted for this visit, and let me ask what is the nature of your business?" "Permit us to enquire if you are Herr Yeoman?" "Yes, that is my name—but why this question?" "You shall soon learn, Lieber Herr. We three are given to understand that you are an Englishman (Dass ist wahr); and what is better, that you are an English Freemason?" "Yes; both statements are true; still I am at a loss to know the purport of your interrogations." "Well, mein Lieber Herr, we are three Freemasons. Our good brother, the host,

having informed us that he knew you to be an English Freemason (my best thanks to him), and that no doubt you would like to be present in lodge to night, more especially so through the gathering being an extraordinary one; to-night is a grand festival (some four years back I left with the proprietor of this hotel a 'Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary')—we have been deputed to come and invite you to honour us with your society, which we trust you will accept, for the meeting and the occasion is 'Ausserordentlich.'"

I accepted their generous and complimentary invitation, in the following words, "Brethren, for your courtesy and kindness, permit me to thank you most heartily." On thus accepting their invitation, one of the three brethren said, "Permit me to introduce you to the Worshipful Master." This brother afterwards I found to be a merchant captain, who had informed me that one of the three was the "Meister Vom Stuhl."

For this voluntary information I at once said "Would you like to prove me, worshipful sir." My reason for saying so was that I had a latent doubt that he would like to prove me. Somewhat delicately, and with a twinge of diffidence, he said, "Yah, lieber Herr." No sooner affirmatively expressed than I placed myself in position, when he seized my hand, and the three regular grips were given, which were supplemented by another when he said "That will do, brother." I pressed for further proof. "No, I am satisfied, brother, we heartily greet you and invite you to join us on this very extraordinary occasion. I thanked the W.M. and brethren, at the same time asking at what hour. They replied, at 8 p.m. On being so unexpectedly invited, I was rather perplexed what to do, because the brethren were in full dress, which gratified me to see it, but I simply was attired in travelling gear, and had no "Blacks" in my portmanteau, to my chagrin. I stated this fact, and they kindly said "Of your attire have no regard, we will receive you." At this announcement half my trouble was allayed, with myself I was not satisfied. At last I said I would be ready in twenty minutes; they left and stated they would return at that time. On leaving my chambers, once within a minute again a knock—"Herein" my salutation was. "What a happy 'Puck' you are." Why? "Because I am in a dilemma, and require your aid to get me out of it." What's the difficulty? "Stated my case by relating to him that I had been invited by the W.M. of 'Lodge Lasing,' just now, that I had accepted, but was not in regulation order, being without any 'schwarze pump-hosen,' can you assist me? "Yes, I can—I have just received a new pair from London, I will run and fetch them." He brought them, I was soon into them, I was out of purgatory. To the tick of time the brethren returned, and straightway I was ushered into a large ante-room, capable of holding some 200 people; there were some one hundred and twenty to fifty or more brethren present. After a pro forma "introduction," I was led to a seat and received every attention. I was then challenged—all present being charged—acknowledged the salutation, chatted for a short time where we were, was soon summoned by the "Tyler" to enter the lodge. Prior to this I registered my name in the lodge book, &c. We entered to sound of sweet music, which was solemn and stately; every brother was gloved and every one kept his hat on his head, which was very strange to me. When the brethren were all within the Temple, so full was it that they sat four deep, and amphitheatrically. The door was closed and the ceremonies began, and in the midst of breathless silence and profound attention the W.M. began. Some slight difference was noticeable, but the old Landmarks of the Royal Craft were all beautifully made manifest. These were most acceptable, and testified to me the universality of our rites, and the oneness of the Order. The ritual was read, and impressively so—even the late Sheridan Knowles could not have thrown more pathos and charm into the utterances. I was delighted with the speech of the "orator," there was a volume of thought and a freedom of words which no spoken ritual can convey; not even a syllable awry, all was in conformity with the object and purpose of the Order. Permission was given for two others to speak, and they did so from out of the fulness of their hearts, with fervour and zeal. Whatever may be the divergence of opinions on this point, it at least intellectually shows the "orator" to be a man of thought, and by his power of speech to hold the brethren to attention; there was no apparent weariness nor noticeable yawning, neither leaving the lodge. I was pleased with all—charmed, delighted, spellbound. There was pervading the features of the brethren present a union of soul and mind. Music to hymns were sung, there was also a select choir.

This gathering was, as I have before said, an extraordinary occasion, for there was to be an initiation, and the gentleman was a man of note, Herr Traeger, the member of Parliament for Nordhausen, in the German House of Commons; in politics, "Sukunst-partei! a poet of the first order. On his entrance through the Temple doors in the usual form (accompanied by two) a solemn dirge was played, and all the brethren stood, after which the rites proceeded. The ceremony materially differed from our own, being more elaborate; in short, it reminded me of cathedral service, highly coloured. Before sealing the O.B. there was chanted a long kind of funeral solo, in very slow, measured time, and it appeared to me as if the voice came from the tomb; the effect was most singular, darkness was all around, the voice ceased to intone, and it died away gradually into a sound that could not be heard. The effect was that of awe. On restoration (all standing), he was kissed thrice by the W.M. (who on this occasion was no less a person than the well-known German poet, Emil Rittershaus, whose sonorous and magic voice gave a charm and attraction to the whole proceedings. The orator now delivered himself of his oration, another recited a poem written to greet the newly-made;



and a third had permission to speak. All of their remarks had a tendency to show the beauties and soul grandeur of the Order and unity of the brotherhood, its usefulness, its fraternity, its charity, and its Divine foundation. The initiate was warmly greeted; he was told prior to the finishing of the labours, that the reason why hats were worn, which might appear at first sight out of place in so sacred a spot, was because it was the sign of equality and freedom. Lodge was closed in usual form, but before which a hymn was sung, led by the choir; and in which every brother heartily joined.

Banquet was announced, and in a very short time the great company was seated. To myself personally every attention was paid by three brethren, my seat being reserved for me to which I was led, and I was visited during the night on two or three occasions by the W.M., to know how I fared. I must here remark, that previous to soup being served attention was called, and the toasts began; these were much after our own fashion, to each personage from Kaiser Wilhelm and Vater, whose name was received rapturously, and each had his due meed of praise. It seemed rather strange and out of place to me, I must admit, to commence the toasts before banquet, after labour, like the student at college, I wanted to get at the pudding, at any rate it was not in accordance with my education, Masonic or otherwise. The usual routine of toasts were duly honoured, but some were exceptionally more so than others. That of the W.M. acting, Emil Rittershaus, who replied in an extempore poetical speech. The sound of his name drew forth much applause; it was an ovation. No doubt this special occasion added much to the greeting, because many brethren had come several hundred miles to be present, the D.G.M. from Berlin, and there were present many Grand Officers. There were brethren from Nassau Westphalia, Thuringen, and other distant states and kingdoms, to do honour to this meeting and its attraction, the making of the brother, the initiate, Herr Traeger. He was highly honoured and held in esteem. In reply to his health, he made a speech full of common sense, and replete with wit; he kept the company in continual laughter; he was both a powerful and an attractive speaker. Several brethren spoke. My health was proposed, and with it English Freemasonry. I replied, and my remarks were graciously listened to, and well received. There was some splendid singing and speech-making "ad libitum." In conclusion I was pro forma introduced to Bro. Emil Rittershaus, and received his thanks for having translated a poem of his, "Dem Papste." To all the brethren my hearty thanks, and more especially to those who paid me such profound and constant attention.

#### FREEMASONRY IN JERSEY.

A spontaneous, hearty, and sympathetic welcome was given to Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath), by his admiring friends and brethren, on Wednesday, August 16th, at the Masonic Temple, Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, the esteemed D.P.G.M. in the chair, having on his right Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. (Warwickshire); A. Schmitt, P.P.G.S.W.; J. O. LeSueur, P.M. 491, P.G. Secretary; W. H. Chapman, W.M. 958, Assistant D.C.; Ed. Martel, P.M. 958, P.P.G.D.C.; on his left, Bros. F. Le Feuvre, W.M. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Oatley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Durell, P.P.S.G.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.P.S.G.W.; Ph. Binet, P.P.G.S.W.; Jos. O'Flaherty, P.M. 958, P.G.S.D.; Wm. Metherell, P.M. 1003, P.G.S.B.; F. G. Baker, P.M., P.G.D.C.; P. Bois, W.M. 1003; C. Kingsnorth, P.M. 245, P.P.J.G.W.; C. D. Bishop, S.W. 1003; T. I. de Bourcier, J.W. 958; Taylor, S.D. 958, and others. Bro. J. Th. du Jardin, P.M. 590, P.P.S.G.W., occupied the vice-chair.

The cloth having been removed, and after "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman proposed in highly complimentary terms "The Health of the Guest of the Evening," pointing out his valuable services rendered to the Province during a period of several years of his residence in Jersey, his activity and usefulness in disseminating the fruits of his intellectual labour, his being the first Master of the St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958, and discharging the duties thereof with ability and credit to himself, devoting his heart and soul to Freemasonry. What to another, said the Chairman, would have been an arduous task, was to him a labour of love; with him the points of fellowship have not been a dead letter, but an active principle inspiring every action of his life and guiding him in his conduct towards his brethren. Such a brother is well worthy of any honour and admiration which we can bestow upon him. The health was enthusiastically drunk, three times three and one more. Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, on rising to acknowledge the compliment, felt at first much moved, but soon gathering his usual composure, addressed feelingly his brethren, briefly stating his past and always fresh connection with the Province of Jersey, by his joining the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, and founding afterwards St. Aubin's Lodge, No. 958, so much so that he could not but co-operate with his brethren to promote the best interests, both moral and material, of the Province. In the course of his address Bro. Dr. Hopkins favoured the brethren with some remarks as to his Masonic experience in other Provinces since he left Jersey, and entered on some comparisons arising therefrom. In conclusion, said he, may I reckon on your permitting me to say, that this evening's fraternal reception, while stamping this occasion as one of the white days of my life, will ever be prized and regarded with ardent gratitude as one of the brightest souvenirs in my Masonic career, never to be effaced from my memory. I tender you once more my sincere thanks, and I entreat you to believe that to retain the favourable position I have the happiness to hold in your goodwill will be ever the end of my endeavours, and the highest object of my ambition;

and, finally, I pray the Omnipotent Ruler of the Universe to bless you and smile upon your families, your wives, and your children, concluding by a most effective and instructive recitation of "The Masonic Vows."

On resuming his seat, the distinguished guest was loudly cheered, and for several minutes the room was the scene of pleasurable excitement.

Bro. Dr. Hopkins, in a few well chosen sentences, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," reminding the brethren of the valuable services he has, and is still, rendering to the Province of Jersey, as its de facto ruler, and pointing him out as an example of truthfulness, fidelity, and charity.

The health was received with the greatest warmth by the brethren.

In the course of the evening several songs were admirably sung by amateurs belonging to the fraternity, but particularly Bro. Campbell charmingly entertained the company by his inimitable performance on his instrument, the concertina, and his highly melodious songs, and when 10 o'clock arrived the brethren separated.

The day was one of unmixed enjoyment, and nothing could have been more grateful to the feelings of the guest than to find himself surrounded by so large and distinguished a body of brethren, all of whom were anxious to testify by their presence how highly they appreciated his conduct and character in every relation of life.

#### IN THE SHADE.

By BRO. CORNELIUS MOORE.

From the VOICE OF MASONRY for August.

I wonder, Bro. Brown, if the bowers on the hill-sides of Lebanon, or those who wrought in the quarries of Zeredatha, endured such weather as this! With the thermometer at ninety-five, what could those old Craftsmen do in the great enterprise in which they were engaged? The hewing and squaring and marking required a good deal of physical effort: and if the heat were as intense as it is just now where your correspondent writes, though it be in the shade, the Temple would not have been completed in two or three times seven years. I received your request to-day for an article on the 10th inst., and this is the 9th in the afternoon, with the mercury standing at ninety-five. But I am in the shade, yet even there the heat is enough to disqualify any one from mental or physical effort. The demand is sudden and unexpected; the "conditions" are unfavourable; and the time too limited by half. Better, far better, repose in the shade of some gigantic cedar on the side of Lebanon, than make an effort to please or instruct your readers under such conditions as these. And yet the workman must not rest or the watchman slumber, when the "good of Masonry" requires his services.

Never, Bro. Brown, in all my varied experience of forty years of active membership in the Order, has there been more urgent need of tireless effort against the enemies of an institution, whose sole object is to benefit humanity, improve society, and make men better and wiser and more philanthropic. Editors of Masonic journals must be on the qui vive, Masters of lodges should feel the heavy responsibilities pressing upon them, and every Craftsman in the ranks should stand at his post, or labour incessantly "for the public good." We need not look abroad for the enemy; they are not filling up Lebanon with secret step and on evil intent, to entrap the faithful and prevent the work; they are not approaching by hidden paths the busy scenes of Zeredatha to drive the workmen from their toil, but they are domestic foes, not foreign foes, who are most to be dreaded at the present juncture.

Freemasonry, nor indeed any other good cause, is never so much in danger from avowed enemies as from its own professed friends. We can take care of the former; the latter are far the more insidious and dangerous. May I venture the assertion that popularity is more to be dreaded than avowed opposition? Yet it is so with all associations and ever has been.

The Order never stood higher in public favour than to-day. Why? In England it is increasing in a ratio never witnessed before; but it is solely because of its moral and social influence, its practical exemplification of its ancient teachings; or the eclat which results from the favour and patronage of the Royal Family? The Prince of Wales—his apparent to the throne—is the Grand Master, and his brother, a younger scion of the family, occupies a prominent position in the Craft. The reflections of light and influence from this source crowd the corridors of the Temple with earnest petitioners, each anxious to become a "brother" to "his Royal Highness," and thus bask, to some extent at least, in light reflected from the throne.

How is it in our favoured country? Each one who makes application to become a Freemason declares that he does so from no mercenary motives, but in order that he may be useful to his fellow men; yet how many of these declarations are sincere? They seem to be so, and possibly are intended to be so at the time when made; but if you could analyse the promptings of the movement, is it not possible that other motives and other objects too often suggest the action? I would not like to question the sincerity of these professions, but the after-glow, instead of throwing a halo around these preliminary actions, too often covers them with doubt and insincerity. The future frequently reveals the fact that underneath these glowing and apparently sincere professions there was (possibly unconsidered) a desire to add to the number of personal friends with a view to an increase of business or personal popularity, a position in society, or a vote at the elections!

You may smile at the suggestion, but I am persuaded that the real motive which induces an application for initiation is often hidden and unexpressed. There is a compliance with the form prescribed—an adoption of the verbal formula written or printed, but the secret purpose is behind all this—covered and concealed from the knowledge of others. This is not always the case—I would gladly be-

lieve not in a majority of cases; and yet the applicant's record in the future too often betrays the hidden motives which prompted his signature to that formal declaration. I will give an amusing instance, by way of illustration, and as an evidence of the truth of my averment.

Nearly forty years ago I was Master of a lodge when a young man made application for initiation. I had no personal knowledge of him, but he came "well recommended," and seemed to be a young man of good character and good common sense. His application was accepted, and he was elected to receive the First Degree. At the proper time he was initiated, but he did not appear to be pleased with the ceremonies attending his reception. I could not understand it, and subsequently enquired of his personal friend, who had brought in his application. He told me that the young man had acquired some peculiar notions about the personal identity and appearance of his Satanic Majesty. He had read the goblin stories published by the anti-Masons, then fresh in the minds of young men, and was infatuated with the idea that Masonry must have some kind of connection with the supernatural. He therefore expected, and hoped, at his initiation, to get a sight of "auld clouty;" and because he did not, he never applied for another degree! Such was the difference between the secret motive which moved him to make application and that expressed by his lips in the ante-room of the lodge. Others are moved by other motives, not expressed, instead of the correct ones; and, in the after years of their Masonic connection, give evidence that their first profession was false. And yet, after all, may it not be, in part at least, the fault of those who bring in the applications? Should they not, in advance, explain to the friends who desire admission the nature of our Institution, and what will be expected of all those who become members of it, and, in addition, advise them, if they have any other motives than such as are expressed in the declaration they will be required to make, that they had better remain "outside the Tyler's door?" We might not receive so many applications, and we should have fewer members of the Order, but we should have far better ones, and the Institution would be much stronger in every element of social and moral strength, and of far greater usefulness and influence in community. Indeed, it would be well if Masters of lodges were required to see that such explanations were carefully made in advance to all who proposed to become applicants for admission to our mysteries.

Charity is said to be the foundation and cope-stone of our mystic edifice, and every initiate is taught that, in addition to a strict morality, the exercise of a broad and liberal charity will be expected of him. Indeed, Freemasonry is supposed to be a great charitable institution, "doing good to all, but especially to those of the household of faith." But I utter it, not so much in the nature of a complaint, as in the statement of it as a fact—that a large percentage of our initiates in after life are, in this regard, "no better than other men." Where are the great institutions of benevolence we have founded for the widow and the orphan, for the aged and the infirm? "and echo answers, where?" Of all the Grand Lodges in the United States, I know of but one which has in this regard redeemed its implied promise to community. Kentucky has laid the foundations, broad and deep, of an institution which is an honour to the Freemasons within its jurisdiction; and though but partially completed, already provides for the care and education of more than a hundred orphans of deceased indigent Freemasons. In this great and good work she has excelled all her sisters on the continent, and won a distinction which may be her pride and boast in all the future. Her members remember the pledge and promise they gave when about to be initiated.

Ohio attempted to achieve the same "noble and glorious undertaking" before Kentucky. The membership at large were in favour of it, and were willing to give liberally for the establishment and support of a home for widows and orphans of deceased Freemasons, but the scheme was ultimately killed in Grand Lodge by men who, having ample means themselves, did not seem to care for the woes and wants of the helpless and destitute. They had forgotten that "sincere wish to be serviceable to their fellow men," the widow and the orphan were ignored in the scramble for place and power.

And now, how is it with Illinois? You have the largest Grand Lodge in America, with one exception, and that one has incurred a fearful debt in the effort to erect a magnificent structure for a Grand Lodge Hall. The intention, as expressed, was to provide a source of revenue for the orphan. I hope it will be accomplished, as it ought to be, with the large resources of that fraternal body; but I fear another generation will have passed away before the work is accomplished. There are noble men, genuine Masons, and vast resources among the Craft in New York, and the work should have been accomplished in one generation at farthest.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

**ROYAL VISIT TO THE THUNDERER.**—The "Thunderer," a double-screw iron turret-ship, armoured-plated, Captain John W. Wilson, which has been lying for some days in Cowes Roads, in company with the "Lord Warden," as a guardship, on the 11th of August got up steam and left her moorings for the purpose of proceeding up the Solent to Osborne Bay, where she dropped her anchor, in anticipation of a visit from Her Majesty, who drove down from Osborne House for the purpose. The Queen arrived at the Royal Pier soon after three o'clock, and was rowed to the "Thunderer," where she was received by Captain Wilson, Commander Lord Charles Beresford, and the other officers of the ship, while the "Lord Warden" fired a royal salute. Her Majesty, who was here joined by the Prince of Wales, was conducted over the whole of the ship, which she minutely examined, expressing her great satisfaction with all the arrangements. After spending about an hour on board, Her Majesty returned to Osborne. In the morning the Prince of Wales went on board, when some torpedo practice was done. Each torpedo was charged with about 100lb. of gunpowder, and when the discharge took place a mountain of water was projected high into the air, preceded by a rumbling noise like distant thunder, and so severe was the explosion that hardly a vessel lying in any part of the roadstead but felt the shock. The Prince of Wales and a distinguished party again visited the ship on the 13th. His Royal Highness went on board at a quarter-past ten, and in fifteen minutes afterwards the ship was under way. After manœuvring in order to show her steering capabilities, she proceeded at a speed of eleven knots to the eastward, and on reaching the back of the Wight she cleared for action, and dropped a target formed of three flags fastened to three barrels lashed together. Steaming round a circle with the target as a centre, she fired four rounds from each of her great guns, namely, three empty common shells and one Palliser shell with full charges of powder. Although the target was not hit, yet, had the object fired at been an enemy, the practice was so excellent that the ship would have been hulled at every round. The target was also fired at by both of her Gatling guns and also by small arms, the practice being also very good. An electric broadside, consisting of two 38-ton guns and two 35-ton guns, loaded with Palliser shells and battering charges, was next fired by his Royal Highness from the pilot tower. The shot fell close to the target, the noise of the discharge almost stunning the spectators on the hurricane deck. The target was next rammed by the "Thunderer" for the purpose of showing in miniature the manœuvre of ramming an enemy in action. The vessel then returned to Cowes.—*The Broad Arrow.*

**DECEASED SEAMEN.**—The balance unclaimed arising from the wages and effects of deceased seamen was, as appears from a Parliamentary paper just issued, on the 31st of December, 1875, £12,061 11s. 7d. cash, and £50,000 in Exchequer bills.

The directors of the London and North-Western Railway recommend a dividend for the past half-year at the rate of six per cent. per annum, being at the same rate as that for the corresponding period of 1876.

**MR. RUSKIN AND MR. LOWE.**—We take the following "morceau" from the *Times*:—Mr. Ruskin's periodical *Fors Clavigera* contains the following letter from Mr. Lowe:—"My Dear Ruskin,—Thank you, for yours, which I have read eagerly, but without being able to make out what you are at. You are hard on Mr. Keble and the poor lady who 'dresses herself and her children becomingly.' If ever your genuine brickmaker gets hold of her and her little ones—as he very likely may do some day—he will surely tear them to pieces, and say that he has your authority for thinking that he is doing God a service. Poor lady!—and yet dressing becomingly and looking pleasant are a great deal harder and better worth doing than brickmaking. You make no allowance for the many little labours and trials (the harder to do and bear, perhaps, because they are so little) which she must meet with, and have to perform in that trivial round of visiting and dressing. As it is, she is at least no worse than a flower of the field. But what prizes would she and her husband become if they did actually take to dilettante (i.e., non-compulsory) brickmaking! In their own way almost all 'rich' people, as well as the so-called 'poor'—who, man, woman, and child, pay £5 each per annum in taxes on intoxicating drinks—do eat their bread in the sweat of their faces; for the word you quote 'is very broad,' and more kinds of bread than one, and more sorts of sweat than one, are meant therein." "A letter, this," Mr. Ruskin says, "which every time I read it overwhelms me with deeper amazement."

Another attempt has been made by Mr. Cavill to swim across the Channel, and with success. He started from Cape Griznez at forty minutes past three o'clock on Monday afternoon, and arrived within fifty yards of the English shore about forty-five minutes past three on Tuesday morning, but could not land in consequence of the roughness of the water. After a short rest at Dover he appeared none the worse for his trip.

**ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.**—On Thursday night there was a total eclipse of the moon, visible at Greenwich. The first contact with the penumbra took place at 8.4 p.m., and the first contact with the shadow at 9.14 p.m.; middle of eclipse, 11.11 p.m.; last contact with shadow (Friday morning), 1.9 a.m.; with penumbra, 2.19 a.m.

**THE MANCHESTER NEW TOWN HALL.**—It is stated that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Home Secretary will take part in the ceremony connected with the opening of the Manchester New Town Hall on the 13th of September.

The Suburban Lodge, No. 1702, will be consecrated at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, early in September, the exact date not having yet been fixed. A full report of the proceedings will duly appear.

The Earl of Carnarvon has presented the Rev. G. F. Morgan, M.A., to the rectory of Tversal, Notts.

The Mayor of Limerick, Mr. James Spaight, formally opened the People's Park in that city, and handed it over in trust for the citizens. Lord Emly took part in the proceedings. The park, which is one of the prettiest in Ireland, is laid out as a tribute of respect to the commercial integrity, enterprise, and philanthropy of the late Mr. Richard Russell, brother of the late Francis Russell, who represented Limerick for many years. The ground was given by the Earl of Limerick.

Hospital Saturday will, this year, be on September 1st.

Her Majesty the Queen has contributed £500 and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales 500 guineas to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund, which now amounts to upwards of £16,700.

Bro. Dr. Vincent Ambler, one of the physicians to the National Hospital for Heart Disease and Paralysis, has been appointed Physician to the Japanese legation.

**PENNY STAMPS.**—In the year ended March 31st, as appears from a return just printed, the penny stamps realised in gross £816,991 19s. 3d., and in net £789,129 9s. 1d.

The Great Western Railway Company has declared a dividend at the rate of 3½ per cent., carrying over a balance of about £14,700.

The death is announced, at Rugby, at the advanced age of 82, of Major Archibald Chisholm, who has thus only survived his wife, known as the "Emigrants' Friend," a few months.

We are informed that nearly 30,000 persons have visited the Margate Jetty extension, during the past week.

The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn return to town on Friday, from visiting the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, and family at Mount Edgcumbe, Devon, in order to be present at the nuptials of the Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P., and Lady Beatrix Lambton, eldest daughter of the Earl of Durham, and granddaughter of the Duke and Duchess.

**CHANCERY LANE.**—A correspondent writing to the *Daily Telegraph*, calls attention to a "petty abuse of power" by the Strand Board of Works, who, he says, refuse to meet the Holborn and City of London Boards, in completing the system of wood pavement; so that one-fourth of Chancery-lane is left with a stone roadway.

We are informed that Lord Skelmersdale, Seneschal of the Order of the Temple, has been appointed Great Prior of England in the room of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, could not have made a better appointment, or one which would be more universally popular.

A great fete in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage took place on Wednesday at the Alexandra Palace. The programme of amusements included performances on the great organ, a vocal and instrumental concert, and performances by eleven City Police bands. The amusements terminated with a grand firework display and illumination of the grounds.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* states that Prince Leopold will visit Lord and Lady Breadalbane at Taymouth Castle on Thursday, the 13th of September; and that the Duke of Connaught will visit Taymouth on the 28th or 29th of the same month.

'Lady'—requests Messrs. Garrard to send her plate-chests—and the request is sent on a post-card! Thanks to an honest letter-carrier the newspapers have not yet recorded 'another mysterious robbery in the West-end.' But they might have been called on to do so.—*Mayfair.*

Sir Edward Lee has undertaken to manage the Dublin Exhibition Palace for one-and-twenty years. The worthy knight intends to approach his work with spirit. With his experience and influence, added to the fact that his hands will be unmanacled by amateurish interference, a pleasant and prosperous future may be predicted for the institution with which Sir Arthur Guinness's name is only less intimately identified than with benevolence and brown stout.—*The World.*

**EVENING STAR LODGE.**—The consecration of this lodge will take place on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. John Hervey, assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as Chaplain.—A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The *Times* announces that the illness of Prince Albert Victor is at length approaching a favourable termination. The relapse, which occurred on the 11th inst., subsided after five days, and since Friday, the 17th, the course of convalescence has been satisfactory. It is hoped that the Prince may be able to leave for Osborne on Saturday next, and although the fever has been protracted, there is every prospect of a complete recovery without any permanent injury to the health. There must still, of course, be a long period of weakness to be passed through.

The Bavarian contingent having at last adopted the Mauser rifle, the whole of the German Army will shortly be equipped with that weapon.

We learn from the *Daily News* that at Toulouse the Prefect has dissolved all the Masonic lodges, on the ground that they had become centres of political propagandism.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

The dispersion by auction, by Messrs. Potting and Simpson, of Leicester-square, of the old family library founded by Sir Edward Nicholas (Principal Secretary of State to King Charles I.) brought to light some unique and otherwise rare books, among others—lot 225, Blaeu, "Le Grand Atlas," 11 vols, 1662, £23; lot 228, Book of Common Prayer, 1662, the "Sealed Book," probably Charles II.'s copy, having the Royal arms on one side, £48; lot 517, "Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies," the third edition, 1664, with an additional copy of the verses by Ben Jonson printed separately on a fly-leaf, £107; lot 528, "Sully's Memoirs," two vols., 1638, a presentation copy to Sir Edward Nicholas, £30; lot 553, Earl Coningsby's collections concerning the Manor of Marden, privately printed 1722-27, £100.

An interesting discovery has just been made at Tamworth, in Staffordshire. While a man was engaged in excavating for the erection of a wall near the Board Schools, he came upon a small leaden box, which on being opened was found to contain some 300 coins. Some of them bear the impress of Stafford, Berwick, and Hereford. They appear to belong to the time of William I. and William Rufus, but it is intended to submit the coins to competent authorities for examination.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Kew has been convened, to ask that the gardens may be opened earlier. The *Surrey Comet* says that on the last Bank Holiday about 500 persons were congregated before 11 o'clock in the morning in front of the principal entrance, waiting until the gate should be opened at 1 o'clock. There was a great deal of drinking and roystering in consequence of this delay, and many of those assembled could not have spent a happy day in the gardens. The Kew people have abandoned a request for the opening of the glass houses before 1 o'clock, as it is understood that this would interfere with the scientific work which has to be performed there, and they simply ask for admission to the grounds at an earlier hour. It is also intended to request the authorities to abandon the work of raising the existing wall. It is already ten or 12 feet high, excluding all view from the road, and the intended addition of three feet would materially add to its ugliness, without answering any useful purpose.

**THE TELEPHONE.**—"Practical Telegraphist" writes:—"In your report of the account given of the telephone by Mr. Preece, at Plymouth, on Friday last, it is stated that conversation could not be carried on at Exeter because the wire on which the telephone was being worked would come in contact with other wires used for business purposes. Will you allow me to suggest that what was probably intended to be conveyed to the minds of this highly scientific audience was, that a certain inductive action would be set up, which would neutralise or destroy the currents sent through the telephone wire? For this reason I imagine the telephone will never be workable on submarine cables of more than one wire; and if, as has been stated, its use on land lines in England will necessitate the erection of independent wires, its value for commercial or even practical purposes must be very doubtful. In America, with long lengths of single wire, and a fine dry climate, the telephone may perhaps come into use practically. But in England, with most of the telegraph lines already overweighted, and a damp moist climate, it is hardly likely to become more than an electrical toy, or drawing-room telegraph, or at most a kind of electrical speaking tube."

## SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

It may be interesting for our readers to learn what progress has been effected within a few months in the above rite, which is now gathering strength in this country.

The rite itself is only of recent re-introduction in England, but unquestionably was practised in London a century ago by the immediate Masonic friends of Swedenborg himself, and it contains much to interest members of the Craft who look philosophically into Masonic science. Past Masters and companions of the Royal Arch will especially gather many suggestive ideas from the very elaborate ceremonials of this rite, which is strictly conferred on Master Masons only. The Ritual is much longer than that of Craft Masonry, of which it is the complement, inasmuch as the lectures are incorporated into the ceremony, and require close attention in order that they may be appreciated.

The following lodges and temples now exist in the United Kingdom: 1, Emanuel, at Weston-super-Mare; 2, Egyptian, Masonic Hall, Manchester; 3, St. John's, at Baddon, Shipley, Yorkshire; 4, Swedenborg, Havant, Hants; 5, Edina, Edinburgh; 6, Liverpool; 7, Cagliostro, Keynshaw, Somerset; and 8, Hermes, London, each of these lodges being under the government of an experienced member of the Craft as Worshipful Master. Several other lodges are being formed, under dispensation, and the coming Masonic season will no doubt show a large increase in their strength.

A cheque for one hundred guineas has been received at the Mansion House from the Princess of Wales as a contribution to the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

The Countess of Leicester on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of a convalescent home at Hunstanton, which is about to be erected as a memorial of the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his serious illness a few years ago.

We hear that Mrs. Cralk, the authoress of "John Halifax, Gentleman," and other well known works, has been bitten by a dog. Although the wound was rather a severe one, the patient is doing very well, and no vil results are anticipated.—*Medical Examiner.*



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## Answers to Correspondents.

The late lamented Bro. Merzdoff's important work, *Die Geheim-Statuten des Ordens des Tempelherren*, will be reviewed in our next issue.

HEROEWARD—AND A TRAVELLER in our next.  
H. B.—Letter received under consideration.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Michigan Freemason;" "Masonic Review;" "Key-stone;" "New York Dispatch."  
Music—Oh! were I a Spirit; B. Turner, Manchester.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

COX.—On the 14th inst., at Huyton, near Liverpool, the wife of the Rev. Henry Cox, M.A., of a daughter.

SMITH.—On the 17th inst., at The Vicarage, Stoney Middleton, Derbyshire, the wife of Urban Smith, jun., of a son (Albert Urban).

WALTERS.—On the 19th inst., at 372, New Cross Road, New Cross, S.E., the wife of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx. P.M. 73, &c., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

BOWES—ST. AMAND.—On the 18th inst., at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, by licence, John Bowes, Esq., of Streatham Castle, county of Durham, to Madame Alphonsina Marie de St. Amand, Comtesse de Courten, of the Valais, Switzerland, and 44, Rue de Clichy, Paris.  
WILKINSON—ELLIS.—On the 18th inst., at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Croydon, by the Rev. G. Moon, B.A., John Wilks, younger son of Joseph Wilkinson, of St. George's-road, Southwark, to Fanny, second daughter of the late C. J. Ellis, Esq., of South Hackney, and Mrs. Ellis, of Addiscombe, Croydon. No cards.

## DEATHS.

BURRELL.—On the 11th inst., at Annett's-crescent, 290, Essex-road, Islington, London, Eliza Burrell, late of 29, Brunswick-road, Brighton, deeply and affectionately lamented. Friends please accept this intimation.

DARBY.—On the 18th inst., at 42, Burlington-road, St. Stephen's-square, London, Eliza, fifth daughter of the late Geo. Darby, Esq., of Leghorn, aged 73.

HARTLEY.—On the 19th inst., at Buxton House, Highbury-hill, Fountain George, eldest and dearly-loved son of George Hartley, of Aldermanbury, E.C.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1877.

## THE SPECIAL COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

By an unanimous resolution the proposed increase of the Boys' School, at an approximate expenditure of £3000, to take in 32 boys, was agreed to on Monday last, and measures will at once be taken to carry out the present needful and proposed extension. We are glad to state that it was distinctly understood that if the necessities of the Institution demand it, the School could be still further increased by another 100 boys, and we feel persuaded that in about two years the School will have to be enlarged to that extent, as the yearly demands upon it are increasing instead of diminishing. Then will be the time to consider both the admission of fresh orphans, and the need of a preparatory school. Both these contingencies are, in our opinion only a question of time, and when the requirements of the School and the Craft imperatively ask for such an addition, we have no fear or doubt what the response will be. But just now this moderate extension will suffice for our pressing wants, and we think it better to look always at the good old motto, "festina lente," than by unadvisable haste to arouse the complaints of the captious, or the opposition of the fault finding. We may add, from all that we hear, never was the School so flourishing or so thoroughly efficient as now. Under Bro. Dr. Morris, it is rapidly attaining a character for steady progress and good work. We believe that there is but one wish in the Order, namely, to afford to it a warm, a generous, and an united support.

## A FEW WORDS TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AUTHORITIES.

We wish to ask these right reverend and sapient gentlemen whether they really think that any good can possibly accrue to religion or Roman Catholicism by the repetition of such acts of intolerance as disgraced the good town of Macclesfield on Monday? For there it was, it seems, that Canon Walker, (such was the good man's name), refused the rites of a religious funeral to a Roman Catholic Freemason, T. Tynan Delaney, an excise officer under supervisor Purchas, in the Macclesfield District. Delaney, who was 27 years of age, was only seized with illness on the previous Saturday, and he had attended the Roman Catholic place of worship a fortnight ago. Orders were given by the deceased's family for the preparation of a grave in the Roman Catholic portion of the Macclesfield Cemetery, and Canon Walker was requested to officiate. It appears, however, that it had come to the knowledge of the rev. gentleman that Delaney was a Freemason, and he therefore refused to commit the body to the grave, remarking that it was contrary to the rules of his church to inter a member of any secret society. Now we are quite aware what the Roman Catholic reply will be, to our complaint of intolerance, namely, that they are bound by the various allocutions of Pius the Ninth, based professedly on the anterior Bulls of Pius VII. Leo, Benedict, and Clement. The Roman Catholic position is this—"we are compelled to obey the orders of our superiors," and this, if true, is one, no doubt, which deserves every consideration. But two points come in here, which we beg to press upon the attention of the Roman Catholic authorities. Is not the Bull of Clement, now among the Bulls "non usitate," even in the Roman Catholic church, for many of the Bulls of the Roman Catholic Popes are admittedly in this category? Under the Bull of Clement not only are all Freemasons to be handed over to the Inquisition and the secular arm and their property confiscated but the master of the house in which the lodge is held is to be heavily fined, imprisoned, and his house pulled down. We apprehend that no Roman Catholic canonist, and no Roman Catholic lawyer would hold such a bull to be "foro conscientie," or obligatory. It is

in fact altogether, "caput mortuum," a deceased bull in as far as Roman Catholic authority and discipline are concerned, and cannot be revived by the allocutions of Pius IX. The infallibility of the occupant of the see of St. Peter comes in here "proprio vigore," to render what is defunct, living, what is obsolete, new. And secondly have such Bulls any force in England whatever? We doubt it greatly, even on Roman Catholic teaching, inasmuch as they are illegal "ipso facto." The laws of Edward III and Richard II, as regards bulls and premunire have not yet been repealed, and no Roman Catholic Bulls, except under pain of premunire can legally be promulgated in England by any Roman Catholic authority. In consequence of their actual illegality, these Roman Catholic Bulls have never been published in England, nor can they be, and therefore, according to Roman Catholic canonists, they can have no binding obligations on the clergy or laity of the Roman Catholic obedience within this "Realms of England." "Lex non est nisi promulgata." We say nothing here of the scandal caused by such acts of unreason and intolerance to all who reverence religion and admire the divine teaching of pure charity, by the refusal of the last rites of the Roman Catholic Religion to Freemasons qua Freemasons. The only effect of such unwise perversity is to shake the authority of the Church of Rome over its own people, because such harshness to a Roman Catholic, only because he is a Freemason, is felt to be alike impolitic, unjust and even irreligious. We know of a case, for instance, where a poor foreign Roman Catholic Freemason was denied the rites of Christian sepulture by the Roman Catholic Authorities, because he refused to give up his Order, and where the whole Roman Catholic community, turned out and reverently listened to the service of the Church of England read over our deceased brother, by a Clergyman of the Anglican Church, a distinguished dignitary of our Order. So in the present case, Roman Catholics accepted the services of a clergyman of the Church of England, Mr. Hurst of Hurdfield, who we hope to hear, is also a brother of our Order. In the interests of common sense and true religion we protest against the disrespect to their own religionists thus evinced by the Roman Catholic Clergy, but as they are apparently in their present "scare" in respect of Freemasonry, lost apparently to the sense of what is kindly, what is even decent, and as moreover they are intent in their blindness on cursing the living that we cannot expect them to exhibit (as a recent South American case has shown us), either mercy or good feeling towards the dead.

## THE ATROCITIES OF WAR.

We recur to this subject, because since we wrote, horrors seem to be accumulating on horrors, and disgrace upon disgrace to the sacred cause of civilization and humanity. Let our readers think over the following two paragraphs from a letter of a correspondent of *The Times*, under date August 3, and we feel sure that the one sentiment which will animate their minds, as it did ours, will be that of strong loathing and indignant shame at such fearful crimes, at such detestable barbarism. "Yesterday I visited a large Bulgarian village of upwards of 300 houses that had been sacked, burnt, and the people massacred by the Bashi-Bazouks on the 30th of July. The village is called Kara-atli, about 16 miles from Timova, towards Philippopolis. The place is a total wreck, hardly one stone standing on another. It is more completely destroyed than any other I have visited. The people had all fled, so it is difficult to say what became of them, though the account of the survivors seems probable enough. This is that a great many of them had left before the 30th, and gone to Philippopolis, but about 900 remained, chiefly women and children. They all ran away into the woods and fields on the approach of the Bashi-Bazouks, and many were caught and slaughtered at once, and others are roaming about until a similar fate overtakes them. Of the few corpses I saw, the most shocking was a woman with her head half hacked



off, her clothes all torn away at the waist, and the body half burnt. Dogs and pigs were devouring the bodies, while donkeys and cattle strayed through the roads ownerless. The school had not been burnt, and had evidently been the scene of a terrible fray. Blood on the floors and doorposts, and all kinds of household gear, school-books and other things in the greatest confusion, told the same dreadful tale. The spelling-books and childish copy-books appealed powerfully to every human instinct within one. This affair of Kara-atli, however, sinks into insignificance before the appalling horror of the massacre at Geula-Mahilisse. It appears that on the 26th a strong force, under Raouf Pasha, made a reconnaissance from Yeni-Saghra, and spent a night near the village above named, which is situated a little off the line of rail between Yeni-Saghra and Tirnova. After the force had left, a large body of Circassians returned to the village, and in the first place carried off an immense number of young girls, whose fate can only be guessed at. They then returned to the village, and found that the remainder of the women and children had fled for protection to the church. There they slaughtered them all, and from that church Col. Lennox and Lieutenant Chermiside, R.E., military attachés, and Messrs. Leslie and Meyrick, of the Aid to the Sick and Wounded Society, brought out and buried 175 bodies of women and children. Besides these there were many others killed in different places about the village, and 36 wounded had their wounds dressed by the above-named medical officers. These eye-witnesses describe the scene in the church as something indescribably awful. The dead and the dying were piled in suffocating heaps, little children crawling about looking for their mothers, wounded mothers trying to move those ghastly heaps to find their children, and when found hardly able to recognize them with the fearful sword cuts about their little heads. Many women had been violated and subjected to fearful barbarities, pregnant women ripped open, while others had their breasts cut off, or their hands chopped off at the wrist. A mother lay stone dead and her baby was vainly endeavouring to get the food for which it was starving, while an older child was calling and pushing the dead woman to try and make her awake. Even while these gentlemen were in the village the murdering was going on at another part, and so threatening were these ferocious ruffians that their lives stood in very great danger. A Circassian from behind a hedge took a deliberate shot at Mr. Meyrick, but missed him. Now we do not insert this from any love of the "dreadful," or any tendency to sensationalism, but simply in the interests of that common Humanity so dear to our Masonic Order. Without entering into affairs of State or political complications, we cannot, but as Freemasons and lovers of humanity help expressing fervently the hope, that the day may not be far distant, (if the Turkish Government continues to allow the excesses as *The Times* correspondent says, of such "vermin,") when Lord Derby will think well to protest against such unmitigated atrocities, by the withdrawal of their representative at Constantinople of that great and generous Country, which has ever been foremost in the march of civilization, and in zealous endeavours in the holy cause of philanthropy and benevolence, and has no wish to participate, even by implication in deeds which are a dishonour to God and a horror to man.

### THE DETECTIVE SYSTEM.

We quite agree with our contemporary *The Times*, alike in the need of enquiry, and in the general tenour of its leader. But we wish to point out a few considerations to day which may be lost sight of in the general excitement and "scare" on the subject. We must be on our guard against exaggeration and the deliberate "animus" of those closely and intimately mixed up with the criminal population. The great difficulty which the police of the metropolis have to contend with is the "Fence System," and it is evident that as many receivers of stolen property, many aiders and abettors of the swindler and the smasher, and the burglar, and the common thief, are in apparently reputable positions, and live on

the "per centages," which necessarily are enormous, the business being properly considered "hazardous," the obstacles in the way of successful detection are increased a hundred fold. We do not then join in the public outcry, because we feel persuaded that it is essentially in the interest of those who do not object to spend money for the purpose of circulating any sort of report tending to the depravation of the Police Force in order that in the confusion they may "improve the occasion." But we confess that we think there are one or two points to which enquiry should be directed, and to which attention should be paid. We have long been among those who have thought that our detective force never would be what it ought to be, for the mere purpose, mind, of criminal detection, so long as a great change did not take place in the system under which it is formed, and the remuneration which is offered to the skilled detective. We hold it to be a radical mistake, at the bottom of much of the present dilemma, that all detectives should have served as efficient members of the divisional police, bound to be active policemen previous to being placed on the list of officers in "plain clothes." There are many men, born detectives, so to say, who will not go through the drudgery of day and night work; there are many men, per contra, whom you may call detectives if you like, but nothing will ever render them really detectives. Detection is, per se, a great art. It requires coolness of head and clearness of vision, a good character and sound judgment; a resolution to attend carefully to evidence, not to listen to prejudice, and above all, a thorough understanding of the constitutional position of a policeman, on the one hand, and of an English citizen on the other. Such men as these are to be found, and when found they are to be valued and made much of. For the real great defect is the insufficiency of pay. To ensure the services of such "skilled detectives" as we have hinted at, the rate of pay must be considerably increased, in order to enable them to be entirely independent of all external influences, and especially that "squaring" process, which, owing to other circumstances to which we will subsequently allude, is rather fashionable just now. Of course it is true that those "who will be squared," as someone has said, will be "squared," whatever their income may be, but as a general rule, we apprehend, when this regrettable state of things exists, it arises from circumstances over which detective officer Jones has no control, or rather from circumstances which control detective officer Jones whether he will or no. We think, therefore, that to a superior class of men, with a higher rate of pay, the detection of crime should at any rate be committed, and that the whole of our detective system requires re-organization and re-adjustment, especially on the two points we have mentioned. But there is, as *The Times* most justly reminds us, another system which has cropped up of late years, namely that of counterfeit police work, amateur detection, secret or special agency. That distinguished judge, Sir Cresswell Cresswell, originally pointed out the evil and degrading tendency of this pernicious system, and each year since he spoke has only served to show how true were his words, and how dangerous the profession in itself is to both the liberties of Englishmen and the administration of justice. We have no doubt of its absolute illegality. We feel sure, for instance, that we are laying down the law on the subject correctly when we say, that no one has a right to follow about an English citizen professing to be a police-officer, except on duty legally as a police-officer, and that any such conduct is "tending to excite a breach of the peace," and would be restrained by any of our police magistrates when properly stated to them. For the law happily assumes a citizen to be innocent until he is found to be guilty, and it is most unconstitutional for any special agent to assume as an amateur the functions alone belonging to the police, and to subject any Englishman whatever to the pain of "surveillance," the appearance of police observation. Sheriff's officers, and police officers have alone the power of carrying on such a process by the law of England. Many of the special agents are old police officers, naturally on terms of familiar acquaintance with the force, and as they are not

particular as to what they spend if only they compass their ends, it is not to be wondered at that many a zealous police officer, many an able detective is unable to refuse the offers of bowls of "swiftly flowing champagne," or seasonable offerings of shining sovereigns and comfortable offers of crisp if slippery "flimsies." Owing to the mistaken "camaraderie," (for some of these "amateur policemen" bear the worst of characters—enquire at Scotland Yard) the line of demarcation between the police officer and the special agent is easily obliterated, and many deeds of wrong and robbery are constantly committed by those, who for the nonce assuming "leave and licence" pass themselves off as respectable detective officers, when they are nothing more and nothing less than disreputable special agents. We have written all this, in the best of feeling towards our Metropolitan Police Force, whether divisional or detective. We hope and believe that when this temporary cloud has passed away, it will resume its normal character, of energy, of zeal, of skill, of uprightness, and of steadiness, and retain, as we feel sure it can do, the good opinion of all classes in this great metropolis, to which it has rendered such signal services in times past, and of which it is alike both the watchful guardian and the effective protection.

### THE ALBERT MEDAL.

We are glad to think that the Albert Medal has been most properly conferred by Royal authority on those gallant Welsh miners who so nobly laboured to extricate their comrades from a living grave. We are among those who have often thought that it would be well if there was some decoration by which civil merit might be recognised, and which, somewhat different from military rewards might well appeal to a chivalrous sense, both of honour and patriotic duty. We are therefore glad to record the grant of the Albert Medal to Welsh Colliers, and we call attention to a characteristic letter of one of the recipients. We do not see why the Albert Medal may not be more extensively utilized, and receive a wider application.

### BRO. DR. MORRIS.

We are glad to hear that the Canadian authorities have made the English Grammars of Bro. Dr. Morris (Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys) the standard works on that subject in Canadian schools. We learn, to, that Dr. Morris' "Primer of English Grammar" has had a very extensive sale in India. Dr. Morris has in the press an exercise book, to be used with the "Primer."

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

### OUR GREAT METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite concur, for one, in the opinions you have, as Editor, expressed on this subject, and also with the general sketch you have given of the question.

Archæologically, it may interest your readers to know what the mediæval provision for hospitals, &c., was. Some of them seem to have been founded at "places of pilgrimage," others along the high roads, for the entertainment of pilgrims and travellers, while a large portion seem to have been conjoined with the monastic institutions.

Thus at St. Edmundsbury a hospital existed at the four gates of the town. At Reading there was the hospital at St. Mary Magdalene for leprous persons, and leazar houses existed at all the ports of embarkation, and there were many famous like houses, as at Sherburn, in Durham, and elsewhere.

There was a hospital at Fountains Abbey for poor persons and pilgrims, and a well-known one at Glastonbury for the same purpose. At one time there were 370 of these receptacles for the poor, suffering, and wayfaring, scattered up and down England. The earliest actual hospital, purely for certain brethren and sisters, the sick and infirm poor, and lying-in hospital for women, is St. Bartholomew's, which was founded in the 12th century, by "Rahere, first Canon and Prior."

It was not, however, as you have said, until the last century that the infirmary and hospital movement took firm foundation and actual development in England. Abroad, as some of us may know, the hospitals for the sick poor are of early date and long continuance. The whole theory of the hospital and infirmary is of gratuitous



medical treatment as an act of humanitarian and personal kindness, and any proposal to change such a system is alike revolutionary and absurd. It is change for change sake.

Yours fraternally,

ARCHÆOLOGIST.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A is a subscribing member to a lodge; B, a visitor to the said lodge. A, objects sitting in lodge with B, and his reason for acting as such is that, having been libelled and grossly insulted, it is a thing impossible. C., the W. M., requests that the two brethren retire and settle their difference. A. declines to retire. C. rules that the two brethren remain in lodge; if this don't suit, A. may retire from the lodge. A. protests against the ruling of the W. M. and asks to retire.

The question arises, is the W. M. "censurable" by the Grand Lodge of England, for the partiality shown to the visitor?

In my humble opinion a visitor cannot claim entry to a lodge if the subscribing member finds it impossible to sit with him.

Yours fraternally,

E. M.

#### EXPRESS FOR THIRD CLASS FARES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much pleased to see your paper had given notice of the above movement, which has been talked of in Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Derbyshire.

There is no doubt that the public generally owe Mr. Allport, of the Midland Railway, a debt of gratitude for what he has done in reducing fares and adding to the comfort of railway travellers. Besides which the directors of the Midland system act with more liberality to their servants and their wives and families in giving them free passes during the excursion seasons, to enable them to enjoy themselves at the sea side or elsewhere as their inclinations lead them.

I have been a railway servant about twenty years, and have always had a pass for myself and wife until now; when, through some freak of the directors (not the Midland) I have been mulcted of the one for my wife this year.

I suppose railway servants ought not to have wives.

I do hope the public will respond to the proposition you have made in your journal.

Yours fraternally,

H. W.

#### THE TYNEWYDD COLLIERS.

[We take the following characteristic letter from *The Times* of August 17th.]

Sir,—I should be much obliged if you would be so kind to put these few lines in your newspaper. I wish to thank Her Majesty the Queen for the First Class Albert Medal which Lord Aberdeen was commissioned to present. And next, I thank Major Duncan for presenting me with the Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Then I wish to thank the Lord Mayor and the subscribers to the Mansion House Fund and others for the money I have received from them; and I wish to thank the Members of Parliament for their kindness in presenting me with a watch and chain. I wish to say I am very proud of the rewards that I have received, and little did I think the public would take as much interest in it as they did when we were working to rescue the men.

Porth, Rhondda Valley.

ISAAC PRIDE, Collier.

**THE RUBENS TRICENTENARY.**—The Queen has permitted photographs to be taken of the Rubens pictures at Buckingham Palace for the Antwerp Exhibition of copies of works of the master, which begins on the 19th inst. The King of Sweden, the Madrid Museum, the galleries of Oldenburg, Munich, Dresden, Cassel, the Hague, Dublin, and several French galleries have contributed copies of their pictures, as have the Duke of Buckingham and Earl Spencer. The Madrid Museum has sent not less than 30 new photographs. There are 1500 pictures known as the works of Rubens in existence, and the catalogue of the Exhibition shows the variety of subjects treated. It is in the following sections:—Old Testament, New Testament, sacred history and allegory, virgins, saints, fable, profane history and allegory, portraits, hunting pictures, landscapes, miscellaneous subjects. There are very many different treatments, which it will be interesting to compare, of the Adoration of the Magi, the Adoration of the Shepherds, the Descent from the Cross, the Assumption of the Virgin. Besides the photographs and engravings of Rubens, some relics of the master will be exhibited, such as the sword given him by the Emperor, his collar, the diamond he wore in his hat, his autographs, and remarkable tapestry belonging to him at the time when, in the character of a leading citizen of Antwerp, he arranged the triumphal entry of Ferdinand of Spain. About 500 pictures by divers artists will be exhibited, with objects of ancient art, besides the Rubens exhibition. The Plantin-Moretus exhibition, in Plantin's house, illustrating the history of printing and engraving in the Low Countries for two centuries and a half, will be opened. The choir for the cantata was to consist of 1000 voices. It is now announced that there will be 1200 performers, and that the chimes of the ancient city and a peal of cannon will be laid under contribution by the composer (Paul Benoit) to increase the volume of sound.

**WELSH SPEAKING CLERGY.**—The Bishop and the Dean of Bangor have put forth an appeal for £1500 per annum to educate Welsh students at Bangor and Oxford (giving a course of eight years, instruction), to secure a cultured clergy speaking Welsh.

#### Reviews.

"Deeds of Daring Library.—The Victoria Cross in the Crimea." By MAJOR KNOLLYS, 63rd Highlanders. Dean and Son.

Major Knollys is an agreeable writer, and his works are popular and interesting. We all of us, whatever our age may be, delight in reading feats of heroism, of danger bravely encountered, of perils nobly overcome, and Major Knollys also appeals to an Englishman's pride in the acts of a gallant and devoted army. As Freemasons, we do not lose our sense of patriotism or our admiration of the heroic, and to none do the records which describe how men have won the Victoria Cross in a great war, come with more personal and abiding sympathy than to our many readers, Freemasons though we be all. We need not recur to an "oft told tale" to day, neither will our space permit it. Suffice it to say that to all who like to pore over the accounts of individual gallantry and soldierly daring and which have won the sovereign's approval and the most honourable of distinctions, the Victoria Cross, Major Knollys book will be both acceptable and very readable. We recommend it to those of our numerous friendly subscribers who have not yet forgotten, (let them never forget), their old admiration for the brave, or parted with their pleasure in the annals of the chivalrous and true, like those who compose that fine army we are proud to call our own. People often talk to-day of the degeneracy of the age, but we are among those who firmly believe that wherever the English Army may be, "Quo fas et gloria ducunt" our gallant hosts, they will always manfully do their duty, deserve the approbation of the Queen, and uphold the honour of Old England.

"Eight Years a Blue Coat Boy; or Dundalk's School Days." Dean & Son.

We have read this publication with much pleasure. It is no doubt one of those numerous gay and fluttering little "brochures" which the present "crisis" in the history of the school has called into the full blaze of daylight and which probably otherwise would have been born to "blush unseen and waste their sweetness in the desert air." But still, like Bro. Blanch's work, to which we alluded last week, we are glad to have read it as we think, just as in the former case that it does all credit to the writer, and is likely to do much good in removing prejudice and obviating injustice. It is very amusing in its individuality, so to say, and we think we can fairly predicate for it much popularity and many patrons. We cannot unfortunately, deal with it in detail, but the account of the medical partnership between Dundalk and Gab lot will raise in many of our readers a hearty laugh, though some of us perhaps may think that those eminent practitioners, like some of our acquaintance, have skilfully traded on very little indeed. We shall perhaps be inclined to say that, like the partnership between Bob Sawyer and Mr. Allen, of immortal memory, there was something very "rum" in the whole transaction. To all our readers who have not lost all memories of pleasant school-days and sturdy mates,

The forms, the books,

The glories, the disgraces,

The presence of kind friends,

The looks of old familiar faces,

this little work will be very welcome. We are most glad to note that the writer manfully states that the "training and education" he had received at Christ's Hospital are an invaluable preparation for the great battle of life.

"The Church of England Pulpit and Ecclesiastical Review." No. 85, Vol. IV. R. H. Mason, 160, Fleet Street.

We have received this number of a well-known theological journal, which contains two sermons specially deserving attention, namely, one by our esteemed Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and the other by Canon Liddon. It is of course impossible in the *Freemason* to review as only they can properly be reviewed, sermons, quater sermons, at all, except purely Masonic ones, inasmuch as they impinge on the limits, which in our peaceful Order restrain us carefully and confessedly from all religious controversy and speculation. But we may be permitted, we think, to observe that the sermon of our worthy Past Grand Chaplain is an able and eloquent production, and one which to many will appear alike most effective and convincing; of course, such is the inevitable consequence of all theological positions, that it is almost impossible to dilate upon any point on which the "rabies theologorum" or the "odium theologicum" will not lift up its unhealthy voice. It is a very curious fact per se, account for it how you may, that in nothing do men's minds differ so much and so widely as in religious teaching, and in the assumption of religious dogma, and we shall not, we think, exceed the truth when we say, that with very few exceptions indeed, there is scarcely any assertion of religious doctrine concerning which we do not differ, and must agree to differ now. That it will always be so we do not say; but so it undoubtedly is "pour le moment," regret it as we may, deny it as we will. All that we can say, therefore, is, (for if we said more we should be outstepping the goodly line of demarcation which Freemasonry lays down for all its alumni), that our brother the Past Grand Chaplain maintains effectively, in the sermon we have mentioned, his well-known reputation as a zealous and eloquent preacher.

We need hardly add anything here, as indeed, we equally are estopped Masonically in respect of Canon Liddon's remarkable discourse. His fame as an almost unequalled ecclesiastical orator in his generation is well known in the city of London, and those who venerate the "sanctitas loci" of old St. Paul's may be glad to feel that they are able, within its venerated walls, to listen to arguments alike weighty, striking, logical, and which, while they challenge the admiration of the intellectual and

the critical, also strike a most harmonious chord in the sympathies of the believing and the associations of the earnest and religiously minded of those vast congregations who admire his great gifts and listen with rapt attention to his moving words.

"Death of Saul and other Eistedfodd Prize Poems." By J. C. MANNING. J. C. Manning, Swansea.

We have perused this collection of poetry with a great deal of gratification, and we only wish that our space permitted us, (which it does not), to give some specimens of very unique extracts, and some (as we hold) true poetry to our many indulgent readers. We are, however, happy to learn that a full review of this little work will appear in the *Masonic Magazine* for October, and to it we refer our friends; we have, however, no hesitation in saying that we augur very favourably of the future promise of the writer, and that we shall look forward to still more elaborate representations, both of his power and his ability. Unfortunately so many are the demands on the pages of the *Freemason* that we have been compelled, despite the pleasing temptation, sternly to proscribe all poetical contributions from our hebdomadal columns. And while we sincerely regret that we cannot give those who honour us with their patronage any selections from Bro. Manning's book, we emphatically recommend it to their favourable notice and perusal. We trust that the review in the *Masonic Magazine* for October will do full justice to Bro. Manning's meritorious little volume.

"Industry and Idleness: A Moral Contrast." Williams and Son, Eton.

We have received and read with pleasure this useful and interesting little tale. It is alike well put together and suggests a very valuable moral, especially for our young men, who are rather apt to think just now, that others have worked like bees in the hive, and laid up a goodly store of honey, and that, therefore, they may act the part of spendthrift wasps, or idle drones. No greater mistake was ever committed than to suppose that any of us were intended by the Great Architect of the Universe to live in sybaritic idleness here below. It is true that we do not and cannot all walk in the same way, for some must work with their hands and others with their brains, if the fabric of society and of the world is to be safely kept in order, is to move on aright for the happiness and well-being of all classes, the most severed and the most contrasted, rich and poor, all alike. In our opinion no more sad social heresy was ever propounded than that which would maintain the absence of a golden link of brotherhood and common interest running through all classes and all conditions of mankind, and, above all, which would encourage the tendency to make the labours and stores of the past, minister to the selfishness and hurtful habits of a relaxed morality, or the idle follies of the dissipated and the thoughtless. All, remember, have to do something for the common welfare of mankind, be they who they may, "pro bono publico," and nothing is so sad to note in the aimless lives and garish follies, often of all classes amongst us, but especially of far too many of our younger generation, a forgetfulness of their solemn responsibility in this respect. We thank the writer of this effective little tale for calling our attention carefully to the condition and consequences of industry and idleness, as affecting the "morale" of society and the happiness of the "home," and we trust that his ingenious and interesting narrative may have much success and many readers.

#### Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ACCOUNT OF THE BUILDING OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

I have always heard that among the Tanner MSS. in the Bodleian are to be found many of the accounts of the building of St. Paul's Cathedral. Will any kind brother amuse himself during the long vacation by looking over them, and noting their contents.

LELAND'S MSS.

In a history of London it is stated that Leland's MSS. were formerly in the Library at St. James's Palace. If this should meet the eye of our esteemed Bro. Holmes, the Royal Librarian at Windsor Castle, he perhaps might tell us where they are now. I do not know whether there is a library at Buckingham Palace. I have in the meantime asked at the British Museum if they by any chance they are there.

MASONIC STUDENT.

**NEW ZEALAND ARCHÆOLOGY.**—At a recent meeting of the Christchurch Philosophical Institution, President Haast gave an account of the discovery of remarkable ancient rock paintings in the Waka Pass Ranges. He exhibited careful drawings of them. Some of them are 15 ft. long; they represent animals of foreign countries, weapons, and dresses of semi-civilized people; underneath are characters like those of the Tamil language, and those on the ancient hill found in the North Island. The *New Zealand Herald* has been informed by a gentleman who has lately returned from Rotorua that a notice has been issued by the natives prohibiting any persons from taking photographs of the scenery unless they pay £5.

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering the recommendation of the General Committee that the report of the House Committee on "extension of accommodation," as submitted to the General Committee, be approved and confirmed, and that in accordance therewith the building at Wood Green be enlarged for the reception of 32 additional boys, at the estimated expenditure of £3000. The chair was occupied by Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, and among other brethren present were Bros. Col. Creaton, Joyce Murray, R. B. Webster, John Dennison, S. Rawson, Hyde Pollen, Rev. Dr. Morris, (Head Master), H. Massey, (Freemason), C. F. Matier, A. Durrant, S. B. Wilson, John Healey, John Dence, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The Chairman said he supposed the Institution had sufficient money to carry out the object proposed without trenching on the invested funds.

Bro. Binckes said they had.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford thought there were some other points which should be brought before the attention of the brethren besides the simple increase of accommodation. If the brethren were going to decide to make an extension of the building, it would be fair to the school to look a little further. It would be advisable that the brethren should see the plans of the proposed new buildings in order that they might clearly understand that if at a future time a greater extension was necessary, there would be room at Wood Green to erect the necessary buildings.

Bro. Binckes said that the present scheme did not interfere with any future scheme.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said that if two or three years hence the brethren should decide on a further increase in the number of boys to be admitted to the school, they should now understand that it would be possible to add to the building so as to admit altogether 300 boys.

Bro. Binckes observed that the scheme now before the Court would not interfere in any way with such a proposition.

Bro. S. Rawson thought the most serious part of the proposal now before the Court was that it would interfere with the playground.

Bro. Binckes said it was only fifty feet, and it was proposed to give additional playground room from the kitchen garden from the back; and this kitchen garden had always been intended for a playground.

Col. Creaton said that in that case there would be a quid pro quo.

The Chairman asked whether there was space sufficient to give the boys a swimming bath.

Bro. Binckes said there was already a large plunge bath.

The Chairman said that with 180 boys in the school it was necessary there should be a large swimming bath.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford thought the brethren should really know what they were going to do, and not legislate in the dark. This was a special court to select the plans, and the brethren had not yet seen them and knew nothing of them.

Bro. Binckes thereupon left the room and shortly afterwards returned with Bro. S. B. Wilson and the plans. These having been submitted to and examined by the brethren were explained by Bro. Binckes.

In answer to Bro. Webster, the Rev. Dr. Morris said that there were 170 boys already returned to the school, but there were eight who had not yet come back.

The motion before the Court was then proposed by Bro. H. Browne, seconded by Bro. R. B. Webster, and carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said that before the meeting separated he thought it should go forth, as he knew a great many brethren were anxious about it up and down the country, that if it should be necessary to increase the school, there was plenty of room for an additional wing, which would admit of another 100 boys being placed in the school.

The Chairman ventured to hope that the House Committee would not lose sight of his suggestion, to endeavour to provide swimming baths for the boys.

Bro. Joyce Murray said this was a very important point.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Binckes requested the press to take notice that the candidature of William James Parker had been withdrawn.

Experiments have been made with the electric light apparatus on board the Temeraire, at Chatham. The apparatus worked well, the whole of the Dockyard, the Medway, and the surrounding country being illuminated for a considerable distance, so that it would have been impossible for any hostile vessel to have approached within a mile or two without being seen.

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# FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, was to be held in Buffalo on the 21st of August. The triennial assembly of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was to be held in that city at the same time. The members of the four Chapters and two Councils in Buffalo were making preparations to give their distinguished guests a hearty welcome. The reception will include a procession of the Royal Arch Masons of the city, escorted by the two Commanderies. The public reception was to take place at St. James's Hall, and it was understood that the Hon. George W. Clinton has been invited to deliver the address of welcome. The session will continue three or four days, and the arrangements for entertaining the visitors include a grand banquet and an excursion to Niagara Falls. About two hundred prominent R.A. Masons of the country were expected to be present.

These representatives are eminent in the councils of the fraternity, and will be called upon to deliberate upon several important subjects of more than ordinary interest.

## THE NEW JERSEY CONSISTORY.

This body began its quarterly session on Monday, July 30, at 3 p.m. A large amount of business was transacted, occupying several hours. In the evening, after a long and spirited balloting, Ill. Marcus Higginbotham, 33°, was elected First Lieutenant, the vacancy caused by Ill. J. W. Cosad, 33°, succeeding, by virtue of the Constitution of the rite, to the position of Commander-in-Chief, on the death of Ill. Daniel W. Wyman, 33°.

The illustrious brother who thus takes the second office in this Consistory was greatly surprised at his election, he not having been a candidate. Neither party, after many shifts and ballots, being able to maintain a majority, his name was brought forward and obtained it. His acceptance was urged by those who stood from the beginning to the end solid for Ill. Bro. M. M. Drohan, 32°, and by Ill. Bro. Drohan himself.

The selection gives universal satisfaction, and means a compliance with the late amendments to the Constitution, in respect to the number of degrees to be worked before advancement to the 32°, that is, in plain language, that the material for work in this body enlarges, and that half a dozen new men are ready to step forward, to share the honours of the increased labours of the body.

The Thirtieth Grade was conferred on four initiates in the same unrivalled manner and spirit with which Ill. Bros. John H. Aekerman, 32°; John G. Watkins, 32°; C. D. V. Gibson, 32°; Peter Dobbs, 32°; and their fellow workers have done it before.

The attendance was good for so warm a day. A splendid banquet, under the charge of Ill. Bro. Hardford Lindsley, 32°, was had at 6.30, and those who felt tired, or arrived later, kept the waiters moving till 11 p.m. Visitors were present from Elizabeth, New Brunswick and this city.

In the important business of the afternoon, Ill. Bro. George Scott, 33°; Jerome B. Borden, 32°; Perry Seymour, and McIlhenny, participated.

The Grand Sentinel of this body is William Grice, 32°. His labours are arduous, and his method merits all commendation.

Ill. Bro. J. W. Cosad, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, though in very delicate health, was at his place from the beginning to the end of this long session. He will find in his new Lieutenant a safe and tried counsellor and a skilled officer, who has no ambition to gratify, so far as rank goes, and whose ambition will be, we trust, the calming of waters disturbed, and the harmony and continued progress of the body in the power it wields.

## GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The Rochester Sunday Herald has the following, which is of interest in this latitude:

Through the courtesy of R.W. Jacob G. Maurer, D.D.G.M., Twenty-second District, we have before us a copy of the proceedings of the recent annual communication of the Grand Lodge. There are a few facts which will be of interest to the fraternity. There are thirty-three lodges in this district, with an aggregate membership of nearly 4000. We give the number of the five lodges in this city, as returned to the Grand Lodge:

	Members.
Valley, No. 109.....	418
Yonondio, No. 163.....	303
Genessee Falls, No. 507.....	337
Rochester, No. 660.....	320
Germania, No. 722.....	128

While this district is large both in territory and membership, there are several others that exceed it in numbers. The smallest district is the Fifty-seventh—taking in only the lodges on Staten Island or Richmond county—and embraces just five, with an aggregate membership of 400. The District Deputy has comparatively light work in contrast with the like official of the Fifteenth District, who has three counties (St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Clinton), and 34 lodges, aggregating 2800 members.

In the report of D.D.G.M. La Rue, of Dansville, to Grand Master Hustod, we find this just statement of facts:

"The Masonic Temple at Rochester reflects great credit upon its founders for their spirit of enterprise and liberality, and is commensurate in its magnitude and convenience with the growth and prosperity of one of the most flourishing cities of the Empire State—a city in which our fraternity embraces among its members shining lights in the professions, men of the highest order of talent, and who are themselves living illustrations of the morality they teach."

R.W. Bro. La Rue tells us "that at the last annual election throughout the district a remarkable change occurred in the selection of officers, whereby in upwards of

three-fourths of the lodges new men were placed in the East, and others advanced to stations of responsibility." From actual observation and correspondence he feels warranted in saying that the lodges have not suffered by the change, and are officered by brethren of intelligence and good moral character, well skilled in the standard work of the jurisdiction, and "whose skill and fidelity to the interests of the Craft are above question."

After a careful examination of the statistical tables, we have discovered only one lodge in the State which reports a larger membership than Valley Lodge, No. 109—namely, Commonwealth, No. 409, in Brooklyn. The latter reports 465, and the former 418—the only two returning over 400 members. The total number of Master Masons in the State is 78,913, holding membership in 718 lodges.

# SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.

## No. I.

## BRO. JENKINSON AT THE SEA-SIDE.

Our worthy and esteemed friend and brother, Jenkinson, P.M. of the well-known Lodge of Amiability, No. 2244, is now happily at the seaside, with the wife of his bosom and the little Jenkinsons, male and female.

He is supremely happy doing nothing, and in this his agreeable family kindly and conscientiously help him.

Jenkinson, in a straw hat, and a light blue pea coat, and white trousers, and white shoes, looks very well indeed, and one of the Coast Guardsmen is said to have touched his cap to him, taking him for a naval officer in "mufti."

Sister Jenkinson is also supremely flourishing and radiant, of course, and intent on making everything pleasant; though she says the quantity that everybody eats is simply extraordinary, and that even baby is quite voracious since she has been at the sea-side.

If you meet Jenkinson, you find him cheery and elate, smoking a mild cigar, and looking carefully through a pair of Callaghan's opera glasses at the distant shipping, and must we confess, a party bathing. One only drawback affects his manly bosom, only one affliction lies heavy on his waking thoughts and nightly dreams, and it is this, that when he reached the South Eastern Station, he found, that in addition to the family party, "all a mort" as the old writers have it, and very lively indeed, he saw that his excellent mother-in-law had come, with four bonnet boxes, a French poodle, and an elderly maid. Bro. Jenkinson, is a good fellow, but Junes says, though we do not believe him, that our worthy friend and Bro. made some rather startling remarks, of course sotto voce, to his smiling and affectionate wife. Bro. Jenkinson's kindness is proverbial, but as he says to his friend and Bro. the W.M., who is also at Spylleby with a pleasant wife and a blooming daughter, "now I did not bargain for this."

She is a first-rate old gal, when at home and by herself, but she will interfere with everybody and everything when she comes to the sea-side, and my wife hardly knows what to do, for she is, as you know, so considerate for everybody. "The old gal," he continues (we think Bro. Jenkinson might speak a little more respectfully of a lady, and so near a relative), "means well I know, but she worries everybody—she worries the children, and she worries the servants, and they are always catching it. She is a good one for talking and blowing up." Still, as Bro. Jenkinson says, "Freemasonry teaches us to be philosophical, and we cannot expect the sweets of life without the bitters, therefore we must do as well as we can," though we confess that like many other of our friends, we, as well as Jenkinson, have to suffer somewhat from "Mother-in-law on the brain."

Thus even our distinguished Bro. P.M. Jenkinson, who lays down the law "ore rotundo" at his lodge, has to succumb, we note, at home, to his determined "Mother-in-law." Such is the fate of mortals. Well, this life of ours is made up of sweets and bitters, and, as Bro. Jenkinson himself observes, Freemasonry teaches us to be patient and enduring. Yes, says sister Jenkinson, with a little touch of feminine sarcasm, though very pleasantly, it is always the part of a true brother "to suffer and be strong."

If Bro. Jenkinson's cup is somewhat mixed just now, if there is a little "fennel" floating at the top, so to say, making the draught somewhat bitter, let us hope that he will be none the worse for it.

We have no doubt that he will survive his heavy trial, the more so, as like many other mothers-in-law, the "bark" of the good lady is probably worse than the "bite."

We feel bound to compliment Bro. Jenkinson for his expression of patience and assurance, by pointing out that mothers-in-law, like everybody else, except editors, must have a holiday, and that they naturally go where they are likely to be best done by, and we also think it right to point out that that well abused and persecuted section of the community has its merits, as well as its defects. If it is a little talkative and imperious, fond of management, yes, and meddling, it is very affectionate and very confiding, very tender-hearted and very kindly disposed. We have found many agreeable and, we deem it only proper to add, good looking mothers-in-law. Sam Weller saw some excuse for mothers-in-law under such circumstances, and so should we. Very often they are not by a long way so bad as they are described, and we recommend our brethren now rejoicing in "rus," though we are still perforce, in "urbe," and who may be dreading the advent, or growing at the presence of a too "exigent" and interfering mother-in-law, to remember that the chances are, if they are agreeable to their "mothers-in-law" they will find, as many a "fella" has found before them, that there are worse things in this world than a mother-in-law; and that at any rate in the truest spirit of Masonic wisdom "the least said is the soonest mended;" "what can't be cured, must be endured."



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).**—The installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Tottenham, on the 22nd ult. The attendance was great, and the working was really good and showed that each and every one who essayed to perform his duty was fully up to the mark. A great many of those present came from town to honour by their presence such a respected brother as Bro. Dance on his elevation to the chair, which every Mason looks upon as the attaining of the height of his ambition. The officers present were Bros. C. F. Barham, W.M.; G. Townsend, P.M.; Jas. Lingell, P.M.; W. S. Steedman, P.M.; W. Dance, S.W. (W.M. elect.); H. Stevens, J.W.; D. Roberts, P.M.; Treasurer; Thos. Cunningham, P.M. Secretary; H. V. Clements, Geo. Burford, S.D.; J. Farrin, J.D.; W. T. Turner, I.G.; W. Peckham, O.; J. Verry, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. E. L. Cross, W. Cooper, H. M. Tegg, J. A. Rogers, J. Garrod, Evans, Horton, Sawyer, J. H. Thompson, R. Burford, W. H. Shepherd, S. Cunningham, T. Paul, G. Rowe, W. H. Stevenson, W. Mattocks. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. J. Turner, Wright, Wm. H. Hall, (Freemason), W. B. Kidder, Pinder, G. Young, Press, A. Smith, H. Cleverley, J. Green, W. Gilbert, D. Moses, Driscoll, etc. After a most successful installation, which was gone through in a manner entitling all—especially the outgoing Master—to credit, the brethren adjourned for a short time, and then sat down to a most recherche repast, provided by the worthy host. The meal was placed on the table in excellent style, the viands and wine choice, and the waiting far above the average. Dessert having been placed on the table the W.M. essayed to give the first toast which, like all the succeeding ones were not too long and to the point. The Worshipful Master, who was enthusiastically received on rising, proposed the first toast—one that is well known amongst the Craft at large—"The Queen and the Craft." He stated that this toast required no encomium from him, for "it was well known and well received in every assembly of Englishmen throughout the world, and probably, if it were possible, best in lodges of Free and Accepted Masons. The forty years of Her Majesty's reign were forty years of intellectual progress in the kingdom. She had given to the world many and various exhibitions of her high character, and it would ever be remembered that she was the mother of the M.W.G.M., and also of other members of the family identified with the Craft. He therefore with great pleasure gave "The Queen and the Craft," a toast that was received with every feeling of loyalty and enthusiasm by the brethren present, who, as will be seen by the list we give above, were as thoroughly representative of the Craft as one could well wish. In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said it would be idle for him to dilate on the excellences of Masonry, as they were well known to all the brethren present. No doubt the M.W.G.M. had many other engagements of a public character; but since he became the head of the Craft he had given a great impetus to it, and the numbers who had joined the noble Order had increased even to a surprising degree. He did not for a moment say that it wanted Royalty to be at the head of it to make the Craft successful, for that was accomplished by its own inherent excellence and purity. The toast was drunk with every token of regard for the M.W.G.M. Afterwards one of the brethren present, sang, much to the satisfaction of the members of the lodge and the visitors, "God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present." In giving this toast the W.M. spoke of those respected and honourable members of the Craft as being, as it were, the head centres. There was no doubt as to their ability to perform their duties, as they had done over and over again; and all they had to do was, as good Masons ever had done, show their obedience to the Grand Lodge. The Immediate P.M., having taken the gavel in his hand, proposed a toast which was very acceptable to all those present, namely, that of the W.M., whom the lodge so unanimously elected to that high and distinguished honour to which every Mason aspires. He stated that the office was by no means an easy one; but he had no doubt that it would be fulfilled by Bro. Dance with that ability that he had shown during his tenure of inferior offices. He himself had done what he could to the best of his ability; and if anything were wanted to help the W.M. in the discharge of his duties he should only be too glad to give him

every assistance in his power. The W.M., in response, thanked Bro. Barham for the manner in which the toast had been received. He would not detain them long, but would thank Bro. Barham for the kind manner in which he had introduced the toast. There was a good deal to be done in bringing the lodge to the position it now occupied, and certainly this was in a great measure due to the P.M.'s, of whom he was glad to see so large a number present. The W.M. next gave "The Health of Bro. Barham," which was well received. He pointed out what a very successful year the lodge had under his rule, and of the perfect manner in which he performed the duties connected with his high office; as one who had held office under him, the W.M. could speak as to his attention to his duties, and every one spoke of him in the highest terms. Bro. Barham always held his position and whatever he did he did well, and he had to thank him for the way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed that day. He had the pleasure of stating that a P.M.'s jewel had been granted to their I.P.M. (hear, hear), which was a token of the esteem and respect in which he was held (applause). The I.P.M. amid much cheering was then invested with the jewel which was manufactured with great taste and workmanship. The I.P.M. in responding, thanked the brethren present for the bearty manner in which his health had been proposed, and said that it was one of the proudest moments of his life when the W.M., as the mouthpiece of the lodge, had given utterance to the words he had; and if he, (Bro. Barham) had been at any trouble and anxiety he was amply repaid, whatever he had done had been for the good of the High Cross Lodge. He was glad to state that he had never missed a meeting, except through illness, and he always went home feeling better for being at the lodge. The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of "The Visitors," which he characterised as a most important one, and one that was always well received amongst the brotherhood. The visitors had an opportunity of seeing the working of the lodge they visited, and that was an advantage, and at the same time there was a great deal of fraternal good fellowship arose from going to each others' lodges. The toast was heartily responded to by some of the visitors present, who had every good reason to be satisfied with their hospitable entertainment. The brethren who responded dilated on the advantages of Masonry both here and abroad. The toasts of the P.M.'s of the lodge and the officers were then given, and duly replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at an advanced hour, many of the brethren returning to town by the late train. The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Young, Burford, Farrin, Stevens, and others.

**CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).**—The election meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, August 22nd, at the "Bridge House" Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. J. C. Mason, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. E. S. Stidolph, S.W., W.M. elect; Kemp, J.W.; T. S. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M.; Sec.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chaplain; C. W. Hudson, S.D.; H. Fajia (C.E.), J.D., and others. The only work done, but in an efficient manner, was initiating two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order. The elections were unanimous in favour of Bro. E. S. Stidolph, S.W., being W.M.; T. J. Sabine, P.M., Treasurer, being re-elected Treasurer; and W.Y. Laing, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. Notice of motion was given to take ten guineas from the lodge funds to be spent in purchasing a P.M.'s jewel, to be presented to Bro. J. C. Mason, W.M. The lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, October 24th. Supper followed. Some agreeable hours were happily spent. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Lover, W.M. 1178; Stephens, 1623; and many more whose names we were unable to ascertain.

**LIVERPOOL.—The Alliance Lodge (No. 667).**—The usual periodical meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., was very largely attended, and the chief interest in the working was centered in the first-class style in which Bro. George S. Willings, W.M., gave the historical lectures on the First and Second Degrees.

**LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).**—At the last meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the motion of Bro. Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. R. Martin, P.M., it was unanimously resolved to send a letter of sympathy to the widow of the late Bro. Henry Newman, a most respected and generous member of the lodge, whose decease was noticed in the columns of the *Freemason* a few weeks ago. Amongst those present at the lodge were Bros. R. C. Veland, W.M.; Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; T. Williams, S.W.; T. G. Winstanley, J.W.; T. Marsh, P.M. Sec.; J. Wood, Treas. (Freemason); T. Birch, S.D.; H. B. Jones, J.D.; T. Alexander, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.Org.; Callow, and Tyson, Stwds.; Ball, Tyler; Bethell, Jacker, Doe, Yorman, &c.

**MACDONALD LODGE, (No. 1216).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 23rd August, when there were present Bros. Henry Hammond, W.M.; T. W. Carnell, S.W.; C. Fountain, J.W.; I. J. Curtis, Sec.; T. Edmonstone, as S.D.; C. H. Nevill, as J.D.; T. A. Harper, as I.G.; Past Masters M. S. Larham, James Stevens, S. H. Wagstaff, W. J. Messenger, and George Waterall; also Bros. F. W. Sparkes, A. Woodcock, A. Carnell, T. Fisher, H. P. Jarman, A. R. Cranch, W. Foster, J. Scholey, &c.; and visiting brethren John Greenway, Sincerity, 174; George Potter, Domestic 177; R. J. Voisey, Sphinx, 1329; and R. Carnell, Knole, 1414. Bro. R. Farquharson of Lodge 99, officiated as Organist. The business of the evening was the raising of Bro. A. Carnell and F. W. Sparkes to the Third Degree, and the passing of Bro. J. Scholey to the

Degree of F.G. The much esteemed Bro. Curtis having been promoted to the rank of Quarter Master of the corps, and finding his engagements in consequence much increased, reluctantly and to the general regret of the lodge resigned his Secretaryship, and Bro. W. J. Messenger, P.M., kindly undertook the office and was duly invested. Bro. S. H. Wagstaff stated his intention to give notice of motion at the next regular lodge meeting, that in recognition of his zealous service during ten years as Secretary, a testimonial inscribed on vellum, and expressive of the thanks of the lodge and the regards of the brethren, should be presented to Bro. Curtis. Bro. James Stevens also stated his intention to give notice of motion at the ensuing lodge meeting that a retiring pension equal to two-thirds of the usual fee be awarded to Bro. Grant in recognition of his services as Tyler during the past ten years, he being disabled by severe illness and infirmity. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was served in the canteen of the corps, and the customary agreeable re-union of members and visitors, void of all formal ceremony, and the more "jolly" in consequence, terminated the proceedings.

**HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).**—The last regular meeting of the season was held on Saturday, August 18th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. C. W. Fox, W.M., supported by Bros. R. W. Williams, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, W.M. elect 1275, S.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Shackleton, W.M. 1324, S.D.; H. Gloster, I.G.; and many others, opened the lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting, held on Saturday, July 21st, and of the emergency meeting, held on Saturday, August 4th, were each put to the meeting, and were in both cases unanimously confirmed. Bro. C. W. Fox, W.M., in an able, efficient, and correct manner, initiated Mr. H. Roffey into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. F. Burdett, arrived, and was received with all honour. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec., took the chair, and in his usual able manner passed one and raised two. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Fox, resumed the chair, and presided over the lodge for the remainder of the afternoon. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. B. Shackleton S.D., to vote ten pounds from the lodge funds to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, May 18th, 1878. The usual banquet followed. The regular toasts were given and responded to.

**LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).**—The third quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 20th ult. There were present Bros. M. Hart, W.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; Bro. A. Jones, S.W.; S. Schoultz, J.W.; I. DeFrece, Treasurer; R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; Rev. J. Ray, Chaplain; Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; W. H. Ball, Tyler. The private members present were: Bros. Rev. Dr. Stern, Tieski, Rabon, S. Levy, W. Levy, I. L. Levy, A. Hart, S.W. 24; J. Frank, W.M. 203; B. Woolf, A. Frazer, D. Gabrielson, G. P. Gabrielson, A. Liebeschutz, H. Fox Wright, E. Davidson, H. Scott, A. Cohen, A. Isaacs, M. Prenlan, S. Simmonds, H. J. Henochsberg, &c. The visitors included Bros. Pemberton, P.G. Supt. of W.; Hugh Williams, P.M. 1264; W. J. Chapman, S.W. 1609; L. Moore, 1017; H. Ellis, Barrow, J. J. Henochsberg, New Caledonia; Keet, 1356; Bucknell, 667; B. Biollette, 241; and others. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes passed, Bro. G. P. Gabrielson was examined in the Second Degree. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. G. P. Gabrielson was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Afterwards the brethren were called to refreshment, which every one enjoyed. The usual toasts followed, and songs and recitations were given by Bros. A. Isaacs, D. Gabrielson, W. G. Veale, Frank, L. Moore, 1017; W. J. Chapman, S.W. 1609; Marks, &c. One proposition for initiation and one for joining being given in, the lodge was closed in harmony and perfect peace.

## INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—This lodge held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., at the Havelock Tavern, Abdon-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. E. Dignam, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; Woolley, J.W.; Francis, S.D.; McMillan, J.D.; G. Ferrar, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; E. Dietrich, Sec. pro tem.; C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 8 p.m. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Lorkin having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, he was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Fieldwick then worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next meeting. Efficient Stewards were appointed for the lodge dinner, which will take place on Wednesday, the 10th October. Brothers wishing to be present should apply as early as possible to the Sec., or to Bro. Ferrar, the host, for tickets.

## Mark Masonry.

**CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 101).**—The above lodge held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Bro. Jno. Ninnes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., acted as Installing Master, placing in the chair Bro. W. T. Davey, who appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. J. Paule, I.P.M.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Hooper, S.W.; N. Paule, J.W.; Rev. G. L. Church, P.M., Sec.; John Ninnes, P.M., Treas.; O. Matthews, M.O.; W. P. Hugoe, P.M., S.O.; Jno. Hall, P.M., J.O.; F. Reed, Reg. of Marks; W. E. Jeffrey, S.D.; J. H.



Hodge, J.D.; S. G. Moyle Steward; Jno. Estlick, I.G.; and W. Lean and Jno. Paull, jun., Tylers. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet, the W.M. in the chair.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and general communication of the Freemasons of the Province of Devon was held on August 22nd, in Devonport Town Hall, which was fitted as a lodge room, and in addition to the usual ornamentation of Masonic banners, insignia, and emblems, was further embellished with a large collection of flags tastefully arranged, and also a fine show of plants. The circumstance that the meeting was held during the week of the visit of the British Association, as a fraternal communication with the Masonic members of that body, caused a very large attendance of the brethren, over 500 being present. The R.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.C. of England, P.G.M., presided, and it was no small satisfaction to the brethren that he appeared in improved health and excellent spirits. He was supported by the following of his present officers:—R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. of England, D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. J. E. Cortesi, S.G.W.; Jos. Harper, J.G.W.; the Rev. H. Lansdell and the Rev. Noel Platt, P.G. Chaps.; J. J. Avery, P.G. Treas.; W. G. Rogers, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; C. Godtschalk, P.G.J.D.; J. A. Orchard, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Tonkin, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Haynes, P.G. Purs.; D. Watson, Geo. Evans, F. S. Pratt, J. May, J. P. Phillips, C. Stribling, P.G. Stewards.; P. Blanchard, P.G. Tyler; J. Rogers, P.G. Assist. Tyler. The following officers were also among the brethren present:—R.W. Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorks., P.G.D. of England; W. Bros. the Rev. Dr. D. Ace, P.P.G. Chap. Lincolnshire; C. J. Cooke, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Capt. W. E. Stone, P.P.G.J.W.; R. R. Rodd, P.P.G.R., P.P.G.W. Cornwall; L. Lister, P.P.G.J.W.; the Revs. T. W. Lemon and W. Whitley, P.P.G. Chaplains; J. Way, V. Bird, and T. S. Bayly, P.P.G. Treasurers; J. Heath, P.P.G.J.D.; S. Jones, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Greenfield, P.P.G.J.D.; R. H. Rae, P.P.D.G.; J. Harris, P.P.G. Reg.; E. A. Davies, L. D. Westcott, H. F. Smith, and G. C. Bignell, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. Du Pre and J. Bartlett, P.P.G.D.C.'s; J. B. Gover, W. Browning, J. M. Hiffey, W. K. Michell, and T. Chapman, P.P.G.A.D.C.'s; J. Sadler, S. Willoughby, J. B. Price, and J. Lynn, P.P.G.S.B.'s; H. Welch, J. B. Witheridge, and John Brown, P.P.G. Pursuivants; P. B. Clemens, H. B. Stark, J. S. Short, and E. Murch, P.P.G. Organists. The following Masters and Past Masters of Lodges:—T. G. Bickle, 1212; J. Y. Avery, 156; W. E. Warren, 1358; T. Perry, 1402; J. Page, 39; H. Cole, 1091; J. Baxter, 954; R. G. Bird, 1550; J. Brewer, 251; S. Loran, 1443; J. S. Kersteman, 303; E. Hawke, 1591; R. B. Twose, 105; J. Rendle, 1247; J. Ripper, 1212; G. T. Barry, 1248; G. E. Stentford, 159; W. Brown, 248; R. Pengelly, 70; R. Adams, 156; W. B. Bradnee (W.M. elect), 1402; J. F. Long, 39; M. Williams, 105; A. Thompson, 39; T. Morgan, 1402; J. S. Saunders, 1138; T. Oliver, 328; H. J. Bishop, 106; G. S. Richardson, 1212; J. S. Whidborne, 1445; A. Bodley, 39; H. Woodgates, 112; W. T. Walter, 1009; A. Wolf, 223; S. Cey, 202; W. H. Anthony, 105; E. Patten, 223; S. Hutchings, 893; J. Ellis, 1212; R. M. Andrews, 70; J. W. Cornish, 223; J. Murray, 1402; J. E. Goodridge, 1358; J. Oliver, 1138; J. H. Stephens, 159; W. D. Thomas, 159; J. H. Toms, 1091; R. Burt, 230; R. Marshall, 202; A. Lethbridge, 159; E. Roseveare, 1099; T. Waldo How, 189; W. H. Jolliffe, 349; S. Burton, 328; J. Treeby, 233; C. Philp, 1550; W. Powell, 1205; T. Perry, 1402; the Rev. E. A. Lester, 1486; E. J. Knight, 202; J. K. Lord, 1247; C. S. Stribling, 70; J. Tucker, 1486; W. Lye, 496; F. B. Williams, 977; J. Chadwick, 449; J. Pearce, 1255; W. Joll, 230; W. Coath, 893; T. Hatherly, 1071; D. Box, 156; T. Goodall, 954; W. J. Spry, 223; W. Harries, 1205; J. C. Stephens, 159; M. Rickard, 954; J. Woodman, 444; Jas. Gidley, 1205; and W. H. Gillman, 1099; Bros. F. Hooper, S.W. 1212; J. H. Trounce, J.W. 1212; Jas. Chapple, J.W. 1396; E. Binding, S.W. 202; J. Stocker, S.W. 39; Jas. Jerman, jun., J.W. 39; M. Embdon, S.W. 105; J. Dodge, S.W. 1402; A. S. Stuart, J.W. 1550; W. Allsford, J.W. 202; R. Cawsey, S.D. 230; J. Read, S.W. 347; T. C. Lewam, S.W. 223; H. S. Hill, J.W. 223; F. Littleton, J.W. 159; T. Searle, S.W. 1091; H. H. Arnold, J.W. 1099; J. G. Keverne, S.W. 1550; J. P. Sawyer, J.W. 1091; F. Palk, J.W. 1358; J. F. Chinnoek, S.W. 1358; J. Mitchelmore, J.W. 710; G. J. Ficks, J.W. 1247; B. J. Fisher, S.W. 444; A. Rowe, S.W. 230; C. Croydon, J.D. 189; H. Down, J.D. 281; R. Blight, J.D. 223; W. Vicary, Treas. 1138; H. Phillips, J.D. 1136; A. W. Palk, J.D. 1358; J. Harris Square, J.D. 1486; B. S. John, S.D. 159; E. J. Wetherston, S.D. Union, London; W. H. Crimp, S.D. 1255; G. C. Searle, S.D. 248; Josiah Murrin, S.D. 1396; R. W. Pitcher, I.G. 230; J. G. H. Evans, I.G. 189; T. E. Peck, I.G. 1205; L. J. Webber, I.G. 1550; T. S. May, A.D.C. 1099; W. J. Stanbury, O. 1099; J. Kinton Bond, A.D.C. 1247; A. Tout, A.D.C. 70; E. J. Richardson, St. 70; and W. H. Egbert, Sec. 954.

The Secretary stated that he had not received the returns of Lodg. 230 until he had written his report, and with the omission of that lodge 2422 contributing brethren were returned.

The Treasurer's report showed a return for the year of £499. The payments included £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, £70 on petitions, £59 to the Fortescue Annuitant Fund, £35 for printing bye-laws, and £11 expenses of the Committee of Petitions. There was a balance in hand of £213. The report of the Treasurer of the Fortescue Fund stated that the revenue for the year had been £148. £112 had been paid on annuities, and the invested capital increased to £2054. The Committee of Petitions reported complete success in all the cases so

which their votes had been given. A girl candidate had been elected on the foundation of the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, thus, for the fourth year in succession, relieving annually the funds of the province from a claimant. The experience of the past year showed more clearly than ever that the system of collective voting adopted by the province in supporting its candidates for the various charities was the only course which held out the slightest chance of success. At their meeting at Exeter in February the committee voted £5 to the widow of a brother of 223, and now recommended that the P.G.L. should vote a further sum of £10. At their meeting at Plymouth in May they voted £5 to a distressed brother of 164, and £5 to the widow of a brother of 39, and they recommended that a further sum of £5 should be voted by the P.G.L. At the meeting held that day the committee had voted £5 to a distressed brother of 251, and recommended a further grant of £15 to the widow of a brother of 70. The committee recommended that the remaining available balance of the funds of the P.G.L. for this year should be applied thus:—To the Fortescue Fund £50, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £52 10s., to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows £50.—The reports were unanimously received and adopted.

R.W. Bro. Metham, in proposing the adoption of the report of the Committee of Petitions, of which he was chairman, said the London Masonic charities had large claims upon that Province, which had at present thirteen annuitants on the Aged Masons' Fund, receiving a benefit of over £500 per annum, five or six girls in the Girls' School, and a boy in the Boys' School.

Discussion on certain motions in the agenda paper was postponed, the P.G.M. ruling that they could not be legally considered until the next meeting.

W. Bro. Thomas Perry, of Lodge No. 1382, was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and W. Bros. J. Way, 39, and Vincent Bird, 954, were elected Auditors. Past rank of P.G. Purs. was conferred upon W. Bro. W. Haynes, 106.

W. Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley proposed to give notice of a motion that, to prevent the introduction of improper persons into the Order, every lodge in the province should send copies of its circulars to every other lodge within a radius of three miles of its place of meeting, and that no candidate should be initiated at a distance from his residence without the Secretary or Master of the lodge in which he was proposed writing to the Master of the lodge nearest to the candidate's residence to inquire into the candidate's character. The P.G.M. said it would be very desirable to effect some check upon the present mode of admitting candidates, but he could not accept Bro. Whitley's notions, as the P.G.L. would not have any power to compel their being carried out; neither could he compel the Masters to inquire into the characters of the candidates. These matters rested entirely with the Masters, and the brethren should be careful whom they appointed as masters.—The D.P.G.M. considered it was very desirable that where a candidate had been rejected the circumstance and the cause should be intimated to other lodges. Such matters, however, could not be rendered compulsory. It was for Masters and Wardens to prevent the admission of candidates who, from temper and habits, were likely to be sources of discomfort to the lodges.

The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., 112	Prov. S.G.W.
Lieut. the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, 1205	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. E. A. Lester, 1486	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. P. Williams, 112	Prov. G. Chap.
T. Perry, 1402	Prov. G. Treas.
J. T. Goodridge, 710	Prov. G. Reg.
W. G. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W. 113	Prov. G. Sec.
G. Evans, 1181	Prov. G.S.D.
D. Watson, 328	Prov. G.J.D.
F. J. Pratt, 1396	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. P. Phillips, 223	Prov. G.D.C.
Jno. May, 159	Prov. G.A.D.C.
C. Stribling, 70	Prov. G.S.B.
W. E. Warren, 1328	Prov. G.O.
G. T. Barry, 248	Prov. G. Purs.
J. S. Kersteman, 303; S. Loran, 1443; J. Ellis, 1212; H. Woodgates, 112; J. F. 39; and E. Tozer, 112	Prov. G. Stwds.

A committee was appointed to inquire into and report on the condition of the collars and jewels of the P.G.L.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, Devonport.

### CONSECRATION OF THE EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

This new lodge, which has been established for the convenience of our gas engineers, was consecrated on Tuesday evening at the Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. In the performance of the ceremony Bro. Hervey was assisted by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain, who acted as Chaplain, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted as D.C. Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., occupied the S.W. chair; and Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., filled the chair of J.W.; Bro. H. E. Francis acted as I.G. The complete list of brethren present were as follows:—Bros. A. J. Duff Filer, W.M.; J. Aird, S.W.; W. T. Sugg, S.D.; A. J. W.; Magnus Ohren, Sec.; W. T. Sugg, S.D.; T. Greene, J.D.; J. W. Sugg, D.C. Members: H. Green, S. Cutler, I. S. Tamburini, Arthur Mead, T. W. Hanley, D. W. Sugg, R. Hunter. The visitors were Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; R. P. Nodley, 256; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey; E. Cox, P.M. 360 and 657, P.P.G.S.W. Hunts.; Morgan, 1385; H. Massey,

(Freemason), 619; W. F. Mills, 299; C. S. Boardman, 299; J. N. Burt, P.M. 18; Nelsen Read, W.M. 1671; M. Mildred, 1326; G. T. Carter, P.M. 145; F. Binckes, P.G.S., A. T. Jeffery, W.M. Frederick of Unity, 452; J. Johnson; S.D. Era, 1423; G. H. Sugg, Frederick of Unity, 452; C. W. Gray, P.M. Neptune, 22; C. M. Ohren, Frederick of Unity, 452; J. Hodges, J.D. Orpheus, 1706; C. Pawley Britannic, 33; J. Methuen, Frederick of Unity, 452; A. Williams, P.M. Gihon, 49; J. H. Pearson, Elliot, 1567; F. A. Manning, I.G. Frederick of Unity, 452; John J. Von Der Heyde, P.M. of 195; T. Lawler, Moira, 92.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Thos. Lawler, who had the assistance of Bros. C. S. Jekyll, G. T. Carter, and W. Hodges.

The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character, being admirably performed. Bro. Hervey, as Consecrating Officer, delivered all his addresses with great force and much animation, two qualities which are not often found when consecrations are performed in places which are not confined exclusively to Masonic rites, and where there is frequently the possibility of what is said being overheard by the uninitiated. In Freemasons' Hall there is not this liability, and consequently brethren may speak in full voice, and thus deliver what they have to say to their hearers with all the earnestness which they feel should be imparted to Masonic ceremonies. The same remarks apply to the oration of the P.G.C., whose admirably conceived and carefully worked out oration received the full benefit of an impressive delivery. Not a word was lost to one of his hearers, who, while listening attentively to his fervent elocution, frequently interrupted it by expressions of approbation of the various sentiments and facts to which he gave utterance.

The evening was highly successful, notwithstanding one unfortunate circumstance.

Bro. Filer, the W.M. designate, was very unwell previous to the meeting of the lodge. Nevertheless, he continued at the ceremony to its close, and afterwards took his place at the banquet table, presiding with his usual efficiency. After he had responded to the toast of "The W.M." he was, however, obliged to leave, greatly to the regret of the brethren, who sympathised with him in his misfortune.

After the lodge had been formally opened,

Bro. John Hervey said—"Brethren, it is not my intention to trouble you with many observations on the present occasion, more especially as the government of this lodge is about to be entrusted to a brother who is well known to the Craft, and who is well able to carry out the duties of the new office which will devolve upon him without any admonitions or any instruction from me, and the Past Grand Chaplain, my excellent Brother Woodford, will presently address you in a strain of eloquence which I, of course, cannot be supposed to have attained to. It is not the first time that the Master designate of this lodge takes the chair of a new lodge. As many as three and twenty years ago I was present when he was installed as the first Master of the Canonbury Lodge. He is now its Treasurer, and therefore, brethren, you can well imagine that he has not only carried out his duties to that lodge to the gratification of the brethren, but that he has proved himself in the position which he occupies as W.M., and subsequently to his holding that position, as a person who was to be entrusted, inasmuch as the brethren of that lodge have entrusted him with the funds of that lodge; and the prosperity of the lodge also fully evinces that he has done his best to look after the prosperity of the lodge; and those who visit it can always look to Bro. Filer as one with whom they are glad to associate, and one whom they respect for the good service which he has done to the Craft. Brethren, these are stirring times in Masonry, and new lodges are crowding upon us, I may almost say in vast profusion. I sometimes look at the number of petitions which come in, and almost grieve to see that we are advancing at the rapid rate we are; for I fear that, although there is such a great state of prosperity at the present time, yet the time may come, and the time must come, when greater demands will be made upon our funds, when the number of members who are added, I was going to say each month, but I may say each week, to the Craft, will have to be provided for, and their claims will come upon us, I hope, not faster than we shall be able to satisfy them. But when I look back to the time when I was first made a Mason, when £100 at a Lodge of Benevolence was considered a very large amount to expend in one evening, and that now it has risen to something like £600 or £700 a month, it may be readily conceived that either there is more want in the world, or that our numbers have increased almost disproportionately to our funds. At present we are able to meet the claims upon us, and I hope we may always continue to be in that position. But I am somewhat fearful that men do join the Craft, I do not say are brought into it, but do join the Craft not simply for the love of the Craft, or the love which they imagine they shall have for the Craft, but they are beginning to think that we instead of being a society—a sociable society—are a large munificent society, and that they come in for the sake of the schools, and for the sake of the benevolent institutions, and for the sake, not of Masonry, but of what they can get. I may be wrong, I hope I am so; but I cannot help sometimes fancying that that is the case, and fancying, and grieving, almost, that we are advancing at the rate we are. However, that is a subject apart. I can say with very great truth, however, that when lodges like the present are brought into existence, and when class lodges, which it appears a favourite pursuit of the Craft to start, are established, I have no fears. Lodges are now started for the convenience of those who follow one pursuit. The present is an engineers' lodge, a gas engineers' lodge, a lodge to throw light upon the world; and I trust that those who associate in it will throw light upon the world, inasmuch as it is to be composed of men who only are connected with gas engineering, and who are more or less



connected with that pursuit. I trust that the Evening Star Lodge, as its name implies, will, when the day draws to a close, light up the world, and will show that its members at any rate are anxious to throw light upon the Craft, which no doubt they themselves love, and that they will bring into the Craft such men as will be an ornament to it, and not only an ornament to the Craft itself, but an ornament to this lodge in particular. Brethren, I will not detain you longer, but I will call upon my good friend, Bro. Woodford, for the opening prayer.

The ceremony then proceeded up to the point at which the Chaplain delivers the oration, when Bro. Hervey called upon Bro. Woodford to address the brethren.

In compliance with the request, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., then delivered the following oration:

V.W. Presiding Officer, Bro. Wardens, and Brethren,—Though I esteem myself highly privileged in being permitted to address you on the present occasion, I yet feel how very difficult the function of the Orator becomes when he has to avoid trespassing on the ground of others abler than himself, or repeating an "oft told tale." What, then, shall I say to you to-day—what can I say about Freemasonry, the nature and design of its institution, which may in any sense be worthy of the occasion, or of that great Order, to which we all belong? You have so often listened to eloquent disquisitions on Freemasonry, to forcible representations of what it is, and what it is not, of what it ought to be, and what it cannot be, that there seems on these recurring ceremonies, but little left, even to the most expert and the most enthusiastic of us all, to advance, or to enounce. And yet, Sir, I make bold to think, (though I may be wrong), that as things best known to us are often undervalued and things closest to us are often overlooked, so there are some "points" in Freemasonry, which, on such celebrations as these, it is good for us all alike to be reminded of; it is improving for us all alike to realize and record. Leaving then, all the abstract dogmata, and well-known technicalities of Freemasonry behind, let us go on to-day, Sir, to consider carefully a few suggestions which may be valuable and edifying to all ranks and conditions amongst us. And, first of all, is it not wise for us, as a body, I make bold to ask, always most anxiously to give heed to the salutary advice of our Illustrious and Royal Grand Master, "Keep clear of Politics?" I do not mean to say that we in England are in any danger of becoming a political club, or a heated caucus of hysterical politicians, because undoubtedly we are not. But what I apprehend our Grand Master meant in his kindly and seasonable words was, that we should sedulously guard against all tendencies which might lead to anything like an avowal of opinions as Freemasons favourable to this party or that. For Freemasonry is absolutely colourless as regards political cries and prepossessions; it knows nothing of them, directly or indirectly; it utterly abjures them one and all. Outside the lodge, indeed, as free citizens, we may range ourselves under this or that party banner, we may avow ourselves, as Englishmen, loyal followers of this or that leader, and no blame can attach to any of us. But inside the lodge, within the sacred portals of Freemasonry, our political opinions ought to be in suspense, in quiescence, yes, and altogether unknown! It is one of the greatest charms of Freemasonry, that many of us most conscientiously severed in the world without, can meet as Freemasons, ignoring all party distinctions. We agree to differ, we differ to agree; and the only politics we know of amongst us, are, that Masonic Conservatism, which strenuously upholds the ancient custom of labour and refreshment, that Masonic Liberalism, which renders our hearts and hands open and free as "Melting Charity." And while then, we may honestly congratulate ourselves in England on the happy privileges of our Order in this respect, what do we often just now see or hear of abroad? Alas, but this, that an utter forgetfulness of the goodly axiom, "Keep clear of Politics," has brought discredit and doubt on Masonic professions and Masonic Lodges. Nay, we listen constantly, at this very moment, to accounts of the closing of foreign lodges. Why? Because in the eyes of the authorities they have become only "centres of political propagandism." I do not stop to-day to enter upon, as indeed I cannot, the right or wrong of such acts, or the justice or the injustice of such allegations. Sufficient for me that they take place, that they are put forward at all, to strengthen my argument, to uphold my contention. But I feel bound in justice to say this, that the proceedings and professions of some foreign lodges appear so contrary to all that we are taught in England to consider as agreeable to the true doctrine of Freemasonry, that I for one am not the least surprised when I hear, that lodges which are so forgetful of the leading principles of Freemasonry as to discuss affairs of state and publish purely political resolutions, are "closed by authority." For we must always bear in mind a truth which we sometimes forget, that all states, qua states, have a right to object to professed secret societies, discussing public affairs. In England, we exist as a secret society by express permission of the legislature, but with this proviso, and on this distinct undertaking, that we have nothing to do with politics, and that we associate together only for the purpose of social union, and benevolent efforts. No lodge of Freemasons, then, anywhere, has a right to claim the condition of secrecy in order to discuss matters which only belong to the legislature, and then express astonishment if it is forbidden to meet, or closed altogether by the state. So let us rejoice that here in England no such reproach can be addressed to us. We are emphatically a loyal order, "Charity and loyalty" are our motto, we are loyal to the Throne, loyal to our Grand Master, loyal to Grand Lodge, loyal to those great principles of public order and personal freedom which constitute the strength and cohesion of society, and without which we should inevitably drift into social confusion and public anarchy. We are, as Freemasons, if lovers of

peace and progress, opponents of all revolution and intestine commotions, the mischievous principles of violent change, because we know so well from dearly bought experience, the blessings of civil and religious liberty, the onward and tolerant dissemination of those distinguishing foundation-truths, which constitute the safety of nations, advance the happiness of society, and tend to maintain the greatness and glory of that mighty empire of which we all are confiding and rejoicing citizens. I think, Sir, that I have said enough on this topic, and which I perhaps should not have troubled you with at all, had not recent proceedings abroad led me to think that such remarks might be both suitable, and seasonable, and not unacceptable in this present assembly, by way of protest so to say, against unwise proceedings and unmasonic theories elsewhere, which seem to detract from the august and loyal character of Freemasonry. And now Sir, I wish to call the attention of this numerous and important gathering, to the need of firm adherence to our great principle of toleration. In English Freemasonry, happily, we have no requirement, (let us hope), to insist on its necessity, or to enforce its sacred and abiding duty. We properly admit all within the Masonic Family, who, venerating and acknowledging T.G.A.O.T.U., as children of one Divine Parent, are willing to associate to gether for the purpose of Masonic beneficence and humanitarian sympathy. We repudiate, it is true, the Atheist, and we reject the libertine, wishful that our lodges, symbolical ever of what is good, of what is beneficent, of what is true, and lightened up by wisdom, strength, and beauty, should be rallying points in a world of division and dispersion, for virtuous aspirations and intelligent minds, linked in bonds of fraternal friendship; and animated, directed, and restrained by all the moral and all the social virtues. And in order to ensure the attention, and carry conviction to the minds of all our members, we base all our moral teaching on the Divinely given law of God, and we make His Word the distinguishing ornament of all our lodge rooms, and the mentor and sanction of all our actions through life. By it, as Freemasons, we profess to govern our tongues and our deeds, to control our tempers, and our strivings, to direct our footsteps, and to dominate our hearts. But beyond this we do not go, we neither stop to dogmatize, nor do we wish to denounce. And though there will always be in English Freemasonry, probably, a more limited and a more expansive school of teaching, yet our avowed and authoritative formularies are based on the broad foundation, let us always remember, of a simple Theistic teaching on the one hand, and a Universal Fraternity on the other. Hence under our beneficial and kindly lodge, Christians and Hebrews, Hindoos, and Parsees, Mahomedans and Buddhists, can all assemble in our lodges because, without the surrender of any individual principle of personal creed, they all concur in accepting a common formula of belief in God the Father, the Creator, the Ruler, the Judge of all men, the Supreme Grand Master of the great brotherhood of us children of the dust. It is very remarkable that just now, from various opposing points, we have to contend with a serious infraction of the great principle of toleration! Yes, in this world of ours, there still lingers a spirit of direct intolerance, which as Freemasons we ought always to disavow. In Germany for instance, in more than one Grand Lodge Hebrews are not admitted, as they have every claim to be, to the privileges of Freemasonry, and I feel for one, bound on the present occasion, to point out, that such proceedings are contrary to every principal of abstract justice and true toleration. I need say nothing to-day of the worth or kindly spirit of our Hebrew brethren. They are well known to us all, and here in England, we happily boast a large number of hard-working members of our Order, who are ever animated by its excellent principles, and prove themselves indeed to be worthy men and true Masons! Truly, then, we must all deplore that in any lodges of Freemasons, Hebrews are inadmissible, simply because they are Hebrews, and that any Hebrew should be excluded by any possible law, or on any possible grounds, as a Hebrew, we must feel is a proceeding worthy only of the dark ages and bye-gone seasons of cruel oppression and slander. It is of course always very difficult to interfere with independent Grand Lodges, which have a right to make their own laws, but I think we may say this, and shall say this in England, that the exclusion of the Hebrews from Masonry is unworthy of any body of Freemasons, is a discredit to our Cosmopolitan Order, and utterly at variance with all the principles of true Freemasonry. Equally worthy of animadversion, as I regard it, is that attempt now being made in France and Belgium to exclude the name of God from the Constitutions. They have long since banished the Bible from their lodges, and it is not unnatural, perhaps, that they dislike any longer to assent to any belief in God. It is a sad, if logical corollary on the previous act of intolerance and injustice. For, in my humble opinion, it is an act of the highest intolerance and injustice combined, so to act, and it can only result, humanly speaking, in the bringing down to the ground that most unhallowed fabric, which like the building of Babel of old, some French and Belgian "libres penseurs" seem to think can do without the name and presence of God to bless their labours, and consecrate their undertaking, forgetting the best of all teaching "Except the Lord bless the house, their labour is lost that build it." And what, Sir, can I say of that gross intolerance of an Ultramontane party, which is now cursing the living, refusing to bless the dying, and even disinterring the bones of the dead? I think our best position is dignified silence, only premising that in my opinion the acts of intolerance which the Church of Rome daily rejoices in and applauds, must only recoil upon itself, and are in truth a parody on all religion, a discredit to civilization, and a dishonour to God!

There are two more points to which I think it well to allude before I sit down. We have amongst us, just now, a prejudicial tendency to admit, too rapidly and unreservedly, new members. There is a teaching popular with some of us, that if a man can pay his fees, and is in reputable circumstances, all the prerequisite conditions for initiation are complied with, and that we ought not to be too particular! Now, Freemasonry, I think it right to remind you, can never be strong, simply in numbers, especially, if we are admitting those who, for many reasons, ought never to have been received amongst us, at all. Unless we take care we are in great danger of making Freemasonry a great benefit society, against which, sir, as you will remember our old and admirable G.M., Lord Zetland, so often protested. For so great now are the material advantages which our Order possesses that many, I fear, come into it, not for what it is, or may be to them, but for what they themselves may receive from it. As a great, charitable and benevolent Order, Freemasonry, has perhaps, the highest position of any earthly Society in England; but reduce it to the level of a large benefit Order, not only do we destroy its "prestige" and do away with its utility, but we certainly pave the way for its eventual dissolution and fall. Let us, then, be on our guard against any proposal, or any teaching that would lose sight of the essential distinction between Freemasonry and every other benefit Order in existence. And one more point, let us as Freemasons keep out of the law courts. Of course, Her Majesty's courts are open to all of us, Freemasons though we be, when need requires it, but what I mean is, (to use a vulgar expression) "let us wash our dirty linen at home." Let us submit all Masonic causes of complaint to our own proper tribunals. If we have differences, let us employ Masonic arbitrators, and you, sir, in any difficult or delicate question would be willing to give combatant brethren the great benefit of your healing counsels and friendly advice. But let us be ashamed to parade Masonic questions of dispute before an amused public, and let us lay to heart the salutary and impressive rebuke of Bro. Justice Field. Verbum sat sapienti. And now, sir, I have done. I am very glad to have been permitted to say a few more words in favour of our great Order, to which a long apprenticeship has deeply attached me, and to commend earnestly its claims of utility, good, and value, to the attention and affection of my younger brethren especially. You and I, sir, are both, as we say, "getting on" in years, and we have seen many days of work in "Auld Lang Syne," and you will agree with me when I assert that the principles of Freemasonry, rightly understood, and duly carried into practice, tend as well to the public welfare, as to individual happiness, to the honour of God and the peaceful progress of man. The true Freemason always rejoices to think, that he has been permitted to form part of our religious, our cultivated, our generous, our pleasant brotherhood, and like the Masonic poet would say, in the very spirit of the truest Mason teaching,

"Oh, Power Supreme, unsearchable thy views,

Omniscient or to give, or to refuse;

Grant me, as I began, to end my days,

In acts of humble charity and praise.

In Thy own paths my journey let me run,

And as in Heaven, on Earth 'Thy will be done.'

With one sincere aspiration for the new lodge I conclude my imperfect address. May the members of the Evening Star Lodge, now about to be consecrated, ever shine forth before the Craft as worthy Masons, and good men, zealous for the unchanging principles of Masonic light and toleration, earnest supporters of our great charities, and distinguished on the roll of English lodges, by their loyalty to their Grand Master, their obedience to Grand Lodge, and that prevailing character for works, hospitality, and true Masonic sentiments, which will raise them high in the good opinion of their brethren in Freemasonry. Above all, may all their labours and efforts tend to the honour of our wide-spread brotherhood, the welfare of the human race, the comfort, unity, and edification of all the present and future members of this lodge, whose consecration we are privileged to witness to-day, and which claims our "hearty good wishes," and our sympathetic and cordial support, when, as to day, it opens out its Masonic career, and begins under solemn sanctions its Masonic life, as an offshoot of our great Masonic tree.

Hearty applause followed the delivery of this oration. The ceremony of consecration was then completed, and Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Alexander James Duff Filer as Master of the lodge. The officers appointed were Bro. Dr. Whitmore, P.M.; Bro. John Aird, S.W.; Bro. T. N. Kirkham, J.W.; James Glaisher, Treasurer; M. Ohren, Secretary; W. Sugg, S.D.; T. A. Greene, J. D.; Hodgson Jones, I.G.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Several joining members and initiates were proposed for an emergency meeting to be held on the 23rd of October, and Bro. Ohren informed the W.M. that all the furniture of the lodge, such as the collars and jewels, all of which were very beautiful, had been presented by the officers of the lodge, and at the next meeting the lodge would propose a vote of thanks to them for their handsome presents.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren, a vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officer, and the honorary membership of the lodge was conferred upon Bros. Hervey, Woodford, Fenn, Hyde Pullen, and Buss; and Bro. Hervey having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet of the choicest description was provided by Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by the musical brethren, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M." having been disposed of, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the res:



of the Grand Officers." To these Officers, he said, the Craft were indebted for their good government, and for the keeping together of the large body of Freemasons throughout the world who belonged to the Grand Lodge of England. This they did, assisted by the Grand Secretary of England, who was the life and soul of the whole of the Grand Officers. The brethren appreciated the labours of all the Grand Officers, whom they bore in their minds with that kindness and distinction that they deserved. He would call on Bro. Woodford to respond.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in reply, said I should upon the present occasion, in the presence of so many distinguished Present and Past Grand Officers, have felt greater pleasure in listening than in speaking; but as your W.M. has done me the honour to call upon me to return thanks in the name of my brother Grand Officers, I feel it my duty as a good Mason to obey the orders of my commanding officer. I ventured, in the short address which I delivered to you in lodge to-day to point out to you that which I conceived now was the great feature of our Masonic struggle namely, the important point of toleration. Some of you may have read a few days ago that a very eminent statesman was interviewed by a considerable number of clergymen with relation to the present conflict going on in Germany; and he made a very remarkable statement, a very truthful statement, and one which I think commends itself to the feelings of every good Freemason. He said this in his terse and epigrammatic manner that "no human being in the world has a right to claim that he only is in possession of the truth." (Cheers.) It never has been the case, it never can be the case in the world, and the struggle at present is that a certain number of persons profess that they are in possession of truth, and they excommunicate everybody else (cheers). I venture to think that the axiom which was proclaimed by that great statesman strikes the key-note of Freemasonry. We admit in our lodges, and we always will admit men of different opinions. We do not agree, perhaps to all they say, or in all which they believe; we only ask them to look to the Common Father of the Universe and to assist us in deeds of charity and good-will to man. Beyond that we do not go, and beyond that we do not impose on them a belief; and as long as Freemasonry stands on that ground, in England it will be secure, and so long will it be for the benefit of the brethren and the welfare of mankind. The reason I have always felt very strongly on the subject of toleration is this, that I was made a Mason myself in Gibraltar in the Lodge of Friendship in 1842, and when I saw the light of Masonry the following sight presented itself to my view. We had a very beautiful lodge-room for the Lodge of Friendship, and when I saw the light I found myself surrounded by Hebrews from Gibraltar, by Moors from Tangiers, by Genoese from Genoa, by Greeks from Greece, by men of almost every nationality and creed under Heaven; and there were a band of brethren, all agreeing in the same feeling of kindness and love, in lodge, and the moment we went out of the lodge we went each our way, honestly holding our own religious opinions. In that view of Freemasonry I have lived ever since I have had the honour of being a brother. At the present moment we have to contend with two difficulties, especially abroad. There is a tendency to press on one side Ultramontane views, condemning Freemasonry in toto, and making us bigoted, on the other the unbelieving view, the result of which is to take away from us belief in God, and is weakening Freemasonry; and I, therefore, thought it my duty while addressing the Evening Star Lodge to call the attention of the brethren to the importance of the great duty of true toleration (cheers). I hope I have not wearied you with the expression of my feelings to-day; they are most sincere and they are generally known to my brethren. You see I am not a young man; I have grey hairs in my head; but the more I know of Freemasonry the more I value its truth, and discern clearly how it binds together all nations, and all creeds; and I am sure you will accept my words as conveying the truth as I feel it in my heart. Once more offering to you my acknowledgements for the kindness and patience with which you have listened to me I thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done us, as the Grand Officers, and I assure you that our highest ambition is to do good to our Order, and to retain the confidence of the brethren. (Applause.)

Bro. John Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he had not had the advantage of being initiated at Gibraltar, and hence he had not the recollection to fall back upon that the excellent Grand Chaplain had had, and could not tell the brethren or expatiate in the eloquent language of Bro. Woodford, on what took place at Gibraltar or the impressions which were patent to his (Grand Chaplain's) mind when he was initiated. He must confine himself to the inner circle of England, and he was on the present occasion that if the toast which he had to propose did not meet with the feelings of the Evening Star Lodge, at any rate it would meet with the feelings of the guests round the table, who would all respond to that toast, apart from the members of the Evening Star Lodge, with the greatest enthusiasm. By virtue of the position he had occupied that day it devolved upon him to give "The Health of the W.M. and success to the Lodge." As he had said before, if that would not unite the feelings of the members of the Evening Star Lodge, at any rate it would those of the guests, who would drink the toast with hearty good will and with the greatest cordiality. It was now, as he had said in the lodge, some 22 years since he had the pleasure of seeing his good friend on his left installed as Master of the Canonbury Lodge, and at that time he was invited to consecrate the lodge. But he was a modest man at that period, and therefore suggested that a good friend of his, also a modest man but not quite so modest as he (Bro. Hervey) was, Bro.

Sir Daniel Gooch, would carry out the ceremony much better, consequently Sir D. Gooch took the office of Consecrating Master, and he (Bro. Hervey) had the honour of assisting him. Bro. Filer was first Master of the Canonbury Lodge; he was now Treasurer to that lodge, and the Senior Past Master. The brethren therefore might imagine what he would be in the next twenty-two years, when the Evening Star Lodge had risen somewhat in the hemisphere. He (Bro. Hervey) was digressing, but that was his awkward way of putting the toast. But be that as it might, he was sure the brethren would all be gratified at finding their good old friend, Bro. Filer, in the chair of this lodge; they would all feel that the duties of the lodge would be well carried out, that the lodge would be governed in a way which would conduce to its success with the outer world, and with Freemasons; everything would be conducted in that methodical manner, without which a Freemason's lodge must be a chaos. The brethren would all join with him in drinking success to the lodge, and they would all feel that it had a brother at its head who could and would do his duty. They all felt that he had done his duty hitherto, and therefore they would not doubt what would be the case for the future.

The W.M., in reply, said, After the observations which had been made by Bro. Hervey, he has not left me the excuse which many young Masters would have of speaking of the diffidence with which he undertakes the office, and the fear he may have lest he should not carry it out to the brethren's satisfaction. That is one of the favourite, I should have said, probably, if Bro. Hervey had not made the observations he has. But I must now say that I have not that excuse left me, because having been a Mason for now some thirty-five years, and passed through the chair of three lodges, there is no such excuse left me. I only require that which I know I possess to the fullest extent, the confidence and good feelings of the lodge, without which I defy any Master of a lodge to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. Our brother has been kind enough to speak of me in very flattering terms, and to wish me good health. Now, it may appear somewhat curious to you that a man advanced in years as I am should be W.M. of a new lodge; but to those who do not know anything of the circumstances I may just as well tell them it is intended as a mark of respect to the members of this lodge, who are now all young Masons, that I should accept it. I have the same wishes with regard to my health as Bro. Hervey has expressed, but coupled with the fear lest I may not be blessed with it for many years to come. If his good wishes are realised, by the blessings of God and by attention to my health on my own part, I may have the pleasure, I hope, of presiding over you for my year of office, and of being with you for some years. I beg to thank him for his kindness in proposing my health, and I beg to thank you, brethren, for the hearty way in which you have received it.

At this point the W.M., greatly to the regret of the brethren, was obliged to leave on account of ill-health. His place was for the remainder of the evening, occupied by Bro. Hervey.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Hervey, said:—Your visitors are deeply indebted to you for their reception this evening, and feel privileged in offering their congratulations upon the evidently successful establishment of the Evening Star, and perhaps the longer their experience in Masonry the more deeply they may feel how important it is that a branch institution of this character should be launched successfully, and should have that support from various influential quarters which it is quite clear the Evening Star now possesses. We have been greatly gratified to-night by the proceedings of the evening, and speaking for myself I must say that the speech delivered by the Grand Chaplain, coming, as it did, after a self-congratulation, at seeing the persons, first of your W.M., an old and dear friend of mine, and secondly of your S.W., a brother member of my lodge, and a brother in whom I have always seen genius of great future usefulness, seeing that you have secured such distinguished brethren, and so well known to myself, respectively as the W.M. and S.W. Coming upon that fact, the speech of your Grand Chaplain, who has acted to-night in the consecration, and who has given us so admirable a speech, I must say, his remarks upon toleration and upon what the essence of Freemasonry really is, came upon me with particular force on the occasion of the establishment of a new lodge; for really intolerance means, want of light; either it is that people who have light have darkly kept it to themselves, or there is no light in the community. That they all hate each other, one or the other must be the moving cause of intolerance. Where there is a genial equitable flow of light, it is quite clear to my mind that intolerance cannot long "rear its malignant head." Now, if I understand anything of the Evening Star Lodge, certainly its component parts, the individuals who compose it, have not themselves, any fundamental objection to diffusion of light, (laughter); and therefore I hope that the spirit of tolerance which had been so eloquently foreshadowed will attend ministrations of the Evening Star Lodge, and that the light may be of the highest quality, (laughter); that there may be nothing in the mechanical appliances or in its organisation which may tend to impurity of quality; that its illuminating power may in short, be of the highest quality, is the fervent faith of your visitors; and we shall in future years, if we are spared to look back at the establishment of the Evening Star Lodge, as presenting in itself both symbolically, practically, and truthfully, one more "main" of Masonic light giving forth the purest and the highest quality of truth, which is only another word for light, to all members, and all brethren who come under its rays. W.M., I beg to thank you.

Bro. Henry Green, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Hervey, the Consecrating Officer." He was sure he

need not recall to the brethren's minds the extremely interesting ceremony which they had participated in that evening. It was now some 20 years since he had the opportunity of witnessing a similar ceremony, and he must say that the first occasion must have a tendency to fix it very deeply upon any man. No one could have listened to the various proceedings which had taken place—at least he could imagine no one could have witnessed them without thinking he was taking part in the performance of the ceremony, which would leave upon his mind a most agreeable impression, and create in him a solemn respect for the Order to which he had the honour and gratification to belong. No one could have listened to that remarkable address which proceeded from his Rev. Bro. on his right, without feeling that he was listening to some deep and solemn injunction, which was being laid upon him as to the importance of acknowledging as we English Masons did, the Supreme Being as the author of our existence, and as the author of everything that concerned our welfare. It was impossible but that we must contrast, and in a remarkable degree, the order and regularity which pervaded the whole of the ceremony that evening, with what he could imagine was the disorder of our continental brethren meeting under similar circumstances. He, for one, believed he spoke the sentiments of every one present, though it was impossible to listen to those deep and solemn words which proceeded from the mouth of their friend, without believing that they were themselves joining in a very deep ceremony. They had on this occasion to express their great acknowledgments for the kind manner in which those dignitaries of our Order had come to assist at the ceremony, they had to thank the Grand Secretary for the important part that he kindly took, and the Grand Chaplain also, the brethren who occupied the respective chairs, and to Bro. Buss. He would be wanting indeed in proper respect to them if he did not ask the brethren to join him most heartily in expressing most cordial acknowledgments to them for what they had done that evening.

Bro. Hervey responded, and then proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and placed before the brethren the difficult duties which the Secretary had to perform in the getting up of a new lodge. The brethren had all to thank him for the way in which he had carried out the duties of his office, and for the manner he had demeaned himself towards them.

Bro. Magnus Ohren in replying apologised for the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. James Glaisher, which was caused by his having to go to France after the meeting of the British Association, and carry out some arrangements which had been made some time ago. With respect to himself (Bro. Ohren) when he was asked some time ago to take the Secretaryship of this lodge it was a question with him whether he should do so or not, as his professional engagements occupied so much of his time, and he was already connected with several lodges. But the wish of the brethren who were founders of the lodge was very strong that he should join them, and he did so. He must say that Masonry with him was one of his greatest pleasures. It was an old saying that "all work and no play made Jack a dull boy." Now possibly they might know that his play was work in Masonry. He loved Masonry; and it was a relief to him after his professional duties, to undertake the duties of Masonry; and whatever lodge he was connected with and whatever duties he undertook he considered them duties, and he carried them out to the best of his ability. And it had been so with this lodge, and with other lodges with which he was connected. The brethren knew what these lodges were, and that in them he performed his duties. He should continue to do so with this lodge to the best of his ability. This lodge was the lodge of light, the Evening Star Lodge, the Gas Lodge and the lodge of light. Many went by the old light. They were not going to introduce anything new, no electric light, but the old light, the old Masonic light, would guide them the same as the old light would guide them in their professional duties, and they would always find that the old light would carry them through. Whatever might be said of the electric light (and there was no doubt it had its advantages in many cases, although it would never in his time or his children's time be introduced for public lighting), it was the old gas from coal which would light the public streets well. In this lodge they would carry on the old Masonic creed as long as they lived, that old creed which was laid down for them, and they would carry it out with the same amount of zest as they imported into their professional duties.

Bro. John Hervey proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said he proposed this toast with great gratification because from the earliest period of his career in Masonry he was well associated with the Masonic Charities. The success which attended them had continued for many years, and he hoped it would be continued for many years to come.

Bro. Binckes replied: The present year of grace had been the most successful that had ever been experienced by the charities, the very large sum of £40,000 had been collected at the anniversary festivals of the three Institutions. Looking forward to the future, he confidently hoped that that sum would be exceeded in years to come. It must be so; it was a matter of necessity, from the great increase in the number of brethren who came into the Order. No one could testify to this better than Bro. Hervey; and no one could testify to the great increase in the support given to the Institution than he could himself. He would leave these facts to the brethren's consideration, to take them to heart as much as they could, and he had no doubt that the lodge that day consecrated, whose W.M. was a shining light, and many of whose members were shining lights, would shine with greater brilliancy than any other lodge. Whatever might be the success and prosperity which might attend the lodge he was quite sure there was



one duty which would never be forgotten, the duty of practical Masonic charity. Bro. Binckes concluded by saying that Bro. John Aird, S.W., had kindly consented to represent the lodge as Steward at the 86th anniversary festival of the Boys' School in June, 1878.

Bro. Hervey proposed "The Recommending Lodge, the Canonbury Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. Edward Cox, P.M. 657.

Bro. Edward Cox said in his association with Freemasonry he had become conversant with this one fact, which he hoped was patent to all, that there was much more in Holy Writ that could be discerned by a studious person than would appear on the first blush. He remembered reading in the Psalms that which forcibly impressed on his mind that King David himself must have been a Freemason. David said that "promotion cometh neither from the east nor from the west, nor from the south." Why he should have omitted the north he (Bro. Cox) could not tell, unless King David was a Freemason. He supplemented that with this remark, that "He setteth up one and putteth down another," clearly exemplifying that the S.D. of this year might not be the J.W. of the next, but that the J.G. of this year might become the S.D. of the next. To go further, he remembered reading that Abraham, in his old days, begat children, and they were promised to him. They had that day introduced into the chair an aged brother as the W.M., and he would introduce children into the Craft, and become a father in his old days. He did not know any brother who was more to be respected as the father of children in the Craft than was Bro. Filer. In associating his (Bro. Cox's) name with the Canonbury Lodge he could only say that his connection with it and Bro. Filer had been such that he hoped it might last for many years yet to come. Bro. Filer was the father of the lodge which was consecrated by Bro. Hervey and Sir Daniel Gooch. That lodge reflected honour upon Bro. Hervey as it did upon the Craft. The endeavour of its members was at all times to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and introducing Bro. Filer's name to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as the first Master of the Evening Star Lodge he felt they were not wrong, as by its association with the Canonbury Lodge they were reflecting honour on those who were brought into the Evening Star Lodge. He could not conclude without complimenting Bro. Hervey on having occupied the position of Consecrating Master. He had frequently seen the ceremony of consecration, but he had never seen it so beautifully performed as it had been that evening. He did not know whether it was the association of this lodge with the Canonbury that made him think so. Certainly he did feel that what he had heard had taken hold of his mind with a greater tenacity than words of mortal ever did before. He hoped they would be spread abroad ad infinitum.

Bro. Buss, who was also called on to reply said, the Canonbury Lodge for years past had sent up stewards to each of the charity festivals, with a list of £100 on each occasion. He thought that no lodge in London could boast of greater success. If the Evening Star Lodge did the same, or even surpassed them, the Canonbury would not feel any jealousy.

Bro. John Aird, in reply for the officers said; that all the brethren must feel that the Evening Star Lodge had been inaugurated most satisfactorily, and he and his brother officers would feel that they would be greatly wanting in their duties and in showing their appreciation of it, if they did not use their best efforts to make the lodge a success. It was his earnest endeavour to do so, and he trusted it would be the earnest endeavour of all.

Bro. F. A. Greene also replied, and the brethren having drunk the Tyler's toast shortly afterwards separated.

**THE RIGHTS OF TRAMCARS.**—At the close of a case tried before the Sheffield magistrates on Friday last, in which the Tramways Company were the complainants, Mr. Rodgers, one of the magistrates, remarked that many of the drivers of the cars drove as if they thought the whole world ought to make room for them, but the real fact was that they must make room for all the world. The 57th section of the Act enacted that notwithstanding anything there might be in the Tramways Act, the company should not acquire any right other than that of using the road. Therefore if they had no right beyond the use of the road, their right stood like the right of all the rest of the public to the use of the road, and they had no priority. By the 62nd section of the Act it was also provided that nothing in the Company's Act, or in any bye-law, should abridge the rights of the public. He did not at all admit that the slow traffic was to cross the road to allow the cars to pass when the other side was full of business, as the practice was a dangerous one, though it might be adopted when convenient. The rights of the public had first to be considered, not the rights of the company. The Town Council could pass bye-laws, but no bye-law could abridge the rights of the public, and when it did that it was void. In the metropolis the feud is as bitter as ever against the tramcar companies, who have disregarded the memorial of several thousand inhabitants respecting the bell nuisance. Proceedings in Parliament are to be taken to compel the company to abate or discontinue the nuisance; meanwhile towns which are threatened with the introduction of the tramway system should exercise jealous supervision over the bills introduced during the next and succeeding sessions of Parliament. In London the tramcar is turning out to be the old man in "Sinbad the Sailor," and a large and influential omnibus company to run them off the road is not improbable.—*Colliery Guardian*, August 24, 1877.

The members of St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, 144, will reassemble on Friday, September 7th, at the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30 p.m.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE CONSECRATION OF THE EVENING STAR LODGE.**—The consecration of the Evening Star Lodge as will be seen by our report elsewhere took place on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under brilliant auspices, and before a goodly gathering we shall call attention to their interesting report of the consecration of this promising new lodge next week.

We have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our numerous readers to a proposed Masonic Tour, starting from London on Monday week the 10th inst. It is organized by Bros. Gaze the well known Tourist directors and hotel contractors, of 142, Strand, and will be personally conducted by Bro. Oscar Dietrich. The persons forming the party will be informed he strictly limited to Master Masons. Arrangements are in progress for the fitting reception of the party by brethren of the various lodges in Paris, Geneva, and Berne and for fraternal intercourse at Geneva. To those brethren who have not already partaken of their summer Tour, we would commend the inspection of the detailed programme, which we have perused with care and interest and must acknowledge it forms a tour of a most novel and attractive character. These features in addition to the grand national scenery to be visited, we are confident will attract many to join the party. Full particulars are given in the detailed programme which may be obtained direct from Bros. Gaze and Son, 142, Strand, London.

**CRICKET.**—An interesting cricket match will be played in the Alexandra Palace ground, on Saturday, the 15th inst., between the boys of the Royal Masonic Institution at Wood Green, and the boys of the Grocers' Company's School.

Bro. John Aird, S.W., of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, consecrated on Tuesday last, has promised to represent the lodge as Steward at the 88th Anniversary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, which will take place in June, 1878.

The *East Anglian Daily Times* announces the death on Sunday morning, at his London residence, of Mr. Edward Wilson, the eminent civil engineer. Mr. Wilson was consulting engineer to the Great Eastern Railway Company, and acting engineer to some of the largest undertakings in the United Kingdom. Death arose from a carbuncle upon the head.

**INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDERS.**—On and after the first of this month international money orders will be issued and paid at all post offices in France and Algeria, instead of at the limited number of offices hitherto authorised to transact international money-order business. A complete list of post-offices in France and Algeria will be kept at every money-order office in the United Kingdom.

The amount received by the executive of Dulwich College for the last year from rents, tolls, and capitation fees, &c., was £32,000, the whole of which was expended upon the purposes of Alleyne's Charity.

**OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.**—The Division lists for the present year were issued on Saturday, and comprise a total of 1402 who were successful out of 2304 candidates, being an excess of 214 on last year's numbers. Of the 1402, 633—viz., 329 boys and 304 girls—were senior candidates, and of these 211 boys and 201 girls will receive the University distinction of Associate of Arts. Of the 1671 junior candidates examined 1341 were boys and 330 girls, and of these 823 boys and 167 girls will receive certificates of having passed the junior examination. The first division of seniors in the Order of Merit contains but 21 names, of which Mr. H. T. Lilley, of St. Olave's Grammar School, Southwark, Rev. A. Johnson, Principal, stands first. Mr. Johnson, besides supplying the first name in the list, also sends the fourth in order of merit, Mr. W. J. Ashley, and the fifth, Mr. R. W. Cousins. Mr. F. Hughes, of the Liverpool Institute, is second in order in merit.

**FLEET STREET.**—The *City Press* acknowledges the receipt of complaints from several correspondents as to the loss occasioned by the dilatory way in which the work of repaving Fleet-street is being carried on. This most important thoroughfare is stated to have been closed for eight weeks. Considering the amount of traffic which has to be diverted, the inhabitants think that the work should be pushed on to the uttermost.

**CAUTION TO BATHERS.**—With the view of diminishing the loss of life which annually occurs from drowning, and which, according to recent returns of the Registrar-General, has increased between 30 and 40 per cent. during the past year as compared with corresponding periods of the previous year, the Royal Humane Society has issued the following important advice to bathers:—"Avoid bathing within two hours after a meal, or when exhausted by fatigue or from any other cause, or when the body is cooling after perspiration, and avoid bathing altogether in the open air if, after being a short time in the water, there is a sense of chilliness with numbness of the hands and feet, but bathe when the body is warm, provided no time is lost in getting into the water. Avoid chilling the body by sitting or standing undressed on the banks or in boats after having been in the water, or remaining too long in the water, but leave the water immediately there is the slightest feeling of chilliness. The vigorous and strong may bathe early in the morning, on an empty stomach, but the young and those who are weak had better bathe two or three hours after a meal; the best time for such is from two or three hours after breakfast. Those who are subject to attacks of giddiness or faintness, or who suffer from palpitation and other sense of discomfort at the heart, should not bathe without first consulting their medical adviser."—*City Press*.

**STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—The session of this popular lodge will commence on Friday next the 7th inst., at 6 p.m. and will meet regularly every Friday evening from 6 till 8 p.m. until April, 1878. The place of meeting is the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

The appeal of the Lord Mayor to the clergy and ministers of religion throughout the country to assist him in raising a fund worthy of England, to relieve the sufferers by the famine in Southern India, has been so far well responded to, but not to anything like the extent which is still anticipated. The efforts of the Indian Government to mitigate the disaster need, it is said on high authority, to be largely supplemented by private munificence. The Lord Mayor earnestly commends the matter to the sympathy of the clergy, and, through them, to the compassionate liberality of their respective congregations, feeling assured that their attention has only to be drawn to the great need that exists for help to ensure at their hands a generous response.

Amongst the objects in the Oaxton Exhibition, is a copy of the "Freemasons' Magazine" of March 1796, containing a portrait memoir of Miss Elizabeth Caslon, the wife of the founder of the eminent firm of type foundry represented by H. W. Caslon & Co.

**MR. LOWE AND MR. RUSKIN.**—The letter which we quoted from the current number of Mr. Ruskin's *Fora Clavigera* as having been addressed by some distinguished friend to Mr. Ruskin was not, as we were led by the context to infer, from the pen of Mr. Robert Lowe.

**CITY PROPERTY.**—Many instances have been given from time to time of improvement in the value of City properties, but one of the most remarkable is that of a house in Lombard-street, the property of the Drapers' Company, which in 1668 was let for £25 a year. In 1877 the site lets for £2600 a year ground rent, and the lessee having expended £10,000 on the building covering it, gets a return of £7000 a year rent.—*City Press*.

Mr. G. B. Newton, for many years secretary of the North London Railway, has been appointed the general manager of the same line jointly with his post as secretary, which he still retains.

Owing to the rough weather both Folkestone and Ryde Regattas have been postponed. The former which was to have taken place on Tuesday last has been put off for some days. The latter which was promised for Monday and Tuesday the 27th and 28th ult., will now take place on the 11th and 12th of September.

**ROYAL STANDARD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION,** No. 1298.—This lodge will re-open for the season, on Friday next, the 7th inst., and will meet every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, Bro. Cull, Preceptor.

The *Manchester Guardian* understands that the Manchester Aquarium was sold on Wednesday, by private contract, for the sum of £6,950. The purchaser is Bishop Vaughan, of Salford, who, it is stated, proposes to carry on the institution as an aquarium and museum.

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons,** containing the Charges Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—*Advt.*

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Boyd in the chair.

There were also present Bros. Griffiths Smith, Joshua Nunn, H. Browne, R. B. Webster, Jesse Turner, Major Finney, Thomas W. White, H. Massey, (*Freemason*); H. Potter, C. F. Matier, F. J. Baker, F. W. Hedges, and R. W. Little, Secretary.

Bro. C. F. Matier gave notice of motion for the next Quarterly Court that the rank of Vice-Patron be conferred on Bro. John Constable, in consideration of his services to the Institution.

A lady having, by her will, left a legacy of £50 to the Institution, on condition that her daughter be made a life governess, notice of motion was given by Bro. H. Browne that that rank be granted to the testator's daughter.

The Committee then adjourned.

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#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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##### BIRTHS.

**BALFOUR.**—On the 24th ult., the Lady Balfour of Burleigh, of a daughter.

**DAVENPORT.**—On the 24th ult., at Bailey's Hotel, South Kensington, the wife of J. W. H. Davenport, Esq., (late of Bramall Hall, Cheshire), of a son and heir.

**GOULD.**—On the 24th ult., at The Brook, Feckenham, Worcestershire, the wife of W. C. Gould, of a son.

**PREEDY.**—On the 22nd ult., at Budleigh Salterton, the wife of Rear Admiral Preedy, C.B., of a daughter.

**RAWSON.**—On the 26th ult., at Hammersmith, the wife of Samuel Rawson, of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGE.

**YEOMAN—SCARLETT.**—On the 30th ult., at Baptist Church, by the Rev. E. R. Edwards, Lamartine Colson Burdett, (eldest son of Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman), to Jennie, youngest and only surviving daughter of Edward Scarlett, Esq., Dover.

##### DEATHS.

**MASON.**—On the 27th ult., at 66, Hilldrop-crescent, Camden-road, Henry Mason, late of Carey-street, Lincoln's-inn, aged 66. New Zealand papers please copy.

**PHILLIPS.**—On the 23rd ult., Mrs. C. Phillips, of 5, Aldermanbury-postern, and 14, Waverly-place, St. John's-wood, aged 54 years, deeply lamented.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1877.

### THE AGENDA PAPER FOR GRAND LODGE.

The Agenda Paper for September 5th is one of the most important that has been for some time submitted to Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it alters entirely the composition of the Board of Benevolence. Henceforth it is to be a Board of forty-five members with a President, fifteen appointed by the Grand Master, and thirty elected by Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens, are to be ex-officio members, and the President is nominated by the Grand Master. The Board is to nominate a Vice-President. We think on the whole that such a change will tend greatly to the uniform administration of our charitable fund, which is now too much affected by chance attendance and special appeals. But we should like to suggest one or two amendments of the general proposal. We venture to think that the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, and the Grand Chaplains for the time being should be also ex-officio members of the Board, and we cannot see why two Vice-presidents should not be nominated by the Grand Master, as well as the President. But in the limitation of the Board of Benevolence we fully agree, as we have for some time been convinced that the present system is neither the fairest to the petitioners, nor to the funds of Grand Lodge. We feel sure that under the proposed alterations, needful and wise in our humble opinion, our grants of charity will be made with more systematic carefulness, and with better effect than at present.

#### KEEP CLEAR OF POLITICS.

The admirable advice of our Royal Grand Master, impressively given, as those of us will remember who listened in pride and satisfaction to his ringing words, "Keep clear of Politics," is always seasonable advice for Freemasons. For though it be true that in Great Britain, and in the Canadas, in the United States, and British India, in all the dependencies of our mighty empire, and among our good German brethren, this is the normal condition of Masonic life and teaching, yet there is sometimes a little tendency in us all to forget it, and in some parts of the Masonic world it is too often forgotten altogether. In France and Belgium, especially of late years, the weak point in Masonry in each country has been the habit of certain lodges of discussing subjects not at all akin to Freemasonry, subjects which closely trench on affairs of State, subjects which may fairly be called political, whether as leaning on a particular view, or on the "politeia" of public considerations generally. In the dark days of the Commune at Paris, French Freemasonry sank itself, in the eyes of all thinking Freemasons, by the grotesque form it assumed, and the baneful feelings it aroused, and in our opinion from that shock to its own principles, Freemasonry will take a long time to recover in "La Belle France." But having said this, we think it fair to observe, that those most regrettable proceedings were the acts of a "section," of a "clique," of a party, and were not participated in by the Grand Orient of France. It may, however, be feared, partly owing to its vicious organization, (for Freemasonry has no Grand Master, unfortunately, in France), whether the authority of the French Grand Orient is sufficient to curb the excesses of those wilder spirits who seem to wish to make Freemasonry a bastard offshoot of violent political partisans, of a hurtful, irrational and inflated Communism. The "libres penseurs" seem to be getting the upper hand among the French Masons, and a licence in religious teaching, and the excess of mournful speculation often accompany political theories, more or less violent, more or less "irreconcilables." There is a party in French Freemasonry which seeks to introduce into it the views of revolutionists, hurtful to man, as well as the reveries of "incredulity," dishonouring to God. Hence for some

time past, a battle royal, so to say, has been fought between two great parties in French Freemasonry. One of these consists of those moderate men and brethren, who wish "quieta non movere," and who desire rightly to preserve the sanctions of a religious acknowledgment of the name of God Most High for French Freemasonry, following its early and continuous teaching to this hour. The others are those who, imitating untoward example, are desirous, apparently, of cutting away the cosmopolitan foundation of Freemasonry. And in this melée, principles have been put forward, by individual lodges, and by individual brethren, alike unmasonic and undesirable, which, if not opposed and "stamped out," will assuredly bring down French Freemasonry with a crash! We noticed some time back the absurd proceedings of the Lodge Orion of Galliac. We have since heard that other lodges have been passing political resolutions, which have brought on them the censure of the French authorities; and now we are assured that five lodges have been closed in Toulouse, because they had become political bodies; and we fear that we have not yet heard the last of similar proceedings. What the "overt act" of these lodges was, which constituted, as the lawyers say, the "corpus delicti," we are not told, but after all that has passed, we are not surprised to hear of such acts of authority, neither shall we be. In their present unwise state of agitation and revolution, (as we regard it), the mere "jaseurs," "the windbags," the noisy, undisciplined irresponsible orators, are pretty sure to get the upper hand, and reduce, we fear, French Freemasonry to a position alike absurd and disingenuous, opposed to all true Freemasonry, and destructive of any further cosmopolitan solidarity, (to use a French expression). It is quite clear to us that the moment French lodges begin to pass political resolutions, as secret societies, they forfeit the "placitum" of the state, and can expect nothing but suppression. We of course assume that the words and acts of the lodges implicated give colour to the charge, and we fear that in this "tourbillon" of unseasonable controversy into which French Freemasonry has been plunged volens nolens, many unwise speeches will be made, many unmasonic resolutions arrived at, which will justify alike the fears, the disapproval, and the interference of lawful authority. Under these circumstances we cannot too earnestly and affectionately press upon all our readers, at home and abroad, and especially our brethren in France, to beware of the temptation to forget that Freemasonry is not and cannot be a political institution, and that in our lodges we can only properly discuss those matters which relate to the affairs of our Order generally, or our own individual lodge in particular, and above all the great claims of Masonic charity, but that with affairs of state we have nothing whatever to do, and that we eschew and ignore alike the heated and often idle jargon of cantankerous politicians, just as we deprecate and abjure the angry outcries of obnoxious controversialists.

#### THE VOICE OF HUMANITY.

Happily for us all, in this world of ours, the great voice of Humanity can still be heard, even trumpet-tongued, above the din of contending armies, and the outcries of licence and anarchy. It survives alike the fortunes of empires and the overthrow of republics, and seems, if we may so put it, to rise superior to all the "embroglios" of diplomacy and all the shortcomings of human statesmanship. The great pulse of Humanity still beats true as ever amid all the vicissitudes of ages, and all the complications of mankind, and the humanitarian sympathies of our race lie deep within us all alike, say what we will, act as we may, reflecting credit on the very weakness of Adam's descendants, and glory on a Divine Original. It is both refreshing and consoling to the reflective and the benevolent to realize and record that the great and tender voice of Humanity, both enduring and cosmopolitan in character and purpose, belonging to no one epoch, confined to no one country, will still exert itself to-day. For as it is one entirely consonant with



our best appreciation of all that is noble, and all that is beneficent, it is one, we take occasion to say, which none can afford boldly to criticize or perversely to disobey, for it sometimes rings truer than even the honied words of legislators, or the empirical debates of childish assemblies, and speaks home both to the individual and public conscience in language, if of the sternest, yet the most beneficial, which none can effect to misinterpret, none can pretend to misconstrue. Surely it is a good thing for us all to keep before us, that, doubt it as we may, call it sentimental or term it visionary as we will, it will be heard, and will lift up a warning note, amid the shrieks of the dying and the tortured, amid the foul orgies of rapine and the heartrending desolations of dishonour, amid all those various and all those fearful scenes which war incites to, and which war is powerless to restrain. It is not without some natural if homely feelings of pride that we turn to-day from accounts teeming with savage ferocity, and all that degrades, all that stains, all that brutalises humanity, to a record of noble efforts in the great and sacred cause of simple Humanity. We read of many funds collected for the suffering, the maimed, and the penniless in this Oriental war, and we note them with genuine satisfaction. Lady Bardett-Coutts, always benevolent and large-hearted, has set on foot a fund which has already reached noble proportions, £6000 having been sent in a few days to our Ambassador at Constantinople for "Fugitive Women, Children, Non-combatants, Christians, Hebrews, Mahomedans," whose destitution is dreadful, whose misery is extreme. We wish this goodly and philanthropic effort all the success it merits. We also read of similar funds on one side or the other; and to each and all, as offering the succours of Humanity, we bid God speed! This is surely a more pleasant topic to think of than burning villages, massacred wounded soldiers, dishonoured helpless women, and executed Bulgarians. These are scenes from which humanity turns away in grief and detestation. Yet, the angel of Humanity seems as it were to lift its wings of peaceful protection over all those fiery combatants, and if it had its way, amid the wretchedness and hateful passions of war, it would say to these surging masses of deplorable conflicts, "Peace, be still." We also gladly call attention to the Famine Fund for our afflicted fellow citizens in Hindustan, and we trust that the Lord Mayor's kindly efforts may be fully rewarded by the warm-hearted "largesse" of a great people. As Freemasons, amid many regrettable events and mournful episodes, we still venture to believe in that great voice of Humanity, which never spoke more seasonably than now, when offering to the helpless and innocent victims of a sanguinary war all that philanthropy can counsel, all that beneficence can supply.

### THE METROPOLITAN POLICE.

At a time when so many discussions, and so many sensational statements are carried on and scattered about relative to this most meritorious body of men, it seems well to note and remember its hourly and daily services of remarkable importance to that vast population which is agglomerated in our sweet "little village." Colonel Henderson's report for 1876, deserves careful perusal, not only for its own intrinsic value as a careful and authoritative record of statistical weight, but also for the lucid manner in which the main points of detail and the chief facts of public interest are brought before us in a skilful and convenient grouping. The strength of the police on the 31st of December, 1876, was 10,268, being an increase of three sergeants and 38 constables only, over 1875. Special duties absorb the services of 4 superintendents, 53 inspectors, 146 sergeants, and 1054 constables; and of these 4 superintendents, 89 sergeants, and 536 constables constitute the dock-yard service, the rest being employed by the government, public offices, and private individuals. 21 superintendents, 224 inspectors, 907 sergeants, and 7859 constables are available for police duty of various kinds in the metropolitan districts. It seems that no less than 226 new streets, and 3 new squares have been opened in 1876 and are now under the police

arrangements; they extend over 36 miles and 1074 yards. 12,938 new houses were built in 1876, and 4151 were building, and building is still on the increase. Since 1850, 1247 miles of new streets have been opened in London, and so far the tide has not been turned, but is moving on. Where it will end, who can say? 76,214 persons were arrested by the police, during 1876; an increase of 3608 over 1875, and 8511 over 1874. This increase is due to the apprehension of drunken and dissolute persons, and females especially, we are sorry to note. The arrests for drunkenness show a decrease of 208, being 15,842, against 16,050 in 1875, but drunk and disorderly show an increase of 1560 over 1875. We regret to add that the total arrests for drunkenness amount to 32,325, while drunk and disorderly and bad characters, male and females amount to 38,746. We quite concur with Col. Henderson's remarks, that though the average during the last six years has been higher than that of the preceding years, there does not appear to be any great increase of drunkenness among the population, and much of the apparent increase of late years is due to the activity of the police. The convictions against "drink houses" have decreased from 1034 in 1868, to 186 in 1876, and if some apparent incongruity exists as to the large amount of drunkenness still exhibited, and the conviction of "drink houses" it is just possible that, like as with the first constitutional Texan judge, the action of the police in this respect may be "Justice modified by circumstances." The number of indictable offences were 13,990 in 1876, as against 12,228 in 1875, while the apprehensions were 4334 as against 4018, and convictions 2476 as against 2343. 11,904 summonses were issued on the application of the police in 1876, and which resulted in 10,971 convictions and 933 dismissals, a very striking proportion indeed. 3203 persons suffering from street accidents were conveyed by the police to the hospitals; 130 persons were killed and 2740 were injured by cabs, omnibuses, light carts, &c. The irrepressible butcher boys and "cheeky hansom" seem to be the principal delinquents. 4152 persons have been apprehended as vagrants, and 18,881 stray dogs have been taken up and conveyed to the Dogs' Home, or otherwise disposed of. Since 1867, 97,886 dogs have been removed from the streets. During 1876, 8530 windows and 16,767 doors were found open or insufficiently fastened, so that out of 4834 felonious entries 3511 were through the doors and windows, and 239 into unprotected houses; 477 into unfinished houses, being 4229 felonies the result of, more or less, of carelessness out of 4834. During 1876, 172 police officers have been removed through misconduct, though from all causes the police lost 1122. The conduct of the force, Colonel Henderson says, has been "exceedingly good." The police attended 479 fires in 1876. Assaults on the police seem to be on the increase, 2941 being reported in 1876, many very aggravated. Would it not be possible in gross cases of assault to levy fines as well as imprisonment, or give an additional term of prison discipline? During 1876 11,805 persons were reported as missing. Of these 8531 were children under ten. 3128 children and 779 adults were found by the police and restored to their friends, and all accounted for, except eight children and 140 adults, a very serious and even alarming proportion, suggesting many painful considerations. With respect to public carriages, Colonel Henderson says:—"The inspection of public carriages and horses has been satisfactorily carried out by the inspectors specially appointed for that duty. During the year 386 horses and 3431 public carriages were reported as unfit for public use, and notices not to use the same served upon the proprietors. In most cases in which proceedings were taken before the magistrates convictions were obtained; 95 omnibuses, 272 hansom, and 363 four-wheeled cabs were rejected as unfit for public use. During the year 50 new omnibuses and 400 new cabs (principally hansom) were placed on the streets. No new style of Hackney carriage demanding special notice has been introduced. The following licenses were issued during the year:—Metropolitan stage carriages, 14,488; Hackney carriages, 8262; drivers of stage or Hackney

carriages, 13,012; conductors, 3742. I regret that I cannot report any diminution in the convictions for drunkenness and furious driving, there being a slight increase in both classes of offence. The regulations regarding property left in licensed carriages came into force in 1870, and during the last seven years 83,393 articles have been found in public carriages and deposited at the Lost Property Office. In the year 1876 15,680 articles were deposited. Many valuable articles were deposited during the year, the principal of which were a bag of jewellery valued at £1000, a case containing £1000 in Bank of England notes, a diamond necklet at £2000. The driver was suitably rewarded in each case for depositing the same. We have perhaps been a little prolix with this important report, but we wish, for obvious reasons to show the magnitude of the work the Metropolitan Police daily and hourly carry on, and how great and valuable are their services to property and order in our great metropolis. With regard to the detection of great offences especially large robberies of jewels and the like, the difficulties of our police are many and serious. Unlike other countries, the operations of a secret police are a good deal objected to in England, and our skilled detection in consequence hardly deserves that name, but is detection carried on under difficulties. That many rascals and scoundrels trade on criminality, and live in riot and plunder of the goods of the public, is we fear the inevitable accompaniment of all large cities, and is too true as regards London especially, but let us hope that Colonel Henderson's next report may announce a larger and more satisfactory development of skilled and successful detection.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### NAMES OF NEW LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note an increasing tendency amongst us to call lodges by the names of living individuals, and as I doubt the policy and propriety of such a custom, Masonically speaking, I think it well to ventilate the matter in your columns. I exclude from my remarks the names of various members of our Royal Family, because that may fairly be defended on the grounds of Masonic loyalty. Neither do I for one complain of the names of distinguished rulers of the Craft and worthy Masons, whose services to our Order are well known. But I do object to the use of names of persons of whom little is known, Masonically, and whose local reputation may perhaps depend on this or that political party, this or that section of society, this or that denomination. Several instances have of late occurred of such injudicious selection of names for lodges, and as your columns are always open to the complaints of Masons, I make mine to-day.

Yours fraternally,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

#### SOME CORRECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me call your attention to some needful corrections in my leader, "A Few Words to the Roman Catholic Authorities." For instance, "foro conscientie" should read, "to be binding foro conscientie, or obligatory on any one;" a "caput mortuum" should be "mortuum;" and the reader must please insert "unless, indeed, the personal," before "infallibility," &c. "This realm" should read "this realm," and "larty" "laity," and your readers must strike out a very superfluous "that" before "we cannot expect them," &c.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

#### GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I suppose you may have known, by the *Chaine d'Union de Paris*, and the *Monde Maconnique*, that we have an Independent Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. at the Island of Cuba, whose official journal is mine; *La Voix de Hiram*.

Our new Grand Lodge has been highly greeted and successful in the United States and Europe. We have, besides the recognition and treaty of friendship, of the "Grand Orient of Spain," the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York; a number of triumphs, quite enough for the short time of life we yet have reached.—from 1st August, 1875.

I suppose you may occasionally have seen this news in the American Masonic papers, and in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of the U. S.

We have in due time requested the recognition of your three Grand Lodges; but, as we sent the papers by Prov. Grand Master Burke, of Jamaica, I cannot be sure that they have been duly received; and have not been able to



adopt another conveyance, because I do not know the address of the Great Britain Grand Secretaries.

I commence, then, my new periodical relations with you as a brother and colleague, asking of you this favour—to tell me the precise and sure address of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and your own address.

And secondly, I'll ask you another favour—to publish the enclosed paper in your journal. It is intended to be distributed from New York by our Grand Representative; but I hope you will not have any objection to make it known, whereby you would be in a great manner useful to the Grand Lodge of Island of Cuba.

Finally, I offer you my monthly correspondence to your paper, should you deem it agreeable or worth while for your subscribers.

On every one of these points I will be most happy to know your mind, which I shall endeavour to follow directly. And, meantime, I take heed of this occasion to offer you my humble services as a brother, a colleague, and a lawyer, who will be very glad to make friendship with you.

AURELIS ALMEIDA.

Grand Secretary of the Grand  
Lodge of the Island of Cuba.

Office of the Grand Representative of the M.W. Grand  
Lodge of the Island of Cuba. New York, August  
3rd, 1877.

To the R.W.G.M. of the M.W.G.L.F.A.M., of the State  
of ———

WISDOM. VIRTUE. FRATERNITY.

R.W. Sir and Bro.:

The irregular Masonic group bearing the name Colon, in the Island of Cuba, has lately been subject to original events, which my Grand Lodge deems proper to make known, in order to prevent any possible mistake about the new meaning and worth of the so called Grand Lodges of Colon.

We gave you notice, in due time, of the origin and history of the primitive Grand Lodge of Colon, established at Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 5th, 1839, by three regular lodges, chartered by South Carolina: Fraternidad, Prudencia, and San Andres.—We have told you how the jurisdictional rights of that primitive Grand Lodge decayed, and were lost, on account of its having submitted to the Supreme Council of Colon, Sept. 30th, 1867. You know that this Sup. Council, since that day, assumed all the powers of a Grand Lodge; that in 1873, it reinstalled the Grand Lodge of Colon, though only as a section thereof. Finally, we have told you how and why the lodges of Havana, Matanzas and Cardenas—6 of which chartered by the Grand Lodge of Colon before its submission—met in a convention, and established the Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba.—Aug. 1st, 1876.

In this state of things the few lodges yet acknowledging at Havana the authority of Colon, sent (June 4th, 1877) a proclamation to the Grand lodge at Santiago de Cuba, requesting the immediate removal of that body to Havana, and threatening to revolt and to establish another Grand Lodge of Colon, in case their request should not be granted.

The Grand Lodge of Santiago de Cuba, under this pressure, divided: the representatives of the three primitive lodges, with those of the two lodges at Guantanamo and Manzanillo, and those of two lodges more at Havana, supported by the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, refused their consent to any removal of the Grand Lodge from Santiago de Cuba, striked the petitioners with irregularity, and professed to be the only regular Grand Lodge of Colon, having the seal, archives, and treasury, and possessing the three primitive lodges.—May 27th, 1877.

The Havana band met in another place as the true Grand Lodge of Colon—June 3rd, 1877—voted their removal from Santiago de Cuba, and are at present installed in the city of Havana, as the only Grand Lodge of Colon; though void of the representation of the three primitive lodges, and of the seal, archives, and funds, with every other appurtenance hereto belonging to the Grand Lodge called Colon.

We have now, then, two Grand Lodges of Colon in the Island of Cuba; both irregular, yet both claiming to be the only genuine Grand Lodge in that country.

Those are the facts which my Grand Lodge finds convenient to make known to all regular Grand Lodges in the world.

Fraternally yours,

RAMON ILLA,  
Grand Repr. Gr. L. I. of C.

[The addresses of the three Grand Secretaries in Great Britain are as follows:—John Hervey, Esq., Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, England; D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street, Edinburgh, Scotland; Samuel B. Oldham, Esq., Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, Ireland. The office of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, London, England.]

#### TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ALLPORT, OF THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Since the letter appeared in the *Freemason* I have been told that a Scotch paper has taken the matter up, and I beg to enclose you extracts from two other papers.

It is a subject worthy of all good Masons, and I trust you will give it all the aid you can.

Yours sincerely,

TRAVELLER.

A correspondent of the *Lowestoft Journal* says:—

Sir,—Having lately been enjoying the sea breeze from

your coast, and on reckoning up the cost, I see very plainly that but for the system of third-class fares and quick travelling introduced by Mr. Allport, the general manager of the Midland System of Railways, we should not have been able—financially, I mean—to get our customary holiday: and I feel thankful at having once more been able to give the little ones the treat of digging sand and making puddles to their hearts' content.

With your permission, I should like to thank Mr. Allport for bringing about the system of quick travelling and cheap fares, and I have no doubt thousands of others do in their hearts. May he live long and die a happy man is the hope of  
PATERNAMILIAS.

The *Railway Sheet and Official Gazette* of Aug. 15 writes:—**THIRD CLASS BY ALL TRAINS.**—THE PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ALLPORT.—This matter is still kept before the public. A cutting has been sent us from *Engineering*, from which we gather that the *Freemason*, the *Builder*, *Builders' Weekly Reporter*, and other papers have expressed their concurrence with this movement. We would venture to suggest that the object in view would be considerably advanced by a committee being formed and a start made. A newspaper cannot well take the initiative, and many may be waiting for something more definite than mere suggestions. It is said that commercial men are greatly indebted to Mr. Allport. If they think so, they, as a class, could suitably set such a movement on foot.

#### AN INTRUSION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to proceedings announced on page 337 of the *Freemason*, as arranged for, though not ultimately carried out, permit me to ask what (if any) justification could a W.M. or other officer plead for the admission into "open lodge assembled," of a person who has not been initiated?

Believe me, yours fraternally,

HERKWARD.

[The two following letters appeared in the *Times* of Tuesday:—]

#### CAXTON EXHIBITION.

Sir,—Although you have done justice to the very remarkable character and great value of the typographical collection at South Kensington, which in a few days will be dispersed, by admitting many articles and letters respecting it in your columns, I hope there may still be room for some statements partly supplementary to and partly in correction of the information which the Exhibition and its catalogue afford. The Exhibition would have been more popular and more instructive if the specimens had been more promptly and more completely furnished with descriptive labels, or at least with numbers corresponding with those in the catalogue. Unfortunately, it is about to close just as it is approaching the condition in which it ought to have been at its opening.

The collection is, if anything, rather too large and miscellaneous. Yet there is more than one deplorable hiatus in the chain of typographical history, which might, I think, have been easily supplied. Even to this day, strange to say, the question of the first inventor of printing with moveable type is sometimes disputed, and it was in this Exhibition that one would have most reasonably have looked for an example of a work which seems to furnish the most valuable evidence on the subject. I mean the "*Chronicon Eusebii Cæsariensis Episcopi*," printed by Ratdolt at Venice in 1483, about 30 years after the earliest extant example of printing, and continued by a later author to the date of publication. In this Chronicle, printed at a period when a false claim could hardly have been made without exposure, the invention is expressly affirmed to be that of John Gutenberg, of Mentz, on the Rhine, in the year 1440.

One looks in vain also for the earliest known instance of musical notation by types, which is in the "*Colectorium super Magnificat*," of John Gerson, supposed to be printed by Eggesteyn, at Strasburg, in 1473. The notes, which are used in gradation to express the mental emotions from joy down to grief, through the intermediate stages of hope, pity, and fear, have no staff, the intention being, as it seems, that this should be supplied by lines ruled in by hand, which however, has not been done in my copy.

As some space in the Exhibition is assigned to phonetic printing, I am surprised to find no allusion to the phonetic publications of Charles Butler, Head Master of the Holy Ghost School at Basingstoke, whose illustration of the language of bees by musical notation in the "*Feminine Monarchie*" is referred to in your last week's article on music-printing. As early as 1634 an edition of this work and also an English grammar were published by Butler of Caxford in phonetic spelling, of which the present one is only a revival, and with certain special forms of phonetic type.

I did not observe in the collection any examples of the magnificent typography of Bodoni, of the Royal Press of Parma in the 18th century, nor of his contemporaries, Renouard and Didot, at Paris. Foulis, of Glasgow, is represented only by his less important productions. But, above all the truly noble achievements of the Chiswick Press (C. Whittingham's), for W. Pickering, the only man of later days who has really rivalled, and perhaps equalled, the typography of the 15th century, ought surely to have been prominent in an English exhibition of printing. His folio series, in six vols., of the various editions of the Book of Common Prayer and his Wycliffe's New Testament might have stood side by side with the Mazarine Bible or the Mayence Psalter without losing by the comparison.

It was, by the way, the Mazarine Bible, not the Mayence Psalter (as stated in the "*Handbook of the Exhibition*")

of which two copies were sold in the Perkins sale. It is, however, after all, an ungracious task to point out defects in an Exhibition which has afforded me, and I hope many others, extreme pleasure, and I will not trespass further on your space.

Basingstoke Rectory. J. E. MILLARD.

#### TEMPLE BAR.

Sir,—The repaving of Fleet-street having now entirely stopped the traffic through Temple Bar it would seem to ordinary minds the proper time for removing that already condemned obstruction, the lease of it having expired some time ago. Common Councilmen, however, have not common minds. If I rightly understand their debates, as reported in your columns, they decline to remove the Bar until the Government or Board of Works make some satisfactory arrangement about the space left vacant by throwing back the frontage of the New Law Courts. In other words, they say that if the street be not widened exactly to their fancy, they will do their best to obstruct it.

Is not this much the same policy as that pursued in the House of Commons by Messrs. Parnell, Biggar, and Co.?

Your obedient servant,

A FLEET-STREET BARRER.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday, 5th September, 1877:—

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will move—

(1) "That in consideration of the dreadful fire which has occurred at St. John, New Brunswick, and which has devastated that city, this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of two hundred guineas, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in aid of the fund now in course of formation for the relief of the inhabitants."

(2) "That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one hundred guineas, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in alleviation of the distress caused by the 'Cataclysm' which has recently occurred on the coast of Peru."

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A brother of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby	£50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 323, Stockport	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Saint James' Lodge, No. 765, Southwark	100 0 0
A brother of the Duke of Athol Lodge, No. 210, Denton	75 0 0
The daughter of a brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorchester	300 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—  
1. Arising out of the opinions for some considerable time expressed in Grand Lodge, and more especially the recent debates of that assembly, the Board have had under their careful and special consideration the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, and having referred the question to a committee of the whole Board for consideration and report, have received from such committee the following report thereon:—

To the Worshipful Board of General Purposes.

The Committee of the whole Board, to whom it was on the 19th day of June last referred to consider the advisability of recommending Grand Lodge to alter the title and constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, beg to report unanimously as follows:—Having fully considered the subject we are of opinion that it is advisable to recommend Grand Lodge to alter both the title and the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence in manner herein-after mentioned.

1. The "Lodge of Benevolence" to be in future designated the "Board of Benevolence."

2. The Board of Benevolence to consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, a President, and forty-five other members. The President and fifteen of such members to be annually nominated by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in December, and the remaining thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge from amongst the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges, such election to be conducted in the same manner as that of the Board of General Purposes, but it should not in our opinion be a regulation that one-third or any other proportion of the members should retire annually.

3.—The Board to elect one of its members to be Vice-President.

4.—Five members to form a quorum.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the Board.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,

Chairman.

And the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with such report do recommend the same to Grand Lodge for adoption.

2.—The Board have had under their consideration and that of the Premises Committee the question of improving the accommodation in the Grand Secretary's office, and have arrived at the conclusion that the best and most satisfactory mode of effecting the desired end would be to utilise the lavatory on the ground floor at the back of the grand staircase and the front room known as the library, which, by means of communicating openings, would, in the opinion of the Board, afford, for some time to come at least, sufficient and proper accommodation for carrying



out the work in the Grand Secretary's office, and more especially would provide a private office for the use of the recently appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, an arrangement greatly needed; and that the lavatory, &c., in the rear of the present waiting room and Grand Secretary's office be reconstructed, with enlarged accommodation.

3.—It having been represented to the Board that a brother had been passed to the Second Degree in twenty-six days only after his initiation, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and it was ordered that the brother be re-obligated, in the Second and Third Degrees, at a due interval, and that the Lodge of Benevolence (No. 489, Bideford) be fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £7280 8s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages £96 15s.

The President will move:—

1.—That the report be received and entered on the minutes.

2.—That Grand Lodge do adopt the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence.

3.—That the Grand Registrar be requested to make such alterations and additions in the Book of Constitutions as may be necessary for the purposes of such reconstitution.

4.—That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the proposed increased accommodation for the Grand Secretary's office be adopted, and that the same be referred back to the Board for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

#### PROPOSED MOTION.

By Bro. John M. Clabin, P.G.D.:—

"That a grant of one thousand guineas be made to the Indian Famine Relief Fund."

The following is a list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- 1693 Kingsland Lodge, Islington.
- 1694 Imperial Lodge, Sloane-street, Chelsea.
- 1695 New Finsbury Park Lodge, Holloway.
- 1696 Lodge of Friendship, Mauritius.
- 1697 Lodge of Hospitality, Waterfoot, Lanc.
- 1698 Unity Lodge, Allahabad, Bengal.
- 1699 Wannon Lodge, Coleraine, Victoria.
- 1700 Walhalla Lodge, Walhalla, Victoria.
- 1701 Lodge of Sincerity, Dandenong, Victoria.
- 1702 Sub-Urban Lodge, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
- 1703 Windrush Lodge, Witney, Oxfordshire.
- 1704 Anchor Lodge, Southwark.
- 1705 Prince of Wales' Lodge, Gosport.
- 1706 Orpheus Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1707 Eleanor Lodge, Edmonton.
- 1708 Plucknett Lodge, Finchley.
- 1709 Aryan Lodge, Bombay.
- 1710 Remuera Lodge, Newmarket, New Zealand.
- 1711 Rodney Lodge, Warkworth, New Zealand.
- 1712 St. John's Lodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- 1713 Wilbraham Lodge, Walton-on-the-Hill, Lanc.
- 1714 Albert Edward Lodge, York Town, Surrey.
- 1715 Arthur John Brogden Lodge, Grange-over-Sands, Lanc.
- 1716 All Saints Lodge, Poplar.
- 1717 Lodge of Ancient Carthage, Tunis.
- 1718 Centurion Lodge, Fleet-street.
- 1719 Evening Star Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1720 Greytown Lodge, Greytown, Wairarapa, New Zealand.
- 1721 United Manawatu Lodge, Palmerston, New Zealand.

#### IN THE SHADE.

(Continued from page 348).

But Illinois; what have you done to accomplish "the grand design" of the Order? You have established lodges all over your vast prairies, and added thousands to the ranks of the mystic brotherhood. Have you by precept or example engraven upon their hearts the memory of their word and promise; the declaration of unselfishness; the pledge of fealty to the great work of charity; the vow that binds all hearts and all hands to the cause and the work of benevolence? What fruits have you to show for all this? What evidence that these pledges were intended to be redeemed, and have been redeemed? You have, I believe, over seven hundred lodges in your great State; are there no orphans of your deceased brethren who need, home and shelter, food and raiment, care and education? Are there no "aged and infirm" brethren who need, not alone your active sympathy, but your filial care? Where is the great life-work of Masonry in Illinois? Have you accomplished it? Or are you only editing its commencement? I remember when your Grand Lodge was organised, and but a few solitary lodges were in the State. I knew your first Grand Master, and several of the succeeding ones. The membership then was very limited, and they were building up homes in a new country; family first—this was right—but then the Craft. Your members now are rich. Your broad, productive prairies bring forth bounteously in response to your labours, and, by the providence and blessing of God, you can do much for "blessed charity," if you will. Your Grand Lodge, being the largest and among the wealthiest in the West, might lead in the "glorious work

of Masonry," and thus furnish an example for the rest. It has been long since I was in Illinois, and longer still since I attended your Grand Lodge, and may not, therefore, know what you have been and are doing to promote the Royal Art; but I would be glad to know that profession has been reduced to practice, and avowed principles crystallised into a great fact. Build your asylums, your homes, your rests, for the orphan and the aged, the widow and the helpless, where the weary may find rest and the helpless a home. Adorn your grand Prairie State with a great temple to benevolence, in which your brother's orphan may be fed and clothed and educated, and forget that his Mason-father is in the grave, because every Mason has become to him a father, and the extra resources of the entire brotherhood are pledged for his protection and support. Let it (or another) be a home for the aged and indigent who have wrought faithfully in the quarries, where they may "rest from their labours," and the evening of their days be warmed and lighted by the glow of Masonic care and Masonic benevolence. Can you not do this, and still have to spare?

I have long since lost all respect for that Masonry, and those Masons whose devotion to Masonry is always being declared and never practised. I would not give a farthing for the Order if its professed principles are not crystallised into great works—if the words of its members do not become deeds, and its sacred vows are forgotten as soon as uttered. Freemasonry must live as a reality, not as an ideal; it must do more and profess less, if it would retain the respect of community or the real regard of its own thoughtful members. A Grand Lodge, like Ohio, for instance, can spend from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars to pay the expenses of a two days' session, but the widow and the orphan are remitted to an occasional scanty donation of a lodge. Let Freemasonry redeem its promises, and it need have no fears of the future; if it would live, it must build its own monument of benevolence and usefulness. A dead church, and an idle, useless Freemasonry, alike tend to decay and ruin. Yet, after all, there are elements in Freemasonry, though dormant for the moment, that may be stimulated into activity, and make their impress for good upon the present and future.

Let me once more point to England as an illustration of promises remembered and pledges redeemed. Though many at the present day, may become members of the Institution because it basks in the smiles of Royalty, yet the great mass of the membership prove their devotion to their principles by their grand achievements in the cause of benevolence. Orphans by the score and by the hundred are cared for and educated in their "schools"—one for boys and another for girls. A comfortable and beautiful home is provided for "aged and decayed Freemasons," their wives and widows. The free-will offerings of the English Craft to sustain these "schools" and "homes" amount to more than two hundred thousand dollars per year! Royalty smiles upon them and lays its offering of gold upon their altars; wealth stops in its pursuit of gain to contribute of its abundance; official distinction deems it an honour to devote a portion of its emoluments to the cause of Masonic charity, and labour contributes of its earnings to help swell the volume of benevolence. Hail, grand old English Masonry! It is doing a work which humanity applauds and God approves. May not America, with all its conceits and prejudices, learn to emulate the good deeds and grand achievements of English Masons? Every Grand Lodge should either have its orphanage or home or asylum, or something to denote its active efforts to redeem the general pledge of the Order; or it should be laying aside its annual revenues to accumulate a fund for future work. The expenses of Grand Lodges are too great. The "per diems" and the "mileages" and the printing, and the salaries of Grand Secretaries, should be reduced, at least, one-half, and some of them might be abolished altogether; while the savings from these useless expenditures would, in a few years, enable the Craft in each State to do something to redeem their pledges, private and public, and in the shape of homes and asylums for the orphans and the aged, build monuments to the glory and re-nov of our grand old Institution. As matters go now, though we may be increasing in numbers, we are losing the spirit of Masonry, neglecting its noble mission, and forfeiting the respect of the communities among whom we live.

But the reader may say I am writing "in the shade," and therefore do not see all that is being accomplished by my brethren. It is true that I am in the shade, not only literally sheltered from the sun, but the shade of years is gathering about me, and the twilight of life's evening begins to obscure the horizon. Yet, forty years of active labour in the forest and in the quarries, and on Moriah as well, have given me a knowledge of the dangers which surround our beloved Order. Effects follow causes in Masonry as they do in nature, and blessings unimproved will surely become curses. Nations rise to power and influence, and for centuries, perhaps, shine as great landmarks to the world. But with power comes corruption; ambition lures to deceive; the foundations of the national structure, neglected, soon decay; and influence, instead of being properly directed, changes its course and that influence, "like gravitation, turns the other way." The downfall of that nation is but a question of time. Like causes will produce like results in Freemasonry. With principles as pure as "Siloa's Stream," they may be neglected or misapplied. With power and influence capable of performing great achievements, they may pass away by non-user, or be directed by selfish or ambitious men to ruinous and destructive results. But the Institution need have no fear if its acknowledged principles are practically exemplified before the world. "To do good unto all,"—this is the glorious inscription upon the old banner, and underneath is added by way of a particular admonition—"Especially to the household of faith." To "aid and assist all" the

Craft, and especially "their widows and orphans,"—these are the inspiring words—the clarion call to active usefulness and glorious rewards.

But while as Masons we are urged to the discharge of these duties, and permitted to boast of the capacity of our Order to be useful in the world, we must not forget that all of Masonry is not confined to our Institution. It is in the warm heart and sympathetic nature, whether within or without our Order; its symbolism is seen and read in the alphabet of nature; and as well "from the flowers that bloom beneath us," as "from the heavens that bend above us," we may learn the lessons and be urged to the duties of our mystic Craft. And so Freemasonry may triumph, though never another neophyte should pass the threshold of our Temple.

I rejoice to see that the journals of the day, devoted to the interests of Masonry, are not only "disseminating light and information" among the Craft, but also calling them to duty. Let the editors keep this in view, and urge upon their readers the discharge of every Masonic duty—promptly and heartily; then shall the Temple of Freemasonry stand up a glory and a power for good throughout all the earth.

#### Reviews.

"Die Geheim Statuten des Ordens der Templerherren;"

Edited by Dr. MERZDORF, with an after statement by Dr. GUSTAV SCHWETSCKE. Halle, 1877.

We have received and looked over this important work, which its original and able editor, Bro. Dr. Merzdorf did not, however, unfortunately live to see published. It consists of three parts; 1st. "Regula Pauperum Commilitonum Christi Templique Salomonis," said to be extant in the Vatican Library, among "Acta Inquisitionis contra Ordinem Militie Templi (Cod. xv.)," and which have already appeared generally in the work of Münter, Wilcke, Maillard de Chambure, the "Histoire de la Chevalerie," and many other similar publications. We say generally, in an agreement with the published texts, as time and space forbids us to make a careful collation of the "Regula." They are 72 in the present collection, and may be assumed to be correct. There are also seven "Accessiones Novae," or new regulations added to them, and which profess to have been transcribed, together with the old rules, by "Frater Mathæus de Tremelay, Anno Domini bis centesimo et quinto supra miliesimum die S. Felicii"—that is to say on St. Felicia's day, 1205. We do not think it needful to say anything more on these "Regulations of the Poor Soldiers of Christ," as they are known to all who have studied the subject, and until shown to be unauthentic, may be accepted fairly as such. We wish however, that a collation of the Code X had taken place, and a facsimile of the handwriting had been made, so that palæographers might be able to express an opinion on its actual date. The second document is thus headed:—"Incessant Statuta Secreta quæ Fratribus Electis de Militia Templi tradiderunt prout acceptant Ff. Rogerius de Montagu Praeceptor Normannie, et Robertus de Barres, Procurator Maisnagiorum in Normania;" That is to say we have here the secret statutes which Roger de Montagu, Preceptor of Normandy, and Robert de Bar, &c., delivered to the elect of the Militia of the Temple, as they received them. This important collection professes to be extant, alas, in the Vatican Library, Codex XXIV. among the "Acta" of the Inquisition against the Templars, and to have been transcribed by Bernard de St. Omer in 1252, the 15th of the Kalends of August. We may observe here that the history of these MSS. seems to be this. They are all written by one hand, and were formerly in the possession of a Russian official Böber about the beginning of this century. He died about 1820, and his MSS. fell into the hands of a Dr. Buek in Hamburg, and are now among the archives of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and from them this copy has been printed. We must again repeat our regret that no search has been made in the Vatican Library, no collation attempted, and beyond the heading "Codex XXIV.," it is not apparently known whether any such manuscript exists. We also desiderate greatly a facsimile of the hand writing, for when we carefully study the document, we are struck by this fact at once, that the language is not the language of the 13th century, and expressions are made use of which clearly are of later date. If these documents are genuine, they would clearly demonstrate that the Templars in 1252, were in alliance with the Waldenses, and the various dissidents from the Church of Rome, were acquainted with the controversy of Anti-Christ, and had at the same time an affinity with Eastern Gnostics, and Mahomedan teaching, and were in union with the Freemasons, and had in fact a Masonic ceremonial. We cannot accept any such theory, even on the internal evidence of the MS. itself, and can only presume it to be a "pious fraud," either by some contemporary enemy of the Templars, (if the MS. be really forthcoming), or of those members of the Masonic Order who in the latter end of the 18th century were determined to have a Templar origin for Freemasonry. To the last view we, on the whole, lean, for the entirety of the phraseology is clearly of late date, after known controversies and admitted facts. The use of the words elect, "Synagoga, Anti-christi," the wonderful hostility to the Church of Rome, all express a much later period of thought and feeling than 1250. The doctrine of "election" could hardly have been a familiar subject of discussion in 1250, and whether the MS. be a forgery or not, it is not a 13th century one in our humble opinion. In the XXVII. regulation, allusion is made to "Magistri Massonerii," (Master Masons), which in our opinion is fatal to the reality of the MS. as of date 1250. The word Massonerii is of quite late use, and we doubt if any good example can be cited of its appearance until those brethren set to work who drew up the Charter of Cologne. We regret to say, that



the more we study these rules, the more we feel persuaded of their unreality, by whomsoever as Merzdorf has it, (for he clearly comes to the same conclusion with us), the forgery was made. Whatever they may be they are not 13th Century Regulations. We may add that the alleged MS. contains 36 Regulations. The same remark applies to the "Liber Consolamenti" which is said to be Codex. XXXI., in the Vatican Library of the "Acta contra Ordinem Militiæ Templi." This contains 20 regulations, and is said to have been transcribed by "Frater Robertus de Samford" Procurator of the Templar houses in England, the 4th of the Kalends of July, 1246, and to have been put together by Frater Roncelinus. We are struck with its incongruity, and even impiety, its mixture of the devout teaching of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the extraction of the "Idol" Idolum Baphometum from the "Pyx." The proceedings of the chapter are termed "Perfectione Consolamenti," which may be translated as Merzdorf has it, the perfection or fulfilment of the spiritual baptism, answering to the Illumination mentis of the Gnostics. No collation has been made, as we said before, of the other MSS., and we confess to the fear that in some mistaken zeal this is also a "fraus piæ." The 4th MS. is a "Rotulus Signorum" a roll of signs which mark the "Fratres Militiæ Templi," and all those, lay or clerical, who belong to the Secret Order of the Elect. It is said to be Codex. XXXII. Vatican, as before, but has not been collated. It professes to have been translated by Frater Roncelinus, in 1240, also.

We regret that we must pass the same judgment upon this collection as on the others, saying that it is unreal, unhistorical, and unauthentic.

Whether Mûnter, as the late Bro. Merzdorf seems to surmise, had some hand in these documents, when at Rome, it is perhaps impossible to say, but until their reality as MSS. is established, they must be open to the gravest doubts, and even if the handwriting be of the 13th century, they would still, we fancy, be a controversial preparation, to justify the arbitrary acts of Pope and King in the destruction of the Templars, though, as we have before observed, the absurdity and impiety of these regulations must strike all conversant with the annals of those times and the sentiments of that epoch. To suppose, for instance, that the Knights fighting in the East were conversant with the controversies and sectional movements of offshoots from the Romish Church, the "benihomines," of Lyons, the Waldenses, the Albigenses, &c., is too much for our credibility. It is quite impossible to conceive that any possible connection could exist as between Mahomedan teaching and Christian Knights, or that the Templars could sympathize with the alleged Pantheistic writing of Amalaricus de Bena and David de Dinanto. In fact these statutes would make the Templars a sort of originators of freethought, to say nothing of free love! In our opinion the internal evidence of the collection is fatal to them, and they constitute a deliberate forgery, for some purpose, which does not yet clearly appear. We have clearly pointed out that the words "Magistri Massoneri" are not the Latini of the 13th century, and there we leave the matter, though the fact of a connection between the Operative Masons and the Templars may be true enough per se. The allusion to "Abrac" in respect of the Masons is also a late expression, and clearly points to a compilation for a purpose. We shall await curiously the result of a possible search in the Vatican Library, as though we may be wrong, we are inclined to think that the existence of these alleged MSS. is not only questionable in itself, but that if they be extant, they certainly do not represent the chirography of the 13th century. As 13th century documents, we reject them without any hesitation whatever, simply on that internal evidence which sometimes speaks most clearly, and renders the task of the expert comparatively easy.

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER. No. II.

##### BRO. TIMMINS IN WALES.

We all of us know Bro. Timmins, of the Lodge of Gaity, No. 3000, and what a rising young man and Mason he is. Hear him talk, you would suppose that in him were centred all the learning of Anderson, and all the archaeology of Oliver, all the indefatigable labours of W. J. Hughan, all the steady application of D. Murray Lyon; and we need hardly add, that, in his own lodge, he is considered a first-rate authority on all Masonic matters, whether they be of history or etiquette. So much so that no one ventures to contest his opinion, no one dares to dispute his "dictum." He is excessively strong, above all, on the Book of Constitutions. Once upon a time, in an evil hour for us, we ventured—actually ventured—to take the exception alike to an antiquarian assertion, and a constitutional exposition.

And we shall never forget Bro. P.M. Snigger's look of mingled astonishment and awe.

"Bro. Tomkinson," he said, solemnly, to us, "are you aware that our Bro. Timmins is considered a first-class authority on all points; so much so that we do not like to controvert his opinion? As a friend and a brother, let me warn you that you will offend many of the brethren if you openly question Bro. Timmins's authority, which we, in this Lodge of Gaity, always respect; he is such a clever young man and Mason."

Well, we took the hint, and "drew in our horns," though on both points Bro. Timmins was lamentably wrong and ignorant.

But so it is, and we know not a few lodges where a "Timmins" exists, and where he does a frightful quantity of mischief.

Bro. Timmins, like all great men, must have a holiday, and so he has started for Llandudno, with his three sisters, and a very agreeable party they make, as some young

Oxford men, reading with a tutor, have found out, and who seem to prefer the bright eyes and good looks of Miss Emma, Miss Jane, and Miss Katharine, to all the classical studies and all the natural science in the world.

Timmins is not a bad fellow in himself, if he was not so bumptious and set up, and as they say "revenge is sweet," so I have mine in the fact specially and solely reserved for the Freemason, that he is terribly bullied, and perfectly kept in order by his sisters, who will "stand none of his nonsense," as they say, and, like British Maidens of the hour, are neither to be "put upon" nor "trampled down."

If he makes a show and stir in his lodge, it is comfortable to reflect that he is fully appreciated, and constantly snubbed at home, and as no one, as the French say, is a "hero" to his "valet de chambre," so when our outward tinsel and public padding are taken from us, how often do we appear, like the citizens of "Lilliput," to the discerning vision and the calm understanding of our home circle.

If the "whirligig of time brings strange conceits" with it it also carries with it a Nemesis as well.

#### NOTES ON ART, &c.

ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.—An interesting discovery has just been made at St. Alban's Abbey during the laying down of gas pipes for the purpose of lighting up the Cathedral portion of the building. It has been considered by many authorities that the ancient Chapter-house, which was destroyed, to fix the latest time, at the early part of the eighteenth century, stood on the south side of the slope, and this conjecture has been confirmed by the discovery of the responds and of the northern, western, and eastern walls. The responds are deemed the most elaborate zig-zag traceries Norman mouldings yet found in this country. It was necessary at once to cover up the interesting remains discovered, as a public footway passes over the spot.

THE GROSVENOR GALLERY.—We are informed that it is intended to open this gallery early in November with a representative exhibition of water-colour drawings and studies by deceased masters. As far as possible the collection is to be completely illustrative of the rise and growth of this branch of art in the English school. The loan of several important collections has already been promised.

SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM.—The carpets and embroidery, the gift of His Majesty the Shah of Persia to the South Kensington Museum, have arrived, and are now exhibited in the portion of the Museum devoted to Persian objects of art.

DEDALUS OR LAPUTA.—Among the patents for which application has been made at the German Patent Office is one worthy of special notice. The object is a "Lenkbare Flugel-Luftschiff" (steering-winged aerial ship). Its inventor is George Baumgarten, Royal Chief Ranger at the forest-house, Gruna, near Chemnitz, in Saxony.

A BUST OF THUCYDIDES.—A marble bust which has been at Holkham Hall, the property of the Earl of Leicester, since the middle of last century, has just been identified by Professor Michaelis, of Strasburg, as a portrait of Thucydides; more than that, as a much finer portrait of the historian than the only hitherto known example in Naples, where he is conjoined with Herodotus in a double term inscribed with his name. In spite of certain peculiarities there seems to be no good reason for doubting the genuineness of the inscription. And since it would not be at all fair to suppose that the name was selected at hap-hazard, as has often been the case in modern times, we must conclude that the sculptor had before him a portrait to copy from traditionally known as that of Thucydides. It is a different question when we come to inquire whether this original portrait may not after all have been, if not imaginary, at least very much idealised, as it is called sometimes. Against this possibility it can hardly be safe as an argument, but perhaps rather the contrary, to extract a man's character from his works, and then to find this reflected in his features and expression. The Holkham bust appears to have been brought from Italy, but it has this advantage over the Naples one, that it has been copied, as Professor Michaelis points out, in detail from an original dating from the period of Greek portraiture which followed the influence of Lysippus. A full discussion of the question relating to this very interesting portrait is given by Professor Michaelis in the "Festschrift" sent by the University of Strasburg to the sister University of Tübingen on the occasion of the fourth Sacularfeier recently held at the latter place. Two photographs from a cast of the bust are also given, and, to compare with them, a small engraving from the Naples bust.—Academy.

A COMPANION OF FAUST.—A. T. Castaldi writes to the Times:—"The Caxton celebration being an event which by its very nature can only recur at a stated future time, all that refers to it should be at once presented. Is it presumptuous in me to wish to add my mite, which I do not see mentioned in any of the interesting information afforded hitherto? John Gutenberg, or Gutenberg, one of those to whom the invention of the art of printing is attributed, had for partner, as is well known, one John Faust. John Fust, or Faust, had passed some time in Italy, namely in Venice, with a certain Panfilo Castaldi, of Feltre. This last is the person to whom I would call attention, as a link in the chain concerning the yet doubtful awarding of the palm for the invention of printing. Castaldi having seen several Chinese books which Marco Polo, of travelled celebrity, had brought from China, printed by means of wooden blocks, constructed moveable types, each type containing a single letter, and with these printed a number of sheets, some of which are preserved to this day among the archives of Feltre. With Castaldi John Faust spent some time, and acquired from him his invention, which, after his return to Germany, Gutenberg de-

veloped with him into the art of printing. As the inventor of this art, Castaldi's fellow-citizens erected a statue to his memory in his native town of Feltre, which lies on a height near the Piave. Is it not somewhat of a duty to recall Panfilo Castaldi (at different times or periods variously written Castaldi and Cataldi) at this time, to partake with others, even after so many centuries, of his meed of the appreciation which is being expressed through the present celebration in memory of one of the greatest workers in the art of printing? To the duty of this sentiment permit me as a descendant to call attention."

THE SATELLITES OF MARS.—Mr. R. A. Proctor says:—"I am surprised that so little attention has been as yet publicly drawn to the interesting discovery just made, that Mars has two satellites. This discovery has been made with the great Washington refractor by Professor Asaph Hall, who has recently made many valuable observations on that exceedingly difficult object, Hyperion, Saturn's seventh satellite (eighth and last in order of discovery). It might be worth while, by the way, with so powerful a telescope as this, to look for other Saturnian moons in the space between the orbits of Titan and Japetus, or even for small satellites of these satellites. Mars can no longer be called, as by the Poet Laureate, 'Moonless Mars,' though his moons must be very little ones; for Jupiter's least, though so much more remote, and no larger than our own moon, is among the easiest of telescopic objects, and can even be seen in a good opera glass. From the brief telegram sent to Leverrier from Washington, it would seem that the periods of the two moons are about 30 hours and about 15 hours; their distances about 13,800 and 8600 miles respectively from Mar's centre. I deduce these values from the statement that on August 18 (11 Washington time) the outer attained its western elongation, distance 80 min., and that the distance of the inner is 50 min.; period of outer 30 hours, whence distance of inner follows by Kepler's 3d law. From the period and distance of the outer satellite, the mass of Mars would appear to be only 94-thousandths of the earth's mass, instead of 118-thousandths, as heretofore estimated. The apparent diurnal motion of the outer satellite, as seen by Martians, must be from east to west and very slow, the planet itself rotating in 34 hours 37 min. 22.7 sec. The inner satellite presents the unique peculiarity of gaining by its revolution motion on the planet's rotational motion, thus rising in the west and setting in the east. Moreover, it moves faster, in appearance, this way than the other moon moves in the usual way."

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton, District Grand Master of Jamaica, occupied the throne. Bro. Capt. Platt, P.J.G.W., held the S.G.W. chair, and Bro. the Rev. G. J. Martyn, P.G.C., that of J.G.W.; General Brownrigg, P.G.M. for Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and among the other brethren present were Bros. R.W. Montague J. Guest, Prov. Grand Master for Dorset; Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master for China; V.W. Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., P.G.C.; Rev. Robert James Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Ernest Emil Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; W. Bros. N. G. Phillips, P. de Lande Long, S.G. Deacons; H. C. Tombs and E. J. Morris, J.G. Deacons; B. Head, P.G.D.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; H. Browne, P.G.D.; B. Baker, P.G.D.; J. M. Wike, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Lieut-Col. T. Birchall, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; F. P. Cockerell, G.S. of Works; F. Robinson, Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies; J. Whichcord, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Toller, jun., G. Sword Bearer; H. Pullen, P.G.S.B.; J. Mason, P.G.S.B.; J. Nunn, P.G.S.B.; W. W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; W. Kuhe, G. Organist; H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Secretary; S. G. Foxall, G. Pursuivant; W. T. Howe, Assistant G. Pursuivant; J. Smith, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; the Grand Stewards of the year, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Grand Steward's Lodge, H. Massey (Freemason), and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of other lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form and with solemn prayer.

Grand Secretary reported that he held in his hand several apologies from Grand Officers for their inability to be present at this Grand Lodge. The Grand Chaplain was absent in Scotland, and he was sorry to say that the Junior Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, as was known to many of the brethren, had departed this life since the last meeting. Lord De Tabley was unable to be present. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C., Bro. Willing, G. Organist, and several other brethren also sent letters of regret that they were unable to be present.

Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, which were put to the brethren and confirmed.

The next business on the paper was the motion by the M.W. Grand Master. "That in consideration of the dreadful fire which has occurred at St. John, New Brunswick, and which has devastated that city, this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of 200 guineas to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in aid of the fund now in course of formation, for the relief of the inhabitants."

(2) "That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one hundred guineas, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in alleviation of the distress caused by the 'Cataclysm' which has recently occurred on the coast of Peru."

Dr. Hamilton said: Brethren, there is no doubt that you all regret as much as I do myself that these two motions are not to be moved by our M.W.G.M., who finds it impossible to be present this evening, and also that we should not have the advantage of the eloquence of our Pro G.M. or of our Deputy G.M. It has fallen upon me by accident as being the senior officer present, to represent them this evening. I cannot bring before you the amount of statistics and the other points connected with the subject which no doubt would be submitted to you had they been brought forward by the M.W.G.M. You all know the effect of fire, and you have read, and are no doubt well aware, of the devastation that has been caused in New Brunswick by the dreadful calamity that has there occurred. I therefore will move for the Grand Master, "That in consideration of a dreadful fire which has occurred at St. John, New Brunswick, and which has devastated that city, this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of 200 guineas, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in aid of

the fund now in course of formation for the relief of the inhabitants."

General Brownrigg seconded the motion. The Grand Master in the chair (Dr. Hamilton) then put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. Hamilton then said: I have further to propose "That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of 100 guineas to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, in alleviation of the distress caused by the 'cataclysm' which has recently occurred on the coast of Peru." Here we know very little of this calamity; but I have no doubt that there are many brethren who have travelled, and can testify to you to the fearful calamities that are produced by those earthquakes and derangements which occur to the parts of the world, among which is the place named in this notice of motion. I therefore move as I have mentioned.

General Brownrigg seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Dr. Hamilton then said: Before we proceed further I will ask the Grand Secretary to read a letter he has received from the Province of Dorset.

Grand Secretary then read a letter from the Grand Treasurer of the Province of Dorset, in which he announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset had subscribed £150 towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

The next business was the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

A brother of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby	£50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 323, Stockport	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Saint James' Lodge, No. 765, Southwark	100 0 0
A brother of the Duke of Athol Lodge, No. 210, Denton	75 0 0
The daughter of a brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorchester	200 0 0

Bro. J. M. Clabon having moved, and Bro. Joshua Nunn having seconded, the grants proposed by these recommendations, they were put and carried.

The next business was the consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes, which was as follows:—

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of General Purposes have to report as follows:—  
1. Arising out of the opinions for some considerable time expressed in Grand Lodge, and more especially the recent debates of that assembly, the Board have had under their careful and special consideration the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, and having referred the question to a committee of the whole Board for consideration and report, have received from such committee the following report thereon:—

To the Worshipful Board of General Purposes.

The Committee of the whole Board, to whom it was on the 10th day of June last referred to consider the advisability of recommending Grand Lodge to alter the title and constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, beg to report unanimously as follows:—Having fully considered the subject we are of opinion that it is advisable to recommend Grand Lodge to alter both the title and the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence in manner hereinafter mentioned.

1. The "Lodge of Benevolence" to be in future designated the "Board of Benevolence."

2. The Board of Benevolence to consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, a President, and forty-five other members. The President and fifteen of such members to be annually nominated by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in December, and the remaining thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge from amongst the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges, such election to be conducted in the same manner as that of the Board of General Purposes, but it should not in our opinion be a regulation that one-third or any other proportion of the members should retire annually.

3.—The Board to elect one of its members to be Vice-President.

4.—Five members to form a quorum.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the Board.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
Chairman.

And the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with such report do recommend the same to Grand Lodge for adoption.

2.—The Board have had under their consideration and that of the Premises Committee the question of improving the accommodation in the Grand Secretary's office, and have arrived at the conclusion that the best and most satisfactory mode of effecting the desired end would be to utilise the lavatory on the ground floor at the back of the grand staircase and the front room known as the library, which, by means of communicating openings, would, in the opinion of the Board, afford, for some time to come at least, sufficient and proper accommodation for carrying out the work in the Grand Secretary's office, and more especially would provide a private office for the use of the recently appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, an arrangement greatly needed; and that the lavatory, &c., in the rear of the present waiting room and Grand Secretary's office be reconstructed, with enlarged accommodation.

3.—It having been represented to the Board that a brother had been passed to the Second Degree in twenty-six days only after his initiation, the circumstances were fully enquired into, and it was ordered that the brother be re-obligated, in the Second and Third Degrees, at a due interval, and that the Lodge of Benevolence (No. 489, Bideford) be fined one guinea, and admonished to be more careful in future.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £7280 8s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages £96 15s.

Bro. Peter de Lande Long, Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the report be received; and this having been seconded and carried, Bro. Long said he had been requested by the President of the Board, who, unfortunately, was not able to be present, and for which he expressed his sincere regret, to say that, looking at the very important alterations rendered necessary by the adoption of the report of the Board, and, also, at the fact that the President and the Grand Registrar were compelled to be absent, he thought it better that so much of the report as related to the Lodge of Benevolence be postponed (hear, hear, and applause,) until the next Quarterly Communication in December. (Cries of "Withdraw.") He, therefore, would move that it be postponed till December.

The Grand Master on the throne having put the motion,

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., hereupon rose, and said he begged leave to propose an amendment to the resolution suggested. The amendment he had to move was that this, which was a most important matter, should be deferred until the Quarterly Communication in March next. Things of moment should be done with due deliberation. (Hear, hear.) That was a fundamental axiom of our Order, and although he was prepared to say that on consideration he might give his vote in favour of the resolution which had been proposed, yet he was not prepared to do it until he had well considered the matter (hear, hear,) and he was sure that in making this great alteration in our constitutions—

Bro. S. Rawson rose to order. There was no question before the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in the chair overruled the objection.

Bro. James Mason continued. He was about to say that this was a matter deserving of their most mature consideration, because it was, in fact, the fundamental position in the constitutions of Masonry. If these resolutions were carried they would disfranchise every lodge in the Order (hear, hear, and applause); and he was not prepared, nor would any Mason—because all Masons he believed—and he was ready to give them credit for this—desired the good of the Order. The Masons as a body, and Masons as individuals if an alteration was for the good of the body, would be prepared to make that alteration; but not without consideration. He said again, that this alteration disfranchised every lodge in the Order as far as the Board of Benevolence was concerned, and it would disfranchise every Grand Officer, who had at present a right to be a member of that Board of Benevolence.

Bro. Brackstone Baker rose to order. The worthy brother had no right to go into the question. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The Grand Master in the chair ruled that Bro. Mason was in order.

Bro. James Mason said this was the point. He wished to speak to the purpose. He wished to say only so few words as would suffice to convey his opinion to the brethren freely and frankly that there should be more deliberation about it. They would be disfranchising every lodge in the Order, and every Grand Officer, who was a member of the Lodge of Benevolence. He had been a member of that lodge for about twenty years, and he had the pleasure to attend its meetings.

Bro. Joseph Smith rose to order. They were not now discussing the question contained in the report of the Board of General Purposes, but only the question whether the consideration of the subject should be postponed. (Confusion.)

The Grand Master in the chair said he wished to state that Bro. Mason was about to give the reason why he wished the subject adjourned to March at the same time he (the W.G.M.) deprecated his going in to any discussion of the question beyond explaining why he wished the subject postponed till March.

Bro. James Mason was much obliged to the G.M. in the chair, and he would make his remarks very brief indeed. He desired that there should be food for reflection between then and March next, and that the brethren should know what it was they had then to consider. For about twenty years he had been a member of the Lodge of Benevolence ("Time, time," and great confusion.) He knew there were grievances to be dealt with; he knew there was a great number of brethren also attended; and they were now so large in number that perhaps it was not desirable to have so many present; but the question was whether the mode proposed was the proper method of dealing with the evil. Without further comment, he begged leave to propose that the consideration of this resolution be postponed until the Quarterly Communication in March next. (Hear, hear, cheers, and no, no.)

Bro. Raynham Stewart rose to second the amendment. He quite agreed with Bro. Mason's remarks that the matter required consideration; but he also agreed with what that brother said as to the proposition, if carried, disfranchising the lodges. It would be giving away a great privilege which now belonged to lodges, and would be another step towards that centralised action which was now being brought forward in other branches of Masonry. If the brethren allowed the proposition to be carried they would be stripping themselves of freedom. He had great pleasure in seconding the proposition. Let them come forward in March prepared with a scheme, but not the scheme now proposed. (Confusion.)

Bro. Binckes was quite prepared to discuss the question if it had been gone into that evening; but he thought after the very graceful concession made by the President o



the Board of General Purposes they ought to accept his proposition, and postpone the consideration of the subject till the Quarterly Communication in December. (Cries of "No, no.") He quite agreed with those brethren who were in favour of the amendment, to postpone the matter until March, that this was a question of the very gravest importance, affecting as it did the rights and privileges of every Master in the Craft; but because he thought it of that importance he did not think it should be hanging over them for six months. He should have voted against the report of the Board if it had been brought on that night, because he believed that no Master of a lodge had been able to give that consideration to the subject which it demanded; but he nevertheless was of opinion that three months from now was quite sufficient time. (Cries of "No no," and "Yes, yes," and confusion.) He repeated that he thought three months was quite long enough. He was glad when he saw the Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes move that the subject should be postponed till December. It was most important however that it should not be hanging over the brethren's heads till March (cries of "No, no" and "Yes, yes" and he thought that as the Board had recommended that it should be postponed till December the Grand Lodge should accede to their request. (Cries of "No, no," and "Yes, yes," and withdraw.) If the brethren wanted the proposition withdrawn altogether let them have it withdrawn, but he did not think it would be polite or courteous to the Board of General Purposes to do so. He would say that any one of ordinary intellect or intelligence would have time enough if granted three months to make up his mind. If he did not make up his mind in that time he would not by March or March twelve month. Although unfavourable to the change proposed he felt that it should be left for consideration till December.

Bro. H. Browne, P.G.D., agreed in this view.

Bro. James Stevens said no doubt six months was a long time; but a great number now present were prepared at once to make up their minds on any point which involved the disfranchising of lodges. The proposition before the brethren excluded the Masters of lodges during their year of office from carrying out those principles of Masonry which they were bound to discharge fully and efficiently. It was not the fault of the whole body of the lodges that some members did not attend. It was really and absolutely one of the duties imposed on the Masters of lodges that they should attend the Lodge of Benevolence. Those who represented lodges as Masters would be extremely sorry to have their privileges taken from them. Brethren could make up their minds in three or four months as well as in six; but still the matter was of sufficient importance to stand over till March, at which time he was quite certain the verdict of Grand Lodge would be as it would have been to-night, against the proposal made by the Board.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, as President of the Lodge of Benevolence, said it was of little consequence whether the question was postponed till December or March. He gathered from all that had fallen from the brethren that it would meet the feelings of the majority that they wished it postponed till March. No evil would happen in the meantime, and he would ask the representative of the Board of General Purposes if he could not meet the wish of the brethren by making his proposition that the matter should be postponed till March.

The original proposition having been withdrawn, the amendment was put and carried, and the consideration of so much of the report of the Board of General Purposes as related to the Lodge of Benevolence was postponed till March.

On the motion of Bro. Peter de L. Long, the portion of the report relating to increased accommodation in Grand Secretary's office was put and carried.

Bro. J. M. Clabon then rose to move the grant of 1000 guineas to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. In doing so he said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, and brethren,—I will hardly say that I rise oppressed with a sense of the greatness of the subject which I have undertaken to bring before you, because I believe that I shall have the sympathy of every one present. (Hear, hear.) The grand principle of Masonry, as I understand it, is universal charity and benevolence, and we are now in presence, I venture to say, of the greatest calamity of this century, a calamity in which hundreds of thousands (I am not overstating it) of our fellow creatures are dying by the roadside of sheer stark famine. Now I apprehend and hope there will not be a voice raised to-night against some grant being made. You have already granted 200 guineas and 100 guineas to good objects, but small in their way to that which I now propose; and the manner in which you have granted those sums is, I think, conclusive evidence that you will grant this sum; but if I wanted other evidence, I have only to refer to what one provincial lodge has granted. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset has granted £120 by themselves. I would ask you to consider the dreadful state of things some of our own fellow-creatures are enduring. I might dilate on the miseries of hunger for a long time, although none of us know what it is. I have a letter before me which is very short, from which I will read an extract. It is from a young lady at Kolapore, in the Madras Presidency, to her sister in England, and it tells the tale of the sufferings which are endured there. (Bro. Clabon then read a letter which has appeared in the daily papers, which stated that the old and the children were the principal sufferers, that they lie down and die by the roadside; and the writer went on to say that a mother was seen dying by the side of her two dead children, whom dogs were eating, and she had not strength to drive them away. The writer concluded by asking for subscriptions to be sent out immediately.) Bro. Clabon continued. One word more: on the question of the amount. I have just heard it whispered that an amendment will be moved to make the amount 500 guineas. (Cries of "No, No.") Now, let us be

unanimous. (Cries of "No amendment.") We have £42,000 in the Lodge of Benevolence; but we cannot touch that. We know the Board of General Purposes erected this building with money borrowed from the Fund of Benevolence, which they afterwards paid back. We have in the Fund of General Purposes an annual surplus of some £6000 or £7000, and we invested £8000 last year. Therefore we can well afford 1000 guineas for this excellent object. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

Col. Creation seconded the motion, which was then put and carried amidst general cheering.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins (Grand Treasurer) said he had had great pleasure on former occasions, when sums of money had been voted for benevolent purposes, in stating that he should have much gratification in paying at once the amount voted without waiting for the confirmation of the grant by next Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) So on this occasion to give the relief which they wished to afford the money ought to be paid at once, and not postponed for three months. Being convinced from the unanimous expression he had seen in this Grand Lodge, that what had been done that night would be accepted and confirmed at their next meeting, he would immediately carry out the brethren's intentions by paying at once the thousand guineas to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, as well as the two hundred guineas for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick, and one hundred guineas for the alleviation of the distress caused by the cataclysm on the coast of Peru—two objects, not perhaps of equal importance, for which relief was voted in the earlier portion of the evening. (Cheers.)

The Grand Master in the chair hoped that all the Provincial Grand Lodges would follow the example of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and adjourned.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**HALLIFORD.**—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).

—The eighth installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on Tuesday, 28th ult. Bro. C. G. Rushworth, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The minutes and report of the Audit Committee were read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered in the lodge minute book. The W.M., Bro. C. G. Rushworth, completed his year of office by raising Bro. T. Noton to the Third Degree. All his work has been done in an able, painstaking, correct, and efficient manner. He vacated his chair in favour of one who may well be called the founder and father of the lodge, who performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which elicited the admiration of all assembled, he having received no intimation that so arduous a duty would be imposed upon him without a moment's notice. However, his strength of memory stood him in good stead, and the ceremony was worked to perfection.—Bro. James Wm. George, W.M., appointed and invested his officers, and afterwards conferred the Second Degree on Bro. Dr. T. Gurney. Bro. C. G. Rushworth, P.G. Steward, M.D., I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's Jewel, one of the most valuable and chastely-elegant in design that we have ever witnessed, and no jewel ever was more justly bestowed. The meeting was an entire success. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. J. W. George, W.M.; C. G. Rushworth, P.G. Steward, M.D., I.P.M.; C. G. C. Stahr, P.M. 871, S.W.; R. P. Tebb, J.W.; Rev. J. Fothergill, Chaplain; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. M.D., P.M., Treasurer, (reinvested third time); Rev. T. W. Cave, LL.D., Secretary, (reinvested second time); J. Davies, Assistant Secretary; J. Scott, S.D.; C. L. Smiles, J.D.; J. Sutcliffe, I.G.; Sjöberg, D.C.; Cave, jun., W.S.; Tremer, Organist; W. Y. Laing, P.M., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G. Secretary M.D., P.M.; C. E. Young, 122, Scottish Constitution; Pitt, 890; R. Jennings, J.W. 907; Gordon, 907; and Kimbell, 1541. The brethren who have filled the chair of this lodge are Bros. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. M.D.; G. J. Lee, J. H. Butten, P.P.A.D.C. M.D.; E. W. Richardson, the late R. Limpus, P.P.G. Organist; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, &c.; and C. G. Rushworth, P.G. Steward, M.D. The late Bro. E. Sillifant, P.P.G.D. M.D., was first Treasurer until his lamented decease.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE.**—Ryburn Lodge (No. 1283).—The monthly meeting of this lodge, held on the 29th August, was numerously attended, and will long be remembered as one of the pleasantest evenings spent since the lodge was formed. Bros. Joseph Senior, W.M.; Joseph Greenwood, S.D.; and Michael Scholefield, J.D., were all in their places, and there were also present several Past Masters. There was a goodly muster of visitors from Bradford, Elland, Halifax, and Todmorden, &c., as well as Bro. Berghem, of the King Solomon Royal Lodge, Jerusalem. The business of the evening was introduced by balloting for a life subscribership to one of the Masonic charities. This was in accordance with a system brought forward by Bro. John Marshall, P.M., about three years ago, which has worked so successfully that nearly all the members of the lodge are life subscribers to at least one of the charities. A copy of the bye-laws of this system appeared in the *Freemason* a few weeks ago, as used by the St. James's Lodge, No. 448, but which were first used by Ryburn Lodge. By command of the W.M., Bro. John Marshall, P.M., raised Bro. Rev. T. Galland Hartley to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was gone through in a most business-like and impressive manner. Bro.

Atkinson presided at the harmonium, and accompanied by Bros. Wood, &c., from Bradford, rendered very efficient service. An excellent supper was provided by Bro. Shaw, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The evening was spent with the greatest harmony and enjoyment.

### INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**

—This lodge, held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, met on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Lorkin, W.M.; Woolley, S.W.; Francis, J.W.; Maples, S.D.; McMillar, J.D.; C. Lorkin, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; E. Dietrich, G. Ferrar, J. Lovelock, J. B. Shackleton, A. Little, O. Dietrich, and others. The lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. B. Shackleton then worked the Sections of the lecture in a most able manner, assisted by the brethren. Bros. W. Fieldwick, G. Ferrar, and E. Dietrich were respectively elected as Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary for the ensuing year, and Bros. Lovelock, Francis, and Lorkin as Auditors. It was resolved that the Audit Committee meet next Monday evening at 8 p.m., at the Havelock Tavern. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the officers of last year, and Bro. J. B. Shackleton, in responding, expressed his regret at having to relinquish the Secretaryship through other urgent engagements. Bro. Woolley was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual dinner of this lodge takes place on Wednesday, 10th of October, when we feel confident a most enjoyable evening will be spent by those who can make it convenient to be present.

### Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—The September meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Little Britain. Present:—Bros. Dr. Ernest Brette, W.M.; E. H. Thielley, S.W.; H. A. Dubois, J.W.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treasurer; George Kenning, P.M., Secretary; G. Newman, M.O.; P. M. Holden, S.O.; W. E. Newton, J.O.; T. Cubitt, P.M.; E. L. Shepherd, J. Boyd, W. H. W. Wilkinson, Frederick Walters, P.M.; Frederick Binckes, G.S.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. H. J. Green, Herbert Dicketts. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. C. Levander installed Bro. E. H. Thielley, W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Thielley then invested his officers, one brother was proposed for advancement, and one for joining. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).**—The seventh installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 3rd inst., and was well attended by officers and brethren. The lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.G.J.O., acting for the W.M., Bros. Mark S. Larham, S.W.; W. Poore, J.W.; M. Spiegel, M.O.; J. W. Gibson, J.O.; J. J. Joseph, R.M.; C. P. McKay, Sec.; W. Ackland, J.D.; W. Mitchell, Steward. There were also present Past Masters D. Trusler, C. Pulman, Thos Poore, G.I.G., and G. Lilley, and Bros. J. Barney, H. G. Gush, W. R. Sheadd, W. B. Miller, Edward Mitchell, W. Steadman, W. Cachett, Rawles, and others. Although several candidates were proposed for advancement "holiday time" prevented attendance of all but one, Bro. Osman Vincent, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, who having been duly approved, was advanced into the honourable degree with full ceremony. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., G.I.G., then installed Bro. Mark S. Larham into the chair of A., and the new W.M. was cordially saluted both in the board of I.M. and subsequently in open lodge. The officers were then appointed as follows, and were severally invested and addressed at the request of the W.M. by Past Master Stevens: Bros. W. Poore, S.W.; M. Spiegel, J.W.; C. P. McKay, M.O.; J. W. Gibson, S.O.; W. Ackland, J.O.; James Stevens, P.M., Sec.; George Lilley, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Joseph, R.M., and S.D.; W. Mitchell, J.D.; W. B. Miller, I.G.; Edward Mitchell, Steward; W. Cachett, D.C. On the proposition of Bro. Stevens, P.M., the lodge unanimously voted a pension for life of two-thirds of the usual fee to Bro. Grant in recognition of his services as Tyler, and received his resignation of office with regret. Bro. Wm. Steadman was unanimously elected to the vacant office. Further propositions for advancement were received, and the lodge was then closed. A well provided table was speedily surrounded by the members of the lodge, and under the genial presidency of the new W.M. the usual formalities were observed, and a social evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ELEANOR LODGE, No. 1707.

At Edmonton, on Wednesday last, a new lodge was consecrated. Bro. John Hervey, G. Secretary, performed the ceremony of consecration, assisted by Bro. Buss, A.G.S. It is needless to state that all through the proceedings were marked by the regularity and eloquence always displayed on such occasions by those brethren. Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain of Middlesex, officiated as Chaplain, and delivered an appropriate oration.

The chair of the Senior Warden, was occupied by Bro. A. Durrant, and that of the J.W. by Bro. J. W. Berrie.

At the close of the ceremony of consecration, Bro. J. Tanner was installed as the first W.M. of the new lodge, and he afterwards invested his officers as follow:—Bros. J. Howard Thompson, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; Charles Lovebond, J.W.; C. Oliver, Treas.; R. J. Leaman, Sec.; J. H. Wood, S.D.; Garnett, J.D.; Meen, Organist; Ramsey, I.G.; R. W. Goddard, Tyler.



It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the thanks of the lodge, be accorded to Bros. Hervey, Buss, and Holden, that the same be recorded on the minutes, and that those brethren be elected honorary members of the lodge.

Numerous proposals for initiation and joining were made, and which completing the business of the day, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The pleasures of the evening were considerably enhanced by the musical abilities displayed by Bros. Moss, Perry, Thomas, and Musgrave.

## Reviews.

### THE MONDE MAÇONNIQUE.

We have received and read our contemporary for August, and we are glad to be able to refer to its interesting contents, for the information of our many readers.

Among other items of Masonic intelligence which it contains are the following:—

The receipts of the "Orphelinat General Maçonique" (The Orphan Institution) amount to 21,265frs. 25c. The expenditure reaches 17,561frs. 30c. Seven orphans have been admitted during the last twelve months. Since its foundation, 15 years ago, it has had to deal with 93 orphans, of whom 5 girls and 25 boys are still in the institution. One of the orphans is still yet an infant, 26 are apprenticed, and 36 have finished their apprenticeship. The total receipts of 15 years amount to 168,699frs. 52c., and the expenditure to 156,073frs. 5c. There is a balance up to the present of 12,626frs. 47c. Thus the expenditure up to the present has reached about £6000, and there is a balance of £400 in round numbers.

We wish sincerely that, imitating our English example, our brethren in France would leave the sterile field of quasi-political discussions and most doubtful topics, and give themselves up to the work of Masonic benevolence, leading, let us hope, to a result worthy of French Freemasonry.

It is but fair to observe, that the Grand Orient of France has also a "Maison de Secours," the revenue of which amounts to 23,000frs. annually. This sum is distributed by a commission, presided over by Frere Cammas. But we need hardly point out that £1200 a year in round numbers is not and cannot be a proper result of the active principle of French Masonic benevolence. No doubt special subscriptions and lodge grants also are made, but give the whole in, as Bro. Hubert has well put it, French Freemasonry ought to do a great deal more for pure charity if it is true to its mission. We must not, however, forget those special funds, such as for the war and inundations which reached to large amounts. But we repeat French Freemasonry ought to do more! Let our good brethren look to it!

It seems that among the lodges already closed by authority in France, are the Lodge of "Fraternité," Avalon; the Lodge of "Orion," Gallia; the Lodge of "Triple Essence," St. Malo; the Lodge of "Egalité," Paris; the Lodge of "Les Amis Perseverantes et l'Etoile de Vesone Renuis," Perigeux; the Lodge of "Auguste Amitié," Condom; the Lodge of "Fraternité," Brive; the Lodge of "La Libre Pensée," Aurillac; the Lodge of "La Justice," Marmande; the Lodge of "La Cosmopolite," Vichy. To these must be added five lodges at Toulouse, if the *Daily News* is correct.

The *Monde Maçonique*, (page 159) gives a very amusing extract from the *Echo Universel*, which reviews a little book, called "Le Diable," published at Toulouse, by M. Resplandy. Is the closing of the lodges reported in the English papers to be attributed to the impression produced by the truthful statements of 'The Devil' on an excitable population and nervous authorities. But listen, brethren, to these remarks of "Monsr. le Diable." "Can one, ought one to say that the 'Devil' is the head of the secret societies? We answer affirmatively and without fear, we speak here of those infamous societies, which term themselves 'Free Masons' in France, 'Carbonari' in Italy, 'Comuneros' in Spain, 'Illuminati' in Germany. These societies have been condemned by the most terrible anathemata of the Popes. This shows us evidently that they have the 'Devil' for their head. This is also proved by the words of the Freemasons themselves. Our one end is, they say, the entire destruction of Catholicism, and even of all Christian belief." This is their end, and now regard their proceedings. "It has been decided in our councils that we will have no more Christians, we will not make martyrs, and we will popularize vice in the masses, that so they may breathe vice in their five senses, make vicious hearts, and you will have no more Catholics." As the *Monde Maçonique* truly remarks, such absurdities and such monstrous calumnies are hardly worth notice, but as we know how "la calomnie" works, according to "Bartholo's" famous "Rescript" we note such ridiculous and lying statements to brand them as the "outcome" of a conscienceless superstition.

We do not agree with our foreign brethren in all they say or do, but such ignorance of their teaching and such marked meaningless falsehoods deserve the indignant denial of all in whom Ultramontane fanaticism has not eaten out, so to say, every principle of truth, justice, and honour. We are pleased to see that the *Monde Maçonique* and the *Freemason* agree as to the remedy, in the untoward conflict between the Grand Orient and the Rite Ecossais. Let the Grand Orient boldly cut the "Gordian Knot," by severing the connection with the High Grades and claiming the supremacy of all symbolic lodges, and it will receive the warm support of all Craft Grand Lodges.

**THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.**—The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, has left town for Baroncourt for the autumn.

## FREEMASONRY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

On Monday, the 25th June, the brethren of the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, assembled for the purpose of installing their W.M. elect, Bro. P. M. Daniel Keen Congdon. Bro. P. M. J. F. Stone, and Bro. P. M. Sherwood, of St. John, No. 485, E.C., acted as Installing Masters, and there were present on the occasion Bros. P. M.'s Duffield and G. Pearce; Bros. Manning, J. Pearce, Higham, Saw, Edwards, Mills, McCleery, W. Samson, Campbell, Benson, Wood, Durlacher, Paisley, Waldeck, Jones, Oakley, Miller, A. Francisco, Mews, J. W. Bateman, Henderson, King, Mitchell, Smith, Newman, Herbert, Tapper, Abbott, Clifden, Fauntleroy, W. S. Pearce, and C. Sherwood. Visitors:—Bros. P. M.'s Pether and Snook and Bro. Dr. Stone, from Lodge St. John, No. 485, E.C. Perth.

Bro. Stone opened the lodge in the several degrees, and Bro. Sherwood having presented Bro. P. M. Congdon as the W.M. elect, he was inducted into the chair by Bro. Stone according to all the ancient rites and established customs of the Order.

The W.M. then thanked the brethren for having given him their unanimous trust, and said that he deeply appreciated the honour they had done him, and invested the following brothers as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. B. C. Wood as S.W.; A. F. Durlacher as J.W.; W. Samson, Treas.; W. R. P. Smith, Sec.; L. Henderson, Org.; F. W. Oakley, S.D.; W. Mills, J.D.; W. Johnston, I.G.; and C. Sherwood, Tyler.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School, met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Henry Browne in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Geo. J. Row, Wm. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, Rev. Dr. Morris, Jessie Turner, W. F. C. Moutrie, C. F. Matier, S. B. Wilson, R. B. Webster, F. Adlard, H. Massey, (Freemason), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

Bro. Binckes reported the withdrawal of J. Parker from the list of candidates for election in October. He also reported the purchase of the following stock, after £503 had been set aside for the Sustentation Fund:—

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The subject of obtaining increased accommodation for secretary and clerks was also brought before the brethren, and the minutes of two meetings of the Special Committee to consider the matter were read. Various plans had been inspected by the Committee, and the Grand Secretary had been corresponded with; but no definite result had yet been arrived at. Bro. Binckes reported that the subject was still under consideration.

The Committee then adjourned.

## CURIOSITIES OF THE POST OFFICE.

The Postmaster-General's annual report, issued on Wednesday, contains many curious facts. In Aberdeen a person was observed to deposit a letter in a disused street hydrant, and on the cover of the box being removed three other letters were found, the senders of which had similarly mistaken the water pillar for a pillar letter-box. The letters had been passed into the box through the space formerly occupied by the tap-lever. In a newspaper which reached the Returned Letter Office were found to be enclosed four sovereigns, and in another a gold locket. Nor does this kind of recklessness appear only in connection with newspapers; for a letter having a very large seal at the back was observed in course of transit, and on the seal, which had become slightly chipped, being examined, gold coins of the value of £1 10s. were discovered to be embedded in the wax. Miscellaneous articles, numbering 14,346, reached the Returned Letter Office, wholly destitute of covers. The senders of newspapers very often infringe the regulations by sending unauthorised articles of various kinds concealed between the folds. Of such enclosures the following amongst others were observed: Cigars and tobacco, collars, seaweed, ferns and flowers, gloves, handkerchiefs, music, patterns, sermons, stockings, lace, postage stamps, and money. During the 15 months ended the 31st March last no less than 593 registered letters were returned to the countries of origin in consequence of their containing coin or jewellery, contrary to the provisions of the general postal union. Of these more than three-fourths were from the United States.

The Post Office continues to be made the medium for the transmission of small articles of almost endless variety. Among others the following articles were observed:—Musical instruments and cutlery, artificial teeth and eyes, wigs, flowers, fruit and vegetables, game and fish, medicine and perfumery, articles of dress, leeches, frogs, snakes, and lizards. Several of these, however, being prohibited articles, were sent to the Returned Letter Office. A live snake which had escaped from a postal packet was discovered in the Holyhead and Kingstown Marine Post Office, and at the expiration of a fortnight, being still unclaimed, it was sent to the Dublin Zoological Gardens. A packet containing a live horned frog reached Liverpool from the United States, and was given up to the addressee, who called for it. Another packet, also from America, reached the Dublin Post Office containing two

live lizards, and was similarly given up to the addressee on personal application.

Complaints of the alleged loss of letters (adds the Postmaster-General) are not unfrequently made, and much trouble given to the department in investigating them, when the letters inquired for have not been posted at all. In one case it was stated that a letter containing £95 in bank notes had been lost, but upon the complainant being closely questioned he admitted that his statement was untrue and that it was invented to stave off for a few days the importunities of a creditor. In another case complaint was made that a letter addressed to a "Naturalist" had failed to reach its destination, but it was afterwards found in a cage on the premises of the addressee, where it had been placed by a monkey.

Letter carriers are peculiarly liable to be attacked by savage dogs. In one large town in the north of England the postmaster has reported that 20 per cent. of his men were bitten by dogs during the past year.

The want of information on the part of the public in regard to postal matters of the most ordinary kind cannot at times but give rise to wonder. A person in a fair position of life, residing in one of the Eastern counties, having obtained a money order from his postmaster, payable at a neighbouring town, called again a few days afterwards, and complained that his correspondent could not obtain payment in consequence of some irregularity in the advice. Thereupon a second advice was sent, but a few days later the sender called again, stating that the payee was still unable to obtain payment. The sender added that he was quite sure that he had sent the money, as he had the receipt in his pocket. On being asked to show it he produced the original order, which should, of course, have been forwarded to the payee, and without which the money could not be obtained.

Applications on the most various subjects are frequently made to the Post Office by persons both at home and abroad, indicating that the functions of the Postmaster-General are by some minds assumed to be of the most universal character. The following are specimens of such applications:—

Sir,—I have just been hearing of 3 men that was drowned about 9 months ago. I hear there was one of the men went under the name of John—. Could the manager of the office give any particulars about that man,—what he was like, or if there was such a name, or if he had any friend.—He just went amissing about that time. I here enclose a stamp, and address to, &c.—

To the Manager of the Dead office, Post Office, London.

To the General Post Office, London. I right these few lines to ask you if you would be so kind as to tell me if there is such a person living in 'England.' She was living at Birmingham last Rimmus—this his mi sister and brother-in-law—they hant in Birmingham now—let this letter go to every general post office there is.

To the Editor of the General Post Office, London.—Will you please oblige Susannah—and Walter—with the particulars of an aspecial licence to get married—is it possible for you to forward one to us without either of us coming to you—if you inclose the charge and have it returned would we get one before next Monday week to get married at—. If you will kindly send per return to the address inclosed the particulars we should feel greatly obliged.

United States.

My dear Sir,—Will you do me the kind favour, as you are the Postmaster and able to know, as I judge of. It is this, give to me the full name and address of any "Mac—" that you know of in England, or in Scotland or Ireland or Wales or in India, or at or in any other country that you may know of, with their full names and correct address, so that I can write to them myself. If you have any list, or book, or pamphlet, with the names of parties who have died and left money or land to their heirs-at-law, or by will legacy left to their heirs, as I want such information, &c.

To his most honoured Sir, the Postmaster of London, England.

—Massachusetts.

My dear Sir,—I have tuke the liberty of addressing you, wishing to know if I could ask the favour by paying you for the trouble I ask to know. I have an old clock in my collection made by Henton Brown, London, in the first part of 1700. I would like to know where he was in business and when he died if it could be ascertained. Please inform me if you could find out by any record in London. I would pay you for all trouble. This darling—is one of the loveliest places in Massachusetts.

The Postmaster, London, England.

—Kent.

Sir,—Will you please inform me if there is to be a Baby show this year at Woolwich; if so, where it is to be holden, and what day. I have enclosed stamp.

United States.

Mr. Postmaster,—I have always had a great desire to visit your country, but as I probly never shall, I thought I would write. I am a young lady attending the high school at —, a pictorest town bordering on the — river. Our country seat is four miles and a half west of —. My father is a rich gentleman farmer. We have four horses, 30 or 35 head of cattle, 15 or 20 pigs, and a large henery. We have about 250 acres of land, so of course we have to keep a house full of servants. We are quite well off in worldly goods, but should be better off if you could inform me about that fortune I expect from a great-uncle, great-aunt or somebody. It is about half a million either on my father's or mother's side. If you would be so kind as to write and inform me, I would be a thousand times obliged. If you would assist me in getting it I will reward you handsomely. The name is —. They used to be very fond of me when I was a crowing infant in my mother's arms. It is a very pretty country



out hear, with rolling prairies enter spersed with fine forests. There is a stream of water running through our land, a stream so softly and peacefully wild that it looks as if nature had only just made it and laid down her pencil and smiled. The school-room is just a little ways from—the name of our farm. It is the school-room where I learnt my A.B. abs, but I probly never shall go there to school again. It is the vacation now and I have come out on to the farm to stay till school commences again. It seems so nice to be where I can have new milk to drink, and nice fresh eggs again. I intend to enjoy myself till school commences again. Father has sold off most all of our horses, but he saved my riding horse, so I intend to have rides and drives without number. Well as I have said as much as you will care to read, I will stop. I hope you will excuse all mistakes as I am not a very old young lady—only 13 years old.

A depositor in the Post Office Savings Bank wrote to the department as follows: "Having lost my parents I am desirous of taking a housekeeper's situation where a domestic is kept—must be a dissenting family, Baptist preferred. Thinking that such a case might come under your notice, I have therefore taken the liberty of sending to you." Another depositor, apprehensive lest some person might withdraw money from his account, proposed to send his likeness to be used for indentifying him, and then made the following curious request: "There are some little articles I would like to get from London, and one of them is some natural leaf tobacco, which I would be glad if you sent an ounce of and charge me for it—it is only to be bought in the largest tobacco stores." In a further letter, the depositor expressed surprise that his request was not complied with, observing that—"the commonest person in America (my country) can speak to General Grant, and there is nothing said wrong about it." In another case, a woman forwarded her will, and requested to be informed whether it was "correct in case of death."

### Obituary.

#### BRO. THE REV. WILLIAM LAKE ONSLOW.

We sincerely regret the melancholy duty that devolves upon us this week of announcing to our readers the death of Bro. the Rev. Wm. Lake Onslow, the Junior Grand Chaplain. Many will learn of this sad event with some surprise, and we have no doubt but the majority of those present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, were somewhat startled by the announcement from the Grand Secretary. Bro. Onslow who was the rector of Sandringham, and Chaplain to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and formerly tutor to the Prince, was in his 58th year. He had been in failing health for some little time and died at the Rectory, Sandringham, on Friday morning the 31st ult. We think the following account of his Masonic career will prove of some interest to our readers.

Bro. Onslow (while serving in H.M.S. Euryalus, Captain J. W. Tarleton, C.B., as especial Naval Instructor to H.R.H. Prince Alfred) was initiated in the Union Lodge, at Malta, on the 28th of Dec., 1859, and duly received the Second and Third Degrees; was admitted into the Royal Arch on the 30th day of Dec., 1859, in the chapter attached to the Union Lodge, No. 558, at Malta; was received into the degree of Mark Master Mason on the 3rd day of July, 1861, in the Virgin Lodge, No. 588, Halifax, Nova Scotia; while serving as Chaplain and Naval Instructor of H.M.S. St. George, Captain the Honourable F. Egerton, he became Chaplain of the Virgin Lodge, and on leaving for England the brethren presented the rev. brother with a beautiful Mark jewel, made of pure gold of Nova Scotia; while acting as Chaplain and Naval Instructor of H.M.S. Raccoon, commanded by the Count Gleichen, he became Chaplain of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 278, at Gibraltar, from Dec., 1863, to May, 1864, and was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain for the province of Gibraltar. Returning to England to take the living of Sandringham at the kind desire of our M.W. Grand Master, he became Chaplain of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, King's Lynn, in 1866, and which office he held until his death; he was appointed, during the regime of the Honourable Fred. Walpole, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Norfolk; he preached the sermon on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at North Walsham, in 1870. Bro. W. Lake Onslow's services as Chaplain in H.M.'s navy were many and brilliant.

#### BRO. JOHN THORNTON.

One of the oldest Freemasons in the province of West Lancashire has passed away, and another blank has been made in the circle of Masonic worthies in Liverpool. After a short illness, Bro. John Thornton, at the ripe age of 73, died on the 27th August, at his residence, 41, Park-lane, Liverpool, deeply regretted by numerous brethren in his own and other lodges. He was a zealous Freemason, an unassuming and amiable man, and greatly respected by all who came into contact with him, both in and out of the Order. He was a P.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220; the St. John's Lodge, No. 673; and the Senior P.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, as well as M.E.Z. of St. John's Chapter, No. 673. He took an active interest in all Masonic charities, and was ever ready to give the helping hand of true brotherhood to the needy and distressed.

The mortal remains of Bro. Thornton were interred in St. James's Cemetery, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 30th ult. The fact of his being so old a Mason and so widely known and respected by the body induced the brethren of the two lodges and the chapter to which he was attached to pay every possible respect to his memory; accordingly the brethren of St. John's Lodge and Chapter and the Duke

of Edinburgh Lodge were summoned to meet at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at 1 p.m., which they did in large numbers, there being present among many others (of St. John's) the W.M., Bro. H. Burrows; P.M.'s Wm. Thos. May, J. T. Callow, Thos. Clark, Joshua Hocker, Thos. Roberts, Martin Corless, R. Pearson, and E. Kyle; Bros. D. Jackson, S.W.; W. Brackbenbury, J.W.; L. Herman, S.D.; John Seddon, J.D.; T. Firthshaw, I.G., &c. Of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, the W.M., Bro. J. Williams; P.M.'s R. Martin, jun., T. B. Myers, J. Edginton, J. W. Williams, and P. R. Thurn; Bro. W. Brown, Treasurer; Thos. Davies, S.W.; G. Murker, J.W.; A. D. Hesketh, Sec.; J. C. Lawson, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chaplain W.L. (who conducted the service); W. Doyle, P.P.G.D. W.L.; J. Jackson, P.M. 667; W. Vaughan, P.M., and a large number of other representatives from various lodges. After the lodge had been opened up to the Third Degree by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, the chair was taken by Bro. W. T. May, P.M., Bro. R. Martin, P.M., in the S.W. chair, as representing the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, and Bro. T. Clark, P.M. and P.Z., in the J.W. chair, as representing St. John's Chapter. When the beautiful Masonic ritual appointed for the lodge room was gone through, the brethren then proceeded to the late residence of the deceased, 41, Park Lane, and preceded the funeral cortege to the cemetery. After the religious ceremony in the chapel and at the grave side had been gone through by the P.P.G. Chaplain, Bro. W. T. May, P.M., delivered the Masonic exhortation, prayers being read by the Chaplain amid the most solemn attention of the relatives and brethren around the grave. The brethren then returned to Hope-street, and duly closed the lodge, the whole of the proceedings throughout being conducted in the most regular and decorous manner.

### ROBBERY OF FOREIGN BONDS.

Yesterday, at the Mansion-house, John Carr, 48, described as of no occupation, and as residing at 20, Osborne-terrace, Clapham-road, was brought before Alderman Sir Robert Carden, charged on suspicion with being concerned with Charles Martin, in custody, and others still at large, in stealing on or about the 1st of June last, while in transit from London to Paris, foreign bonds of the value of £70,000, the property of Messrs. Henry Louis Raphael and Sons, bankers, 25, Throgmorton-street. He was also accused of feloniously receiving, well knowing them to have been stolen, Peruvian bonds of the nominal value of £20,000, belonging to Messrs. Louis Cohen and Sons, stockbrokers, 31, Throgmorton-street.

Mr. George Lewis, jun., solicitor, conducted the prosecution; Mr. Blanchard Wontner, solicitor, the defence.

Robert Outram, a detective-sergeant of the City of London Police, said on Tuesday morning he received ten Bank-notes for £100 each, which he produced at the offices of Messrs. Lewis and Lewis, solicitors, Ely-place, Holborn. In company with a person whom he met there he went to the Gower-street railway station. He arrived there at 20 minutes to 1 o'clock. At 1 o'clock he was introduced to the prisoner as "Mr. Fox, of Brighton," by the person who accompanied him and whose name he did not know. They all went into a publichouse together and had something to drink, for which witness paid. The prisoner, having given them a cigar each, said to witness, "Well, you know our business?" He replied, "Yes; I am prepared to buy those bonds." The prisoner said, "All right," and witness, addressing him, said, "You see I have got the flimsies (showing him the notes), but where are the bonds?" He replied, "They are not far off." They all three then left the publichouse. In the Euston-road the prisoner said, "I only do business with one person; you and I (meaning witness) will take a cab." A cab was called, and witness and he drove to the Great Northern Hotel. On the way there the prisoner said, "You know the price of these bonds." Witness replied, "Yes, a thousand." The prisoner inquired, "What are you going to do with them?" Witness said he had got a market for them. The prisoner then said, "They are as good as sovereigns if you get them into the hands of the right people." Witness replied, "Yes, my man has had two or three lots before." The prisoner asked him if he was "a square man," and the witness said he might rely upon that. On reaching the Great Northern Hotel they went into a room on the fourth floor. The prisoner bolted the door carefully, and from a bag which he unlocked produced a parcel, which proved to contain Peruvian bonds. He said, "There they are." Witness tied up the parcel, and said, "I am a detective-sergeant from the City, and you must consider yourself in custody." He drew back and exclaimed "What!" Witness said, "My name is Outram, I am a detective-sergeant in the City Police; these bonds have been stolen, and you will have to go with me to the City," adding, "We had better do the thing quietly." The prisoner said, "All right." On going down stairs and while waiting for the cab, he said, "You are very premature about saying these are stolen." Witness replied, "Perhaps so." They then drove to the Police-station in Bow-lane, where he was afterwards charged. Witness found two keys upon the prisoner.

Mr. Lewis said the prisoner had had a safe at the National Safe Deposit Company's premises.

Mr. Charles Waugh, a clerk to Messrs. Louis Cohen and Sons, stockbrokers, 31, Throgmorton-street, deposed that he had examined the bonds in question (Peruvian Five per cent., 1872), and found that they were of the nominal value of £20,000. In June last the firm delivered these bonds, with others, for transmission to their correspondents in Paris. He took the numbers of them. The bonds produced were among those in the parcel.

Mr. Lewis said that was all the evidence he proposed to tender that day.

Sir Robert Carden remanded the prisoner until Friday next, when he will be brought up with the prisoner Martin, and then again remanded formally for another week.

### FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

#### CENTENNIAL LODGE, No. 763.

In this lodge, last Tuesday evening, transpired one of those events which illumine the path of the true Mason, as he toils on behalf of the fraternity to which he devotes so many hours of thought. The lodge was crowded to witness the presentation, by Centennial Lodge, of certificates of honorary membership to Masons well known to the Craft as honourable men, honoured and titled by their brethren. After the usual routine business of the lodge, M.W. Bro. John W. Symons, P.G. Master of Masons of the State of New York, said in substance. Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren,—in a part of the ritual, perhaps never better exemplified than by you Master, you have been told of the seven liberal arts and sciences, to which should be added another art, or rather science, known as that of Magnetism. Not the electric spark, which by the wire is flashed around the globe; but that personal magnetism, which attracts to the possessor of it the hearts of his brethren. The magnet here to-night is R.W. Chas. L. Arthur, who is unsurpassed in drawing to him the hearts of the members of this lodge and the Fraternity. On their behalf it is my pleasant duty, R.W. Sir, to present to you this certificate of honorary membership in Centennial Lodge. Take it, with my hand, and God bless you: may you live long to enjoy your well-deserved honours.

R.W. Bro. Arthur replied as follows: Most Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of the Centennial Lodge, I have been the recipient of so much kindness from my brethren that to me it is often a matter of doubt as to which lodge I belong. From my first crossing the portals of this lodge I have been met with courtesy and kindness which I have done nothing to merit. The obligations are all on one side, but I assure you, brethren, if it is in my power, morning, noon or night, to benefit in any way the brethren of Centennial Lodge, I will be most happy in doing so. Brethren, I thank you.

The R.W. Bro. took his seat amid loud applause.

The Master then presented, in eloquent and fraternal words, R.W. John C. Boak, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, with a certificate of honorary membership.

The R.W. Bro., in reply, said: "It was my good fortune to assist at the organization of Centennial Lodge, and to be with it at intervals to the present time. His remarks conveyed fraternal feelings towards the brethren in choice words, which were received with great applause.

R. W. Bro. Wm. V. King, of the Seventh Masonic District, was selected by the Master to present to W. Bro. Flandreau, of John Hancock Lodge, a certificate of honorary membership in Centennial Lodge. This was bringing in juxtaposition two brethren known for their merit and modesty; consequently the brethren had short speeches, but eloquent ones, and received them with applause.

The next recipient of honours was W. Bro. Frank Meyers, of Emmanuel Lodge. In this instance also the Master was happy in making a selection, the eloquent and fraternal remarks of W. Bro. Malignon meeting with a like response from W. Bro. Frank Meyers, who said, among other pleasant things, that he was not only glad to meet the members of Centennial in the lodge, but out in the world, they being not only gentlemen, but Masons.

The brethren who occupied the east, at the invitation of W. Bro. Godchaud, were: M. W. John W. Simons, R. W. Chas. S. Arthur, R. W. John C. Boak, W. Bros. Benj. Flandreau and Frank Meyers, R.W. Bros. Wm. V. King, C. H. King, Henry C. Banks, and J. B. Conover, W. Bros. D. Wile, Chas. H. Mayer, B. Martin, Dessoye, Malignon, Bunnell, and Barbour.

The Master Mason's Degree was conferred on five Fellow Crafts by the Master, Wardens, and staff of Centennial Lodge in an excellent manner.

The music of Bro. Graham was appropriate, and well rendered.

The lodge closed in harmony, and the brethren departed satisfied that Centennial Lodge had had a gala night, seldom equalled in the Masonic reunions of the great metropolis.—*New York Dispatch.*

A magnificent service of plate, which cost 6000 guineas, and is the result of private subscription, has been presented to the Manchester Corporation by Mr. Alderman Curtis, the ex-Mayor, during whose mayoralty the subscription was promoted, and will be used at the banquet in celebration of the opening of the new town hall next week.

"THE CHINESE EMBASSY."—Le Shu Chang, Chief Secretary Imperial Chinese Embassy; Fung Yee, Chief Interpreter; and Szu Tinfau Chang, attaché, have this week left London on a short visit to Bro. Dr. Vincent Ambler, K.C.S., at Brighton. Bro. Ambler is also at present entertaining some members of the Japanese Legation.

The Romford Local Board have made their arrangements for the lighting of the town by oil-lamps. It is stated that their clerk has received applications from various local bodies, asking to be informed of the result of the experiment.



SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.  
No. III.

## BRO. JONES AT COWES.

Few of us there are who do not know "Bro. Jones, of ours." He is a most admirable Mason, and a very worthy fellow, with a good deal to say for himself, pleasant and humorous, conciliatory and considerate. He is universally popular, and always welcome.

Whether at the "Ajax" or the "Xenophon," whether at the "Undeniability" or the "Verity," whether at the "Boadicea" or the "Cecilia," he is equally to the fore, and equally in the good esteem of his brethren. In fact he knows everything and everybody, and is emphatically one of the "Lights of Masonry," as he always has a neat little anecdote to retail to an admiring circle, a good story to announce, with a smiling face, and a cheery voice.

He is a very zealous Mason, has been W.M. several times and has served the Stewardships of all the Charities over and over again. So well is Jones known, so widely are his good qualities realized, that he is an authority on most matters, from a lodge dinner to a lodge testimonial, from a prince to a pedigree, from a glass of Moët's champagne to that "special bottle of very dry sherry." He is a sort of "arbitrator elegantiarum" and "ductor dubitantium" combined, and brethren often await earnestly and breathlessly his decision on a dispute, a point of constitutional law, or an axiom of social etiquette! In fact Bro. Jones is a very useful fellow, as well as a good fellow, and when "Atropos" snips his thread of life he will be a "missed man."

And then he has many good qualities which render him valuable as a citizen of the world, as well as a brother Mason. He is warm-hearted and straight-running, an enemy to slander and mischief-making, kindly and tolerant, friendly and forbearing.

In more than one lodge his virtues and his value are warmly appreciated, and some even go so far as to say that the lodge meeting is hardly the lodge meeting without Bro. Jones, that the festive symposium seems dull and heavy when his cheery voice is unheard, when his smiling face is "non est." But Jones, like all great men, has his weaknesses, and those are a love of yachting, and fear of Mrs. Jones—facts, stern stubborn facts in themselves, which often interfere with his usefulness, and often diminish his influence, for, strange to say, home life reacts on social life, and vice versa, and the hero of a successful assembly, and the favourite of hearty plaudits, is often (if you could, like Asmodeus, take off the tiles of his abode), a sorry representative of us "Lords of the Creation." Yes, strip off the masks from our faces, and the drapery off the scene, and we are too often like wearied actors who sit dejected at the wings, for the applause is over, the stalls will rise no more.

And so when Jones returns in November to his lodge, his best friends avoid the subject of yachts and Cowes, for once start him, there is no stopping him; he will go on eloquently by the hour about that "stiff breeze," and "hard over," and "luff," and "smashing" his jib boom. He will inform you what a narrow shave we had, and had he not said "up helm, round in your weather braces," or, "till and wear round; bear a hand every soul of you," "we had better get a reef in the mainsail," "keep her away a bit," "bail up the mainsail," he does not know what would have happened. Bro. Lt. Warriner, R.N., a very zealous Mason, often laughs at Bro. Jones when he talks of "old Salts," and says something about "land-lubbers." But good fellow as he is, Lt. Warriner, like all professionals, dislikes the "civilian element."

Well, he is not singular. Of Jones's wife we say nothing at the lodge. There are awful stories about her. They aver that Jones catches it whenever he is late, and Bro. Finucan, who knows Jones and his wife very well—they live up in Maida Vale—says, "Bedad, sir, Jones has his troubles. You would hardly believe it, sir, but the other night that obdurate woman kicked up a deuce of a row about some hot water for our potheen. If ever we get 'home rule' in the Green Island, we will somehow or other legislate for snarling females and bad-tempered wives." Much, no doubt, that is retailed about Mrs. Jones is a "canard," though we agree with Bro. Templeman, who states, "If I had a wife like Jones I would remain single." So let us pity poor Jones of ours, and make the lodge room very pleasant to him, for it is just possible that for him the good old national melody, "Home, sweet home, there is no place like home," has not much attraction, but to him there floats, rather as it were, on the pinions of memory, a classic strain of festive hours, with much more of pleasure, which declares "We won't go home till morning, till daylight does appear."

We do not wish our readers to infer that touching "Refrain" lingers still among Masonic lodges, for we have altered all that for years; and the normal condition of the lodge to which we belong is that at 9.30 the Tyler gives his toast, and at 10 we wend our way to our Laras and Penates, and

"Some have gone home to their slumbers,  
And some have gone home to their wives."

When next you see Bro. Jones be very considerate and courteous to him, for his public merits are many, and his home trials are great.

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## Masonic and General Tidings.

Lord Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, arrived at Highclere Castle, near Newbury, on Tuesday, from Pixton Park, his lordship's Somersetshire estate.

The annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held at the Town Hall, Southport, on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 12 o'clock.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, R.W. P.G.M. Suffolk, has left town for his shooting quarters in Inverness-shire.

There are, according to the *Keystone*, 555 Commanderies in the United States, and 46,235 Knights; while the whole number of Commanderies in the world is 687, and of Knights, 48,735. The United States has thus the lion's share.

Lord Sandon has consented to preside at the annual meeting of the Burslem School of Science and Art and to distribute prizes to the successful students on the 17th inst.

The Chinese Ambassador has written to the Lord Provost of Glasgow regretting that he is prevented by ill-health from visiting Glasgow as he had intended.

The appointment of Mr. G. B. Newton as General Manager of the North London Railway, in succession to Mr. Mansell, at a salary running into three figures, is another indication that the directors of the various systems are beginning to see that it is better to have direct communication with the heads of departments than to obtain information through a chief official. For Mr. Newton is still to act as secretary, which signifies the post of General Manager is virtually abolished, in the same way as the London and North-Western Company made Mr. Findlay Chief Traffic Manager when Mr. Cawkwell resigned the position of General Manager, and left the latter office to lapse. On the London and North-Western system the chiefs of the other departments now report direct to the Board, instead of through a General Manager as formerly, and this will probably be the rule on all lines as soon as vacancies occur in the management. Indeed the South-Eastern soon followed the lead of the London and North-Western, for upon the death of Mr. C. W. Eborall, the position of General Manager was conferred upon Mr. Shaw, the Secretary, who now describes himself as "Secretary and General Manager."

The *Choir* states that Bro. C. E. Tinney is the successor to Mr. Thurley Beale, who has resigned his post of vicar choral of St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE SEA SERPENT AGAIN.—The bark *Georgina*, Captain Melhuish, arrived at Falmouth this week from Rangoon. The chief officer, Mr. William Douglas, says that when the vessel was in lat. 2 N., long. 90 53 E., at 6 o'clock in the morning of May 21, a large snake or serpent of a dark gray and yellow colour crossed the *Georgina's* bow from the starboard side, disappearing on the port quarter. The reptile, which was about 50ft. long and 11in. in thickness, was seen for 20 minutes by the mate and all the crew, who were on deck. Captain Melhuish was below in his cabin at the time. For some days previously the crew had seen several smaller ones of from 6ft. to 10ft. in length playing about the vessel.

THE DANGERS OF BICYCLES.—The watch committee of Liverpool, in view of the dangers arising from the noiseless approach of bicycles, have recommended to the council that a bye-law should be passed rendering it imperative that bicyclists and velocipedists generally shall have a bell attached to their vehicles to indicate their approach, the penalty for non-compliance with the bye-law being £5.

News has been received in Calcutta from Burmah of the destruction of the Krishna lighthouse, which marked a dangerous shoal near the entrance to the Rangoon river. The lighthouse was an iron structure, built on piles. It has entirely disappeared.

The proposed site for Cleopatra's Needle has called forth a number of objections, and various suggestions have been made respecting other and more prominent positions for the monument. Of course the great difficulty is the conveyance of the Needle through the streets, and it is for this reason that a river-side site has been most favoured; but could this difficulty be overcome we think that one of the best positions has been suggested by a correspondent, namely, the Kensington Gardens end of Rotten Row, close by the bend of the road. From here the Needle might be seen from a considerable distance, and would be clearly visible from Hyde Park Corner. In the meantime the Needle has now been completely encased in her iron hull at Alexandria, and by last advice was in course of launching. After the vessel has been floated she will be towed to the old harbour, in order that her masts, sails, &c., may be fitted.

It is with some pleasure that we announce that Fleet-street, which has been closed for upwards of eight weeks for wood-paving, was opened at a few minutes to eleven o'clock on Thursday morning.

We are asked to state that the *La Tolerance*, No. 538, meets every Wednesday evening, at 7.45, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, under the able preceptorship of Bro. T. A. Adams, P.G.P.

It was decided on Wednesday to present General Grant with the freedom of Dundee on the occasion of his visit to that place.

A new building is about to be erected in Queen Victoria-street to accommodate temporarily the Central Savings Bank, until permanent provision can be made for that and other departments for which there is at present no accommodation in the General Post Office buildings, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—

The friendly challenge of the Grocers' Company's Schools to a trial of cricketing strength on the Alexandra Palace Ground, promises, with fine weather, to result in a very agreeable half-holiday for the boys on the 15th inst. The assent of the Committee having been given to the match, the leasees of the Alexandra Palace kindly extended their invitation to the whole establishment at Wood Green, and 2 or 3 cricketing prizes have been kindly promised by the Crystal Palace Lodge and the Lewis Chapter. It is not improbable that prizes for other sports may be offered before the day.

The first boat presented by the Jewish community to the National Life-boat Institution was launched at Newhaven on Tuesday last.

The Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund now exceeds £100,000.

A serious scaffold accident occurred inside of Anderton's Hotel (Bro. Clemow's), Fleet-street, on Wednesday afternoon. It appears that a workman stepped on a loose pole, which broke, and the whole of the scaffolding gave way, precipitating a number of men to the ground. One of them, George Lake, a married man, sustained severe injuries, and was removed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

ST. JAMES'S PARK.—It is announced, for the convenience of the public, that the road between Buckingham Gate and Storey's Gate will be closed on the 10th for a few days, for repairs.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Wilson, consulting engineer to the Great Western, Great Eastern, and Metropolitan Railways, and to many Irish lines.

We are informed that the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir Thos. White) will be proposed for election as treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, in succession to the late Sir Francis Hicks.

THE SPANISH POST OFFICE.—In consequence of the representations made by the English and French governments to that of Spain respecting the numerous losses of letters and packets containing valuable enclosures originating in France and England, addressed to Spain, the Spanish government has arranged for the investigation of the matter by a mixed commission, which will meet at Madrid about the 18th of September. Sir John Walsham, Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Madrid (who will be assisted by Mr. Phillips, of the Secretary's Department of the General Post Office) will represent the English, and the Comte de Montebello, the French Post Office; a special commissioner appointed by the Spanish government also taking part in the proceedings.

Bath is not the city, neither are the Assembly-rooms, in which Mr. Pickwick made the acquaintance of Angelo Cyrus Bantam, Esq., M.C., the exact place in which one would expect to hear of a positively indecent spectacle. Yet such a spectacle was announced the other day as on view at the Bath Assembly-rooms. "Tour of the Rescued Tynewydd Miners" was the heading of the sensational advertisement which "respectfully informed the public that arrangements have been made for an entertainment to be given by the Five Entombed Miners, Moses Powell, David Jenkins, Geo. Jenkins, John Thomas, and the Boy Hughes, who were entombed in the Tynewydd Mine through the flooding of the Cymer Pit for the period of ten days and nights without tasting food. Nothing in the annals of history has ever caused such a profound sensation throughout the whole country." As a finishing stroke, it was proclaimed that "Moses Powell, one of the entombed, will give a touching account of the sufferings in the pit, and also describe the various illustrations." This seems to me a reductio ad scandalum of a very detestable custom, which may, perhaps, be traced to the starting tour made by Sayers and Heenan after their international prize-fight. That champion pugilists, swimmers, and pedestrians should display themselves to a provincial or any other public at so much a head is an undignified and mercenary proceeding enough. But that men who have been snatched out of the jaws of death by the heroic and most perilous exertions of their brother-miners, whose prolonged agony of suspense, hunger, and thirst, patiently endured, excited the admiration of the whole country, should be introduced as lay figures in an entertainment; that one of their number should recite an ad captandum account of sufferings which danger, deliverance, and sympathy have alike rendered sacred,—is an outrage on taste and feeling contemptible in the entrepreneur who perpetrates, and the public which witnesses it.—*The World*.

POSTAL TELEGRAMS.—The Postmaster-General has issued the following notice to the public: "The address of the sender of a telegram is not required for any purpose of signalling, and should be omitted in all cases where the addressee will be able to identify the sender without it. For reference, the address should be added at the bottom or on the back of the message form. In sending telegrams, firms and public companies should adopt their briefest 'style,' and should avoid the use of stamps containing full name, title, and address. The prefixes 'Mr.' and 'Messrs.,' and the affixes 'Esq.,' 'Limited,' &c., should be omitted, as far as possible, in the addresses of both senders and addressees. Brevity in these respects ensures swifter transmission without any attendant risk."

THE BALACLAVA BANQUET.—Lady Cardigan has presented a magnificent donation towards the expenses of the banquet to the survivors of the Balacava Charge, to be held in London on the 25th October. It has been ascertained that out of the gallant 600 there are 100 survivors, the majority of whom will be present at the banquet.

The title of the forthcoming Christmas number of the "Quiver" is "The Archer."



### COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1878.

In order to obtain complete accuracy in the information given in this work, the Publisher will be glad to receive from the Officers or Members of London Lodges, Chapters, &c., the place, day, and months of meeting of their respective Lodges and Chapters. An official form, if necessary, for the information to be filled in, will be sent on application. All communications in this matter should be addressed at once to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

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"Scottish Freemason," "Penny Pictorial News," "Young Folks' Budget," "Poet's Magazine," "Jottings in the Shade," "The Liberal Freemason," "Keystone," "Railway Adventure," "Geoffrey Oliphant's Folly," "Monde Maçonnique," "Masonic Token," "New York Dispatch," "Hebrew Leader."

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

##### BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 28th ult., at 26, Wimpole-street, the wife of W. M. Baker, of a son.

HAMILTON.—On the 26th ult., at Biarritz, South of France, Mrs. Dacre Hamilton, of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGES.

BAKER—PEACHEY.—On the 1st inst., at St. Mark's, West Hackney, by the Rev. Protheroe Alpe, George, youngest son of the late John Thomas Baker, of Lavenham, Suffolk, to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of the late Geo. Peachey, of 72 and 73, Bishopsgate-street-within, London, E.C. No cards.

HUGHES—MOYLE.—On the 4th ult., at St. Paul's Church, Poonah, Bombay Presidency, Walter Charleton Hughes, executive engineer, to Kate Louisa, fifth daughter of Colonel C. A. Moyle, commandant, Asirghur.

##### DEATHS.

BENEDICT.—On the 3rd inst., at 2, Manchester-square, Alice Boulton, youngest and beloved daughter of Sir Julius Benedict.

FRERE.—On the 27th ult., at Achenkirch, Austrian Tyrol, John Alex. Frere, M.A., late vicar of Shillington, Beds, aged 68.

WELLS.—On the 31st ult., at 21, Chapel-street, Grosvenor-square, Albinia, widow of Henry Wells, Esq.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1877.

### THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Owing to the early hour at which we go to press on Thursdays, we are unable to call the attention of our readers, as we should have wished to do, fully, to the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge. This is one of the penalties of early publication, though it is possibly counterbalanced by the fact that our London subscribers receive our paper on Friday morning, and our country friends on Saturday morning. We propose in our next issue to consider the meeting of the last Quarterly Communication, the agenda paper, and the result achieved, carefully in detail. The Grand Lodge unanimously voted the grants to St. John's and Peru, and most wisely and liberally also passed with unanimity Bro. Clabon's motion to vote £1000 to the Indian Famine Relief Fund now being organised by the Lord Mayor. With respect to the proposed limitation of the Board of Benevolence, the suggestion of the Board of General Purposes was deferred for consideration until March. We shall recur to the subject in our next, as we said before.

### THE CONSECRATION OF THE EVENING STAR LODGE.

The consecration of this new lodge, which we fully reported in our last, was a great success, and reflects no little credit on all concerned, especially on our esteemed and energetic Bro. Magnus Ohren. We have attended many consecrations, but we hardly ever attended one in which all the work of Freemasonry was so smoothly, so effectually, and so impressively performed, and in which all felt that the ceremony they were taking part in, despite the cavils of the censorious, or the depreciation of the antagonistic, was a very "real thing." To some Freemasonry is an idle form, a convivial meeting, a benefit order, and nothing more. To others it appears a "goose club," an unreality, and a sham. Now we confess that for all these classes of minds we do not affect to write to-day, we regret their dislike or depreciation, we laugh at their sarcasms, or their contempt; and we do not mind either their fault-finding or their condemnation, while we deplore their ignorance of our tenets and our practice, and quietly put on one side their censures, and their anathemata. To us Freemasonry is something both very pleasant and very true, very interesting, and very cherished. It recalls old days and ancient friends; it summons up before us gracious hours of youthful harmony and harmless gaiety; it tells us of "Time's encroaching hand," yet of friendships which have never faltered, of honest hearts which have never grown cold, and kindly faces which have never ceased to smile on us! Indeed, to many of us Freemasonry represents the best part of our life, which kindly associations have graced, and a genial fellowship has dominated. We look back to-day. We can recall in kindly vision, the old lodge and the assembled brethren, and if some are wanting from that brilliant circle, if we discern gaps in the serried rows of cheery companions, memory still speaks to us, full voiced and tenderly, of those whom we never more shall hail, dear members of our mystic tie. Yes, the waning hour recalls in pleasurable emotion many a hardworking fellow labourer, many a true-hearted companion of "Auld Lang Syne." Aye, and more than this, when the decorated lodge room and the festive scene fade from our sight, there rises up before us the goodly memento of much honest work, for God and man, in the best of all toils, gentle, goodly, loving charity. Why, then, should any of us be timid or hesitating when we speak of our good old Order, to-day? Why should we whisper in "bated breath," or treat with half-hearted callousness, the windbag or the fanatic of the hour, who rail at what they do not understand, and depreciate the worth of an Institution which, through density

or selfishness, they cannot realize? Far be from us any such mealy-mouthedness or fearfulness, any want of faith in Freemasonry. The more we see of it, the older we grow, the greater appear to us to be its claims on our intelligence and our affections, and therefore our heartfelt aspirations for "our brave old Craft" is "Esto perpetua" as long as Time itself shall last, to witness the struggles of man, to declare the Providence of God. We congratulate all, we repeat, who were concerned in the consecration of the Evening Star Lodge, for their motto was truly "thorough," and most efficiently did all perform their duty, most signal was the success of the day. We wish to this new lodge all prosperity. The only ingredient of disappointment and of regret arose from the indisposition of its most worthy and respected W.M., Bro. A. D. Filer. We rejoice to be able to say, on the authority of Bro. Magnus Ohren, that our most respected and esteemed brother is better, and that it is hoped that when the lodge next meets, it may gladly hail in the royal chair the brother so judiciously selected to preside over them as its first W.M., whose zeal for Freemasonry is so well known, and who lives in the hearts and memories of his brethren.

### OUR LATE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

We deeply regret to have to announce to the Craft the lamented death of our esteemed Grand Chaplain, the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, Vicar of Sandringham. He had served his country efficiently as a naval chaplain, and wore the Baltic and Burmah medals, the fifth class of the Mejidje, and the star and order of the Osmanli. We are told that his amiable disposition and kind consideration for all made him a great favourite. By all, from the Prince and Princess downwards, he was held in the highest estimation, and his death has created a blank at Sandringham which will not be easily filled. His health has been very precarious for the last year or two, but a fortnight ago he was at the public luncheon in connection with the sale of Short-horns and Southdowns at Sandringham, and few who heard his cheery voice on that occasion could have thought his end so near. We feel sure that the regret of the Order will accompany those of his parishioners, family, and friends.

### SEASIDE MANNERS.

We publish elsewhere from one of our contemporaries, *The Times*, the great organ of public complaints, and private grumbling, "more Britannorum," a selection from a host of letters in respect of some recent unfeeling behaviour to passengers landing at Folkestone, sick and suffering, and which undoubtedly deserves both reprehension and repression. Indeed, Sister Jenkinson writes to us to say, that it must be "put down," for she continues "women weak, ailing, and unprotected, will no longer submit to the taunts of an uncivilized crowd, and the horsey jokes of young men, dressed as groom boys." Mrs. Jenkinson, when she chooses to be severe, as Jenkinson admits, can be severe. But seriously, it is only fair to observe that the evils of long standing. It has long been the privilege of the "Beau Monde" at Folkestone, to witness the departure for, and the arrivals of the steam boats from Boulogne. Indeed it may be said to be part of the daily life of the average Folkestonian, whether visitor or resident. At the appointed hours you may see groups of old and young wending their way to the pier, and as the boat disgorges its load, the passengers, male and female, weak, unsteady, and "pale with suppressed emotion," have to run the gauntlet of a critical and not always silent crowd of "impassioned gazers." It is well then, philosophically to observe, amidst this chorus of complaints in various pitches of tone and temper, that though such a greeting on landing on the hospitable shores of England is not an agreeable episode, especially after a two hours "bucketting on the treacherous main," yet that like eels, we can all for the most part, become accustomed to anything, and our great remedy is unfailing patience. The present



"loud" grievance seems to have arisen, from some idle excursionists, and some silly young men, neither uncommon bores just now, and we think that it is an abnormal occurrence, one at any rate "above par" in respect of the wonted facetiousness and polished amenities of a Folkestone crowd of "waiters" if not on "Providence," on the "Bowlong Steam boats." While then, we feel that we cannot always expect "smooth water," and that we must all "rough it a little," we yet strongly object to remarks on elderly, middle-aged, and young females, just landed from a rough passage, as alike unmanly and unseasonable. Our fair sisters, always an object of sympathy to us, seem especially so to be, in that depressed and crumpled condition in which they too often land after a boisterous crossing, and deserve all pity and consideration, instead of chaff and criticism at the hand of that pitiless monster man. We also venture to opine that if ladies, (yes, ladies), and gentlemen, old and young, will chaff unoffending passengers, they should do so "sotto voce," as surely the "horrors of the mid-channel" are enough for sensitive bosoms and shivering frames, without the "horse laugh" or the vapid joke of the idle and the witless, and the useless lounge. Still our young men must have something to do, and at present their idea of amusement does not go very far. This perhaps, is as harmless as any, even though they do hurt the feelings of some suffering women, the feeble, the lame, the ailing—what does it matter? There are things which a "fella" must see, do, and say, at Folkestone, and why deprive him of an avocation marked by so much good taste and such good feeling? They might do worse, poor young fellows. Let us hope that good sense and kindly consideration will put an end to proceedings which seem only worthy of "roughs," and which, to say the truth, are a disgrace to the good manners of the public, and indeed to all concerned.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If "E. M." will refer to a correspondence which appeared in the *Freemason* a few weeks back, under the head of "The Right of Visiting," he will see in a letter from Bro. Hervey, G.S., an opinion given by the Grand Registrar which will, I think, answer his query.

Yours fraternally, ARTHUR LEARNED, P.M.

#### AN URGENT APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

After the meeting of the De Warren Lodge, No. 1302, held on Monday night, in submitting the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master," the acting W.M. introduced the subject of the shocking famine at present existing in India, and the noble sum announced to be proposed at the next meeting of the United Grand Lodge to be voted towards the fund now being raised in this country to afford relief to the poor starving inhabitants.

A general conversation then took place upon the great amount of misery caused by the famine, and the smallness of the sum required to furnish food sufficient to sustain each native for a week, and the opinion was expressed that neither the vast extent of the famine nor the awful amount of suffering entailed thereby was sufficiently thought of by the people of England.

It was suggested that if the members of every lodge in this country would subscribe only one shilling each (a sum small enough in itself)—and you would consent to receive the amounts and forward them to the proper authorities—many hundred pounds extra would very easily be raised, a great amount of suffering would be alleviated, while no brother would feel the loss of his contribution.

The brethren present at once paid their shillings (13), which I was requested to forward to you for the above purpose, in the hope that the scheme would meet your approval, and be the means of causing the brethren of other lodges to reflect seriously upon the evils resulting from that most dreadful of all calamities—death by famine.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
WM. COOKE, P.M., Sec. 1302.  
Halifax, Sept. 4, 1877.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The death of Bro. John Noon, Quarter-Master Royal Marines, of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, at Deal, on the 8th March, 1877, aged fifty-one, left his widow with nine children, and only a small annuity. One of his sons, Albert Allen Moon, has been placed on the list for

election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which his father was a subscriber, and some particulars of his services may interest your readers, who have votes for the Institution.

He commanded a detachment serving in the Arctic Regions, from 1850 to 1854, during the discovery of the North-West Passage, and is thus mentioned in the records: "One person especially distinguished himself not only as a sportsman, but in the execution of any service requiring unflagging energy and marked intelligence; and this man was the non-commissioned officer of Royal Marines, Sergeant Noon."

He did good service everywhere; but no better instance can be given of the metal of which such men as he are made than what occurred on the 4th of January, 1852. A coloured man serving in the ship, whilst out sporting, wounded a deer, and, after following it awhile, discovered he had lost his way just as a fog came on. The temperature was very low, the man was tired, and the peril of his position caused him to lose his presence of mind, and to wander about. By great good fortune Sergeant Noon, who was likewise out in quest of game, joined him, but the poor creature was so beside himself with excitement and horror that every endeavour to soothe him, by promising to take him safely on board the ship, failed. Fits came on, which, when they passed off, left the man quite prostrated in strength.

By entreaty and remonstrance the serjeant induced him to walk a little; but at 2 p.m., when the glimmering twilight, called the day of that season, was fast closing in, the unfortunate man's energies entirely failed, and he sank upon the ground, bleeding at his mouth and nose, and writhing in convulsions. The serjeant saw now that all hope of the man saving himself was at an end, and to leave him where he was, many miles from the ship, was to leave him to certain death—he would have been devoured by the wolves even before the process of freezing to death would have released him from his misery. There was no alternative but to drag him to the ship—no easy matter, when the serjeant dared not part with his gun, and the man was one of the heaviest of a fine crew. Serjeant Noon, then, with heroic resolution set to his task. Slinging both muskets over his shoulder, he took the man's arms round his own neck, and commenced dragging his half dead shipmate towards the Investigator. The labour was, as may be supposed, excessive; and the only relief the serjeant had was, whenever he had dragged the body up one side of a hill, or when he came to a ravine, to lay him down, and roll him to the bottom; rather severe treatment for an invalid, but it had the merit of arousing the man somewhat from his lethargy. By eleven o'clock at night the gallant marine had thus conveyed his burden to within a mile of the ship; but ten hours of such toil, and darkness, cold, and snow, now began to tell upon him. He could drag his burden no longer, and, as a last resource, he implored the unfortunate man to make an effort, and tried to cheer him up by pointing to the rockets which the captain of the Investigator caused to be thrown up as a guide to the missing men. Finding, however, that all his entreaties were replied to only by a request to be "left alone to die," the serjeant laid him in a bed of deep snow, and started off for assistance from the ship. This was already on its way; and Noon met and conducted two out of three parties to where the man lay, and just in time to save him. He was found with his arms raised, and rigid in that position, his eyes open, and his mouth so firmly frozen as to require much force to open it for the purpose of pouring restoratives down his throat, whilst his hands, feet, and face were much frost-bitten. His life was however, saved, and for that the courage and devotion displayed by the serjeant deserved all the credit.

He served with the battalion in China during the war in 1857—1859, was at the storming of Canton, the taking and destruction of Shektsing, and other engagements. He accompanied the expedition to the North; and at the attack on the Peiho forts on 25th June, 1859, was thus mentioned in the official gazetted dispatches:—"The conspicuous gallantry of Sergeant-Major Noon and Quarter-master Sergeant Halling also attracted his notice."

In March, 1860, at a general parade at Woolwich, General Sir A. Blaxland Strausman, then commanding the division, presented him with the silver medal awarded him by the Lords of the Admiralty for "meritorious conduct, especially for his gallant behaviour while serving in China." He was also granted an annuity of £10. He saved the life of one of his officers, and also of a drummer boy, about 14 years of age. The poor lad had been struck down by a round shot, which completely carried away the inner part of his thigh. He was lying hopelessly in the mud, the missiles of every description flying thickly about him, when he called to Sergeant-Major Noon to take him to a place of safety, which he did at the imminent risk of his life, and deposited him in a boat at some distance. On this occasion the loss sustained by his corps amounted to no less than 19 officers and 190 men killed and wounded. On leaving China he was presented with a piece of plate, as a token of esteem in which he was held by his comrades there.

He was commissioned as Quarter-Master, 13th Sept., 1867, and received the medal for the Arctic service, and a medal with clasps for Canton. Exposure to climate and the hardships he endured brought on the illness which caused his death, and obliged his son to seek the support of the brethren for his election to our school.—Voting papers may be sent to Lieutenant Des Barnes, R.M., W.M. Lodge 1096, Walmer Barracks, Kent, or to Captain Mascall, R.M., at the office of the Dorcas Beneficent Society, 7, Wellington-street, Strand, W.C.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. PORTLOCK DADSON,  
Captain Royal Body Guard,  
Bayard Lodge, No. 1615.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am led to believe that the little brochure, "Industry and Idleness," reviewed in your paper, is by Bro. Bolingbroke Ribbons, well known to the members of "21," then held at the George and Vulture, Cornhill, some 44 years ago.

Will you permit this, my humble tribute to the universal kind feeling which that worthy brother's acquaintance then engendered in the hearts of some old brothers—Lofty, Norris, White, Hamden, Majors, Edward, Unwin, Henckey and Shakeshaft—most of whom have been gathered to their fathers; but maybe one or two of the galaxy will appreciate the pleasure of this allusion to what is recollected of Masonic society in 1833.

Yours truly,

GEORGE FRERE, Slough.

#### SEASONABLE ADVICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think this little offering of "seasonable advice" from *Figaro*, quoted by *The Times*, may interest some of your writers. It is very neat:—

Une pauvre grand-mère écrit une lettre d'adieu à son petit-fils, "jeune drôle, condamné pour quelque bagatelle, aux travaux forcés à perpétuité—Conduis-toi bien, et surtout évite les mauvaises connaissances!"—*Figaro*.

Yours fraternally,

A FRIEND.

#### THIRD CLASS BY ALL TRAINS. PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ALLPORT, OF THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very much struck with "H.W.'s" letter in your last impression, because he actually states a parallel case to what is daily happening on the Great Northern Railway. Servants of many years' standing have this summer been refused a pass for their wives, with a few exceptions, which, Mr. Editor, I blush for shame when I write, are given to men getting the greatest salaries, while their poorer brethren have in many cases to forego their annual excursion to the sea-side.

Thanks to the Midland directors, who pursue a different policy, their servants can take their wives and families to any sea-side place they choose.

I hope the testimonial to Mr. Allport will prove a good one, not in a large amount of cash, but in a host of small subscribers, showing him how grateful his fellow country men and women are.

Yours fraternally,

A POOR MASON.

#### THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS—ENTRANCE BY PURCHASE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to ask on what principle the above is calculated, as the amount demanded seems to others than myself quite inadequate for the maintenance and education of the children for the stipulated time; that is if such maintenance and education be as good as we are accustomed to consider them to be. I cannot but think that this is a matter worthy of very grave thought, for it seems that one party or other must be a loser. If the child or its parents, then it seems a source of income unworthy of our Order and therefore of our Charities; if the latter be the loser, the sooner the system is put an end to the better; for why should any part of our Charities (however fragmentary) be taken from those who urgently want it, in order to confer a very questionable benefit upon those who do not—witness their ability to raise the purchase money.

One other consideration—Is the purchase system beneficial to the children in the schools?

Certainly not to those who so enter, for it must tend to make them think more highly of themselves as a class than the rest.

Certainly not to those ordinarily elected, for, whilst it may give room for them to suspect favouritism, it must make them sensible of a certain sense of inferiority.

Lastly, to the management of the schools it must be extremely detrimental, as must always be the existence of any possibility of the formation of cliques amongst the children.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Q.

#### "SEASIDE MANNERS."

[We take the following from a vast number of amusing letters in the *Times* for several days, sufficient to point out a nuisance and suggest a remedy.—Ed.]

Sir,—In a letter signed "S.P.," and published in your columns to-day, the writer declares that the scandalous conduct of some of those who daily await the arrival of the steamboat passengers is exceptional, was confined to a particular occasion, and was a source of annoyance and distress to the regular visitors to Folkestone, to the inhabitants of that place, and to "S.P." himself. These last assertions I readily believe, but I wholly deny that the conduct complained of is exceptional. I have watched the arrival of the passengers scores of times, and have constantly heard jeering and insulting remarks upon their appearance made in loud tones by bystanders, not by "inhabitants or regular visitors," but by young men who are out for their holiday, and employ it in exhibiting their vulgarity at the expense of those whose age, sex, or infirmity makes the pastime safe. On none of the many occasions that I have witnessed these scenes do I remember to have heard any able-bodied unnumbered young man chaffed. There can be discretion when impudence is likely to secure a thrashing.

The South-Eastern Company ought to be ashamed of themselves that they have not long since devised



means for protecting their passengers from the insolence of the fellows who infest Folkestone in the summer and autumn.

Your obedient servant,

EDW. VAUGHAN RICHARDS.

Sir,—I have twice landed at Folkestone during the past fortnight, and each time have witnessed the extreme rudeness of the Folkestone crowd. Some nervous people of my acquaintance dread the landing almost as much as the horrors of the middle passage. It is not generally known that only privileged persons are allowed on the Folkestone Pier to witness the arrival of the steamer; therefore "S.P.'s" excuse, which appeared in *The Times* of to-day, falls to the ground. I am sorry to say that the fellows who congregate on the pier are of better position than the regular excursionist.

Yours obediently,

C. F. D.

Mr. B. Robinson writes from the Verulam Club, 54, St. James's-street, S.W.:—"Seeing some sensible letters in the late impressions of *The Times* on the subject of "Seaside Manners," may I be permitted to ask in your columns, what is being done by the South-Eastern and the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies to alleviate the wretchedness of their Continental passengers on their Channel passage? This has been the occasion (most improperly, no doubt) of the miserable three young men's amusement at Folkestone. The scenes which I myself have witnessed in bad weather this season in crossing the English Channel are a disgrace to modern civilisation. It has been proved that something can be done for the comfort of the travelling public, by the Castalia boat; and yet economical considerations prevail, and the public are suffered to travel between England and the Continent like cattle."

Sir,—Will you allow me to endorse emphatically all that is said by your Folkestone correspondent? It is disgraceful conduct in any one, but most of all in young ladies, who, I am sorry to say, in the boisterous excitement of sea-side spirits, sometimes forget all that is "gentle" on the arrival of the boat at Folkestone. It is not only grossly rude, but exceedingly cruel to subject suffering members of their own sex to their thoughtless and unfeeling remarks. In the case of "men," summary vengeance taken by the objects of criticism would be richly deserved. I do sincerely hope that the South-Eastern Railway will close its pier in future on the arrival of the boats; but it is a sad reflection upon English manners that such strong measures should have been rendered absolutely necessary. We are apt to be very exacting with our foreign friends across the water, but I have never seen any approach to the conduct of the Folkestone visitors out of England.—I am, Sir, yours very obediently,

CHANNEL PASSAGE.

#### GRAND LODGE MEETING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Adverting to the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, I mean no disrespect to the M.W. the Grand Master in the chair when I say that the resolution for granting one thousand guineas to the Indian Famine Relief Fund was unduly hastened to a vote, immediately after the motion was proposed and seconded; not an instant of time was permitted for criticism. For myself I did not intend to move an amendment, and I think I may say as much for Bro. Raynham Stewart, but I wish to remind the brethren that in June, 1874, at the last Grand Lodge at which the Marquis of Ripon presided, he himself proposed a grant of five hundred guineas towards the relief of the famine in Bengal, and that amount was then deemed sufficient. If the tendency of the brethren present was to make a grant of double the amount on this occasion, it would have been easily demonstrated, and the vote would have been carried in spite of opposition, even had an amendment been proposed. Bro. Clabon, with characteristic benevolence, desired to obtain the grant, but I submit that members of Grand Lodge who did not attend the Board of Masters might fairly have been entitled to express their views on the subject, without fear of his motion being negatived. The question was an open one, on which discussion might have been permitted. The previous grants of two hundred guineas to the sufferers by the fire at St. John, New Brunswick, and of one hundred guineas to alleviate the distress caused by the "cataclysm" (what that may mean?) in Peru, were proposed under the auspices of the M.W. Grand Master, and not a word was uttered on the motions. The grant proposed for the Indian Famine Fund might have been discussed, if an opportunity had been afforded.

Yours fraternally,

BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With all due deference to your correspondent "E.M.," I dissent from the views he expresses that, under the circumstances, the W. Master of a lodge would be censurable for admitting a visitor to his lodge. A having had an opportunity of retiring to arrange with a brother, a visitor, which he declines.

Will you, Sir, kindly favour a brother with your valuable opinion in your next edition?

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 3d.—ADVT.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons since the installation of Bro. Sir George Elliot as Provincial Grand Master, was held at the New Masonic Hall, Working-street, Cardiff, under the banner of the Glamorgan Lodge. There was a good attendance.

The lodge was a special Grand Lodge of Emergency, called for the purpose of passing two resolutions—one having reference to the late Prov. G.M., Bro. Mansel Talbot, and the other Bro. E. J. Morris, junior, Grand Deacon of England.

Bro. D. Watson, W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, opened the lodge in due form at one o'clock, after which the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and his officers, headed by the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tennant, honoured the lodge with their distinguished presence.

The Provincial Grand Master having taken the chair, proceeded to open Grand Lodge according to ancient custom.

In commencing the business of the lodge, the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master spoke very feelingly of his predecessor. He said that this meeting was called for the express purpose, as they were aware, of bearing testimony to the worth with which both he and Bro. E. J. Morris, the late Deputy Prov. G.M., were held. The lodge, he added, had been called at the earliest possible moment, and he assured the brethren that both the resolutions had his entire concurrence.

Bro. E. S. Hill, of Cardiff, P.P.G.W., then moved:—"That the brethren of the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, with grateful recollection of the very eminent services rendered to Masonry by the late R.W. Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot during the eleven years he held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master—an office the duties of which he performed with untiring zeal, with dignity worthy of the Craft, and with urbanity endearing him to the brethren—desire formally to record their high appreciation of his services, and their profound regret at the irreparable loss they have sustained by his early death." He said that all who had been acquainted with the late P.G.M. would cordially support the resolution, for they would be aware of the generous nature, the kindly spirit, and the devotion to Masonry which animated him. Bro. Hill spoke at great length upon the social and public qualities of the late Bro. Talbot, and was frequently applauded.

Bro. Dr. J. G. Hall, of Swansea, seconded the resolution in a speech of great power, dealing principally with the subject from a Masonic point of view. Dr. Hall said he had accompanied the late Bro. T. Mansel Talbot in his visits to the various lodges of the Province, and could bear testimony to the rare knowledge which he possessed of the mysteries of the Craft, and to the loving care which he devoted to every detail relating to Masonic subjects which came under his notice. This, said the speaker, was a matter with which all the brethren were well acquainted, for the late P.G.M. by his communications with the various lodges was well known to all of them. This portion of the speech made a deep impression, and at its conclusion there was a warm outburst of applause.

The P.G.M. having, in a few well-chosen words, put the resolution to the meeting, it was carried with the greatest unanimity.

Bro. Charles Bath, P.P.G.W., then moved, "That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to record its grateful acknowledgments of the eminent services rendered to the Province by the W. Bro. Edward James Morris, Junior Grand Deacon of England, during the long period he filled the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and to which the present high position held by the Province is due, and its regret at the loss which the Province has sustained through his withdrawal from active Masonic life." Having given an outline of Bro. Morris's career, he spoke kindly of him as a man, as well as a Mason. When Bro. Morris took office, the Masonic charities were in a very low state; but, by his efforts, the Grand Lodge of the Province had become one of the most liberal contributors of all the Provincial Grand Lodges in the kingdom. He had also improved the condition of the lodges, which from having been few in number, sparsely attended, and inefficient in their working, were now increased in numbers, and well attended, while the work was admirably performed.

These statements were earnestly applauded.

Bro. Bassett, P.P.G.W., seconded the resolution.

The Worshipful Master, in putting it to the meeting, regretted that he had been unable to induce Bro. Morris to continue to hold the rank. He was sorry that he was not personally acquainted with one who was well spoken of by every Mason in the province.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Bro. E. S. Hill moved, and it was resolved, that a copy of the first resolution should be sent to Mr. C. R. M. Talbot, Lord-Lieutenant of the county, and a copy of the second to Bro. E. J. Morris.

There being no other business, the Right Worshipful Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge, after which Bro. D. Watson, W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, closed the Master Masons' Lodge. The brethren then proceeded to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was provided, presided over by Worshipful Grand Master Sir George Elliot. The usual toasts were given, and several songs were sung by Bros. E. W. Shackell, F. Baker, and D. R. David, of Margam. Bro. F. Atkins accompanied on the pianoforte.

The Duke of Connaught is staying for a week with the Knight of Kerry on his island of Valentia, on the west coast of Ireland.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANARKSHIRE.

On Friday, the 24th ult., the installation of Bro. John Clark Forrest, of Auchinraith, Provost of Hamilton, as Provincial Grand Master of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire, and of other office-bearers of the P.G. Lodge, took place in the Town Hall, Hamilton.

The occasion was made a gala day by the "brethren of the mystic tie" in the province, there being present, in more or less force, deputations from Lodges Hamilton St. John's Kilwinning, No. 7; St. Mary's, Wishaw No. 31; Montrose, New Monkland, No. 88; Royal Arch, Cambuslang, No. 114; Royal Arch, Rutherglen, No. 116; Airdrie St. John's, No. 166; St. James, Old Monkland, No. 177; Airdrie St. John's Operative, No. 203; St. Andrew, Strathaven, No. 215; St. Andrew, Hamilton, No. 233; St. John, Woodhall, No. 305; St. Thomas, Larkhall, No. 306; St. John, Dalzell, No. 406; St. Clair, Cambusethan, No. 427; Clydesdale, Larkhall, No. 551; High Blantyre, Kilwinning, No. 557; Livingstone, St. Andrew, Motherwell, No. 573; St. Bryde, Uddingston, No. 579; Livingstone, Blantyre, Stonefield, No. 599.

By permission of His Grace the Duke of Hamilton, the various lodges were permitted to muster in front of Hamilton Palace, which they did shortly after 2 p.m., and were then and there arranged in order of procession by Bro. William Forrest, P. G. Marshall, and his assistants, Bros. Robert Thomson and William Somerville.

When all was in readiness, the procession, which included various instrumental bands, started from the policies, en route for the Town Hall, by way of the Almaden-street Gate, Cadzow-street, Townhead-street, Patrick-street, and Duke-street.

We need hardly say that the inhabitants, young and old, turned out in force to witness the display; and, very fortunately, although during the forenoon, and indeed almost up to the hour of assembling, the weather had been more than threatening, the procession throughout was made under the auspices of sunshine and clear sky. The steeple over the Town Hall, and other "coigns of vantage," were decorated with flags, while the bells of the former were kept tolling for half-an-hour or so previous to the arrival thereof of the brethren, and the town may be said, in fact, to have been "all agog."

Shortly before 4 p.m. the Grand Lodge was opened in the Town Hall by Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torrance, R.W. Depute Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Bros. William Mann, P.S. Grand Warden, and F. A. Barrow, Past P.D.G.M. Glasgow, being acting Senior Grand Deacon and Junior Grand Deacon respectively. Amongst the brethren on the dais were Bros. Hay, Grand Jeweller; D. Robertson, Grand Bible-Bearer; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier; D. M. Nelson, Grand Senior Deacon; J. C. Forrest, P.G.M. of Lanarkshire, Middle Ward, elect, and his office-bearers—A. G. Simpson, of Carfin, D.M.; James Mackie, S.M.; Colin Spalding, S.W.; L. Johnstone, J.W.; Wm. M'Murdo, Secretary; King, Treasurer; Gilchrist, S.D.; Neilson, Dir. of Ceremonies; J. Andrew, Sen. Steward; and D. Wright, Inner Guard; as also Bros. W. H. Bickerton, P.G. Sec. of Glasgow; Robert Robb, P.G. Marshal Glasgow; Robert Jack, R.W.M. Lodge St. John, Shettleston, No. 128; John Monro, R.W.M. Lodge Commercial, No. 360; John Scott, P.M. Lodge St. Mungo, No. 27; Thos. Halkett, P.M. Lodge St. Mark, No. 102; Alexander Bain, P.M. Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Rev. R. Dickson, G.C., asked a blessing on the proceedings of the day, after which the R.W. Depute Grand Master asked Bro. Forrest to stand up, and said that he (Bro. Forrest) having been elected by the P.G. Lodge of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire to be their Master, he (Bro. Inglis) should have much pleasure in now formally installing him into that office. Bro. Forrest accordingly stood up, and took the oath de fide in the usual manner, and was invested with the jewel of his office by the R.W.D.G.M.

Immediately thereafter the following of his office-bearers were similarly installed and invested with their respective jewels, viz.:—Bros. A. G. Simpson, D.P.G.M.; J. Mackie, Sub. P.G.M.; Spalding, P.G.S.W.; Johnson, P.G.J.W.; and M'Murdo, Sec.

The Chairman then, after a few remarks of congratulation, called upon the brethren of the province to give three cheers for their new P.G. office-bearers, which were awarded with a will, after which thanksgiving was offered up by the P.G.C.

The lodge was then called for a brief space to refreshment, when the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and that of "The Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family," were given from the chair and duly honoured. That of "The Three Grand Lodges" was proposed by Bro. D. M. Nelson, and acknowledged by the Chairman on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. "The Provincial Grand Lodges of Glasgow and Upper Ward of Lanarkshire" was commended to the acceptance of the brethren by Bro. A. G. Simpson, and, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Colonel Montgomerie Neilson, P.G. Master of Glasgow, was acknowledged by Bro. John Monro, R.W.M. No. 360.

The remaining toast on the programme, that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire Middle Ward," was given by the Chairman, who, in coupling with it the name of Bro. Forrest, said that under no circumstances could the brethren of the province have elected as their chief a more worthy man than they had done. The compliment was duly acknowledged by Bro. Forrest, who, in conclusion, proposed "The Health of their esteemed Chairman, the Deputy Grand Master of Scotland." Bro. Inglis having replied, the lodge was recalled to labour, and closed in due form.



AFTER AN ADVERSE BALLOT—  
WHAT?

That the ballot upon the application of a candidate for the degrees in Masonry must be secret, and that it must result in an unanimous approval of the petitioner, in order to give him admission, is an unquestioned law of our Institution. In the common usage of the Craft, and in the general regulations, expressly laid down, or implied, respecting the ballot, it is provided that all the members of a lodge, present at a meeting regularly called to act upon the application of a candidate, shall vote unless excused for some special reason by action of the lodge. This requirement that all shall exercise the privilege of the ballot is essential to the maintenance of its secrecy; for, if any other usage were to prevail, it would be easy to put a mark upon the brother who might cast an adverse vote. Thus in a certain Masonic organisation, not long ago, when the ballot was to be repeated, it having been found at the first trial, the presiding officer declared that "friends of the candidate" were excused from voting, and then voting himself with one or two of his officers, he announced the ballot as clear and the candidate elected. In this case there was some strong provocation for the course pursued, and there was no intention of wrong doing, nevertheless such a course could not stand, and the ballot was set aside by the proper authority.

The intention of Masonry is that the conscience and judgment of each individual member shall be regarded as paramount in this matter of the ballot, and that no brother shall be called to account, or be made to suffer in any way, by reason of his having cast this reverse vote. This being the case, there does not seem to be any justification for the course sometimes taken after an adverse ballot, when the friends of a rejected candidate seem determined to discuss the action on its merits, and to ascertain if possible from whom came the opposing vote or votes. Many years ago, Past Grand Master Drummond, of Maine, expressed what seems to us the only proper view to be taken. He said: "It is a Masonic crime to discuss the result of the ballot in the lodge or out of the lodge. When the result of the ballot is declared, there should be an end of all discussion and all action until a new petition is presented. To borrow a term, it should be a finality. Such was the practice among the fathers. But now the practice is as soon as a negative ballot is declared, the friends of the candidate begin to consider who the objector was. They discuss the matter with themselves, if not with others. All the acts of the suspected brother are canvassed. They see a deep meaning in the most common acts. 'Trifles light as air' are to them 'confirmation strong as proofs of holy writ.' Sinister motives are not unfrequently attributed to him. They feel estranged from him at once."

Such ought not to be the result of an adverse ballot. In passing upon the application for degrees or membership each member has the right to exercise his own judgment in the use of the ballot. More than this, it is his sacred duty to exercise the privilege—to vote independently and conscientiously. To enable him thus to act, the manner of taking the ballot should be absolutely secret, and when the result is arrived at, it should be accepted without fault-finding, or reflections upon the brother or brothers who presumably voted in the negative. Any other course will be very likely to bring in discussions and heart-burnings, to create parties, and lead to practices subversive of the true character of the Masonic institution.

But what shall be done where it is known and felt by almost the entire membership of a lodge that two or three brethren, perhaps only a single member, acted from some unworthy motive in causing the rejection of a candidate? Is there no way of reaching these base, cowardly ones who are Masons only in name? Can they not be held accountable; the reasons for their course be inquired into and passed upon by the lodge, and they be summarily dealt with, if it shall be shown that they have abused the privilege of the ballot? By no means, only provided that such brethren are wise enough to keep their own lips closed.

If in open lodge, or elsewhere, they should boast of an adverse vote that they had cast, declaring that their action had been predicated on some reason that ought not to come into the account at all, then no doubt they might be dealt with for unmasonic conduct. But the rule laid down always prevails, viz: Every brother must be protected in the right to vote, that vote to be given without the knowledge of any other person; the nature of that vote must not be inquired into by the lodge, or by individual brethren outside the lodge; nor must he be called to account for his adverse vote on any surmises or suspicions that he may have abused the use of the ballot. This was the law laid down by the fathers of our institution, and it cannot be departed from without grievous risk. Under some circumstances adherence thereto may seem to work badly, and to be in opposition to the equities of a particular case; but in the long run such a course will be found to justify itself and to be promotive of the harmony, good fellowship, and abundant prosperity of the institution.—*Freemason's Repository*.

## THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS COACH HORSES.

—Thirty-eight of the horses which have worked this coach in and out of London were sold on Tuesday, at Tattersall's, by auction. Several were old hunters, of good blood, and realised high prices.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic troubles, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and contro excessive action.—*Advt*.

PRESENTATION TO A LIVERPOOL  
BROTHER.

A ceremony of a most interesting nature took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the evening of Friday week. There was then a large gathering of brethren for the special purpose of presenting to Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216, P.G. Organist West Lancashire, a testimonial in recognition of his long, valued, and willingly given services in his musical capacity. Bro. Skeaf, whose talent has long been acknowledged, has for years not only been indefatigable in the performance of his duties as P.G.O., but he has also been a most invaluable assistant at many of the private lodges throughout the province.

The testimonial consisted of a handsome clock and two vases of the value of £20, and a purse containing £180. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., occupied the chair. The testimonial was provided by means of funds raised at a Masonic concert which was held at the Philharmonic Hall some time ago. Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G.R., the treasurer of the fund, having presented a statement of the results of the concert, it was passed, after which Bro. Alpass made the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. Skeaf. Upon the clock was this inscription: "Presented to Bro. Skeaf, Provincial Grand Organist, with 180 sovereigns, by his Masonic brethren in the province of West Lancashire, as a mark of their esteem and in recognition of his services to the Craft. Liverpool, 1877."

Bro. Alpass said that Bro. Skeaf had devoted a great amount of time to the affairs of the Craft, and to a man in his position time was capital. In all his various offices as a member of the Harmonic Lodge, Bro. Skeaf had fulfilled his duties in a most creditable manner, and in every way had shown ability and diligence. The articles selected for the testimonial had given general satisfaction to the committee, and he hoped that they would also give satisfaction to Bro. Skeaf and to Mrs. Skeaf, and that he and his friends would live many years to read with pleasure the inscription upon the clock.

Bro. Skeaf, in returning thanks, said that it was an overpowering sight to him when he witnessed the large number of persons who assembled in the Philharmonic Hall on the evening when the concert was held. The presentation of the beautiful clock and vases and the handsome sum of money was indeed a matter of great gratification to him, and he hoped that if his past services had rendered him worthy of such a testimonial that his future services would not be less zealous on behalf of the Craft.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Dr. Smith, the Treasurer, and Bros. R. Brown, P.M. 241, and Dr. S. Kisch, 216, the Hon. Secretaries to the testimonial committee.

## THE BRITISH INNKEEPER.

A friendly word with the British hotel-keeper. I pay your bill, my dear sir, without a murmur; perhaps because my feelings at that moment are often too deep for utterance. Your ideas and mine as to what constitutes a good meal may possibly differ. 'Am and eggs for breakfast, with a fried sole, are all very well for once in a way, but are apt to become monotonous after a while. So are the early village cock, the "nice steak," the apple-tart with the elastic crust, and your other choice delicacies. Moreover, I prefer my sound and honest Bordeaux at two shillings a bottle to that barefaced impostor you uphold, the "very fine" Château-Margaux at twelve-and-six. But these are mere details. Here is my grievance. In that admirable document, my bill, you charge eighteenpence per head a day for "attendance." I will only pause to remark that the 'attendance is generally all on my side, as, ring I never so assiduously, it is seldom that any one comes. I do not venture to assert that a baby in arms is liable to this tax; but this I know, that if I occupy rooms containing my wife, self, and two children, I am charged six shillings a day for services which they never receive. Again, I do not remonstrate with you, good mine host; I merely congratulate you inwardly on the superior financial advantages you possess over me. Therefore be kind enough to do away with that system of "hovering" which you, tacitly at least, encourage. Having eased my mind by paying your bill on the morning of my departure, and stifled my conscience, which whispers extravagance, I observe the head-waiter smirking at me in the coffee-room while he pretends to fold up a napkin which no one will want till dinner-time. I give him—nothing; why should I? But I feel a wretched calf. In the passage I meet the Boots, who wears on his countenance an expression which, being translated, plainly says, "I gave them 'ere boots of yours a hextra polish, but I know it's charged in the bill, if you mean to take a base advantage of me." I do take that advantage of him. Like a guilty being I am about to jump into the fly, when I find I have left my keys up-stairs. Ah! then, indeed, I reach the meridian of my misery. I am at once face to face with the chambermaid. I may wrong her, or she may or may not have been wronged in early youth, but from the abject sorrow depicted on her countenance, and the imploring reluctance with which her hand is now thrust forward and now drawn back, she ought, if she is not lost to all sense of decency, to have thirteen children at least depending upon her for support. What is a florin, after all? I give it her in despair, am unjust to Boots and waiter, and, what is worse, I have created a precedent by which after-comers, who have more moral courage than I, will suffer. Be pleased, then, worthy Boniface, to put down these "hoverers," and spare your guests much sweet sorrow at parting. It is easily done. Pay your servants well, and put up a notice that any one receiving a gratuity will be instantly dismissed. I have spoken.—*The World*.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

By the death of Mr. Henry Rogers, on August 20, in his 71st year, the literary world is deprived of the services of a vigorous and learned essayist. Educated at High-bury College for the work of the ministry, he was for a few years the pastor of an Independent congregation. When ill-health compelled his retirement he obtained the more congenial post of Professor of English Language and Literature in University College, London. In 1858 he became Principal of the Lancashire Independent College. When the doctrines of the Tractarians were exercising their greatest influence in English life he was distinguished for the force of his attacks against their aims and ultimate results. "The Eclipse of Faith" has passed through at least fourteen editions, and a defence of its principles, in reply to the strictures of Professor F. W. Newman, arrived at the dignity of three editions. The most valuable of his contributions to general literature were given to the world in the columns of the *Edinburgh Review*. These have been frequently reprinted; the last edition appearing in 1874. A sketch of the life and genius of Fuller, an admirable specimen of his taste and talents, was included in the volumes of the "Traveller's Library," while his life of Howe, a divine of equal honesty, if not of equal wit, with Tom Fuller, obtained a well-deserved popularity. To the eighth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" he contributed the lives of Bishop Butler, Hume, and many other English and foreign celebrities of the last century. These have never been separately published in England, but some of them were reprinted in America in a collection of "New Biographies" (Boston, 1857).—*Academy*.

Colonel Bourne, M.P. for Evesham, has presented a piece of sculpture, executed by Professor Fedi, of Florence, to the Walker Art Gallery at Liverpool. The picture by Sir John Gilbert, R.A., "An Army on the March—the Rearguard with the Baggage Waggons," has been presented to the same institution by a local gentleman, Mr. John Parrington.

The case of *l'homme à la fourchette*, upon whom Dr. Léon Labbé performed gastrostomy with at least temporary success a few months ago, is brought to mind by an instance of swallowing foreign bodies recorded in a recent number of the *Southern Argus* (S.A.). A convict in the Gundagai Gaol, undergoing a term of imprisonment for stealing a ring, used to gain a living by travelling from town to town by giving performances in which he offered to swallow any article his audience might select. The ring for the stealing of which he had been convicted he had swallowed, and he asserted he could swallow a bagful if he got them. The prisoner at present is being treated by Dr. McKillop, visiting surgeon to the gaol, with a view of making him disgorge a steel Albert chain and a large brass ring. The chain can be distinctly felt at the bottom of the stomach, and the patient says he swallowed it nine months ago, and that it is the only article he has had any difficulty about. He avers that he has had two pounds weight of jewellery in his stomach at one time, and that he has harboured watches in that viscus for 24 hours. The gaoler is said to have a collection of Albert chains, penknives, brass rings, &c., which he asserted he had succeeded in causing the prisoner to vomit by means of emetics. This case, if correctly reported, presents features worthy of being studied from a physiological point of view.—*Lancet*.

"PEINE FORTE ET DURE."—W. W. T. writes to the *Times*:—"In your review of the work by Mr. Paterson, 'Commentaries on the Liberty of the Subject,' &c., allusion is made to the fact that so late as 1726 a gentleman underwent the 'peine forte et dure' for refusing to plead guilty or not guilty at Kingston Assizes. The 'London Magazine' for August, 1735, contains a horrible and detailed account of a man who was actually pressed to death at Horsham for obstinately remaining dumb when placed upon his trial at Lewes Assizes. In this case the weights placed over the unhappy man were gradually increased to a total of 350lb., when the executioner completed his task by adding his own quota of 16 stone."

The Grosvenor Gallery will be opened in November with a representative exhibition of water colour drawings and studies by deceased masters illustrative of the rise and growth of a branch of art which holds such a distinguished place in the history of the English school.

A University is to be established in Siberia, at Omak, on the River Irish, the centre of government for Western Siberia. The scheme was first started by a landowner in 1863, and the chief difficulty has been the choice of a site, the place first proposed—Tomsk—being objected to as it was a penal settlement. The buildings are to be begun at once, and are to be opened in July, 1880.

MADAME ADELINA PATTI.—The report that Madame Patti has retired, or intends retiring, to the Convent of the "Sacré Cœur," with the purpose of "taking the veil," is, like so many other reports about this celebrated artist, what the French term a *canard*, and the English a "hoax."

An Albert Hall is to be built at Jeypore in commemoration of the Prince of Wales's visit, and the designs have just been submitted to the Maharajah.

The disagreeables of travelling in Italy have recently been a warm subject of discussion, but even Italian authorities are marching with the advance of time, according to a correspondent of the *Paris Figaro*, who has been astonished by having to pay nothing for his letters at the Poste Restante at Rimini. A few years ago he applied for a letter at the same office, and was met by a demand for "Quaranta soldi." "Forty soldi for a letter from Naples?" he exclaimed. "Nonsense; I will give you four." "Twenty, then," replied the post-mistress, with a beguiling smile. "No; four," was still the answer. "Ten," then demanded the siren, who, however, ultimately handed over the missive for the sum originally offered with a sigh, remarking, "Ah, indeed, times are bad nowadays."



### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 14, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.  
1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.  
1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.  
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gathouse Hot., Highgate.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
1604, Wanderers, F. M. H.

Mark Lodge, 22, Southwark, Brg. House Hot., London B.  
K.H.S. 1, Mount Carmel, Freemasons' Tav.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatshaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Com. R.M.B.I. at 3.  
Lodge 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambth.  
1223, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, N.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.  
1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Femperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., N. Wandsworth.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.

Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouldborn-rd., N. Kensington.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 15, 1877

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms Preston.  
721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.  
1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton.  
1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**STOCKPORT.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge, which was held on Monday, September 10th, at the lodge rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport, the W.M., Bro. Walter Schofield, was supported in full complement, viz.: Bros. J. Kirk, S.W.; W. Harrison, J.W.; W. W. Sheldermine, Treas.; T. Bullock, Sec.; J. Swindells, S.D.; G. Platts, J.D.; W. Booth, D.C.; H. Collier, Organist; G. T. Barrow, I.G.; G. Rodgers and T. B. Birch, Stewds.; also by Past Masters J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Sykes, and H. Finch; and a good muster of members. The visiting brethren included Bros. J. C. Chetham, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Wilkinson, W.M. 1126; G. A. Robinson, I.P.M. 1126; Captain Ballantine, I.G. 1126; Renshaw, 322; Strangeways, S.D. 111; McKinley, 424; Whiteley, 1077; and Edmondson, 322. Lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two initiates, with a favourable result. At five-thirty the W.M. called the lodge off for tea, after discussing which the brethren resumed labour. There were five candidates for initiation on the agenda, who had been balloted for and approved at previous meetings. Four of these were in attendance, and were duly admitted to the light of Masonry, viz., Mr. W. Bradley, and Mr. J. H. Beattfield by the W.M.; Mr. A. A. Williams by Bro. H. Finch, I.P.M.; and Mr. T. Axon by Bro. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. About nine o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, the proceedings at which were made more than usually agreeable by the excellent harmony that was discoursed. The St. John's Lodge, 104, is fortunate in numbering among its members several brethren of acknowledged musical ability, and the vocal efforts of the lodge choir, supplemented on this occasion by visiting Bros. Edmondson and Wilkinson, of special renown, were of a very entertaining and enlivening character, and the result was a musical treat, such as one rarely hears at a Masonic Meeting. Song, and glee, and toast (in the course of which the W.M. and his officers were highly complimented on the efficiency of their working) followed each other in quick succession until the Tyler's toast was called for, and the brethren separated with the feeling that this was one of the pleasantest meetings ever held in connection with this ancient lodge. The annual picnic was held on the previous Thursday, Sept. 6th, when a merry party of members and their ladies assembled at the Nelson Hotel, Stockport, and being favoured with a bright, if not sunny day, proceeded by omnibus through a beautiful tract of country in Mid-Cheshire to Hoo Green, near Knutsford, a well-known and favourite resort for picnic parties. At the "George and Dragon," Cheadle, a halt was made, and the worthy proprietor of the hotel (Bro. W. S. Booth, who is a member of Lodge 104), and his lady joined the party. Passing through Gatley, Temperley, and Altrincham, and the picturesque Dunham Park, the party next alighted at the Nag's Head, an old-fashioned and cosy roadside inn, just beyond Bowdon, where the ladies busied themselves in providing an *al fresco* luncheon, to which ample justice was done. The bus then made a detour to Tabley Park, which, by gracious permission of the R.W.P.G. Master (previously arranged), was thrown open to the party. The interesting old hall and chapel, the lake and island, the park and gardens, all received due "attention." The quaint little chapel especially, so picturesquely situated, with its unmistakable air of antiquity, its beautiful stained-glass windows—the work, as a brass tablet records, of the present Lord de Tabley's own daughters—was an object of particular interest, and the party lingered here for some time. Here the musical brethren were called into requisition, and the lodge choir sang two pieces, "O Sanctissima," and the hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying," from Hymns, Ancient and Modern, with a thrilling effect, after which the whole party joined in the well-known hymn to the tune of St. Anne, "O God, our help in ages past," Bro. Collier presiding at the organ. On leaving Tabley a short drive brought the party to their destination—the Hoo Green Hotel, where "mine host" had an excellent tea in readiness. For two or three hours after tea the brethren and their "better halves" enjoyed them-

selves after their own bent, some in the ball-room, some on the bowling green, and others in strolling through the fields. Shortly after seven o'clock the signal was given for returning, and after a call at Bro. Harvey's (P.M. 1045), the Unicorn, Altrincham, and at Bro. Booth's, Cheadle, where Bro. Past Master Bidder, with his felicitous eloquence, proposed a vote of thanks to "the ladies," the party arrived in Stockport about half-past ten, well pleased with the day's outing.

**BRIXHAM.**—True Love and Unity Lodge (No. 248).—The monthly meeting of this lodge, held on the 5th September, at the Masonic Hall, Bolton-street, was well attended. Bros. William Brown, W.M.; Jas. Hanwick, S.W.; Samuel Woolley, J.W.; Henry Cowell, S.D.; and G. C. Searle, J.D., were all in their places, and there were also present several Past Masters and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree at 6.30 p.m. prompt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Gillard and Barter having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, they were entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the candidates admitted, properly prepared, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, according to the ancient custom and usages of the Order, the charges being most impressively delivered by Bros. G. T. Barry, P.M., Prov. G. Purst; and Jas. Hanwick, S.W., and the working tools by Bro. C. Gregory. The ceremony was gone through in a most business-like and impressive manner by the W.M., assisted by W. Bro. S. B. Colston, P.M., P.P.G.S.Wks. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The business of the evening was continued by the Secretary reading the Grand Lodge report. Bro. Woolley, J.W., then brought forward his motion (of which notice had been given at the last meeting), "That he should call attention as to the desirability of having a new lodge." The worthy brother enlarged on the great disadvantages under which the brethren at present labour, and the comforts they lack, when compared with other lodges, not forgetting also to place before them the lofty advantages which would accrue by the erection of such an edifice. Bro. Woolley concluded his earnest appeal by proposing "That we have a new lodge, and that a committee be at once appointed to solicit subscriptions to carry out the same." Bro. Hanwick, S.W., said it gave him great pleasure to support the proposition, and felt confident that success would crown their efforts, and promised to collect a goodly sum. Bro. Colston, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks., in seconding the motion, spoke of the lodge (which now reaches its 96th year) as in a dilapidated condition and needed renewal, at the same time promising all the support possible. On the motion being put to the meeting it was carried *nem. con.* The committee consist of the W.M., Bro. Brown, Bros. Colston, Hanwick, Woolley, Barry, Barter, and Crauford, with power to add to their number. It was then proposed by Bro. Searle, J.D., and seconded by the W.M., that Bro. Barry, P.M., and Treasurer of the lodge, be congratulated on being invested with the collar of Prov. Grand Purs. (at the last Provincial meeting at Devonport), and that he be saluted with three, which was heartily responded to. The Secretary gave notice that the fortnightly meetings would commence this month, according to former resolution. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due harmony and accord.

**CROYDON.**—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—The first meeting after the recess was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 6th inst., the W.M. (Bro. W. Sharp) being supported by all his officers and the members of his lodge to the number of over 40. The ballot was taken for four gentlemen, of whom two were in attendance, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. Those for passing not being present, the Third Degree was conferred upon Bro. Silvester in a manner that he cannot easily forget. The W.M. upon rising for the first time in a few well chosen remarks proposed a vote of £10 10s. from the lodge funds for the fund now being raised for the dreadful famine in India, which was voted unanimously, the brethren feeling that they could not do better than instantly follow (to the utmost of their power) the good example of the Grand Lodge on the previous night. The petition of a widow of a brother who was one of the founders of this lodge, to become an annuitant having been signed in open lodge, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the evening was spent in harmony in more senses than one, and all left with the regret that time waits for no brother.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., the brethren meeting for the first time in their new rooms, Station-street. Originally it had been intended to consecrate the premises on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Festival, (28th inst.), but the Grand Secretary, on being communicated with, decided the ceremony of consecration and dedication was unnecessary, and Bros. W. Taylor and W. Shilton were accordingly directed to proceed with the decoration and furnishing at once, so as to hold the regular meeting in September, the lodge having stood adjourned from July. Although the building is necessarily in an incomplete condition at present, every portion of the furniture and decorations have been so well utilised and fitted into their proper positions that, when thoroughly finished, which cannot be till the walls are well dried, the lodge room, of itself for chasteness, ornamentation, and orthodox arrangement of appointments, will be a credit to the province, and to the decorative skill of the two brothers named above. Those present on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., were Bros. W. Taylor, W.M. (in the chair); W. Shilton, P.M., as S.W.; Jas. Black, as J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Lamony, P.M.

and Sec. (Freemason); W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; Tom Bird, S.D.; C. Gibson, I.G.; W. M. Quhae, Steward; W. Potts, Tyler; Stephen Thwaite, T. C. Robinson, H. Peacock and W. Rule. After the minutes of the last ordinary, emergency, and committee meetings had been read and confirmed, Bro. Rule was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate. The lodge then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, in order to arrange details for the approaching Provincial Grand Festival. It was decided to hold a lodge of emergency on Monday evening, the 24th inst., for the purpose of passing Bro. the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A. The lodge was then closed in form.

**GREENWICH.**—Star Lodge (No. 1275).—The installation of the above lodge was held on Friday, September 7th, at the Ship Hotel. Bro. H. L. Green, W.M., raised three to the Third Degree, completing his year of office by installing Captain R. W. Williams, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M., for which he received a vote of thanks. His work being (as described by the two veteran Masons, the Treasurer and Secretary) perfect. He afterwards had a Past Master's jewel given to him of the value of ten guineas, part subscribed from lodge funds, the remainder, about one half, by a few of his friends who belong to the lodge. The newly installed Master soon proved his proficiency by the superior manner he initiated a gentleman into the mysteries of the Order. He showed himself to be the right man in the right place. Some propositions were received for initiations. The lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, December 7th. The usual good banquet followed and a happy evening was agreeably spent. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. C. M. Williams, S.W.; M. Kipps, J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M. Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlx.; Sergeant-Major W. E. Williams, P.M.; E. W. Chetwynd, J.D.; A. Tisley, I.G.; S. Markettis, D.C.; F. S. Seaper, W.S.; Rev. J. Collis, Chaplain; E. Mann, Organist; G. S. Elliott, Assist. Sec.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. Five Masters were present Bros. W. Ough, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogg, P.G.P.; H. Keeble, T. J. Limebeer, and H. T. Green, besides some twenty other members. There were a large number of visitors—Bros. Rev. P.M. Holden, P.P.G., C. Middlx.; M. Clarke, Butler, Dennis, and others whose names we could not ascertain.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge having adjourned during the months of July and August, assembled at their private rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, September 1st, and lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. James Batchelder. The minutes of the June meeting were then read and confirmed, after which the brethren proceeded to ballot for two candidates for initiation, who had been proposed by letter during the vacation. In each case the ballot was unanimous in their favour—the gentlemen, however, were unable to present themselves for initiation; but, all being well, intend doing so at the October meeting. Two other candidates were proposed for initiation, one by the W.M. the other by the J.W. Providing, therefore, that investigation is of a satisfactory nature, and the ballot unanimous, the October assembly will produce quite an array of initiates; may they prove men of the right sort—"Brethren good and true." The Secretary informed the lodge that Bro. Barber had signed his certificate during the recess. Certificates were also signed by Bros. Duckworth, Brown, and Smith, and presented to them by the W.M. in open lodge. Attention was drawn by the Secretary to the fact that several brethren were considerably in arrears with their subscription; it was arranged that unless some arrangement was made by the "defaulters" on or before the next lodge meeting, October 6th, that they be then excluded—an intimation to that effect the Secretary received instructions to forward to all in arrears. Since the last meeting of the lodge, Past Master Caldwell, D. of C., has been bereft of his partner in life, the companion of his joys and sorrows. The sleep of death does separate for a season; may the awakening joy again unite them in Grand Lodge on high. A vote of condolence with Bro. Caldwell was proposed by Bro. C. J. Kent, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Tyers, and carried unanimously. Instructions having been given for the same to be forwarded to Bro. Caldwell, P.M., the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren retired to the social board. "Moderation in all things" was there exercised, and the brethren separated at an exemplary hour, 8.30.

**WOOLWICH.**—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The first monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. E. West's, "The Three Crowns," Bro. W. Steele, W.M., in the chair. The other officers present were Bros. W. T. Turner, J.W.; J. Henderson, P.M., and Secretary; N. Stanford, S.D.; J. Plume, J.D.; E. J. Lloyd acting as I.G. most efficiently. Bro. Steadman, P.M. and Tyler, of many other lodges, was present, and was as usual most kind and courteous in the execution of his duties. The Past Masters present were Bros. J. Ives, I.P.M., E. West, and P. Brayshaw. Among the visitors were Bros. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; W. J. Millington, 1382; J. C. Parker, 1327; T. S. Green, 1076; C. Jolly, 19 (Freemason), &c. The lodge having been opened and the minutes and accounts confirmed, Bro. J. Bickerstaff, late of No. 700, was proposed and passed as a joining member. Messrs. J. Perry and Worboys were then balloted for and approved of, but were not present. Bro. Palmer then was passed to the Second Degree, and the lodge duly closed. The brethren and visitors then adjourned to another room, where a cold collation, nicely served, awaited them. Upon re-assembling round the social board the regular loyal Masonic toasts were honoured "in the usual way among Masons," some excellent singing by Bros. J. and A. Plume adding no little charm to the occasion. Altogether it was a most enjoyable gathering.

**CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.**—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1519).—The regular monthly meeting of



this lodge was held on Monday, Sept. 3rd at, the Albion Hotel. There was a good attendance, both of brethren and visitors. Bro. John Tennant, the W.M., presided. The officers present were Bros. Levi Wilkinson, S.W.; R. H. Catterall, J.W.; C. Hall, Sec.; Thos Hargreaves, S.D.; Jas. Sharples, J.D.; J. T. Hall, I.G.; T. Hodgkiss, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. John Brooks, 369; E. Walmsley, 79; John Magereson, 345; J. Walsh, 79; Wm. Walmsley, 79; T. Holland, 126, and 1504, Sec.; A. Balmforth, Ferrers and Ivanhoe, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouche. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities of the Craft, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Sec., and unanimously confirmed. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, when Bros. George Bray and Thomas Thompson, who had previously given proof of their efficiency by answering the usual questions in open lodge, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, Bro. John Tennant, the W.M., in both cases performing the impressive ceremony in a very effective manner. The lodge was then closed down to the Second Degree, when Bro. John Tennant, the W.M., performed the ceremony of passing Bro. John Chatburn to the degree of Fellow Craft, in his usual and impressive style. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. There being no other business of importance after receiving from the visiting brethren the "hearty good-wishes" of the lodges which they represented, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom with solemn prayer by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were drunk, and a very pleasant evening was spent. In responding to the toast of the visiting brethren, Bro. Jno. Magereson, from Lodge 345, Blackburn, expressed his great pleasure at meeting with the brethren of Albert Edward Lodge, and especially with the W.M. He had known him a good many years, and since he had become the W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge he had felt a strong desire to come over and see how he conducted himself in the chair. He was highly pleased with the working of the lodge generally, but he was especially pleased with the able manner the W.M. had gone through the ceremonies. He appeared to be perfectly at home in the work. He was also highly pleased with the hearty manner the visiting brethren had been received, and he gave the brethren of Albert Edward Lodge a hearty invitation to their lodge (345), assuring them whenever they felt disposed to visit their lodge they would receive a hearty welcome.

### Royal Arch.

**HAMPTON.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A convocation of this newly formed chapter was held at "The Island" Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th instant. Amongst those present were Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.Z., P.G.P.S. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Thielley, H.; Dubois, P.Z., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E.; Mason, P.Z., S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.S. 185, 1st Assistant S.; Falconer, and Assistant S.; Baldwin, M.E.Z. (Mount Lebanon); W. S. Johnston T. W. Ockenden. The minutes of the July convocation having been read and confirmed, it was reported that through unavoidable circumstances none of the seven brethren whose names were upon the agenda for exaltation could be present that day. There being no other business of moment before the chapter it was closed, and the companions partook of refreshment. There were no speeches. This chapter was formed for a twofold purpose, firstly to give those brethren residing in the locality or being members of the mother lodge an opportunity of belonging to a summer chapter, and secondly to enable companions in town to combine Masonic work with the pleasures of a rural outing. The quiet beauty of this part of the picturesque valley of "Old Thames" is very attractive under favourable circumstances, but the members of the "Era" Chapter this season have had to contend with weather the reverse of genial, which rendered outdoor enjoyment almost impossible. The next meeting will take place on the second Saturday in May next.

### MARK MASONRY—ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

We are very pleased to notice the friendly and appreciative notice of our Mark Grand Lodge in the excellent *Masonic Review*, edited by the well-known M.W. Bro. Wheeler, P.G.M. of Tenn., and we believe the anticipations herein stated will be fully realised.

We cannot for a moment believe that the general Grand Chapter of the United States will any longer delay recognition, especially when it is evident that the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter of England cannot by the "Articles of Union" have sought to do with the Mark Degree. It will then only remain for the Grand Chapter of Scotland to hold out the right hand of fellowship, and we in advance extend our right hand to save time!

#### GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States will be called upon at its coming Triennial Convocation to recognise the Grand Mark Master Mason's Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of England, by the terms of the union of the three Grand Lodges in 1813, "can not recognise any degrees in Masonry save the first three and the Royal Arch. The Grand Chapter of England confers only the Royal Arch; the Mark Degree, not being recognised, is under a separate government. Should the Grand Mark Lodge be recognised by the G.G. Chapter, the Royal Arch Masons of England will probably be allowed to visit chapters within the jurisdiction of the United States. Bro. Drummond, of Maine, has anticipated this question coming before the General Grand Chapter, and in his report to the Grand Chapter of his State has

given so much information concerning the Mark Degree as practised in England, and its history, that it will probably aid in the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge of England by the United States. We hope so, for we believe the influence will then become greater to eliminate from the chapters in this country the Past and Most Excellent Master's Degrees.

### OPENING OF THE WALKER ART GALLERY IN LIVERPOOL.

The ceremony in connection with the formal opening of the Art Gallery, presented to the town of Liverpool by Mr. Alderman A. B. Walker, now Mayor for the second time, at a cost of about £30,000, was possibly the most imposing and impressive which has taken place within the memory of the "oldest inhabitant." Lord Derby performed the pleasant task of inauguration, some 10,000 representatives of the various trades "processioned" the town; the inhabitants turned out in hundreds of thousands, and the whole of the day's proceedings were worthy of the munificence of the donor, and the princely gift which will for generations delight and instruct the denizens of the "good old town."

The whole of the vast procession having arrived before the Art Gallery, and Lord Derby, the Mayor, and the guests having taken up their position, the ceremony of formally opening the Walker Art Gallery was proceeded with.

The Mayor presented the key of the building to Alderman Weightman, chairman of the Finance and Estate Committee, on behalf of the Corporation.

Mr. Alderman Weightman acknowledged the gift, and presented an address from the Corporation to the Mayor, which was read by the Town Clerk, and was as follows:—

"To the Worshipful the Mayor of Liverpool, Andrew Barclay Walker, Esq.: We, the Deputy-Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the borough of Liverpool, desire most respectfully, on behalf of the inhabitants, to offer to your Worship our grateful acknowledgment of your noble gift of the Gallery of Art to-day presented to the town. We assure you that your Worship's generosity is warmly appreciated by all classes of the community, and we trust that you may for many years witness the benefits conferred upon your fellow-townsmen by your munificent liberality. Sealed with the corporate seal of the said borough, this 6th day of September, 1877."

A public address and casket were then presented to the Mayor by Lord Derby, on behalf of the subscribers, the address being read by Bro. J. B. Cooper.

The address was as follows:—"To Andrew Barclay Walker, Esq., Mayor of Liverpool. Sir,—It is with no ordinary feelings of gratification that we ask the favour of your acceptance of this address from a very large number of your fellow-townsmen. We present it, and the casket containing it, as a slight memento of the opening of the beautiful Art Gallery which has this day been dedicated to its most elevating uses; and, likewise, as a cordial mark of our high appreciation of your public services, as Mayor of this great community, during a period of two years. By thus munificently providing this splendid edifice for the reception, from time to time of our art treasures, you have not only supplied a long-felt want, indeed a most pressing educational necessity, but, furthermore, you have given a much needed stimulus to art in Liverpool, at a time when so many are earnestly striving to promote the higher as well as the elementary education of our people. We also propose to ourselves the pleasure of placing in the vestibule of what we may venture to term the Walker Art Gallery, as soon as the work can be executed, and with your Worship's approval, a marble statue of its generous donor, so that we, in our time, and those who come after us, may look upon the features of their most liberal friend, the founder of this highly attractive, recreative, and most improving educational resort. We pray that you may long be spared in health and happiness to enjoy all the pleasures of domestic family life, and of the innumerable friendships which have grown up about you, as the natural outcome of your genial and kindly disposition; and also that you may be gratified by witnessing a rapidly growing love of art, in all its varied forms of beauty and instructiveness, as one of the surest and most important agencies in the elevation and refinement of the tastes and habits of all classes of our population. Signed this 6th day of September, 1877, on behalf of the Subscribers. (Signed) Thomas Edwards-Mess, Chairman."

The Mayor replied to the address, and the Earl of Derby then, in a brief speech, declared the building opened.

The large silver-gilt casket bears on its top a splendid model of the Art Gallery, to be repeated in oxidised silver. Around the casket are bas reliefs of "The Triumph of Love"—Fleming Cupids. The Arms of Liverpool in enamel on gold are in the centre panel of the front of the casket, upheld by two silver figures representing Sculpture and Painting. At each corner of the casket are four exquisitely carved ivory figures, on silver pedestals, representing the four quarters of the globe. At the sides are the monograms of the Mayor and Mayoress in enamel on gold. Accompanying the casket is a splendidly bound album in crimson and gilt, with a silver plaque in the centre of cover of "Neptune being driven by sea horses," and medallion typical of wind and water. In this album is contained the address of the subscribers, splendidly illuminated by Mr. J. O. Marples, who also designed the casket and was the originator of the memorial—the scheme being taken up most readily by all, and most ably managed by Bro. J. B. Cooper, who has acted as hon. secretary to the testimonial committee.

A banquet for the grantees, and a display of fireworks for the people, by Mr. Brock, of London, were the evening attractions.

### THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

(FROM THE DAILY CHRONICLE.)

The proposal to alter the title and constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, of which the readers of the *Daily Chronicle* were apprised on Saturday week, was virtually withdrawn at Grand Lodge on Wednesday by the voluntary motion on behalf of the Board of General Purposes to postpone the consideration of the subject till December. The brethren will probably never hear of the proposal again, for, although an amendment to this motion was adopted, and the discussion deferred till March next, the Board immediately discovered in what direction the feeling of Freemasons lay on the main question, and it is not likely that they will throw themselves open to the disaster of a crushing defeat. While, however, they saw that there was no hope of their carrying their proposal on a future occasion, they must have seen that the object which the original instigator of the scheme had in view was in a fair way of being attained—to secure from the Lodge of Benevolence such a careful estimate of the claims of applicants for relief, that not even the large annual surplus which remains to the lodge after the liberal satisfaction of all demands shall be an inducement to the brethren to give away one single sovereign in excess of the merits of any individual case.

There is a notion outside the ranks of Freemasons that the Order is a benefit society, and this notion is somewhat confirmed by the reports which appear of large sums of money being given away by Grand Lodge, and by the existence of the three Masonic charitable institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Of the two first of these institutions the uninitiated or popular world believe that if a man becomes a Freemason he has a right to have his boys or girls educated there; and, with respect to the latter, they think there is a provision in old age which a Mason, by virtue of his being a member of the Craft, may claim. These conceptions of the nature of the Order are altogether wrong. Freemasonry is not a benefit society, and it may be as well to inform our readers who have not the great honour of belonging to so noble and excellent an institution, that if they enter it they will find it possesses far more of the nature of the leech than the pelican. Freemasonry has been frequently styled a luxury, and it is unquestionable that only men of good and sufficient means should enter into it. The charitable institutions of the Order were afterthoughts. They were never intended as inducements for men to join the Craft, but only to meet the exigencies of such persons as, having been in good circumstances, from calamity or misfortune, might experience a reverse in life. The oldest of these charitable institutions has not been established 100 years, and the youngest is not half a century old. It is only within the last 15 years that large subscription have flowed into their coffers, and it is certainly within that time that Masonry has become the popular institution it now is. With its popularity have come the great demands made upon it, and, as the Grand Secretary pointed out at the consecration of a lodge on Tuesday week, there is too much reason to fear that many men join the Order now, not so much for the benefit which they may render to it as for the benefit which they conceive it may be to them. The institutions are simply and solely charities, however much some members of the Order may object, as they frequently do, to their being so styled. The donations to them are voluntary and it is only on charitable efforts that they depend for their maintenance. Their great success of late years is attributable to the enormous accession to the ranks of Freemasonry, and to the fact that each institution possesses a most energetic Secretary. The grand day of the year with every lodge is the day on which the new Master is installed, and to this great festival almost every lodge deems it its duty to invite the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions. The toast of "The Masonic Institutions" is always on the list of toasts, and the Secretaries in reply enforce the claims of the institutions. A member of the lodge proposes himself as Steward for one or other of the institutions; the lodge generally heads his list with a good round sum, (for which it receives an equivalent in a certain number of votes at the elections of candidates), and other brethren put down their names for subscriptions, every subscriber receiving votes. In this way £39,600 were subscribed for the three institutions last year, and during the present year, as far as it has gone, more than £40,000 has been collected. Brethren are usually very anxious to become Stewards, although the office entails some expenditure both of time and money, and it is a great ambition with them to carry up a large list. Of course, these lists vary in amount; but the largest amount of any one list was attained at the festival of the Boys' School in June last, when one Steward took up over £1000. Some lodges always send a Steward to one institution in the course of the year, and there are some who send a Steward every year to each institution. So strongly are the claims of charity now felt by the brethren, that it is an ordinary occurrence at the consecration (or first) meeting of a new lodge for a brother to offer himself as a Steward, and this, it must be remembered, is at a time when the lodge itself has no funds out of which to subscribe to the Stewards list, and when it has to meet the large expense of lodge furniture, the cost of its warrant, its opening banquet, and its books. There is, however, but little fear that in the course of the first year it will be able to subscribe something, for a lodge seldom starts unless its promoters have a large circle of friends who are anxious to become Freemasons, and the fees for initiation and the annual subscriptions to the lodge, in addition to paying all expenses, generally leave a sufficient balance for something to be given out of it in the cause of Masonry.

From the above statement, it will be seen that Free



masonry is not a benefit society in the ordinary acceptance of the phrase. That it confers benefits is not to be denied, and it has always the claims of the poor and distressed in view, and never inquires as to creed, colour, or clime. As Grand Lodges make munificent donations when the act of God or the ambition of man desolates vast territories, so a provincial Grand Lodge or a Provincial private lodge will subscribe to local charities and hospitals, while not forgetting the Masonic institutions. The nearest approach there is in Masonry to the character of a benefit society is in the Fund of Benevolence, towards which there is a payment out of every initiation fee, and a fixed contribution every year, which lodges have to send to Grand Lodge out of each of the subscribing members' subscriptions. The lodges which are composed principally of Jews have also what they call a Benevolent Fund, but this has nothing to do with Grand Lodge, and is a matter entirely of fraternal arrangement. This Benevolent Fund is only for the use of the members of the particular lodge, and in all cases it has its treasurer, secretary, and committee. If a member of the lodge is in distress, or can be assisted to regain the position in life which adversity has removed him from, his case is laid before the committee, and he receives relief if found worthy. In a community like that of the Jews there is but little fear that the real facts of a case are not known to the committee; but with reference to these Benevolent Funds in the Jewish lodges, this highly honourable trait presents itself, that the name of the applicant for relief, or even his initial, or anything which may lead to his identification, is never known to the members of the lodge who are not on the committee of the fund. Frequently have the applicants not only regained their former position, but also advanced to positions of affluence, and it has not been an uncommon occurrence for the money lent to be returned.

Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, true to its old character, subscribed 1300 guineas for benevolent objects outside the Order. The unanimity with which the grants were made might encourage the proposers of the grants to ask for more on a future occasion if the necessity should arise; but it is to be hoped, not for the sake of Grand Lodge funds, but of suffering humanity, that the horrors of the Indian famine will have passed away before the brethren could reasonably be asked for a further grant. Nevertheless, should occasion require their further assistance, we have no doubt they will remember the moment they were received into Freemasonry, and extend to the people who are in want of charity that never faileth. Grand Lodge was in very good humour when it made the grants on Wednesday. The grants of £210 and £105 were voted instantaneously, the brethren being anxious to have the matter relating to the Lodge of Benevolence out with the Board of General Purposes. The gracefulness of the concession made by the Board with respect to this subject put them in still further good humour, and Mr. Clabon's fear that there would be an amendment to the thousand guineas' proposal was quite uncalled for. Had his scheme for finding funds for enabling the children leaving the schools to begin life been ready, the brethren would, at least, have allowed the principle of the scheme to pass, though the carrying out of the proposal would have been sent to a committee. Presuming that the alteration of the Lodge of Benevolence will not be again brought forward, and looking at the very strong disposition on the part of the brethren to maintain the charities to the utmost, the adoption on a future occasion of Bro. Clabon's well-conceived motion is a foregone conclusion.

#### THE "APOLLO UNIVERSITY" LODGE, OXFORD.

By BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.  
(From the *Voice of Masonry*.)

One of the most illustrious and distinguished lodges in England is that of the "Apollo University," of Oxford. It was chartered by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., and bears date December 21st, 1818, as No. 711. By the alteration of the number in 1832 it became 460, and again in 1863 it was raised to 357, at which it still remains. The addition of "University" to its original title of the "Apollo" was agreed to soon after its advent, though its shorter description was noted in the records until 1826. The first Worshipful Master and Wardens (according to the warrant) were respectively John Ireland, George Hitchings, and Sir Charles Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.

Among the old resolutions and bye-laws were the following: "On account of keeping the good-will of the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors, the members of the lodge shall proceed to the meetings in Academics." Fines were levied on brethren who did not come till supper-time, and also on those who did not appear in full dress, or who did not wear white gloves. It was ordered that at each meeting the charity box should be taken round. In 1853 it was proposed that "henceforth no one shall be proposed for this lodge except he be or has been a member of this University," but the Provincial Grand Master refused to confirm it. The restriction has been practically maintained, however, in balloting for candidates.

On August 4th, 1864, the foundation of the University Masonic Hall, especially reserved for the use of this lodge, was laid in Masonic form by Alderman R. J. Spiers, F.S.A., Dep. Prov. G.M., and on February 24th, 1865, the building was solemnly dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry by Lieut.-Col. H. A. Bowyer, M.A., the then Provincial Grand Master.

On February 19th, 1869, its jubilee was celebrated, and three months later a Royal Arch Chapter was chartered and opened under its wing, with a similar title.

On April 30th, 1872, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was elected a member of the lodge, and in the following year became its Worshipful Master, with Bro. Reginald Bird as the Deputy Master. On May 1st, 1874,

H.R.H. Prince Leopold was, on the proposition of his brother (the Prince of Wales) elected a member, and was then initiated, subsequently becoming Worshipful Master of the lodge, and Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, in succession to the lamented Bro. Colonel Bowyer, deceased.

We have gleaned these particulars from the interesting preface to the bye-laws of the lodge, edited by Bro. F. P. Morrell, M.A., P.M., etc., and the Rev Bro. H. A. Pickard, M.A., being the fourth edition of the bye-laws from 1858, the issues being as follows, viz., 1858, 1864, 1869 and 1874. The later editions are without exception some of the handsomest and best codes of bye-laws, etc., we have ever seen. The special feature, however, in the little book is the roll of members of the lodge, and which is the special attraction to students of such matter. A hasty glance would almost seem to indicate that the lodge has on its list of members all the distinguished members of the Craft. Of course that is not the fact, but so many of the chief members of the Fraternity in England are connected with the "Apollo University" Lodge as to render it unique in that respect in the annals of the society. The Grand Masters of England and Ireland are enrolled as members in the list of 1874. The Pro Grand Master of England, and the Deputy Grand Masters of England, Scotland and Ireland. Upwards of thirty Provincial Grand Masters either are or have been members, and thirty-three other members of Grand Lodges, either as Grand Wardens or other distinguished positions, and more than three hundred of its members have held office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire since the year 1857. Three of the Provincial Grand Masters have also been selected by the Grand Masters for the time being from the lodge.

We could not find time to enumerate from this list anything like the number of names we should like of brethren distinguished as Masons, scholars, statesmen, warriors, and in every walk in life requiring talents, character and energy. We trust that the future of this lodge will even surpass its eventful past, and render its centenary most memorable.

#### FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT ACTON.

The ordinarily quiet town of Acton was astir on Thursday week, owing to the marriage of Mr. John Howard Walker, eldest son of John Walker, Esq., of the Woodlands, with Miss Mary Annie Roebuck, only child of Bro. William Roebuck, of West Lodge. The weather was at its best, and the occasion excited great interest, both families being well known and highly respected in Acton. Two marquees were erected on the lawn of West Lodge, in one of which the presents were displayed, numbering considerably over 100 and being of the most costly and elegant description. Amongst them we may mention a handsome bronze drawing-room timepiece with candelabra to match, a pair of bronze figures representing Holbein and Chiberti, a set of silver dishes, pair of candelabra richly gilt, liqueur cabinet, a remarkably handsome pair of Chinese vases, 24 inches in height, bust on pedestal, a handsome cabinet of cutlery, with silver forks and spoons, a sofa blanket very choicely worked, magnificent bible and clasped folio album, table cloth from the Caucasus, a massive gold bracelet, old China dinner, afternoon tea, coffee and dessert services, diamond locket (presented by the bridegroom, and worn by the bride at the wedding), silver fish and dessert knives and forks, several marble timepieces and toilet sets. The presents were remarkably pretty and many of them most valuable.

The ceremony was fixed for half-past eleven o'clock, and punctually at that time the bride, accompanied by her father, drove up to the north entrance of the parish church, the bridesmaids, six in number, being stationed at the door to receive her. They were—Miss Alice Lloyd, Miss Alice Walker, Miss Linley, Miss Verity, Miss Kate Hunt, and Miss E. Walker. The groomsmen were—Mr. Fred Walker, Harry Maple, E. W. Stringer, Harry Smith, F. Haslam, and Arthur Walker.

The bride was attired in a rich white satin dress trimmed with real Brussels lace flounce, wreath of orange blossom, and veil and diamond locket. The bridesmaids wore blue silks, wreaths of apple blossom and veil, with lockets presented by the bridegroom.

The church, which was neatly decorated, was well filled with a fashionable congregation. The Rev. C. M. Harvey, M.A., rector, performed the marriage service. The bride was given away by her father (Bro. Roebuck), Mr. Fred Walker (the bridegroom's brother) acting as best man. Mr. Lamb presided at the organ, and during the service and while the wedding party were signing the register, played a sonata in G by Beethoven, an allegro by Bach, the Wedding March by Mendelssohn, and an andante by Schnerder.

After the service, the wedding party repaired to West Lodge, and at one o'clock sat down to breakfast, which was arranged in a marquee, fifty feet long by thirty feet wide, and lined with red and white striped bunting, which was provided by Mr. Blake, of Ealing. Messrs. Inglefield and Hircombe (late Withers), of Baker-street, London, were entrusted with the arrangements for the breakfast, and it is scarcely necessary to say that so eminent a firm gave the utmost satisfaction. Accommodation was provided for forty-eight persons. The tables were set out most effectively, a selection of choice plants, interspersed with bouquets, displayed in massive epergnes and plateaus, adding considerably to the attractiveness of the spectacle. The bride's cake, which was elegantly ornamented, was mounted on a handsome silver plateau at the head of the table. A large variety of ferns, palms, and other potted plants were tastefully placed round the marquee.

The guests comprised Mr. Aste, Mrs. Walker, Bro. Roebuck, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mr. J. H. Walker, Mrs. Roebuck, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Naylor, Mr. E. Sacre, Mr. Naylor, Miss Alice Lloyd, Mr. Fred. Walker, Miss Linley,

Mr. H. Smith, Miss E. Walker, Mr. F. Haslam, Mrs. John Aste, Mr. John Aste, Mrs. A. Solomon, Mr. A. Solomon, Master Alfred Walker, Miss Aste, Mr. F. Ebsworth, Mrs. Verity, Mr. Verity, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. R. W. Stewart, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Hunt, Miss Alice Walker, Mr. H. Maple, Miss Verity, Mr. E. W. Stringer, Miss Kate Hunt, Mr. Arthur Walker, Mrs. Summers, Mr. Summers, Mrs. John Heptingstall, Master Bertie Walker, Miss Walker, Mr. A. H. Walker, Mrs. Palmer, Mr. E. Baldwin, Mrs. C. O. Barker, and Mr. Barker.

The church bells rang a merry peal when the wedding party left the church and at intervals during the day. The happy couple left at four o'clock for Scotland, where they intend to spend their honeymoon. Thursday being the silver wedding day of Bro. W. Roebuck additional interest was given to the occasion.

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER, No. IV.

##### BRO. JAWKINS IN NORMANDY.

Bro. Jawkins is, as we all know, a P.M. of the "Amphibious Lodge;" the joke about which is, by our famous friend Bro. Jones, that its members are always warm, and sometimes "wet." "Not wet blankets?" "No, sir, I mean the other thing!" He is, perhaps, best known as Companion Jawkins, P.Z., as he likes to have himself known as a distinguished Royal Arch Mason of the old Jericho Chapter, renowned alike for its agreeable gathering and its admirable dinners. He is Preceptor of half-a-dozen chapters, to boot, and is a companion whose "flat" no one ever dreams of doubting or disputing. He is not an unamiable fellow, per se, but, a little too fond of praising No. One. When he tells a story, it is "I said so and so." "I observed to our excellent friend," "I saw at once what had to be done," and "I took measures accordingly."

He sometimes seems to think as if the world was composed of Jawkins, Mrs. Jawkins, and the little Jawkinses, with a few men and women and babies thrown in. We do not pretend to assert that he does any positive harm. Perhaps his is more of a negative than a positive character for good. Nay, taking the average of those with whom we come in contact, Bro. Jawkins is somewhat "above par."

We do not think Bro. Jawkins a "strong man" nor a genius who will "set the Thames on fire," but look at him all round, he is a good citizen, a good member of the family circle, a good Mason and, we feel bound to add, a good man! So that the oft-repeated axiom is still true, let us bear in mind—we do not need brilliant talent or overpowering parts to fill our lot in life, to act up to our responsibilities, or to do our duty "in that state of life" where it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call us.

Bro. Jawkins, with his amiable wife and intelligent offspring, is in Normandy, but I fear hardly appreciates the beauty of the country or the contrasted habits and manners of its kindly-hearted inhabitants, as all French people really are—no kinder exist anywhere. He has that English idea strong in him, that "Heimsucht," as the Germans say, which makes him deprecate everything foreign and laud everything Britannic. He does not like the "casse au lait" (foolish man). He prefers bad English coffee very much, with a tinge of milk; he don't admire the "vin ordinaire," Bass's beer is worth it a thousand times, with some other not complimentary expressions. He don't understand the "plats," and he objects to "kickshaws." He says reproachfully, "I prefer joints, sir," and he ignores the fact that if he will only look out for himself, he can get in France the tenderest "bif steaks" and best of mutton cutlets in the world. He does not even approve of the butter, and he makes jests at the cheese. He likes a slight admixture of lard, &c., in our indigenous Anglican produce, and prefers a good Cheshire to anything out. The consequence is that Bro. Jawkins is not easy in his foreign trip, often out of temper, irritable, unpleasant, and wishes himself back in London, and the city, and the club.

We all remember the young man, who did the "Simplon," by requesting his friends to "wake him up when he got to the other side, for there is nothing for a fellow to see," and we fear that when Bro. Jawkins returns home, and is questioned about his foreign tour, he will have journeyed, as some travellers do, with his eyes shut, indifferent to those many charms which Normandy has for the archaeological and the intelligent, for the lovers of scenery and the students of nature.

One point seems to have struck him much and annoyed him more, the caps of the women. "Positively unbecoming," he says. Mrs. Jawkins remarks that Jawkins as an old married man, might have looked at other things, and we are inclined to agree with our old friend, Mrs. Balasso, who declares that in her matured experience, "old married men always behave the worst."

When then, good reader, you meet Bro. Jawkins, in the Amphibious Lodge, or the Jericho Chapter, don't "tread on his corns," to use a vulgar expression. Speak to him about anything except Normandy, and above all, never forget that as a man and a Briton, Bro. Jawkins is much in agreement with the common run of us all. But bid him forget his grievances of foreign travel in all the pleasures of Masonic Society, harmony, and good feeling.

It is strange to think how different we often are at home and abroad, how contented in the former, and how grumbling in the latter. Frenchmen often think us devoured by "spleen," when it is only a little insular perversity, and, perhaps, as Englishmen, we have yet to learn that most useful of lessons, which all citizens of the world sooner or later must master, that if there is no place like home, and if it be true still that it is our duty "ubique patriam reminisci," the philosopher will see good in all countries, and find much to charm, much to improve, and



much to delight him, wherever he may pitch his tent, wandering Arab though he be, in whatever land he for the moment has the good luck to reside, which affords him protection, or lends him a domicile.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. Jos. Smith, Berry, Head, John M. Stedwell, S. Rawson, Richd. Hervé Giraud, Hyde Pullen, Thos White, A. H. Tattershall, C. A. Cottebrune, William Hale, Wm. Hilton, Capt. N. G. Phillips, L. Stean, J. Newton, Charles Lacey, Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Fred. Acland, H. Massey, (Freemason), and James Terry.

After the reading and confirming of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the death of Bro. K. Prescott (Chichester), after having received annuity for six years, £209; Bro. R. T. Peters, (London), five years £183; Mrs. E. King, (London), three years, £95; and Mrs. C. Govier, (Exeter), £67 10s.

Bro. Terry also reported that he received from Grand Lodge £70, to provide the annuitants at Croydon with coals.

The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity was granted, after which the Committee adjourned.

### MASONRY AND MASONS.

It has been well said, that if to be virtuous required no effort and no sacrifice, if to be exemplary in all things were just as easy as the reverse, then there would be no particular merit in virtue, the philosophy of which we understand to be that as there is really merit in a virtuous life and walk, it is worth while for every man to make persistent effort so to live and so to act in his journey through life that he may deserve, if he do not receive, the commendation of those whose approval is worth having. This thought applies with great force to the lives of those who wish to be consistent Masons and to honour the institution which has honoured them by admitting them to its rights and privileges. That they do not all walk on this level must be admitted, and it would be strange indeed if they did, for Masonry has but comparatively little power for reforming the ways of men evilly inclined. Its force lies rather in the fact that it seeks only the companionship of those who are acknowledged to be good at the outset, and if after admission they fall from their position they occupied in the beginning, this is their fault, not that of the brotherhood. Most men are in the habit of putting their best foot forward when they wish to accomplish any given result or secure any coveted favour, and therefore when a candidate presents himself for initiation he is careful not to set forth with any great degree of ostentation the particular weaknesses of his own character. Then, too, the brethren are not infallible, but, on the contrary, as all experience shows, somewhat too apt to take on trust the bright side of the picture, and find in many cases that it would have been better had there been less haste and a more thorough testing of the proposed material. They have been told time and again that merely negative men are not those upon whom we can safely rely, for in Masonry, as in their private affairs, they wait for others; if study, investigation and labour are needed, they let somebody else study, work and investigate, and it not unfrequently happens that they are too mentally lazy to profit by the results achieved. Three months after initiation they know more about the Craft than those who have devoted their lives to the service, and to the discovery at the end of many years how much there is still to learn; they do not want to read because nothing can be said that they do not already know, and the gems dug out of the dust-covered lore of the past do not glitter in their sight, in short, if all Masons were like them, the fraternity would be years behind even its present status, and yet in this class ambition finds its most ardent votaries, and from it come the men who are more than willing to bear the honours of the Craft, while refusing the time and labour needed to qualify even the most intellectual for the proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities of office. From it come those who are ever ready to argue the case with the profane, and to present the spectacle, over which men and angels may weep, of a person assuming to teach that which he himself does not understand; and from it come those who injure the Craft, delay progress, and awaken animosity by their senseless claims and assertions. These are the men who assert that Masonry is good enough to live by and die by, forgetting, or rather not knowing, that in the whole arcana of Masonry there is nothing to warrant anything of the kind; that on the contrary the fraternity, being established on purely moral grounds, is not and cannot be a form of worship, neither a sect, nor having any affiliation with nor affinity for any particular form of religious worship.

These are they who give point and leverage to Papal Bulls and Protestant invectives; the first invariably calling us a sect, and on this utterly groundless assumption bringing to bear against us the prejudices of the countless multitudes who receive and obey without question the orders of their ecclesiastical superiors, and put us all down as devils simply because they are told so to do. The others with infinitely less justification because they are not hemmed in, and cowed by a hierarchy that assumes to hold the keys of Heaven and Hell, but on the contrary claim as a special appendage of their civil and religious birthright, freedom of thought and conscience, blazon us to the world as "Christless" and "Infidels," as desiring to lead men from the communion of the church, and into that easy and descending grade which leads to the fiery and maledorous regions upon which they are

so fond of descanting. Now every one who knows anything about Masonry knows that the system of ethics comprising its morals and dogmas are the furthest possible removed from anything of the kind; that a Mason may be active and indefatigable in his attendance at lodge meetings, and never in his life hear a word calculated to weaken his faith in his own form of religion, whatever it may be, nor intended to lead him into any other path whatsoever. He may be the firmest of Catholics, the most ardent of Protestants, Jew, Gentile or Moslem, and he will only be asked to believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And this is the line of distinction between Masonry and Masons. The world in general does not observe it, and a goodly share of the religious world seems determined not to do so, and therefore it should be the endeavour of the brethren in their walk and conversation to make it apparent that we understand and live up to it.—*New York Dispatch.*

### PRINCESS'S THEATRE.

This theatre opened for the season on Monday last under the management of Mr. Walter Gooch, who, however, retains the valuable services of that able stage manager and clever actor, Mr. Harry Jackson. The bill of fare was full of promise, comprising as it did a laughable farce, by J. B. Buckstone, and a new drama, entitled "Guinea Gold," by H. J. Byron—the most prolific, and withal most popular and successful playwright we have—but so far from the promises being like Adonis's gardens, "That one day blossom'd, and fruitful were the next," it was evident long before the curtain descended on the first act that the verdict of the public would be "Faith, I have heard too much, for your words and performances are no kin together. Mr. Byron has achieved many successes and committed few failures—fewer, perhaps, than any living dramatist, but we question if either "Wrinkles" or even "Bull by the Horns," so merited critical and public censure as "Guinea Gold." We do not intend to tell the story, if we may employ a word that implies a certain continuity of incidents, for apart from the facts that we hold it unfair both to the author of a play and to those of our readers who intend to witness it, we question if in the present instance anyone but Mr. Byron could tell the story. A pretty orphan, the inevitable faithful servant, a detective of the "Ticket-of-leave" type, two brothers, one the hero, the other the villain, these latter dragged almost in their entirety out of "Brothers," and we have new materials out of which Mr. Byron presents what purports to be a new and original drama. Why, these materials have been worn to threads long ago, and we are asked to take these old rags for new garments. We deem ourselves, as old playgoers, second to none in the feelings of gratitude we entertain towards Mr. Byron, for the many hours of pure and true delight he has given us, but we maintain that no one should withhold the truth for the sake of gratitude. Is the author of "The Lancashire Lass," "Blow for Blow," "Dearer than Life," "Our Boys" and many other plays equally good, losing his cunning, or, worse still, has his success proved a bad master, because too indulgent, and made him careless, idle and indifferent? Since the production of "Married in Haste," Mr. Byron has written nothing but what his leisure should have afforded occasion for repentance. To all the actors and actresses in "Guinea Gold," nothing but praise, and high praise is due. Miss Lydia Foote struggled manfully, if she will pardon the masculine adverb, to make the most of the poorest, weakest part ever awarded to the heroine of a drama; she did her best, but even the best of such a popular, charming and pretty actress as Miss Lydia Foote cannot make a bad counterfeit in to the semblance of the sterling coin. The new and realistic scenery by Julian Hicks is above all praise, and this artist together with the actors, had to bow his acknowledgements to an appreciative and critical but kindly audience.

**BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.**—The 26th annual meeting of the Birkbeck Building Society was held on Thursday (at the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London). The report which was presented to the meeting stated that the receipts for the year were £6,129,128, and the total from the commencement of the Society £33,416,513. Notwithstanding the reduction of interest to 3½ and 2½ per cent., the deposits had risen from £1,929,965 to £2,120,823, or an increase of £190,857. The Gross Profits earned by the Society during the year were £106,017, upwards of £9000 in excess of the previous year. Of this amount £83,230 has been appropriated to the payment of interest, discount, and expenses of management, leaving a net balance on the year's working of £22,787. The Surplus Funds amounted last year to £1,365,061, of which £1,220,386 was invested in Government, Indian, and Metropolitan Stocks, City of London and Colonial bonds, gas and water stocks and shares, freehold ground rents, and other readily convertible securities, and £144,674 remained at call in the hands of the bankers. At the present time the amount invested in convertible securities is £1,575,706, being an increase of £355,320, while the sum of £170,742 stands to the credit of the Society at the bankers, being £26,068 more than last year. The total increase of the Surplus Funds is £381,387. The proportion of reserve to liabilities is now upwards of 77½ per cent. The total liabilities of the Society are £2,263,719, and the assets £2,348,603, showing a nett surplus of £84,884. Of this sum £33,750 is invested in Consols as a permanent guarantee fund, leaving £51,134 to be carried forward. The number of investors and depositors at the close of the year was 38,427, being an increase of 2525 since the last balance.—*The Times.*

### MASONIC SECRECY.

The secrecy of Masonry is its only sybil voice proclaiming. Procul, O, procul este profani. It is only the secrecy of the lawyer to his client; of the minister to his penitent; or of friend to friend. This trustworthy confidence is the glory of man; scandal dies like an echo on the shore where the tongue is bridled by truth and honour. "Where there is no tale bearer the strife ceaseth." Wrench from the heart of a Mason the secret of his brother; and from the same heart you may blot but the image of his God, the vows made to a fond and confiding wife, or the duty he owes to his children, to country and home. The betrayer of secrets is a moral renegade too foul for the atmosphere of honour, he is the Judas of friendship and the assassin of character.

Nor never need an honest open-hearted Mason fear the better part of creation will urge against his order to its detriment the circumstances that the ladies are not admitted to its membership among Free and accepted Masons. Let him tell what is the fact, that Minerva, the goddess of Wisdom, presides in the Mason's lodge, in which she would have indeed but a divided empire if the goddess of beauty were admitted along with her. We surely would not trust Venus and Minerva together in our lodges, lest we should become too much distracted with the blandishments of beauty to hear all the severe teachings of wisdom. But it will be high time to attempt a laboured defence of this Masonic usage when a lady shall complain of it or when she shall refuse making a secret-keeping Mason the lord of her affections; pillowing on her pure heart, both the unlocked casket and the secret which it contains. Ah! could she make him a renegade to honour, how could she loathe him. How unsafe in such hands and in such keeping would she consider her own fame and those gems of affection which woman never gives save to the trusty, the brave, the unconquerable, the inflexible in purpose.

There is a sublime secret connected with everything that is valuable. Says the great light of Masonry, the Bible, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." There is a secret in each profession of life, in every science, in every beautiful art. There is a secret in love, an outspoken language that sometimes glances from the eye, but which is oftener hid by virgin modesty until the heart becomes an urn of suffering in which the fires of hidden attachment crimson the incense of the affections. There is a secret in hate, whispered only to the moon as its pale cold eyes gleam on the assassin's dagger. There are secrets everywhere in nature, from the pedestal to the capital of the pillar of the universe, over which the mysterious eye of Omnipotence burns with its secret meaning.—*Columbia Courier.*

### BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The congress at Llangollen continued its proceedings on Saturday week, when a party visited the vale of Clwyd. Their first halting place was Denbigh, where they saw the Burgess Tower, St. Hillary's Church (which has double aisles), and the Castle, which dates from Edward I. After luncheon the party proceeded to Ruthin Castle, which contains a selection of antiquities, and where they had tea. At the evening meeting, [Mr. Thomas Morgan, F.S.A., honorary treasurer, in the chair, the following papers were read:—"On Welsh Converts of St. Paul," by J. W. Grover, C.E.; "Notes on Early Monumental Sculpture," illustrated by drawings of crosses, &c., by B. Lynam; and "Pen-y-Gaer (chiefly in connection with Caractacus) and the British Remains in North Wales," by Mr. Dillon F.S.A. On Monday week, the last day of the Congress work, an excursion was made to Mostyn Hall, rich in good pictures and historical portraits; the library contains a very fine collection of rare manuscripts and books, which was the subject of an address by Mr. W. De Gray Birch, F.R.S.L., an honorary secretary of the association. The party visited St. Winifred's Well, near Holywell, which is said to possess miraculous curative qualities. The building enclosing it was erected by Margaret, Countess of Richmond, mother of Henry VII. Basingwerk Abbey, the present buildings of which date from about 1250, was the last place visited. In the evening Mr. T. F. Dillon Croker read a paper by Mr. Westmacott Chapman, "On Harlech and Criccieth Castles," the Hon. treasurer, Mr. Thomas Morgan, F.S.A., again occupying the chair. After the usual vote of thanks, the chairman declared the thirty-fourth annual congress of the British Archæological Association ended.

**AN UPRIGHT JUDGE.**—Some young men in the town of—, having "cut up" one night to the detriment of certain windows and bell pulls, were lodged in the calaboose, and in due time the next morning confronted before the police magistrate, who fined them 5 dollars each and an admonition. One of the three foolishly remarked: "Judge, I was in hopes you would remember me. I belong to the same lodge with you." The Judge, apparently surprised, replied with brotherly sympathy: "Ah, is it so? Truly this is Bro.—! I did not recognise you. Excuse me for my dullness. Yes, we are brother Masons, and I should have thought of that. Mr. Clerk, fine our Bro.—ten dollars. Being a Mason, he knows better the rules of propriety than other men! Fine him ten dollars. You will pay the clerk, Bro.—! Good morning Bro.—! call the next case."

[We can vouch for the truth of the above. The "upright judge" referred to was that good man and true, Judge Storer, of Cincinnati, O., recently deceased.—E.O. ADVOCATE.]

Query.—Was the Ed. of *The Advocate* the erring brother?—*AMERICAN PAPER.*

The Queen left Balmoral yesterday for a short sojourn at Loch Maree. She was accompanied by the Princess Beatrice.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

The Bicentenary of original German Opera is to be celebrated at Hamburg next January. According to the *Musical Times*, it will then be two hundred years since the first representation on any stage of an original German operatic work. The piece then performed was called appropriately enough "Adam und Eva, oder der Erschaffene, Gefallene, und Aufgerichtete Mensch" (Adam and Eve; or, Man Created, Fallen, and Raised Up). The text is written by the laureate poet, Richter, the music by Johann Theile.

A costly map is stated by *Engineering* to be in course of preparation by the Belgian Government, which has ordered the construction of a new geographical map of Belgium. The work will extend over seventeen years, and will cost £56,600. The first instalment is proposed to be exhibited next year at the Paris Exhibition.

A somewhat novel editorial difficulty was announced in the *Himalaya Chronicle* a few weeks since, as follows:—"We have to apologise to our readers for the paucity of matter in to-day's issue, in consequence of some of our staff having absconded after having drawn more pay than was due to them."

The number of our London Boulevards is gradually increasing, and the *Gardener's Magazine* tells us that the Camberwell Vestry have adopted the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee to plant 388 trees in the Old Kent-road, 24 in Camberwell-road, 86 in Camberwell New-road, and 60 in Peckham-road. But how about the long-promised avenue up the Camden-road?

A Rain Tree is the latest novelty reported from across the Atlantic. The consul of the United States of Columbia writes from Yurimagus to President Prado, informing him that in the woods adjacent to the city of Moyobamba exists a tree called by the natives rain tree, which possesses some remarkable qualities. It is a tree of about fifty feet high when at maturity, and about three feet in diameter at the base, and has the property of absorbing an immense quantity of humidity from the atmosphere, which it concentrates and subsequently pours forth from its leaves and branches in a shower, and in such abundance that in many cases the ground of its neighbourhood is converted into a perfect bog. It possesses this curious property in its greatest degree in the summer, precisely when the rivers are at their lowest, and water most scarce; and the writer proposes that it should be planted in the more arid regions of Peru for the benefit of agriculturists.

**A CANNON REVOLVER.**—Is it known to our War Office that the French Government has just adopted a very formidable gun called a cannon-revolver? The peculiarity of this arm consists in its capability of throwing 80 shells per minute of rather more than 11b. each, which break up into 24 fragments. The cannon-revolver can be brought into action and the range determined with great rapidity, and when once sighted it can be worked without the slightest recoil and traversed by pivot action. Its destructive effects can thus be brought to bear on troops either in column or deployed. It commences to be effective at the tremendous range of over 3000 yards. The first delivery of this formidable arm to the French Government is principally for the use of the navy. The guns are fired from and resting on the bulwarks, and are intended for torpedo-boat searching; in this form the weight of the piece is only about 700lb., but as field pieces the additional gear required brings them up to about 1600lb. Two men only are required to move the gun itself. It is considered to be a most formidable weapon, and attention should at once be given to so important a subject by the English War Office. We understand that the Turkish Government purchased five or six of these cannon-revolvers, but, being unable to pay for them, the guns remain undelivered. Here is a good opportunity for a few Turcopoles to help the "unspeakable."—*Whitehall Review*.

**TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**—The Turners' Company, according to custom, have offered their freedom, with other rewards, to the exhibitors of the best specimen of hand-turning in any of the subjects of competition, which this year include ivory, pottery, stone and jet, and steel, brass, and gold for horological purposes. Pottery will comprise terra-cotta, stoneware, earthenware, and porcelain, and stone and jet will include any natural substance of a mineral character except those which require baking or burning. Lady Burdett-Coutts has offered a sum of £25 for money prizes to the competitors, and the Court of the Company has voted £50 for the same purpose. Among the judges are Sir Gilbert Scott, Sir Joseph Whitworth, Dr. Pole, Bro. Hutton Gregory, Mr. Doulton, and others. The articles will be on view some time in October at the Mansion House, and the Lord Mayor will distribute the prizes to the winners.

**THE EVIL EYE.**—The models employed for the picture which Mr. Holman Hunt has in hand at Jerusalem took it into their heads that they suffered from effects of the "evil eye," and, pending recovery, declined to sit again. A new set of models has been engaged, and so the work goes on without much delay. Mr. Hunt has suffered from attacks of fever. These incidents have delayed his return to England for a few weeks.—*Athenæum*.

The *World* states that the funeral of the late Mr. Lake-Onslow, private chaplain to the Prince of Wales, which took place at Sandringham during the past week, was a very largely attended ceremony. The death of the reverend gentleman having occurred so suddenly, and during the absence of the Prince of Wales on the continent, his Royal Highness, who was on very familiar and even affectionate terms with the deceased, was unable to be present, except by Deputy. General Sir Dighton Probyn was specially despatched by the Prince to attend the last rite as the representative of his Royal Highness; whilst the tenantry and the whole of the Prince's Norfolk establishment were also present.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire (Bro. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M.) will be held on the 20th inst., at the Wallasey Concert Hall, Liskeard, near Birkenhead. The Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire (Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M.) will also hold its annual meeting at Southport on the 3rd October.

**THE PRINCE OF WALES'S SOUTH DOWNS.**—Those who feared that the recent sale of South Downs and Shorthorns at Sandringham might be taken as an indication that the Prince intended to relinquish agricultural pursuits may be reassured. During the past week Mr. E. Beck, the Prince's agent, has been to Sussex, and at several of the noted sales, including that of Mr. Goringe's, the Prince of Wales has been a purchaser.

**A Monster Concert Hall and Winter Garden** is to be erected in New York. The buildings will be of iron and glass, will cover an entire square, and will be two storeys high. The first floor will be converted into arcades on the plan of the Palais Royal at Paris, and the Victor Emmanuel Gallery at Milan, and there are to be 130 shops, the arcades being intersected by four wide thoroughfares. A garden, concert room, and restaurant are to be arranged upstairs, reached by large double staircases from below, and the orchestra will be placed so that the music can be heard as well from the garden as from the hall. The cost is estimated at £100,000.

**FAMINE IN BRAZIL.**—Three mercantile firms engaged in the Brazilian trade have appealed to the Liverpool public for relief for the sufferers by famine in the province of Ceara. These firms have received a very urgent petition from the Ceara Town Council stating that owing to the want of rain the cereal and root crops have largely or entirely failed, and the population of the province is reduced to a state of great destitution and misery. The inhabitants are labourers, but poor, and the long-continued drought has brought them face to face with starvation. The Brazilian Government has organised a relief system, but the succour is inadequate to so great a calamity. Consequently help is asked from the British nation.

The Highclere Park archers held their annual prize meeting on Thursday week on the excellent ground near Highclere Castle, which Lord Carnarvon placed at the disposal of the club. Since the last meeting a commodious pavilion has been erected.

New editions have just been issued of two most useful little works—the "Royal Guide to the London Charities," edited by Herbert Fry, and published by Hardwicke and Bogue; and "Low's Handbook to the Charities of London," edited by Charles Mackeson, and published by Sampson Low and Co.

The sale at Balham Priory realised, it is announced, £5000 in all. The pictures and water-colour drawings brought more than was expected, and there is said to have been rather a keen competition for the wines, especially the Champagne and Burgundy.

The Crystal Palace Saturday afternoon classical concerts will be resumed on the 29th inst.

**TELEGRAMS.**—The number of telegraphic messages forwarded from postal telegraph stations in the United Kingdom increased from 11,760,518 in 1871 (the first year after the transfer of the telegraphs to the State) to 21,575,207 in 1876. This last number comprises 17,671,518 messages sent from post-offices in England and Wales, 2,383,820 from Scotland, and 1,519,869 from Ireland. The *Statistical Abstract*, from which these figures are taken, states that they are exclusive of press, service, and news messages.

**MADAME PATTI.**—We are happy to be able to announce that Madame Adelina Patti, about whose retirement from the operatic stage many unfounded rumours have been circulated, will next season resume her position as prima donna assoluta at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent-garden. The contract was signed on Friday.—*Observer*.

"What is the difference between civilisation and barbarism?" recently asked a schoolboy of his papa. "Simply this, my boy," was the reply. "Civilisation consists of knowing the art of killing your enemy at two miles distance with a cannon ball, while to kill him with a sabre at arm's length is barbarism."

**PREYING UPON GRIEF.**—"J.H.A." writes:—"No sooner had my loss of a very dear daughter appeared in your obituary of August 30, than a photographer sent me (1) a photograph of the entry of her death and of seven other entries, surmounted by a photograph of the heading of *The Times*, the books, the clock, &c., and of the date of the paper; (2) a printed memorandum, which comprises the following:—"apologies for taking the liberty," &c. "If the copy is retained, please send six stamps to the enclosed address. Further copies can be obtained," &c. I cannot understand any one wishing to retain such a thing. To me, for one, the receipt of it from that man gave such a sensation as is caused by a lancet being thrust into a bleeding wound.

**"THE GREAT SEA-SERPENT."**—With a view of encouraging a closer observation than has hitherto been afforded of any sea-monster which may appear from time to time, the authorities at the Admiralty have permitted the publication in *Land and Water* of the official reports forwarded to them by the officers of Her Majesty's yacht Osborne, in reference to the sea-monster seen off Cape Vito, in June last. Those reports, together with the opinions of various scientific authorities (Professor Owen, Mr. F. Buckland, Mr. A. D. Bartlett, Mr. H. Lee, and others), with explanatory illustrations, appeared in *Land and Water* of Saturday last.

Prince Leopold arrived at Birnam Hotel Dunkeld, on Wednesday, from Balmoral, and visited the Dowager Duchess of Athole. He left on Thursday for Aberfeldy, on his way to Taymouth Castle to visit the Earl and Countess of Breadalbane.

**ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1714.**—The consecration of this lodge will take place at the Duke of York, Yorktown, Farnborough, Surrey, on Tuesday, October 2nd. The ceremonies will be commenced at half-past two o'clock p.m., by Bro. Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., R.W.P.G.M. Surrey. Bro. Henry Hacker, P.M. 723, P.P.G.J.D. Hants and I. of W., is the W.M. designate.

Miss Helen Barry will produce at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Liverpool, on the 21st inst., a new and original domestic drama, entitled "Curyswold." The drama has been expressly written for Miss Helen Barry, by Messrs. H. Herman and Joseph Mackay.

A new calculating machine has been invented by a Michigan watchmaker. It contains 2100 specially-formed pieces, and, including screws and rivets, over 3000. It works with perfect accuracy, will use a multiplier or divisor of twelve figures, divide one number by another, subtract or multiply, at one operation. The machine gave the answer to the following compound interest question in forty-five seconds:—What is the compound interest of \$630 dollars 75 cents for twenty years at 7 per cent.? Answer—\$16,158 dollars 47 cents.

Mr. B. Whitworth, M.P., speaking at a meeting in London on the advantages of total abstinence, said that in the various industries in which he was engaged he employed 45,000 persons, and the greatest drawback in their prosperity was the drink traffic. The loss caused by that traffic on the capital invested in the employment of these people was quite 4 per cent.

At the sale of Mr. Cochrane's Canadian short-horns one animal, the Fifth Duchess of Hillhurst, realised 4500 guineas, Lord Bective being the purchaser. The Third Duchess of Hillhurst sold for 4100 guineas. The sale resulted in a total of £17,150.

The balance-sheet, showing the cost of the restoration at present effected of Rochester Cathedral, has been issued by Dean Scott. The total amount received in subscriptions was £11,396, and £11,264 has been expended. Further subscriptions are asked to enable the Dean and Chapter to complete the restoration of the cathedral.

"PARAGRAMMAKLEPTISTS" is the title by which literary "borrowers" are in future to be termed by the *San Francisco Newsletter*. Another coined word, invented by a Kansas editor, is "Czarsparilla," which forms the heading to the war news in his paper.

**MR. GLADSTONE ON THE ANGLO-ISRAEL THEORY.**—Mr. J. C. McClellan, of York, author of "Anglo-Israelism: Its Pernicious Nature fully exposed," has recently received the following communication from the ex-Premier:—"Sir,—I thank you sincerely for your pamphlet. Your interpretation seems to me rational, historical, and orthodox. I hope and think the disciples of the theory you confute are hardly aware of the strange consequences it involves.—Your faithful and obedient servant, W. E. Gladstone."

The Exchequer receipts from April 1 to September 1 were £30,652,703. For the corresponding period of last year they were £29,927,341. The expenditure this year was £33,821,844, and in the corresponding period of last year £33,569,572.

**WINDSOR CASTLE.**—Until the return of the Court from Scotland in November the State apartments will be open to the public on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, between the hours of eleven and four. Free tickets of admission are issued at the office of the Royal Windsor Guide, Castle Hill. The Albert Memorial Chapel is open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from twelve to three. Tickets are not required.

**PROSPECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN LIVERPOOL.**—A very extensive scheme of street improvements, involving an estimated expenditure of £1,073,845, was laid before the Liverpool Council on Friday week, and after some discussion referred to the improvement committee for consideration. Mr. Hubback, who supported the resolution, said that in former times corporations had made great mistakes in not sufficiently anticipating the wants of towns. In order to show the enormous increase which had taken place in Liverpool, both in population and shipping, he mentioned that in 1835 the population was 250,000 and the tonnage 1,947,613 tons; in 1855 the population was 400,000 and the tonnage 4,096,160; and in 1877 the population was 550,000 and the tonnage 7,726,000 tons.

The parishioners of Peabworth, not wishing to part with their vicar, Bro. the Rev. J. D. Collis, D.D., have consented to cancel the appointment of the Rev. H. C. Lory as Priest-in-Charge of St. James the Great, Stratford-on-Avon, and he will remain at Peabworth.

A young man named Martin, valet to Lord Folkestone, was recently drowned whilst bathing halfway between Folkestone and Sandgate.

Mr. W. C. Smith took his seat at the St. Alban's Petty Sessions as the first Mayor of the city on Wednesday, and expressed the pride which he felt at the honour attaching to the first occupancy of the office.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Comfort for Everyone.—It is essential for health that every organ of the body be fully competent and duly prepared for the natural execution of its appropriate function, which cannot be the case under great transitions of temperature, unless some corrective medicine be taken occasionally. When the chilly winds of spring are succeeded by summer heat, and this again gives place to autumnal chills, the liver and skin can only be maintained in efficient action by some such alternative medicine as Holloway's noted Pills, which regulate the circulation, cool the system, and fortify the nerves. In our variable climate, and in marshy districts occasional doses of these purifying, cooling, and aperient Pills will prove most efficient preservers of health.—*Advt.*



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#### Answers to Correspondents.

"Slight Science for Leisure Hours" arrived just a little too late, as "copy" was sufficient. It shall appear next week, and proof will be sent. Much obliged to our V.P.C. Many regrets for delay.

#### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner," "New York Dispatch," "Masonic Herald," "Bulletin du Grand Orient of France," "Rules of the Mercantile Masonic Club," "The Cleveland Leader," "Bulletin Official Republica Argentina," "New York News Letter."

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

##### BIRTHS.

OLIVER.—On the 11th inst., at 5, Kew-gardens-road, Kew, Surrey, the wife of William Oliver, Esq., of a son.

STILL.—On the 2nd June, at Norfolk Island, New Zealand, the wife of the Rev. John Still, of a son.

TANNER.—On the 29th ult., at Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope, the wife of Richard B. Tanner, Esq., of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGE.

BURCHALL—LEEMING.—On the 10th inst., at St. John's Church, Torquay, George James Burchall, Esq., to Eliza, widow of the late James Leeming, Esq., of Bradford, Yorkshire.

WALKER—ROEBUCK.—On the 30th ult., at the parish church, Acton, John Walker, Esq., of The Woodlands, Acton, to Mary Annie, daughter of Bro. William Roebuck, of West Lodge.

##### DEATHS.

CAPPS.—On the 8th inst., at Crown Point, Ealing, Joseph Frederick Capps, Esq., aged 55.

PHILLIPS.—On the 5th inst., at Broom Hall, Sheffield, Bro. Richard Nathaniel Phillips, LL.D., F.S.A., a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire, Recorder of Pontefract.

SILVA.—On the 10th inst., Emanuel Silva, Esq., of 8, Shen-villas, Richmond, Surrey.

WOODS.—On the 8th inst., at Seymour-place, Hounslow, Thomas Woods, sen., Esq., in his 73rd year.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1877.

### A COLLECTION FOR INDIA.

It has been suggested, as will be seen by a letter in our last impression, that in every lodge a collection of one shilling a head should be made for the Indian Famine Fund. Should such a suggestion, which seems to be a seasonable and a desirable one, meet with the approval of the brethren, our Publisher, Bro. George Kenning, would be most happy to act, for the general convenience of the Craft, as Treasurer to the above, and hand the amount over to the Lord Mayor. All amounts will be carefully recorded in each week's *Freemason*, in a special column. If this idea should be agreeable to the brethren, all Post office Orders should be made payable to George Kenning, (Chief Office, London), 198, Fleet-street.

### THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication are both interesting and important. The votes for St. John's and Peru were duly passed, and Bro. Clabon's seasonable motion for a grant of 1000 guineas to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Indian Famine was also, we are glad to record, unanimously assented to. Our worthy and esteemed Bro. Brackstone Baker seems to think that the vote was put somewhat hastily from the chair, but we cannot suppose for one moment that any such haste was intended, as any opposition to the vote could only proceed on one of two grounds, namely, of increase or decrease. The principle of the vote has been assented to by Grand Lodge over and over again, and we cannot believe that any of our Order doubt or deny the competency of Grand Lodge to pass such a vote, for general as well as Masonic Charity. We cannot think such an amount too large, and we feel sure that Bro. Clabon's proposal will be endorsed by our entire Craft. The suggestion for the limitation of the Board of Benevolence stands over, on the proposition of Bro. Clabon himself, until March. By that time all our lodges will have studied the proposed amendment of our Constitutions carefully, and we think it well to-day to throw out a few considerations why, in our opinion, the change is desirable, and even necessary. In the first place, the present committee is simply unworkable. It is composed of all W. Masters, or representative Past Masters, in their absence; of all Past and Present Grand Officers; and of certain nominated and elected members. We are not exceeding the truth when we say that probably nearly 3000 brethren can claim a right of admission to the Board. However wise and right the provision was in days when our Craft numbered about 70 London Lodges and 150 Provincial Lodges, it has surely become unsuited to the present state of things, when we have over 1700 lodges actually on our roll, and there is at present no limit, seemingly, to the progress of our Order. In the next place, under the present arrangement, we have and can have no system of administration of relief, which varies, as a fact, with each successive Board, and often is affected during the same sitting by the eloquence of an earnest brother, or the zealous advocacy and influential appearance of compassionate friends. It is not too much to say that under our present changing Boards many cases are relieved which ought not to be relieved at all; and some cases hardly receive that measure of compassionate aid which the exigency of the case demands, or the benevolent teaching of Freemasonry would dictate. Were the Board reduced to a reasonable number, not only would the sense of personal responsibility be increased, but bye-laws might be drawn up, and approved by Grand Lodge, which would tend to simplify the proceedings, and reduce the cases into classes. More power might be granted to the Board to deal with foreign cases, and

more discrimination would be exercised in the apportionment of the grants than at present, with the best intentions in the world, is humanly speaking possible. Indeed, many amusing instances might be cited of the singular absence, so to say, of principle on which grants are made, which sometimes indeed appear to be given on no principle at all. We remember two cases which came before the Board, which demonstrate what we have before contended, that no uniformity of principle prevails. One was a case of a railway clerk with £80 per annum, (rising salary), who had backed a bill for a friend, and got into trouble. Some present objected to the case, as one not coming within the scope of the Board, and it was adjourned for reconsideration. Soon after another railway clerk with £120 a year (rising salary also), came up, in great pecuniary difficulty. A worthy brother dilated on his distressing circumstances, and the case was accepted. It was in vain that it was pointed out that such a vote was a contravention of the previous unanimous resolution; it was carried by a large majority that his petition be relieved with £20. Having once upon a time been influenced by the views ably put forth by Bro. Mason, we think it right to say, therefore, to day, that we have conscientiously arrived at the conviction that the limitation of the Board is most desirable in every interest of justice and charity. With the greatest humanity in the world, and the kindest feelings, it is impossible, as we believe, for the Board, as at present constituted, to do full justice to the funds of the Craft, on the one hand, or the needs of the petitioner, on the other. The only one point which seems a difficulty, is the question of the disenfranchisement of the country Masters. But this would be met by the provision that 13 out of the 45 should be provincial brethren, not subscribing to a London lodge. A Board of 45, with Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, the Pro Grand Master, the D. Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the two Grand Chaplains, the Grand Deacons for the time being, as ex officio members, would give us a body of brethren, which would, we think, administer our great charitable relief and benevolence with equal advantage to all concerned. But we feel it right to add that this is a subject on which strong and conscientious opinions may prevail, and we merely throw out these suggestions as "Amici Curie."

### FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE RIDICULOUS.

We all of us know the now popular apothegm, "du sublime au ridicule, il n'y a qu'un pas," and certainly the truth of it was never more fully exemplified than in the amusing, if somewhat humiliating, extract we took from the *Monde Maçonnique* for August, and which appeared in our last impression. From the statement of our contemporary, (see page 159), it seems that there is at Toulouse an Ultramontane paper called *Le Diable*, published by a M. Resplandy. People often ask "What is in a name?" but to say the truth, we confess that we should not ourselves wish to be connected, if we could help it, with the "Gentleman in Black," either "nominatum" or in any other way. No doubt "tous les gouts sont respectables," but we have some distinct, and, if you like, superstitious views on the subject. It seems to us that, just now, for some reason, in Ultramontane circles especially, the name and the "prestige" of his "Sulphurous Highness" are at a high premium. We hear continually, for instance, of lying words and dirty deeds, which are a disgrace to humanity, civilization, and religion, but which seem to find favour with an unreasoning and vituperative party of heated and illiberal accusers of Freemasonry. Without returning to our Ultramontane opponents the hard names they are pleased to give us, and terming them "powers of darkness," "children of Satan," "allies of the Spirit of Evil," we yet may fairly observe that the principles of action they seem to approve of just now, have been regarded always by the thoughtful and serious as very Satanic both in idea and act. For we are



accustomed, and rightly, in the world, to-day, to ascribe to a potent Spirit of ill all those tendencies to slander, falsehood, treachery, dissimulation, the lying lips and the evil deeds, whether of persecution or wrong, which disgrace the annals and blacken the records of humanity. We protest once again against that absurd and childish virulence of Ultramontanism which seeks everywhere to represent Freemasonry as in a league against religion and Roman Catholicism. In some Roman Catholic countries the rampant bigotry of the Roman Catholic Church, has thrown Freemasonry by the almost necessity of opposition into the ranks of extreme politicians and "libre penseurs," but this is an abnormal and local position of Freemasonry, and is in truth neither normal nor cosmopolitan! Freemasonry, we cannot too often repeat, has nothing to do with politics and religion, except that it is a professedly religious Order, and properly it neither meddles with the one, nor antagonizes the other. We do not deny that in some jurisdictions Freemasonry suffers accordingly, but once for all, we repudiate as truly Masonic any teaching or any acts which tend to make Freemasonry appear connected with the horrors of revolution, or hostile to this or that religious body. To represent Freemasonry as a great anti-religious, revolutionary society, (ignoring the loyal and religious principle of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, who utterly repudiate such theories "ex imo corde") is only worthy of a Jesuit accuser, or some Ultramontane scribe, whose zeal outruns his discretion, whose ignorance is only equalled by his mendacity. The charges of irreligion, atheism, revolution, though they might impress the credulous, or affect the unthinking, will have no weight with the conscientious or the considerate, and we should not notice these ravings of imbecility or this froth of malignant invective, (which ever you like) did we not believe that on the principle "fling enough dirt, and some of it will stick," there might be possibly some gullible individuals and some weak brethren who might be led to credit the accusation that Freemasonry has really something to do with Communists and Illuminati, whose principles it openly disavows, and whose proceedings it utterly condemns. On the old adage "noscitur a sociis," we beg to congratulate the Ultramontane party on its new ally, and we can only suppose that with his magnificent principles of teaching and action, this noisy faction hopes to succeed in that senseless warfare it seems to be waging just now against all that is most religious, all that is most tolerant, all that is most beneficial to society, in this world of ours. But in such a campaign this new ally may prove the most dangerous of friends, for the very moment of apparent victory is often, in the good Providence of God, the prelude to hopeless and utter defeat.

### THE RIGHT OF VISITING.

We have been asked by a worthy brother, who signs himself, modestly, "P.M.," what is our opinion as to the case of the admission of a visitor, with whom Bro. A is on unfriendly terms, and leaves his own lodge in consequence of the admission of Bro. B. In our humble opinion, Bro. B has no right to intrude himself into Bro. A's lodge, not being on friendly terms with Bro. A, as such an act necessitates Bro. A's retirement from his own lodge, where he is "dans son droit," and where Bro. B is only by sufferance. It were better that some effort should be made by a fraternal mediator to close up the breach between two worthy brothers, but if that is impossible, Bro. B. should keep away, and the W.M. may fairly protect the right of Bro. A to remain in his own lodge.

### LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

In the case against the detectives at Bow-street, Bro. Williams, the Secretary of Lodge 177, in cross-examination by Bro. Besley, for Inspector Palmer, who it seems is S.W. of Lodge 177, stated that:—"There was usually a very short interval between the closing of the lodge and the banquet, for the members were generally anxious to get away from the business of the

lodge to the refreshments." (Loud laughter.) Now for fear that this amusing view of matters should be accepted as the natural condition of our benevolent brotherhood, we beg to state that though refreshment is agreeable to the inner man, and the laborious Freemason, this anxiety on the part of our brethren to exchange refreshment for labour is somewhat exaggerated by our good Bro. Williams. We do not deny that many of our members like a good dinner, and are proficient, *Ar*, in the "Knife and Fork Degree," but, after all, they are not different from other people in this respect; and this we may fairly assert, that in many lodges "refreshment" only follows "labour," as a necessary and befitting corollary. The alleged love of Freemasons for refreshment is a good joke, and one they are able to laugh at heartily themselves.

### THE CRIMINAL CLASS.

We do not propose to go into the whole of this vast question to-day, but only to allude to that large class of "gentlemen of the road" who simply live on the plunder of their fellow-citizens. We do not deal now with the petty robber or burglar of low degree, who is a "cracksman" of more or less celebrity. Such interesting individuals will always exist, where masses of men do congregate, since the love of idleness and enjoying the "usufruct" of other men's labours, and profits and property seem to be an hereditary taste of humanity. But we are all concerned with those who, well educated, and of genteel appearance, with the manners of good society, and frequenting the gatherings of their fellow-men, are those who plan and carry out the great robberies which require adroitness, tact, and skill, and are so serious to the community, startling us alike by their audacity and their success. The arrest of two of the robbers of the French railway van, and a large sum of bonds, has recently taken place, under circumstances most gratifying to us all alike as citizens of the great metropolis. Much has been hastily said of late of the inefficiency of the police, but the arrest of Mr. Martin and Mr. Carr reflect much credit upon all concerned. Indeed, it is not possible to read the evidence of Detective-officer Outram without a predominant feeling of amusement and gratification. The arrest was most skilfully and quietly performed, and the exclamation of Mr. Carr when the officer declares himself to be an officer—"What?"—is as melodramatic as it is striking. As one of our contemporaries observes, it was a "tableau vivant," when poor Mr. Carr, who thought he had safely bagged a cool "Thou," finds himself in the hands of Detective Outram, to be arraigned before that worthy magistrate Sir Robert Carden, and open to the amiable and affecting remarks of Mr. George Lewis. Chief-Inspector Trappington says, "It was very neatly done, Sir, and we think a good deal of it at the office." And so do we. Indeed, such is the way, we hope, in which all those who prey on the public may eventually be arrested in their evil courses. There are many great rogues going, and many outrageous criminals, yes, skilled criminals at large, especially those who plan these great robberies, and find the means of disposing of the booty—in common parlance, "fences,"—whether high or humble, great or small. To all such, we beg to call the attention of the detective force, and we hope to hear of many more as successful and creditable proceedings as the recent capture of Mr. Carr, by Detectives Outram, both by the City and Scotland Yard Police.

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### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—ED.]

#### A VERY DELICATE QUESTION.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I am very anxious to ventilate in your columns a question which I confess has bothered me much of late, and I know of no fitter place to do so than in the *Freemason*, where, thanks to your liberal policy we always enjoy the happy liberty of proper Masonic discussion, a fair field and no favour, to all alike, high or humble. Now the question I wish to ask is this. As you will see when I put into words, it is a very delicate one in itself: "Is the Grand Orient of France a legal body, according to Masonic common law?" What I mean is, can any Masonic body claim acknowledgement from other jurisdictions, which has not, according to all Masonic custom and law, and precedent, a Grand Master?

Perhaps some Masonic jurists can enlighten us on this point, on which I feel the gravest doubts, as I know of no Masonic precedent, out of France, for such a state of things, as I have always been taught and told, that a Grand lodge without a Grand Master cannot act as a Grand lodge, is powerless, and has no claim to be recognised as a Grand Lodge by any other jurisdiction. Now I ask this question, because we are on the eve, I fear, of much Masonic trouble in France, and it will possibly be raised under certain contingencies in France and out of France. If the Grand Orient is not legally constituted, as I fancy it is not, according to the laws of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, then it has no claim on any one's allegiance, unless, indeed, it be so well advised as to revert to the legal position of a Grand lodge, and elect a Grand Master, for I apprehend that no national Grand lodge, so-called, can take up a position unknown to Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and expect other Grand lodges to acknowledge the dilemma of its own creation. And not only this, but I question very much whether it has, "jure Masonico," any jurisdiction over any Masons at all, and I am inclined to think foreign jurisdictions will be quite justified in treating it as a non-existent body.

I do not wish to claim to lay down the law, on the subject. All I am asking through the *Freemason* is for information and light on a very ticklish question, as I see it and understand it. But it is just possible that another question may shortly arise, owing to certain ill-advised proceedings of a reckless section in France, which cutting away the foundation of all Freemasonry, will, as it were, make the French Grand Orient drift away from the great family of Freemasonry. Under such circumstances many very important considerations must crop up, important to all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, and I think it well to pave the way for a future discussion of the true position of French Freemasonry, if certain untoward attempted changes are successful, as probably they will be, which will affect its position greatly and gravely in the eyes of the Masonic world, and of a million Anglo-Saxon Freemasons.

I write this as a well-wisher to the Grand Orient of France, which I should like to see rise to the level of its high duties and proper position and superior to those stormy waves of revolutionary and suicidal movement which threaten to engulf it utterly.

When your readers peruse these hasty lines, the Grand Orient of France will no doubt have decided the "burning question" before it, for good or evil, for peace or turmoil. And then, if the result be, as has been predicted confidently, in our contemporary the *Monde Maçonnique*, it is inevitable that the most serious questions will be raised as to the exact position and actual Masonic character of the Grand Orient of France. So I think it well, with your kind permission, to raise a preliminary question of no little moment, according to my view, and I shall probably trouble you at length on the proceedings of the "Couvent," which began on Monday, September 10th, at Paris.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, most fraternally yours

THE SHADE OF MASKELYNE,  
One of the founders of French Freemasonry.

#### THE DIGNITY OF OPPOSITION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

To my surprise, after the vote of Grand Lodge respecting the Indian Famine, on the 5th, I heard one brother inveighing against the principle of "unanimous" votes, (he, what for courtesy sake, I will call "arguing") that to let a matter pass with unanimity when the whole assembly is seen to be in favour of it is to lose a right. This brother, too, was a Past Grand Officer. It was this Past Grand Officer's wish, then, that when the world is agitated at the horrible famine now raging, a rich and ostensible beneficent association should be seen haggling whether it should give a half-penny or a penny to a struggling crowd of starving fellow-creatures, who are knit to us by being subjects of the same gracious Queen, the mother of our Grand Master. The fact is, Sir, such opposition, to call a spade a spade, is desired only on the score of a pitiful ambition existing in too many in all ranks of society to hear themselves talk. What wonder is it, then, that our Grand Lodge should be afflicted with specimens of those obstructionists? For the comfort of the many who grieve over this public exhibition, I say that it ought to be a matter for congratulation that in our large body the light of unanimity



in the cause of true charity was dimmed by only one small streak—I was going to say a "ray of darkness."—  
Yours fraternally and faithfully,

#### A CHIEF TAKING NOTES.

[We have had to take liberties with our correspondent's letter, as far too personal. We had some doubt about allowing it to appear at all, but subject to alteration, thought it better to insert it. What a curious fact it is in Masonic psychology that our brethren are always "personal." Let the "chief taking notes" be good enough to read our remarks. He could have said all that he seemed to wish to say without "personality." We always regret this tendency to personality in Masonic scribes.—Ed.]

#### A NEEDFUL CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Pray substitute "readers" for "writers" in my letter of last week, relative to the amusing extract from *Figaro*. Let me remind your "Chapel" that "writers" and "readers" are different people.

Yours fraternally,  
[Of this fact the members of the "Chapel" are fully aware: none more so.—P.D.]

#### GOOD SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
As I think, that good service to the country should always be properly remembered, I think it well to send you a "clipping" with reference to the public services of our late lamented Grand Chaplain, Bro. Onslow. He was a Grand Officer of whom on every account Grand Lodge and the Craft should be proud.

The late Rev. William Lake Onslow, M.A., R.N., rector of Sandringham, and private chaplain to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whose death, in his 58th year, we have already recorded, was son of the late Capt. John James Onslow, R.N., and grandson of the late gallant and distinguished Admiral and Lieut.-General of Marines, Sir Richard Onslow, G.C.B. He was employed as Chaplain in the Carysfort, 26, Capt. George H. Seymour, in the Pacific, from January, 1846, until April, 1848, when he was appointed chaplain and naval instructor to the Hastings, 72, Capt. J. W. Morgan, fitting for the flag, in the East Indies, of Sir. F. A. Collier; and was paid off at the close of 1852. In April 1853, he was appointed to the Duke of Wellington, and served in the Baltic throughout the Russian war. In August, 1857, he removed into the Diadem, 32, Capt. W. Moorsom, C.B., and in February, 1858, was transferred to the Euryalus, 51, from which ship, in December, 1860, he was appointed to the St. George, 84, Capt. the Hon. Francis Egerton, in the Mediterranean. He afterwards served from February, 1863, until June, 1866, in the Ragoon, 22, Capt. Count Gleichen and W. Armytage, and from November, 1868, until paid off in June, 1869, in the Ariadne, 26, Capt. Colin A. and Frederick A. Campbell.

Yours fraternally,

EMERITES.

#### MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
You recently allowed something to be said about "Mothers-in-Law." Allow me to take from your gallant and excellent contemporary, the *Graphic*, the following salient extract:—

"AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM."—Mothers-in-law have from time immemorial been the butt of the witty and the sarcastic, but a worm will turn, and one of these much-abused matrons, writing to the *Chicago Tribune*, thus takes up the cudgels in the following letter which, to say the least of it, is worth consideration:—"I have a few words I would like to say with regard to daughters-in-law. I have seen several articles in the paper against mothers-in-law, but it is very seldom you see one against daughters-in-law. Now, I am a persecuted mother-in-law. My house was a perfect little paradise till my daughter-in-law was brought home. I think where a son takes a wife to his mother's home, if she is a right kind of a woman, it is no trouble to get along. There are some their own parents can't live with. They get married, and go to live with their husband's folks, and if they live like cats and dogs it is all laid to the poor mother-in-law, when they are the evil ones. For my part I have a great deal of sympathy for mothers-in-law, and I think you would, too, if you were in my place. There is one advice I would like to give to young men. Don't marry until you have a home of your own to take a wife to. Don't give your poor mother, who has nursed you in your infancy—idolised you—any cause for trouble; let her go to her grave in peace. How many families there are whose homes are a little Eden till a daughter-in-law was taken in the family?"

Let your readers "mark, learn, and inwardly digest," and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

A SISTER AND A MOTHER-IN-LAW.

#### DISCONSOLATE CATS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
A Mr. Rickards (all praise to him) has most properly called attention in the *Times* to the forlorn condition of an influential and aristocratic section of London cats, and as we know (by feline report) the kind-heartedness of your publisher and yourself, Mr. Editor, I have been requested as a "deputation" to "hair" our grievances in the influential columns of the *Freemason*.

Our family has left town, and Ann, the housemaid, is so taken up with the polite attentions of a good-looking

young policeman that she has no time to think of poor "Tabby," who has, I assure you, a bad time of it just now in every way. Ours are "hard lines," and harder lives, Mr. Editor, for not only are we badly put to it for food,—yes, Sir, in this land of liberty and cat's meat,—but inhuman boys, young men, "fellahs," as they term themselves, throw stones at us, violently explode crackers at us, frightening us out of our lives, and making unearthly noises at the same time, which we suppose are meant to represent the ancient but expressive language either of the "Catchpaws, Choctaws, or the Miaws," for certainly it is not our own dialect. Have these "fellahs" nothing better to do? I think, Sir, their education has been greatly neglected, and that it would be better if all is considered if they would drink, smoke, and spit less, and learn to treat dumb animals a little more kindly. Even on Sunday they will not let us alone. Need I say more?

We feel sure of a few lines from your powerful pen to denounce this cruel system of leaving so many useful and domesticated animals (for cats are both) lonely, hungry, and forlorn. Will no good Samaritan set up a Cat's Home?

What have the dogs done that they are to have a home and we have none? I heard one gentleman say in a most unfeeling manner, that "he did not care who took his cat away, or what became of it, for that he could get a kitten."

Now I, on behalf of the cats, protest against this most unfair and improper use of things, and this cruel repudiation of one who has ornamented the home of her patron and has been so useful and so friendly.

Hoping that you will support our cause, (not our claws,) believe me, purringly yours,

A DISCONSOLATE CAT.

#### THE CHARGE OF POLITICAL TENDENCIES AGAINST THE FRENCH FREEMASONS.

As a good deal has been said lately on this topic, we think it only fair to the Grand Orient of France to publish the circular issued by the Council of the Order to the various Lodges of its obedience. It is perfectly Masonic in tone and spirit, and marks once again, we think it fair to believe, the distinction as between the Grand Orient of France, and individual lodges and brethren.

We wish that the Grand Orient of France was in a position of greater clearness and prestige, with power alike to enforce its orders, and restrain the unwise and unmasonic tendencies of some of its members.

Circulaire aux ateliers et aux Maçons de l'obédience.

Or. de Paris, le 26 juillet, 1877.

Très Chers Frères,  
Quelques journaux politiques ont publié la note suivante:

« Les Présidents des Loges maçonniques auxquels le Gouvernement s'adresserait par l'intermédiaire des Commissaires de police ou autres agents, pour connaître la liste des membres et la composition des Loges, sont priés de signaler immédiatement cette intimation des autorités au Comité des Jurisconsultes. »

Bien que le Conseil de l'Ordre soit convaincu que les Présidents d'Ateliers comprendront qu'une démarche de cette nature constituerait de leur part une infraction aux statuts et règlements généraux de l'Ordre, nous croyons néanmoins devoir leur rappeler que le Grand Orient de France, Pouvoir central de la Maçonnerie française, a seul qualité pour traiter toutes les questions extérieures. C'est à lui que les Ateliers et les Maçons de son Obédience doivent s'adresser toutes les fois qu'ils croient avoir à faire une réclamation concernant les actes de l'Autorité civile. Agir autrement serait violer les lois qui nous régissent.

Nous espérons, Très Chers Frères, qu'il nous aura suffi d'appeler votre attention sur ce point, et nous avons la confiance que notre recommandation sera suivie par tous.

Nous saisissons cette occasion pour rappeler également aux Ateliers qu'il importe, autant dans leur propre intérêt que dans l'intérêt général de l'Ordre, que les travaux maçonniques soient scrupuleusement maintenus dans les limites tracées par la Constitution et les Statuts généraux.

Agitez, Très Chers Frères, l'assurance de nos sentiments fraternels.

Au nom du Conseil de l'Ordre,

Le Président, DE SAINT-JEAN.

Les Secrétaires, CAUBET-POULE.

#### Reviews.

"An Introduction to Logic," by W.H.G.M.; Edited by MAURICE L. HIME, M.A. Dublin, Sullivan Bros.

We have received this little book and perused it with pleasure. It recalls ancient days with Aldrich and pleasant studies in Whately. We have always been of opinion that "logic," despite its serious aspects, its popular souvenirs of tedious "Dryasdusts," or hyper-acute schoolmen, has a very important part to play in the "curriculum" of all higher schools, and is a most needful and valuable introduction to that mental preparation and that intellectual development which belong alike to the idle logomachies, the serious contests, and the wordy encounters of life. Therefore we hail gladly a hand-book to a great science, in a small compass and easy of comprehension, and we trust that the little useful work Bro Hume has so well edited, may have a larger circulation.

We have also seen some well-merited eulogies of the work, and we fully concur with the following remarks of an able writer:—"The well-known initials, W. H. S. M.," which appear on the cover of this treatise,

is a sufficient guarantee of depth and accuracy. The chapters which the editor has wisely collected originally appeared in *Our School Times*. Unlike most popular treatises, they were written by a thorough master of the subject, and we agree with the editor that a work like this is eminently suited for the senior boys in the English department of our superior schools. Any boy capable of understanding Euclid will understand Aristotelian logic as a practical system, and the writer can still remember the want he felt in a clear explanation of Euclid's indirect proofs. No better exercise can be imagined than making boys write out, in logical completeness, portions of Euclid.

In this way a boy will acquire the same taste for formal reasoning as a conveyancer does for formal language. The author's illustrations of formal reasoning are drawn from weighty matter, and teach important truths. Examiners may take a lesson from these sheets, and see how a master of his subject avoids far-fetched minutiae—the bane of examiners and the sphere of "cram." There is quite enough in this manual for any student who wants Logic in itself, and not for its metaphysics and its literature.

We commend the little work to the notice of our scholastic and student readers.

"Figaro at Hastings and St. Leonards." By CUTHBERT BEDE. Abel Heywood & Son, Manchester.

Our old friend, Cuthbert Bede, re-appears in clear print and a gay cover. He is as cheery and genial as ever. Perhaps time, which sobers us all alike, has tinged the "abandon" of other days, with its subduing and restraining hand, and rendered the author of "Verdant Green," like some old college mates of his, sensible that grey hairs are but the inevitable accompaniment of those years that have elapsed since they assembled in "Hall" or went "up the river," or followed the "Beagles" or mustered in the grand old "Minster." Memories of the "Keep," of "University House," of "Cosin's Library," of pleasant "Dons," of kindly "mates," of the "Eleven," and the "Regatta," will supervene when we are reminded accidentally of ancient days and narrow-streeted "Doorm," by the name of Cuthbert Bede. And if we have a little of a not unnatural—what shall we say?—well a more tranquil style, we still can discern the pleasant pen and the cunning pencil of our old and valued acquaintance. "Verdant Green" stands by itself, but we have often laughed over little "morecaux" of Cuthbert Bede, and are smiling gladly at his amusing "experiences" at Hastings to day.

Many of us will have memories of a seaside lodging, where the week's rent was eked out by certain "mysterious extras for linen kitchen fire, gaslight, shoe-blackening and castors, the 'castors' referring to a nickel plated cruet-stand, containing pepper, mustard, vinegar, or ketchup, (is that the proper way to spell it). 'No Sir,' says Mrs. Flitterling, 'Catsup, if you please.'"

Some of us may have had experience in the following conversation: "Why, I thought you said there was a sea view!" "No, Sir," replied Mrs. Flitterling, in a tone that seems to imply that if there had been a sea view, it would have been charged as an "hextra."

Well, we have laughed, which is something to say in these dull days, over the facetious pages of our "old familiar friend," and we recommend "Figaro at Hastings" to all whom the cares of life, the chaos of society, or the troubles of advancing years have not made grave instead of gay, dull instead of jocular, depressed instead of cheery. "Tempus fugit," and with it the gayer dreams of college life.

We who are old and grey, gouty and grumbling, to-day, are often unable to enter into the fun and frolic of the past, but look on sadly and gravely to that great change which transmutes the golden hours of youth with the alloy of older and later and weary hours. But some of us may find in cheery sketches and pleasant words an antidote to many a care, and refreshment alike amid the cares of business, or the toils of literature, the voice of a wife, and the shrill cries of a baby. Yes, married men and bachelors alike can find in Cuthbert Bede's contribution to our serial literature, something which will lighten up the changed face or the troubled brow with a passing gleam of "Auld lang syne."

"Geoffrey Oliviant's Folly." By Mrs. GEORGE LINNEUS BANKS. J. Allingham, 29, Farringdon-street.

This little story is effectively told, and will have an interest for many of our readers, for whom similar tales, with a touch of the "sensational" in them have now so great a charm. For ourselves, we do not, we confess, believe in either the sensational or the weird, the grotesque or the abnormal, and we cannot but fancy that the hour of startling episodes or unprecedented occurrences has struck at last, and that if we are to retain the attention of our young generation that we must go back to the real and the veritable, the actual and the possible. Now, we do not say that Geoffrey Oliviant's Folly sins in the respects of sensationalism; on the contrary, we consider the moral an excellent one, and we warmly commend the little tale to that large class of our readers, which is glad to take up a story for the passing hours, to amuse and to gratify, and let us hope to improve and to edify.

#### "La Chaîne d'Union."

La Chaîne d'Union for September is before us, and we congratulate warmly our confrère, Bro. Hubert, on its interesting pages, and its valuable Masonic intelligence. We rejoice to note that Bro. Hubert and ourselves agree as to our estimate alike of the tendencies of the present incidents in French Freemasonry, and in respect of the true principles of our Cosmopolitan Order generally. Like Bro. Hubert we always feel toleration, which some do not, for a different and even divergent "point de mire," and therefore we must always make "allowances" when we



compare English and French Freemasonry. But what we fear is that if this new revolution in French Freemasonry becomes "un fait accompli," there will be a gulph opened as between our two systems, which neither of us will be able to bridge over, or to cross. We thank Bro. Hubert once more, noting his amiable words with respect to ourselves, for valuable information, and a most interesting periodical.

"Medical Examiner" (The Student's Number). George Bell and Son, York-street, Covent Garden.

We are glad to have seen this number of a very useful paper, most valuable to the medical profession. For scientificists the lectures it contains must be very important, while the information it affords to young students, is alike worthy of passing perusal, and also as a book of reference. To many the data it gives must be worth preserving, especially when they are beginning their career in the schools, the study of that great profession which is such a signal blessing to humanity. We wish our contemporary, both ably edited and admirably arranged, every success.

#### GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

[We have great pleasure in publishing for the benefit of our numerous Templar readers the accompanying address of our erudite Bro. Col. McLeod Moore.]

Sir Knights, Great Officers, Officers, and Frates of the Great Priory of Canada,

I greet you with heartfelt pleasure, and with thankful feelings that we have been spared to meet again and exchange congratulations on the success, so far, of our Great Priory.

The custom of delivering an annual address at our reunions, together with the report on foreign correspondence in the proceedings, although not demanded by our regulations, but adopted from our brethren of the United States, I look upon as an admirable method of disseminating the different views and opinions entertained of the Order, as also of clearing away existing prejudices and errors, and am satisfied much good has already been the result; at the same time, it has this drawback, in giving an opportunity to extend a simple record of facts into a long lecture not always very interesting to the hearers, and, as I fear in the present instance, calculated somewhat to tax your patience.

How little could we have foreseen what the past year has brought forth, or the changes that have taken place in so short a period. Amongst them a threatened disruption of the Union of our Order, and the lamented and sudden death of the Great Prior of England, who only a few months back, on the resignation of the Earl of Limerick, was installed as Head of the English Nationality, with all the dignity befitting his high position as one of the representatives of England's most ancient and purest chivalry.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, our late illustrious, worthy, and excellent brother, had endeared himself to the whole fraternity, taking an especial interest in all that concerned the Order of the Temple, which he was endeavouring to restore to a state of peace and harmony, when it pleased the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler and Disposer of all things to take him to that rest which knows no earthly waking.

It appears from the announcement of his death by the Great Sub-Prior, that he had sat with him for a considerable time the day previous, making arrangements for conducting the business of the coming Great Priory, as it was his lordship's earnest hope that all differences then existing might be amicably arranged, and his most ardent desire to be instrumental in cementing the Order—"L'homme propose, mais Dieu dispose"—was sadly exemplified in his sudden and lamented death on the very day of the meeting of Great Priory.

Our good Frates of the United States, who a few years back, made a pilgrimage to Europe, will I am sure, look back with mournful pleasure to the kind and hospitable reception they met with from him at "Alton Towers."

#### CIRCULARS ISSUED.

I regret that my first official act, as Great Prior, should have been the necessity of issuing the circular of the 4th of December last (see Appendix A), to repudiate the advocacy of secession and the formation of another independent Templar body in Canada. Had not the truth of such a movement been authenticated to me by an official of this Great Priory, I should not have thought it worthy of notice. There is, however, no difficulty, when desirable, in forming Provincial Priorities for any one of the Provinces, which would place them exactly in the same position to this Great Priory as it formerly stood to that of England, and as the Grand Commanderies of the United States do to their Great National Council, "The Grand Encampment."

With regard to the implied wish to adopt the system pursued across the line, I can only say that, delighted as we all are to cultivate the most intimate relations with our good Frates of the United States, I think, with very few exceptions, we infinitely prefer our own English system. In this we are not singular, and I hope I may be pardoned for quoting an extract from a letter to me, of 27th July last, by one always looked upon as an authority on Masonic and Templar matters, whose fearful and untimely death we all so truly deplored—our late respected and talented Frater, George Frank Gouley. He says:—"Your letter clears away some doubtful points in my mind, and I can frankly say that I am in full accord with your views, and trust that some day our American work may be corrected so as to conform more sensibly and harmoniously to the ancient Templar system."

#### PROCEEDINGS IN CONVENT GENERAL.

The subject which now particularly engages our atten-

tion is the action taken by Convent General in October and December last, which called forth my circular and the protest issued in your name on the 19th March (see Appendix B). While, owing to the death of the Great Prior of England, it has not yet been finally arranged, I am happy to be able to inform you that the Great Sub-Prior is using every means in his power to bring about a settlement, and has explained his views to me, which I am convinced, when laid before you, will be concurred in as the only practical way of satisfying all parties.

It is with pain I record the state of confusion into which the Order has been thrown by the inconsiderate action of some of the English representatives at Convent General. This continued re-opening of questions which should be regarded as having been finally settled is not calculated to raise respect for the Order, or for those who cannot rest content unless they have everything their own way.

What has taken place is the more to be regretted, as it shows that a certain section of the Order in England is leagued together to upset existing regulations, that had, before adoption, been under careful revision for a period of four or five years; and that the party composing it are embarked in a retrograde movement, with but little regard either to the history or the unity of the Order to which they belong.

England, or this dominant section, for the time being, of her Great Priory in Convent General, seems to ignore our rights to a voice in these matters, and, without the slightest reference to us, passes resolutions in Convent General of which we disapprove. Undoubtedly the general statutes contain a provision for altering them, but it could never have been contemplated that such alterations were to take place without the consent of the Nationalities. Canada joined the Union satisfied with the existing laws, and thus gave in her allegiance to the Convent General, and she cannot be expected to observe any infringement, which, in this case, actually changes the Order to a totally different organisation.

If Convent General assumes the right to make rules for us, it is high time we should assert our own rights, and, in my opinion, we neither can nor ought, as I know our Great Priory will be firm in refusing, to submit to any such assumption. I say so with the deepest loyalty and most profound respect for our Grand Master, a feeling I know to be equally shared in by all the members of this Great Priory, and I will uphold his authority, and bear him true allegiance as long as he is pleased to rule over us, but I confess to the same feeling which actuated the saying of Junius,—"That the subject, who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate, will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures."

The fact is, that the Great Priory of England has so long been the autocrat of the Temple Order that it is difficult to persuade some of its members that it is now merely one of a federated union, and they seem to be indisposed to recognise either Ireland or Canada as independent and co-equal members of the federation, while it is equally plain that neither Ireland nor Canada will consent to assert and maintain other than their fullest rights under the same.

It is from no capitious feeling I object to again returning to the old nomenclature, but because I consider it neither appropriate nor historical, and I am also fully aware many dissent from the opinions I have long formed and expressed as to the history and practices of the Order. I will, therefore, once more endeavour to give fully my reasons for the views I entertain, and the objections I have to return to the traditions and distinctive appellations of Modern Templary; leaving it for you to consider how far they are correct or feasible.

#### OPINIONS ON THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

Our order has always claimed traditionally to represent the Knights Templars of the Crusades, preserved intact through its connection with Freemasonry, and while Masonic authors are never weary of asserting this claim, at the same time they seem to do all in their power to perpetuate historical errors, stating as facts improbable surmises, and using titles and recording customs quite foreign to the true and historical nomenclature and practices of the Order.

There is no foundation for believing it grew out of the so-called Masonic Knights of the Temple, supposed to have been established somewhere about the Babylonish Captivity, or that it was based on Craft Masonry at all. Such legends are now generally looked upon as myths of the past, and arose from the untenable grounds taken by enthusiastic votaries to enhance the value of the Chivalric Orders in the eyes of the Masonic world, by assigning to them a mysterious origin they had not the slightest title to, and which was never thought of by their founders.

That there was a connection between the Military Order of the Temple and Freemasonry there is now but little doubt entertained. It originated in the trading community of Masons, who with other secret associations sprang up and flourished in the East; appearing in Europe during the dark ages. They established them in "Guilds," from which gradually emanated our present symbolic system. This connection with the Templars led in latter times to the preservation of the Order by the Masonic Society. But what that early connection was still remains a vexed question, and we can at best but theorise according to our own views.

History tells us that when the Templar Order was politically destroyed in the 14th century by Philip, King of France, and Pope Clement the 5th, the number of Templars in Christendom was about 15,000, and it is supposed by many that the remaining Knights incorporated themselves with the Masonic body.

This is not, however, warranted by facts; but there is every reason to believe that the greater number, mingling in the world, never lost their identity as Templars; and thus their bond of union continued, although mystical and unrecognised, as that of any other legitimate society.

#### THE ORDER NOT A PAPAL ONE.

A great mistake is made in considering the Templars a Papal Order. The Order, like that of St. John the Baptist, also called St. John of Jerusalem, was essentially a military republic which was brought into existence by the will of its own original founders, and in no degree owed its reception or organisation to the Head of the Latin Church.

At the commencement, this association or brotherhood consisted of nine Knights, whose desire to benefit their fellows prompted them voluntarily to bind themselves together for the protection of the Pilgrims visiting the Holy Land, then so much exposed to ill-treatment and danger; and not until some time after their establishment were they sanctioned and acknowledged by the then Pope, but in no sense did they owe their origin to Papal authority. Therefore what legal or moral right had a Pope to destroy what a Pope had not created.

This Papal assumption of undue and unjust authority was not binding upon Christendom, even though the whole Western Church at that time acknowledged the Papal rule, and so the Order of the Temple, not being lawfully destroyed, still lawfully exists. Many are therefore too hasty in assuming because the direct proofs are not readily forthcoming, that the Templars of the present day have no claim to the title.

#### THE TEMPLARS AS KNIGHTS OF CHRIST.

From Sir Bernard Burke's Book of the Orders of Knighthood, in the article on the Papal States, we find that the Order of the Temple was not only never abolished in Portugal, but it seems to have merely been suspended for seven years in the Papal States. Pope Clement, it is well known, abolished it in 1312, but this measure was objected to by King Dionysius of Portugal, who allowed the Order to exist in his dominions, with all its rights and possessions; and Pope John 22nd, successor of Clement, compromised the matter by consenting, in 1319, to its existence in Portugal under a new name, "The Knights of Christ," reserving to himself and his successors the right of creating a similar Order in the Papal States, of which right his successors avail themselves up to the present day, by conferring it as a distinction of merit on both native and foreign Roman Catholics. The change of name from the "Templars" to "Knights of Christ" was in reality no change, as the Templars had always been known as the "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ," or of the Temple. In both these countries the Order now exists in its entirety. Is it then proper to say that the Order was ever even outwardly abolished? How can that be abolished which always has, and still continues to exist?

#### PRESENT STATE OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER.

The correct state of the Order of the Temple at the present time, is this:—In Portugal and the Papal States it exists, never having been abolished. In Scotland it was completely amalgamated with the Order of the Hospitalers of St. John, and when the latter Order was abolished at the Reformation, we are justified in believing from well-accredited traditions handed down to us, and the general belief of the country, that the Knights, being without doubt in some cases Freemasons, preserved both Orders within the Masonic Fraternity. In England and Ireland, the Temple and Hospital were partially but not completely amalgamated, still very many of the Knights of the Temple, and a large portion of their estates, were absorbed into the Order of St. John, and at the Reformation, although we are without positive proof, used the Masonic Order, like their Frates in Scotland, to preserve their ancient chivalry. Consequently, the Masonic body of Great Britain and Ireland is now the lawful custodian of the combined Order of the Temple and St. John.

#### COMBINED ORDER OF THE TEMPLE AND ST. JOHN.

We cannot separate the two Orders as regards the Masonic Fraternity. If we are lawfully in possession of the one, we are of the other, because I contend, that although the two original Orders were at variance when at the height of their military glory, they became amalgamated after the political suppression of the Templars, and there is no reason for supposing that the Freemasons regularly and formally absorbed into themselves either the Order of the Temple or that of St. John, until after the Reformation, at which time the combined Orders disappeared from public view, and remained hidden until it was considered proper, in the last century, to permit them to emerge to the light of day.

In this view of the case, and I do not see what other can rationally be taken, the English, Scottish, Irish, and American Templars are just as lawfully Knights of the Temple and Hospital as any other now existing. The Pope never created the Orders, and the Pope could not destroy them. This is proved by Pope Clement's successor actually conferring the Templar Order himself, and the Order of Malta was never under the ban of Rome. It is of no consequence as regards validity of title, whether the Order continued openly, as in Portugal and Rome, or secretly, as in England and Scotland; the sole fact to be considered is, did it still continue? and of that we have the amplest proof. And, as regards the legitimacy of what is commonly called "Masonic Templary," what are the facts? The Masonic Fraternity have for over a hundred years openly asserted that they possessed the right to enrol certain of their own members Knights of the Temple and of Malta, and can show their connection with symbolic Masonry at the revival, and that this right had been secretly used and asserted for a considerable time previously.

Now, even by prescription, this title is good, and before it can be successfully attacked it is incumbent upon the parties attacking it to prove that it is bad. This has been attempted, but never with success; and until it is, the Templar Order attached to the Masonic body must be held as being legitimate, and as such entitled to all the ancient privileges of the Order, amongst which not the



least are, the correct denomination, nomenclature, and costume.

#### DESIGNATION OF THE EARLY TEMPLAR ORDER.

In my circular of the 10th of March (see Appendix 2) I quoted from Addison's "Reliable History of the Knights Templar" (English edition, 1853), pages 19, 46, and 61, that the proper designation of the officer presiding over the Order of the Temple for each nation is that of Grand or Great Prior, and by natural consequence the body so presided over is Grand or Great Priory; and also shewing the organisation of the early Order in England to prove that the lowest organised body of Knights Templar is Preceptory, and as these Preceptories in Scotland and Ireland were dependent on the Temple in London, hence the precedent for our "Convent General."

#### ORGANISATION OF THE ORDER.

The Order being spiritual, the candidates for admission were required to have already been knighted by a Secular Knight, when they were received into the Order in a chapter assembled in the Chapel of the Order, for as members they could not deign to accept honour from a layman. The only exception was in the case of an Ecclesiastic, a Bishop, who was permitted to join the Order without being a Secular Knight. There were no Bishops, that is, Prelates of the Order. The Order consisted only of three distinct classes, not degrees, Knights, Chaplains, and serving Brethren, including the men-at-arms; besides the numerous retinue attached to the Order. The number of Chaplains was small, and admitted as a body after the Order had arrived at maturity.

*To be continued.)*

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 21, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 1329, Sphinx; Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.  
R.C.C., 9, Villiers, Northumberland Arms Hot., Isleworth.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 920, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 801, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.  
Lodge 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
" 857, St. Marks, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
Chap. 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Metropolitan, 169, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe York.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
alington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
" 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H. William-st., Woolwich.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Ho, Wandsworth.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-pl., S.W.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, N.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

House Com., Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
" 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.  
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
" 1623, W. Smithfield, Market Hot., W. Smithfield.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finabury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
Encampment 6, St. Georges, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 22, 1877

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-bgs., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H. Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H. Liverpool.  
" 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleecce Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxteth.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot. Poulton, C. Fylde.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H. Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Merchant's L. of I.; M.H. Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Prescott.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Aston-in-Makerfield.  
" 537, Zetland, M.R. Birkenhead.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H. Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M. H. Liverpool.  
" 2086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot. Eccles.  
" 1553, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H. Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 953, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).**—The first meeting of the season of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, 13th September. Bro. Cackett, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Sleep, S.W.; Mitchell, J.W.; Runacres, S.D.; Chalk, J.D.; Taylor, W.S.; Sims, A.W.S.; Boyton, I.G.; W. Dann, Sec.; besides Bros. J. Dixon, C. E. Power, J. C. Pentruath, R. Scott, J. R. Smith, T. Corpe, J. Taylor, W. Briscoe, G. Stokes, and several other brethren. The minutes of the lodge of emergency called on the 14th June were read, which was to enquire into and consider the financial position of the lodge, and to determine the measures to be taken in connection therewith. Bro. Sleep, S.W., was then elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Sleep then proposed that a £10 10s. P.M. jewel should be presented to the W.M., Bro. Cackett, upon his leaving the chair next month. Bro. Dixon said he thought the lodge was too poor to vote £10 10s. after the losses it had sustained, as well as being temporary in debt. Bro. Dann then stated that with a little management the lodge would soon be clear, and the motion was then carried. The next proposal was for Treasurer, and Bros. Corpe and Sims were proposed and balloted for, Bro. Corpe being elected. Bro. Pentruath and Scott were again re-elected for Auditors of the accounts of the lodge, likewise, Bro. Guider was re-elected as Tyler. Bro. Sleep returned thanks for the honour that was done him in a very pithy speech. Two candidates for Freemasonry were then proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then sat down to a very pleasant banquet.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—An emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of clearing off during the vacation the heaviest portion of the work left at the close of the session in May, thus preventing too great an accumulation at the opening of the new one in October. Business commenced at 7.30 p.m., when the brethren having taken their seats, the officers entered in procession, Bro. Reeves kindly presiding at the organ. Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., was supported by the following officers:—Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., acting as S.W.; Rubie, P.M., acting as J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Wilton, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Carey, P.M., Asst. Dir. of Cer.; Braham, Sec.; Murlis, acting as S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and Holmes, acting as Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler. In addition to the members 41 of the following were present as visitors from 906—Bros. Bright, G. Neete, F. Neete, Reeves, P.M., and Young. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bros. Davies, Baldwin, Peach, and Harris were presented by the S.W. as candidates for the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The candidates were re-admitted and duly raised by the W.M., who acquitted himself well in performing this ceremony for the first time, assisted in one portion by Bro. Ashley, P.M., who was, as usual, most efficient and impressive, as was also Bro. Moutrie, P.M., in giving the traditional history. At the request of the W.M., the S.W. explained the symbolism of the working tools, gave the charge, and an elaborate lecture, entering more fully on the description of the tracing board and the traditions of the degree. The W.M. brought before the lodge the subject of the terrible famine in India, and, though a grant in aid could not be legally made at this meeting, the feeling of the brethren was so completely in its favour, it appearing desirable that prompt action should be taken, and the Treasurer being willing to advance such sum as may be agreed upon, the sum of ten guineas was fixed as the contribution of the lodge, and the subject will be again entertained at the first regular meeting, when doubtless the requisite steps will be taken. The lodge was closed at a quarter-past nine.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate. Bro. Richard Taylor, the W.M., presided, and there was a fair attendance of members and visiting brethren present. The lodge having been opened with

solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then separately taken for Mr. John Wilkinson Simpson and Mr. John Atkinson, and proving unanimous in each case, they were severally initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Bro. Edward Phyzackerley, having given proficiency of his ability as an Entered Apprentice, was entrusted and retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree he was re-admitted and passed to the degree of F.C., the working in this degree being also gone through by the W.M. The W.M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary were appointed to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Southport. The proclamations were then made and the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The meetings of this lodge were resumed on Monday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. Thomas Jackson, the W.M., presided, the attendance of brethren being small. The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, but there being no special business before the meeting the bye-laws of the lodge were read and discussed. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**GREENWICH.—Star Lodge (No. 1275).**—The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on Friday, the 7th inst. After Bro. Capt. Reginald Williams, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, had been installed W.M., the following brethren were invested as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. J. Green, P.M. 1538, I.P.M.; C. Woolmer-Williams, S.W.; W. Kipps, P.G.O. Kent, &c., J.W.; J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., &c., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.G.J.D. Midx., P.M., Sec.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, L.L.D., P.P.G. Chap. Oxon, Chaplain; Major Williams, P.M. 1538, &c., S.D.; E. W. Chetwynd, J.W. 1538, J.D.; Alfred Tisley, I.G.; Chas. Marr, Organist; S. Marketis, D.C.; F. S. Leaper, A.D.C.; G. S. Elliott, A. Sec.; John Gilbert, P.P.G. Tyler Midx., Tyler. The banquet followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).**—The usual monthly meeting of the members belonging to this south-end of Liverpool lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, where was a large attendance of about fifty officers and brethren, and a number of visitors. Bro. T. Nickson, W.M., was at his post in the E., supported by Bros. T. Horne, I.P.M.; J. Cell, P.M., W.M. 1609; T. Evans, P.M., W.M. 1570; J. W. Williams, S.W.; A. Woolrich, J.W.; J. Paull, Treas.; C. Arden, Sec.; J. Keet, S.D.; E. George, J.D.; W. Evans, I.G.; H. P. Squire, S.; W. Parrington, S.; and P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler. Four brethren, after due examination, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., assisted by his officers, in a remarkably able manner. The bye-laws of the lodge were subsequently read. The brethren present subsequently subscribed the sum of £7 in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. This is an example which is certainly worthy of universal imitation by all the lodges in the province of West Lancashire, and there can be little doubt but that the fund will receive very substantial assistance from the Masonic fraternity, which has for its main object the promotion and exhibition of true charity. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

**MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 7th inst. The W.M. (Bro. W. Duff) presided, and there was a capital attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree with the usual formalities, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Thomas Thornton and James Gorton having given proof of their proficiency as Fellow Crafts were entrusted and retired. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, when the two brothers already named were re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, the working in the case of the first named being gone through by Bro. F. G. Dale, (W.M. 1353), and in the latter by Bro. Longman, (I.P.M. 1051), both of whom went through the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., gave the portion of the degree. The W.M. announced that Bro. Moore would give a lecture next lodge night on some subject connected with Masonry. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—This lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday evening, 12th inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Francis, W.M.; Brown S.W.; Mc Millan, J.W.; C. Lorkin, S.D.; Pollock, J.D.; J. Lorkin, I.G.; Fieldwick, Preceptor; E. Dietrich, Sec.; and Gilchrist, Brand, Brasted, Woolley, Little, G. Ferrar, R. George, and others. The lodge was opened at eight p.m. in ancient form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Ferrar was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ferrar was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Gilchrist then worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The report of the Audit Committee having been read, it was unanimously accepted. Bro. Brown was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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## Royal Arch.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).**—The autumn meeting of this chapter took place at their rooms at the Swan Hotel, on Tuesday evening, September 11th, at which there were present: Comps. Alderman J. R. Ball (J.P.), Z.; Asher Barfield (P.Z. 19), acting H.; J. M. Cuthbert, J.; Rev. Faussett Ward, Chaplain; Billson, 1st A.S.; R. B. Stafford, 2nd A.S.; Capt. Colburn, E.; Thody, Organist; G. Reynolds, Janitor; Comps. Allan Harris, Alderman Sergeant, R. H. Combs, and others; and visiting Comp. Biggs, of the Bedford Chapter 282, Tavistock. Many companions were prevented attending by absence from England, illness, &c. The chapter having been duly opened the minutes of the preceding one were read and confirmed, as were also the bye-laws proposed at the same chapter. Comp. R. Boughton Smith, H. 1130, J. 1007, Prov. G. Assistant Soj. Leicester and Rutland, was balloted for and declared unanimously elected as a joining member. Comps. Asher Barfield, P.Z. M. Sinai, 19; and G. Read, P.Z. Andrew Chapter, 834, and J. 19, were then unanimously elected honorary members of the Stuart Chapter; the former proposed and seconded by Comps. Bull, Z., and Col. Stuart, P.Z., and the latter by Comps. Cuthbert, J., and Rev. W. Tebbis, P.S. This vote, which does the chapter as much honour as the recipients of the honour done by it to them, marks the gratitude of the members to these two worthy companions, who at a great deal of trouble and expense not only went down and took part in the consecration of the chapter, but also have ever since rendered most willing and welcome assistance, the former of them, as will be seen, taking a chair at the chapter meeting. At the close of the chapter the companions sat down to an excellent supper and spent a pleasant evening, Comp. Biggs singing several capital songs. The usual toasts were proposed, as well as those of the joining and visiting companions and the new honorary members of the chapter. All of these were suitably responded to and the companions separated.

## FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, S.C.

A meeting of delegates representing the lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution of Masonry in the North Island of New Zealand was held on 31st May, in the St. Andrew's Lodge-room, Star Hotel, to take the steps necessary for the inauguration of a Provincial Grand Lodge. There were present: St. Andrew's Lodge (Auckland), represented by Bro. Walker, R.W.M., and Bro. Ellison, S.W.; Lodge Sir Walter Scott (Thames), represented by Bros. Murray, R.W.M., and Tyler, R.W.P.M.; Waterloo Lodge (Wellington), represented by Bros. the Rev. J. Hill, R.W. P.M. and Brodie, R.W.P.M.; Patea Kilwinning Lodge, represented by Bros. Dewar, R.W.P.M., and Wilkinson, S.W. (Lodge Sir Waker Scott); Lodge Manukau (Onehunga), represented by Bros. Niccol, R.W.M. (and R.W. P.M. Lodge St. Andrew), and Henry, J.W.

The delegates having produced their credentials, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. J. Hill, Bro. Tyler was called to the chair. He read the minutes of the meeting held recently at his office, also copies of correspondence which had passed between the several lodges relative to the appointment of delegates, &c., and said they were now met for the purpose of taking steps for constituting the Provincial Grand Lodge. He pointed out that the appointment of Grand Lodge Officers rested with Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, and they could only recommend their appointment.

Bro. Hill said Bro. Whitaker had stated to him that he would endorse the appointment made by them as members of the lodge.

The following nominations were made:—Bros. P.M. Dr. Johnson (of Wellington), G.W.D.M.; P.M. Niccol (Auckland), G.S.M.; P.M. Brodie (Thames), G.S.W.; P.M. Hay, G.J.W.; P.M. Tyler, G. Sec.; Gilton (Wellington), G.D. Sec.; Rev. J. Hill, G. Chaplain; Rev. David Bruce, G. Registrar; Rev. Harvey (Wellington), G.D. Chaplain; R.W.M. Murray (Thames), G. Treasurer; P.M. Powles (Wellington), G.S.D.; Ellison (Auckland), G.J.D.; P.M. Anderson, G. Architect; Whitson, G. Bible Bearer; P.M. Dewar, Director of Ceremonies; Captain Fraser (Thames), Sword Bearer; H. Brett, Director of Music; Dale (Patea), and Wilkinson (Thames), Grand Marshals; J. R. Henry (Onehunga), President of Stewards; T. Rawden (Thames), G. Tyler. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Brodie, it was agreed that the installation should take place at the Choral Hall, Auckland, at a time to be fixed by a committee to be appointed on the question of ways and means for procuring regalia, &c., it was agreed that the lodges represented should become responsible for £100, and that the Secretary (Bro. Tyler) be instructed to write by the outgoing mail for the necessary jewels and regalia, the amount for which the lodges became responsible to be made a first charge on the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Bros. Niccol, Brodie, Tyler, Hay, Hill, Brett, and Dewar were appointed a committee, and empowered to make all arrangements for the inauguration of the Grand Lodge.

The date for the installation of the Hon. F. Whitaker as Prov. Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand, under the Scotch Constitution of Freemasonry, has not yet been fixed, but it will not take place until after the close of the ensuing parliamentary session. By that time the regalia and jewels for the Grand Lodge, for which an order will be sent home by the outgoing mail, will have arrived. The sister lodges will, in the meantime be communicated with by the committee appointed for carrying out the arrangements, and the inauguration and installation will be carried out in the most impressive manner. It has been suggested that Bro. Lazar, of the



West Coast, who officiated at the installation of the late Bro. Sir Donald McLean as P.G.M. of the English Constitution, might be induced to come to Auckland and officiate in the same capacity on the opening of our new Grand Lodge, and the installation of its officers.

There was an unusually large meeting of companions of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 348, I.C., and visitors, on Tuesday evening, 17th July, at the Masonic Hall, Princes street, Auckland, the business being the installation of officers. Ten representatives of the Hauraki R.A.C. from the Thames were in attendance. Comp. E. T. Wildman, P.K., of the Thames, assisted by Comps. W. Climo, P.K., and R. M. Mitchell, P.K., also of the Thames, officiated as Installing Officers; Comp. W. Lodder was placed in the chair of First Principal; Comp. W. R. Robinson in the second chair, and Comp. A. Brock in the third chair; Comp. J. H. Burns was invested as C.H. and M.E.; Comp. H. G. Wade as Registrar and Treasurer; Comp. the Rev. C. M. Nelson as R.A.C.; and Comps. Dawson, Niccol, and Dyer, severally as C.V.'s, and Comp. Porter, Janitor. The chapter was beautifully decorated, and the ceremonies were very successfully conducted by the P.K.'s and Principals of the Hauraki (Thames) Chapter, No. 454, I.C. Masons will understand the usual character of the gathering when we say that no fewer than twelve Principals took part in the installation. The attendance of so many members from the Thames tended materially to the success of the proceedings. After the installation a *recherche banquet* was provided by Host Hood, of the Masonic Hotel, in the large dining-room. It was evident from the quality and quantity of the viands that Host Hood had determined that the reputation of the hotel shall not suffer in his hands. About thirty sat down at table, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. While the banquet was in progress, the chapter room was cleared, and dessert was spread in it. The Chapter and visitors adjourned upstairs, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

#### GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

(Continued from p. 384.)

##### COMMANDERS AND PRECEPTORS.

The term "Commandery," and the title "Commander," were never used by the Templars. Singularly enough, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem used both "Commander" and "Preceptor" indifferently for the same officer, which can be seen by reference to old documents, A.D. 1500, or thereabouts. As they succeeded to the Templar possessions in England after the outward suppression of the Order, they probably adopted the old name of the religious houses, and used it in common with their own term of Commandery. All other Military Orders seem to have used the title "Commander," excepting the Templars, who were always called "Priors or Preceptors." Therefore, the title "Commander" has no Templar meaning in connection with a Preceptory.

##### ENCAMPMENT.

The name "Encampment" is quite a modern and most in appropriate innovation, not known to the early Order—a military Monastic body dwelling in fixed places of abode, having their Receptions in their chapels, never in the field. The English lexicons say an "Encampment" is ground on which an army, a body of gipsies, or marching party pitches "tents," and therefore cannot, with any propriety, be applied to places of meeting in the rooms or halls of houses in a city or town.

##### SEPARATION FROM FREEMASONRY NEVER CONTEMPLATED.

There is no valid reason for the assertion that the promoters of the changes made in 1873, when the Order was reorganised, were actuated by any desire to sever its connection with the Masonic Fraternity. This, I am satisfied, is not the case, and I wish most clearly to be understood that it was never contemplated by me to support such a measure, or to repudiate the connection with the Craft, for without the fostering care of the Masonic body our Chivalric Order would never have had its existence continued, and we could substantiate no claim to be considered as perpetuating the true Order of the Temple.

It is most unwarrantable and ridiculous to say that because the adoption of the correct titles and nomenclature is advocated that there is any desire for separation, or by dropping the prefix Masonic it separates the two bodies and makes us an illegal society, or that the Order has lost one particle of the claims it ever had to be considered an ally of Freemasonry. In fact, the Masonic connection has been drawn closer, and the Craft is still the vital prerequisite to admission into the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital. The whole object sought for was that of dispelling and clearing away palpable errors that had no historical foundation.

It was never disputed that our Templar body is now, to a certain extent, Masonic, its qualification being entirely so, but to say that its origin was Masonic is altogether erroneous—it was chivalric. By some it is contended that it had no such claim, being merely a modern Masonic invention. If this is the case, why make an allusion to the old Military Order at all? Still, if we be only ad imitationem, let us be so in reality, and use proper historical terms and practices, and not continue to promulgate false and erroneous ones that have not even antiquity to commend them. The original purposes for which the old religious Military Orders were created no longer existing they were gradually altered to suit the purpose of modern civilisation. This will account for the numerous changes they have undergone, and the differences that are seen in the various countries where they still survive; in some a mere remnant, but still sufficient to preserve their memory from total oblivion.

##### "KADOSH TEMPLARS."

Prior to the revival in England of Symbolic Masonry, during the early part of the last century, there are no re-

cords to shew that the Order had any connection with the Craft, but some time after that period we hear of it as the "Petit Elu Herodem Kadosh," Templars meaning "Elect or Chosen, and Consecrated or Holy Order of Templars" attached to Craft lodges. No doubt this very peculiar designation was introduced from the continent of Europe, where the political Order of the Temple had flourished, and never entirely lost its vitality.

The attempts made at different times to restore its former independence amongst the knightly Orders proved it continued to exist in secret, and we know it became afterwards incorporated under the name of the "Kadosh" with the "Hauts Grades," a foreign system of Freemasonry, which, embracing many of the old military and secret societies of the Middle Ages, was much sought after, and looked upon as more select than the pure and simple "Craft" degrees.

The "Kadosh" rehearsed the martyrdom of "De Molai," the last Chivalric Grand Master, and the sufferings of the Order; the doctrines inculcated being that the persecutors of the Templars did not wholly extinguish the Order, which still continued to exist under the forms of Freemasonry; whilst the "Rose Croix" taught the truths of Christianity by symbolising the Crucifixion and Ascension of our Lord. These two grades, the "Rose Croix" and the "Kadosh," being an admirable synopsis of the faith and sufferings of the great Order of the Temple, which, on very probable grounds of popular belief, they represented having just as much claim to be considered the legitimate descendants of the old Chivalric Knights as that of the "Ordre du Temple," of France, or any other branch; and I much question if they were not more characteristic of the true Templars than their authenticated successors, the "Knights of Christ," in Portugal, who became a mere honorary Papal Order, the crown alone having the right to nominate its members.

##### "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN."

Writers of the last century and a prior period consider the two titles of "Knights Templar" and "Knights of St. John" synonymous, probably from the absorption of the Templar Order, on its dissolution, into that of the latter; this may also account in some measure for the confusion of names by which it became known, and the too common practice of taking for granted and copying without investigation the statement of superficial observers. There is no clearer proof of this than what we have in the old Templar warrant at Kingston, Ont., of date 12th February, 1824, in which the Order is called "Knights Templar of Malta," and obedience directed to the "Supreme General Grand Conclave at Malta," whereas no such body existed there, and the Templar body was unknown in Malta until introduced by myself many years afterwards. The term Masonic was evidently added to distinguish it from other branches of the Order, non-Masonic, then existing.

##### "THE GRAND CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS."

Influential Masons established in England on the 4th of June, 1791, the first Grand Governing Body for the Templar system, and who, adopting a short ritual for that of St. John, commemorated and accounted for the union with their old enemies the Templars, but seeking no alliance with the Sovereign Order then in possession of the island of Malta. We learn by the records of the Jerusalem Conclave, Manchester, in 1786, that this grade was distinguished from the Temple by a red tunic with slashed red sleeves, black cloak, and slouched Spanish hat, bearing the white eight-pointed cross of Malta, in imitation of the red uniform and white cross worn by the military class of the Knights of Malta.

This Grand Body issued its own warrants to form Encampments, as they were called (a name not previously known by the Chivalric Orders), in connection with Craft lodges and Royal Arch chapters. Those lodges that had already the Templar system had no date assigned them, being called "Immemorial Encampments," and until the "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" were surrendered to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, these degrees were always given in Encampments and under the Templar warrants.

##### UNITED ORDERS.

The United Orders as now practised in our English system are purely intended to represent the Christian doctrines, discarding all philosophical theories and dogmas introduced by Masonic enthusiasts, and it is probably better that it should be so, as we can now convey more clearly in our ceremonies the practice of the early chivalric founders. The "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" are, however, in my opinion, quite unmeaning—detached from the Templar grade.

From what has been adduced I submit that we have a right to infer and are entitled to consider ourselves the descendants of the true Templar Order, revived and perpetuated by its adoption into the good old peaceful Craft; the principles and teachings of the Order harmonising with that of Freemasonry, which so nearly approaches Christianity in theory and spirit, having the Supreme Being for the object of its worship; mankind, without distinction of class, for its subjects; and the universe for its temple, placing all men on the same footing of fraternity.

##### MODERN TEMPLARS OF IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

In my address, last year, I alluded to the Order in Ireland, where, I have since learned, it was introduced from Scotland, and the original warrant is still extant from the Royal Mother Kilwinning Lodge, signed in October, 1779, by the then Grand Master, the Earl of Eglinton, which has been always acknowledged and acted upon. This is a direct contradiction to the statement implying that the modern Templar system was first brought to Scotland in 1798, by some non-commissioned officers of an English militia regiment quartered in Edinburgh: evidently a mistake.

They very probably did revive the Order on its falling

into abeyance, as a warrant was shortly after that date obtained from the "Early Grand Encampment" in Dublin, the offspring of the Mother Kilwinning Lodge. The former close intercourse between Scotland and France, and subsequently through the Stuart party, points to the direction from whence the Masonic adoption of the Chivalric Orders originated there. On the 19th June, 1811, the Duke of Kent, as patron of the Order in North Britain, granted them a charter creating them a regular Conclave of Knights Templar and Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

##### RITUAL.

The report issued by the Ritual Commission (see Appendix C) will have made you conversant with the object in revising the one in use, which has been under consideration for several years. A copy of this Ritual has been in my possession, and I find it all that can be required for a body of intelligent men, being more in conformity with the nature of the traditions, true history of the Order, and arrangement of the different parts of a reception, than our present one; at the same time, it does not advocate any material change.

I consider it, with a few explanations and local alterations, to be admirably adapted for the standard ritual of this Great Priory, and strongly recommend its adoption. I purpose, at our present assembly, having it exemplified and explained, and arrangements can be made with regard to the issue of copies of it, as may be deemed advisable. By the terms of the treaty of alliance it has already become law on the signature of the Commissioners, and the Great Priory of Ireland is now using it, although England seems to hold back, and not consider the treaty binding.

##### SECRETA RECEPTIO.

It was shewn by the evidence given during the persecutions in Paris, A.D. 1310, on the great enquiry into the Templar Order, that they had a secret reception. The ceremonies took place at night, in the chapel, and none but Knights were present. It consisted of repeated entreaties for admission, exhortations to reflect, warnings as to fatigues, dangers, and privations, sending back to solitary reflection, summoning three times. This secret ceremonial was taken, most probably, from the Guilds, and added to their original simple rule as a test of doctrine.

I have had an opportunity of examining several rituals from time to time, and know that the old English Templar ceremony differs very much from our present one, claiming a derivation from the ancient mysteries, as also a "Rosycrucian" origin. It was expressed in obscure language, evidently to disguise the design of the secret societies, entertained before the Reformation, to upset the Papal power.

Such forms of ritual have been long very properly dismissed as unreliable and unnecessary legends. We now confine ourselves to the simple historical form of a reception, in which the duties of the Christian faith are inculcated. Much depends on the manner the celebrant conducts these beautiful ceremonies; for when they fall into the hands of those who do not appreciate them they lose all their effect, and become a mere mechanical repetition of words that fail to impress the aspirant.

##### TITLES AND CUSTOMS OF THE TEMPLARS.

The terms "Marshal," "Very High," and "Eminent," are all ancient titles of the Chivalric Orders. "Sir," before the name, denotes the person to be a Knight, but the title in ancient times was quite distinct from Knighthood, and was a common one amongst the inferior ecclesiastics, being the regular translation for "Dominus." Shakespeare makes this plain, where, in "Twelfth Night," Viola says, "I am one that would rather with 'Sir Priest' than 'Sir Knight.' Correctly speaking, 'Sir' should never be used as a prefix to the surname itself; the Christian name should always be added.

We do not use the title before the Christian name without the addition "Knight," because it would appear too much like an assumption of Courtly Knighthood, which the Crown alone has the authority to confer; but we address our members officially as "Sir Knight," "Frater," or "Brother."

##### DERIVATION OF KNIGHT.

"Knight" derived from the Saxon—"an attendant"—anciently the king's attendants or guards—is almost peculiar to England. Other nations apply it in connection with horsemen—"mounted soldiers." The French, "Chevalier;" Italian, "Cavaliere;" Spanish, "Cabelero;" German, "Ruyters," &c., &c. In Latin, "Eques" (from *equus*, a horse) is a knight—one mounted. "Miles" is a foot soldier. A knight is always said to be "dubbed," not created, but it means the same thing, for "dub" in English, and "doubter" in French, are said to be derived from the Saxon "dubbun"—to gird. "Dub" also signifies a blow, which carries us back to the most ancient ceremony—the cuff on the neck or ear, and the "thwack" on the shoulder.

"Accolade" has the same meaning in the ancient ceremony of conferring Knighthood, by the King laying his arms about the Knight's neck and embracing him. This appears to have been exchanged for the more stately act of touching or striking with the Royal sword the kneeling Knight.

##### THE SPURS.

The buckling on of the spurs was an indispensable adjunct of Knighthood, and every novice should be formally invested with them. In the old ceremony allusion was made to the metal (gold) of which the Knight's spurs were composed.

##### THE CROSS.

The practice to affix a cross to their names, by the ancient Knights, to denote the Brotherhood of the Temple

\* This preposterous title was called "The Royal, Exalted, Religious, and Military Order of Harodem, Grand Elected Masonic Knights Templar Radosh of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta."



was taken from the crosshills of their swords, which, when wounded and dying on the field, they fixed upright before them in the ground, that their last look might rest on the cross, the symbol of redemption.

They also used the Latin cross, with the titulus, of two bars †, known as the Patriarchal cross, symbolising salvation both to Jew and Gentile, now assigned to our Preceptors; but the cross of Salem, or triple-barred, is a pupal one, and never originally used by the Grand Master of the Temple. It indicates that he is the Sovereign Priest, Supreme Judge, and Sole Legislator. It is common in documents instead of using the title "Sir," to place the mark of the cross with an F., f., (frater) before the name, as † Fra. for a Knight, † Fra. for a Preceptor, and the triple cross for the Supreme Grand Master.

#### ALTERATION OF STATUTES—CONVENT GENERAL.

Having thus endeavoured to give you a sketch of the Order with my own long confirmed impressions as to what our Order of the Temple, in connection with Freemasonry, really is, I must now beg your consideration and attention to the communication I lately received from the "Great Sub-Prior" of England, Major Shadwell H. Clerke, the acting head of that Great Priory, who informs me that the Council had recommended, in view of the differences then existing, that past rank be in a great measure restored in the Great Priory of England, and the Ritual hitherto in use permitted to remain; and further, that the title "Eminent Commander" be substituted for "Preceptor," but as these views may not coincide with those of Ireland and Canada, the Great Sub-Prior has submitted the following alterations, which, if agreed to by the three Great Pories, would only require the formal confirmation of Convent General, viz.:—"That each Nationality have full power to frame their own regulations as to Titles, Past Rank, and Ritual (with common landmarks), but still remaining, as at present, under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who might hold triennial Convents General, where subjects previously agreed on by the three Great Pories could be formally passed, and where honours could be conferred." By these means he thinks the present state of disagreement would cease, and each country left free to adopt the line which it may think best.

Now, however desirable it might be to have perfect unity on all points, as the name Convent General implies, meaning a "general coming together in agreement and concurrence," I consider this compromise the only way open, and most strongly recommend that this Great Priory pass a resolution to carry it out. Canada would then retain all her present titles, and be guarded against future changes, excepting by her own consent. The capitation tax would of course be much reduced, and scarcely felt—a small sum to the Vice-Arch-Chancellor annually, with postage, stationery, and printing, being the only charge.

As we are at present constituted, other Nationalities could not well join the Convent General, but with these alterations in the statutes it would be quite practicable for the United States Templar Nationality (an original branch of our own tongue), to join this federal alliance, of which, with perfect propriety, the parent body has placed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the head. Scotland could also have no cause of objection. And in time each Nationality might voluntarily take a common view on most subjects, especially as to Ritual, which, it is very important, should be uniform. The Order would then again assume, as in ancient times, its cosmopolitan and united character of one great and powerful Christian association.

#### EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In conformity with the resolution passed at the last Great Priory, I have appointed the V. E. Sir Knight, Richard Woolf, Past Pro. Sub-Prior of Worcester, to be our representative near the Great Priory of England, with the rank of a Past Prov. Prior of Canada; and the V. E. Sir Knight the Honourable Judge Townshend, Past Sub-Prior of Ireland, and Arch Chancellor of Convent General, to represent Canada near the Great Priory of Ireland, with the past rank of a Great Sub-Prior of Canada.

The relations existing between us and our sister Great Pories continue most satisfactory, as also with the National Grand Encampment of the United States and their State Grand Commanderies. From the M.E. Grand Master, James Herron Hopkins, of Pittsburgh, Penn., I have received letters conveying his hearty congratulations on the establishment of this National Great Priory, and his earnest wish to co-operate in every measure calculated to draw into closer union all belonging to the Order who speak our common language.

From Ireland, it has been announced that his H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been appointed Great Prior by the Grand Master, but no meeting of the Great Priory has as yet taken place for his installation, owing to the death of the late Great Prior of England. From this Nationality I am also in receipt of kind expressions towards the Great Priory of Canada.

The Calendar of the Great Priory of England of the 11th of May, 1877, notifies the appointment of our Most Worthy Past Sub-Prior † T. D. Harrington, to represent the Great Priory of England near that of Canada.

#### THE GREAT SUB-PRIOR OF CANADA AND THE CHANCERY.

Before conclusion, I wish to express the deep debt of gratitude we all owe to our Great Sub-Prior, our V. E. Frater, Samuel B. Harman, who, taking upon himself, from the commencement, the burden of organising this Great Priory, ably assisted the Chancery in all matters of detail, and by his well known accuracy and care has placed our Great Priory on a sure foundation; to him, then, are due our warmest thanks, and by none more than by myself. The careful revision of the statutes, forms, and returns are mainly, if not entirely, his work, and he has also satisfactorily closed up all accounts with the Great Priory of England, procuring numerous missing certificates for members neglected by their own Preceptories.

The Chancellor of the Great Priory will, I am sure, bear me out in my estimation of his valuable services and the

aid and assistance he has received, who, although himself conspicuous for his Masonic and other abilities, was fortunate in his first year of office to have so proficient and painstaking an instructor.

I may here remark the duties of Chancellor are onerous and not to be acquired in a day, and it is neither wise nor desirable to change that officer when once his duties are acquired.

One little matter in the wording of the statutes appears to have quite escaped the notice of us all. I mean the oversight of continuing the word "Grand" as a prefix to the Officers' names, excepting as regard Past Rank. We are now designated a "Great Priory," having discontinued the use of the word "Grand" for the more English one of "Great;" therefore, in addressing the Officers the prefix "Grand" should not be applied, and as "Great" appears to be distinctive of the Prior and Sub-Prior only, the proper mode of address should be thus: The "Chancellor" of the Great Priory, &c. I am sure this mistake only requires to be pointed out to be corrected before the statutes are printed separately. If the Grand Master chooses to continue the word "Grand" for his own title, it rests with himself; but "Great Master" was also applied in ancient times.

I would still continue to remind you that although the Order is honoured by the patronage of the Queen, and presided over by our future Sovereign, it will be of little account if merely looked upon as an honorary and honourable society, to which we belong, if we do not perpetuate the sacred and noble principles handed down to us by entering on some practical path of usefulness.

#### V. D. S. A.

It may not be inappropriate, in conclusion, to explain the meaning of the initials, V. D. S. A., which has been frequently asked me. They stand for Veut—Dieu—Saint—Amour, which constantly recur in the Chivalric Rituals of the Order, and at pauses in the ceremonies, repeated by all present, similar to the "Kyrie" in the High Mass, and are also frequently placed at the head and termination of allocutions, letters, &c., &c., and sometimes with the cross patée between D. and S.

"Dieu, Amour, Concorde, Paix à tous. Voilà l'objet des leur travaux—V. D. S. A.—Voilà les crix des Chevaliers du Temple"—say the old Chronicles. "Love to God, unity and peace to all." Behold! the object of all their work; behold! the exclamation of the Knights of the Temple—"We will love the Most Holy God."

Brethren, with that admonition, I am ever, in the bonds of the Order,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G.C.T.,

Great Prior of Canada,

Honorary Member "Abbey Boyle," Roscommon, and "Kilmahnam," Dublin, Preceptories of Ireland; and of the "Odo de St. Amand" Preceptory, Worcester, England; "Geoffrey de St. Aldemar," Toronto; "Hugh de Payens," Kingston, in Canada; as also St. John's Commandery, No. 4, Philadelphia, U.S., &c., &c., &c.

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Twenty-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was commenced at Buffalo, Tuesday, August 20, the Convocation being opened at St. James's Hall. The escort to the General Grand Chapter formed in procession.

The honour of a passing salute was given by the officers to the M.E. General Grand High Priest, Hon. Elbert H. English, when passing the Tiff House. As the rear of the column reached this point the carriages occupied by the members of the General Grand Chapter fell into the line.

On reaching the hall, the exercises opened promptly with an overture by the Union Cornet Band, following which, prayer was offered by the Rev. L. Van Bokkelen, D.D. Next, the following song of welcome, written by M. E. David F. Day, and arranged by Prof. Louis H. Plogsted, was rendered with a band accompaniment:

As old Niagara pours her tide,  
Resistless, full and free,  
Along our busy city's side  
To swell the distant sea;  
So, Brethren of the Royal Art,  
The chosen and the true,  
We give with one united heart  
Our welcome unto you.

Ye come, as came old Israel's host  
In good Josiah's time,  
From Mamre's plain and Joppa's coast  
To Zion's height sublime;  
The East and West each other greet  
In words of love divine—  
In peace this morn together meet  
The palm-tree and the pine.

With eager hands and hearts that move  
As moves a mighty sea,  
We offer you a brother's love,  
And greetings "three times three;"  
From thronging streets and opening doors  
The acclamation comes:  
Thrice welcome to our teeming shores,  
Our altars and our homes.

At the conclusion of the singing, Hon. Geo. W. Clinton was introduced, and delivered the address of welcome.

The response of M. E. Comp. Elbert H. English, Gen. Grand High Priest, was everything to be expected from so able and distinguished a Mason and jurist. We quote the following:

M.E. Sir and Companion, Companions, Sir Knights, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are much gratified to be welcomed here within the territorial jurisdiction of the M.E. Grand Chapter of the State of New York, in the cordial and complimentary terms in which you have been pleased to express such welcome.

Your Grand Chapter is among the oldest and strongest of the Royal Arch Unions, numbering upon its rolls over eighteen thousand members, good and useful men, and among them many distinguished Masons and citizens.

New York was present, as you have well remarked, when the General Grand Chapter was founded, gave it support in its infancy, and has faithfully adhered to it through all of its trials, as well as in its triumphs.

Two of her illustrious sons, Dewitt Clinton, your noble father, sir, and Edward Livingston, presided over its deliberations during a period of eighteen years, each one presiding three times three years. Their memories are enshrined in the hearts of all the Craftsmen—monuments more durable and more to be prized than the marble slabs that mark their resting-places.

We feel assured that the people of your great States are pleased that we are convened here, coming, as we do, on a peaceful mission, with purpose to benefit our fellow men. New York is an empire of itself, measuring 47,000 square miles of territory, occupied by four millions and a half of people—a million and a half more than the population of our whole country, when our forefathers rebelled against King George, fought the memorable battles of the Revolution, and established our free institutions. In Masonry, in agriculture, in commerce, in the arts, in jurisprudence and in statesmanship, New York has been a leading State; and her people have faithfully, and in spirit, as well as in letter, clung to the constitution ordained for a free people by our patriotic forefathers, and guarded with vigilance under all the trying events through which our country has passed, national liberty—which is liberty regulated by law.

We rejoice to visit, as pilgrims, the land of Kent, the father of American jurisprudence, and of Washington Irving, the father of American literature.

We are much delighted to be welcomed here by the generous Masons and citizens of Buffalo, a city sitting like a majestic queen on the shore of your inland sea, bathing her feet in its limpid waters, crowned with laurels of lake commerce, with 150,000 good-looking and busy children gathered about her—I say 150,000 children, because in 1870 they numbered nearly 118,000, and judging from her fruitfulness during preceding decades, I take it for granted that she has a large increase of her family in the last seven years—and her honoured and honourable Mayor, the father of all these children, may well be proud of his growing family, and deserves credit for keeping them measurably quiet during the recent disturbances. May God grant him bread to feed them bountifully in the future.

We stand uncovered, and pause with reverence, near the grave of our patriotic and lamented countryman, Millard Fillmore.

We have felt that we were welcome since we reached your city. By your address, sir, so aptly and happily expressed, we are confirmed in this impression. By the presence of this goodly company—this striking array of the local Royal Craft—by the bright eyes of beautiful ladies, blooming like the flowers of my own sunny land, we are eloquently told that we are welcome. By the enlivening and cheering strains of vocal and instrumental music, of surpassing melody and harmony, we are told that we are welcome. By the earnest appeals of the reverend Minister to Heaven, and to that God whom all true Masons worship for our protection and happiness, we are assured of our welcome. And by the nodding plumes and flashing swords of the gallant Templars, who have escorted us to this hall, we are finally and doubly assured of courtesy and hospitality while in your city.

These swords, however, do not mean war. They are but symbols, and indicate that the gallant Templars stand ever ready to defend and protect the helpless and innocent. But if the trumpet calls to war, these chivalric Knights would rally under their banners, and with stout beards and strong arms, do battle in the cause of justice, liberty, free thought, and freedom of conscience!

We are here, sir, as the representatives of thirty-five State Grand Chapters, and a number of subordinates, scattered over the American territories, and some beyond the deep seas. We also represent in general matters over 130,000 working Royal Arch Masons—men neither too indolent to be on the affiliation rolls nor too miserly to contribute small sums for the charities of the Order.

We represent principles as old as the rivers, and as firmly fixed as the mountains in their beds—aye, principles that will endure for ever—for faith is lost in sight, hope in fruition, but Charity, the synonym of Masonry, continues beyond the grave, through all eternity. Charity never faileth! When the Angel of the last day shall place one foot on the land and the other on the sea, and proclaim trumpet-tongued, that time shall be no more; and when the smouldering and pent-up fires that consume the heart of our fellow planet shall explode, and shiver it into atoms; and when the new earth shall appear, clothed in verdure, charity shall be its first inhabitant.

We represent the working-men of our country. In secular matters, we work on the farms, in the shops, at the counter, at the bedside, and the bar, navigate the rivers and plough the seas. And for the good of humanity, we work in the lodges, chapters, commanderies, councils, and consistories.

We come here from every section of our great country to shake hands with each other, improve ourselves in the noble art by an interchange of thoughts, by obtaining light one from another, and to consult upon such



measures as may best promote the general prosperity of our institution.

At the conclusion of the G.G.H. Priest's address, the band played a selection from "Der Freischütz," and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. L. J. Fletcher.

The General Grand Chapter was then duly opened with the solemn and dignified ritual used on this occasion. Rev. Comp. D. H. Muller, D.D., G.G. Chaplain, invoked the blessing of the Divine High Priest on this assemblage and its deliberations.

M.E. Comp. George Van Vloit, Grand High Priest of the State of New York, then heartily welcomed the General Grand Chapter to its hospitality, and predicted a most harmonious and interesting convocation, proffering the best efforts to make the session enjoyable and profitable, which was suitably responded to by M.E. Comp. English. A Committee on Credentials was then appointed, and the Grand Chapter was "called off" until three o'clock, at which hour it again assembled, and the Committee on Credentials reported the following officers and members of the 23rd Triennial Convocation.

Officers:—M.E. Comps. Elbert H. English, Ark., G.G.H.P.; John Frizzell, Tenn., D.G.G.H.P.; Robt. H. Bower, Iowa, G.G.K.; Alfred F. Chapman, Mass., G.G.S.; John McClellan, Mass., G.G. Treasurer; Christopher G. Fox, N.Y., G.G. Secretary; Noble D. Larner, D.C., G.G.C.H.; Henry Bostwick, Ky., G.G.R.A.C.; Rev. Darius H. Muller, N.Y., G.G. Chaplain; Jno. B. Hunter, N.Y., G.G. Sentinel.

Permanent Members:—M.E. Comps. John B. Lewis, N.Y., P.G.G.H.P.; James M. Austin, N.Y., P.G.G.H.P.; Josiah H. Drummond, Me., P.G.G.H.P.; Azariah T. C. Pierson, Minn., P.G.G.K.; Ezra S. Barnum, N.Y., P.G.G.S.; John Q. A. Fellows, La., P.G.G.S.; Martin Collins, Mo., P.G.G.S.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. BRADSTOCK.

On Tuesday evening last a very select company, numbering 37, assembled at the well-known old hostelry, the Falcon, Waltham Cross, in response to invitations to attend a complimentary dinner given to Bro. William Bradstock, who, for nearly 30 years was proprietor of that house, during which time he appears to have won golden opinions from all with whom he had to deal. A much larger company was expected, but an unfortunate time had been chosen for the dinner to take place, when most of the expected guests were away either at the seaside or on the moors. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Hammond (one of the oldest inhabitants), supported by Messrs. Bradstock, H. E. Cole, Dorman, Walklate, French, Gardner, Hearne (the new proprietor of the Falcon), and Bro. J. Tydeman (secretary of the presentation fund).

After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Wm. Bradstock," which he did in a few appropriate words, and at the same time took the opportunity to hand to Bro. Bradstock a testimonial, consisting of a gold watch, chain, locket, and key, which had been subscribed for by a number of friends with whom Bro. Bradstock had been connected in various ways.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was drunk with musical honours.

The present was then handed round for inspection, and was found to be a very handsome and valuable piece of jewellery. The inside of the watch case contained the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Wm. Bradstock, late of the Falcon Hotel, Waltham Cross, by his friends, as a token of esteem for the satisfactory manner in which he carried on the above business for nearly 30 years.—Sept., 1877." A similar inscription was engraved on the locket, while the reverse side contained a monogram, as also did the back of the watch. The key was embellished with Masonic emblems.

Bro. Bradstock, in responding, begged the indulgence of his friends, as he was no spokesman. Their kindness had placed him in a very proud position, and he could not but feel extremely grateful to them all. Bro. Bradstock then proceeded to give some particulars of his own history, commencing with the year 1813, when he was born only a few yards from the house in which he was now standing, his parents being honest and industrious, but poor, and able to give him but very little education and no trade, but they taught him what he always considered to be the three great principles of life—the fear of God, honesty, and industry.

Bro. J. Tydeman (the secretary of the presentation fund) then proceeded to give some particulars as to their financial position. He commenced by showing a bundle of letters which he had received from various friends expressing sympathy with the object, enclosing contributions, and regretting unavoidable absence. Some of these he read, including one from Mr. Anthony Trollope, dated from the Cape of Good Hope, and enclosing £3; and others from the three Messrs. Deacon, each enclosing contributions. The total amount of contributions, Bro. Tydeman said, amounted to £66 16s. 6d. He had paid £53 for the testimonial to Bro. Bradstock, and £10 for another to Mrs. Bradstock, leaving a balance of £3 16s. 6d. (Hear, Hear.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Ladies," coupled with the name of Mrs. Bradstock. At the same time he had to make another presentation consisting of a pair of ornaments, and he called upon those present to fill up their glasses in order to receive this toast, as it was the "cream of the evening." (Cheers.)

This toast was received with musical honours. The present consisted of a brooch and pair of earrings, in gold set with pearls. The brooch was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Mrs. Jane Bradstock by a circle of friends, upon her and her husband, Mr. W. Bradstock retiring from business.—Sept., 1877."

Bro. Tydeman arose and said as his hearers would

doubtless remember there was a balance of nearly £4 left, after paying for the presents. Out of this there were one or two necessary expenses to be paid for, but still there there would be money left in hand, and he proposed that this sum be expended in having an address illuminated on vellum, so that Bro. Bradstock might frame it and hang it in his room.

The proposition was seconded by the Chairman, and was, of course, carried unanimously.

Bro. Bradstock, in responding, said he could not now do more than thank his friends for their overwhelming kindness to him.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday. The Finance Committee assembled at a quarter past two o'clock, and the Lodge was opened soon after three.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present comprised the following:—R. W. Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master; W. John H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G. Master; T. Trollope, M.D., P.M. 40, Prov. S.G. Warden; C. J. Pocock, P.M. 271, Prov. J.G. Warden; Rev. E. Walker, P.M. 811, Prov. G. Chaplain; C. A. Woolley, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Registrar; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, Prov. Grand Secretary; R. Branwell, P.M. 271, Prov. G.S. Deacon; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies; T. H. Cole, M.A., P.M. 40, Prov. G. Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies; Walter Smith, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; A. King, 271, Prov. G. Organist; J. Eborall, P.M. 315, Prov. G. Pursuivant; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, and T. S. Byass, P.M. 1465, G. Stewards; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler.

The following members of Provincial Grand Lodge were also present:—Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; R. W. H. Giddy; Bro. W. Challen, P.M. 315 and 114, P.P.G.S.B. George Smith, P.M., No. 8, P.P.S.G.D.; William Dawes P.M. No. 341, P.P.G.R.; William Marchant, P.P.G.R.D.C.; James William Stride, P.P.J.G. Warden; J. Terry, Sec., R.M.B. Institution, P.G.D.C., Herts; Thomas W. Paine, P.M. and Sec. 56, P.P.J.G. Deacon; Edward Carpenter, P.P.S.G. Deacon; George Smith, P.P.G. Pursuivant; Robert Crosskey, P.P.J.G.D.; Crawford J. Pocock, P.P.J.G.W.; William Robert Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; William Hudson, P.P.J. Deacon; P. R. Wilkinson, P.P.S.D.; W. H. Hallett, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Smeed, P.P.G.J.W.; Charles Hurley, G. Registrar and P.G. Secretary, Yarborough Lodge, and Chapter; George de Paris, P.P.G.S.D.; J. M. Cunningham, P.P.G.S.W.; S. Roberts Legg, P.P.G.S.B.; Richard Pidcock, P.P.A.D.C.

There were also present a numerous assemblage of brethren representing the various lodges in the province, and a number of distinguished brethren were present as visitors.

Prov. Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. G.S. read letters and communications he had received, amongst others, one from Bro. E. J. Furner, P.P.D.G.M., acknowledging the vote passed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge; from Bros. Sir A. Woods, Hervey, Kuhe (unwell), Tatham, &c., &c., expressing regret at inability to attend. After other formal business had been transacted a report was presented from the committee appointed to revise the bye-laws, together with a draft copy of such laws, the consideration of which led to considerable discussion, an amendment being proposed by Bro. Horsley to a particular law which required notice of proposition for consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be sent in before the 20th of July in each year, Bro. Horsley contending that two months' notice was not requisite, and that by requiring such a long time much probable good might be prevented. He instanced the present Indian Famine and the recent earthquake wave on the coast of Chili, in both of which matters their sympathies might be enlisted, but this repressive legislation would prevent such matters being considered. If the present meeting had not the power to make a vote for such purpose he hoped exceptional steps would be taken to allow them to meet it. He moved an amendment altering the required time of the notice to thirty days. This was seconded by Bro. C. J. Smith, and supported by Bro. Dr. Tanner, Bro. Adc (who complained that the draft copies of bye-laws had not been placed in the hands of the members prior to this meeting by Bro. Dawes, and other brethren), and replied to by Bros. Woolley and J. H. Scott, who explained that the law, as proposed, was the same as had been found to work well for 24 years, and that its retention was necessary in order to facilitate the work of the Prov. G.S. Ultimately the amendment was rejected, and the committee's report was then unanimously adopted.

The Prov. G.S. then presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending a vote of £100 from the funds of the Lodge to the Indian Famine Fund, which recommendation was unanimously adopted. The committee also expressed regret at the resignation through ill-health, by Bro. Tatham, of the office of Treasurer, and a recommendation that Bro. Crosskey should be chosen to fill the vacant post. This recommendation was subsequently unanimously endorsed by the lodge, on the motion of Bro. Challen, who highly eulogised the exertions of Bro. Crosskey, as displayed for many years past, and enlarged upon the fact that he had, by his exertions, risen to the highest post that his fellow townsmen could confer, that of High Constable of Lewes.

The Prov. G.S. presented his statistical report, showing that during the year seventy members had been initiated, twenty-eight had joined, and the present number of subscribing members was 754.

The R.W. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart.,

M.P., then gave a short address. He observed that it must be most satisfactory to all the brethren to find a steady and continued prosperity in the Province, and to him it was most pleasing to find that Masons generally were performing the duties they had undertaken in a most admirable manner. He directed the attention of the Masters and Secretaries of lodges to the desirability of sending in the required returns by the prescribed time, for, unless they did this, the work of the Provincial Grand Secretary was greatly increased. He also hoped that brethren would in the future address all communications intended for him, through the Provincial Grand Secretary; by so doing they would save time and trouble, as he invariably referred all communications he received to that officer. Might the good feeling now existing be continued towards all, both at home and abroad—with regard to the latter he congratulated the brethren on the vote made to the Indian Famine Fund, and expressed a hope that it might please the G.A.O.T.U. soon to restore happiness and plenty to our suffering fellow subjects.

The Provincial Grand Master then installed the following brethren as his officers:—

J. H. Scott (re-appointed)	.....D. Prov. G.M.
J. Dixon	.....Prov. S.G.W.
C. P. Henty	.....Prov. J.G.W.
R. Crosskey	.....Prov. G. Treas.
Rev. H. M. Davy	.....Prov. G. Chap.
C. A. Woolley	.....Prov. G. Reg.
V. P. Freeman	.....Prov. G. Sec.
T. S. Byass	.....Prov. G.S.D.
T. N. Crouch	.....Prov. G.J.D.
G. A. Wallis	.....Prov. G.S. of W.
J. M. Kidd	.....Prov. G. D. of C.
C. Sandeman	.....Prov. G.A.D. of C.
G. Moren	.....Prov. G.S.B.
A. King	.....Prov. G. Organist.
W. Read	.....Prov. G.P.
A. R. Croucher	.....Prov. G. Steward.
J. Farncombe	.....Prov. G. Steward.
W. T. Nell	.....Prov. G. Steward.
W. G. Sharp	.....Prov. G. Steward.
T. Hughes	.....Prov. G. Tyler.

The Right W. the Prov. G.M. proposed—"That the sum of fifty guineas be voted from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge to complete the purchase of a Vice-Presidency in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the privileges of which to be exercised in perpetuity by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the time being." This was unanimously adopted.

The W. Deputy Prov. G.M. then moved the following resolution:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the 'Oliver Memorial Fund'." This also was carried unanimously, and Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in the usual form.

The banquet took place in the Banqueting Room, under the presidency of the Rt. W. the Prov. G.M. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., supported by his officers and by about 80 of the brethren. The catering of Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western Road, Brighton, to whom everything had been entrusted, surpassed all their previous efforts, many and excellent even as these have been. A first-class selection of music was presented by a talented party of vocalists, conducted by Bro. Frank Elmore, including Bros. George Fox, Henry Taylor, and W. Ror. One word for the Stewards, Bros. C. Sandeman, J. M. Kidd, G. Moren, and T. S. Byop; thanks to their efficient arrangements, everything passed off admirably. The dessert, truly luxurious, was supplied by Bro. Nell, P.M. 315, one of the newly appointed Prov. Grand Stewards, by whom (and his partner, Balchin and Nell, of the Western Road, Brighton, and the Nurseries, Keymer), the tables were decorated with an elegant display of the most choice and beautiful flowers.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair as President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Capt. N. G. Philips, Senior Grand Deacon, filled the chair of Junior Vice-President. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Col. Somerville-Burney, S. Rawson, P. Dist. Grand Master of China; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. Smith, C.E., P.G.S.; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; William Stephens, J. M. Klenck, N. Bartlett, H. Murray, P.D.G.M., of China; H. Potter, Charles Atkins, W. Mann, Geo. Spinks, W.M. 1536; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 3; C. T. Barham, P.M. 754; H. Higgins, W.M. 1381; Chas. Daniel, W.M. 65; Thos. Smith, W.M. 30; R. H. Allen, W.M. 554; Josh. Geo. Defriez, W.M. 45; S. R. Speight, W.M. 147; W. J. Murlis, W.M. 1642; Samuel Walters, W.M. 700; Copeman William Fox, W.M. 1326; J. P. Cohen, W.M. 205; H. Massey, (Freemason) P.M. 619; John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S., and A. A. Pendlebury.

Grants to the amount of £335, made at the last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, were first confirmed, after which the new cases were proceeded with. Of these there were only eleven on the list, and nine of them were relieved with a total sum of £133. This was made up of one £30; two £20 (£40); three £15 (£45); one £10; one £5; and one £3. Two cases were deferred.

The lodge was then closed.

In the letter of Bro. Capt. Portlock Dadson in our issue of the 8th inst., the name of the boy "Woon" was erroneously printed "Noon."

A Portrait of Bro. Hyde Clarke, LL.D., F.S.S., has been added to the collection at Guildhall, which was presented by the Clockmakers' Company.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

The excavations at Nineveh have at length been authorised by the Sultan, who has given the necessary firman to Mr. Layard.

Big Ben began work again on Friday week, although the striking apparatus would not be in working order until the middle of this week.

**MIDDLE TITIENS.**—An operation was performed on Middle Titiens at Worthing last week. Considerable relief followed, and arrangements were made for her removal to London on Thursday, the 13th inst., which were carried out very satisfactorily. Mr. Harris, of Worthing, accompanied her, and very soon after her arrival Dr. Howell and Mr. Spencer Wells met him in consultation.—*Medical Journal*.

The story of the "Arabian Nights" has been translated into Bengalee, and is being printed by natives. The edition will be in eight volumes, and will be the largest work ever issued by the native press.

The first Belgian expedition to explore Central Africa sent by the International Association will start for Natal on the 18th prox. After making their arrangements at Natal the expedition will go on to Zanzibar and to Lake Tanganyika, and from thence will journey into the interior to establish the first station.

Monsieur Thiers is said to have left various posthumous works, which are to be published under the editorship of MM. Mignet and Barthélemy St. Hilaire. Amongst other works there are his personal memoirs, on which he has been engaged for years, a treatise on the distinction between Grecian and Roman art, a portion of a history of the Renaissance, and his long-looked for work on polemic and religious philosophy in which, on the authority of history, he refutes the doctrines of Darwin, Comte, Littré, Renan, and Spinoza, and which, it is said, is to afford a final answer to those who have termed him a "freethinker, or at least a Voltairian."

**THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS.**—The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the University buildings at Nottingham has been fixed for Thursday, the 27th inst. The ceremony will be performed at noon by the Mayor of the borough (Mr. John Warren Bowers), and subsequently there will be a public luncheon in the Albert-hall, at which Mr. Gladstone is expected to be present. Amongst the other guests who have accepted the invitation of the Mayor are Lord Belper (Lord Lieutenant of the county), Lord Carnarvon, the Duke of St. Alban's, and the Rev. G. F. Browne, secretary of the Cambridge University Commission. The cost of the buildings, including the land, will be £60,000. Of this sum an anonymous donor has contributed £10,000, and the remainder will be found by the Corporation, who have given the site. There will be lecture and class rooms for the promotion of the Cambridge University Extension Scheme, which it will be remembered was first incorporated at Nottingham, which has since been carried out successfully in several centres of industry. There will also be class rooms, laboratory, &c., for the use of the students in the science classes in connection with the local Mechanics' Institution, as well as rooms for the Free Library and the Natural History Museum. The architects are Messrs. Lockwood and Mawson, of London and Bradford.

A number of Arctic Relics has been presented to the Royal Artillery Institution, Woolwich, by Captain Feilden, who accompanied the recent Polar Expedition as naturalist. The collection contains reindeer skulls and antlers, a Greenland's harpoon, and a pair of snowshoes which belonged to the late Dr. Rae.

**A NEW CITY.**—At St. Alban's, recently, the Mayor, Mr. W. C. Smith, having received the letters patent for the creation of that town into a city, publicly proclaimed the new constitution. He was accompanied by other members of the Corporation, who wore robes of office. The Town Clerk read the charter to a large number of inhabitants, who were afterwards addressed by the Mayor and the rector of the Abbey. There was a luncheon subsequently in the Town Hall, when the Mayor congratulated the citizens on the honour conferred upon St. Alban's, and proposed the toast of "Success to the City."

**BRITISH MUSEUM.**—We are glad to hear that seven of the engraved stones, recently stolen from the British Museum, including one of the large ones with a regal head and Pehlevi inscription, have been returned by the authorities of the Hague.—*Athenæum*.

Some of our contemporaries have reported how a stray Whitehead torpedo had been picked up in Portsmouth Harbour, and have drawn attention to the possibility of a few ships and some hundreds of lives being lost by contact with similar straying projectiles. No such disaster could occur. The torpedoes with which practice is made from the torpedo ships and launches are in every case dummies. Every part is perfect except their heads, which are invariably empty. In this case the only loss which could possibly have happened would have been the loss of the weapon itself, which, had it not been discovered, might have floated out to sea.

The cylinder containing Cleopatra's Needle is now afloat in deep water, and the towing to this country will shortly commence.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—*ADVT.*

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—This lodge, which has been adjourned for the summer months, will resume its meetings on Monday next, the 24th, at 6 o'clock p.m., and will meet regularly on the 2nd and 4th Monday in every month throughout the season. Brethren can visit by introduction of a member of the lodge, without being a member of the club.

The consecration of a new lodge at Walton, one of the suburbs of Liverpool, will take place next month. The name selected is the Wilbraham Lodge, and will be No. 1713, on the registry of the Grand Lodge. The meeting place will be the Institute, Sefton-street, Walton, and the first leaders of the lodge will be Bros. C. W. Cayzer, W.M. designate; F. J. Pentin, S.W. designate; and G. Fry, the J.W. designate. The ceremony of consecration will probably be performed by the R.W.P.G.M. (Bro. Lord Skelmersdale), on or about the 4th Oct., the day after the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Southport. There is every prospect of the complete success of the new lodge, as the brethren identified with its origination have the good of Masonry sincerely at heart.

The Installation meeting of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, will be held on the 11th proximo, at the Britannia Inn, Waltham New Town. Brethren are invited, and can be supplied with banquet tickets at 10s. 6d. Bro. J. Tydeman S.W. having been unanimously elected, will be installed W.M.

**THE SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY LIMITED.**—Notice dated September 19th has been given by Bro. H. A. Dubois, Secretary to this Company that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Thursday, the 27th day of September, 1877, at 6 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering, and, if deemed expedient, of passing the following Resolutions on one of them, viz.:—That it has been proved to the satisfaction of the company that it cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind-up the same. That a Liquidator, or Liquidators, be appointed to wind-up the affairs of the company and distribute its property.

**GREAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1426.**—The ceremony of installation will be worked in the above lodge, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, on Thursday the 27th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Lux, W.M. 1426, will be the installing officer.

The brethren of Aberfeldy, N.B., gave H.R.H. Prince Leopold a hearty reception on the occasion of his passing through on Friday week, on his way to Taymouth Castle.

A new application of the term "Pan Anglican" has been placed before us by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.W. of Greece, P.G.S. of Scotland, etc., who has patented a very novel railway key which can be carried in the waistcoat pocket and will open any railway door in the Kingdom.

**URBAN CLUB.**—An "at home," presided over by Mr. J. Jeremiah, was held on Friday week, at St. John's Gate, and it was well attended by the members and their friends. The musical and reciting arrangements were well carried out by Messrs. J. J. Bacra, W. G. Church, G. Graham, A. Bouchette, C. F. Drury, &c.

In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

**THE INDIAN FAMINE.**—Up to Thursday night the Lord Mayor's Fund amounted in the whole to upwards of £192,500, of which £155,000 has already been placed at the disposal of the Madras Committee.

**MANCHESTER.**—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the Publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at Oldridge's, Bridge-street, Manchester, on Friday evening at 6 o'clock.

The Liverpool contributions to the Indian Famine Relief Fund have now reached the very handsome sum of nearly £10,300. At a meeting of the Manchester Committee last week a resolution was passed requesting the local authorities of Lancashire towns to head their subscriptions "The Lancashire Fund," so that the subscriptions from this county may come under one general head. Lancashire has before shown what she can do in the way of charity, and "so she can again," notwithstanding bad commercial times.

Forty Scottish kings, two Irish kings, and one French king, two Irish princes, besides innumerable chieftains and ecclesiastics, are said to have been buried in Iona, Scotland.

In honour of the visit of Prince Leopold there has been a variety of entertainments at Taymouth Castle. The Prince has written to Mr. Rankin, chairman of the reception committee at Aberfeldy, a letter in which he says he admired the decorations of the town and was touched and gratified by the compliments paid to him. The Duke of Connaught arrived at Balmoral on Saturday afternoon, travelling by ordinary train. It is expected that he will also visit the Earl and Countess of Breadalbane at Taymouth shortly.

On Tuesday last, a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, presided over by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., R.W.P.G.M. During the proceedings, the sum of £100 was unanimously voted to the Indian Famine Fund.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, have, through Sir Wm. Watkin Wynn, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., subscribed £50 to the Indian Famine Fund. The amount was sent to the Lord Mayor on Saturday.

A new Masonic lodge will be consecrated at Grand-over-sands, Lancashire, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the hour of high twelve. The lodge will be in the West Lancashire district, and will be named the Sir John Brogden Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held in the Town Hall, Southport, at twelve o'clock at noon, on Wednesday, the 3rd October next. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, will preside. On the conclusion of the business the brethren will proceed to Holy Trinity Church, where a sermon will be preached by the Prov. G. Chaplain.

Madame Worrell-Duval announces a Grand Evening Concert to take place at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on Thursday Oct. 11th, when several well-known artists will appear.

**ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.**—A full report of the consecration of the above lodge will appear in our next issue.

Bro. Wm. Bradstock of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1437, Waltham Cross, has been presented by a number of friends with a testimonial, in the form of a valuable gold watch and chain.

Bro. Edgar Anderson, the Dramatic reader, takes a benefit at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 5th prox., on which occasion a talented company will give a grand costume recital.

**WHAT IT MAY COME TO.**—William Sikes was again brought up on Tuesday before the magistrate at Bow-street charged with stealing a handkerchief. Mr. Hodges prosecuted, instructed by the Treasury, and the prisoner was defended by Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Wilkinson. The Bench was crowded with Dukes, and several Bishops found places at the table usually reserved for solicitors. The first witness called was Charles Bates, alias "the Artful Dodger," who is now undergoing a term of imprisonment at Millbank. The witness wore the usual convict's garb; his hair was parted down the centre, and he appeared to be a person of remarkable intelligence and some education. He deposed as follows, examined by Mr. Hodges:—Knew the prisoner perfectly well. He was called "the Brain Spiller." (Laughter.) Supposed he was called that because he broke skulls. (Roars of laughter.) He saw the prisoner take the handkerchief. There was no doubt about the matter. Cross-examined by Mr. Montgomery.—He had been in prison on and off for several years. He had been charged with robbing his mother, stealing from his father, and trying to defraud his grandmother. He had also been charged with forging the names of seven-and-twenty different people. He supposed some of the charges were true. (Laughter.) He knew that he had been convicted on all of them. (Roars of laughter.) Mr. Montgomery.—Now, Sir, answer me this question. Do you think a convict's word is to be believed before that of an honest man? Bates (indignantly).—That is a most improper question, and I appeal to the Court. (Applause.) Let me tell my learned friend that an honest heart may beat under a prison waistcoat, and long hair does not always mean business aptitude, national honour, and hardworking integrity. (Loud applause.) Mr. Montgomery (with great warmth).—You must not call me your learned friend. Bates.—I retract the "learned." (Roars of laughter.) Cross-examination continued.—I have been tried for murder. I got off on an alibi. It was certainly rather crooked. (Shouts of laughter, in which the Bench and Bar joined heartily.) My maternal aunt did not like me before her death. I suppose she objected to me because I put some poison in her tea. (Laughter.) She found me out the first time, but the poison found her out the second. (Roars of laughter.) The money was paid by the insurance company. I had insured her life for £500. The prisoner had none of the proceeds. Cross-examined by Mr. Wiggins.—The handkerchief I saw the prisoner take was a cotton one. That I would swear. It was not made of Indian straw. Of that I am certain. Cross-examined by Mr. Louis George.—Until I was sent to prison I was an innocent little boy. My parents took great pains with me. I was their hope and pride. I have always regarded the prisoner with feelings of affection. In my opinion he is a most respectable person, and is quite incapable of stealing a handkerchief. Re-examined by Mr. Hodges.—I am quite sure the prisoner took the pocket-handkerchief. I saw him take it. The theft occurred in the broad daylight. There could be no doubt about it. Mr. Hodges then informed the magistrate that, although this was a preliminary inquiry, it would be necessary for the Crown to call 42 more witnesses. He was sorry to say that the case might take up some time, and therefore he would suggest that arrangements should be promptly made to allow for the Christmas, the Easter, and the Midsummer holidays. The magistrate, after expressing an opinion that no time had been wasted, promised to consider the matter during the adjournment, and remanded the prisoner (for the forty-second time) until Thursday.—*Punch*.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—When rheumatism becomes chronic, and as it were fixed in a limb or part, it is truly a terrible enemy to encounter. The joints often become stiffened and excessively painful when obliged to be moved, or on exposure to changes of temperature, dampness, &c. Holloway's Ointment exercises a wonderful effect in alleviating this torture, for by its use the blood vessels of the part have their tone restored, and the irritated and painful nerves soothed and calmed. It must be persistently and perseveringly used, for the disorder is a most obstinate one, and will not yield unless resolutely attacked. These remedies will also be found to be most useful in orange and muscular spasms.—*ADVT.*



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#### Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Panmure Lodge, 720; Lewis Lodge, 872; Earl Carnarvon Lodge, 1489; St. Augustine's Chapter, 779.

A letter by Maskelyne on the recent vote of the Grand Orient of France will appear in our next.

W. (Manchester).—On the whole we have thought it better not to publish your letter. Your allusions would be known in your locality, and we know nothing of the matter, which seems to be purely personal. We have far too much of personality in Freemasonry just now.

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

##### BIRTHS.

BRODIE.—On the 16th inst., at Innerwick, Scotland, the wife of J. H. Brodie, No. 1, Gloucester-place, Hyde-park, of a daughter.

HAYTER.—On the 13th inst., at the Homestead, Belmont Park, Lee, Kent, the wife of Frank Hayter, of a daughter.

WEST.—On the 17th inst., at 2, George's-villas, Forest-hill, the wife of C. Spencer West, Esq., of a son.

WINSLOW.—On the 19th inst., at Bear Canon, Colorado, the wife of James Winslow, Esq., late 106th L.I., of a son.

##### DEATHS.

DOCWRA.—On the 11th inst., at Colchester, Hannah, the beloved wife of the late William Docwra, of Stanford Rivers, in her 70th year.

MASON.—On the 15th inst., at Kingston Villa, Sydenham-park, Alfred S. Mason, aged 66 years.

THOMAS.—On the 7th inst., at 58, Buckingham Palace-road, Mr. H. M. Thomas, aged 58.

YOUNG.—On the 16th inst., at 17, Jenner-road, Stoke Newington, William Thomas Young, the only surviving son of William and Anne Young, in his 23rd year.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1877.

### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

"Alea jacta est." Yes, the Rubicon is passed, and the French Freemasons in Grand Orient assembled, have "burnt" their boats and their "bridges" with a vengeance! By 135 lodges to 76, and by a large majority, the Grand Orient, in a most noisy gathering, has taken out the "Belief in God" from the Constitutions, and has substituted for it "La Solidarité Humaine," which may mean anything or nothing, and which to English minds, has a most unpractical meaning. But so it is, and we have now to deal with a "fait accompli." We have received and read Bro. Hubert's *Chaine d'Union* with deep and heartfelt regret, though we are glad to note that Bro. Hubert voted in the minority, and terms the vote "une grande faute." We, remembering Talleyrand's "mot," are prepared even to say "une crime"—yes, a crime against Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. Whatever may be the results, and we fancy they will be serious enough, for French Freemasonry, their best friends can only say, "Tu a voulu, Georges Dandin," though they may be inclined to add, "Diable, qu'allez vous faire dans cette galere?" According to our views, the folly of the act is only equalled by its perversity. In the face of a powerful opposition, in the power of virulent opponents, the Grand Orient has adopted a resolution, by a large majority, which can only be productive to it of present disaster, of future defeat. For in so acting it leaves its own vantage ground and high position to descend into the stormy arena of present turmoil and political passions. The French Freemasons in promulgating a party cry as their motto, and refusing to acknowledge the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. in their Constitutions, have assumed a position utterly without precedent in the annals of Freemasonry, and most antagonistic to its great and genial principles. How can any Anglo-Saxon Freemason enter a lodge henceforth, in France or Belgium, from which not only the Bible is banished, but the governing laws of which no longer retain the acknowledgment even of a Theistic reverence for the Most High. Thus the great foundation of Freemasonry is undermined, its mighty and universal link is rent in twain. We hardly like, to-day, to go into the great questions, and the certain consequences arising inevitably from this, to our view, act of party spirit and suicidal folly, but we will recur to the subject next week. We are anxious not to do injustice to the actual motives of those who have brought about this revolution in French Freemasonry, but we cannot be insensible to the fact, that under present circumstances the words and actions of French Freemasons, as well as the position of the Grand Orient of France, cease to be defensible by English brethren, who value aright and love sincerely the great and distinguishing principles of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

### THE CLAIMS OF FREEMASONRY ON FREEMASONS.

There is a very mistaken notion afloat just now, amid some careless observers, and some weak brethren, namely that the ties of Freemasonry over-ride the duties and responsibilities which the law determines and social safety demands. Some apparently suppose that because a man is a Freemason and a brother, he has a claim on another brother, even in situations of questionable proceedings, and under circumstances of hyper-illegal association. We emphatically deny that any such Masonic obligation exists, or any such Masonic teaching can be found or approved of in our best authorities, in the traditions of the Craft, or the written or unwritten laws of Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a legal as well as a loyal Order, and always asserts the predominant authority of the Ordinances of the Realm, of the binding obligations of the supreme legislature and the statute and common law of the land. It is well to note this special teaching of our loyal, patriotic, and

benevolent Order, as it is the best and only answer to some fallacies which seem to exist in the public mind at the present moment. In the enquiry into the conduct of certain detective officers, one of the accused is said to have used a Masonic sign for the purpose either of intimidation or "squaring." Very properly, such foolish conduct, if truly stated, had no effect, and no Freemason is bound, under such circumstances, to recognize the claims of a brother for the purpose of fraud, or any other purpose whatever, in order to evade the law, the claims of justice, or baffle the efforts of the police. A Freemason is only bound to assist his brother legally, fairly, above board, only those who have a "fair claim" on his aid, in fact, and in no case, under no circumstances, can he properly, or should he in any degree antagonize the law of the land, as he is, as a Freemason, bound to obey implicitly those enactments which are devised and upheld for the safety, happiness, and well-being of us all. Just as we carefully provide that all the rulers of our lodges should be law-abiding men, and no law-breaker can be a W.M., so we understand that if Masonic sympathy and legal duty come into contact, we are to remember that we were patriots before we were Freemasons, citizens of our great country before we were enrolled as members of the "Mystic Tie." This, in fact, applies to Freemasonry everywhere, as there is no possible claim on any Mason to do, on any ground, what is illegal, or what is contrary to public safety. We quoted in our last an amusing extract from an American paper, by which it seems a judge in that country, to whom a prisoner appealed, as a Freemason, increased the fine for social misconduct, because, as he truly observed, the accused, as a Freemason, ought to have known how to behave himself better. The fact of being a Freemason is no proper plea to obtain the commiseration or obstruct the discharge of the proper functions of the officers of justice, and we trust that we have heard the last of that mistaken teaching which would imply or proclaim anything contrary to what we now advance. Freemasonry knows nothing of disobedience to law, or of the tricks and chicanery of the astute and law-defying, and it would be a lasting reproach on our true principles, and a standing discredit to our ancient Craft, if it could really be supposed for one moment by any one that Freemasonry ever seeks to screen the culprit or to throw the ægis of its fraternal sympathy and protection over the rogue, the swindler, the slanderer, the rebel, or the thief.

### COLLECTION IN OUR LODGES FOR THE INDIAN FAMINE.

We alluded in our last to a proposal suggested in a lodge to make a lodge collection at one shilling a head for the Indian Famine. We also mentioned the willingness of our Publisher to act as Treasurer of the Fund, and to hand over the sums so collected to the Lord Mayor, if it should so suit the convenience of our good brethren. We offered also to print a special column of such receipts with the name of the lodge sending the amount, as a useful and honourable record of Masonic benevolence. We venture to think the offers we then made worthy of the attention of our numerous lodges and brethren. It is quite clear that the famine is still assuming most alarming proportions, and every effort should be made to assist the fund now so happily growing, and so seasonably commenced, under the friendly and distinguished auspices of the Lord Mayor. We feel sure that no words of ours are needed to point out the greatness of the crisis and the need of succour. Some of our worthy correspondents may indeed say that they are able to send their contributions direct to the Mansion House, and do not need any intermediary, but it is for the very purpose of encouraging small sums, on the principle that "every mickle makes a muckle," and above all to provide a Masonic Record of the efforts of our lodges and brethren, that our publisher, always wishful to advance the cause of Masonry, throws open the otherwise crowded columns of the *Freemason*, to a weekly list of lodge collections, or the offerings of individual brethren. For this is a work in which all can



take part, a labour of love in which all can share, and as the wants of a suffering and dying community are overpowering just now, so as it appears to us, we say it with all deference. Following the good example of Grand Lodge, should proportionally be the generous contributions of our lodges and brethren.

### THE RECENT CATASTROPHE IN THE CHANNEL.

How wonderful and how appalling are the contrasted scenes of life. This world of ours, which rises to labour and refreshment, and life and emotion each morning, and goes to rest each night in tranquil confidence, apparently, that all is as it should be, is often the theatre of the most startling episodes, the most pathetic events. Amid the struggles and turmoils of existence, and the noise of competing crowds, amid the onward course of mankind, every now and then, a mournful catastrophe moves our innermost souls, and seems to witness full-voiced, indeed, if unheeded by us, to the littleness and impotence of man, and the uncertainty and insecurity of all things here below. Neither science nor skill, nor courage, nor the noblest efforts of any of us, are able to ward off those fearful visitations which every now and then break in on our perhaps too easy life, with the resistless energy of awakened sympathy, for some suffering, dying, departed fellow-creatures. Yes, the contingencies and the catastrophes of life are both serious and awful in the highest degree. Let us take the last of these mournful occurrences. Two vessels are going down the channel calmly and peacefully; one was the "Avalanche," Captain Williams, from London, to Wellington, New Zealand, having on board 63 passengers, and a crew of 34; the other was the "Forest," of Windsor, Nova Scotia, Captain Lockhart, returning in ballast. Both were full-rigged iron ships, the former of 1100 tons, the latter of 1500 tons. About 9.30 on Wednesday evening, 12th inst., the two vessels were beating down Channel, but on opposite tacks, the Avalanche being on the port tack and the Forest on the starboard. When about a dozen miles off Portland, and with scarcely any warning, the Forest came in collision with the Avalanche, striking her between the main and mizen masts. The force of the collision was so great that in less than five minutes the emigrant ship gave three plunges and then sank, carrying with her the whole of her crew save three, the third mate and two able seamen. The night was so dark that it was almost impossible to discern the mass of human beings who were struggling for life in the water below, but the survivors say they shall never forget the scene. The cries of men, women, and children for aid were heartrending. Some had managed to scramble on deck as soon as the Avalanche was struck, but others went down with her. The cries for help were heard on board of the Forest, though the crew were not able to render them the slightest aid. It was soon found that the Forest had suffered severely from the effects of the collision, and was in a very leaky condition, the water gaining on her so fast that at last, in order to save their own lives, the crew had to abandon her. For this purpose three boats were launched, and into these frail craft the whole of the crew of the Forest, as Captain Lockhart supposed, together with the three men belonging to the Avalanche, took their places. Captain Lockhart was saved, but the majority of the crew of the Forest also perished. Fourteen Portland Fishermen most gallantly went out in their "lerrets" to endeavour to secure the boats, but were only able to save one. Only twelve men remain to tell the tale of that terrible collision. Every passenger on board the Avalanche has perished together with the Captain. Thus not one passenger has been saved from the Avalanche, and only the Third Mate and two seamen; while of the crew of the Forest, so far as known, only Captain Lockhart, the Mate, Steward, and six seamen are saved. Can words depict or can the imagination represent a more frightful and more sudden overthrow of all men's best hopes and bold endeavours? Many of the passengers of the ill-fated Avalanche were going out, it seems, to settle in New Zealand. Some were returning

to their adopted home, happy, wealthy, and prosperous, and none who were on board could have dreamt for one moment that their end was so nigh, that so sad a termination of all earthly plans, and purposes was hovering over them. And yet so it was, amid no doubt their happy and probably joyous anticipations of a prosperous voyage and of good days to come. Those of us who have been at sea, will probably realize best the awfulness of the event, when we remember that from their last meal, in all probability, they were hastily summoned to hear in a moment, in the "twinkling of an eye," the crash of the collision and the rush of the pitiless waves—for them, alas! such sounds and sights were but the sad omen of the end of existence, the close of their earthly voyage, the passing away for evermore of life, and trust, and joy, and gladness, happiness and affection for them and theirs. Such events should not be passed over by us without a few words of serious thought; they bear a message for us all "who have ears to hear." But as we do not profess to preach sermons in the *Freemason*, but simply to suggest serious consideration, we will only remark, as Freemasonry always teaches us, that this life is but the portal to another and a better, and so the trust and faith of the true Freemason always are, that amid all those scenes and sights of our lower world, the Good Star Hope bids us lift up our minds one and all to another and a better world, in which the trials and calamities of to-day are alike unheard of and unknown.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE GRAND LODGE OF ITALY.

Dear Bro. Parkinson,—  
You were so good on a former occasion as to answer a query in the *Freemason* with respect to the Grand Lodge of Italy, and I venture to trouble you with another to-day.

In the debate in the French Grand Orient, the "Commission" asserted that the Grand Lodge of Italy had adopted a similar resolution with the one proposed and carried, for the removal of the name of God from the Constitutions.

As I believe, the statement in question is unfounded, in justice to the Italian Grand Lodge I think it well publicly to call your kind attention to it.

I am, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASON.

#### FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What are English or American Freemasons to do in France and Belgium, now that the two Grand Orients have not only taken the Bible out of the lodges, but have voted out the name of God from their Constitutions? I, for one, equally object to their political motto, "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité," as utterly unmasonic, because political.

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

#### COMPLETION OF THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have much pleasure in announcing the completion of the Installation Engraving; as by the time this letter appears in your columns I shall (D.V.) have returned to London with the finished plate, ready for the hands of Messrs. McQueen, the printers, of Tottenham Court-road.

I have been for nearly the last five weeks incessantly occupied with the engraver in the necessary revision consequent on a work of such magnitude (as far as the number of portraits are concerned), and I sincerely hope that the result will generally receive favourable approval.

If all goes well, in your next issue I trust the Craft generally will have an opportunity of reading your own verdict on the work.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

EDWARD J. HARTY.

#### MASONIC SECRECY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a good deal is often unjustly and unwisely said against Masonic secrecy, I think that we should always remember the noble words of Franklin, which are, as they appear to me, a good answer, alike to unjust allegation, and idle fault-finding:—

"Freemasonry, I admit, has its secrets. It has secrets peculiar to itself; but of what do they principally consist? They consist of signs and tokens, which serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after a due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value. They speak an universal language, and act as a postscript to the attention and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost so long as memory retains its power.

Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked, or imprisoned; let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, these credentials remain. They have stayed the hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence, and broken down the barriers of political animosity. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the city, they have made friends men of the most hostile feelings. The most distant regions and the most diversified conditions rush to the aid of each other, and feel special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a brother Mason."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally and obediently,  
SECRETUS.

#### MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In her anxiety to "turn the tables," your worthy "Sister and Mother-in-law" (rather an odd combination of relationship, by the way, necessitating some study of the "Tables of Kindred and Affinity") seems to me to have tilted them so far that they have turned right over; in other words, "shifted the saddle on to the wrong horse"—or rather mare; for she is the wrong mother-in-law altogether. Your able delineator of character said nothing about Mrs. Jenkinson's "mother-in-law," it was Mr.'s that was a trifle objectionable.

Badinage, however, apart; to take the question seriously that your sister and mother-in-law has put—let me ask her if it does not smack very strongly of selfishness, this attempting, after having gratified her own matrimonial instincts, to indefinitely delay the happiness of the young folks? No one, least of all the young couple, would, I suppose, care to go to the home of the young man's mother, at least if there existed in her such a spirit towards the future bride as is shown in her letter—but, as I take it, your writer's remarks referred to the uninvited appearance of the mother-in-law in the married son's own household. Your little description was, I imagine, in fun, but the letter of your "Sister and Mother-in-law" is so suggestive that I should certainly advise her son (if she have one meditating matrimony) to "mark, learn, and inwardly digest" her advice, to "let her go to her grave in peace." Indeed, if she made up her mind for a speedy journey thither, I do not suppose that the son in question would wish to thwart her for a moment.

Yours sincerely,

THE FATHER OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

### Reviews.

#### "The First Page of a Lodge History."

One of the most interesting studies of the Masonic Student is unearthing from the dust of ages the records of the past of our lodges. Much that is of interest might have been preserved, and much trouble and labour spared, if the praiseworthy course adopted by the Corinthian Lodge (Thames, New Zealand) had been in vogue in by-gone years; in this case we recommend it to our brethren for use in the future.

Some little time back we noticed the consecration of this promising lodge, and we have just now received that which calls forth our previous remarks, a little book containing the account of the foundation and consecration of the lodge. Not only will it be valuable as a record of its history in the future, but it is particularly interesting to us here to-day as showing us the remarkably earnest and careful way in which Masonry is worked in our far-off colonies.

After the details of the opening ceremonies, we come to a fine oration delivered by Bro. the Rev. James Hill, R.W.M., in which, after laying down the ruling principles of the Craft, he thus shows its symbolical excellences: "In accordance with that beauty that strikes the eye and awakens pleasure—that beauty of cornices and mouldings and columns, of light and shade, of golden tints—let us seek to acquire that moral beauty, the beauty of mind and heart and life, which truth and moral principle alone can impart; and of which all external beauty, even of the highest kind, is but a faint resemblance. These are the foundations of our principles, the real significance of our symbols, and by the careful resemblance of them we shall be enabled to be faithful to the solemn trust which has been committed to our hands."

The Installation came next; then the Institution of Officers; after which the brethren proceeded to a special service in St. George's Church, when an earnest and beautiful sermon was preached by the Rev. C. M. Nelson, vicar of St. Paul's Cathedral Church, Auckland, and Chaplain to the Bishop, Acting Chaplain of the day.

Our rev. Brother took as his text Heb. viii. 1: "Let brotherly love continue," upon which he based a stirring discourse on the duties of Freemasons to their Order, themselves, and their neighbours. "Worthy and beloved brethren," said he, "may we all as Freemasons remember that 'brotherly love' is the cement of our Order, binding us one and all together, and without it our system must cease to exist except in name. The whole human family we should regard as our species, and in this way recognise it both as our highest duty and highest privilege to aid, support, and protect each other. From such 'brotherly love' naturally springs 'relief.' Love unites us, and love further leads us to soothe the unhappy, to relieve the poor and afflicted, and to restore peace, as much as in us lies, to the mourner who pines in the desolate sorrow of bereavement. And 'truth' is our foundation principle—the truth of God Himself and of His revealed Word and will. Let, then, a few words from that Book of God's truth, spoken by way of conclusion, considered and entertained in the spirit of real brotherly love, move your hearts and hands to afford



relief in the way now to be offered and presented to you." And with some of the living words of charity out of the Grand Old Book, Worshipful D. Grand Chaplain concluded a touching appeal (which was liberally responded to) for the "Ladies' Benefit Society."

A choice banquet, followed by toasts and responses, songs, anthems, and choruses, finishing with "Auld Lang Syne" brought this ever to be remembered day to a peaceful and happy conclusion.

\* "Report of Proceedings at the Inauguration" of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., November 16th, 1876, Thames, New Zealand." Thames, Hopcraft, McCullough and Co.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The recent "Couvent" of the Grand Orient of France, which opened on the 10th and closed on the 15th instant, has ended, in our opinion, in giving one of the greatest blows to French Freemasonry which it has ever received. The lodges, by 135 to 76, and the Grand Orient, by a large majority, have determined to suppress the mention of the name of God. Whereas formerly belief in God and the immortality of the soul were publicly recognised as the great basis of French Freemasonry, now, the Second Section of Article 1 is to be reformed to this effect, "Elle a pour principe la liberté absolue de conscience, et la solidarité humaine," whatever that may mean. The article has this addition, we believe by Bro. St. Jean, "Elle regard la liberté de conscience comme un droit propre à chaque personne, et n'exclut personne pour ses croyances." By this change, it is quite clear, Atheists may be admitted, and no doubt will be. In fact, it is about as hurtful and violent a change as can well be imagined or effected, and, we are sorry to add, on the absurd plea of toleration, and must have the most disastrous consequences for French Freemasonry. If any course could have been adopted to play into the hands of Ultramontane accusers, and to merit the reproaches of Bishop Dupanloup, it is the one which the triumphant and violent party in French Freemasonry has pursued with a zeal and energy, we admit, worthy of a better cause? The principles of Massol are at last sanctioned by the Grand Orient of France, and the consequences of the act are most serious, and widely extending.

We cannot see, after this resolution, for instance, how the Grand Orient of France can keep "A la Gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers," at the head of their "planches," or circulars, and many unavoidable doubts must be cast on the actual position of the Grand Orient itself.

With regard to the meeting itself, the account of it in the *Chaine d'Union* does not fill us with any respect for the legislative body of French Symbolic Freemasonry. The gathering seems to have been noisy and without dignity, intolerant, and even unfair to the minority, whose speakers were unwillingly listened to, and some of whom were silenced with deafening cries of "La Cloture."

Indeed, as Bro. Hubert says, so tumultuous became the Grand Orient at last, that it not only would not hear the opponents, but even the supporters of the charge! The discussion was in no way worthy of the occasion, and in fact cannot be called a discussion at all.

It is a most regrettable occurrence. The considerations arising out of it are very important, inasmuch as it is impossible but that this new position assumed by the Grand Orient of France will be resisted by all Anglo-Saxon Masons. But it is unwise to anticipate the future. All we can do to-day is to record the fact, and to express our heartfelt grief and utter disappointment at a result alike deplorable and dangerous, to a proceeding which must, according to our view, gravely compromise and permanently weaken French Freemasonry.

#### THE COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

[We quite agree with the following earnest observations of our contemporary, the *Times*.]

"We published yesterday, from our Correspondent at Weymouth, a shocking account of the burial of the bodies which have been washed on land from the Avalanche and the Forest. They were buried, our Correspondent tells us, at the expense of the parish, where they were thrown ashore, and it was done as economically as possible. But in pursuit of economy common decency seems to have been forgotten. The coffins used were, properly enough, of strong plain construction. But that the dead bodies should have been placed in these without any sort of covering, stark naked, is simply horrible to read of. That they were not actually conveyed in this state to the grave where they were to be laid was due, not to those in charge of the funeral, but to the kindness of a stranger, the landlady of the Cove Inn, who 'could not bear that they should go like that,' and accordingly purchased white calico enough to veil them decently. Of the funeral procession which followed we will say little. It was, perhaps, difficult to find any better conveyance than a common four-wheel waggon, though even this ought to have been accompanied with some outward signs of respect, something marking the solemn purpose for which it was employed. But a worse omission was yet to follow. When the four-wheel waggon with its mournful load arrived at the churchyard, there was no one in waiting to carry the bodies into the church and from the church to the grave. This service was rendered by volunteers, who came forward at the summons of the officiating clergyman from the throng assembled in the churchyard. If it had not been for the kindness of these men—quarrymen, for the most part, in ordinary working dress—common decency would, our Correspondent adds, not have been shown to the dead. His meaning in plain English we suppose to be that the waggon would have been drawn up to the side of the grave, and the contents of it shot in wholesale. We are thankful that the feelings of English-

men have been spared the shock of such a last indignity as this. What did occur is, from first to last, disgraceful to those answerable for it. The first neglect to provide any sort of covering for the bodies is quite inexcusable. We wish to make every excuse possible for the whole conduct of the funeral ceremony. The immediate resources of the locality are somewhat slender, and it may not have been within the power of the local authorities to provide on the large scale necessary a funeral which would have been all it ought to have been. But for such neglect as was actually shown we can find no apology whatever, and scarcely an explanation. It amazes us to read of it. A covering of some sort for the bodies themselves, a black pall for the waggon, and some few attendants in charge of it, might have been found at any rate. The omission to provide these is nothing less than barbarous. We should have thought, indeed, that on so special an occasion some effort would have been made to give outward solemnity to the last sad duty which alone remained to be performed. Such a disaster as that of last Tuesday night is terrible enough to impress the most thoughtless, Englishmen are not commonly wanting in feelings either of sympathy or reverence. Either would have been enough. The mere kinship of a common humanity ought to have forbidden the indecencies our correspondent has described. It sounds strange to have to express satisfaction that the funeral was in any way decent—that the dead bodies were veiled over, and that they were borne to the grave on the shoulders of their fellow-men. But even for this we owe no thanks to those to whom the duty belonged of seeing to the last offices. Let us think what the scene of Saturday last might have been, and of what, indeed, it would have been apart from the accidental kindness of private persons and strangers. The careless, indecent haste with which the unclaimed bodies which had been thrown on the beach at Portland were carted off to their grave will be a lasting shame to those who may prove to be answerable for it. The public reprobation which our correspondent's story will excite will carry with it a formidable punishment."

#### "OUR BOYS."

(Communicated.)

"Why are you so determined upon going to the Alexandra Palace to-day?" said Bro. Brown to Bro. Green on Saturday last; "put it off till Monday and I'll go with you. I want to see the Nubians." "The offer of your company, dear Brown, is tempting enough to pay a second visit to the Nubians, but I'm going to-day to see 'Our Boys.' 'Are you mad?' says Brown, 'Our Boys' is not to be played to-day; they advertise Leacock's comic opera, 'La Fille de Madame Angot,' so put it off till Monday, and I'm with you for the Nubians." "I'm sane enough, Brown; look at this paragraph in the *Freemason*. 'Cricket Match between the Boys of the Masonic School, and the Grocers' Company's School,' and I mean to be there to see if 'Our Boys' are as good in the cricket field as they have proved in the Cambridge Local Examinations." "Oh! nonsense, Green, how can you expect decent cricketing from the Freemasons' Boys? They are scarcely ever outside their own grounds, and have only a scrubby bit of rough land, dignified by the name of a cricket field, to practise in. How is it possible they can play? Why, the 'Grocers' would beat them with their legs tied." "Could they? Well come with me to see them do it." A Hansom takes the pair to Broad-street Station, and a train, on the point of starting, soon deposits them at Wood Green. "Those are not the Freemasons' Boys on the ground," says Brown, "in smart cricketing flannels and caps; M.C.C. is the Marylebone Cricket Club." "There's Bro. Jingle, I'll ask him. You're always chaffing a fellow. Bro. Jingle, How are you? Are these the Freemasons' Boys?" "Yes, these are 'Our Boys' fielding—white caps lettered M.C.C.—Masonic Cricket Club; those in the blue caps are the Grocers' Company's Boys, who sent the challenge to play. Do you want to see two prettier teams? If so you'll have to hunt another county or two; I know Middlesex well, and its no use trying there." "But can 'Our Boys' play, Jingle? Surely the 'Grocers' will give them an awful thrashing." "If they do," says Jingle, "they'll have some leather-hunting first. 'Our Boys, don't care a fig for the 'Grocers,' and I see no reason why they should not lick them like sugar candy, especially as the nobby prizes that have been sent will prove very good plums for them, and make this a memorable date. Why 'Our Boys' bats have cayenne handles, so they must give them pepper. There's another wicket down. Bravo! I'll add half a sovereign to the prize list as a bit of sugar. Bros. Bertram and Roberts have invited all the boys to tea, but we must give the 'Grocers' cold coffee first. Hurrah! another out. That's a spicely looking lad going in now, but I don't think he is full-weight. There's a Bye. Four for it. That's a sell." And Bro. Jingle rattles on, whilst poor Brown, almost in convulsions, retires to a seat.

After disposing of their opponents for a total of 24, the Masonic Boys go to the wickets, and, amidst the enthusiastic cheers of their schoolmates, runs are rapidly made, 230 being scored before the fall of their last wicket. Too late for a second innings to be commenced, this finishes a very pretty exhibition both of batting and fielding, and "Our Boys" proceed from labour to refreshment and to receive their well-earned prizes.

"Why! Bro. Brown, not gone yet, it's nearly nine o'clock?" "No, Green, 'Our Boys' are to stay to see the 'Crossing of the Danube,' and I'll not go till I've seen the last of those happy little fellows leave for Bedfordshire. If you were not a Good Templar I should stand a bottle of Cham, for the treat you've given me to-day; but mind, when 'Our Boys' have another glorious outing like this, if you don't shake me for a sovereign towards some prizes I'll cut your company."

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.

No. V.

BRO. POTTER AT SCHWALLBACH.

Our worthy and esteemed Bro. Potter, a most distinguished Mason, we may remark, who has long reached the "dignity of the purple," to use a common expression of Masonic scribes (though nothing can be more historically incorrect), has long been the "decus columenque" of the famous Lodge "Merope." We need not now descend on his Masonic merits, they are too great to need any eulogium at our humble hands. Indeed, to praise Bro. Potter (Jellico Potter, to be precise), would be, to use those words which Dr. Bayley, the acute commentator on Shakespeare, considers some of the finest in the English language, "to gild refined gold, to paint the lily, or add fresh perfume to the violet."

In the Grand Lodge, and in the "Merope," his name is well known, his praises resound, and his fame as a good Mason and true is widely dispersed "inter fratres suos." At the "Merope," he is, as some of us are aware, the permanent Treasurer, having been W. Master three or four times, and having always "lent dignity to the Royal Chair," as his friend and ours, Bro. Puffington, enthusiastically asserts. Indeed the same brother often confidentially tells a visiting brother that he does not mind informing him "on the square," that Bro. Potter is, as regards the famous Merope Lodge, I do not wish it repeated, Bro. Bolsover, its meat, drink, clothing and ruling mind."

Accurate and facetious Bro. Puffington. On the whole his "regime," we are bound to add, is a very genial one, for the "Merope" and its members, as it is a flourishing and friendly, hospitable and helpful, agreeable and affable collection of men and brethren, who are always glad to see visitors, and in happy concord with one another. There you always find good work and a good dinner, you listen to good speeches, and you are permitted to imbibe a glass of good wine, and not only this, but in the long list of subscriptions which delights annually the "cockles of the hearts" of that famous trio, Bros. Binckes, Little and Terry, the Merope is always well represented.

As we before observed, a visitor always has a good time of it at the "Merope," and we never yet heard of anyone sent famishing or grumbling away. Now all this "good form" the "Merope," owes more or less to the supreme tact and continued oversight of Bro. Potter and therefore, as Masons we see how great is his worth, how valuable his services to our good old Craft. Bro. Binckes, who has always some eloquent words at command in praise of Masonic charity, always bids the "neophyte" to follow the example of Bro. Potter, "a sincere friend to the great metropolitan charities."

Now Bro. Potter, like some more that I can name, is both mortal and ailing. He is not so young as he used to be, and suppressed gout and unsuppressed rheumatism have "played havoc" with a fine constitution and a manly form, and give him a good deal of active agony by day, and "waking twinges" by night. So our worthy friend and brother, when, after a recent meeting at the "Merope," he found himself, as he said to his wife, the best of women and sisters, "very much out of order," went and consulted that eminent practitioner Sir Johnson Parker, who gave him "ore rotundo," on the spot, his valuable advice, without any hesitation, and with that dogmatic authority which so distinguishes that learned ornament of the metropolitan medical profession. "Sir," said that able interpreter of "diagnosis," and with that famous shake of the head and authority of tone for which he is famous, "go to Schwallbach at once, and I will give you a letter to my friend Dr. Grotefend."

Snigger, who we may add, is jealous of the great man, is fond of saying, when mentioning Sir Johnson Parker, "vox et prætera nihil." But Sniggers is not only jealous, but wrong, and we need pay no attention to his remarks, for despite all the Sniggers in the world, Sir Johnson Parker flourishes, his advice is eagerly sought, his prescriptions rigidly followed. Perhaps one of the reasons why he is so popular is that he never gives a second opinion, and seldom says more than is absolutely necessary, and we all like precision and authority.

So having obtained some circular notes (good ones), our esteemed friend and brother started for Schwallbach, with the wife of his bosom, who always went with her husband, very properly, everywhere. Bro. Potter is an Englishman and a famous citizen of Bulldom, and when he obeyed his doctor, he did what a great many patients have done, and always will do, he growled at the prescription. If Sir Johnson Parker had known of the rebellious spirit, he would probably have said, "No, Sir, I do not expect my patients to like my prescriptions; but then, sir, my patients are not wise, and I know what is better for them than they know themselves, I do, Sir."

Accordingly nothing suited Bro. Potter at Schwallbach. He did not like his room, he did not like the life, he did not like his food, he did not like the water he had to drink, and he was always sulky at the table d'hôte. A remarkable contrast to his amiable wife, always pleased and pleasing. He did not like the enthusiastic Frenchman after his first bath, say very jauntily "On devient ici Monsieur, amoureux de soi même." No, indeed, but he staid his time, grumbling to the last. His frame of mind exactly resembles that of his old friend, Bro. Pottleton, who after his first mud bath at Wildbad, said to his affectionate sister, "A mud bath! Why have they sent us all this way for a mud bath. If mud would do, why should I ever have left the banks of the Thames, where there is plenty of mud, and the finest mud in the world?"

Oh, incomparable Briton! How strange and yet how childish, Mrs. Balasso often remarks, are the "cater-waulings of humanity!"

When Bro. Potter returned to England, he was a great deal better, ungrateful mortal that he is, and impressed



all his friends with the elasticity of his gait, and the uprightness of his figure. No doubt when we read over his eloquent harangues, admirably reported in the *Freemason*, we shall feel persuaded that he has taken a "new lease of life."

Yet still he is not, after all, as thankful to Sir Johnson Parker as he ought to be, and still talks of the "expense he has been put to," and the bad food he has had to put up with. Perhaps Sir Johnson Parker remembered Abernethy's famous reply to his patient, "There is nothing the matter with you,—Eat less—drink less; go!"

And no doubt Sir Johnson Parker was right. Do we not often all of us behave very ill to our medical advisers? We take their advice, we get better, but we don't thank them. Yes, we are mostly wrong, and they are always right. But it is an "ungrateful world," my Masters!

#### SLIGHT SCIENCE FOR LEISURE HOURS.

By OUR V.P.C.

New Series; Book 1, No. 2, Part 2.

Science may seem a Slight, or "Light" thing (which ever you please, Mr. Proctor), but I can assure my learned and fair readers I do not find it so—my experience has been that it's quite true, as the Pope says, that

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,"

though why he should go on to counsel us to "drink deep" I can't conceive—anyhow it brought about terrible consequences to me did this advice when followed by "the Professor."

Our little supper ended and the table cleared away, the Professor's bag was opened, and its contents turned out for use. The first things brought to light were apparently some large poultices, a couple of which were soon put on the Professor's hands and mine, to my great delight, for I remembered the terrible tingling inflicted by the electric bath of my former friend, the Lecturer.

"First experiment in Science," said Jones, placing me in front of the Professor. "Guard," cried he. "Where?" said I, turning towards the window and expecting to see that obliging functionary connected with the newly-opened railway, of which we, of Mudford-on-Spree, are very proud to be "The Terminus;" although Jones does irreverently remark that there is small credit to us for being it, as one single yard further would be quite out of the world;—just as I turned my head the shock (of what kind I can't to this moment conceive) took effect full on the bridge of my nose and both eyes, whilst a second in the mouth completely stifled in its birth the cry of surprise with which I greeted the first; I remember nothing more than a vague sensation of flying through space, accompanied by noises in my ears like falling furniture and smashing crockery, until I was roused by the by-no-means sympathetic queries of Mrs. P. Pry-Smith, enquiring, "What next? I wonder, Sir!" and "Who next, will you be pleased to be entertaining in my house in my absence? The lesson was over and my friends gone, and there was nothing for it, in my shaken condition, but bed. When I awoke in the morning I found that the effect of these shocks had been to completely alter my physiognomy, my lips were like those of a blackamoor, whilst my eyes

"O'erlaid with black, staid wisdom's hue." but, for "wisdom" I must say that I looked a good deal more like Minerva's owl (billed, as poor A.W. used to say), than Minerva herself; whilst, as for my nose, so handsome and, whilom, so penetrating, its bridge resembled Tam O' Shanter's "hour,"—

"O' night's black arch the key-stone;" besides I could hardly see, and could only sorrowfully murmur Shakespeare's lines—

"He that is stricken blind, cannot forget

The precious treasure of his eyesight lost."

Nor was I fully alive to the horror of my situation, until I remembered that it was "G.L." meeting that night and that I had faithfully promised to be present and to send my friend 'The Editor' a full report. I asked Mrs. P. Pry-S. what on earth I must do, but she would only mutter "Shade."

"But, my dear," I said, "It isn't dark, though people say so; light as day, I can assure you."

"—hence, horrible shade, unreal mockery, hence!"

"Yes," said she, with a contemptuous toss of the head, "you very real simpleton."

"Show his eyes, and grieve his heart,

Come like shades, and so depart."

However with true woman's tact she solved the difficulty by going to a drawer and producing a "Shade," a sort of cowl of a greenish—grassish hue, like those things our fair (?) sisters used to wear at Margate—miniature bathing-machine hoods; "here," said she "is the only thing I know of to make you decent," whilst she maliciously added, "you need not mind the effect for it matches your complexion to a T;" I suppose she alluded to the kind from which I like my afternoon beverage brewed.

The bother that confounded thing was to me to be sure; in the street I was assailed with shouts of "bullo! there's a walking billiard-light," &c., until I reached the entrance hall, when I heard somebody audibly quote—

"He walks in beauty, like the night

Of cloudless climes and starry skies;

And all that's best of dark and bright

Meets in his aspect and his eyes,"

The climax of my misery was reached, when a wretched Scrutiner declined to let me pass on the ground "that a h— was not a part of the furniture of "G.L.," having his objection on the ground that none could be "made" there; "least of all greenhorns" I think I heard him mutter; and then he must needs go on to demonstrate the unfitness of the thing in England on account of the colour. However, Jones was luckily at hand, and got me

out of the difficulty, explaining that I had met with an accident in the pursuit of "Science."

As to the proceedings I do not know that I can add much to the other fellow's report only to notice a point taken up since by a distinguished brother and friend of mine about no time being given for a discussion upon the thousand guinea vote. Now, in the first place, the Acting G.M. was uncommonly fair and patient of discussion, for he certainly let one brother wander considerably beyond the point, in going into the discussion of a certain question instead of confining himself merely to its adjournment; but as to halving the thousand, I should like to have seen any brother try to have moved it; why the hall resounded with cries of "Two! Two!" whilst, as the hands went up for the vote, a perfect shout of "ALL!" rent the air, followed by clapping "loud and long." I don't think I shall say more now, for I've nothing more to say, save that

"As my nature's been subdued

By the Professor's, like to dyer's hand"

(Of which I will give a full and true report soon), I mean to go to no more Professors, but to Nature herself for

— "Nature never did betray

The heart that loved her; nor plant her hand

Upon the countenance, and change its hue

From verdant lily, to the patent black

Of jettiest coal."

[O.P.D., with his usual audacity, has queried my quotations, but I challenge him to find them. When the poor ignoramus has done that, I will prove them to be as his friend of the Telegraphs' would say, "O.K.."]

#### NEW TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT.

Scarcely a week passes without our having to record some fresh stride made in telegraphy, and it is not too much to say that we are now living in an "electric" age. A century ago we were in a classical mood, comparing every one to Roman, Grecian, and mythological notabilities. The age of steam followed, and though scarcely any mechanical operation of consequence is carried on without its aid, still we are beginning to look even upon steam as a thing that will be sooner or later dispensed with. Gas also is being consumed in two senses, for we have signs that other media will be found to afford us illumination, which when compared with gas will be as between the light in the old tinder-box age, and that of the period when gasometers towered to the skies. But electricity is the rising feature of Civilization. Though its properties have long been known, and, though Franklin's discoveries were considered to be in his time marvellous, people rested content with knowing what electricity was, and confining its use to amusing and instructive experiments. Bye-and-bye the wondrous art and mystery of telegraphy sprang up, and the practical uses of the subtle fluid began to be found out and applied as means of communication between distant parts, and with what success we need not mention. It is, however certain that the electric current will not be confined to the conveying of messages only. The many ways in which its power of signalling can be utilised show that in future years it will be one of the most useful acquisitions of life. At the present time the amount of usefulness the electric telegraph is to the world at large cannot be estimated, and so long as we have modern Franklins and Newtons devoting their lives in penetrating the vast depths of incalculable mystery which surrounds their researches, and the progressive result of whose labours leads us to look upon them as great public benefactors, we shall find no end to the application of electricity for meeting our requirements in the advancement of civilisation. For exchanging ideas and general business intercourse with the most distant parts of the earth we have our cables, for regulating our immense traffic of living freights on railways we have our land lines, to render the movements of an enemy at a distance exposed to our view, we have our electric lights, for domestic and general business purposes, we have electric bells and indicators, and to add to these we have now an entirely new and novel instrument, not for numbering our days, but for giving us correct time by which we can arrange our various duties of this life. This instrument, the invention of Mr. F. R. Francis, F.S.A., Member of the Telegraph Engineers Society, has been introduced for the purpose of receiving the "Greenwich Time Signal," which is sent every morning to the various telegraph stations, and offices of private firms. Hitherto the passage of the time signal current along the wires gives no other indication of its presence than a deflection of the needle on the single needle instrument, and corresponding movements on the alphabetical instrument, and of the armature of the Morse printer at 10.0 a.m., so that unless a sharp look-out be kept, and the eye constantly on the instrument, the actual time is not taken, and consequently left for another day, when possibly from the same cause the inconvenience is repeated. In the new instrument, however, no excuse can be dredged for inattention, and the chance of losing the time signal is wholly removed, as at the moment the current is sent a bell rings, and continues to ring so long as the current is passing. In order to make the working of this new instrument more clearly understood, we will endeavour to explain its construction. The index needle, in other words the needle of the galvanometer which is the principal part of this invention, when deflected, presses against a small spring tipped with platinum, fitted to the stops on the dial, which are perfectly insulated from the dial plate, and by this contact the galvanometer forms itself into a "relay," and puts a local battery in circuit with the bell, which is also a portion of the one instrument or apparatus, so that the instant the first part of the time signal is given or sent, the needle of this little instrument is deflected, and at the same moment the bell rings, when attention to the time is at once arrested. The

time allowed for the Greenwich Time Signal, and during which the transmission of messages is suspended, is two minutes. It should also be mentioned that the resistance to the line is intended to be inserted only during the time set apart for the time signal, as by means of what is generally termed a "Switch," the instrument is put in and out of circuit at will, and if desired takes the place of the message instrument for the time being, thus avoiding any additional resistance, and however feeble the current may be the galvanometer of this new instrument is so sensitive that a deflection of its needle is absolutely certain. To us the simplicity and importance of the invention seem to indicate that almost every Telegraph station in the United Kingdom should be furnished with one, and especially the offices of private firms, where correct time is of the utmost importance. Moreover we are informed that not only is the instrument capable of doing what has already been stated, but we are further assured it may, with little alteration and few additions, be made to record messages as accurately as now done by the more expensive forms of Morse printing instruments, and the manufacturers, Messrs. Francis & Co., of Hatton-garden, are at present engaged in adapting the instrument to this purpose, which will have the effect of reducing the cost of new recording instruments about one half. Everyone having a telegraph instrument in use should see this newly patented apparatus

#### CONSECRATION OF A NEW WELSH LODGE.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, attended at Townyn, for the purpose of consecrating the Corbet Lodge, No. 1583, the warrant of consecration having been granted last year. The following are the first officers of the new lodge, as far as they have been appointed, one or two remaining still to be filled:—Bros. C. Elliott, W.M.; J. Foulkes Jones, S.W.; Rupert G. Kettle, J.W.; — Page, S.D.; Edward Pughe, J.D.; W. R. Davis, Treasurer. For the present the Senior Warden will also act as Secretary. Before the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed a resolution was passed concerning the famine in India, the R.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Bulkeley Hughes proposed, and the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. J. P. White seconded, that £50 should be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge towards the relief of the sufferers from famine in India. No previous notice of this had been given, but the Prov. Grand Master, under the by-laws, has a right to sanction such a motion in case of emergency, and of course, was only too happy to do it. The proceedings closed shortly before five o'clock, when the brethren sat down to a most excellent dinner at the Corbet Arms Hotel. —*Cambrian News.*

#### Obituary.

MR. MEREDYTH THOMAS.

We deeply sympathize with our esteemed Bro. James Lewis Thomas, P.M., P.Z., Junior Grand Warden of Mid-dlesex, in the most severe and irreparable loss he has sustained in the sudden death of his sole surviving brother after a few hours' illness. Though Mr. Meredyth Thomas was not a member of our Order, we do not think the insertion of this notice inappropriate, as he was such a noble hearted, single-minded fellow, who would have made a splendid Mason, he being one of those men who are, we regret to say, few and far between, thoroughly unselfish, and only happy when sacrificing himself to do others a kindness.

We extract the following from our contemporary, the *Brecon County Times*:—

"It is our painful duty to record the demise of our talented townsman, Mr. H. Meredyth Thomas, sculptor, the brother of our late distinguished countryman, John Evan Thomas, Esq., whose genius has enriched the principality with his works of art. This sad event was the result of apoplexy after a few hours' illness, and took place at his residence, 58, Buckingham Palace-road, London, on the 7th inst., at the early age of 58. He was the associate of his brother for upwards of 30 years, and during that time assisted him in all the great works which proceeded from his studio. Early in life he became a prize medallist student of the Royal Academy for his accurate models from the antique, which laid the foundation of that purity and truth of style which distinguished his works, and would have given him a prominent place amongst his contemporaries in the art, had he chosen to strike out a separate path from that of his brother. Of late years, and especially since his brother's death, he has devoted himself to ideal works and medallion portraiture, and in the latter work he will be long remembered among the charming circle who congregate at Llanover to enjoy the hospitality of its noble and bountiful lady, whose name is identified with the prosperity of Wales and Welsh institutions, for there are few among her guests whose features have not been transferred by him to "imperishable marble." He was an ardent and appreciative student of history, poetry, and elegant literature, and his retentive memory enabled him to delight his associates for hours with the beauties of Shakespeare, Goldsmith, Byron, Macaulay, and the other giants of our classical English literature. It may be truly said he has left a gap behind him which it will be difficult to fill.

"A sole surviving brother—Mr. James L. Thomas—mourns the loss of such a gifted relative. The news of Mr. Meredyth Thomas's death was received with the deepest feelings of regret by those friends and acquaintances in his native town, who knew how to appreciate one who had been endowed by nature with such rich and sterling qualities."



### THE SURREY MASONIC HALL COMPANY LIMITED.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHANCERY DIVISION,  
SEPT., 20TH. ROLLS COURT.  
(Before Mr. Justice Fry, Vacation Judge).

Mr. Harvey applied for an order to compulsorily wind up the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, limited. He said the matter first came before the Court on the 14th day of April last. It was ordered to stand over on two occasions, and then to stand over generally, in order that terms might be arranged. Terms, however, had not been arranged, and he now applied on the ground that the sheriff had given notice of his intention to sell the fixtures of the Hall.

Mr. Stott said he appeared on behalf of a great majority of the creditors, who opposed on the ground that the Company had given notice of an extraordinary resolution, for Thursday next, to wind up the Company voluntarily. If that were done much expense would be saved; and the assets were very small, and the debts very considerable.

His Lordship: Will you pay the petitioners and wind it up yourselves?

Mr. Stott: We do not pay them at all.

His Lordship: You do not deny the petitioner might so wind up?

Mr. Stott: No.

His Lordship: What amount do you represent, Mr. Harvey?

Mr. Harvey: One creditor for £3945, and another for £500.

His Lordship: And you, Mr. Stott?

Mr. Stott: £650.

His Lordship: How do you make out that to be a majority?

Mr. Stott: A majority of numbers. Mr. Harvey represents two creditors and I represent 8. It is our opinion that we shall save money if the company is wound up voluntarily.

Mr. Harvey said he thought that if the Company were wound up by the Court that it would be less expensive.

His Lordship: The petitioner's claim is a very large and substantial one, and your interest, Mr. Stott, is very small.

Mr. Stott said the petitioner was the purchaser of the hall at the sale by auction. If the petitioner did not wish to have the seats, gas fittings, and other fixtures removed he would pay out the sheriff. The only reason why he argued against the compulsory winding up was that although his claims were small he would rather have 2s. 6d. in the £1 than 6d. Eight of the creditors thought it would be much less expensive to wind the Company up voluntarily, and they would therefore get a better dividend. On the ground of expense and on the ground that eight of the creditors had come to the opinion that it would be better to voluntarily wind up the Company, he asked his lordship to postpone making any order until they saw whether the resolution to wind up voluntarily was carried.

His lordship said he would not take that course. There would be the usual order for winding up the Company, and the usual order as to costs.

### CRICKET.

#### MASONIC INSTITUTION V. GROCER'S COMPANY.

The above match was played on Saturday last, on the Alexandra Palace ground, in weather particularly suited to cricket, although earlier in the day the clouds looked most threatening, and the weather overcast; in fact, anything but a fit prelude to a day's cricket. The two elevens arrived on the ground at 2 p.m., and stumps were immediately pitched on a splendidly level wicket, although, perhaps, slightly slow.

The Masonic eleven, having won the toss, decided to put their opponents in, to the bowling of Mr. Gardner (A.K.C.) and Scurr.

The wickets, as may be seen from the subjoined score, fell rapidly, Mr. Gardner upsetting three wickets with three consecutive balls. Oram, who carried out his bat for eight, was the only one who made anything like a stand against the bowling.

With a few minutes' intermission the M.C.C. commenced batting with Mr. Gardner and Sessions, when both batsmen began to hitting freely, Sessions making some pretty cuts; but after making eleven out of twenty-nine, he was bowled by a shooter from Oram; letting in Godsmark, who, unfortunately, went out at a like ball from the same bowler, and paid for his temerity; two for forty-one, of which Mr. Gardner had made twenty-five. W. Davies now came in, but failed to score, being followed by Scurr.

At this point the bowling was completely mastered, as Scurr showed some very fine defence, while his partner went on apace, until Mr. Matthews dismissed him with a shooter, he having been at the wickets one hour and thirty-five minutes for sixty-nine runs; four for 123.

Clemence followed Mr. Gardner, but made no stand. J. B. White commenced in good form, and rapidly put on twelve, when he was caught in the slips off Mr. Matthews, and made room for Ellis, who fell to Mr. Matthews. Wellington was Scurr's next partner, but here Scurr collapsed, being bowled by a slow, after playing a most careful innings of twenty-six.

The bowling here was rather slack, as Wellington showed by the way in which he punished it, to the tune of one five, two fours, seven threes, &c. Wellington saw Nutman and H. Wood retire, the latter having scored fifteen in a very short time, and at last carried out his bat for an excellent not out innings of sixty-five.

Thus the score was brought up to 231. For the visitors Oram and Mr. Matthews bowled well, and for the M.C.C. Mr. Gardner and Scurr.

The score is subjoined:—

MASONIC CRICKET CLUB.	
Mr. Gardner, b. Mr. Matthews	69
Sessions, b. Oram	11
Godsmark, b. Oram	6
W. Davies, ct. H. Turner, b. Oram	0
Scurr (Capt.), b. Mr. Matthews	26
Clemence, b. Oram	1
B. White, ct. Grimbley, b. Mr. Matthews	13
Ellis, ct. and b. Mr. Matthews	1
Wellington, not out	65
Nutman, ct. F. Turner, b. Oram	3
H. Wood, b. Mr. Matthews	15
Extras	22
Total	231

GROCERS' CRICKET CLUB.	
Mr. Matthews, b. Mr. Gardner	4
H. Turner, ct. Wellington, b. Scurr	0
E. Oram not out	8
Thompson (Capt.), b. Mr. Gardner	0
Phillips, b. Mr. Gardner	0
Clemmings, ct. Godsmark, b. Scurr	2
Horncastle, ct. Nutman, b. Scurr	0
Thornett, b. Scurr	0
F. Turner, ct. Wellington, b. Scurr	0
Grimbley, b. Mr. Gardner	1
Newman, b. Scurr	0
Extras	9
Total	24

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
MASONIC CRICKET CLUB.	
Wides.	Runs. Wickets. Maidens. Overs.
Mr. Gardner ... 0	5 ... 4 ... 4 ... 8
Scurr ... 3	10 ... 6 ... 1 ... 7.5
GROCERS' CRICKET CLUB.	
Mr. Matthews	0 ... 100 ... 5 ... 3 ... 24.2
Oram	2 ... 90 ... 5 ... 5 ... 25
H. Turner	3 ... 10 ... 0 ... 0 ... 2
F. Turner	1 ... 9 ... 0 ... 0 ... 2

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, September 28, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.**  
Lodge 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H. Camberwell.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.**  
Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, at 6.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.**  
Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 186, Industry, 2, Westminster Chhrs., Victoria-st.  
" 1151, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
slington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.**  
Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wd.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 830, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.

R.C.C. 15, St. Andrews, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, N.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**  
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Shareholders' Meeting, Surrey Masonic Hall, at 6 p.m.  
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 766, Wm. Preston, Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.  
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot, Stratford.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock H., Albion-rd.E.  
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.  
R.A.C. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark Lodge, 118, Northumberland, M.H., M. Avenue.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Kbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
House Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
Encampment 6, St. Georges, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.**  
Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
" 1602, Sir Hugh Middleton, Agricultural Hall.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 29, 1877

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.**  
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.**  
Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool, (Installation).  
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.  
Chap. 781, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.**  
Lodge 32, R. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H. Lytham.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Lodge 732, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**  
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton St., Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.**  
Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.



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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 17th inst., and was fully attended. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Daniel Trusler, and the following officers and brethren were present, viz., Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; W. R. Sheadd, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M.; Thos. Poore, P.M. and Sec.; W. Smith, J.D.; W. McMurray, I.G.; E. Mitchell, W.S.; W. Steedman, Tyler; also Bros. Blogg, Whittaker, Lilley, Lambert, Pascall, King, Richardson, Green, Ash, Treves, Wiltshire, Sanders, Kerr, &c., and visitors from Kurrachee, India; Bros. R. Duncan, P.M. Hope Lodge, 350, and John Berrie, P.M., Harmony Lodge, 485. Minutes of previous lodge and emergency having been confirmed, the W.M. announced the resignation of the Senior Deacon, and appointed and invested Bros. W. Smith, S.D.; McMurray, J.D.; E. Mitchell, I.G.; C. A. Blogg, Organist; and G. Lambert, Steward. Mr. George Mulley was introduced and initiated into the Order. Bro. Ash was passed to the Second Degree. Propositions of candidates for initiation were taken, and motions were carried unanimously in favour of the reporting of lodge proceedings from time to time; of thanks to the J.W. for restoration of the lodge jewels and ornaments, and of an outlay for more effectively providing musical accompaniment for the ceremonies. The distinguished visitors from India having expressed their satisfaction with the only English working they had yet seen, and complimented the lodge on its proficiency, the lodge was closed in due form, and a frugal repast followed the labours of the evening.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—A meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on the 19th inst. Considering that this was the most important meeting of the year, the installation of Bro. H. R. Jones as W.M., the attendance of brethren and visitors was not so numerous as might have been expected. The following were present: Bros. H. R. Jones, S.W.; W. A. Morgan, J.W.; H. Wilson, Treas.; J. Frost, Sec.; A. N. Newens, S.D.; A. B. Walker, J.D.; F. W. Wardroper, D.C.; W. J. Huntley, I.G.; and J. J. Holland, W.S.; R. Walker, S. C. Landon, R. Neal, F. Knippter, W. Springett, G. Clark, G. H. Smith, and A. A. Denham. Amongst the Past Masters were Bros. Boddy, F. H. Newens, G. Howick, J. G. Carter, J. G. Kewney, and C. W. Gray. The visitors were Bros. C. Digby, No. 933; Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, No. 4; and F. Reed. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. R. Walker was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Boddy being in the W.M.'s chair, while the other positions in the lodge were filled by Bros. H. R. Jones, S.W.; J. G. Kewney, J.W.; A. N. Newens, S.D.; and A. B. Walker as J.D. Bro. H. Jones was then impressively installed into the chair of W.M., Bro. Past Master Boddy, as Installing Master, calling forth the admiration of the brethren by the manner in which he performed the elaborate and solemn ritual. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Wilson, Treas.; John Frost, Sec.; W. A. Morgan, S.W.; A. N. Newens, J.W.; A. B. Walker, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; F. W. Wardroper, W.S.; S. C. Landon, D.C.; and S. Stead, Tyler. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. P. Cooke, the retiring W.M., regretting his absence on account of illness, and congratulating the W.M. elect. A letter was also read from Bro. J. J. Limebeer, Sec. to Mount Edgcombe, No. 1446, and stating that Bro. A. A. Denham was duly raised to the degree of M.M. at that lodge on June 9. Bro. Gray said he thought that a vote of thanks was certainly due to Bro. Boddy for the efficient way in which he had carried out the ceremony of installing Bro. Jones into the chair. He should move that a vote of thanks be accorded Bro. Boddy, and that it be entered upon the minutes. Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M., seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. Bro. Wilson gave notice of motion of an alteration in No. 3 bye-law, and Bro. C. W. Gray also said that he should move at the next meeting "That the consent of the Wandsworth, 1044, be given to the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter, to be attached to the lodge." The brethren then retired to the banquet, which was served in elaborate style by the host, Bro. Dougherty. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that the loyalty of Masons was founded on a just appreciation of Her Majesty's virtues and moral qualities; and he could assert, without fear of contradiction, that no one had greater respect and love for the Queen than

Masonic brethren. (Hear, hear.) He trusted they would have the pleasure of drinking her health for many, many years. (Applause.) The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," together with "The Deputy Grand Master." The W.M. spoke of the advantage that accrued to Masonry from having so generous a brother—and there was not one kinder hearted—as the Prince of Wales. That he possessed many amiable and excellent qualities no one could deny. (Hear, hear.) The toast was heartily drunk with Masonic honours. Other toasts having been given and responded to (including that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Boddy"), the W.M. proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Charles Digby. Bro. Digby replied in appropriate terms, thanking the brethren for the hearty way in which the health of the visitors had been received. He was sure that with Bro. Jones as W.M., the "working" of the Wandsworth, 1044, will excite the admiration of all true brethren of the Craft. (Applause.) The brethren soon afterwards separated, having enjoyed a thoroughly happy evening.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1489).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. There were present Bros. W. J. Murlis, W.M.; S. Smout, sen., acting S.W.; S. Parkhouse, J.W.; Rev. D. Reade, Chap.; W. Stephens, Treas.; J. Rushman, Sec.; Savage, acting S.D.; Michael, J.D.; Smout, jun., I.G. Visitors: Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; Colonel Ratcliffe, P.G. Steward; Lott, P. Prov. G.S.W. Jersey; Watts, P.M. 194; Baron Tottenborne, 943; Handover, P.M. 144; Sir C. Dilke, 834; Webster, 507; Kelly, 834; Dowling, 167; Thompson, P.M. 834. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency read and confirmed. Bros. Collett, Newland, Whittaker, Lander, and Lichwits were then severally raised to the Third Degree by P.M. W. Stephens. The candidates for passing and initiation, like many of the officers, were absent from town, and, therefore, these ceremonies were dispensed with. This being the annual meeting for election, Bro. George Penn, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. Stephens re-elected Treasurer; and Schofield, Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Linscott, at which the W.M. presided in his usual genial manner. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Buss responded for "The Grand Officers," Sir Charles Dilke, Colonel Ratcliffe, and others for "The Visitors," that of "The W.M." was proposed by P.M. Stephens, and most enthusiastically received. Bro. Murlis, in response, took the opportunity to thank the officers for their valuable support during his year of office. It was his last time to preside at the banquet table, and he could not leave without drawing their attention to the unusual and gratifying position of the lodge at the present time; all debts and charges were paid, and £50 remained in the Treasurer's hands. This augurs well for the future prosperity of the lodge. They were much indebted to one of their members who had been most indefatigable and painstaking in connection with the inauguration and organisation of the lodge, and certainly deserved great credit for a large share of its success. The Rev. Darby Reade, Chaplain; W. Stephens, Treasurer; and Pushman, Secretary, replied for "The Officers," and the Rev. P.M. Holden for "The Honorary Members." This very pleasant meeting was then brought to a close with the usual Tyler's toast.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The first installation meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, (Bro. Butt's), on the 20th inst., Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., W.M., presiding. The W.M. raised Bros. E. E. Crombie, W. C. Watts, J. Bartlett, and G. Whitcombe. He also passed Bros. S. Craddock, H. Roffey, 1326, and R. R. Pooley, 1326, and initiated Messrs. Wm. McCluer Butt (son of Bro. Butt, the proprietor of the hotel), C. O. Pook (son of the late Bro. H. Pook), J. Chapman, and C. Goodwin. Afterwards Bro. Smith installed Bro. Thos. Wm. Adams, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The officers appointed were G. S. Elliott, S.W.; J. J. Howes, P.M.; J. W. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. Johnson, S.D.; G. S. Wintle, P.M.; J. D. A. Black, W.M. 1867, I.G.; W. Pennefather, P.M.D.C.; W. Malkhouse, W.S.; T. McCluer Butt, Steward; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a very nice banquet provided by Bro. Butt, and besides the brethren named above the following brethren partook of the hospitality of the lodge:—Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; (W. Ough, P.G.P., is a member) J. Mason, P.G.S.D. Middlesex; R. W. Williams, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, W.M. 1275; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423; H. F. Green, P.M. 1273, &c.; Louis Beck, W.M. 1687, &c.; H. Roberts, P.M. 79; E. Gilbert, P.M. 1326; C. W. Fox, W.M. 1326; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); M. Clark, 1423; J. H. Pearson, 1423; A. M. Thomas, P.M. 1446; W. Howard, 49; R. Paige, S.W. 421, and some few others. When the banquet had been disposed of, grace having been read, the usual toasts were proposed, those of "The Queen," "The Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master," &c., receiving the customary hearty reception. Bro. Hyde Pullen responding for the Grand Officers, Bro. Joseph Smith proposed "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he said he had had the pleasure and gratification of installing Bro. Adams in the chair, who as a young Mason was not in the position of some of the old stagers present who had occupied that post before. The brethren would make every allowance for a W.M. who occupied the chair for the first time, who generally was rather bashful. When a W.M. was going out of the chair it usually happened that he was just getting used to his work and would

like to carry it on a little longer. It was so with himself, but he had the honour of being elected a second year; but then that was at a time when there was not so much talent to be found in the ranks of Freemasonry as was the case now. They did not hear of such a thing now as a Master being elected two years in succession, and it was a good thing that it was so. Installation day was a great day of the year in Freemasonry. It was like Lord Mayor's day, the great epoch in the W.M.'s life. It was a happy thing that the W.M. gained his position by the unanimous vote of the brethren. But the brethren must remember that one other thing was wanted by the W.M.: their cordial support while he was in the chair, and if he had it he would have a very happy year. It was in the brethren's power to make it so. Some Masters said at the end of their year that they were happy that their year was over. When such an occurrence took place he (Bro. Smith), always said that those Masters had not done their duty. Good Masters were sorry to leave the chair, although at the same time they were glad to see another brother exalted to the position which they had occupied. The W.M. of the West Smithfield Lodge was very anxious to do his duty; he did not believe any brother was more anxious in that respect. As far as his ability went he would not fail, though he might be a little nervous. Let the brethren supporting him take him by the right hand and work harmoniously together. As far as he (Bro. Smith), was concerned, nothing would be wanting on his part to give him assistance. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. replied. The advancement to the W.M. chair was a great honour, and he was extremely obliged to the brethren for having advanced him to that position. He would never abuse the trust reposed in him, but would be a faithful Master of the lodge. He was only a young Mason and was not perfect; but he trusted that the brethren would pass over any defect on his part, and assist him as much as they could. At the end of the year he trusted he should have the pleasure of hearing that the brethren had worked with love and harmony, and made it a happy year. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Joseph Smith," and called the brethren's attention to the fact that at the last meeting a sum of 30 guineas was voted to present Bro. Smith with a testimonial of their admiration of his performance of his duties. That testimonial had taken the form of a diamond ring, and it was that testimonial which he (the W.M.) now had the pleasure of presenting to Bro. Smith. (Cheers.) Bro. Joseph Smith, in acknowledging the toast and testimonial, said it had been a great pleasure to him to be the first W.M. of the West Smithfield Lodge. He had done his best for its prosperity, and he was proud to say the lodge had been a very great success. He could not at the moment say how many Masons they had made in the course of 12 months; but this was the ninth lodge of which he had been the first W.M., and every one of those lodges was doing well. This was very gratifying to him, because it showed that he had not been wrong in taking the part he had taken in the formation of those lodges. He would tell the brethren why he was anxious for new lodges. They knew well that if men were initiated in large lodges they could not possibly get to the chair until they had been some seven years a Mason. Very often in that time their zeal got cold, and he did not like the seal of ambitious Masons to get cold. Old Masons then should take the ambitious young Masons by the hand, and if they found they could be useful in starting new lodges, they should do so. When he entered Masonry, forty years ago, it was in a very different position to what it was in now. Almost every respectable gentleman in the outer world now desired to be a Mason. Masonry was progressing, and it would progress while Grand Lodge voted such large sums of money for benevolent purposes. Look at the last Grand Lodge. £1365 was voted towards the Indian Famine Fund and other funds not connected with the Craft. When that was done it was clear that Masonry was something more than a name. Hence it was the outer world thought there was more in it than they understood. Passing from this, the position of the West Smithfield Lodge, he must say, was a very happy one. The compliment which had been paid to him, showed that in the brethren's view he had done his duty. He hoped that as long as he should be spared the brethren would find him in his position the same as if he was the W.M. It would be his pleasure as well as his object to render every assistance he could to the Master and to all the officers. They would not go wrong if they acted upon his advice. One other point. He was the father of this lodge, and he would be pleased and not affronted if they called him the "Old Governor." But let them take the old Governor's advice. Masonry was progressing very fast. With the increase in Masonry they were increasing their responsibility. It was very natural for young Masters to make all the Masons they could. He had often heard Masters asked how many Masons they made in their years of office. Now, it was a great horror to him to hear such a question, because he was afraid it showed that they did not look so much to the quality as to the quantity. His advice was—Do not introduce any gentleman into this lodge whose antecedents they were not thoroughly acquainted with, for if they did they would bring discredit on the whole body. They should not look so much to numbers as to the position in society of the men they introduced. He had heard an old Mason say in Grand Lodge, that Masonry was a luxury, and no man ought to go into Masonry unless he was able to carry it out. They were not bound to go into it, but there was no society they could go into where they met such a respectable body. A son of Sir Sydney Waterlow wanted to become a Mason, but his father objected to it. The son went abroad, and he very much regretted that he was not a Mason. The moment he came home he was made a Mason, and the reason he did so was that he saw when abroad how Masonry was



carried out there. If a man only showed he was an English Mason he was received with open arms, and was introduced into society which he was not likely to enter otherwise. Bro. Smith concluded by showing that Masonry was not a benefit society, and impressing upon the brethren the duty of setting their faces against any such incorrect notion. The toast of "The Visitors" and "The Officers" having been duly honoured and responded to, Bro. Joseph Smith gave "The Secretary (Bro. Walters), the Host (Bro. Butt), and the Press (Bro. Massey)." He eulogised Bro. Walters for his efforts on behalf of Freemasonry, and stated that he always felt a pleasure in taking the office of Treasurer when he found Bro. Walters was the Secretary. Of the host, Bro. Butt, he said the brethren were very fortunate in meeting under his roof, because Bro. Butt was always most anxious to do the best he could for them, and was not governed by the principle of seeing how much he could get out of them. Concerning the press, Bro. Smith said he was as a rule opposed to the presence of reporters, more particularly in Masonry; but he had always felt a pleasure in seeing the *Freemason* represented, because the brethren who reported for that publication observed a discretion in their reports which rendered their work satisfactory to the Craft. Bros. F. Walters, Butt, and Massey replied, and shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

**HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).**—The third regular meeting of this prosperous new lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Prince George Hotel, Park-road, Dalston. Officers present:—Bros. H. Muggeridge, W.M.; F. Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; H. Johns, J.D.; and the following brethren:—Bros. Sack, Dyer, Clark, Crichton, Brown, Stampfer, Haines, Arnold, and others. The visitors were Bros. Thomas White, P.M. 22; C. Lorkin (Duke of Connaught Lodge); W. M. Wilmshurst, P.M. 81; P. Prov. G.S.B. Suffolk; Geo. Brown, W.M. Upton 1227; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Sack, Dyer, and Brown were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, after which Bros. Clark, Stampfer, Haines, and Arnold were passed. The W.M. appointed Bro. A. Sack Secretary. The lodge was closed, and the members partook of a supper, well served by the worthy host, Bro. Crichton. We were very pleased to see such brotherly love; all seemed to desire to please, and the result was a very jolly evening. The veteran Bro. Henry Muggeridge was as proficient as ever, not only in his working of the lodge, but in his short but effective speech at the table. In response to the toast, of W.M., Bro. Muggeridge gave some excellent advice to young Masons as to the necessity of attention to Masonic duties, advising that a Mason should not take office without he determined to endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of his ability. He advocated that officers should go on by rotation, without some good cause should be shown for deviating from the rule. All Masons could not be stars of first magnitude. Men do not excel in all things, they have different talents—some are clever thinkers and not talkers, and therefore if a Mason is a good man (as he should be) he ought not to be passed over because he cannot work so well as his predecessor. Bro. Muggeridge advised that great care should be taken in the introduction of candidates for Masonry, and no man should be proposed without his worth being known to his introducer and seconder, and then he should be proposed only in open lodge. Bro. Muggeridge said: I also wish to advise young Masons to bear in mind one thing. Lodges are for Masonic duties only, therefore always prevent the lodge becoming a debating club; introduction of other than Masonic subjects for discussion is very wrong. It is done in French lodges, but I trust it will never be allowed in England. I thank Bro. White for speaking so kindly of me in proposing my health, and you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you received it. If I may be allowed I will say how pleased I felt on the opening of the "Stability Lodge of Instruction" at Guildhall Tavern (where we meet every Friday at 6 o'clock precisely), in seeing the majority of the members of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge present for the purpose of joining. I will tell you I was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge in 1839—therefore you will know I have great experience in the working of Masonry. My son (alas! I have no son now) was also initiated in the lodge, and was a past J.W. I little thought that at my time of life I should again be W.M. of a lodge, and that lodge bearing my name. Bro. Francis Fellows was really the founder of the lodge, and entitled to the position of W.M., but that brother would insist on my being the first Master. In conclusion, I can only say that I am grateful for the honours conferred upon me; first, in the lodge bearing my name, and secondly, in being the first Master. I am an old man, in the sere and yellow leaf, and cannot be expected to render much service, but I trust and feel assured the lodge will be a great success and live long after my departure. Let the W.M. look to the comfort of all members, and if anything happens to displease a member let him come at once to me or my successor, and get the matter put right—no petty pique, let us be brothers indeed. You all know Bro. Fellows, who in the ordinary way will be my successor, and what an active Mason he is; therefore the interest of the lodge will be perfectly safe in his hands, and he shall have every assistance from me. The other toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren departed about 11 o'clock, expressing hearty good wishes to each other.

**LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Julius Frank, W.M., in the chair, Jas. Winsor, I.P.M., acting as S.W.; Alexander Barton, J.W.; John Parsons, P.M.; Edw. Johnstone, P.M.; Thos. Sargeant, P.M.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; and about 50 brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M. in solemn form, when three brethren were raised, in a

very able manner. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Sergeant, P.M., that this lodge subscribe the sum of £10 towards the Indian Famine Fund. Likewise a notice of motion was given by Bro. J. Winsor, I.P.M., that By-law 7 be altered, and the W.M. and Treasurer in future be elected in December instead as hitherto in February. Two cases from Lodges 1035 and 1320 were then attended to and relieved. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer. Refreshments were served in the large banqueting room, where the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

**BIRKENHEAD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 537).**—The first meeting of the winter session of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Wednesday, 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. S. Sutton, W.M., when Bro. H. R. C. Dawson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Three gentlemen were also proposed as candidates for initiation at the next meeting in October, and the sum of 20 guineas was devoted to the Liverpool fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Indian Famine. Among the guests present at the lodge and banquet were Bros. W. Horner, P.G.S.W. of West Lancashire; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Secretary; C. Dutton, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire, Schultz, &c., &c.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Lewins Lodge (No. 872).**—The first meeting of this lodge after the summer vacation was held on Monday, the 17th instant. The Third Degree was gone through in a masterly style by the worthy W.M., Bro. W. B. Cowan, in raising Bro. Hogaith, after which Bro. Bell, S.W., presented to the lodge a life-sized portrait of Bro. Salisbury, P.M., who is held in the highest esteem by every member of the lodge for his extreme usefulness, and willingness to assist in all that concerns the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Salisbury, who has past the allotted span of life, is a wonderful man for activity, holding a position which demands his attention from 4 a.m. till late in the evening, which he accomplishes with perfect ease and without the least sign of fatigue, although exposed to all weathers. Bro. Salisbury thoroughly appreciates the honour conferred by placing his portrait in a conspicuous part of the lodge-room, and feelingly replied to the kind expressions of several brethren. The portrait was executed by Bro. Brunton, P.M., of Whitehaven, and was elaborately framed. The lodge was well attended. After labour all adjourned to the banquet-room, and there spent a jovial two hours, which will not be forgotten for some time.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 24th inst. There were present Bros. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Secretary (*Freemason*), in the chair; W. Shilton, P.M., as S.W.; A. Taylor, P.M. 310, Carlisle, as J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist; Dr. Dodgson, P.M., as S.D.; G. Brash, J.D.; W. M'Quhae, Steward; F. R. Sewell, T. Bird, W. Rule, J. Evening, T. C. Robinson, H. Peacock, the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., W. Potts (Tyler), and Dr. Fox, from Lodge 371, Maryport. The lodge having been opened in form, Bro. the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., gave proof of his proficiency, was intrusted, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hoskins, being re-admitted, was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in the chair. Bro. Robinson, P.M., subsequently explained the tracing board, and also delivered the lecture appertaining to the degree, after which the lodge was closed in form.

**WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).**—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, Herts, on Thursday, the 20th September, 1877; Bro. Thomas Reilly, P.P.G.P. Herts, the W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Joseph Tydemann, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Essex, S.W.; Andrew Malcolm, P.P.G.S. Herts, J.W.; Edward West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts, Treasurer; J. K. Young, P.P.A., G.D.C. Herts, P.M. and Secretary; William Gilbert, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Herts; Edward Parker, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; Joseph Gaskell, P.M. 1076; Jacobs, S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Noyes, I.G.; W. Bradstock, W.S.; J. Robinson, W.S.; Steadman, Tyler; W. C. Bradstock, W. F. Cox, J. Kent, J. Sheldon, W. A. Rogers, S. J. Woolley, and M. J. O'Flanagan. Visitor: Bro. Osgathorp. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. Mr. George Holdsworth was initiated, and Bros. O'Flanagan and Woolley were raised. Bro. Joseph Tydemann, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Tydemann thanked the brethren in suitable terms for the honour they had conferred upon him. Bro. Edward West, P.M., &c., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steadman re-elected Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Reilly, the W.M., on his retiring from office in October, for the able manner in which he has filled the office during the past year. Bro. Reilly returned thanks to the lodge in suitable terms for the great kindness that had been shown to him during his year of office. The business of the evening was now brought to a close, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the brethren broke up after spending a very pleasant evening. The installation meeting will be held on Thursday, the 18th proximo.

**STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).**—The last regular meeting of the year of this prosperous young lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Angel and Crown Hotel, Staines. The members present were Bros. F. Kelly, P.P.G. Treas. Middlesex, W.M.; E. Amphlett, S.W.; W. H. Stevens, acting J.W.; J. G. Dunn, S.D.; G. P. Gillard, J.D.; H. F. Bing, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; F. G. Hubbard, A. S. Paterson, J. Wilson, E. Fairlie. Visitors: Bros. C. D. Hume, W.M. 209; P. Bullock, 214; R. Roberts, W.M. 742; and E. Cobbett, 1293. Lodge was opened punctually at three o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. William Cock, with

a favourable result, and that gentleman being in attendance he was duly admitted to the light of Freemasonry. Bro. F. G. Hubbard underwent his examination in a most satisfactory manner, and was advanced to the Second Degree. The time having arrived for the election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, the ballot was declared unanimous in favour of Bro. E. Amphlett, as W.M., J. M. Levick, P.M., as Treasurer, and J. Gilbert, as Tyler. A vote was then passed for the usual P.M.'s jewel to the W.M., Bro. Kelly, and was supplemented by a proposition to present that esteemed brother with a ring, in recognition of his great and valuable services towards the prosperity of the lodge since its consecration. All business being ended, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom with solemn prayer. The usual banquet followed, after which the brethren separated until the next (installation) meeting in March, 1878.

### Royal Arch.

**ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—St. Augustine's Chapter (No. 779).**—The convocation of this chapter was held at the Town Hall, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. Kelly, P.G. Superintendent; Rev. John Denton and H. Etherington Smith, J.P., P.Z.'s; Edward D. Mammatt, H.; W. Carrick Crofts, J.; Walter T. Allen, E.; Edward Faulkner, N.; Henry Blood, A.S., and others. The chapter having been opened, the first business was to install the Principals, the following being the officers elected for the ensuing year: Comps. Mammatt, M.E.Z.; Crofts, H.; Faulkner, J.; Allen, E. and Treasurer; Rev. John Denton (P.Z.), N.; Blood, P.S. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Kelly, the Senior P.Z. of the chapter. A ballot having been taken for two candidates, who were duly elected, and one of whom, Bro. Balmforth, of Lodge No. 779, being in attendance, he was duly exalted, the newly appointed P.S., Comp. Blood, discharging his duties very efficiently, and the other ceremony and lectures of the Order being given by M.E. Comp. Kelly, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his presence and services on the occasion. A vote of condolence with the family of the I.P.Z. of the chapter, Comp. Love, on his recent lamented decease, was adopted, and a copy of which was ordered to be transmitted to the family, he having been a man greatly respected, a very zealous Mason and P.P.G.S.W. The chapter was then closed.

### Knights Templar.

**PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF WEST YORKSHIRE.** The De Furnival Preceptory met on Friday, the 21st inst., at four o'clock p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, when there were present Sir Knights W. Roddewig, P.P., as Preceptor; S. B. Ellis, Marshal; H. J. Garnett, P.P., Treas. and Registrar; T. Collinson, as Captain of the Lines; P. P's. Sir Knights E. Drury, R. Arnison, and W. H. Brittain, and several other Sir Knights. Comp. the Rev. Fielding Arthur Wolfe Hamilton Gell, M.A., Mus. Bac., was admitted and duly installed a Knight of the Order. Sir Knight S. B. Ellis was duly elected as Em. Preceptor for the ensuing year; Sir Knight Garnett was re-elected Treasurer; Comp. George Wilkinson was re-elected Serving Frater. The Provincial Prior of West Yorkshire, V.E. Sir Knight John Fisher, and his officers were then received under the Arch of Steel, when the Provincial Priory of West Yorkshire was duly opened in ample form. The muster roll was called. Amongst those present we noticed the following Sir Knights—Thos. Hill, Sub-Prior of West Yorkshire; Isaac Booth, Prov. Chancellor; Thos. Perkinson, and many others. The minutes of the Provincial Priory held at Bradford were taken as read (having been printed and circulated), and were confirmed. Sir Knight R. Arnison, of Sheffield, was elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The Provincial Prior then proceeded to appoint and invest his Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year. The reports of the bye-laws and clothing committee were adjourned until the next provincial meeting, to be held in Leeds in February, 1878. The Provincial Priory was then duly closed. The De Furnival Preceptory was also duly closed. The Sir Knights then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they partook of tea à la fourchette and other refreshments, to which they were entertained by the members of the De Furnival Preceptory. The usual toasts were given and duly honoured, there was some capital singing, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting was altogether a most enthusiastic one, and promises well for the future of the Order of the Temple in West Yorkshire. The new hall, and appointments of the Sheffield brethren were much admired. The Provincial Grand (Craft) Lodge met in Sheffield last July, and we understand that the Sheffield brethren have invited the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge to hold early meetings in their new hall, and so go the round of all the Provincial Grand Bodies of West Yorkshire. Their invitation to the Provincial Priory (Knights Templar) seems to have had a very salutary effect on that august body, and we trust that the impetus that has been given may be maintained, in which case the Order of the Temple in West Yorkshire has indeed a brilliant future, for the energy and thoroughness of West Yorkshire Masonry is too well known to require any further comment at our hands. The arrangements of the Sheffield Sir Knights were complete, and deservedly ensured one of the most successful meetings it has ever been our pleasure to record.

### INSTRUCTION.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION**, held at (The Club), 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., met on Monday, the 24th inst., at 6



o'clock, p.m., after the summer vacation. Present Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; H. Wood, S.W.; J. A. Reed, J.W.; C. E. Smith, S.D.; W. J. Banman, J.D.; W. Beard, I.G.; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; also Bros. Edell, 108; E. S. Scott, 1563, acting Preceptor; C. Ward, 1563; Walters, 538; Swaagman, 1563; and other members of lodge and club. The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. Bro. Ward answered the usual questions, and lodge opened in the Second Degree, and passing rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and after the usual questions had been answered, Bro. Shand was raised to the Third Degree. Lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. Three members of the club were unanimously elected members of Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and adjourned until Monday, 8th October, at 6 o'clock p.m.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

Masonry in this ancient Masonic division of the kingdom seems to flourish like the green bay tree, judging from the very large and influential gathering on Thursday, the 20th inst. By command of Bro. the Right Honourable Lord de Tabley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on that date at the Wallacey Concert Hall, Liscard, near Egremont and Birkenhead, to which all P.G. Officers, W.M.'s, P.M.'s, Officers, and M.M.'s in the province were invited. The response was hearty and significant. There was, as is usual on these annually recurring gatherings, a very large assembly of the fraternity to support the P.G.M., who is deservedly popular throughout the length and breadth of the Province of Cheshire.

The day was evidently reckoned quite a gala occasion by the inhabitants of the usually quiet village of Liscard, as there was a profuse display of flags and bunting at various points, and large crowds gathered to witness the unusual display made in connection with the meeting. The P.G. Lodge met under the banner of the Combermere Lodge, No. 605, which meets at Seacombe, and the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, meeting at Egremont. No better or more convenient place could have been found than the Concert Hall. Thanks to the liberality of Bro. S. Williams, the staircases of the hall were beautifully decked with evergreens, and the interior of the large concert room, where the P.G. Lodge met, presented a most striking appearance by reason of a plentiful display of bannerets, crimson cloth, &c., which were tastefully grouped and arranged at various parts of the room. The gathering was probably the largest which has yet been witnessed in connection with the Cheshire Provincial Grand Lodge, and the attendance included a great array of P.G. Officers, Masters, and officers from various parts of the province. The total attendance numbered about 420, the whole of the 39 lodges in the division being represented with one exception (the Southam Lodge, Wilmslow, No. 1054). Some were very numerous, amongst the foremost being the Mersey Lodge, Birkenhead, which sent 63; the Combermere Lodge, Seacombe, 25; the Warren Lodge, Egremont, 52; the Ellesmere Lodge, Runcorn, 14; and the Cestrian Lodge, Chester, 14.

The brethren were summoned to attend at noon, but owing to certain delays connected with the preliminary business, it was about half-past one o'clock before Bro. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M., accompanied by a brilliant array of P.G. Officers, entered and took his seat on the throne. Amongst those who supported Lord De Tabley were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P. G. Secretary W. Lancashire; E. Friend, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O. W. Lancashire; Henry Bulley, Past G.S.B. England; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar, England; R. Worrall, P.P.G.S.B.; Francis Smith, P.G.S. of W.; Jesse Banning, P.P.G.O., Cumberland and Westmoreland; Major Geo. Turner, P. G. Treasurer West Lancashire; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W. W.L.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. N. Wales and Shropshire, J. A. Birch, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Simpson, P.G.S.D.; W. Greatrix, P.P.G.P.; P. Macmildrow, P.G.P. W.L.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; H. Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Marwood, P.G.J.W.; the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Ashworth, P.G.S.W.E.L.; R. Beales, P.P.G.J.W.; G. J. Howard, P.P.G.J.D.; C. Dutton, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.P.G. Chaplain; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.P.G. Chaplain; G. Barlow, P.P.G.O.; E. Cuzner, P.G.O.; F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; G. Burrows, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Johnson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Bowers, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Cooper, P.P.G.P.; J. Siddely, P.G.J.D.; James T. Lea, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. Spratly, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Platt, P.P.G.J.D.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Driscoll, P.G.P. Middlesex; H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.W.L.; T. Wainwright, P.P.G.S.D.; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M., and P.H., 721, P.M. and D.C. 1276; J. Wood, Treas. 1094, W.L. (Freemason); T. Leighton, P.M. and Sec. 605; J. Beech, P.G.P.; S. F. Gosling, P.G.S.; W. Bennett, J.D. 477; J. W. McGee, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Andrews, 1213; J. Clayton, P.M. 89; A. Ogden, P.M. 89; D. Fraser, P.M. and Treas. 477; D. Kinsey, 941; J. W. Johnson, S.D. 1675; E. Davies, P.M. 605; T. Knowles, P.M. 830; J. Ridehalgh, P.M. 1276; T. Gregory, S.D. 605; H. Horspool, S.D. 1094; T. E. Mason, P.M. and Sec. 361; W. Pulford, W.M. 477; C. Birchall, 1547; T. Broadsmith, J.W. 1166; J. F. Spedding, W.M. 323; C. Staley, S.W. 605; H. Ridehalgh, 241; J. Buckley, P.M. 830; C. H. Coates, P.M. 1357; G. H. Kinson, P.M. 1126; W. Jones, S.W. 1276; J. Taylor, W.M. 1276; W. R. Mass, W.M. 758; R. Rigby, P.M. 758; J. Griffiths, P.M. 477; W. Alcock, W.M. 1045; T. Chesworth, W.M. 1576; T. Shaw, W.M. 605; M. McNerney, L.P.M. 605; R. Gracie,

P.M. 477; J. B. Sparks, 216; H. Finch, I.P.M. 104; W. Matthews, W.M. 721; J. J. Cunah, P.M. 721; T. L. Thomas, 425; J. G. Adams, I.P.M. 477; T. Schofield, W.M. 430; W. Harrison, W.M. 380; T. T. Broadbent, P.M. 1430; J. Morris, P.M. and Sec. 461; I. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; Henry Matthews, Hon. Sec. 605; J. Jones, J.W. 605 and S.W. 1576; H. Jackson, P.M. 336; J. Blackhurst, W.M. 979; St. Jones, P.M. and Sec. 477; T. Wilkinson, W.M. 1126; G. S. Furnivall, S.W. 533; W. Shepherd, P.M. 287; J. Gutton, S.W. 477.

The P.G.M. opened the P.G. Lodge according to ancient form, Bro. Horatio Lloyd acting as D.P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, P.G.S.W., and Bro. T. Marwood, P.G.J.W., prayer being offered by Bro. the Rev. Richd. Hodgson, P.P.G.C. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from various P.G. Officers in Cheshire and West Lancashire, and Bro. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec., then read the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at Knutsford.

The P.G.M. (Lord De Tabley) then said it had been his habit at these annual meetings of his Provincial Grand Lodge to address a few words to the brethren on the past, present, and future aspects of Masonry in that province. He could not begin his remarks without expressing his gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for permitting him to meet his brethren again in the Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.) He considered the position in which he stood to them as their P.G.M., looking at the magnificent assembly before him, as one of the proudest which any man could obtain in the Craft. (Applause.) Every lodge, with one exception, was represented, and this showed that the brethren were determined to uphold the sacred principles of the Order. Their attendance that day proved that they felt he was resolved to rule over the Craft fairly, fearlessly, and to the best of his power. (Loud cheers.) It had been said "Happy is the country which has no history," and if such were the case then Masonry in the province of Cheshire was peculiarly happy, because there were very few events of any moment to record as having occurred during the past year. Twelve months since he alluded to the fact that death had taken from their ranks many worthy and good brethren; and he had now to refer to the death of another excellent brother, who had for some time filled the chair of Deputy-Provincial Grand Master—Bro. George Cornwall Leigh, who had always taken the greatest interest in the Craft. The lodges in the province had during the year worked in perfect harmony, with two exceptions. As there must be spots on the sun's face, so in Masonry they could not expect to be quite free from differences. Committees had been appointed to investigate the circumstances connected with the management of these two lodges, and he (the P.G.M.) hoped that peace and harmony would prevail in future. His lordship referred with satisfaction to the fact that they had succeeded in securing the election of both their candidates at the May election in connection with the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and concluded by congratulating the brethren on the flourishing state of Masonry throughout the world, and thanking them for the continued support he received at their hands. (Loud applause.)

The P.G.M. presented Bro. Milner, S.W., No. 537, with a charity jewel (by proxy); Bro. Marwood, P.G.J.W., and Bro. Sutton, W.M. 537, each with bars, in recognition of their services as Stewards at the charity festivals in London.

Bro. Smith, P.G.S. of Works, then presented the Prov. G. Lodge with a very handsome banner for use at the annual meetings, which the P.G. Master received and acknowledged in the name of the brethren—On the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. H. Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W., a vote of thanks to Bro. Smith was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge for the gift of the banner.

Bro. Lord De Tabley next moved that the sum of £100 be voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, and in doing so he said he was sure that Freemasons generally would not be behind their fellow-countrymen in trying to relieve the necessities of their fellow subjects in India. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. G. W. Latham, P.P.G.S.W., in seconding the motion, expressed a hope that their example would be followed by all the Prov. Grand and private Lodges in the country, thereby showing their brethren in India that they were not forgotten in their time of need by the members of the fraternity in England.

The motion was carried unanimously and by acclamation.

The P.G. Treasurer (Bro. F. Jackson) read the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there was a balance in favour of the Prov. G. Lodge of £453 12s. 5d., and in favour of the fund of benevolence of £581 6s. 1d. On the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. McIntyre the accounts were passed, and Bro. Jackson was re-appointed P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (in room of the late Bro. G. Cornwall Leigh), and after being obligated he took his place in the Prov. G. Lodge in that capacity.

Lord De Tabley appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar of England ..... Prov. G.S.W.  
T. Marwood (re-appointed) ..... Prov. G.J.W.  
Rev. C. E. Graham Jones, M.A. .... Prov. G. Chap.  
F. Jackson (re-elected) ..... Prov. G. Treas.  
C. H. Hinde ..... Prov. G. Reg.  
E. H. Griffiths (re-appointed) ..... Prov. G. Sec.  
R. Gracie ..... Prov. G.S.D.  
J. Sillitoe ..... Prov. G.J.D.

T. M. Lockwood ..... Prov. G.S. of W.  
T. Matthews ..... Prov. G.A.D.C.  
Capt. A. Terry ..... Prov. G.S.B.  
E. Cuzner ..... Prov. G. Org.  
J. Ridehalgh ..... Prov. G. Purs.  
M. McNerney, H. Matthews, S. Williams, J. G. Parker, G. J. Davies, W. Jones ..... Prov. G. Stwds.

Holloway ..... Prov. G. Tyler.  
Bro. Captain Cope was appointed Chairman of the Fund of benevolence. The P.G.M. intimated that he would hold his next lodge at Nantwich.

On the motion of the P.G.S.W., seconded by the Rev. J. W. Tanner, P.P.G.C., a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. Preston Ball, M.A., for granting the use of St John's Church for the afternoon service. The Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, offered by the newly-appointed P.G. Chaplain.

At the close of business the brethren marched in procession to St. John's Church for Divine service.

The sermon was preached by Bro. C. E. Graham Jones, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, who took his text from 2nd Samuel, 1st chap, verse 26: "Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women." The musical service was under the direction of Bro. E. Cuzner, P.G.O., who presided at the organ, and was assisted by Master W. E. Cuzner, Master T. Griffith (choristers of Chester Cathedral), Misses Florence and Alice Cuzner, Bros. Humphries, T. Knowles, and Cottingham, and Messrs. Orme and H. Cuzner. The responses were Tallis's, the chants by Buck and Whittington, and the anthem was Webb's, "The Lord is the portion of the just." A collection, amounting to about £18, was made at the close of the service in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Wallacey and Seacombe Cottage Hospital and Dispensary.

The brethren then returned to the Concert Hall, where a capital banquet was served by Bro. C. H. Berry, No. 477, of the Kanelagh Hotel, Birkenhead, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. Lord De Tabley, P.G.M., presided, supported by a large number of P.G. officers. There were altogether about 200 brethren present.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by his lordship, "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Officers of the G.L." being responded to by Bro. Aeneas McIntyre, G. Reg., P.G.S.W., who said they must all be delighted to find that amongst those entrusted with the guidance of the affairs of the nation there were so many representatives of Freemasonry, showing that the great principles of the Craft exercised undoubted influence.

Bro. McIntyre then gave "The Right Honourable Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M.," who in acknowledging the toast said he was very proud of the progress which Masonry had made in the Province, and he hoped that during the few remaining years he might rule over them he would still enjoy the same loyalty and attachment of his brethren. (Applause.) He urged a larger charity towards their fellow-creatures—not the charity of mere giving, but the giving of sympathy where sympathy was needed, and acting the part of a friend to all who might require help. That was the charity which Freemasons ought to practise. His lordship concluded by urging upon the brethren the necessity of looking after the respectability and good character of candidates proposed for admission into the Order rather than the seeking for mere numbers.

Bro. T. Marwood, P.G.J.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers." "The visiting P.G. Masters and Officers," given by Bro. Latham, P.P.G.S.W., was acknowledged by Bro. Salmon, P.G.J.W. North Wales and Shropshire. Lord De Tabley gave "The W.M.'s of the Combermere and Warren Lodges, 605 and 1276," which was responded to by Bro. T. Shaw, W.M. 605, and Bro. J. Taylor, W.M. 1276. "The Prov. G. Stewards," also proposed by the P.G.M., was acknowledged by Bro. McNerney, P.M., P.G.S. The Tyler's toast closed the after-banquet proceedings. An excellent musical programme was given by the party which rendered the service at the church.

#### THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—The great event of the twentieth triennial session of this Grand Body culminated in one of the finest spectacles that has ever yet been witnessed in the United States. Cleveland, Ohio, where the session was held, has been one constant scene of excitement since the session began, and to use the expression of the local of that city, the Cleveland Leader, "the city gives itself up to the occasion," which, with flowers, flags, and music, speeches and responses, and evening gatherings, presented a programme that is not seen even in a lifetime by the oldest of us. Speaking of the procession on Tuesday, it says:—

"The city made it a grand holiday, shut up its workshops, banks, and stores during the forenoon, and at an early hour began to pour into the down-town streets. Thousands of people from the country came in for the day, and, all in all, it was one of the grandest occasions ever seen in the Forest City.

The various commanderies formed in their appointed places at the proper hour, in response to the signal guns agreed upon. They got started on the proper time, and how they went and were received will be found recorded in its proper place further on.

#### THE PROCESSION.

"There they come!" Clear and sharp on the air rung the signal from some wide-awake watcher who stood on an elevated point of advantage, and sighted the first plume as it fluttered in sight by the big National Bank building. It was caught on the vocal bound, as it were, by the concourse of eager



people who were packed up between the curb and the buildings as close as herrings in a box. There was a rush to the front, an eager wave forward of the mass of people, and an elongating of necks to catch the first glimpse of the column.

A single wild note rung out, and after it a long roll, as though fifty drums had joined in their voices together, by which the mighty host might keep step as a man. Then a score of gaily caparisoned steeds danced into sight, carrying proudly as many Knights, gay in gold and white and crimson. A band in gray next filled the vision, and close behind them marched the first column of Knights, whose rich uniforms caught the dazzle of the sun as it touched the edge of their burnished swords. Four milk-white steeds drew next a carriage, which in turn was followed by other carriages in which rode the honoured officers and members of the Grand Encampment.

They were a fine body of men, and it did one good to look at them. On some sat age and dignity, while on a few the traces of early manhood were yet distinctly marked. They were representative American citizens, and represented the wealth and the manliness and the intelligence of two dozen States.

Along behind, after an interval of some moments, a wide line of policemen came marching up, almost filling the street from curb to curb and keeping the crowd of spectators in its proper place. Then came half a score of aids on horseback, and after them another band that set every pulse to beating in time with a stirring march. The Cleveland Greys in full dress uniform, with the even precision of the veteran, and with their polished bayonets shining in the sun like points of lights, held the next position in the line of advance. Then Oriental Commandery, which certainly needs no introduction to Cleveland, came in regular order, and held their own in appearance and drill with any body in the procession.

To attempt any description of the column would of course be impossible, or to give in detail the points that caught the eye as they marched past. It was a glittering pageant, set to music, from one end of the line to the other, and one band hardly began to fill the ear of the listener before its notes blended in with the music from another band that was close upon its heels. All was light, and sound, and motion. Here came a long line of Knights in white and black; then a band in blue, with facings of red over white; then a banner of silk, with the words "Toledo, No. 7," in green on a ground of black or "Tiffin," set off by the picture of a solitary Knight on horseback; then "Massillon," in gold on a blue ground; "Reed," of Dayton, backed by a large red cross set in edgings of gold; and then other bands and other Knights, and other music, until everything seemed lost in the rush of excitement.

Then came more aids on horseback, and "Hanselmann" shining out in conspicuous letters on a silken banner. Close upon its heels marched the Seventh Regiment Band, in deep blue, of regulation cut. Then Youngstown, Sandusky, Conneaut and other Ohio commanderies followed in such quick succession that it was almost impossible to read the names on the banners as they passed.

New York and Kentucky followed next with numerous commanderies; then Rapier, of Indianapolis, that gave some fancy drilling; then Louisiana, No. 2, the distinctive features of which were six men clothed in long white robes and red cowls—the meaning and intent of which is unintelligible to the non-Masonic lookers-on.

On they go, in seemingly endless column. Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Detroit, far-off Kansas, Texas, the "Lone Star" of Masonry, all added their contributions of stalwart men and fancy uniforms.

At last a deep roll of drums—seemingly endless—was heard, and a new interest revived, as the heads went higher to see what was coming next. A drum corps, perfect in precision, came into sight, and after it a band with silver instruments, and clothed in uniforms of blue and red.

After it marched Apollo Commandery, of Chicago, a body of men hard to equal in appearance and style, and such as always reflect credit upon the place from which they hail.

Next came St. Louis, hardly less attractive in appearance and style. After them on swept the line, the extent of which can only be judged by the list participating, as given below, and the beauty of which can only be known by those who were able to see it.

The Grand Encampment, in carriages, passed through the Public Square to a point in Superior-street, in front of the City Hall, where they halted, while the chief officers took their places in the stand which had been provided them on the south side of the street just opposite the Hall. Here they stood and reviewed the columns as they passed.

The line was just one hour and a half—taking out three minutes for halts—in passing the Leader office, and that on a good steady business gait. When the last of the line had passed the reviewing stand, the carriages of the Grand Encampment again fell into line, and marched over the given course with the procession of Knights.

When the last of the line had passed Euclid-avenue on Erie-street, the head of the column was resting on Euclid, a little below Perry-street—a fact which will give any one acquainted with the territory some idea of the size.

Crowds of people literally packed the pavements on either hand, the whole extent of the route. Innumerable residences along the whole line were decorated in beautiful style, and in front of many stood men with pails and pitchers of water, which was a godsend to the tired Knights. The only drawback was the heat, which was much greater than on the average summer day in Cleveland. Several men gave out, and were obliged to retire from the ranks, but, fortunately, no serious prostration was recorded.

When the head of the column had reached a point on

Euclid-avenue, a halt was ordered of each commandery as it came up. The hot and tired men were marched to the cooling shade on the north side of the street, and along back on Willson and Prospect, while the officers and members of the Grand Encampment passed by in review. The procession then re-formed and marched straight down to the square. The Grand Encampment proceeded direct to the Criminal Court Room, where the sessions were to be held, while the various commanderies marched to their various places of stoppage.

The full list of commanderies participating, as prepared by Captain General Lytle, is as follows:

**FIRST DIVISION.**—Sir J. Burton Parsons, commanding. Aids, Sirs F. W. Pelton and H. C. Monfort. Cleveland Greys, with band, followed by Oriental Commandery, escorting the Grand Commandery of Ohio. In all, 300 swords.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Sir George W. Short, commanding. Aids, Sirs C. H. Flack, and Seth M. Laird. Band, and twelve commanderies of Ohio, numbering 716 swords.

**THIRD DIVISION.**—Sir James Gordon, commanding. Aids, George H. Willis and William S. Forshee. Band, and twelve commanderies of the State of Ohio, numbering 880 swords.

**FOURTH DIVISION.**—Sir E. F. Brown, commanding. Aids, Isaac Reynolds and John C. Mackintosh, followed by eight commanderies of New York, 558 swords, and seven commanderies of Kentucky, 288 swords.

**FIFTH DIVISION.**—David R. Hunt, commanding. Aids, S. Sickles and C. P. Chapman. Band, thirteen commanderies of Indiana, two of Washington, D.C., one of Vermont, one of Maine, and seven of Canada. In all, 976 swords.

**SIXTH DIVISION.**—De Witt C. Carroll, commanding. Aids, F. Lynch and W. A. Rupert. Band, and eight commanderies of Pennsylvania and one of Delaware. 549 swords.

**SEVENTH DIVISION.**—C. Laing, commanding. Aids, W. H. Huntington and T. T. Hoffman. Band, with seven commanderies from Pennsylvania, three from Texas and one from Mississippi. In all, 864 swords.

(To be Continued.)

#### GLOBE THEATRE.

Whilst very nearly all around the theatrical world is aglow with novelties, this house continues to draw, with comparatively old stock, a large share of public support. With "Stolen Kisses" at eight o'clock, and "The Lion's Tail" at ten, Mr. Righton presents a bill of fare both palatable and digestible. Mr. Merritt's homely little drama, if not overflowing with smart dialogue, lacks not interest of plot and incident, and from the rising to the fall of the curtain, the attention of the audience is fairly held by the action of the piece. Change of cast having been effected since its first production, Mr. Macklin now effectively supplies the place of Mr. Leather, and Miss Rachel Sanger has slipped into the shoes of Miss Lydia Foote, the latter lady with that fickleness peculiar to her charming sex, having abandoned sweet "Stolen Kisses," for showy "Aluminium Gold." Of the burlesque that follows enough has already been said as to the blemishes of this trifle, but whether good, bad or indifferent it pleases, a fact fully testified by the merriment it provokes, and the "long run" it has already enjoyed. Thanks to the exertions of that "naughty boy" Mr. Righton, the "Lion's Tail" now wags with a joyous vitality that is astonishing, considering the depression and limpness it displayed when first presented to the view of a critical audience.

#### ROYAL PARK THEATRE.

Since this very comfortable Theatre has been under the management of Madam St. Claire, play-goers, whether residing in the immediate neighbourhood or not, have had much to be thankful for.

"Arrah-Na-Pogue" has within the last fortnight been substituted for "The Rake's Progress," and what with the excellence of this favourite play and the powerful acting of Mr. Shiel Barry, and Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, a most enjoyable evening may be passed.

Romeo and Juliet are again to figure on the stage, this time in a French opera, "Les Amants de Vérone," by the Marquis d'Ivry, which is to be played this winter at the Patis Lyrique. Twelve composers have already set the Shakespearean libretto, beginning with Benda in 1772; and ending with Gounod in 1867; but not one of the operas has been a lasting success. Will the unfortunate "thirteenth" belie its character?

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Adv.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Old Wounds Sores, and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over opposition for thirty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and in truth all cases where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as the compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure, after every other means had failed of giving any relief. Desperate cases best display its virtues.—(Adv.)

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER

No. VI.

#### BRO. WALKINGTON IN THE TYROL.

Though Bro. Walkington is not a shining candlestick, he is emphatically a "brick" in the great building of Masonry. He is still only Bro. Walkington, and though not distinguished by mysterious initials or decorated with gorgeous jewels, he is a worthy man and a zealous member of his lodge, the "Alexandra." A true friend, an agreeable companion, and an intelligent and cultivated Mason, he forms part of that mass of untitled brethren who are always good work, and not averse to refreshment, and who, keeping the golden mean "moderation" as between two extremes, are ornaments to Freemasonry, and do good service to humanity. Though it is more than possible that Bro. Walkington will never be a W.M., (for there are both luck as well as fashion in such things), few stand higher Masonically than Bro. Walter Walkington on the long roll of our brethren. Though not a dignitary he is looked up to, and often quoted, and more than one pleasant gathering and more than one agreeable reunion owes its success to the zealous if unrewarded labours of our good brother.

In one point he has always been distinguished, he has always been a persistent advocate of Women's Rights, in respect of our Masonic assemblies, and his well-known lodge, the "Alexandra," is famed for the amiability and empressment with which it welcomes its lady guests, and dispenses "charming hospitality," as a French brother puts it. Indeed, Miss Jones said in our hearing, that "she had never spent a jollier day," but as she was talking earnestly to a very good-looking young man, we think that might have something to do with the serene contentment of our charming sister.

Well, Walkington and his chum, Bro. Bolsover, have started for a walking tour in the Tyrol, and having made a most successful journey, have returned to the metropolis, to delight the society they live in, and to cheer up the wives of their boroms, for neither, wisely enough, would take his wife with him. First of all Walkington said "my wife don't like walking, and I shall always have to be getting her a carriage," and then Bolsover added "mine can't travel without seven large boxes, and so I vote we leave them at home; we shall get on better without them."

But our fair sisters have in the meantime been down at Broadstairs with their children and nurses, they have done very well, for not only can women take care of themselves, but we believe they like every now and then to be left to themselves, and to be quit of the lords of the creation. Some people do aver that under such circumstances they become quite natural, put off all acting and masquerade, and speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth one to another, though we hold, however, that this is a scandal on that excellent, and reliable, and suffering, and angelic sex.

Walkington says, Bolsover agrees, and we believe, the assurance that they have never enjoyed themselves more, never were better in health or travelled more quietly and satisfactorily. In fact Bro. Jones declares "that if a man wants to travel with satisfaction to himself he must leave his women at home." Jones, no doubt speaks feelingly, but we have known "women," as they term them, who were the best and cheeriest of fellow voyagers, who made light of every difficulty, and added greatly to the zest of everything. In fact women often make better travellers than men, for they never grumble and are always pleased.

However our two friends departed, and a most prosperous time they had of it. They saw Innsbruck and Meran and Bozen. They looked with admiring gaze on those "everlasting hills," they learned to appreciate the simple and loyal character of the Tyrolese, they beheld one or two gray headed survivors of those who fought with Andreas Hofer in great days of old. They conversed with not a few who had seen "Vater Radetzky" and followed their old leader exultingly to certain victory. They have fished in Tyrolean streams, loitered amid Tyrolean passes, stood reverently within Tyrolean Churches, and watched the contrasted glory of the varying shades of hill and dale, and woods and trees, and mountain rivulets. Nay, they have even taken part in a "Schutzen Fest." In fact, they have come back, enthusiastic about "Tyrol" and the Tyrolese. Bolsover especially, (who ought, as Mrs. Bolsover says, to know better), still talks persistently about a "Tyrolemium" with a short petticoat and a neat ankle, as the Germans say "gut gewachsenes madchen" to whom he lost his heart; (he a married man), at a wayside Tyrolean Inn. "Ah? those married men," says Mrs. Bolsover, "they always behave so ill."

If you meet Walkington and Bolsover at the Alexandra Lodge, you will hear of a most delightful "outing," and a great deal about the Tyrol which is both interesting and true. If any of our good brethren are either depressed or dyspeptic, we would advise them another year to leave all their "impediments" behind them, "safely stored away somewhere," as Jones puts it, and not forgetting their passports, to take, rod in hand, a walking tour in the Tyrol. They will come back, we feel sure, refreshed and strengthened in body and in mind. Time changes many things here below, and ourselves not the least, but the old Tyrolean hills remain the same, telling in their stillness and beauty the wonders of beneficent nature, of the graces of some of the finest scenery in the world, and of the attractive existence of a patriarchal and loyal people. On everything of earth "decay's effacing fingers" and time's ruthless march leave a tell-tale token, but the glories and the marvels of the handiwork of T.G.A.O.T.U. still exist unchanged in inscrutable majesty, to witness of a Divine Original, and to educate and elevate not the least in the Tyrol, the intellectual mind of man.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

**THE NILE.**—The height of the Nile was telegraphed on Monday last 16 cubits 4 kerats. Thus the retreat of the flood continues, while the average date of the highest point is close at hand. The official statement of the annual height of the river since 1825 is before us, and 19 cubits 4 kerats is the lowest measure recorded. The 31st of August is the earliest date given for the end of the rise, and the 27th of October is the latest on record. But it has generally occurred between the 20th of September and the 10th of October.

The steady progress of works of charity in London may be traced as strongly as ever in the two excellent little volumes, "Low's Hand-book to the Charities of London," (S. Low and Co.), edited and revised to August, 1877, by C. Mackeson, F.S.S.; and "The Royal Guide to the London Charities for 1877-78," by Herbert Fry, (Hardwicke and Bogue).—Even while "War in the East Relief Fund," "Indian Famine Relief Funds," and so forth, are claiming all our superfluous cash, we find from such *addenda* as an "Invalid's Home Association," or a "Kyrle Society," to supply a collection of sea-weed, shells and artistic objects for poor homes and sick rooms, that domestic benevolence still strikes out new channels for its tranquil flow. We are glad to note in the preface to either hand-book an absence of the antagonism observable last year between the older and smaller charities and certain new and slightly aggressive "organisations." There is clearly room for all to work without doing danger to one another.

Cleopatra's Needle was to start for England either on Thursday or yesterday (Friday), weather permitting, the vessel being christened on Wednesday. The rudder, mast, deck-house, and "bilge pieces," to procure stability, have been fitted to the ship, which is to be towed by the steamer "Olga."

The Castellani Collection of gems, bronzes, marbles &c., which have been exhibited in New York for some time past, and was to have been bought by the Americans, may, after all, come back to the Old World, as only a very small portion of the purchase-money—£60,000—has been obtained. Our British Museum may yet have a chance of securing these treasures.

The Conference of Librarians opens at the London Institution on the 2nd prox., when an exhibition of every kind of literary appliances will be held. Over eighty libraries have joined the movement, and the conference suggests the formation of a "Library Association of the United Kingdom."

**THE NEW NATIONAL OPERA HOUSE.**—We believe that many of the promoters no longer expect that the partially erected structure on the Thames Embankment will ever be completed as a National Opera-house, and there is some probability that it will eventually fall into the hands of others, and be converted into a grand hotel, for which the site is considered to be exceptionally well adapted. Whatever its ultimate fate may be, it is certain that within the last week or two the unfinished building has been closely examined by surveyors and other experts on behalf of a body of capitalists whose object is to complete it as an hotel. We understand that their opinion is that without disturbing either the external walls of the building or several of those inside, the shell of the building could be adapted to hotel purposes without difficulty, while among other features of the original design the grand and other staircases could be retained. In consequence of this the promoters of the new project are prepared to make an offer to the Opera-house representatives to take over the building in its present condition at a valuation, and then to complete it without further delay as an hotel.—*Architect.*

**ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.**—The competition for the residue of the Stenale Bennett Scholarship (two terms) was held recently, the examiners being Mr. F. R. Cox, Mr. H. C. Lund, Mr. Walter Macfarren, and the Principal (Professor Macfarren). The Scholarship was awarded to Henry J. Cockram, Edwin M. Flavell being commended.

**THE BATON IN THE KNAPSACK.**—On Sunday week the Duc d'Aumale, in presence of the garrison of Chantmont, handed the order of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour to General Jeanningros, saying—"Soldiers.—Forty-two years ago Corporal Jeanningros, who, like you, carried his knapsack and musket, received his first wound. Thirty-four years ago I handed to Lieutenant Jeanningros, who was called the Bayard of the Zouaves, the Cross as Knight of the Legion of Honour. To-day I hand to General Jeanningros, six times wounded on the field of battle, the Star of Grand Officer. This order has never decorated a more valiant heart."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

While waiting still for that revised version which some fancy will supersede our present almost incomparable Bible, we may welcome at once as a substitute and a preparative the "Revised English Bible" (Eyre and Spottiswoode), presented to us by J. G. is the name of four well-known scholars. Though hardly so bold in all its changes as will be the offspring of the Revising Committee, it does ample justice on the mistranslations (often purely unintelligible) of the poetic books of the Old Testament in the Bible of King James, no less than to the textual changes which modern criticism has rendered necessary in the New. Hardly, indeed, is it too much to say that to ordinary readers the force and drift of chapter upon chapter of ancient prophecy will dawn for the first time after perusal of its renderings. An occasional phrase of modern form where modernising was not necessary to the sense is the one defect—not, however, a slight one—we have noticed.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE "FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE FUND.**—Intending subscribers to this fund are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions, large or small, at as early a date as convenient. Upwards of £100 has already been received, a list of which will appear in the *Freemason* of October 6th, together with any sums that may reach the office (198, Fleet-street) up to 6 o'clock p.m. on Thursday.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, R.W.P.G.M. Oxon, who for the last few days has been the guest of Sir Coutts Lindsey, at Balcarres, arrived on Tuesday night at Mount Melville, the residence of Bro. J. Whyte Melville, the convener of Fifeshire.

The Marquis of Hartington will, on the 17th of next month pay a visit to Chesterfield, to lay the foundation-stone of a hall which is to be erected in that town to the memory of George Stephenson. The hall will cost about £12,000. It will be used for science and art-teaching and other educational work.

Madame Worrell-Duval announces a Grand Evening Concert to take place at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on Thursday, Oct. the 18th, when several well-known artists will appear.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held yesterday (Friday), at Cockermouth, under the banner of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The first picture provided for the new Town Hall at Manchester, just opened, is one which represents the introduction by Bro. Hyde Clarke of the Corporation of Manchester to the late Sultan of Turkey at Buckingham Palace.—*City Press.*

The Masonic Hall at North Attleboro, Mass., worth 20,000 dollars, was destroyed by fire, February, the 28th 1877. Many of the records were destroyed. Insurance 14,000 dollars.

Another "oldest Mason" has been discovered in Castleton, Richmond County, New York, in the person of Bro. Elijah Pratt, aged 91 years. He has been a Mason 65 years.

The corner stone of Solomon's Temple, which has been discovered, lies ninety feet below the present surface of the ground. In a niche a Phœnician jar was found.

**TURKEY.**—There is a Royal Arch Chapter at Constantinople, working under the Irish Constitution, which has been in existence for nine years; and is said to be in a very flourishing condition.

**THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.**—The amount collected in the boxes in the streets and large establishments of London on Hospital Saturday was £835, being a slight increase on the sum realised in the same way last year. Of this amount £685 12s. 5d. was contained in the boxes lodged at Messrs. Hoare's Bank up to 11.30 p.m., and was made up as follows:—Gold, £60; Silver, £451 18s. 6d.; Copper, £163 14s. The boxes placed in the steamboats brought in £31 16s. Those kindly put up by Messrs. Spiers and Pond on the counters of their various establishments realised £27 13s. 6d., and those put up by Messrs. Faulkner £1 12s. 11d. The remainder was made up of money deposited in boxes at Covent Garden Theatre, Holborn Restaurant, sundry hospitals, &c.

**MANCHESTER.**—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at Overall's, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

**LIVERPOOL AS A MILITARY CENTRE.**—The Government, it is stated, have resolved to form Liverpool into a military centre in place of Warrington, which is found to be inconvenient and disadvantageous. The barracks at Rupert-lane are to be extended and improved, and additional barracks are to be erected on an adjacent site for the artillery and militia. There was considerable opposition to the proposal for making Liverpool a military centre when it was under consideration some years ago.

In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

Lord Hartington has accepted the invitation of the Liberal Association for the West of Scotland to take part in a gathering in Glasgow in November. His lordship has also accepted similar invitations from Liberal associations in the East and North of Scotland.

Madame Christine Nilsson will, early next month, sing at concerts at Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, and Brighton, prior to her departure to fulfil her engagement in Russia.

**PERGE MURDER.**—On Wednesday Mr. Justice Hawkins continued ably to sum up the evidence. In the course of his remarks having alluded to the momentous issues to be decided, his lordship expressed his belief that the jury would give their verdict without sympathy or prejudice, and regardless of the consequences which might ensue. After a passing tribute of praise to the counsel engaged in the case, the learned Judge elaborately reviewed the testimony adduced, his address lasting ten hours and a half. The jury retired at twenty minutes to ten o'clock, and returned at five minutes past eleven, giving a verdict of "wilful murder" against all the prisoners, but recommending the two women to mercy, especially Alice Rhodes. Sentence of death was then passed amid almost unprecedented excitement.

The consecration of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, took place on Thursday last. A report will appear in our next.

The Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction, and the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79, are about to remove from the Prince of Orange Tavern, Greenwich-road, to the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. The ceremonies of consecration and installation (Craft) will be there rehearsed on the 10th of October, at 8 o'clock in the evening, by Bro. James Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts. The Lodge of Instruction meet every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, and the Chapter of Instruction every Friday evening at the same hour Bro. James Shaw. I.P.M. 79, and Bro. H. Roberts, P.M. 79, are the Preceptor and Hon. Secretary respectively of the lodge; and Comp. George K. Lemann, and Comp. James Griffin, Preceptor and S.E. respectively of the chapter.

Bro. A. W. Hume, M.A., of Allison Tower, Dulwich Common, S.E., late Second Senior Assistant Master and School Secretary of Dulwich College, now receives pupils, whom he instructs, with the aid of a competent staff, in all the branches of a liberal education.

The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of £100 from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, for the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

The natives of Bombay have made all preparations for the reception of the statue of the Prince of Wales, in commemoration of the visit of H.R.H. Herr Boehm, who is the artist, represents the Prince as a field-marshal, on his Arab, "Aleph," raising his right hand, and holding the bride with his left. The figure was designed from life, and has secured her Majesty's approval. It is being cast at Pimlico.

The ceremony of installation will be worked on Tuesday evening, the 2nd October next, in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, at 119, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M. 65 and 1471, will be the Installing Master. Lodge will open at 7 o'clock precisely, when it is to be hoped there will be a good muster of the brethren there.

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday week, the chair being taken by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, supported by Dr. Hetley, Messrs. H. P. Stephenson, F. L. Linging, G. Livesey, C. L. Wilson, and Bros. J. Glaisher, M. Ohren (sec.), &c. The report for the half-year ending the 30th June showed that the general working of the company had been satisfactory.

The list of brethren present at the Consecration of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, had not reached the Office at the time of going to press, Thursday, 10 p.m.

**READING.**—Kane Lodge, New York City, now possesses a Masonic library of over eight hundred bound volumes, procured at a cost of thirty-five hundred dollars. They are adding to it, and increasing their literary wealth every day. A noble example to the fraternity; "for," says Lord Bacon, "reading makes the full man." A man must always be a dwarf who is not a reading man.

When the impervious qualities of vulcanised india-rubber were first utilised as a protection against rain, all who had business or occupation of any kind in the open air, eagerly availed themselves of the discovery, in the hope that at last it would be possible to laugh to scorn the caprices of our uncertain climate. Soon, however, the wearers of the new material were sharply reminded by Dame Nature that her laws were not to be rashly interfered with. India-rubber, it is true, kept rain out, but it also prevented the evaporation of perspiration, and thus caused colds, coughs, inflammation of the lungs, and diseases innumerable of a worse character than those they guarded against. Consequently, the ingenuity of manufacturers and designers was devoted to the discovery of some methods of ventilation which should obviate the evil. Many plans were tried, but with all there was some drawback, while the garments produced had, without exception, the one grand characteristic of ugliness, until in 1869, Messrs. Cooper, Box, and Co., now of Queen Victoria-street, patented their design of the "Talethes," the only waterproof coat which combines perfect ventilation in all its parts with the appearance of an ordinary frock or great coat, which might be turned out by a first-rate West End tailor. The "Talethes" coat at once became popular, and has remained so. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was one of its earliest patrons, and for the last seven or eight years has rarely been seen on a race-course, at the meet, at a shooting party, or any similar out-door gathering in doubtful weather, without the protection of a "Talethes." At the present time this coat is more extensively made than ever before, and as the price is very moderate, it will probably continue to be even more generally worn especially as, owing to the rubber being concealed between the outer cloth and inner lining, it presents more the appearance of an ordinary waterproof coat, while, as already said, the ventilation is simply perfect, much better in fact than that of a garment of plain cloth.

An Indian chief lately died in Greenville, Maine; he was known as a faithful Mason. The Masons have erected a memorial tablet over his grave.

Mr. Holman Hunt's well-known picture, "The Light of the World," is to be placed in the library of Keble College, Oxford.

The Excavations at Nineveh have at length been authorised by the Sultan, who has given the necessary firman to Mr. Layard.



### COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1878.

W. Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, Chapters, &c., are respectfully informed that in order to ensure complete accuracy in the above, printed forms have been forwarded to them for supplying particulars of time and place of meeting. If such have not yet reached their hands, the Publisher requests that they would kindly call at the meeting place of the lodge &c., and fill up and return the form, in order that the particulars of their meetings may be correctly inserted. All communications in this matter should be addressed at once to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS are informed that acknowledgments of remittances received are published in the first number of every month.

It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

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#### THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

One or two subscriptions have been received, and we shall deal fully with the subject next week.

#### Answers to Correspondents.

We have received a very vulgar and anonymous production, signed by "A P.M. of some years' standing." Such a communication only deserves one answer, contempt. But one thing is plain; the writer is not "A P.M. of some years' standing," at least if he is, he is utterly ignorant of gentlemanly feeling and Masonic teaching.

The following stand over:—  
Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction. St. John's Encampment, Glasgow.

#### BOOKS &c. RECEIVED.

"Hebrew Leader," "Bauhütte," "Keystone," "The Connection between the Templars and the Freemasons of York," "Il Risorgimento."

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

##### BIRTHS.

Howse.—On the 23rd inst., at Bude House, Ravensdale-road, Stamford-hill, the wife of Francis Howse, of a son.

METHUEN.—On the 24th ult., at Clifton, the wife of C. L. Methuen, Esq., late 79th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, of a daughter.

##### DEATHS.

CRAUFORD.—On the 23rd inst., at Colne Lodge, Upper Teddington, Herbert Cyril, infant son of George Moir and Jane Ada Crauford, aged 27 days.

PARKER.—On the 25th ult., at Addiscombe-road, Croydon, Surrey, aged 71 years, Lydia, relict of William B. Parker. Friends will please accept this intimation.

YARROW.—On the 19th inst., at his residence, No. 67, Herbert-street, New North-road, Hoxton, N., John Yarrow, in the 83rd year of his age.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1877.

### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We recur to this subject, according to our promise last week, though we confess somewhat unwillingly. The subject in itself is so very unwelcome, and the facts are, as we regard them, so prejudicial to Freemasonry, that we fear the feeling of our readers with regard to this untoward event will be akin to that of our own, namely, one of weariness and distaste combined. For the violent party in France has managed to place the Grand Orient in a very false and anomalous position, which may be termed one of Masonic "Demagogie," to use a French term. Up to the present, though we had to note and report from time to time, many regrettable words and many foolish acts by French lodges and French brethren, they were individual deliverances and proceedings, which in no way compromised or committed the Grand Orient of France. But now what are we to say to Monsigneur Dupanloup? Here is the Grand Orient of France itself fulfilling his prediction, no longer Theistic but Atheistic, positively ashamed of owning the name of the Most High, cringing before a combined attack of "Libre penseurs," Positivists, "Morales Independentistes," and taking out mention of God, for fear, forsooth, of wounding tender consciences and susceptible opinions. Out upon such moral cowardice! As before the Masonic world, the Grand Orient is now itself committed to this most unwise proceeding, and can neither escape from hostile criticism or Masonic animadversion! And further than this, there are three serious questions which must press upon us all who have ever studied the laws and history of French Freemasonry. 1. What is now the position of the Grand Orient? It has no Grand Master; is it legally constituted as a Grand Lodge, claiming and exercising jurisdiction? 2. It has by its last vote cut away the foundation of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry; does not the whole building fall? 3. Is it in any sense a competent or lawful Masonic authority? Without prejudicing the matter, or writing dogmatically on such difficult points of law, we feel bound to express our honest opinion that the position of the Grand Orient of France, owing to its recent regrettable act, is a very questionable and dubious one. It has severed itself from the great Masonic family by its irreverent haste to reject belief of God as a needful pre-requisite of admission. It has repudiated the whole teaching of French Freemasonry by this novel exposition of its principles, and above all, it has weakened its entire position alike to friends and enemies, in that it is now confessed before the world that it bases its principles of teaching and action on a political cry, though professedly non-political, and an anti-religious negation, though professedly proclaiming neutrality. With Bro. Hubert we cannot comprehend how, if the Grand Orient avows morality at all, it can dispense, (except on pure Atheistic teaching), with the only sanction and source of all true morality. But here we stop. The subject is a painful one in itself, and suggesting as it does many evil and dark days for French Freemasonry.

#### A VULGAR ERROR.

There is an amusing error, just now somewhat prevalent, which crops up every now and then, that Freemasonry is affected by some recent disclosures at Bow-street, and by the foolish or hurtful deeds of Freemasons. Now we wish to point out to-day, that such a theory is a complete fallacy, and is simply a proof of a want of understanding of the province of right reason, of the force of logical argument. To blame any body of men, for the faults of one or several, is always a most objectionable form of proposition, as it is an arguing from a particular to an universal, is never sound and never permissible. Black sheep abound in every profession, for we all are mortal, and such may be found amongst ministers of religion and all classes and sections of society, though

it would be wrong to blame the body for the offences of one, for the crimes even of many. Freemasonry is in no way affected, either by the "laches" or the actual folly, the perversity, or the iniquity of certain members of its benevolent brotherhood, inasmuch as the teachings of Freemasonry always protest, openly against illegal acts and immoral lives! If Jobson chooses to get mixed up with a turf fraud, what has Freemasonry to do with it? Jobson has acted not as the Mason, but as the man. If Jiggins has got into trouble at the Old Bailey, how is Freemasonry affected? He has acted "more suo," and not according to the sound morals of our Order. If Popper is taken up before Sir R. Carden, and properly rebuked by that upright magistrate for his very "discreditable behaviour," how does it concern Freemasonry? It concerns Popper very much indeed, but not Popper's brethren. If Slimy figures at Bow-street and Sir James Ingham shakes his head at the seriousness of the case, how does Slimy's slipperiness bear on Masonic laws, always honest and straightforward. If Mr. Newton properly gives Sniffer a piece of his mind, nothing is said by that intelligent magistrate which can in any way reflect on Freemasonry! And therefore, those weak brethren of ours, and those kind critics, who look grave and righteous, and say "how very odd! So many prisoners are Freemasons!" may well remember that Freemasonry cares for none of these things, and certainly has no pity for any such delinquents. As a loyal and patriotic and law-abiding body, it never, even by implication, antagonizes the decrees of the imperial legislature or the laws of the land, and certainly never seeks to interfere with the administration of justice. It has sympathy, no doubt for the innocent and trepanned, it says to all poor mortals, standing at the bar of justice, as of old, "God send you a good deliverance." But if the law of the land clearly condemns those who are members of our Order, Freemasonry, under the all-wise Book of Constitutions, sanctions all those proceedings of private lodges, or the Board of General Purposes which tend to exclude those whom public justice has branded from Freemasonry, as no longer befitting associates of those right-thinking and high-minded men who compose and do honour to our ancient and kindly and upright Craft.

#### SPECIALTY LODGES.

In the great spread of Freemasonry just now, it is obvious that many new ideas and new principles of development spring up which were unknown to the more quiet and plodding days of our Masonic forefathers. But we may begin by asserting a truism, though many of us have forgotten it, that each age has its peculiarities of thought and work, and that it is not wise or reasonable to act the part of a mere "laudator temporis actis," under all circumstances and question all alteration and deprecate all change. No doubt, as always happens, some changes are decidedly for the worse, and cannot be defended on any grounds of Masonic principle or common sense. We must always be on our guard against the love of change for change sake alone, the resort of little minds and empirical teachers. But some change is advisable and good, in the commonwealth, pro bono publico, and he is the wisest of legislators who adapts this desire of change, which may become hurtful, into a healthy channel of peaceful progress and salutary reform. Among our Masonic movements just now, there has been growing up for some time a desire to form special lodges, that is, lodges of special professions or tastes, or affinities, and to this course objection has been raised. It has been contended that in so doing we are setting up tests unknown to the Book of Constitutions. But the Book of Constitutions only lays down what are absolutely necessary pre-requisites for initiation, namely, that a candidate shall be of full age, (except under dispensation), a free man, and at the time of initiation in reputable circumstances. Beyond this it does not go, and this enactment does not prevent a lodge in its bye-laws, limiting the number or point out the class of its members. There is



nothing in the Book of Constitutions to prevent a lodge stating in its bye laws, "this lodge shall be composed of military men, or naval officers, or merchants, or clergymen, &c.," and there is, as far as we are aware, no legal difficulty in the way. Such a proceeding is clearly within the provisions of the Book of Constitutions. Then it is asserted that special lodges tend to the formation of a caste in Freemasonry. There is no doubt something to be said on this head, though we apprehend that the objection is based more on sentiment than anything else, and we must not close our eyes to a grave truth, that one of the present and prevailing evils of Freemasonry is an indiscriminate admission of members. We have always held, and always shall hold, that the lodge is a family of brethren, and that we have no right to admit into it those whom we do not, and cannot invite into our own family circles. It is idle for any one to say that by such a proceeding we exclude many good and honest men from Freemasonry, because though it be true that they cannot procure admission in a particular lodge, there are plenty of other lodges open to them, where, too, they will be well received. We cannot then agree with the objection of some good brethren to speciality lodges, we think, on the contrary, that they represent the feeling of the Order, happily a growing one, against indiscriminate admission, and the desire to make the lodge still more a privilege and not a right. For it must be remembered that into half of our lodge life the Book of Constitutions does not enter at all, we mean its social phasis. The lodge work, etc., is under the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, and all duly qualified Masons, on a proper voucher, have a right to admission to the work. But with the social circle the Book of Constitutions does not profess to deal, as that is purely a private arrangement of the lodge, and no brother can claim admission to refreshment unless invited by the lodge. Hence then it becomes most important, if the lodge gatherings are to be agreeable and edifying, that they be composed of congenial elements and sympathetic minds, and in thus somewhat limiting the area of lodge admissibility, we are inclined to think that we are but meeting a need of the hour, and not in any way infringing upon the laws and customs of the Order. On the contrary we hold that special lodges, under careful supervision, are worthy of the approval and confidence of the Craft.

### THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESS.

One of the hardest duties, and perhaps the greatest responsibilities of journalism consists in the decision what, and what not to publish. This is true of all editorial labours, and most especially is it the fact as regards the Masonic Press, as curiously enough, in nothing do we as Masons all fail so much as in the amenities of polite letter writing. If we were to print all the letters we receive, as we receive them, our Masonic literature would simply be unreadable, unworthy the title of Masonic journalism, and a lasting burlesque as well as a discredit on every profession of Masonry, often by the way, loudly made and glibly enounced. In Freemasonry, as we hold, the greatest discretion is required in the paragraphs which fill our columns, for we often see articles and letters which, in our humble opinion, ought not properly to appear at all, which do no good to Freemasonry, and serve only to attract the scorn of the critical and the contempt of the anti-Masonic. Happily, the *Freemason*, thanks to our publisher and careful editing, has maintained at home and abroad the highest character in this respect, as its weekly issues evince, and read alike by Masons and non-Masons, it strives sedulously to keep the golden mean between the dryness of abstract disquisitions and the sensationalism of the morbid tastes of the hour. And above all, it holds itself clear from personality. Of course, often, in the heat of discussion and with the "currente calamo," of the ready writer, appear those little excrescences, which mark all human controversies, whether as represented by the use of violent assertion or the ornamentation

of hostile vituperation! For personality is not merely confined to the person, it may be concealed in the sarcasm, as well as expressed by invective. We are glad, then, to remind our readers to-day, alike how cautious and how careful are the columns of the *Freemason*, and how we unceasingly watch against some great evils, attendant often on the press, the license of individual utterance, the tendency to deliberate personality, and the craving for an idle sensationalism, as regards scandals and untoward occurrences. Many discreditable scenes in lodge life, many outpourings of Masonic scandal, (for some Masons are very scandalous often), should never receive the benefit of the printer's preserving type, but should be relegated, (where all worthless things should go to), to the oblivion and contempt of us all. The *Freemason* only sets before its many readers that which it deems consonant with the dignity of the Craft and likely to advance the "prestige" of the Order, as well as the peace and prosperity, the honour and concord of "our brethren all." There is one point to which however, we shall deem it our duty to call the attention of our brethren at length next week, namely, anonymous letters, evidently written for the purpose of personal annoyance, which we should have thought no true Mason would ever put his hand to. But in this, as in all other things, profession and practice are very different matters. We shall recur to this subject we repeat next week.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Since my letter appeared in the *Freemason* last week I have had the plate proved and examined here by Messrs. McQueen, and one of the most eminent engravers in London, and we find that the portraiture is most successful indeed, and that the plate now only requires a little extra "toning," which will take about six weeks to accomplish, and which is now being proceeded with without a day's delay.

Yours fraternally,

E. J. HARTY.

[We have seen the plate to which Bro. Harty calls attention, and can quite confirm the opinion of the "experts" whom he mentions.

The engraving promises to be a great success, and any little additional delay in the delivery will be compensated to the subscribers by its greater artistic finish and perfection.

Bro. Harty will be glad to show the "proof" to any brother who likes to call at 213, Regent-street.—Ed.]

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As I ventured to point out last week, another event has supervened, as I thought it probably would, which has rendered the position of the Grand Orient of France, already of doubtful legality, still more questionable and unsatisfactory. For the Grand Orient, by a large majority, has determined to erase from the Book of Constitutions, the mention of "Belief in God," and to substitute for it, (almost as if in pitiless irony), "la solidarité humaine." This phrase, of dubious parentage, and objectionable antecedents, may have a magnificent meaning for foreign Freemasons, but to say the truth, in all politeness to them, it sounds to English ears as something most unmeaning, if not utter rubbish. Thus at the present moment, the official representation of French Masonic principles rests on a political cry, and an admitted negation of God, for toleration's sake. Can the force of bathos further go?

People often talk of the "credulité des incrédules," but what can we say of that "intolerance du tolerantisme" which, mocking the sacred principle of toleration, strikes out from the French Masonic Constitutions the name of God on such a plea?

As history always repeats itself, so we see day by day how Ultramontanism and hyper-scepticism meet on the same one ground, namely, that of dogmatic defiance of the convictions and conscience of others. No more foolish act, no more perverse proceeding has ever taken place than that recent agitation in French Freemasonry which has culminated in the last deplorable vote of a noisy, and unreasoning, and intolerant majority in the French Grand Orient. The whole proceeding is in fact nothing more than a crowning, so to say, of that ill-omened edifice, which the late Bro. Massol attempted to rear so carefully, so violently, and so defiantly, and which has nothing in common with true Freemasonry, in that it is only a reflex of the worst principles of the darkest days France has ever seen, a substitution of the most childish and illogical

of human philosophies for the sacred truth of inspired teaching.

It is in fact an open separation of French Freemasonry from religion, and the declaration of a "morale indépendante" as against the better and older French teaching of morality, based on the recognition of God, and issuing from the law of God!

I do not think it worth while to take any notice now of the report of the "Commission," presided over by Bro. Desmons, for this reason, that it betrays from first to last, not only an "arrière pensée" but a "parti pris." It is in fact a laboured apology to gild the pill for the swallow of the moderate minority. Historically, it may be true that the verbiage of the special clause is not very ancient, but the truth it contains is one which French Freemasonry has always proclaimed in one form or another, though now officially to be proclaimed no more. Neither do I allude to the point whether the Book of Constitutions is the best place for such a declaration, being simply a code of legislation.

Had the reformers simply placed the formula, as with us, among the "credenda et recipienda et bene notanda," no one in England would have objected. But such was not the course of the "mouvement party," and the significance of the erasure is not misunderstood in France, neither can it be misunderstood by any who are acquainted with the state of parties in French Freemasonry, or the real "dessus des cartes." It is an act for which no explanation is possible, and for which no apology is available. It is in my opinion, the absolute degradation of French Freemasonry to the level of a political faction, and an anti-religious coterie. For the only effect of this last "extravagance" will be to shock all religious and reverent Freemasons, in France and out of France, and to raise more than one inconvenient and burning question which it will be difficult for the Grand Orient to answer or to tranquillize.

So far it is but fair to the Grand Orient to remark that it has always kept itself separate from the perverse proceedings of lodges, or the absurd "dicta" of individuals. Up to the present time the Grand Orient has also repudiated all movements or teachings connected with political associations, though it has allowed discussions on many subjects, in my opinion, alike unfitting and unreasonable, which have nothing to do with Freemasonry, and can only tend to create a bad impression, whether as regards French Freemasons, or the common sense, or the utility and work of French Freemasonry.

But in all its official acts the Grand Orient has repudiated political and religious controversy.

But what will the State say now? What can Freemasons say now? It is a secret society, remember, and as such is bound to abstain from all political sympathies. But following the advice of an extreme party, well known for its strong political and anti-religious views, it bases its principles on a political cry, and the assertion of religious nihilism, so that even Atheists, as well as any one else, can be admitted into the Order. It is therefore inevitable that, sooner or later, serious questions will arise with the authorities in France, who are not likely to permit a secret society, with such an unmistakable bias, and with such on open profession of baneful principles, to meet and discuss affairs of State, much less pass political resolutions.

And besides this there comes in another very serious consideration. The lodges in France and Belgium seem to be bent on forming a "propagandism" of opinions on matters of state and the truths of religion, which are most distasteful to large masses of Freemasons, apart from all Masonic teaching which will be at once repudiated by all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. For them this last act severs all possible "fraternization," as the Grand Orient of France, by its recent decrees, has struck a blow at everything, which, as Freemasons, they are bid to uphold, or taught to revere.

I will conclude my remarks next week.

Yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

#### THE PAST MASTER'S JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read (*Freemason* Vol. 10, p. 342) the remarks of "A Member" in reference to the presentation, as of course of a Past Master's jewel to each outgoing W.M., (I will not call it appropriation to themselves), and heartily wish the Book of Constitutions contained some such law as this. "No jewel other than of silver or of silver and enamel shall be worn as a mark of having served any office in lodge by a brother under the rank of an I.M. nor even then if from want of knowledge on his part he shall not have himself performed all the work (including that of installing his successor) that shall have fallen to his lot during his first year of office as W.M." I have no care now to wear my jewel. It looks pretty, but what of that? It is no mark of work done, and consequently no credit to me, although I have done work. The Volunteer is proud of all his badges, and rightly so, and with reason, as each tells its own tale, either of a prize won or of efficiency, this latter by being now, and all honour to them, so common, has lost not one iota of its value, but is thereby the greater means of inducing all to attain the right to wear it. Would our jewel were as common among us and as honourable to the wearer.

With regard to his letter generally, I must admit I think, it were better it had never been written, much more printed and published.

Lodges may adopt a remedy thus:—let every Past Master's Jewel presented to a brother who installed his first successor have on the ribbon the letters or monogram in metal I.S. and let every brother who has installed his first successor and wears a Past Master's Jewel have them added to his ribbon, or only the letter I, if he has installed a W.M. other than his first successor. If leading lodges and brethren would only adopt this it would soon be the



acknowledged practice. Of course a brother who would have fulfilled either of the above conditions had he not at last been prevented by sickness or other compelling cause, would be entitled to wear the respective distinction.

Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.B.S.X.

#### WHAT CONSTITUTES A CONSECRATED LODGE? To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can any brother inform me what constitutes a consecrated "lodge of Freemasons." Is it the billiard-room that is consecrated, in which between the intervals of the "lodge meetings" is used both swearing and other unpolite languages; or, is it certain members of the Craft, who are "constituted" into a "lodge of Freemasons" that the consecration alludes to.

ENQUIRER.

#### PURELY MASONIC PURPOSES. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly inform me whether a proposition to vote a sum of money out of the funds of the lodge towards the Indian Famine Fund, may be carried by the lodge, although its bye-laws state that all monies shall be applied to "Purely Masonic Purposes."

INQUIRER.

[In our opinion the words "Purely Masonic Purposes" do not cover the Indian Famine Fund. Such a bye-law is very unwise, as the appropriation of the lodge funds may be fairly left to the good sense of the members.]

#### Reviews.

"Night and Day;" Edited by DR. BERNARDO. Houghton and Co., Paternoster-row.

This is a monthly record of a home mission work, carried on among the homeless and destitute boys of London, which must have much interest for the philanthropist and the Freemason. For all work is good work, missionary work, which takes part in a crusade against the many sufferings and absolute wretchedness existing in this world of ours.

One little story has touched us, as we think it will touch all our readers much. Having out of twenty boys, sleeping in old barrels, selected five for the home, Dr. Bernardo was asked by a red-headed little boy, called "Carrots," earnestly to receive him also. But the home was full, and poor little "Carrots" had to creep back into the cask. A few mornings afterwards poor little Diogenes was taken out of his tub, stone dead!

On a certain great day yet to be, if some of us may still repeat, like parrots, "Am I my brother's keeper?" a sterner voice may ask, "Where is Abel, thy brother?"

"Karten und Pläne zur Topographie des Alten Jerusalem." Basel, Bohnmaier Verlag.

This useful little pamphlet, by Dr. Carl Zimmerman, the head of a gymnasium at Basel (Basle), merits the attention of all for whom the topography of the Holy City has an abiding interest. It is still a matter of much perplexity; though on the whole we adhere to the lucid and elaborate explanation of the localities given some years ago by the Rev. Geo. Williams.

#### "The Craftsman."

Our Canadian Contemporary, ably edited, has much interest for us English Masons. We should be glad to think that it was more duly appreciated and more widely perused. It well deserves the support of the Craft.

"The Masonic Eclectic." G. H. Ramey, Washington, U.S.

We always open with interest its valuable and truly Masonic pages, and can only trust that it receives among American Masons, that support and encouragement, which it so justly deserves. It is admirably printed, and is a credit to Masonic Journalism.

#### "Eloge de Voltaire; Centenaire de Voltaire."

This is a publication, we believe, by M. Boué de Villiers, and which is another tribute, alike French and Masonic, to the memory of Voltaire. We hear continually just now of such celebrations, and all such discourses have for English Masonry, too much the appearance of political disquisitions, to be either acceptable or appropriate, for English Freemasons who absolutely keep clear of the region of politics, and there is a neutral zone which they do not allow to be impinged upon by one idea or the other, by one party or the other.

To those who admire forcible French writing, marked by a fervid democratic spirit, the "Eloge de Voltaire," an oration by Bro. Boué de Villiers, will appear to be of much merit. But we should like to see a little more of Masonry and much less of politics in all similar French addresses. If ever the advice of our Royal Grand Master was needed by any body of Masons, it is by our brethren of "Outre Manche," and "Keep Clear of Politics," should be for some time to come, the motto of French Freemasonry, if it is safely to emerge from the dangers which threaten to destroy it utterly.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the Freemason, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

#### CONSECRATION OF ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1718.

On Friday, the 21st inst., a new lodge for the parish of All Saints, Poplar, was consecrated at the Town Hall, Poplar, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. Bro. Hervey was assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who took the office of Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. James Terry, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies of Herts, who performed the duties of Chaplain.

After the lodge had been formally opened, Bro. Hervey, addressing the brethren, said: My sentiments upon Freemasonry are so universally known that I feel it scarcely necessary to address you upon the present occasion; but you know that it is at all times my anxious wish, and I very frequently have impressed upon the brethren upon such occasions as the present the necessity of looking well to those whom they introduce into Masonry, and never using a black ball other than for legitimate purposes; and I trust that in this lodge which we are about to open to-day that no such thing will ever be used to annoy either the Master or any other brother of the lodge, by those who may be dissatisfied with something which may have occurred in the lodge, and in which they may think themselves not perhaps so well treated as they might be. I simply throw that out again and repeat it because I have no doubt it cannot be too often or too strongly impressed upon the minds of those who are about to enter upon the government of a new lodge. Now, brethren, there is another little matter. It is a trifle, which I would also impress upon the members of this lodge; and I think that whoever is about to be the Treasurer of this lodge will thank me for doing so. It is very frequently the habit of brethren to say "Oh, I shall not pay to-night, or at the end of the year," whichever it may be that the subscription extends to. Well now, nothing can be more annoying to a Treasurer or more inconvenient to the government of a lodge than postponing the payments. If a brother wishes that his lodge should stand in good credit of course he must wish that the Treasurer discharge all the bills which are brought before him at once; and how is that to be done unless the brethren pay their subscriptions in advance? If the Treasurer likes of course he can pay them out of his own funds; but I think that that is not quite a healthy state of things. I think that when the brethren sit down to a banquet they may justly be expected to contribute the money towards it which is required to pay for it; and I should earnestly beg not only the brethren who are in this lodge, but brethren who may hear me generally, and I would ask them to impress upon those whom they know, the propriety of paying their subscriptions when they become due. A subscription becomes due from the time that the first meeting takes place—the first meeting in the year, whether it be January or February—be it the September or the June meeting—it is but fair that the Treasurer should be put in funds to pay his way, and not be called up to pay from his own resources that which ought to be supplied from others. It is a trifle perhaps you will say, but I am sure the Treasurer, whoever he may be whom you may elect this day, will thank me for giving you a hint that such a course is desirable. I happen, brethren, to be the Treasurer of one or two lodges myself; I happen also to be the Secretary of one, where certainly the brethren are not too prompt in their payments. (Bro. Hervey then gave an instance within his own knowledge where a brother, although he could well afford to pay immediately, allowed his subscription to accumulate for 5 or 6 years before paying.) Such a thing, he said, would not be tolerated in other lodges, but the member would be written off long ago. I am sure, he continued, you must be almost tired with my exhortations about blackballing, and one thing and another, and therefore I can only hope that, as I said before, such a black ball will never be put into the box but under legitimate circumstances; and I do trust that the members of this lodge will never find an uncomfortable brother make his way among them; because when once a man is member of a lodge it is very difficult to get rid of him; that you all know around this room—you know that a man cannot be compelled to resign, although he may make himself disagreeable to everybody in the lodge; he cannot be compelled to resign unless he infringes some rule of Grand Lodge. I will only hope that what I have said may be some slight hint to those around the room, and that you may go on in a manner to command the good wishes and I may say the thanks of the whole Craft.

The oration was delivered by Bro. Terry, who explained the origin of Freemasonry, the formation of a Freemasons' Lodge, the duties inculcated by the Order, and the application of its principles to the every day life of man.

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards proceeded with, Bros. F. H. Cozen, G. T. Carter and Theodore Distin rendering the musical portions in splendid style. When the consecration was completed, Bro. Hervey installed Bro. W. H. Farnfield as Master of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers:—Bros. Dennis, S.W.; Payne, J.W. (Bro. White invested for him in his absence); N. Fenner, Treasurer; Bracebridge, Secretary; Coleman, S.D.; Potts, J.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer, Bros. Hervey, Buss, and Terry were elected honorary members of the lodge, the W.M. stating when proposing the compliment that the brethren had had a treat which they did not often experience at the consecration of lodges. Bro. Hervey acknowledging the compliment, said that as union was strength it was with the assistance of Bros. Buss and Terry that the ceremony had gone off so well. It was very gratifying to him to know that the brethren were so much pleased, and it was additionally gratifying to him and the two brethren associated in the

compliment that what they had done met with the approbation of the lodge. The S.W. proposed and the J.D. seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Farnfield, the wife of the W.M., for her handsome present to the lodge of the cushion on the W.M. pedestal and the volume of the Sacred Law. The vote having been carried unanimously, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the vote, and stated that the heart of Mrs. Farnfield was in Masonry. Propositions for initiation and joining were then read out, and afterwards the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was admirably supplied by Bro. Grist. At the termination of the banquet the musical brethren sang grace, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. The loyal toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Buss replied for the Grand Officers. He said that the Craft was never better Grand Officered than at present, and both the Grand Secretary, himself, and Bro. Payne (G.Tyler) felt the compliment which had been paid them. On behalf of himself he might say that he never felt greater interest in the welfare of a lodge than he did in the present. Nearly a quarter of a century ago he was placed at a desk by the side of the father of Bro. Farnfield. He had known that brother 23 years, from his early youth, and it was highly gratifying to see him now first W.M. of a lodge in the parish of All Saints, Poplar. Bro. Farnfield had now established for himself a home for the rest of his life among Poplar men, and he hoped in that position he would be happy.

Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Success to the All Saints Lodge." Like Bro. Buss he had known Bro. Farnfield a good many years. He had also known Bro. Farnfield's father a great many years. He was a dear friend of his for more than 30 years. He was associated with him in one lodge, and therefore when the W.M. applied to him to consecrate All Saints Lodge he said at once that it would give him great pleasure to do so. He had come down that day to perform a small office for the son of one whom he deeply respected; one who was very generally respected by the Craft, and who was looked up to, and whose name would not readily pass away from Masons of the present day. He hoped that the W.M. of All Saints Lodge would make alike mark in his year not only as a Freemason but as Master of his lodge, as his father did before him in the Lodge of Unions and in other lodges, that the name of Farnfield might be still perpetuated in Masonic annals and spoken of with the same respect and veneration as it had been during the last 50 years. He (Bro. Hervey) had a high respect for Bro. Farnfield's abilities, and he was sure they would be exerted for the benefit of the lodge at whose head he was placed; that he would conduct the work in a manner to merit the good feelings and command the admiration of the members. He was convinced that the lodge had a great future before it; for there was still room for a lodge of this description in the locality of Poplar.

The W.M., acknowledging the toast, said, when Bro. Hervey talked about the fifty years that his (the W.M.'s) father was a member of the Craft, it made him, who was only fifteen years a Mason, feel very young indeed. Bro. Buss first and Bro. Hervey afterwards seemed to say that he (the W.M.) had done something good in the Craft, and he hoped by taking the first Mastership of the All Saints Lodge to do something more. Now he might inform the brethren that he was born in Masonry; he was brought up in Masonry; he was made a Mason almost when quite a little boy, at all events when he was quite a young man; and he had been Master of a lodge twelve years ago. He consequently knew Masonry and its beauties; he knew what it was to meet a brother in Masonry, and to trust him in Masonry; and he was glad to be received by Masons in Poplar, as he had been received in the All Saints Lodge. Bro. Hervey had prognosticated that there was a great future before the All Saints Lodge, that it was to be a shining light in the Craft; and as W.M. he was looking forward to the S.W., Bro. Dennis, as Master, who, he ventured to say, would not be anting in his efforts to make the lodge a first rate lodge. They were going to meet in the Town Hall, Poplar, on purely Masonic principles, to receive men who were true Masons, and would work and see what Masonry could do. He (the W.M.) was going on principles derived from his father, who had had fifty years' experience. He hoped that All Saints Lodge would show to the whole of the metropolis and to the country what could be done in a small lodge in a small way, and as far as his own small powers were concerned, backed up by Bro. Dennis, every endeavour would be used to make the All Saints Lodge the lodge of the season. He hoped that some years hence the name of Bro. Farnfield would be remembered in connection with Masonry in the East End of London.

The W.M. having proposed "The Consecrating Officers,"

Bro. Hervey said he had told the brethren in lodge all that he could tell them. He could only thank the two brethren who supported him in lodge, and the more especially so because they had executive duties to perform. Without their services he was afraid his own would have fallen very short, and the ceremony of that day would have been very flat. He wished to acknowledge those services now, and the obligations he was under to Bros. Buss and Terry, who at all times, and whenever they were asked, were ready to assist him, who were always ready, and always efficient. If the ceremony of the day had gone off well, it was because there had been a combination of interests, and a combination of desire to make it do so. Moreover, there had been a combination of good feeling, and kind-heartedness, and a desire that all the efforts which were made should conduce to one common success. If they had achieved it they were amply repaid for any little labour they had undergone.

The W.M. proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." He had promised Bro. Terry to take the Stewardship of this lodge for the next festival of the Benevolent In-



stitution. He had been a Governor of the Institution thirty-three years, and had served the office of Steward. They had also the Boys' School and the Girls' School. The girls to his mind were much to be preferred to the boys, for this reason only, that the boys could shift for themselves. He had already served Steward for the Girls and he hoped the brethren who had not already seen the school would go to Wandsworth and view it, and he was sure that when they came back they would give £30 or £50 towards it. But the boys must not be forgotten, and he hoped they would make good Masons in their time. The boys wanted to enlarge their Institution to allow of more candidates being admitted. He trusted the brethren would assist Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, in his laudable desire.

Bro. Terry replied. The toast, he said, was a most important one, as it embraced the welfare and happiness of nearly 700 dependents on the bounty of the Craft. All the brethren knew what great strides had been made by Masonry during the last 4 or 5 years, and perhaps no one had more painful proof of that than the Grand Secretary, because on his shoulders devolved an enormous amount of correspondence and other work far beyond what any brother outside his office could have any conception of. If this was true of the Craft, it was also true of the success of the Masonic Institutions. It was a good thing that it was so, for it would be a bad day for the Craft when the granting of charters for lodges produced an incubus on the Institutions of the Order. He was pleased to say that the new lodges were a great means of support to the Institutions rather than a burden to them. It was his pleasure last year to consecrate 17 lodges. Eleven of these sent Stewards, and they brought up £900 to the Benevolent Institution, so that he might say the granting of warrants last year was beneficial to the charities. He was very pleased to see Bro. Farnfield in the chair that evening. In connection with the Institutions his name was well known. Bro. Farnfield's father was the first Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. He accepted office when the Institution was a mere child, when it was hardly strong enough to run alone, and when it was so feeble that the Grand Master would not allow it to be brought out for a walk except once in 3 years. When he found it a little stronger he allowed it to come out once in 2 years. He then suffered it to come out every year, and the first year it so came out it had such a result that no Grand Master would like to curtail its airings. The first festival produced £800, and the festivals then went on increasing every year till last year it realised as much as £13,670. (Cheers.) The Boys' School had been equally successful; the Girls' School the same; and he could safely say they were all equally deserving of support; it was a mere question of rotation which should be supported. The W.M. had consented to be Steward for the Benevolent Institution next year. His heart must of necessity be with the success of an Institution of which he had been a life governor 33 years. Every member of his family of Farnfield was enrolled as a life governor of that Institution with the exception of one who was abroad. It was his (Bro. Terry's) good fortune for eleven years to be collector of the Benevolent Institution under the Secretaryship of the W.M.'s father, and he gave him (Bro. Terry) a very fair insight into the way in which the duties ought to be performed. In Bro. Farnfield's later years he was not so well able to cope with the growing necessities of the Craft as younger men were, but the funds of the Institution were as much cared for and looked after as if they belonged to him individually. He had the interests of the Institution as much at heart, and looked after them with as jealous care. The last time he (Bro. Terry) saw him, he said, "Ah! It is all very well to go on increasing the Institution; but you will be spending all my savings and running into debt." He was happy to say that that had not been the case. They had not spent the savings, but had added to them. There was not a year that they had not added to them, although they had added to the number of recipients and had also increased the amount of the individual annuities. The men were now getting £40 a year where they formerly got £26; and the women were receiving £32 where they used to get £25. They formerly had 180 annuitants; they now had 283. It was a saying some few years ago what a grand thing it would be if the three institutions could raise £15,000 each in the course of a year. He thought that when December, 1877, arrived, two of the institutions at all events would show they had each received £15,000, and he spoke his own grateful thanks for all that had been done by the Craft during the last 5 or 6 years. The Girls' School at next election was going to admit 35 out of 50 candidates; but the Boys' School would only take in 9 out of 67. Next year they would be laying out £3000 to admit of an additional 23 boys being taken into the school, and that would somewhat clear the list. But it was his experience that if they were to clear the list of all the three institutions to-morrow, within a month they would have as large a number applying for help as they had at the present time. They must not make their elections too easy; they must not think that because the Craft was increasing every one was to be taken into the Institutions. Rely upon it, when they saw a list before them with stars and other marks opposite certain names, and notes appended stating—"has one sister in the Girls' School," "has two sisters in the Girls' School and a third applying for admission;" when they saw this, and knew that there were poor women who could not get into the Benevolent Institution, even though it meant there was but one member of the family applying for help, they must look closely indeed before they gave their votes away, to ascertain that they were not really assisting two or three families to get the whole of their children off their hands, to the detriment of others. He wanted the brethren to look at these facts calmly and dispassionately. He had seen poor women who could not get a child in after 4, 5, or 6

applications, women poorly dressed, hoping against hope every time that some kind friend would come forward; and they had gone away crestfallen; whilst other widows dressed in far better apparel went away smiling, their children having got in the first time. He would strongly advise the brethren not to put 3 children of one family in the schools. Let them distribute their favours more equally and then they would be doing more good. He trusted that this lodge would go on and prosper. Of course the Benevolent Institution could not expect much from them the first year. They had many expenses to meet, and therefore whatever they could spare, be it large or small, would be gratefully received. The Benevolent Institution was, as the W.M. had stated, a great Institution. He did not mean to say that the other Institutions were not equally great; but the brethren had to look to the fact that every year the boys and girls were more and more becoming capable of discharging their duties in life. Children of this day must be educated, they would not be allowed to grow up in ignorance. With the old men and women it was a different thing. They had passed through life and had nothing more to learn. The Benevolent Institution afforded them the means of living. It was not a benefit society; they could not claim its benefits because they had subscribed to it; for out of the 283 persons who were now receiving annuities 260 had never subscribed a penny to it during their days of prosperity. It was a grand thing for the brethren to say that they did not require that people should subscribe to the Benevolent Institution as a condition of their receiving annuities. It was also a grand thing that there was such an Institution to assist the poor people in the declining years of their life, and he hoped that that Institution would continue to prosper, and long might the Boys' and Girls' Schools prosper likewise. Long also might the Craft be the disposers of such a large amount of money as they were in the habit of giving to objects outside the circle of Masonry. During this year £5300 odd had been so given—£4000 to the Life-Boats; £1050 to the India Famine Fund; £210 to the Fire at New Brunswick Fund; and £210 to the fund to alleviate the distress caused by the cataclysm in Peru. Now that was a great thing to say, and he was sure no brother regretted that these sums had been given. He hoped the All Saints Lodge would support the charities, and that it might be a successful lodge. There was another lodge in the neighbourhood which had greatly supported the Institutions—Lodge of Temperance in the East was a non-dining lodge, and during the last year paid no less than £170 to the three Institutions, that redounded very much to its credit. During the last two years from lodges in that quarter the three Institutions had received sums amounting to nearly £3000. He trusted that All Saints Lodge would not be behind the others. He could not, as he had said expect much during the first year, but he had known some lodges give £50 on the night of the consecration, and others large amounts on the same night. Such an accident might take place with this lodge, and if the brethren should feel inclined to place £50 on the W.M.'s list, he (Bro. Terry) was sure the W.M. was not the man to refuse it. (Cheers.)

Bros. Robert Wright, 504, and Reed, 781, responded for the visitors.

Bro. Fenner responded as Treasurer, and Bro. Bracebridge as Secretary. The former as an old Mason said he had been induced by some very old and dear friends, well up in Masonry, to join this lodge, and he was glad he had done so, as it revived very many old and pleasant associations. As Treasurer to the lodge he would never be a party to improperly spending the funds. The charities were always open, ready and necessary recipients of bounty. The first care of the brethren of this lodge would be attention to these charities; and next they would look to their own enjoyment.

Bro. Bracebridge thought a good deal less money should be spent in eating and drinking, and a good deal more in charity. He believed in social meetings and in fostering everything that was kind and good; but he hoped that all the Masonic lodges in the kingdom would spend much less in personal indulgence. Masonry would then be a most powerful body, and its charities would receive ten times more than they did. As Bro. Terry had said, they had done wonders, but they might do much more.

Bro. Dennis, S.W., replying for "The Officers," followed in the same strain, and referred to the fact that the family of Farnfield had made themselves acquainted with the ritual of Freemasonry and had not failed to put their hands in their pockets, and to show their assiduity and perseverance on behalf of the charities. It was intended to carry out both these principles in the All Saints Lodge, —to have correct working, and full support to the charities.

Bros. White, Coleman, and Potts also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable evening to a close.

#### MOVEMENTS OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

During the last week H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has been the guest of Sir Geo. Wombwell, at Newburgh Hall, where a distinguished party has been assembled to meet him for the purpose of partridge shooting. On Tuesday, the Prince of Wales arrived at Helmsley on a short visit to the Earl and Countess of Feversham. The Prince had been staying with Sir George Wombwell at Newburgh Park since Monday, and on Tuesday travelled by North-Eastern special train from Coxwold to Helmsley, arriving at 1 o'clock. He was accompanied by Sir George and Lady Julia Wombwell, Maria, Marchioness of Ailesbury, Lord and Lady Donchester, Viscount and Viscountess Grey De Wilton, Lord Elthorpe, and others. He was received by the Earl of Feversham at Helmsley Station, where a

guard of honour, consisting of the 10th Company and the 9th Battalion of North Yorkshire Rifles, was drawn up to receive his Royal Highness. The town of Helmsley and the station were most profusely decorated, and the Prince was received with much loyalty. Along with Earl Feversham, Sir George Wombwell, and the Marchioness of Ailesbury, his Royal Highness drove off in an open barouche to Duncombe, where they were joined by the rest of the guests, and had luncheon. During the afternoon he paid a visit to Griff Farm to inspect Earl Feversham's splendid breed of shorthorns, some of great value. The Prince also planted a silver fir tree on the garden terrace in commemoration of his visit. Afterwards the Royal party visited the beautiful ruins of Rievaulx Abbey. They took tea in the temple on the far-famed terrace and viewed the magnificent scenery of the district. At 6 o'clock they left Duncombe Park by special train for Newburgh, the Prince having greatly enjoyed his visit to this most lovely district in North Yorkshire.

H.R.H. enjoyed the best of health. He returned to London on Saturday.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales with the family arrived from the Isle of Wight on Friday, reaching London at 6 o'clock in the evening.

On Tuesday evening the Prince of Wales and his family left London for Abergeldie.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princes Victor and George Frederick and the members of their family and suite, arrived at Abergeldie about half-past 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, travelling by special train from Perth.

#### THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The Queen is at Balmoral with the Duke of Connaught and Princess Beatrice. Mr. Cross is the Minister in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are expected in London in April or May next.

On Thursday week the Princess Louise went to Carlisle to open a new viaduct and bazaar in aid of the Cumberland Infirmary. Her Royal Highness was received at the latter institution by the Bishop, the Dean, and the Chancellor of the diocese. On Saturday she paid another visit to the city, and went over the cathedral; after which she distributed prizes at the School of Art. It is believed that the bazaar will yield about £3000.

On Friday week Prince Leopold arrived from Taymouth Castle at Balcarras, the seat of Sir Coutts Lindsay.

On Thursday week the Duke of Cambridge returned from Homburg, greatly benefited in health from his stay on the Continent.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

for the Week ending Friday, October 5, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Chiland, Ship and Turtle.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Ho., Lincoln's Inn.  
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Ho., Mile End-rd.  
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Eastern, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C. 2nd and 4th Monday every week.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Colonial Board, at 3.  
Lodge 7, R. York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge-House Ho.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Westminster Palace Ho., S.W.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, C. of G.H. Tav., E.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Ho., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-st., Woolwich.  
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Ho., Anerley.



## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
 alington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1491, Athenæum, Camden-road, N.W.  
 " 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.  
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.  
 Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
 Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, Regent-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
 Pythagorean, Prince of Orange, Greenwich.  
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, N.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.  
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club Lecture Hall.  
 " 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.  
 Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 Wbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 House Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
 Encampment 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
 " 190, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Ball's Pond-road, N.  
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
 Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Prince of Orange, Greenwich-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 6, 1877

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Ho., Preston.  
 " 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.  
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1384, Skelmersdale, Queen's Ho., Waterloo.  
 Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Southport 12.  
 Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon, do., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Chapter 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
 Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 St. John's do., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, do.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool (Installation).  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The first meeting of this old lodge since the summer recess was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. M. Davis, W.M.; Mallett, S.W.; Dairy, J.W.; Waygood, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M.; Treasurer; Stuart, P.M.; Secretary; Rumball, S.D.; Morrison, A.W.S., acting J.D.; Whitby, I.G.; Heaphy, D.C.; Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, A.D.C.; Past Masters Pevor, Hopwood, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex; Green, Thomas, and Kennett. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Aaron and initiated Mr. Cox with his accustomed ability. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M. took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. E. Mallett, who returned thanks for the honour accorded to him in a few well chosen sentences. The Treasurer, Bro. Carter, and the Tyler, Bro. Longstaffe, having been unanimously re-elected, the audit committee, consisting of Bros. Aston, Bacon, Chambers, Titley, and Havard, were appointed to audit the accounts on the 9th instant. The committee of the Benevolent Fund were re-appointed, and Bros. Aston and Titley added to their number. Previously to the closing of the lodge a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring Master. The visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; Millas, Robert Burns; and the Rev. H. J. Gillespie, 163 and 307, Ireland. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Waygood, I.P.M., who briefly said that Bro. Davis had gone through the chair most admirably, and had gained the esteem of every member of the lodge for the manner in which he had discharged its hospitality. The W.M. in response thanked the brethren sincerely for the kind way they had always treated him both in and out of lodge, and if he had done the "work" of the chair during his year in office in a satisfactory manner he was amply repaid for the labour he had bestowed. "The Initiate" followed. In the course of his remarks the W.M. said that it was always a pleasing duty to propose the health of a newly-made brother, and from the care and attention evinced by Bro. Cox that evening during his initiation he believed that the "Faith" would have every reason to be proud of him. Bro. Cox in reply merely said that he felt pleased at having been admitted one of their number, and he could only indorse the words of the W.M., that they would find him always a good Mason. "The Health of the Visitors" having been warmly received, Bro. Millas in response said that he felt deeply the kind manner in which the health of the visiting brethren had been proposed by the W.M. It was his first visit, and he could only say that it was really a first-rate lodge in every respect. It was particularly pleasing to mark the great respect paid to the authority of the W.M., and in conclusion he said that the W.M. elect was the right man in the right place. "The Past Masters" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Waygood and Hopwood upon behalf of themselves and absent colleagues. In giving "The Officers" the W.M. said that he took that the last opportunity he should have, of returning his thanks for the great assistance he had received from the working staff during his year. The S.W. in reply said that on behalf of himself and his colleagues he thanked the W.M. for the good opinion he had of their humble merits, and he hoped that his year would be equally as successful. Bro. Dairy, the J.W., also acknowledged the compliment paid to him and his brother officers by the W.M. During the evening instrumental, dramatic, and vocal selections were given by Bros. Robinson, Pitt, Mallett, Walls, and Dunnithorne.

**WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. E. Newton, W.M.; S. D. Ewins, S.W.; Dr. Cutmore, J.W.; E. Kidman, S.D.; W. Drake, J.D.; Capt. Kain, P.M. and Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.M. and Secretary; A. Brown, P.M.; J. Pringle, P.M.; G. Newman, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; J. R. Williams, F. G. Barnes, J. F. Honey, F. Ince, W. J. Collins, G. Castle, E. B. Broomhall, A. LeGrand, R. Sutcliffe, R. J. Lemon, and numerous other members. Visitors: Bro. George Kenning, P.M. and Treasurer 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; H. E. Frances, P.M. 857, P.G.D. Surrey; W. Hopekirk, W.M. 1286, Treasurer, Manchester Lodge, 179; Sergt. Major A. Andrews, Hon. Artillery Company, Wanderers

Lodge, 1604. The business of the evening consisted of the raising of Bros. B. Thompson Lowne, M.D., and J. H. Brookes, and the initiation by Bro. William Worrell, P.M. and Secretary, of his friend, Mr. James Turle Lee, a gentleman well known in the musical profession. The W.M. then resumed his position in the chair, and the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. S. D. Ewins, S.W. It is pleasing to note the success that this brother has attained in the lodge in so short a time, considering it was only five years ago that he was initiated in the lodge, and the brethren look forward to a most successful year of office under his able and indefatigable rule. Bro. Capt. Kain was again elected Treasurer, a post that he has held so worthily for many years. Bro. W. Grant was elected Tyler. A jewel was voted to Bro. W. E. Newton, W.M., on his retiring from the chair. All business being concluded, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very enjoyable banquet, most ably served under the personal supervision of Bro. E. H. Rand, who, since his appointment as superintendent of the hotel has been most solicitous to secure the satisfaction and approval of the many lodges, chapters, &c., meeting in the house. The alms of the brethren were asked on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund, which resulted in the sum of £3 10s. 2d. being handed to Bro. Kenning, to be added to the list of subscriptions, of which he has consented to be the Treasurer. The W.M. being obliged to leave somewhat early, Bro. William Worrell, P.M. and Secretary, presided during the remainder of the evening.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at its new quarters, the Havlock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. In consequence of the great progress made by this lodge it became necessary to remove from the house where it was consecrated, and it now meets in one of the most commodious and elegant rooms in the north-east of London. As is usual at this lodge the programme was a lengthy one, and the lodge was opened at an early hour, under the able presidency of Bro. J. B. Shackleton, W.M., supported by Bros. Chapman, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Lee, P.M., Secretary; Green, S.D.; Brand, I.G.; Johnson, D.C.; Dignam, W.S.; and Young, Organist; the Wardens were unfortunately absent through illness, their places being ably filled by Bros. C. Lorkin as S.W.; and F. Brasted as J.W. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Stevenson, Reynolds, Stokes, Moon, G. Ferrar, Hill, R. George, Brame, E. Dietrich, Hollingsworth, A. Ferrar, Varney, Polak, Jameson, E. George, Davies, Bonner, Payne, and Beensen. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the following visitors:—Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece, P.M. 645; E. Bare, W.M. 1685; W. Sprake, 301; T. Ainsley, 244; W. F. Rogers, 704; and C. A. Birdseye, No. 20, Connecticut, U.S.A. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Reynolds and passed Bros. Beensen and Jameson. There were no less than six candidates for initiation, all of whom were unanimously elected, and Messrs. C. J. Olley, R. Fisher, A. R. Olley, and T. Norman being in attendance were then regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. George Ferrar. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Binckes, as a Past Grand Steward, returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Chapman, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," dilated upon the great progress the Lodge had made under Bro. Shackleton's Mastership, and on the zeal and ability with which he had discharged his important duties. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him. "The Health of the Initiates" was drunk and suitably responded to. Bro. Matier responded for "The Visitors," and remarked upon the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, under the auspices of which a brother might secure a welcome by the fraternity in all parts of the world. Bro. Birdseye, from U.S.A., also responded, and thanked the brethren for his cordial reception. The W.M. proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." Bro. Binckes replied. It must be a source of great congratulation to us all that Freemasonry is in such a flourishing condition, but when we considered the rapid strides the Craft had made since the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., we must not forget that the demands upon the resources of our Institutions would be increased in proportion. The Boys' School out of a list of sixty-seven candidates could only admit nine, they were about to lay out £3000 in providing additional accommodation for twenty-seven boys, and he hoped and believed that these efforts would be nobly seconded by the Craft. He had been informed that this lodge had already sent up a Steward for the Girls' School and also for the Benevolent Institution, and he therefore hoped that the lodge would now direct its attention to the claims of the Institution of which he was the representative. In response to this appeal Bro. E. Dietrich volunteered to represent the lodge as a Steward at the next annual festival of the R.M.I. Boys (applause). The health of the P.M.'s (Bro. Lee and Chapman) were then proposed. Bro. Lee in returning thanks for the P.M.'s, referred to the observations which had been made by Bro. Binckes with reference to the Masonic Charities, and reminded the lodge that although it had been nearly three years established, it had not yet contributed anything from the lodge funds towards the support of those Institutions, but he hoped that at the close of the present financial year the funds would be in a position to justify the lodge in placing a substantial amount on the list of Bro. Dietrich. The health of the officers was proposed

and drank, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, having spent a very pleasant evening.

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).**—The first meeting of the lodge after the recess was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Abchurch-lane, W., on Thursday, 27th ult. Present: Bros. the Rev. P.M. Holden, W.M.; E. White, S.W.; J. E. Shand as J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Hutchinson, as J.D.; Willis, I.G.; B. W. Swallow (G.J.D. Middx.), I.P.M.; E. J. Scott, Sec.; C. A. Cottaburne, Treas.; Bros. Hammond, Townley, Gardner, Tate, Irving, Ward, Eastgate, Decker, and others. Visitors present: J. Crouth, P.G.P., W.M. (Covent Garden Lodge); J. Elliott, W.M. 1348; A. J. Ireton, S.W. 1348; A. Bassington, J.W. 205; L. Beck, W.M. 1687; E. H. Stamwitz, P.M. 435; T. Cooper, S.D. 538; L. Edell, 108, London; J. W. Lakin, 180; C. F. Lewis, 95; T. J. Arnold, 182; E. G. Marner, 1673. Bros. Clarke and Taylor were passed, and Bros. Jones, Lee, Eastgate and Ward were duly and very impressively raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree. Bro. S. W. White was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and will be installed in November. Bro. Cottaburne was re-elected Treas.; Potter, Tyler. A jewel value £10 10s. was voted to the W.M., also a P.M.'s collar and jewel attached, for his efficient and valuable services. The bye-laws were read, and several propositions for initiation at next meeting. A letter was read from Bro. Parsons, whose resignation was received with regret. A letter was received from Bro. Riley, who had gone to Ireland, asking permission to be a country member, also asking the W.M. to receive for lodge and place upon dinner table a haunch of fine venison, which he had the pleasure to forward, and which later in the evening was found delicious. Lodge was then closed, and about 45 in number sat down to an excellent repast by Bro. Nichol, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, Bros. Beck, Eastgate, &c., contributing to the harmony. A suggestion made by Bro. Scott (Sec.), towards the close of evening for the lodge, to have a ball in January next met with great enthusiasm, and a guarantee fund was at once started, and among the brethren present about £40 was collected.

**MILPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 29th of Sept., at the Albion Hotel. Present: Bros. Nelson Read, W.M.; David R. Scill, S.W.; Walter Medcalf, J.W.; J. J. Avery, Treas.; W. Vilven, S.D.; J. Berryman, J.D.; F. Morgan, 1572, Acting I.G.; H. Shaw, Tyler; Lissons, Wiles, Warden, Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Lewis and Wells. Visitors: Bros. Whitaker, W.M., 1572; J. Chaney, 180; Birkett, 970. Lodge opened at 2.30. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Lewis and Wells, having answered the usual questions were entrusted and withdrew. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Morgan, Wright, Coppard, Lewis and Wells, were separately obligated and raised to the Sublime Degree. Lodge resumed to First Degree, and closed with perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 5 o'clock, and adjourned till the 2nd Saturday in October.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).**—The opening meeting for the season was held at the Lodge Rooms, Swan Hotel, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 26. The meeting was a most successful one, both as regards attendance of members, (about thirty being present) and the manner in which the three ceremonies were worked. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Col. Stuart, P.G.W., (who has not yet returned from America, where he has been during the summer), Bro. Captain Green, I.P.M., occupied the chair and performed the ceremonies of raising, passing, and initiation in an exceptionally praiseworthy manner, in which he was ably assisted by the officers of the lodge, all of them being present. Besides Captain Green there were present:—Bros. the Rev. C. Breton, Chaplain; W. Finlason, P.M., Senior Warden; Cop. Calhorne, J.W.; Combes, S.D.; Allan, I.D.; Thody, I.G.; C. Prior, M.D., P.M. Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, F.M., Treasurer; Alderman J. R. Butt, J.P., P.M., Steward; Piper, Organist; Reynolds, Tyler; also the following Past Masters, J. Tropp, Cuthbert, Billson, G. P. Nash, Whirby, Cookson, and following brethren: Whittaker, Kilpin, Thompson, Roe, Harris, Jarvis, Ayres, H. Young, Warren, &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the former lodge were read and confirmed, a ballot was then taken for Mr. A. H. Allen, who being declared unanimously elected, was then initiated. Bro. H. Young was duly passed to the Second, and Bro. R. P. Jarvis, raised to the Third Degree. At the conclusion of the ceremonies it was unanimously agreed that the brethren belonging to the lodge should be solicited to pay whatever subscription they thought of giving towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund into the Stuart Lodge fund for that object, and a sum of ten pounds was voted from the lodge funds for the same. The votes for the Masonic Schools were then disposed of by the brethren present, and other routine business transacted. On the motion of Bro. P.M. Bull, a brother lately come to reside in Bedford was proposed as a joining member; after which the lodge being closed, the brethren, to the number of twenty-seven, adjourned to refreshment after a period of incessant labour which had as much earned them this reward as it had disposed them to enjoy it. The usual toasts were duly proposed and fully honoured, and the brethren separated, delighted to get to earnest work again after their long separation of the summer vacation.

**LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).**—The usual monthly meeting of the "Old Downshire" was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday evening, the 27th of September, when there was a very large muster of members. Bro. John Lecomber, W.M., was in his place, and he was supported by Bros. R. P. France, I.P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; T. Dilcock, P.M.; H. Hunt, P.M.; S. E. Ibbis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. L. Moughton, S.W.; T. Boswell, J.W.; R. Ing, P.M., Treasurer; Adolph Pedersen, Secretary; J. N. Birch,



S.D.; J. Glitherow, J.D.; W. H. Veevers, I.G.; R. J. Wilkinson, S.; P. Maddox, S.; and J. Yapp, Org. There were about 40 brethren present, and a number of visitors. Mr. W. E. L. Hambley was unanimously elected for the benefits of initiation, but he had gone to sea since his proposition. The lecture on the first tracing board was, under these circumstances, given by Bro. R. P. France, P.M., whose excellent and fluent delivery was greatly admired and appreciated. A vote of thanks, on the motion of Bro. P.M. Dilcock, seconded by Bro. P.M. Hunt, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. France for the Masonic treat realised by his lecture. The sum of eight guineas was asked from the funds to help a widow and two distressed brethren, and on the motion of Bro. P.M. France, seconded by Bro. P.M. Dilcock, it was unanimously resolved to donate five guineas to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. (This amount was subsequently supplemented by three guineas, subscribed by the individual members, making the donation eight guineas.) After four propositions for initiation and two for joining, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

**LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Dramatic Lodge** (No. 1609).—The first annual installation meeting, after consecration, of the members of this prosperous lodge, (which was instituted in June, 1876, for the convenience of dramatic, musical, literary, and other representatives of professional pursuits), was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was one of the most influential and numerous attendances seen at any installation for a considerable time. It may be stated that the date of installation was altered, by special resolution, from June till September, to suit the engagements of the professional brethren, whose engagements took them from town during the summer months. It is also an almost unprecedented fact that Bro. Joseph Bell, the first W.M., one of the most respected Masons in Liverpool, not only occupied the chair for 15 months, but held the same position in the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, so that his term of tenure of office as W.M., extended over a period of two years and three months. That the petitioning brethren acted wisely in choosing Bro. Bell as the first Master is abundantly proved by the present financial position of the lodge, the excellent reputation it has deservedly secured for correct and high-class working, and the perfect harmony which had characterised the whole of its proceedings since the consecration. Not only is the "Dramatic," now numerically strong, but careful attention has also been paid to the all-important rule of quality, and not mere quantity of membership, thereby exhibiting a carefulness which is well worthy of general imitation. Within a very few weeks after consecration every farthing of liability was cleared off, and at the end of the first 15 months of its existence the balance sheet shows that the total worth of the lodge is about £200. The subjoined account of the interesting and most successful installation proceedings also shows that charity is not forgotten as the chief gem in the symbolic jewels of Freemasonry, and there is every reason to believe that with increasing prosperity in the future there will be shown a proportionate increase in the distinguishing virtue of the Craft. The formation of a Fund of Benevolence is amongst the earliest schemes which will be considered during the current year, and from the interest already manifested in the proposal there seems every prospect that the scheme will be completely successful. The brethren were summoned to meet at 12.30, and punctually at that hour, Bro. Joseph Bell, the W.M., took his place in the chair, and proceeded without delay with the business of the day. The officers were all in their places, and there was a numerous attendance of distinguished brethren as visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two initiates and one joining member, after which the balance-sheet, which was taken as read, was passed by acclamation. Bro. Walter James Chapman, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. R. Brown, P.M., 241, and Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Registrar. The ceremony of installing Bro. Chapman was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. Bell, the retiring W.M., who thus most honourably closed a memorable term of service in the chair. After the newly-chaired W.M. had been saluted, according to time immemorial custom, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Bell, I.P.M.; Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., D.C.; Bro. Lind's Courtenay, S.W.; Bro. J. McKenzie, J.W.; Bro. A. Woolrich, Treasurer (re-elected); Bro. J. Atkinson, Secretary; Bro. W. Sandbrook, S.D.; Bro. Fred. Wilkinson, J.D.; Bro. Frank Emery, I.G.; Bro. J. Pye, S.S.; Bro. W. Savage, jun., J.S.; Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O. and Bro. R. Burgess, Organists; and Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The closing charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were very effectively delivered by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241. Mr. Arthur Weston, (professionally known as "Boz," the clever conjuror) and Mr. John Charles Duckworth, journalist, having been previously unanimously elected, and being now in attendance, were duly initiated into the Order by Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., in a most impressive manner, all the new officers doing their work in a highly satisfactory manner. On the motion of Bro. Atkinson, Sec., it was agreed that the expenses of the officers in attending the P.G. Lodge meeting at Southport should be defrayed from the funds of the lodge, and the W.M. expressed a hope that there would be a numerous representation of the members to support him and his Wardens on that occasion. After a proposition for joining had been made, the brethren were called off from labour to refreshment. A recherche banquet was served to about seventy, in the large dining room of the hall by Bro. Ball, P.G. Tyler. Bro. Chapman, W.M.,

presided at the banquet table, supported, right and left, by a brilliant array of P.G. Officers. When dessert had been placed on the table, the W.M. gave the first toast of the evening—"The Queen"—which was honoured with immense enthusiasm. The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Grand Master. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said—The Prince of Wales, I dare say, is one of the most popular men in the country (hear), and his position as a Freemason—his position as M.W.G.M. of the Order.—will doubtless form one of the brightest jewels in the crown he is destined to wear, thereby making his influence the greatest in the whole world. (Applause.) Brethren, I ask you to drink the health of our G.M., his amiable consort, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast was received most cordially. "God bless the Prince of Wales," was then sung by Bro. Woolrich and company. The next toast, "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," was proposed, in eulogistic terms, by Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec. The next toast was "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Past and Present." The W.M., in submitting the toast, said they were fortunate in West Lancashire in having a popular brother like Lord Skelmersdale at their head. He took a great interest in the Craft, and was readily accessible on all occasions, thereby rendering himself highly popular amongst the brethren. Bro. H. S. Alpess, in acknowledging the toast, said it gave him very great pleasure to be present at the installation that day, and to witness the undoubted success which the lodge had secured after fifteen months' existence. He thought that the success of the Dramatic Lodge since its consecration would clearly show that Lord Skelmersdale, their P.G. Master, was perfectly justified in his recommendation to the G. Master that a warrant of constitution should be granted. (Cheers.) In all his (the P.G. Sec's.) experience he did not know any lodge which had been so successful as the "Dramatic" in carrying out the objects for which it was instituted, and in carrying them out so harmoniously and creditably. In the first place, the object of the promoters in establishing this lodge—as precedent for which they had doubtless witnessed in London, was to suit the convenience of those professional brethren who, while desirous of becoming Freemasons were prevented from doing so by their professional avocations. Some thirty years ago, Bro. Raymond, lessee of the Liverpool Theatre, in Church-street, appeared to have taken a very great interest in Masonry, giving a benefit at his theatre for some Masonic charity; and associated with him was Bro. W. J. Hammond, not unknown in the present generation, whose son was now well recognised as a worthy Mason. Moreover, not only had the Dramatic Lodge been successful, but it had maintained its professional status, and he was pleased to find from the returns that it was really a dramatic lodge, the majority of the brethren being connected with the stage, as well as musical and literary pursuits. Everyone that visited it must feel that an evening with the "Dramatic" was one of the most enjoyable and profitable they could have. The members certainly showed the fine spirit of brotherhood, and although it was said that jealousy prevailed greatly in the profession they had chosen, that was not so in Masonry—that whatever must be the case on the public stage it did not exist on the Masonic stage. (Hear.) They had that afternoon seen Bro. Chapman installed W.M. of the lodge and they must all be congratulating themselves on securing the services of one who was really entitled and fitted to be a ruler in the Craft. Bro. Chapman had given the First Degree that evening, and all who were present must agree with him, (Bro. Alpess) that he (the W.M.) thoroughly understood the meaning of the solemn ceremony and had required no mere parrot power of repetition. (Hear, hear.) Lord Skelmersdale was greatly esteemed in Masonry,—so much so, that it seemed if things went on as they were now doing Masonry would soon take up all his lordship's time, leaving him none for the performance of his legislative duties. Again referring to the excellent working of the Dramatic Lodge, Bro. Alpess said he could see that for the next three years, at least, they had a class of officers who would maintain the proud position and secure its success with the literary and dramatic professions. The newspapers told us the right way in which to do things, and if they did not do right they might rest assured the representatives of that mighty engine, the Fourth Estate, would be down on them "like a thousand of bricks." Bro. Joseph Bell, I.P.M., next gave "The Worshipful Master," saying he was sure the toast would be received with the enthusiasm it deserved. Bro. Chapman was well known to them as an excellent Mason, and he had the interest of the lodge at heart. The W.M. said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the honour conferred on him. Only three years ago he was initiated into Masonry, and now he occupied the proud position of W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge. He only hoped he would be able to repay the confidence which the members had reposed in him. That would be his object, and his greatest reward at the end of the year would be to know he had secured the same sincere respect as Bro. Bell had during his time in the chair. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M., and Installing Master" (Bro. Bell), and in doing so referred to the fine brotherly spirit which he had displayed and the warm interest he had taken in the welfare of the lodge since its consecration. The W.M. then presented Bro. Bell with a most exquisitely designed and unique P.M.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge and also with a splendid chain and locket (with square and compasses set with diamonds on one side and Bro. Bell's inlaid monogram on the other) which had been subscribed by the individual members of the lodge as a mark of the affection and esteem in which he was held by all. Bro. Bell, I.P.M.,

in acknowledging the splendid gifts, said he looked upon that as the splendidest and happiest moment of his life, not only because, of these handsome presents, but because the generosity and kindness the brethren had shown, that he had given them satisfaction by the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. Some other toasts were given, which closed the refreshment proceedings. The general enjoyment of every one was greatly promoted by the excellent songs and recitations given by Bros. G. W. Anson, J. Bushfield, D. Saunders, John Hill, A. Weston, A. Woolrich, Treas.; W. S. Cooke, L. Courtenay, S.W., and others, the piano accompaniments being artistically played by Bros. Skeaf and Burgess. On resuming labour it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Bell, seconded by Bro. Marson, that a letter of condolence should be written to the family of the late Bro. Dr. A. Whittle, a member of the lodge, who had died very suddenly. Bro. Bell then moved that the sum of 15 guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge to endow the chairs of the W.M., the I.P.M., and S.W. with life governorships of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The motion was seconded by Bro. Isaac de Freece, and carried by acclamation. Bro. R. Brown briefly acknowledged the generous vote. Bro. Marson next proposed that the sum of 3 guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge to endow the chairs of the W.M., S.W., and J.W. with life governorships of the Hamer Benevolent Fund. This motion was seconded by Bro. Bell, and was likewise carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and in accordance with ancient form.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE** (No. 1056).—Friday the 28th Sept., being the day appointed by the bye-laws of this lodge for working the ceremony of installation, the chair was occupied by Bro. Whittaker, W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master and he was ably supported by Bros. Reed and Dwarber, whom he had appointed as his Senior and Junior Wardens. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees and the sections worked by Bros. Woods and Reed in the Second Degree, Bro. Creak was presented by the Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. Stacey, to the W.M. as a fit person to receive the benefit of installation, and having assented to abide by the ancient charges as read by the Secretary, Bro. Snelling, took the office of W.M. elect, and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Vincent was ably installed as W.M. of the lodge, and was afterwards saluted by the brethren in the Three Degrees, according to ancient custom. Bro. Vincent afterwards appointed and invested his officers. The following brethren were then elected members of the lodge:—Bros. Tucker, Kearney, Willett, Marion, Lockhead, and Cranwell, and a vote of thanks was directed to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Whitaker for his services as Installing Master, and he was afterwards, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, made honorary member of the lodge. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and members of the lodge, and much satisfaction was expressed by them at the manner in which Bro. Whitaker had performed the duties of Installing Master.

**FINSBURY PARK LODGE** (No. 1288).—This lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 26th, of September, at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, N. Present: Bros. P. Dickinson, Preceptor; I. Walker, W.M., Egyptian, No. 27; Campbell, S.W.; Press, J.W.; H. B. D. Dunn, Sec.; Pigot, P.M.; Treasurer; John Eldridge, W.M. 167, S.D.; Rothschild, J.D.; Baldwin, I.G. The lodge having been opened the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing and initiation were rehearsed. Bro. Dickinson worked First and Second Sections of Lecture. Bro. Campbell was elected W.M. for ensuing fortnight, and the annual supper of the lodge was fixed for the 3rd inst.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE** (No. 1426).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Arms, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, 27th ult. Bros. Stanway: W.M., Spiegel, S.W.; Freeman, J.W.; Soul, I.G. Bros. Poore, Preceptor; Blackey, Sec.; Colmer, Treas.; and about 25 brethren attended. This being the fourth Thursday in the month, according to the bye-laws, the Installation ceremony was rehearsed, and Bro. Barry being appointed Installing Master.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE** (No. 1524).—This lodge held its annual meeting at the Havelock Tavern, on Wednesday evening, 27th ult., at 8 p.m. Present: Bros. J. Larkin, W.M.; Brasted, S.W.; McMillan, J.W.; Maples, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; Woolley, I.G.; Fieldwick, Preceptor; E. Dietrich, Secretary; and J. B. Shackleton, Lee, Gilchrist, Symes, F. Beensen, Hodgkinson, Moore, Little, Spencer, G. Ferrar, E. George, Polack, Marsh, C. Larkin, Streeton, &c. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. F. Beensen being the candidate. After the lodge being called from labour to refreshment, and refreshment to labour, Bros. Lee and Gilchrist worked the sections of the lectures, assisted by the brethren. Bro. E. P. Hodgkinson was elected as a joining member. Bro. Brasted was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

#### Mark Masonry.

**GUILDFORD.**—Percy Lodge (No. 114).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel



Hotel, on Thursday, Sept. 20. The attendance of brethren was not so numerous as usual, owing to distant engagements of several members, who however, forwarded their apologies for absence. Amongst these were Bros. the R.W. Major General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey; the V.W. F. W. Harrison, Prov. D.G. Master of Surrey; the W. W. Smallpiece, Col. Martin, Dr. La-Fargue, R. Eve, T. Tyler, &c. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Wells, who was supported by Bro. W. M. Piggott, S.W.; Charrington, J.W.; Edgar Drewitt, P.M.; Davies, Michaux, Nealds, Seymour and others. By request of the W.M., the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.G.J.O. advanced into the Degree, Bro C. D. Onslow, M.P., and subsequently installed the W.M. Elect, Bro. W. M. Piggott into the chair of A., both ceremonies being worked in extenso, and the addresses to the Master and Officers impressively delivered. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Charrington, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Eve, M.O.; Bothing, S.O.; Davies, J.O.; Michaux R.M.; W. Smallpiece, P.M., Treasurer; Drewitt, P.M., D.C.; Piggott, Secretary; Seymour, I.G.; Neate, Tyler. The Deacons' Offices were left open for ensuing meeting. The lodge unanimously voted the sum of two guineas to the Indian famine fund, and transacted necessary routine business. On the proposition of the I.P.M., Bro. Wells, supported by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Piggott, the thanks of the lodge to the V.W. Bro. James Stevens for his services on this and former occasions were unanimously voted, and he was requested to accept Honorary Membership in token thereof. Bro. Stevens briefly responded and expressed the pleasure he felt in receiving so honourable a mark of approval, and his desire to be in the future as he had been in the past, of service to the brethren generally and to the lodge in particular. The lodge was then closed, and after attending the meeting of the Percy Craft Lodge, which was opened immediately subsequent, the brethren re-united at the banquet table under the presidency of Bro. Davies, W.M. of the Craft Lodge, Bro. Piggott, the W.M. of this Mark Lodge occupying the position of S.W.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland was held at Cockermouth, under the banner of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, on Friday, the 28th ult. It being twelve years since the meeting was held at Cockermouth, when the late Bro. F. L. B. Dykes was Provincial Grand Master, the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge put forward their utmost energies to render the event as successful as on the previous occasion. The proceedings were opened in the spacious premises of the "Auctioneering and Estate Agency Company," which were admirably suited for the business of the day. The large dining hall was transformed into a well-appointed lodge-room, under the able supervision and decorative ability of Bro. W. Shilton, P.M., and the elaborate furniture of Skiddaw Lodge, the gift of the late lamented Bro. H. F. Faithfull, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., aided by various materials kindly lent by Bro. W. M'Quhae, assisted to make the hall a handsome temple. Rooms were also provided for the Provincial Officers and Charity Committee, whilst the bulk of the brethren, making altogether about 220, were accommodated in the large sale ring, where Bro. Peacock, of the Rampant Bull Hotel, provided excellent refreshments in the shape of luncheon, the dispensing of which could not have been in better hands than the two Stewards of Skiddaw Lodge, Bros. M'Quhae and Dent. The morning broke dull, but the sun speedily made his appearance, and smiled brilliantly on the festival all day. The brethren from a distance began to arrive at half-past eleven, and shortly after twelve o'clock the whole had entered the building. There are nineteen lodges altogether in the province, and all were represented but two, Eden Valley, No. 812, Appleby; and Solway, No. 1220, Silloth. As very few signed their names in the Tyler's books, a full list of those present is impossible, and we can only trust to memory. The owners of any names omitted, will therefore understand the reason thereof. It was fully expected the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, would have been present—in fact, intimation was received of his lordship's intention to be present; but a telegram from Lowther Castle, conveyed the fact of the inability of Lord Bective to attend, to the sincere regret of every one. The following were present:—Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P. Grand Warden of England; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, Senior Grand Warden; J. Bowes, P.M. 129 and 148, Junior Grand Warden; Rev. C. H. Gem, 327, Grand Chaplain; Rev. H. V. Thompson, 1074, Assistant Grand Chaplain; J. Lemon, P.M. 327, P.P.S.G.W., Grand Treasurer; J. M'Kelvie, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.D., as Grand Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., Grand Secretary, who was attending the funeral of a relative the same day); W. Armstrong, P.M. 371, Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. Atkinson, P.M. 872, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 962, Grand Superintendent of Works; A. Walters, P.M. 371, Grand Sword Bearer; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; J. R. Tickle, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Purst.; J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Thos. Anderson, 1074, Grand Tyler; W. Prattchitt, P.M. 310, Senior Grand Deacon; J. Cook, P.M. 1532, Junior Grand Deacon; J. Gate, P.M. 327, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bintley, P.M. 129, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Lamony, 1073, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Holme, P.M. 1074, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Talbot, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W.; Jos. Frears, 119, Grand Organist; W. Alsop, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Purst.; C. Morton, P.M. 827, 1002, 1267, W.M. 1660, P.P.G.S.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310; R. Robinson, P.M., Treasurer 1002, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Pearson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Taylor, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; W.

Shilton, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.B.; J. L. Paitson, W.M. 119; E. Tyson, 119; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler 119; J. Abbott, 119; J. Rothery, 119; J. M'Kay, 129; J. Webster, 310; J. Bewes, P.M. 327; J. Pearson, P.M. 327; T. Carey, W.M. 371; J. R. Banks, S.W. 371; T. Mandle, P.M. 371; J. H. Banks, 371; D. Bell, 371; W. Skelton, 371; W. Jobling, W.M. 412; W. Cowman, W.M. 872; R. Twentyman, W. Holloway, and T. Ellwood, 872; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872; J. Wood, W.M. 962; G. B. M'Mullin, J.W. 962; Jos. Tronhear, J.D. 962; W. Whitehead, J. Little, W. Wagg, C. A. Bradbury, T. B. Roxby, J. Blackburn, J. Johnston, and J. J. Coverdale, 962; H. Wearing, I.G. 1073; W. Wilson, 1073; E. Clark, P.M. 1267; J. W. Young, P.M. and Secretary, 1400; T. A. Wigham, 1400; G. Potter, W.M. 1532; J. Glendinning, 1532; W. Martin, J.W. 1660, 1002; J. W. Ockenden, 1512 and 1656; Hampton; G. Nelson, 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; A. Leitch, 116, Rutherglen, S.C. The other members of Skiddaw Lodge, besides those already enumerated were Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; I. Evening, S.W.; Joskew, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M., and Chaplain; W. F. Lamony, P.M. and Secretary, (Freemason); W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. and Organist; T. Bird, S.D.; G. Brash, J.D.; C. Gibson, I.G.; N. M'Quhae and H. Dent, Stewards; W. Potts, Tyler; J. Robinson, J. Thompson, S. Ferguson, J. Pearson, H. Moncrieff, R. Bailey, Jas. Bolton, Jos. Allison, F. R. Sewell, J. Hallows, Jas. Black, J. Raine, Jos. Straughton, T. C. Robinson, H. Peacock, W. Rule, and the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A.

The Craft lodge was opened in form at half-past twelve by Bro. Lamony, P.M., and the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form about half an hour later by Colonel Whitwell, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lemon, Grand Treasurer, acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The dais was crowded with Provincial officers, past and present. The minutes of the April meeting, held at Penrith, having been read and confirmed.

Bro. Lemon presented his annual statement of accounts up to June 30th, 1877, which was highly satisfactory, and showed the handsome balance of £273 7s. 8d. in hand. The report was adopted unanimously.

Bro. Holme, P.P.G.J.W., then moved, and Bro. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.W., seconded the re-election of Bro. Lemon as Provincial Treasurer, which was heartily agreed to, as a matter of course.

Bro. Lemon, in returning thanks, congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge in being in a better financial position than they ever were, and he hoped they would be in a still better position next year.

Bro. Morton, P.P.G.S.W., next proposed, and Bro. T. Atkinson, P.G.A.D.C., seconded, Bro. J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, as Provincial Grand Tyler, which was carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Master in the chair, before proceeding to the investiture of officers, said he deeply regretted being in the position of presiding officer that day, as he fully expected the Earl of Bective would have been present—indeed, had anticipated meeting his lordship on the road to Cockermouth. Since arriving, however, he had received a telegram from their R.W. Grand Master, expressing his inability to attend, and it must have been some very important and pressing business that detained his lordship at the last moment. The following officers for the year were then invested, two or three, however, being absent:—

Sir R. C. Musgrave, P.M. 339	Prov. G.S.W.
J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. Thompson, 1074	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. W. E. Strickland, 1267	Prov. G. A. Chap.
J. Lemon, P.M. 327	Prov. G. Treas.
W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119	Prov. G. Sec.
W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002	Prov. G. Reg.
J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Lindow Burns-Lindow, W.M. 1267	Prov. G.J.D.
Godfrey, W.M. 1074	Prov. G.S.W.
T. Atkinson, P.M. 872	Prov. G.D.C.
M'Kay, 129	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. L. Paitson, W.M. 119	Prov. G.S.B.
W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. 1002	Prov. G.O.
J. W. Young, P.M. 1400	Prov. G. Purst.
Moffatt, 1660	Prov. G. Steward.
Nelson, W.M. 129	Prov. G. Steward.
Jobling, W.M. 412	Prov. G. Steward.
Brough, 812	Prov. G. Steward.
E. Clarke, P.M. 1267	Prov. G. Steward.
Salisbury, P.M. 872	Prov. G. Steward.
J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Charity Committee's report was next submitted and adopted. Amongst the recommendations was the sum of £5 to the aged widow of a brother of Lodge 119; and it was recommended to devote the votes of the province towards furthering the election of a widow of a brother of Lodge 412 into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the report was also a recommendation from Bro. Gibson, the Prov. G. Secretary, for the appointment of Bro. M'Kay, of Kendal, as Assistant Secretary to the Charity Committee.

The Provincial Grand Master in the chair then brought forward the subject of the offertory to be made that day at church, and the object it should be devoted to. He remarked that a vote was passed by Provincial Grand Lodge, some years since, by which the sum of five guineas was given to purchase a rule in perpetuity for one of the institutions, such vote to be presented to the lodge vote, under whose banner the festival is held, the remainder of the collection to be at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lamony, as Secretary of Skiddaw Lodge, intimated it was the wish of the vicar of All Saints' Church, that the offertory should be given to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. Not knowing there was such a standing rule in existence as that mentioned by the Provincial

Grand Master in the chair, and considering the Famine Fund to be a really Masonic object, the announcement was made that the collection would be devoted to that object, and this was generally known through the town.

After some discussion, Bro. Holme, P.P.G.J.W., moved, and Bro. Bentley, P.P.G. S. of W., seconded, that the sum of £20 be subscribed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of the "Indian Famine Relief Fund."

This was heartily agreed to, and it was understood that the whole of the church offertory, less five guineas for a vote, as before referred to, be given to the "Indian Famine Relief Fund."

This was all the business.

The Provincial Grand Master in the chair said, before closing, he must express his warm thanks, which he knew would be heartily endorsed by all present, for the excellent arrangements made by the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the hospitality which had been shown by them that day. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren having been arranged under their respective banners, were marshalled in order of procession to All Saints' Church.

The line of procession was thickly lined with spectators, there being above 200 Masons present, attired in the full clothing and insignia of their respective offices, and the delightfully fine day no doubt contributed to the attractiveness of the spectacle. Excellent order was maintained by the police, under the command of Bro. Supt. Taylor, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B. The route taken was down Station-street, and round the statue of Lord Mayo, who was a member of Skiddaw Lodge up to the date of his tragic death. Here the band ceased playing, till clear of the statue, and the procession then was directed up Kirkgate to the south entrance of All Saints'. There was a full congregation, independently of the Masons. A very appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. C. H. Gem, P.P. Grand Chaplain, from I. Corinthians, c. iii., v. 16—"The Temple of God." The service was intoned by Bro. the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., assisted by the choir, who kindly gave their services. Miss Cooper presided at the organ. The opening anthem was "Behold, how good and joyful." After the sermon a collection was made, amounting to over £18.

After church service, the procession was re-formed in inverted order to the New Market Hall, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Stephen Thwaite, Old Hall Inn, assisted by many of the wives, daughters, and sisters of the members of Skiddaw Lodge, who cheerfully gave their services, as waitresses. The hall was beautifully decorated and fitted up, but proved totally unsuited for the purposes of a large dinner, the excessively bad sounding properties of the place rendering speechifying and singing most difficult tasks.

Colonel Whitwell, M.P., presided, and proposed in succession, "The Queen, the Patroness of Masonry;" "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," responded to by Bro. Captain Sewell and Captain Dodgson; Skiddaw Lodge, 1002; and "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," which was acknowledged by the Rev. J. Thompson and Rev. C. H. Gem.

The R.W. Chairman then proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England." He referred to the great strides made in the Order since the Prince of Wales became Grand Master. His Royal Highness was moreover a zealous working Mason, and took the deepest interest in all that appertained to the well-being and prosperity of the Craft. Another pleasing circumstance of interest evinced in Masonry by the Royal Family was the fact of the Prince of Wales's two brothers holding high offices in Grand Lodge. One of them, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, had been a most active Master of a lodge, and was now Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. (Cheers.) The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Morton next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge," which he coupled with the name of the Chairman, who was a Past Grand Warden of England.

The Chairman, in response, advised all brethren who were qualified to sit in Grand Lodge never to lose the opportunity of attending the Quarterly Communications, whenever they happened to be in London. He alluded to the fact that metropolitan lodges were increasing more than provincial lodges, and remarked that it was a serious matter. They should be careful whom they admitted in their midst, and not strive merely to grow in numbers. (Cheers.)

The Chairman then proposed "The Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmoreland," which was received with loud applause. He (the Chairman) felt himself under a cloud of disappointment, inasmuch as he knew how much gratification would have been felt by the brethren generally had their Provincial Grand Master been present that day. (Hear, hear.) He should, however, have the greatest pleasure in telling his lordship the enthusiastic way in which his name had been received by the Masons of Cumberland and Westmoreland, over whom he was so proud to hold sway. They all would have pleasurable recollections for many a long year of the princely way in which their Provincial Grand Master received them at Kirkby Lonsdale last year. (Applause.) He hoped that Lord Bective would long have the health to preside over that province. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Lemon gave, in graceful and complimentary terms, "The Health of the Chairman," which was drunk with much warmth.

The Chairman having briefly replied, proposed "The Masonic Charities." When he heard their Provincial Treasurer was really rich that morning he (the chairman) began to think whether the province could not afford



something for the charities. He hoped that some brother would bring the matter before Provincial Grand Lodge at their next meeting. It was no good keeping their money lying idle, when it might be used for charitable purposes. (Hear, hear.) He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Holme, who acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. M'Kelvie next proposed "The W.M. and Past Masters of Skiddaw Lodge," and in doing so expressed his gratification at the handsome way in which they had been received. This was the second time he had been at Cockermouth on a similar occasion, and he was sure that the brethren from other lodges would express their thanks most heartily to the Cockermouth brethren for their kind reception. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. Taylor, W.M. of Skiddaw Lodge. The toast was drunk with much warmth.

Bro. Lamonby, P.M. and Secretary, responded, in the unexplained absence of Bro. Taylor, saying he did not know whether it was the innate modesty of the brother, or terror for what was looking him in the face on the toast list; but at all events, he was non est, without any explanation. He remarked it was twelve years since Provincial Grand Lodge was at Cockermouth, when he (Bro. Lamonby) was a very young Mason, some three months old, and when his mother, Skiddaw, was but sixteen or seventeen months old. (Laughter.) Since then Masonry had increased to a wonderful extent in Cumberland and Westmoreland, the lodges having almost doubled, and he hoped that when the time came round for the Provincial Grand Lodge to again visit Cockermouth the increase would be still further marked. He thanked the members of the different lodges for coming to Cockermouth in such large numbers that day, and that fact was ample compensation for any little hospitality the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge had extended to their visitors. (Applause.)

Bro. Talbot then proposed "The Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the Province," coupled with the name of Bro. Paitson, W.M. Lodge 119, Whitehaven, who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. Skiddaw, then gave "The Visiting Brethren," in a very long speech, scarcely a word of which was audible. He coupled it with the name of Bro. Ockenden, Lodges 1512 and 1656, Hampton, Middlesex.

Bro. Ockenden, in reply, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to be present. Whether it was the excellent working in their Provincial Grand Lodge, the fine procession, the admirable sermon he had listened to, or the capital banquet placed before him that day, he had enjoyed himself beyond measure, and hoped to be present on such another auspicious occasion. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in proposing the last toast on the list, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present in Cockermouth. He had been amongst Cockermouth brethren previously, and therefore took much interest in their prosperity. He was glad to know they had built themselves a new lodge room, and whenever they opened it he should be most happy to visit them. (Applause.) Referring to the procession, they could not but inwardly feel a pang as they passed by the beautiful statue of their departed brother, Lord Mayo, who was a Mason, every inch of him, so far as kindness of heart and uprightness of character went. (Hear, hear.) Then, again, much of the success of the day's proceedings had been due to the charming weather, and he thought the Cockermouth brethren must have consulted and got round the clerk of the weather. (Laughter.) He hoped they all had enjoyed the excellent banquet they had partaken of; but amidst all this happiness he enjoined them to remember their poor and distressed brethren, and they should never forget that as Masons they were called upon to relieve them, according to the proportion of how good God had been to them in the dispensation of his privileges and blessings.

The toast was drunk in silence, and the proceedings were brought to a close at a little before six o'clock.

Bro. Frears, of Whitehaven, P.P. Grand Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and the following glees and part songs were sung by several of the Cockermouth and Carlisle brethren:—"God bless the Prince of Wales" (Masonic version); "Hail mysterious, glorious Science," "Oh, who would not a Mason be?" "Three Cheers, Brothers all, for the Craft we adore," "Brothers all, of every Nation," &c., the last three being from Bro. E. P. Philpot's (M.D.), new work.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE NEW BUXTON LODGE, No. 1688.

On Wednesday, the 12th September, 1877, the R.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. H. C. Okover, P.G.J.W., England, consecrated the Buxton Lodge, No. 1688. Bro. Darwin, P.P. G.W. Derbyshire, installed the W.M., and the officers were duly appointed, viz.:—Bros. F. K. Dickson, M.D., W.M.; W. Skinner, M.D., S.W.; W. C. Moore, J.W.; A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., Chap., and I.P.M.; R. R. Duke, P.M., S.D. and Treas.; F. Turner, J.D.; J. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; W. Smith, P.M., Org. and I.G.

Several P.G. Officers most kindly attended the lodge and an oration was delivered by the Rev. J. F. N. Eyre, LL.D., P.G. Chap.

After the consecration a very agreeable banquet was given by the brethren of the lodge at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, where the lodge is held on the last Monday in the month.

The first meeting of the lodge was held last Monday, when £6 was contributed by the brethren to the Indian Relief Fund.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE, NO. 1695.

On the 27th of last month the New Finsbury Park Lodge was consecrated by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, at the Finsbury Park Tavern. In the performance of the ceremony he had the assistance of Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted as D.C., Bro. Thomas Cubitt, Past Grand Pursuivant, as S.W., Bro. Dickinson as J.W., Bro. Davis as I.G., and Bro. Berry as Secretary. The other brethren who took an active part in the ceremonies of the day were the musical brethren, Bros. Ashton, Meen, and Hubbard, under the direction of the English Glee Union, who rendered the chants and anthems in beautiful style. These brethren also rendered very effective aid after the banquet, which followed, by singing some delightful glees and solos. There was no Chaplain present at the consecration, and consequently the whole of that ceremony was performed by Bro. Hervey. After the lodge had been opened Bro. Hervey, in addressing the brethren at the time the oration is usually delivered, said that it was the misfortune of the brethren that they had no Chaplain present to speak to them on the nature and principles of Masonry. That nature and those principles were however well known to most of the brethren, and they appeared also to be well known to the outer world, inasmuch as no new lodge was now opened without there being a flood of candidates for initiation therein. Whether this was an unmixed benefit was to his mind a question. Whether they also got the best men for initiates was also a question, and, as was generally his wont at consecrations, he would impress upon the brethren of this lodge the duty of being extremely careful in respect to those gentlemen they introduced. It was not only for the benefit of the Order he said this but for that of the lodge, because if they once got, to use a familiar phrase, "a black sheep" into the lodge it was very difficult to get rid of him. He might not be absolutely a bad man, but he might make himself so disagreeable to all his fellows that the lodge might be spoilt as far as its comfort went, and they might find when it was too late that he just kept within the pale of the Constitutions and so could not be ejected. To pass for the moment from this subject to that of the increase in the Order, he would give the brethren now a few statistics which he submitted at a consecration some few months ago at which he thought many of the brethren now before him were not present. In 1812 the number of lodges under what was then termed "The Prince's side," on account of the Grand Lodge being under the Grand Mastership of the then Prince of Wales, was 640. Yet when in 1815, "The Atholl side," as it was then termed, on account of the other Grand Lodge being ruled by the Duke of Atholl, the two were joined, they could only muster 647 lodges between them, certain lodges on both sides having been struck out. The money receipts in 1811 were £917 to the Fund of Benevolence, and £1550 to the Fund of General Purposes. In 1832 the numbers were again closed up, and there then appeared to be 865 lodges, or an increase of 218; but as the new numbering began with 594 it appeared that there were 53 lodges deducted since 1814. The receipts in 1832 were, Benevolence £1189, and General Purposes £2209. He would call attention to the Fund of Benevolence at the present time. It was not now unusual for the Lodge of Benevolence to vote away £600 or £700 in a night; and therefore he was afraid that if they had no more funds than they had in the old times he had alluded to the grants must be much smaller than they were now. In 1863 the numbers were again closed up, and the number of lodges was 1267, or an increase of 673 in 31 years. Canada had in the meantime declared itself independent. The receipts of the Fund of Benevolence were £3081, or nearly four times what they were in 1812. The present year began with a numerical list of 1662 lodges. 1663 was the first number this year, and the last one was 1725, or an increase in 9 months of 63 lodges; deducting New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and other places which had established Grand Lodges of their own, and some others that had fallen out, to the number of above 120, that would still leave a gross total of 1603 English lodges. The funds had proportionately increased. In the face of these facts he thought the brethren would agree with him that they should be careful how they increased the lodges, because, although it was a present increase in funds, some day or other as the lodges increased the claims upon the funds must increase. They saw this every 6 months, when the applicants for the benefits of the Masonic Schools became greater in number to an amazing extent. Where there were formerly 20 or 30 applicants, 60 or 70 were now to be found. At the forthcoming election of the Boys' School he thought there were 70. This was another reason why he thought they should be careful, and he said so because he believed a good many men came into Masonry simply with the idea that they could get some good out of it. Circumstances which had arisen of recent years had caused Masons to give away large sums of money, and people had derived from that fact the idea that Freemasonry was very wealthy. From this they concluded that if they became Masons and fell into distress they could get their children educated, and come themselves on the Fund of Benevolence for assistance. Such being the state of Masonry derived from statistics, he would now say a word to the officers of the lodge. He would recommend them to be attentive to their duties, punctual in time, and efficient in ritual, able and willing to support the Master in the work which he had to perform. It was at all times very desirable that the work of the lodge should be well performed, for there was nothing more humiliating to an officer than not to know his work. He hoped that the officers who were to be appointed that evening would so make themselves masters of their work that the Master himself should never be at a loss for a good man, and it

would be well indeed if, from some accidental circumstance, a senior officer was absent, the next in rotation could take his place. Bro. Hervey, after expressing his regret again that a Chaplain was not present, adverted to the blackballing of candidates, and repeated the cautions he had so constantly addressed to lodges on this subject which have appeared several times in the columns of the *Freemason*. Unfortunately, he said, these matters came before Grand Secretary officially, and it was difficult to know how to deal with them. He knew one London lodge, a very flourishing one, where two or three members joined together, and blackballed every candidate, and the lodge was nearly broken up in consequence. He said that he looked upon it as a most wicked and uncharitable thing so to act, to stab a man behind his back—an eligible man who the blackballers would say they would admit if he had come under the ordinary circumstances, but because they had a difference with some one respecting the affairs of the lodge they vented their feelings on a candidate. Bro. Hervey having apologised for detaining the brethren so long then proceeded with and concluded the ceremony of consecration.

When the lodge had been formally consecrated and dedicated, Bro. Hervey installed Bro. W. T. Purkess as W.M. The following brethren were appointed officers:—Bros. J. H. Stacey, S.W.; T. Press, J.W.; Davis, Treas.; Berry, Sec.; Dunn, S.D.; Crampton, J.D.; A. Haynam, I.G., pro tem; and Verry, Tyler.

A long list of names was proposed for initiation and joining, and Bros. Hervey and Buss were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. Hervey having acknowledged the compliment, lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of banquet. The toasts were proposed in due course. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been disposed of,

Bro. Hervey replied for the Grand Officers, and then proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the New Finsbury Park Lodge." This was, he said, the first appearance of Bro. Purkess in the Master's chair, and as far as his performance had that day gone it proved that the brethren had shown a wise discretion in recommending him to the Grand Master for that office. It was an honour to fill that post, for it showed how much the brother so recommended was appreciated by the brethren, the full trust they had in him; that he would perform his duties well, and their confidence that in putting their new barque under his control they would not regret the choice they had made. He wished success to the New Finsbury Park Lodge, and he wished the W.M. success for his year of office.

The W.M. responded, and said he was not prepared for this toast, although he found it on the list. He had not been prepared for being spoken of in such glowing terms as Bro. Hervey had used. He had overlooked many of his faults, among them being that he was rather backward as a Mason. But for all that he would do his best to perform his duties as Master of the lodge, and he would endeavour to keep it, as its founders originally intended it should be—a select lodge. They were not going in for numbers; and they would endeavour to have a lodge of about forty members. When they arrived at that number, they expected to be such a fine lodge that the brethren would scarcely be able to look at them. (Laughter.) When his year of office was over he hoped the brethren would be of opinion that he had done his duty properly.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," a toast which he said he should never have the opportunity of proposing again.

Bro. Hervey replied in very few words, thanking the brethren most cordially for their kind reception, and informing them that if what he had done had gratified the brethren, that was a great gratification to him.

Bro. Buss also replied. The brethren had exercised a wise discretion in selecting Bro. Purkess as W.M., a brother whom he had known some time, more particularly the last year or two. He was sure Bro. Purkess would keep the lodge in good order. It gave him (Bro. Buss) great pleasure to be present. Masonry was making rapid strides, but not so much in the north as in the south of London. Therefore he was very happy to hear of the starting of this new lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last, or the least successful. There were many inconveniences to be encountered by lodges meeting in the outskirts of London, but he was quite sure at the house where this lodge was located would be found every convenience the brethren could desire.

Bro. Legg replied for "The Officers," and expressed the high gratification he felt at witnessing the W.M. placed in the chair, without having passed through the preliminary chairs. Having been many years in Masonry the W.M. had saved himself a great deal of trouble by being the first Master of a lodge without having had the offices of Junior and Senior Warden conferred on him. The meeting had been most enjoyable, and he hoped he should have the opportunity of again joining the brethren at such a sociable gathering.

Bro. Davis (Treasurer) replied for "The Officers," all of whom through him thanked the W.M. most cordially for having expressed in proposing the toast the confidence he felt in their ability to assist him with efficiency in the discharge of his duties. The W.M. would not be disappointed with them, and they would not be disappointed with the W.M.

Bro. James Terry replied for "The Charities," and repeated many of the excellent remarks he made at the consecration of All Saints Lodge, reported in the *Freemason* last week. He concluded by informing the brethren that the W.M. had authorised him to use his name as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

The evening was shortly afterwards brought to a close.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

**QUADRUPLIX TELEGRAPHY.**—Some novel American telegraphic appliances are now being tried between London and Liverpool, the first trial having been made on Tuesday night with satisfactory results. The system is known as the quadruplex, and by its means four messages may be sent along one wire simultaneously. At either end there are two "sounders" and two keys, with four clerks, two to send and two to receive; and by an ingenious arrangement a conflict of currents is prevented. Thus by the aid of this invention one wire may be made to do as much as four worked on the ordinary system. The duplex principle is a valuable contrivance, but the quadruplex is twice as valuable.

The Channel Tunnel has been fairly begun in France, where several pits have been sunk to the depth of 110 yards. The French and English companies formed for its construction will each possess one half, and will respectively supply the funds for each portion, while the excavation will be done in France by the Great Northern Railway, and in England by the South-Eastern and Chatham and Dover lines. The materials of the French and English lines will pass through the tunnel in order to avoid delay and expense of transshipment, and as soon as the tunnel is completed the companies will endeavour to arrange for a similar exchange with other Continental lines. At the end of thirty years the tunnel will be ceded to the two Governments under certain conditions.

The coming Fine Art Exhibition at Dundee bids fair to be the best ever held north of the Tweed. Loans will be sent from several of the London museums, English artists will contribute largely, and the Queen has lent a valuable picture for exhibition.

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.**—These examinations commence on Monday, December 17th, at 82 centres for boys and 64 for girls. Lists of the centres of examination and the addresses of the local secretaries at the centres may be obtained from the Rev. G. F. Browne, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. The forms of entry for candidates are now in the hands of the local secretaries, to whom application for them must be made. The forms are to be returned to the same local secretaries on or before October 10th, 1877. The certificates obtained in these examinations excuse the holders, under various conditions, from the Cambridge previous examination and the preliminary examination for the legal and medical professions, and for musical degrees in Cambridge.

**M. Offenbach's** new three-act opera, "Les Contes d'Hoffmann," is to be produced this winter at the Paris Lyrique.

**GENERAL GRANT.**—General Grant visited Stratford-on-Avon on Friday last, and was received by the Mayor and Corporation with every demonstration of respect. The General and Mrs. Grant proceeded to inspect the house where Shakespeare was born, the Grammar School which the poet is said to have attended, the Shakespeare memorial now in course of erection, the church in which his ashes repose, and the cottage where Ann Hathaway lived. Afterwards the Mayor entertained the General and a distinguished party. In responding to the toast of his health, General Grant observed that in his country the memory of Shakespeare was honoured as with us, and there were societies which cultivated the study of his works as there were here. The address of the Corporation was contained in a casket made from the wood of the mulberry tree said to have been planted by Shakespeare.

**THE INDIAN FAMINE.**—Mr. James Wylde, of Charing Cross and the Royal Exchange, has just published a small map of India, showing in colours the districts affected by the various famines of late years, especially that from which the peninsula is now suffering. A sketch map is also appended, showing the average rainfall of various parts of the country.

**MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.**—In consequence of the recent illness of the Prince of Wales's son, all the drains at Marlborough House have been undergoing repairs, which has necessitated their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales taking up their residence at Clarence House on their way through London.—*Family Fair*.

**TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH AUSTRALIA.**—We understand that steps have been taken by the Agents-General for Victoria and New Zealand, in combination with the other Australian colonies, for the purchase from the Eastern Extension and China Telegraph Company of the submarine cable from India to Australia. The details of this scheme of purchase have been settled by Sir Julius Vogel, as representative of the New Zealand Government, in conjunction with Mr. Michel, Agent-General for Victoria. The Australian colonies may be heartily congratulated on this proof of unity and enterprise.

**A LIFE RAFT.**—On Wednesday last at the St. Pancras Baths, King-street, Camden Town, Sexton's patent life-preserving mattress was exhibited in action, the Rev. Arthur Hall being the operator in the water. The mattress is not wholly an air one, but without air, and of its own buoyancy, will support four persons on it, and many more, if they are merely clinging to it. It is so made as to form a mattress on board ship, either as a bed in the berth or as a lounging mattress on deck, and is always ready for service. Pillows are made of the same material, and uninflated will keep afloat one person. The valves by which the mattress and pillow can be inflated to a higher degree of buoyancy are so constructed that, without any disjoining, the filling with air is readily done, and there are no stoppers to be lost. On Thursday the mattress was thus filled while afloat. The air was let out, and then three lads of good size failed to press the mattress under water. The manufacturers are Messrs. Hutchinson, of London, Paris, and Mannheim.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE "FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE FUND.**—Intending subscribers (lodges or individual members) to this fund are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions, large or small, at as early a date as convenient. Upwards of £100 has already been received, a list of which appears in the *Freemason* of this date. A list will be published each week of all amounts received at the Office, (198, Fleet-street), up to 6 o'clock, p.m., on Thursdays.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire held its annual meeting at Southport last Wednesday, the 3rd inst. A full report of the proceedings will appear next week, as well as details of the consecration of the Wilbraham Lodge at Walton, near Liverpool, this (Saturday) afternoon, at which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and P.G.M., is expected to be the consecrating officer.

The Installation Meeting of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, took place on Friday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. E. Wallford, C.C., P.M. 117, being installed W.M. A full report will appear in our next.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193.**—The future meetings of this flourishing instruction lodge will be held at the Greyhound Tavern, Milton-st., Cripplegate, on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

**THE "NEW CONCORD" ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 813.**—This new chapter was consecrated on Thursday week by Comp. James Terry, P.Z., &c., assisted by Comps. Wm. Smeed, and Brasier. Comp. A. Wootton was an able D. of C. and the music was contributed by Comps. Seymour Smith and F. H. Cozens. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were impressively performed by Comp. Terry. M.E. Comp. J. R. Gallant, was the Principal installed. A full report in our next.

A Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was held on Thursday last, in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, the business consisting in the consecration of the Princes Lodge, No. 607, and installation of Office-bearers. A full report will appear in our next.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.H. 30°, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday next, at 4.45 p.m.

A Dramatic performance will be given in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., in aid of the Manchester and Salford Indian Famine Relief Fund, by the members of the De Trafford Club. The band of the 1st Kings Dragoon Guards will be in attendance, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Alexander. Several eminent brethren are on the Committee.

The installation meeting of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, takes place on the 18th inst., and not the 11th, as stated in a previous impression.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**—The brethren who have experienced so much difficulty in procuring the *Freemason* in this distant colony, will be pleased to learn that owing to arrangements made with Messrs. T. J. Jones and Son, "The Four Masonic Publications" may now be obtained at their offices, No. 330, George-street, Sydney, on the arrival of the Mail.

**ACCIDENT TO A DISTINGUISHED LIVERPOOL BROTHER.**—On Wednesday, the 26th inst., Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Registrar, West Lancashire, of Russell-street, Liverpool, travelled by the L. and N.W. Railway to Holyhead, for the purpose of visiting a patient at Pantasagh, which is situated a short distance from Holyhead. In driving back to the station in a vehicle the horse took fright, and bolted at a furious rate, pitching Bro. Smith out with great violence. He alighted on his head, sustaining severe injuries, and spraining his right ankle. He laid in an insensible condition in the road for a short period, but subsequently recovered. The horse was stopped and brought back to the spot, and as the doctor was unable to walk he had again to get into the vehicle. The horse ran off a second time before getting to Holyhead, but fortunately Bro. Smith escaped without further injury in this instance. He is progressing favourably at the time of writing. One or two gentlemen who were with him also sustained injuries and severe shocks.

On dit, that Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G.M., for West Lancashire, is engaged in writing a life of his father, the late Earl of Derby, a preface being promised by Earl Beaconsfield.

The Mansion House Indian Famine Fund had on Thursday evening reached over £300,000, of which a quarter of a million has been remitted to India.

It is stated that the New Zealand Government will reward the Portland boatmen who saved the lives of the crews of "Avalanche" and the "Forest."

**BRO. COMMANDER CHEYNE.**—Hitherto unaided, but with his heart in the noble cause, and with an indomitable energy and perseverance, has Commander Cheyne worked for the last ten months, in organising Arctic Committees throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain, for the equipment—by means of public subscriptions—of a single steamer, to be stored and provisioned for three years, destined for the discovery of the North Pole. From Plymouth to Dover, from Dover to Aberdeen, has this officer, by means of his interesting and beautifully-illustrated Arctic lectures, sensibly impressed upon the public mind the fact that we are only baffled, not beaten. Responding to his truthful and energetic statements and appeals, he has rallied round him, on his committees, mayors, press proprietors and editors, ship-owners, merchants, clergy of different denominations, members of the medical profession, naval and military men; and last, but not least, ladies have notably joined the movement.

The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of £3 10s., in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, from the De Shurland Lodge, No. 1089, Sheerness.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, has returned from Bretby Park, to his Hampshire Estate, Highclere Castle, near Newbury, where he will probably stay for some time for the shooting.

A new church, built at the sole expense of Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and at a cost of between £5000 and £6000, was opened on Saturday, at Dalton, near Wigan. At the subsequent luncheon Lord Skelmersdale said he wished it to be understood that all the sittings in the church were free and open for ever.

The Installation meeting of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, will be held on the 30th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, when Bro. E. Mallett will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The marriage of Mr. John Shaw, general manager of the South-Eastern Railway, with Miss Spencer, daughter of the late Bro. Sidney Spencer, will take place at the church of St. Mary Aldermary, on the 13th inst.

A biography of Mr. Compton, the comedian, is in course of preparation by one of his sons.

A provincial actor, a Mr. Burnham, was playing the role of Matthias, in "The Bells," in a little theatre at Blackpool, in Lancashire, the other night, when who should he spy among the audience but Mr. Henry Irving. The sight was enough to make the stoutest heart quail. The creator of the character, who had come to the little watering place for a day or two on the quiet, had evidently been attracted by the graphic announcements on the walls, and was present, "for the fun of the thing," to see his favourite character hurled. Mr. Burnham is said to have evinced the greatest trepidation at the sudden and awful discovery; but luckily the audience seemed to set down the actor's first start and pallor to the jingling of those accursed sledge bells in the ears of Matthias, and Mr. Irving is reported to have expressed a fair approbation of the piece as a whole.—*Mayfair*.

**LIVERPOOL.**—In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

The *World* states that in the death of Mr. R. J. Spiers, not only have the Freemasons lost a conspicuous and energetic "brother," but many persons have to mourn an erudite and pleasant companion. To the world at large Mr. Spiers was known as an enterprising Oxford tradesman; but he was much more than that—he had a quaint store of archæological and antiquarian lore; and in the days of his prosperity, literary men of all opinions were made welcome to his beautiful house in Oxford, and found an admirable cicerone in their generous host.

A Proposal having been made to the Prince of Wales to consider practical measures for preventing wrecks and loss of life at the Scilly Islands, which are embraced in the Dukedom, His Royal Highness has directed the correspondence to be laid before the Duchy of Cornwall Council at their next meeting.

**MANCHESTER.**—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at Overall's, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

**CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.**—A telegram received at Lloyds from Liverpool, states that the Olga, steamer, having in tow the Cleopatra Obelisk, has put into Algiers for coal.

A quarterly convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society will be held at the Royal Masonic Hall, 8, Air-street, Regent-street, on Thursday next, at half-past 5.

## THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The Queen and Court are at Balmoral. Prince Leopold is also there.

H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales have been staying at Aberfeldie.

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.**—Some of our contemporaries have been premature in announcing that his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh is about to be relieved from his present command. The Osborne goes to Marseilles to convey the Duchess to Malta, and the Sultan has been ordered to convey her, after which duty the Sultan, with the Duke of Edinburgh, will rejoin the flag of Admiral Hornby.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne have gone to Inverary Castle.

The Duchess of Edinburgh is about to proceed with the Royal children to Malta, where she will meet the Duke. She intends to stay at Malta for the winter.

The Duke of Cambridge has been inspecting the Royal Artillery at Woolwich.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

ERRATUM.—To a letter in the *Freemason* of 29th Sept., the signature "P.P.G.B.S.X." should have been printed "P.P.G.H., Sx."

"Sigma" must comply with our rule, and send name and address.

The following stand over:—

Moore Mark Lodge, Lancaster, No. 146; Red Cross Conclave, Jersey, No. 8; Naval and Military Conclave, Portsmouth, No. 35; Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585; Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.

## BOOKS &amp;c. RECEIVED.

"Une Leçon d'Histoire, ou la Quatrième An," F. V. Sagery; "Australian Freemasonry;" "La Basse Cour;" "Hebrew Leader;" "The Liberal Freemason;" "The Scottish Freemason;" "The Freemasons' Repository;" "The Canadian Craftsman."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

HINDE.—On the 28th ult., at Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, the wife of F. P. Hinde, Esq., of a son.

## DEATHS.

SPIERS.—On the 28th ult., at Huntercombe, Oxford, R. J. Spiers, F.S.A., P.D.G.M. Oxfordshire, aged 72.

TICHTJENS.—On the 3rd inst., at her residence, 51, Finchley New-road, after many weeks of severe suffering, Theresa Tichtjens, aged 46 years. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

WHITTLE.—On the 20th ult., at 155, Islington, Liverpool, Alfred Whittle, M.D., aged 54, a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, also on the 9th ult., at the same place, aged 49, Matilda, wife of Dr. Whittle.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1877.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.  
ENLARGEMENT.OF  
"The Freemason."

The Proprietor has much pleasure in announcing his intention of enlarging the *Freemason* to 20 pages, during the London Masonic Season.

This improvement will commence with the issue for Oct. 13th.

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## THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

It will be seen in another column that an Indian Famine Fund has been started, under the auspices of the *Freemason*, our publisher, with his wonted liberality, heading the list with the handsome sum of £100. One or two Lodge and individual subscriptions are also announced, and we doubt not, that each succeeding week will witness an increase to this much-needed Fund. Already the amount realised by the Lord Mayor's Fund has reached so far the noble total of over £302,000, of which £250,000 has been forwarded to India. Her Gracious Majesty the Queen has, in the following communication to the Lord Mayor, expressed her warm approval of his most benevolent efforts and her heartfelt appreciation of the liberality of her people. We give the letter in extenso, which was sent by telegram by the Home Secretary from Balmoral.

"Balmoral, 9.15 a.m.

"I am desired by Her Majesty the Queen to thank your Lordship for your telegram stating that the Indian Famine Fund now being raised at the Mansion-house already exceeds a quarter of a million sterling, and that your Lordship hopes and believes that it will largely increase. Her Majesty feels deeply the readiness with which the sufferings of her people in India have touched the hearts of her people at home."

It would seem needless to commend the matter to every Lodge of Freemasons, and we trust that each hebdomadal *Freemason* will demonstrate that our good brethren are still as ever, most susceptible to a proper claim on their warm beneficence and undoubted if unostentatious charity.

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE  
GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We have studied this with some interest and carefulness, and we think it well to impart the result of our studious efforts to our readers, as they will be equally interested with us in the welfare and prosperity of that noble Institution of ours, the Girls' School. The year's accounts open with a balance of £2206 18s. 3d. and £70 in petty cash, in all £2276 18s. 3d. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter give a donation of £160 10s. The subscriptions of individual brethren in the Metropolis amount to £5045 4s. 3d., and Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters send up £856 10s. Metropolitan Lodges of Instruction £73 10s. The Metropolitan High Grade Chapters, £66 3s. Provincial brethren (individually) contribute £2046 16s. Provincial Lodges and Chapters, £1731 9s., and Provincial High Grade Chapters £31 10s. Ireland, Scotland, and the Colonies return £133, and there is a special donation from London of £16 16s., Legacies reach £55 10s. The dividends on stock are £1162 3s. 11d. The fees for musical instruction amount to £124 19s.; though the cost of tuning, &c., reaches £81 6s. 7d.; which another year had better appear, we think, distinctly on the debit side. There are other small items, amounting to £5 4s., so that the whole receipts of the Institution are £13,705 2s. 10d. On the per contra side, the expenses of the new building are put down at £3132 15s., and special repairs to £25

17s. Ordinary expenses are £5572 9s. Pensions and Gratuities, £249 12s. 9d. Special grants to invalid girls £36 10s. Stewards' certificates for three years £71 16s. Prizes and rewards, £32 3s. Gratuities and outfits to girls, £28 10s. Recreation of girls and University examination fees £36 5s. 11d. After the Christmas accounts were paid, there was a balance at the close of 1876 of £2147 4s. There were in the Bankers' hands, Dec. 31st 1876, £371 19s. 8d.; in Secretary's hands, £50; in Matrons' hands, £20. And when we remember that in 1877 the annual festival was most successful, bringing in the goodly amount of £10,000, we see that the Girls' School is in "very good case." But we must not forget that the fresh pupils the new buildings will accommodate will constitute an additional charge upon the funds of the Institution, which our good brethren will do well not to forget. We think it reflects no little credit on the authorities that they have executed all the needful contracts for enlargement without running the school into debt, and we feel sure that the good management and economical administration which have marked the Girls' School in past years, and so conspicuously in the present, will continue to be its distinguishing and praiseworthy characteristic in the future. We congratulate Bro. Little on the success of his many arduous labours, and we are anxious to express our humble and earnest sense at the happy results, both Masonically and architecturally, which have attended the judicious and needful improvements organised and carried out by our excellent and esteemed Bro. Col. Creaton.

THE POSITION OF FREEMASONRY  
IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

We cannot shut our eyes if we would, and we ought not if we could, to the anomalous and unjust position in which Anglo-Saxon Masons are placed in France and Belgium by some recent and untoward proceedings, and a most regrettable decision. For they are unable now to enter French and Belgium Lodges on their Masonic principles, and for this reason, the labours of those two jurisdictions are both un-Masonic and unhallowed. They neither begin nor end with prayer. The Bible is taken out of every lodge, and there is nothing to prevent positive unbelievers from being admitted members of the Masonic Order. This, to use a French expression, is a "changement des decorations," as undesirable as it is unfitting. Cosmopolitan Freemasonry has always rested on a great Theistic principle of reverence and religion, and now all of a sudden "nous avons changé tout cela" and the name of God is neither acknowledged, nor is his blessing invoked on the labours and the undertakings of Freemasonry in those countries. This in common parlance, "turning the tables" with a vengeance, and no Anglo-Saxon Freemason can witness such a result or hear of such proceedings without heartfelt concern and fraternal disapproval. Is it not possible that under the sad and actual circumstances of the case, on the petition of respectable brethren, warrants might be granted as well by American Grand Lodges as our English Grand Lodges, for English and American Masons to meet "more majorum" alike in France and Belgium? The recent proceedings of the two Grand Orients have placed them, as we regard the matter, outside the "ægis" of legal protection, and any rights they may have had as governing bodies, are now merged in the serious departure they manifest, from ancient precedent and Masonic usage. They may be still Masonic bodies, but they have no longer exclusive jurisdiction, inasmuch as by the "comity" of Grand Lodges, and the constant provisions of international Masonic law, they have departed from our "Ancient Landmarks," and can neither claim obedience or recognition, except at the hands of those who admit their authority, and approve of their proceedings. In writing this we feel the responsibility of the position and, above all, of our own words. But as we think that nothing is gained by "mealy-mouthedness," by the "suppressio veri," or by the "suggestio falsi," by daubing the walls with



untempered mortar, we deem it better, to speak openly and plainly, as well for the benefit of French Freemasons, as for the edification of our many readers. Some time ago our own authorities declined an application for a warrant for English Masons to form a lodge in Belgium, on the ground that there was a lawful Grand Orient already there. But under this unprecedented and altered state of affairs, with the utter impossibility now any longer of English Masons visiting Belgian and French lodges, we are inclined to think, though we speak without the slightest authority and simply as independent journalists, that a fresh application, (on the grounds we have above stated especially), might be crowned with greater success. In fact if such should be the case it would only be history repeating itself, as all French and Belgian Freemasons originally drew their vital breath, and their now discarded principles, from English Freemasonry and the English Grand Lodge.

### ANONYMOUS MASONIC LETTER-WRITING.

As a fact in itself, we should *prima facie* be prepared to deny the possibility of such an occurrence, or of such a piteous forgetfulness of Masonic duty. Anonymous letters have been in all times the resort of the cowardly and the contemptible, the weapon of malignant falsehood, a vehicle for treachery, the distinguishing token of the hypocrite, the traducer, and the knave. A sensible person treats such a production always with contempt, and never allows the debasing and shameful influence of such malignancy to affect his mind or shape his proceedings. He dismisses the odious allegation or the vile insinuation, with the just indignation of a man of honour, properly ruled by justice and guided by uprightness. In the history of family life, more than one happy circle has been rendered divided and miserable for ever, by the advent of the shameful missive of anonymous vulgarity and hate. But what shall we say of the Masonic anonymous writer? In so acting he transgresses every principle of the Order to which he belongs, he slanders a brother behind his back, he stabs him in the dark, unable or not daring to meet him face to face, he seeks by an anonymous letter to inflict as much pain as possible, "willing to wound" covertly, but "afraid to strike" openly. Whether it be by the careful compilation of "printed extracts," or by a MS., which seems to be flavoured with "gin and water" in every line; whether by writing which marks the shakiness of his hand, and the "bassesse" of his moral code, to say nothing of the iaroads of "delicious trimmings," the poor anonymous Masonic libeller is a subject for pity rather than for anger, for unmitigated contempt, rather than for indignant oburgation. It is our lot sometimes to receive such epistles, and we think it right, in the best interests of Freemasonry to mention them openly, and to denounce them calmly to day. They are not worth, it is true, any serious thought, and certainly merit no resentment. They are hardly worth the expenditure of printers' type and ink upon them, but as they betray a serious malady mental or otherwise, as they point to a state of Masonic disease which at times become infectious, we deem it but fair to ourselves and to our Order, openly to reprobate and repel such thoroughly unmasonic proceedings, by whomsoever suggested or carried through. In a recent case a brother signs himself, in a letter written for some purpose of personal impertinence "A P.M. of Many Years' Standing," which we feel sure is an absolute falsehood in itself, and is a fitting commentary on the act of an anonymous libeller. We think it well, we repeat, as Freemasons, always to mention the subject in our columns, but we shall treat such worthless production with the Masonic exercise of laughter and unconcern.

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Bro. George Kenning having consented on request to act as Treasurer to the above important Fund, has the great pleasure of announcing the following subscriptions received up to the time of going to press:

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### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I propose in this my last communication on the subject to deal with one or two "statements of defence" which some writers have put forward, and to show, I hope their utter fallacy.

1. It is gravely contended that this great change has been effected for toleration's sake. For toleration's sake, forsooth! What, then, is toleration? Toleration implies the endurance of the views of others from whom we differ, or rather, it is the abnegation of that self-opinionatedness which holds that we alone are in possession of the truth, and that all others are in error; that we in fact are right and everybody else is wrong. And who are they that have clamoured for and have brought about this mighty change? Certainly not the peaceful and truly tolerant minority! But simply the "Têtes exaltées," the "Libre Penseurs," the "Positivistes," and the "Fautors" of the "Morale Indépendante," and no one else. There is a large intelligent, educated minority, which deprecates alike the rashness and the "betise" of the change. Of course, to all such thinkers as the majority the "formula" (now erased) was objectionable and antagonistic.

Now, as I have pointed out, I do not mean to contend that the old formula was absolutely in its right place. I prefer always the ancient adage, "Similia Similibus." It probably is true, as an objection, that an expression of belief was out of place in a code of legislation, and in our own excellent "Book of Constitutions" the "Charges" are separate from the "Enactments," and therefore had the change only proceeded on the principle of putting things into their proper places, I should have found no fault, and uttered no complaint. But there was no endeavour or wish to do anything of the kind. It was not improvement or emendation that was sought for, but "change for change's sake," revolution, a violent, sweeping and radical alteration in the enunciation of French Masonic principles. For what has taken place actually? "La Solidarité humaine," (ridiculous mockery of the word toleration), has taken the place of "Belief in God," and the assertion of French Masonic principles, once in entire accordance with Anglo-Saxon and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, rests on an expression of human infallibility and on the surrender of the belief in God to gratify the idle unbelief of the hour. And here it is so, that, as it seems to me, the plea of toleration is alike jesuitical and absurd on the face of it, as the act of the Grand Orient is nothing but an "outcome" of sceptical intolerance.

It is quite clear that, on every abstract principle of true toleration, the believers in God have as much right to have their feelings and opinions consulted, as the disbelievers, and whereas the old formula is said to keep out the latter, it may happen that the new verbiage will repel the former. Where, then, is the toleration?

It seems strange to Anglo-Saxon Masons, to hear it gravely asserted, that a profession of belief in God is a proof of intolerance, for that world-wide dogma of Freemasonry has up to the present never been questioned and has always been accepted. No doubt some allowance must be made for the state of men's minds in France and elsewhere, to some extent arising from the higher-superstition of an unreasoning Ultramontanism, but we can not but regret deeply, in this Nineteenth Century, to find that the great free conscience-fight is to be fought on such false grounds and such indefensible propositions as those of French and Belgian Freemasons.

In fact, this violent change has been brought about to meet the noisy demands of an extreme school, which seeks apparently to restore everything to the darkness of human irrationalism, abjuring those great fundamental truths which lend force to reason, grace to civilisation, grandeur to science, and reality to humanity.

I must therefore absolutely reject the plea of toleration advanced by the advocates of this unwise change, and must proclaim it to be, in my humble opinion, an insult, so to say, to the reverential belief of thousands upon thousands of firm Masonic believers in God.

2. Again, it is said that it is within the competence of the Grand Orient of France to pass such a resolution, and

to amend its own laws. I do not deny its competence to do anything which a majority pleases, but I do protest against the utter severance from Cosmopolitan Freemasonry which this last deplorable decision has created.

3. And then, what of the future? How the Grand Orient is to stem the tide in coming years I do not profess to understand. Its position is now of more than questionable legality, its jurisdiction most undoubtedly defective, and as it has "sown," so it will have to "reap."

It may be true that as in this world of ours, in the Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., evermore, good comes out of evil, so this hasty and undigested declaration of an unsound Masonic teaching may be productive of the creation of lodges, under other Grand Lodges, in which the great landmarks of the Order are carefully preserved, and by which the Cosmopolitan teaching of Freemasonry is manfully upheld.

Be this as it may, the present page of French Masonic history offers but a sorry contemplation for the true Freemason, and I can only hope a better fate for French Freemasonry than present facts, stern and unpalatable, seem to render either possible or probable.

I am, yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

### TEACH THEM TO SWIM.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Another summer has passed from us without any intimation from the School Committee that steps have been taken to teach swimming to the boys at Wood Green.

There are many who, like myself, highly appreciate the teaching of the Freemasons' boys in most respects, but who will never admit that the Committee are fully discharging their duties to the school until swimming is added to the accomplishments of the boys. At the risk of being termed an enthusiast I would say that no man should be eligible for the committee of any school for boys, who did not recognise that it was an essential part of education to

TEACH THEM TO SWIM.

### "CLOSE TYLED."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the recognised and only means open to me for the rectification of what is amiss, or capable of improvement in Masonic arrangements, I take leave to address you in the hope that some of our highly placed brothers in whose hands such matters lie, may not only see the need but at once take steps to inaugurate a change, which I cannot but think all will at once admit to be desirable as soon as attention is called to the evil.

The question is, cannot, and ought not some more effective means than are at present in use be adopted, some practical plan be formed to test the right of entry of those who are unknown seeking to enter the large Metropolitan meetings of some of the Orders in Masonry. At present men are allowed to enter unchallenged practically many great meetings, such for instance as Great Priory, Convent General, and Grand Lodge. I humbly submit that under existing arrangements no safeguard or test whatever is in use against the admission of unauthorised persons supposing such tendered themselves for admission, as it appears to me, nothing further is required to gain admission to the large Masonic gatherings than the capability to write and the possession of the requisite costume. Being able to sign a name in a book, and appearing properly clothed, any man may enter and participate if he pleases in our secret meetings.

This evil has been forcibly presented to my attention by what happened to myself on a recent occasion, and I think a short statement of the circumstances will both more strongly prove the existence of the evil and the urgent necessity there is for amendment than any argument or appeal of mine can do. I must premise that I am a Freemason and a Knight of the Order in which the case I am stating arose. Knowing that on a certain afternoon a meeting of the Order was appointed to take place I appeared at the place of meeting and the Tyler having often seen me there before in other Orders, on my asking if a meeting of the Order in question was to be held, replied "Yes Sir" and admitted me. Having clothed I passed in due time into the lodge room. From first to last no one said a word to me or suggested any test or the production of any certificate to show that I had any right to be present. In due course after the ceremony was over I signed the attendance book (when my name appeared for the first time, for the reason to be presently stated.) Even then nothing was said in the way of enquiry as to my right to be present and I passed out. There were several Sir Knights present, who probably had seen and known me as a member of some of the other Orders meeting at the same place, but never could have known me as belonging to that Knightly Order, because I had only been admitted into it a very short time before at head quarters. This I think shows a very regrettable laxity in the admission of persons to our meetings, when on the contrary the greatest care ought to be exercised to prevent intrusion, and should not be admitted to exist for a single day longer. I make no accusation of neglect against any one, still less do I charge any with having intruded himself into any of our meetings without having the right to do so. But what I do say, is it right for it to be possible (as I have shewn it is under the existing arrangements) for any one to gain, unchallenged, admission to any of our meetings. I remember in our early K.T. meetings, in Bedford Row, there was some attempt to guard our Encampment from intrusion by the unqualified (whether effectual or not I will not say) but of later years I have noticed that even these have gotten into



disuse, and now practically the entry into the meeting of that Order is as open and unguarded as the most inveterate coward can desire. Attention having been called to the important subject, improvement ought at once to follow, and in order to that result I have troubled you with this communication.

Yours right fraternally, J.C.G.L.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I be permitted to again bring before your readers the name of George Samuel Cox, who is a candidate at the forthcoming election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. If the poor boy is not successful on the 15th inst., he will be unable, on account of age, to again offer himself for election.

The case is a most deserving one, and is strongly recommended by, amongst others, the Rev. J. Huyshe, P.G.M. Deyon, Vice Patron; Bro. L. P. Metham, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Deyon; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Vice Patron, Long Melford, Suffolk; Bro. Hughan, P.G.D., Vice Patron, Truro, Cornwall; Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace, P.P.G.C. Lincolnshire, Laughton, near Gainsborough; Bro. Rodda, P.P.G. Reg. Devon, East Stonehouse, Devon; Bro. W. M. St Aubyn, 1, Brick Court Temple, E.C.; and the Charity Committee of the Province of Devon.

Prayers will be thankfully received by any of the brethren whose names are marked thus, or by yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD CURTIS,

P.M. 189, P. Prov. S.G.W. Devon,

Vice President of the Institution.

St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, Devon,  
3rd October, 1877.

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER. No. VII.

##### BRO. RICKETTS AT KISSENGEN.

Some of us may have heard of Kissengen. Though known to the Romans, and of medieval reputation, it was only towards the beginning of this century that it came, so to say, into European celebrity. Our countryman and Bro. Dr. Granville, a Past Grand Officer, first brought its great merits before our English travelling and valetudinarian public, and to the last hour of his long career he was a firm believer in its curative and sanative gifts. As some of our readers may also know, it is in Bavaria, and lies in a low valley, bordered by hills, contiguous to the River Saal, and during the height of the season is filled with a most numerous, if often motley crowd of health-seekers, water-imbibers at the meritorious and effective sources of the "Ragotzi," "Pandur," and "Mazbrunnen."

The sojourn there in successive years of princes and potentates, of dons and diplomatists, has added greatly to its reputation, while the repeated visits of crowned heads have extended its "high praise far and wide." For several years the Empress of Austria paid a visit to Kissengen, much to the delight of all its visitors, and whereas when the locale was first made known to Englishmen and Englishwomen in Dr. Granville's work on "The Spas of Germany," it was an insignificant little village, practically it has now become a very large town, (still increasing), suited to the wants of thousands of the "Badegäste" who throng to it from all parts, from May to September, year by year.

Our friend, Bro. Ricketts, the worthy Secretary of the "Calliope" Lodge, has recently been a great sufferer from indigestion, and was ordered to Kissengen. Some of his friends do say, indeed, that despite the complaints of an indulgent wife, Bro. Ricketts is a little too fond of a good dinner and late hours, and that, as he himself observes, being a "free citizen, fond of society, and immersed in the vortex of fashionable life," he has suffered accordingly. Whether this be true or no, we are not in a position to say here, but we do know him to be a very warm-hearted and kind-hearted friend, a zealous Mason, one who, like Master Shallow, has had his "lawsuits," and yet is a vice-president of all our charities. He is very popular, both in the lodge and in the family circle, where an agreeable wife, and some merry girls of daughters, form a great centre of attraction to Masonic and non-Masonic bachelors.

Well, Bro. Ricketts has just come back from Kissengen, which he duly reached, via the good city of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, where he took the railway to his destination. Alas, Time, inexorable time, takes us back to a season when, in an "Eilwagen," it took seventeen long hours to reach Kissengen. Of that once happy party how few remain! Sad, often, are the memories of old age!

Bro. Ricketts, who is a sensible fellow, tells us that not only has he returned, "wonderfully set-up," but that the "water" has made a new man of him. He complains of "the early rising, light breakfasts, lighter dinners, and nothing at all for supper, incessant exercise, and the sameness of daily life." But he adds philosophically "When a man is really out of sorts, he ought to go to his doctor and look out for himself, and I have no doubt that I am undoubtedly better for Kissengen." The truth is that much of the "Kur" at Kissengen, in addition to its "life-giving streams," is to be attributed to early hours, light food, and regular exercise. When we consider the heavy meals, and retardation of those meals, belonging to modern English life, it is only a wonder that anybody's constitution can stand the wear and tear upon it. A heavy breakfast, a heavy luncheon, a late and heavy dinner, to say nothing of intervening "tea" and continuous "nips," render the modern Englishman and Mason's life a constant trial to all the digestive powers of the human frame. The simple fare and healthy exercise, and the early hours at Kissengen, even the "Bouilli," so much denounced,

and the "Gerstenkleimer" so unjustly depreciated, are an admirable change for John Bull, who following the traditions of Bulldog, does not object to turtle soup and a fine haunch of mutton, who turns up his nose at lighter entrees, and sticks heroically to "the Roast Beef of Old England, Sir." But Bro. Ricketts, being a man of enlightened views, and kindly sympathies, wishes through the *Freemason*, to make known to some suffering brethren, who about June always wears a yellow and careworn look, that for them he knows of no more health-reviving, care-dispelling, liver-amending spot than Kissengen on the Saal, in Bavaria. And if the voyager is sentimental as well as dyspeptic, he can take a look at Würzburg, and Augsburg, and Nuremberg, he can enjoy a very lovely country, and come home, (not at a great cost), with health in his looks, and elasticity in his limbs, and no longer gouty or grumbling, heavy, or asthmatic, he has once again, by the mediation of kindly nature, recovered the inestimable blessing of health. Like a good true Freemason, and a better citizen of this world, he has also learnt the ever valuable lesson, that we are never to despise the contrasted habits and manners of other nations, but on the contrary that we are to study and be willing to admire them, one and all, ready to "take a leaf out of their books" conscious of the unchanging truth, that no one people in the wide world has the monopoly of comfort, or convenience, or happiness, or enjoyment, or good food, or anything else.

#### Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

R.W. BRO. COLONEL J. B. MACLEOD MOORE AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

I have had my attention particularly directed to the two last addresses of that able Bro. Colonel Moore, before the Great Priory of Canaan. Much of the addresses must prove a welcome boon to the fratres of the Order, and will be the means of spreading abroad reasonable views of the character and scope of the society. Historically, however, the last address especially requires revision, especially as to the Masonic portion. It is not correct that the Earl of Eglington granted a warrant to work the Knights Templar Degree in Ireland, by authority of the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," Scotland. My friend, the R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson, has fully exploded such a notion in the columns of the *Freemason* (having discovered the records of the body in question), and proved to the satisfaction of all concerned that the warrant was only granted for the Craft Degrees, though the members did work without authority some of the Hautes Grades. The text of the warrant alone dispels any idea of the connection of the ancient "Mother Lodge Kilwinning" with Templar or any other degree above the Third, and our learned Bro. Lyon (G. Sec. of Scotland), in his grand "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," abundantly confirms the fact that Kilwinning never had aught to do with the Hautes Grades, and is never likely to do so, being solely a Craft lodge. Masonically speaking, if the Templars sever themselves from Masonry, or ignore such alliance, they will have no status, and be without the only reason that can be offered for their continuance.

WM. J. HUGHAN.

#### Reviews.

"The Masonic Magazine." Vol. IV. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

We have been greatly pleased with Vol. IV of this now flourishing Magazine. It makes a very goodly volume, and is very pleasant reading. It reflects all credit on its publisher, that at a time when Masonic literature was at a discount, and English Freemasonry had no serial representative, he manfully came forward, and as we say, "put his hand in his pocket" to supply the deficiency, and to meet the want. We therefore cordially congratulate him on the Fourth Volume, and equally wish success to Vol. V., now in course of completion. We feel some little natural delicacy in saying too much in praise of the volume itself, as some might fancy that we were praising ourselves. But this we can fairly assert, that we know of no other Magazine which offers more "value received" to its subscribers, and we can conscientiously recommend all our readers, not only to become subscribers, but to purchase the four volumes now available for all our brotherhood. We consider that they make a good investment for their money.

"Garden Requisites and Horticultural Decorations." Dick Radcliffe & Co., 129, High Holborn.

We have more than once alluded to the catalogues of this enterprising firm, and we are very glad to praise and call attention to the merits of their last interesting catalogue. For all who have a garden, or like flowers (no better taste can be) this little handbook will be both of great aid and much utility.

ADMIRAL ROUS.—A bust of the late Admiral Rous, executed by Mr. Richard Belt, is now being exhibited at the Jockey Club, Newmarket.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Comfort for everyone. It is essential for health that every organ of the body be fully competent and duly prepared for the natural execution of its appropriate function, which cannot be the case under great transitions of temperature, unless some corrective medicine be taken occasionally. When the chilling winds of spring are succeeded by summer heat, and this again gives place to autumnal chills, the liver and skin can only be maintained in efficient action by some such alterative medicine as Holloway's noted Pills, which regulate the circulation, cool the system, and fortify the nerves. In our variable climate, and in marshy districts, occasional doses of these purifying cooling and aperient pills will prove most efficient preservers of health. —[APR.]

#### GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Continued from page 398.)

EIGHTH DIVISION.—O. L. Spaulding, commanding. Aids, George W. Howe and C. Aikman. Band, 15 commanderies of Michigan: 6; 2 swords.

NINTH DIVISION.—C. M. Morse, commanding. Aids, E. B. Myers and H. W. Davis. Nine commanderies of Illinois; 763 swords.

TENTH DIVISION.—J. T. Henderson, commanding. Aids, C. G. Pickering and S. Arnan. Band: twelve commanderies of Illinois and four of Wisconsin; in all 649 swords.

ELEVENTH DIVISION.—John S. Casement, commanding. Aid, Isaac F. Mack. Band; four commanderies of New Jersey, 200 swords; twelve of Missouri, 480 swords one of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina; in all, 841 swords.

TWELFTH DIVISION.—H. W. Bigelow, commanding. Aids, E. T. Waite and T. T. Simpson. Band; seven commanderies of Iowa; band; two of Minnesota; band; nine of Kansas, three of Arkansas, two of W. Virginia, one of Nebraska and Colorado. In all, 1260 swords.

THIRTEENTH DIVISION.—W. N. Riddle, commanding. Aids, J. A. Norton and Benjamin F. Provost. Band; Tancered Commandery, of Pittsburgh, Pa., escorting the Grand Master and the Grand Encampment, 187 swords. The total number of swords in line, 19,109.

On the arrival of the procession at the Court-rooms it was dissolved, and the session of the Grand Encampment was commenced by welcome addresses from Grand Master Enoch F. Carson and Grand Commander R.E. Sir C. A. Woodward, which with the response of M.E. Sir James H. Hopkins, were models in brevity and eloquence, as well as spicy and instructive.

The report of the Committee on Credentials being disposed of, the Grand Master then delivered his address. The following is a synopsis:

Sir Knights: I have the honour to submit a report of my official acts, as Grand Master, during the past three years, together with some recommendations intended to promote the prosperity and increase the efficiency of the institution which has been committed to my care.

Soon after the close of the last session of the Grand Encampment, and in compliance with its resolution, charters were issued to De Molay (mounted) Commandery, No. 4, at Washington City, D.C.; Wyoming Commandery, No. 1, at Cheyenne, W.T.; Pueblo Commandery, No. 3, at Pueblo, Colorado; Utah Commandery, No. 1, at Salt Lake City, Utah; Baron Commandery, No. 3, at Key West, Florida. The first named commandery was constituted, and its officers installed by me in person; a service I would gladly have performed for the others had not the distance to each been so great. Unwilling to require any of the Grand Officers to undertake such long journeys, I availed myself of the kind services of Sir Knights residing in the several localities named.

I recognise Good Friday as a day especially worthy of commemoration, by the members of an Order whose vital principles rest upon the Divine tragedy enacted upon that day, and which, with its resultant truths, is constantly impressed upon us in all our ceremonies.

Hence, on April 17th, 1877, I gave permission to Washington Commandery, Washington City, to attend church as Templars on Ascension Day—arrangements having been made for a special sermon to them.

April 10th, 1875, permission was given to Columbia Commandery, No. 2, to attend the dedication of the Masonic Temple in New York.

February 5th, 1876, permission was granted to Baron Commandery, No. 3, Key West, Florida, to parade at the unveiling of a monument, erected by the commandery to its late eminent commander.

October 3rd, 1876, permission to Utah Commandery, No. 1, to parade at the dedication of the Masonic Hall at Salt Lake City.

I have three times granted permission to De Molay (mounted) Commandery, No. 4, of Washington City, to appear in public for inspection and drill. This commandery was chartered as a mounted commandery, and I can conceive of no way in which they could be inspected or be exercised in the tactics, except in public. Their by-laws provide for an annual out-door drill, inspection, and review, and having been approved by the Grand Encampment, might render the consent of the Grand Master unnecessary. However this may be, the necessity for out-door drill, &c., for a mounted commandery is inevitable.

On June 3rd, 1876, I gave permission to Virginia City Commandery, No. 1, and to Helena Commandery, No. 2, both of Montana, to parade on the 4th of July. Pro Deo et Patria is an ancient motto of our Order, and during the Centennial year of our country, it seemed but right that Templars should unite in patriotic demonstrations.

On February 16th, 1877, I received a request from Cheyenne Commandery, No. 1, for "permission to appear at an evening party in full dress on Washington's birthday." I replied, consenting, if the assembly was to be Masonic, and within the rooms of the Fraternity, but declining, if it was to be a promiscuous party held elsewhere.

June 26, 1877, I gave permission to Washington and Columbia Commanderies, Washington City, to act as an escort to Grand Lodge at the laying of a corner stone.

March 18, 1875, I declined to give consent to Washington Commandery, No. 1, Washington City, to appear in public on Good Friday for mere parade.

I am impressed with the belief that the establishment of a fixed and permanent place for holding the business sessions of the Grand Encampment would be a wise and salutary measure. The archives and property could be



more securely kept; the risk of loss or damage by frequent transmission from place to place would be avoided; there would be more certainty of having all needful facilities for the transaction of business; the legislation would be calmly considered; the expenses would probably be more lessened; certainly there would be relief from the burden of entertaining felt by every city in which we meet under the migratory rule. It is true, such expenditures are self-imposed, but it is impossible to ignore the fact that they are often burdensome.

In making this suggestion, I do not forget the generous welcomes and bounteous hospitality which have always greeted us. Nor do I forget the stimulating effect upon commanderies meeting in fraternal rivalry upon these occasions, nor the interest which is thus awakened in the uninitiated, and which fills our ranks and gives to our Order whatever of prosperity and power that may convey.

The financial condition and prospects of this Grand Encampment have been discussed by at least two of my predecessors. And yet it becomes my duty to again press this subject upon your attention. Some of the sources of revenue are drying up, and no serious effort has been made to check the outflow. We must increase our receipts or reduce our expenses, or both, if we do not wish to see an empty treasury, and the consequent humiliation and curtailment of the influence and efforts of the Grand Encampment. There is no doubt that our expenses can be curtailed without parsimony, and that being possible, becomes a duty.

In the early ages of the Order of the Temple, each nationality had its distinctive head; but all were united in one organisation and governed by one Grand Master. Those were years of wealth and power and glory of the Order. When the envy and avarice of civil and ecclesiastical potentates combined in the persecution and disruption of the Order, its scattered votaries preserved their faith and fidelity, and practised their ceremonies in secret. The golden chain was broken, but not all of its links were destroyed. And so, when the night passed away, skilful artificers commenced to burnish off the rust and forge them together again. But the progress of time and the changes of civilisation rendered the original form of administration inexpedient, if not impossible. Still, in whatever clime, under whatever government, of whatever nationality, belonging to whatever Christian sect, Knights Templar are drawn together by a natural and inevitable sympathy. Their signs and symbols are the same; their emotions, their aspirations, their ceremonials are analogous, and there is a universal recognition of their fraternity.

There can be no reason against, and there are many cogent ones in favour of a closer and more intimate fellowship, especially between the English-speaking branches of the Order. The separate and independent governing bodies in England and Ireland have united in the Convent General, exercising jurisdiction over both countries, and also over Canada; each, however, retaining a limited autonomy. Scotland has not yet joined the coalition, but hopes are entertained that she will not long refuse. And thus all the Templars in the British Empire will recognise one Grand Master.

Sir Knights: My official report is ended. The great and varied interest of this vast jurisdiction must be the apology for so lengthy an address. Your patient attention has only been in keeping with the characteristic consideration and kindness I have always received at your hands, and for all which I am profoundly grateful. Proud of our illustrious Order, proud of the great office committed to my hands, my labours have been lightened by the earnest wish to advance the interests of this fraternity of Knights. The result is submitted to your generous judgment.

With a full heart I congratulate you upon the fact that fifty thousand swords are mustered under our historic banners; that fifty thousand brave men have vowed to wield them in the cause of justice, purity, and truth. I ask you to join with me in the fervent prayer, that every one of us may live fully up to the high standard of Christian Knighthood; and the world having been made better and brighter and happier thereby, that we may cheerfully and unitedly exclaim, "Non nobis domine, non nobis, sed nomine tua da gloriam."

I now invite your calm, patient, and earnest attention to the important duties before us, invoking the fullest exercise of all those qualities of mind and heart which are befitting the National Legislature of our Order, and devoutly praying that Divine wisdom may direct us in all things, and Divine mercy may surround us now and for ever.

The encampment then adjourned to meet at 9.0 a.m. next morning.

The evening was but a repetition of the day, as far as the crush of numbers upon the streets and the omnipresent band music were concerned. The main feature, of course, was the grand reception concert tendered the citizens of Cleveland and visiting Knights, on the part of Apollo Commandery, of Chicago. It was a brilliant affair viewed from any standpoint, and crowned with laurels the commandery which conceived and carried it out.

Men had been busy for over a week in decorating the large ware-room of Sterling and Co., formerly known as the old rink, in anticipation of the great event.

Apollo Commandery, in connection with Oriental, of this city, two of the wealthiest and most powerful organisations in the Order of Knights Templar, had undertaken the work with the intention of making such a display as is rarely seen on such occasions. No expense was spared where it could be advantageously expended.

The spectacle presented on entering the room was something that the pen cannot adequately describe. Looking up from the entrance to the high roof the view is obscured by countless flags and devices, some large and some small; in every conceivable spot appears some

colour contrasting and blending with another, the evergreen filling up the interstices to the advantage of the whole. The large festoons so gracefully arranged in the form of billows, leads the eye along to the far end of the vast room, where just above the stage is a large banner stretching across the entire end of the room. "Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, Illinois, extends their knightly courtesies to the citizens of Cleveland, O." This is so executed as to leave space in the centre, which is taken up by a large red cross and golden crown. Above all this two large national flags are placed so as to fill all the intervening space to the roof, and at either side two flags of smaller size complete the design.

Twelve thousand invitations had been issued to Knights and citizens, who up to 8.30 o'clock kept up a steady stream of visitation. At that hour Apollo Commandery entered the building. Following the entrance of the commandery came the Orientals, Cleveland, marching in fine style, their splendid appearance attracting attention on all hands. At this point a beautiful selection was executed by Neving and Krejow's celebrated military band, of Chicago, after which Sir D. B. Babcock, of the Oriental Commandery, expressed a few words of hearty welcome. Then Sir Norman T. Gassette, Commander of Apollo Commandery, delivered a short address of a happy turn. Rev. J. W. Brown, Chaplain of Oriental Commandery, made a happy and eloquent speech.

The band then admirably presented a musical programme. Following the music the floor was cleared, and the portion of the programme introduced for which many had been waiting—the dancing. It was a success—a grand success—and will always be counted a golden link of brotherly love between Cleveland and Chicago, two sister cities of the West.

Wednesday's programme was as follows: Tournament on the Fair grounds, beginning at 2.30 a.m., the following named commanderies participating:

Rapier, No. 1, Indianapolis, Ind., Henry C. Adams commanding. Monroe, No. 22, Rochester, N.Y., George P. Loder commanding. St. Louis Battalion, St. Louis, Mo., John C. Bloomfield commanding. Cincinnati, No. 3, Cincinnati, O., H. H. Tateva commanding. Damascus, No. 1, St. Paul, Minn., D. A. Monfort commanding. Hanselmann, No. 10, Cincinnati, O., O. J. W. Foot commanding. St. Bernard, No. 35, Chicago, Ill., W. M. Rurbank commanding. Columbia, No. 2, Washington, D.C., Robert commanding. Ball, No. 1, Detroit, Mich., J. E. Saxton commanding. Hugh de Payena, No. 30, Buffalo, N.Y., Christopher G. Fox commanding. At the conclusion of this drill, the Illinois commanderies gave a dress parade and review. The premiums awarded consisted of a magnificent standard or banner, a beautiful piece of artistic work; a libation service, consisting of twenty-six pieces, embracing tankard, silver goblet, and candlestick; and an elegant set of commandery jewels. St. Louis Battalion was ruled out on account of its not being named as a distinct commandery. Each commandery was allowed thirty minutes to drill, which resulted in Detroit, No. 1, winning the first prize; Rapier, No. 1, of Indianapolis, second prize; and Monroe, No. 12, of Rochester, N.Y., the third prize.—*New York Dispatch.*

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

On Wednesday the 26th ult., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held at Rugby, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Lord Leigh. The Town Hall was fitted up for the occasion, the Court-room for the Provincial Lodge, and the large Assembly-room for the Lodge of Rectitude (Rugby). There was a strong muster of the brotherhood, the whole of the lodges in the province being more or less strongly represented—which, we are given to understand, is of somewhat rare occurrence.

The Lodge of Rectitude having been opened in due and ancient form, and the visiting brethren ranged under their respective banners, the ceremony of receiving the Provincial Grand Master and his officers and lodge was gone through.

A long array of high officials and dignitaries entered the lodge-room; last of all the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, preceded by two Pursuivants.

The W.M. of the Lodge of Rectitude thereupon vacated the dais, which his lordship occupied, surrounded by his officers.

The business transacted was as follows:

The Provincial Grand Lodge opened in the Lodge of Rectitude.—The roll of the P.G. officers called.—The roll of Worshipful Masters and Wardens of Lodges in the province called.—The minutes of the P.G. Lodge held at the Guy's Lodge, Leamington, on the 3rd of April, 1877, and on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the Shakespeare Memorial Buildings at Stratford-on-Avon on the 23rd of April last, were read and confirmed.—The Report of the Audit Committee was received.—The Reports of the different Charity and Benevolent Committees were received.—The Reports from the Worshipful Masters, on the state of their respective lodges, were received.—The publication of the Masonic Calendar for the year 1878 was considered and determined upon.—The P.G. Treasurer was re-elected for the ensuing year.—The Tyler was also re-elected for the year.—The Right Worshipful the P.G. Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, with the usual ceremonies.

The business having been so far concluded, an adjournment was called, to attend divine service. The whole body proceeded, in double rank, juniors first, to Trinity Church, which had been placed at their disposal by the rector for the occasion. On arriving at the Church, the ranks were opened, the Prov. Grand Master

and officers advancing up the aisle to the front seats. The two centre rows were reserved for the brethren; the congregation beside was rather limited. The service was a choral one, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. R. Llewellyn. The lessons of the day were read by the Rev. T. Northcote Smith.

An eloquent sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. T. N. Rigby, of Birchfield, Birmingham, who took for his text Malachi, chap. ii, 10 verse: "Have we not all one Father; hath not God created us?" The discourse was a most eloquent exposition of the principles of the Order, and was delivered with much earnestness of tone and manner.

After the Old Hundredth Psalm had been sung, and a collection taken up for the Masonic Charities, the brethren returned to the lodge-room at the Town Hall, where the concluding business was transacted—including a unanimous vote of thanks to the P.G. Chaplain for his excellent sermon; also to the Rector of Rugby, for so courteously giving the use of Trinity Church, and a grant of five pounds to the Trinity Schools, Rugby. The Right Worshipful the P.G. Master and his officers then retired in procession as they had come, and the Lodge of Rectitude was closed by the W.M. in due and ancient form.

The banquet was held in the Assembly Room at the Eagle Hotel, which had been tastefully and profusely decorated for the occasion, and presented a charming appearance. The Prov. Grand Master presided, supported right and left by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Col. Machen and Bro. Brooks, Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Rectitude, Rugby; the company numbering about 80. The menu—under the direction of Bro. Hards, of the Royal George Hotel, was in the highest style of the gastronomic art. The toast-list was as follows:—1. The Queen and the Craft.—2. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold; Bro. H.R.H. the Imperial Prince of Germany; and the rest of the Royal Family.—3. The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy-Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the Grand Lodge of England.—4. The Right Hon. and Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Leigh.—5. The Very Worshipful the Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Machen, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.—6. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Rectitude; and Success to his Lodge.—7. The Visitors.—8. The Masonic Charities.—9. The Tyler's Toast ("To all poor and distressed Masons.") The company separated at an early hour.

#### Obituary.

BRO. R. J. SPIERS, P.G.S.B., PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OXON, F.S.A., and F.R.C.S.

The fraternity in general, but the brethren of the province of Oxfordshire in particular, have learnt with the deepest regret of the unexpected death of Bro. Richard J. Spiers, Past Grand Sword-Bearer of England, Past Deputy Grand Master of Oxfordshire, intelligence of which reached us by special telegram on Friday. Bro. Spiers was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, on the 28th of May, 1844, so that at the time of his death he had been a Mason upwards of 33 years. In December of the same year he became Junior Warden, afterwards serving as Senior Warden. He was unanimously elected and installed Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge on December the 20th, 1846. Bro. Spiers took the Royal Arch degree on the 16th of July, 1845, in the Chapter attached to his mother lodge, and was in the year 1850 appointed M.E.Z. Bro. Spiers was, at an early stage in his Masonic career, favoured with Prov. Grand Lodge honours, being appointed P.G.D. of C., and, after serving the offices of Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Registrar, Junior and Senior Grand Warden, he was ultimately appointed to the distinguished and envied position of Deputy Grand Master of Oxfordshire, which honour was conferred upon him in the year 1855. This office he resigned in favour of Bro. Reginald Bird, in 1876. It may be remembered that on the occasion of Prince Leopold's installation as R.W. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, H.R.H. presented Bro. Spiers with a massive silver inkstand, a purse of 500 guineas, and an elegant album, containing the names of the subscribers, as a token of esteem and regard for his great zeal and energy on behalf of Freemasonry, Prince Leopold accompanying the presentation with some very kind remarks. Our late brother was also connected with the Mark Degree, the Knights Templar, Rose Croix, Royal Order of Scotland, the 30°, 31°, 32°, the latter of which he was the senior member. In 1850 he was one of the founders of the Cœur de Lion K.T. Encampment, and First Eminent Commander. Bro. Spiers was a member of the following lodges, Nos. 10, 340, 478, 599, 945, 1036, and 1515. He served Stewardships to the three Institutions, the Benevolent in 1847, the Girls' School in the same year, the Boys' School in 1848, and the Benevolent again in 1850.

Several civic dignities were conferred upon our late distinguished brother. He was a Town Councillor in 1847, Sheriff and Alderman in 1851 and Mayor of Oxford in 1853. In 1856, Bro. Spiers was appointed a Justice of the Peace. At the expiration of his year of office as Mayor, the citizens of Oxford, presented him with a service of plate of the value of 500 guineas, also an album containing contributions from upwards of 100 artists and literary friends.

#### THE LATE BRO. DR. WHITTLE.

Bro. Alfred Whittle, M.D., aged 54, a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, died suddenly at his



residence, 155, Islington, Liverpool, on the 20th ult., his wife having only died eleven days before, at the age of 49. Bro. Whittle's funeral took place on Monday, the 24th, at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kirkdale, where there were several Masonic brethren present. The members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge were especially asked to be present, and there was a very general response. Besides the relatives of deceased, there were present Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Registrar; Dr. Costive, S.D. 216; Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; Dr. Spleen, Dr. Williams, W. Vines, W.M. 1299; J. E. Bennett; and the members of the Dramatic present were Bros. J. Bell, W.M.; W. J. Chapman, S.W.; J. Atkinson, Acting Sec.; F. Wilkinson, J. H. Ray, A. Woolrich, Treasurer; P. Lowndse, &c.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, October 12, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 52, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor, Hammersmith-gt.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.  
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.

Rose Croix, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

Supreme Council 33°, 33, Golden square.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Wheatheaf Hot., Hand-court, Holborn.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Coopers' Arms, Silver-st., Falcon-sq.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Com. R.M.B.L. at 3.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
" 9, Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, W.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, W.  
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.  
Lodge 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Ho., High-st.  
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Ho., Twickenham.  
Grand Council Ill. Kts. K.H., 30° and 33°, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Greyhound Tav., Milton-street, Cripplegate.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Marine Ho., Victoria Docks.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, S.E.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
" 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.  
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Ho., Greenwich.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Ho.  
" 140, St. George's, Globe, Royal Hill, Greenwich.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Islgtn.  
Mark, 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highbury, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Lodge 177, Domestic, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.  
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Ho., Wandsworth.  
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M.H.  
Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.  
P.G. Chap. and Lodge, R.O. of Scotland 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 13, 1877.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.  
" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M. H., Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge, 165, Egerton, M. R., Rock Ferry.  
Derby L. of I., M. H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M. H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M. H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M. R., Warrington.  
Chap. 537, Zion, M. C., Birkenhead.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, The Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1094, Temple, M. H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Lodge 786, Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren present: Bros. Edward Jones, W.M.; Henry Legge, S.W.; Frank Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M. Secretary; W. T. Rickwood, S.D.; Henry Child, I.G.; E. J. Kellaway, D.C.; George Newman, P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; W. F. Bates, Thomas Agutter, W. Darnell, R. J. Dart, C. Gale Sparrow, J. Copelin, H. A. Pratt, W. F. Poukon, George Taylor, W. Figs, Thomas Fisher, Charles Cann, H. A. Canter, J. Cook, B. Perkins, W. Allhat, G. Borer, R. H. Goddard, E. Hunter, J. G. Chillingworth, J. Lorkin, W. Waring, R. J. Sutherland, John Kent, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Newton, W.M. William Preston Lodge; Worrell, P.M. and Sec. William Preston Lodge; Watkins, P.M.; J. B. Huxtable, 1135; J. B. Lee, 1328; G. W. Chapman, 1328; A. Rowley, W.M. 917; W. Jobson, 147; R. Rimpont, 77; T. W. Farthing, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. L. Davies was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by the J.W., that £10 10s. be paid out of the lodge funds to the Muggeridge Testimonial,—carried unanimously. It was proposed by the Treasurer and seconded by Bro. George Newman, P.M., that £10 10s. be voted to Mrs Allatson, widow of the late Bro. Allatson, a member of the lodge, carried unanimously. It was proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. George Abbott, P.M., that £10 be voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. George New-

man, and seconded by Bro. George Abbott, P.M., that the bye-laws be revised, printed, and circulated among the members of the lodge—carried unanimously. Four gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren numbering about 40 then adjourned to a well-served banquet, under the able superintendence of Bro. E. H. Rand. The usual toasts were ably given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren. Bros. Newton, Worrell, Farthing, and Watkin, replied for "The Visitors." The W.M. made an earnest appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund, resulting in the collection of £4, which was handed to the Treasurer of the Freemason Fund.

**MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the hall of the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum, Ball's-pond-road. The lodge was summoned for four o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. William Stephens, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Thomas Edward Jessett, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were first confirmed. The Audit Committee's report, showing receipts for past year of £139 0s. 9d., and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £37 15s. 7d., was read by Bro. Murlis, the Secretary, and adopted. Bro. John Edward Walford, C.C., S.W. and W.M. elect, P.M. 177, and P.Z. 145, was then presented to Bro. William Stephens, and by him formally installed in the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year. The officers invested were Bros. Dr. John Symonds, S.W.; John High, J.W.; W. Stephens, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Secretary; T. Hastings Miller, P.G. Organist, Middlesex, S.D.; J. Glaskin, J.D.; W. Grist, I.G.; Charles Smith, D.C.; A. J. Stanton, W.S.; John Tovell, Assistant W.S.; P. A. Coard, Organist, and W. Gilchrist, Tyler. Bro. Stephens afterwards delivered the charges, and completed a very able performance of the ceremonies amidst the hearty cheers of the brethren. A vote of thanks was subsequently passed to him for his performance, and in returning his acknowledgments for the vote Bro. Stephens said he was proud to be the father of the lodge, although it was not an old lodge, and he trusted he would be spared for many years to be amongst the brethren. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a choice banquet, supplied in Bro. Grist's best style. After the dinner had been disposed of, and grace said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c., the W.M. said it was very pleasing to him to know that several of the Grand Officers had honoured him with a visit that evening, and he thanked them on behalf of the lodge for their kindness and consideration in coming. Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., replied. He said he was present when the lodge was consecrated, and he was much pleased at the way in which Bro. Stephens had performed the installation ceremony in inducting Bro. Walford in the chair. There was a large amount of credit due to Bro. Stephens for doing so. There were in some lodges men who took a lead, and those men were looked up to, and he advised the brethren to look up to such brethren if they were capable of imparting instruction and to be guided by them. In Bro. Stephens they had a brother whom they could look up to and be guided by. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Boyd concluded by passing a high compliment to the lodge on the manner in which the banquet had been placed on the table. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," offering them a hearty welcome to the lodge and thanking them very sincerely for the honour they had done him by coming among the brethren to witness his installation. He was very pleased to see Bro. Michael Haydon present, who saw him installed in Lodge 177, his mother lodge. Bro. Haydon having said a few words in reply, Bro. Pearson, P.M. 1196, also replied, and said he always felt when he went into a Freemasons' lodge as if he went into a haven of rest. Other brethren no doubt had the same feeling, and would acknowledge that after the great strain there was upon everybody in business it was a great relaxation and a great treat to spend a few hours with the Masonic brotherhood. He had had much pleasure in accepting Bro. Murlis's invitation, and he hoped sincerely that this would not be the last occasion when he might have an opportunity of witnessing the working. He felt sure that the W.M. would have a pleasant year of office. Bro. Stephens proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Walford, he said, was an old Past Master of a very old lodge, which he believed was the most numerous as to members of any of the lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge. He had occupied the position of W.M. in years gone by; he had ably fulfilled his duties, and he was quite capable of discharging them again to the satisfaction of the brethren of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Bro. Walford was a founder of this lodge, and he had worked through the offices till he had attained the position he now filled. Bro. Walford was well connected with the City of London, and might be looked upon as a future Lord Mayor. (Cheers.) The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most heartily received, said that though Bro. Stephens had spoken of him in far too flattering terms, he hoped at the end of the year he would be found in a measure deserving of them. Bro. Stephens had said that he (the W.M.) was an old P.M., and this was the real truth; consequently he was acquainted with the way in which lodges should be conducted, and he should ask the brethren to be particularly attentive to the sound of his gavel, and to respond to it as all good Masons should. Having been one of the founders of the lodge, it was his ambition to become its Master and one of the P.M.'s. Twelve months hence he hoped to be enrolled amongst those brethren, should it be the pleasure of Providence to spare him to go through his year of office. He thanked the brethren for having elected him to the high position of W.M., and while he was in possession of the chair he would endeavour to do his duty. He hoped that all matters coming before the lodge would be conducted in a judicial way; that the initiations, passings, and raisings would be performed in such business-like style as to be generally approved of; and that at the termination of his Mastership no brother would have reason to complain. He was not going to extend his remarks; he would simply say he would try to do his duty, and he trusted that the result of the year would show that the brethren had put the right man in the right place, and that he had won their confidence. (Hear, hear.) In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. Jessett, for whom they had a Past Master's jewel for presentation. Bro. Murlis, P.M., having replied, "The Health of Bro. Stephens, P.M., Treasurer, and Installing Master," was proposed by the W.M. Bro. Stephens, in reply, said that although the lodge was not a very old one they had endeavoured to do something for the good of the Craft. During his year they did something. £300 was collected in one year for the Masonic Charities, and he should always look upon that with a great deal of pride. Since then they had done something further, and they had sent up a Steward each year. Next time he hoped to represent the Girls, and having served the other Institutions, he would have reached the climax of his Masonic career. He should call on all the brethren to support him, and he should be satisfied if he took up £100, not like Bro. Murlis, who was not satisfied with less than £300. (Hear, hear.) After proposing the Masonic Press, the W.M. proposed "The Officers," who he felt sure would be zealous in the discharge of their important duties. In appointing the officers he had followed the wish of the lodge, but he had satisfied himself first of all that they were not only capable but anxious, and that they would faithfully and efficiently discharge their duties. He looked upon these brethren as aspiring to the chair to which he had been that night honourably elected and installed, and he could assure them that the only way to attain that dignity was by the efficient performance of the duties of their several offices. He would give the Wardens a word of advice. Let them be attentive and punctual, always at their posts at the commencement of business; and if they were they would be co-operating with the Master, giving pleasure to him, satisfaction to themselves, at the same time that they would be forwarding the interests of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Bro. Dr. Symonds, S.W., replied, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street. Brethren present: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Dr. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Charles Hogg, J.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; P. Saillard, S.D.; Wm. H. Froom, J.D.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; A. J. Akman, I.G.; W. Landell, S. Benton, E. Jolliffe, W. S. Chapman, Alfred Brookman, John Herve, Grand Secretary; Hyde Pullen, Richard Lee. Visitors: Bros. S. Martel Davies, Fidelity, 231; Henry J. Reynolds, P.M. Temple, 101; A. J. Prothero, Neptune, 22; Ernest W. Ledger, P.M. Moira, 92; G. J. Atkins, P.M. Moira, 92; J. Bergmann, Mizpah, 1671; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. The minutes of the regular meeting, held March 12th, were read and confirmed. The minutes of the lodge of emergency, held May 7th, were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred Brookman was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Dr. Samuel Benton was passed to the Second Degree. Bros. Lee, Dr. Smith, and Chapman were elected for the Committee of Finance, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday the 2nd inst., the attendance of members and visitors numbering about 100. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Burrows, assisted by the whole of his officers, and a considerable number of P.M.'s. After the minutes had been read and the balloting completed, the W.M. gave the First and Second Degrees in a very effective manner. During the general business a vote of £5 5s. was passed to the Indian Famine Fund, supplemented by private subscriptions, making the sum up to £8 8s. After business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to. The most important one of the evening, viz., the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Roberts, was accompanied by a presentation (subscribed for solely by the members), consisting of a very handsome time-piece and vases, and an illuminated address. The toast and presentation were entrusted to Bro. W. T. Merry, senior, P.M., who, in illustrating the career of Bro. Roberts in Masonry, earnestly pointed out to the younger members the importance of observing the tenets of Masonry, and strictly obeying all its precepts, by which means there was ample scope for obtaining the highest lodge honours that could be conferred. The toast and presentation having been heartily received by the brethren, were felicitously acknowledged by Bro. Roberts. The remaining toasts having been given, the proceedings were closed, and the brethren departed at an early hour.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of the Rowley Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on Monday, 1st October, 1877. There were present: Bros. T. Jackson, W.M.; N. W. Heerne, S.W.; Alfred Sherriff, J.W.; J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; J. T. Jackson, J.D., and others. After the preliminary business had been transacted Bro. Moore delivered a short lecture "On the Ethics of Freemasonry," briefly touching on the more salient points connected with the subject. On the proposition of the S.W., a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Moore, accompanied by a request that he would favour the lodge with another short lecture at the next meeting.



**CHIPPING SODBURY.**—Tyndal Lodge (No. 1363).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the lodge room, Town Hall, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Algernon Ludlow, W.M.; J. P. Curtis, S.W.; Wm. Jones, S.D.; T. Thompson, J.D.; W. H. H. Hattley and Wm. Taylor, Stewards; J. D. B. Treufeld, D.C., and P.P.G.S.B.; C. A. Bush, I.P.M., Secretary and P.G.D.C., and a good number of brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Revd. Alfred Scott Thompson was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Beaman and Attwood raised. Bro. J. Treufeld was then elected Treasurer, a post ably filled by him for some years. Bro. C. Iles was also again elected Tyler. The W.M. then proceeded with the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Payne Curtis, S.W., was unanimously elected. The W.M. congratulated Bro. Curtis highly, he having been initiated in the lodge only five years ago. Bro. Sudlow, W.M., was then complimented on the admirable manner in which he had governed the lodge during his year of office. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Emulation Lodge, (No. 1505).—The annual celebration of St. John's festival, by the brethren of the above lodge, took place on Friday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The attendance was very numerous, and the whole of the pleasant proceedings was greatly enjoyed by both members and visitors. Bro. Henry Morris, the retiring W.M. opened the lodge promptly at the appointed hour, and during the course of business there were present the following officers: Bros. J. T. Callow, P.M.; N. Nelson, P.M.; W. Quale, S.W.; W. H. Corbin, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M.; Treas.: J. Capell, Sec.; H. Coulson, J.D.; R. Fouts, I.G.; A. McKenzie, S.S.; H. H. Smith, J.S.; J. Skeaf, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members included Bros. W. H. Taubman, R. E. Fulton, E. Thomas, M. Strong, C. Wynne, J. Orford, E. Jones, J. Shelly, P. Thomas, W. H. Chapman, T. Wilson, G. Atkinson, C. Ackman, J. J. Hodges, J. Purvis, M. Drake, W. Parry, H. H. Peter, R. Lytham, A. Child, J. Irving, E. Jarvis, W. Roan, G. Murcott, R. Croft, D. T. Walby, J. Carmichael, &c. The visitors' list contained names of Bros. J. C. Lunt, P.M. 1086; D. Jackson, S.W. 673; R. France, P.M. 594; W. F. May, P.M. 673; J. Bushfield, 216; J. Williams, W.M. 1182; H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; J. A. Mitchell, 1276; J. Ellis, S.W. 667; J. K. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Burgess, Organist; 1609; A. Gilfillan, 1393; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; R. Martin, I.P.M. 1182; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325; T. Yeats, J.D. 1296; W. H. Hignett, 1547; M. Lighthorn, 1620; J. Thompson, S.W. 1013; J. Morris, 1264; P. W. Oglerby, Sec. 823. After the minutes had been read and unanimously confirmed, the W.M. (Bro. H. Morris) most effectively initiated one brother into the Order. Bro. J. Hocken, P.M., Treasurer, then took the chair, and he proceeded to instal Bro. W. E. Quayle as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the presentation for that purpose being made by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M., and Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Hocken, and the charges to the following officers for 1877-8 were also impressively given:—Bros. H. Morris, I.P.M.; W. H. Corbin, S.W.; J. Capell, J.W.; J. Hocken, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); J. T. Callow, P.M. D.C.; Rev. G. H. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap., Hon. Chaplain (re-appointed by proxy); H. Coulson, Secretary; R. Foote, S.D.; H. H. Smith, J.D.; R. Lytham, I.G.; M. Strong, S.S.; J. Irving, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O. Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Hocken P.M., for his excellent services as Installing Master. The brethren then unanimously voted the sum of five guineas from the funds of the lodge in aid of the Liverpool Indian Famine Relief Fund, and this was further increased by the private contributions of the brethren to ten guineas. It was also agreed to vote a sum of money for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. H. Morris, I.P.M. The brethren subsequently banqueted in the large dining-room, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. E. Quayle, by whom the usual toasts were given and cordially responded to. The toast of "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale and his Officers," was responded to by Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Bro. H. Morris, I.P.M., in giving "The Worshipful Master," said there was no better Mason in Liverpool that day than Bro. Quayle, and after having steadily ascended the Masonic ladder he (Bro. Morris) felt that their W.M. would most amply fulfil all the expectations concerning him. The toast was received with great cordiality, and the W.M., in acknowledging it, expressed a hope that harmony and enthusiasm would prevail during his year of office, and that he would be able to fulfil all the obligations which he had that day entered into. Bro. J. T. Callow gave "The I.P.M.," which was suitably responded to by Bro. H. Morris; the W.M. proposed "The Installing Master," acknowledged by Bro. Hocken; and the other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," to which the S.W. and J.W. responded. "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," acknowledged in an interesting speech by Bro. J. R. Goepel, and "The Visitors," with which the names of Bros. Martin, May, H. Ashmore, France, Bushfield, Burrows, and J. McKenzie were coupled. Bro. J. Bushfield introduced a pleasant novelty into the programme in the form of a well played violin solo, besides giving several songs in his usual telling manner. The other musical brethren were Bros. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burgess, Organist 1609, the piano accompaniments.

**CHISLEHURST.**—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The last regular meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Saturday week, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst, Bro. W. Kipps, W.M., P.G.O. Kent, presiding. There were also present: Bros. Gloster, S.W.;

Mason, J.W.; Goldsmith, Secretary; Griffin, S.D.; Hutchings, J.D.; and Hunt, as I.G. The following brethren also attended: Bros. Masters, Drinkwater, Luck, Dowsett, Behenna, Hollis, Scager, Russell, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, Dana, and Ford, the visitors being Bros. Munyon, P.M. 79; Harding, 1526; and Clark 1423. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and signed. Bro. Bond, of the Sydney Lodge, was then elected a joining member, and several names were submitted for joining and initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Dowsett presented a very handsome charity box, which the W.M. gracefully accepted on behalf of the lodge, and a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dowsett, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, for his gift, which we need hardly say was fully appreciated. Lodge was then closed and the brethren afterwards partook of refreshments. The customary toasts were proposed and honoured, and it should be stated that Bro. Hutchings, J.D., accepted the office, with the unanimous voice of the lodge, of Steward for the next festival of the Institution for Girls.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, in this favourite watering-place, on Friday, 5th October. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. Duff, who was supported by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England, as I.P.M.; E. Cardwell as S.W.; Wm. Longmire, J.W.; Brigham, as S.D.; W. W. Wilde, J.D.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; H. W. Johnston, Prov. G.J.D., and a large number of brethren. After the usual business of the lodge had been transacted, a vote of congratulation was unanimously passed to the I.P.M. of the lodge, Bro. Captain C. H. Garnett, on his recent appointment to the office of Prov. G.S.W. of West Lancashire. A handsome chased hall-marked silver square and compasses was presented to the lodge by Bro. H. Longman, P.M., to whom the thanks of the lodge were given. The W.M. then called upon Dr. Moore to deliver a lecture, as announced, "On the duties and privileges of the Master's Chair," which was listened to with great attention by the brethren, and a hearty vote of thanks awarded to the lecturer on its close.

**PUTNEY.**—Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday the 3rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel. Amongst the officers and brethren present were the following:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M.; J. Wright, I.P.M.; H. Smith, P.M., Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; W. T. Morphew, S.W.; F. J. Holland, S.D.; A. Boehr, J.D.; T. Collings, I.G.; and S. Steed, Tyler. The brethren were Bros. J. W. Holland, L. Eykn, S. Parloe, J. Rowe, F. Forss, W. Maddox, H. J. Carter, E. Goodman, R. S. Russell, J. Harrison, A. B. Weston, E. Stokes, and G. Cook. The following were visitors:—Bros. R. T. Whitley, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx.; W. D. May, P.M. 1638; J. Featherstone, 1656; W. Allan, 1158; S. Fane, 1158; J. Hoey, P.M. 316; R. T. Sumner, 1360; and A. A. Denham, 1044. The minutes of the last meeting having been duly confirmed, Bros. Carter, Maddox, Goodman, and Forss were ably passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the I.P.M., Bro. J. Wright, being in the chair. The W.M. having now taken the chair, invested Bro. F. Holland as J.W., the Junior Warden appointed at the last meeting having removed to an inconvenient distance from the lodge. The W.M., in an eulogistic speech, proposed Bro. R. T. Whitley, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, as a joining member; Bro. Past Master Wright seconded, and the ballot proved unanimous. Bro. H. Smith, Sec., read a letter sent to the W.M. from Bro. Slinn, of the Star and Garter Hotel (where the lodge is now held), stating that he found the business of the lodge clashed with his own, and therefore he wished the brethren to change their place of meeting as soon as possible. At the same time he wished the lodge every success and prosperity. The W.M. said he only received that letter after the summons had been issued for convening the present meeting. Of course the brethren did not wish to burden Bro. Slinn by interfering with his own business by having the meetings at his house, but he (the W.M.) would say that £150, in round numbers, had been spent at Bro. Slinn's hotel during the last seven times the lodge had met. (Hear, hear.) He should propose that a committee be formed to consider at what hotel the lodge should be held. Bro. J. Rowe thought there would be a difficulty in finding a suitable place in Putney. There were several houses convenient for holding inquests (laughter), but none suitable for a Masonic rendezvous. Bro. H. Smith, Sec., said he had seen Bro. Slinn that afternoon, and he said he had no wish to hasten the brethren, and was not willing to hurry them away. A committee was then formed to consider the question. Mr. W. Smith, of Upper Norwood, was proposed by Bro. Breach, and seconded by Bro. Past Master Wright, and Mr. W. Court, was also proposed by Bro. Harrison, seconded by Bro. Maddox. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Half Moon Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. E. Stokes. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M., and received with Masonic honours. That of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Past Masters W. D. May, Whitley, Hoey, and Bros. J. Featherstone, W. Allan, S. Fane, R. T. Sumner, and A. A. Denham. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Freemasons' Tavern Company have disposed of their interest in the tavern to Mr. Best, of the Horse Shoe Restaurant, who is effecting considerable improvements in the property.

Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. announced an extensive sale for Monday and Tuesday next, the 15th and 16th inst., of Flannels, Calicoes, Serges, &c., under specially advantageous circumstances, and much below the usual prices. These occasional sales are never announced without the goods offered are much under the usual price.

## THE MOONS OF MARS.

Our readers have often heard of the "new moon," and seen what is called the "new moon; but now we have a veritable new moon, although as old as the creation of our solar system; but in consequence of its great distance, the insufficiency of telescopic power, and unbelief in Dr. Bedford's prediction, these "new moons" have not been discovered till now.

Up to this time the planet Mars was considered to have no moon, but on August 16th last, Professor Hall, of the Washington Observatory, U.S.A., observed what he took to be a small star following Mars, and made an estimate of its distance; two hours afterward—that is about one on Friday morning—he was surprised to find that the star was still following the planet, and accordingly he made a careful series of measures, and found the supposed "star" to be eighty seconds of arc from Mars. On Friday the notes were submitted to Professor Newcomb, who was so confident as to the character of the object that he congratulated Professor Hall, and calculating roughly the time of revolution at thirty two hours predicted that if the satellite was not seen the same evening (August 17), it would be behind the planet, and would appear on the following morning. The prediction was correct, for about one o'clock in the morning the satellite appeared with a suspected companion. The discovery was then officially reported to Admiral Rogers, the superintendent, and on the following evening, the 18th, several astronomers were present to verify the observation, and the second satellite was seen, but not with sufficient certainty to determine its period of revolution. The first satellite (for we know there are two now) was discovered at 11.42 p.m. on August 16 as a faint object resembling a star of the 13.14 magnitude, but it had been previously observed by Prof. Hall on Aug. 11.

The Americans are justly very proud of this discovery, and our country may justly claim a share of the honour, for Bro. Dr. Bedford, the founder of the "Bedfordian system of Astronomy," has been urging upon astronomers who possess powerful telescopes, for the last twenty-three years, to look for these satellites in the following words (copied from page 13 of his "New Theories of the Universe," published in 1854, bearing date Oct. 17); "The earth having a satellite, and its mass when projected from the sun being less fluid than Mars, and yet capable of projecting her moon, I am confident that such appendage will also be found to Mars; in fact, I should not be surprised if Venus and Mercury completed the uniformity throughout our system of primaries and satellites, although their satellites would be very small." The author of these theories also predicted the discovery of cometic systems—comets revolving around comets years before any telescope discovered them; and among other startling announcements, asserted that our world in its infancy was a comet, and that our solar system was originally a cometic system; and this is now acknowledged by Mr. Lockyer and other eminent astronomers.

## FRIARS V. FREEMASONS.

There lately appeared in the *Civiltà Cattolica* a profession of the principles of Freemasonry, in the form of a creed asserted to have been revealed by a penitent Freemason on his deathbed. It consists of twelve Articles, all the shameful particulars of which, however, may be said to be comprehended in the two last:—

"11. Possumus omnia facere quæ volumus absque levitatem culpâ."

"12. Ergo semper liberi sumus."

If the liberty to commit every possible crime at pleasure is what constitutes the freedom of Freemasonry, what a horrible state of immorality and impiety Freemasonry must be, and what miscreants in theory, if not in practice, are all Freemasons! Freemasonry, at that rate, may well call itself a craft—the worst of all the crafts and snares of the Enemy. Holy Church is quite right in condemning it, and her Popes and her prelates cannot but choose to declare any and everyone of her sons connected with it a heretic, and do, or would do, well to excommunicate him with bell, book, and candle. Of course, Cardina Manning could not possibly suffer the Marquis of Ripon to retain the chair wherein his successor is the Prince of Wales. If, that is—much virtue in an "if"—if the creed above quoted from the *Civiltà Cattolica* is a bona fide belief; and, if again, it is not a solecism to call fides in connection with such a belief bona. But is that Belief genuine? and, if not, is it a hoax on the *Civiltà Cattolica*? or is that Journal a comic clerical paper, capable of rather unscrupulous satire? or are its conductors enthusiasts who, on behalf of their religion, don't mind bearing false witness against their neighbours.—*Punch*.

Reports of the following, received too late for the present publication, will appear in our next:—Royal Cumberland Lodge, 41; St. Luke's Lodge, 144; Etonian Lodge, 209; St. Cybi Lodge, 597; Amherst Lodge, 1213; Kennington Lodge, 1381; Carnarvon Lodge, 1572; Jerusalem Chapter, 185.

We are desired to state that the meetings of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, will in future be held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday evenings, at 7 o'clock.

A pigeon proprietor has, it is said, been charged in one of the French frontier towns with having systematically evaded the duty on imported tobacco by flying them across the boundary each with a packet of the article tied to its body.

Bro. William Malthouse, Liveryman of the Butchers' Company (Lodge 1623) offers himself to the electors of the Ward of Farringdon Without, as a representative of that ward, in the room of the late Mr. Howell,



## ANNUAL DINNER OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual dinner of the members and friends of this, which is fast becoming one of the best lodges of instruction in Hackney, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, at Bro. G. Ferrar's, the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road.

Bro. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middlesex, the present W.M. of the parent lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Woolly, as S.W. (of the Wanderers' Lodge); Francis, J.W.; Brasted, S.D.; Dignam, J.D.; Lorkin, I.G.; Preceptor Fieldwick; Ernest Dietrich, Sec.; Geo. Ferrar, Treas.; and a number of brethren.

The lodge having been duly opened in the First Degree, and the sections worked, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where full justice was done to the excellent repast set before them.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The greatest gathering of Freemasons connected with the Western Division of Lancashire, which has ever been witnessed was held at Southport on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., where and when the annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held. The weather was most delightful, and the whole of the day's proceedings passed off without the slightest unpleasantness. The Liverpool contingent, numbering between 300 and 400 brethren, started from the Exchange Station about half-past 10 o'clock by special train, while the ordinary trains brought their contribution to the great and striking assembly from every corner of this Masonic division.

The brethren first assembled at the Town Hall for the purpose of robing, and then proceeded to the Cambridge Hall, where the business of the day was to be transacted. Even before the entrance of the members of Grand Lodge the whole floor of the large hall was well filled by the Craft, and many had to seek places in the galleries, it being calculated that there were even then from 700 to 800 brethren present. The total attendance could not have been much fewer than 1000. The Craft Lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock, Bro. Spenceley, W.M. 32, occupying the W.M.'s chair, assisted by the following other officers:—Bros. John Vaughan, W.M. 32 (Prescot), P.M.; Cotton, W.M. 113, S.W.; Captain Berry, W.M. 155, J.W.; and Davies, W.M. 216, I.G.

The lodge having been duly opened in the various degrees, the Provincial Grand Lodge was announced, and Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dept. G.M., and the R.W.P.G.M., was saluted with the usual honours. His lordship having taken the chair, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the business was at once proceeded with, Bro. Horner occupying the chair of the P.G.S.W., and Bro. Sharp that of the P.G.J.W.

Amongst those present, besides the R.W.P.G.M., were Bros. W. Horner, P.G.S.W., W. Sharp, P.G.J.W., the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.G.C.; G. D. Pochin, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; E. W. Harding, P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; P. Macmurdrow, P.G.P.; W. S. Vines, P.G.S.; H. Jackson, P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.; J. McKune, P.G.S.; T. W. Serjeant, P.G.S.; Dr. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; F. B. Fishwick, P.P.G.J.D., E.L.; C. E. N. Beswick-Royds, P.G.S.W.; W. Rigby, P.G.P., Cheshire; R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Cornfield, P.P.G.S.B.; Councilor S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W. Cum. and West; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Turner, P.G. Treas.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.G.S. of W.; J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Lambert, P.P.G.J.D.; W. C. D. Deeley, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Butterworth, P.P.G.P.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. Goggin, P.P.G.C.; J. Pickering, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; Colonel F. Birchall, P.G.S.D., P.P.G.J.W.; H. W. Johnston, P.G.S.; J. W.; J. Fowler, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Leather, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P. Cheshire; J. F. Roberts, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Pearson, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., E.L.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas., E.L.; G. Rennington, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler.

There were also present a very numerous assemblage of W. Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and brethren representing the various lodges in the province.

After the P.G. lodge had been opened, the roll of lodges of the province was read by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., when it appeared that the whole of the 77 lodges in this division were represented, with one exception (the Hesketh Lodge, No. 950, Fleetwood). The minutes of the previous P.G. meeting, held in Liverpool last October, were read by the P.G. Secretary, and unanimously confirmed.

The P.G. Treasurer's statement, which was taken as read, and passed, showed that the total balance from last year in connection with the Charity Fund, Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, and Fund of Benevolence, amounted to £1962 12s. 3d. With the past year's income, the Charity Fund stood at £361 1s. 6d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £580 2s. 3d.; and Fund of Benevolence, £1187 8s.; total £2728 11s. 8d. The total disbursements amounted to £413 13s. 6d. There were £1700 in the savings bank, and £614 18s. 2d. remained in the hands of the P.G. Treasurer. The amounts also showed that £1776 15s. had been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution up to the close of last year, and during the past year 50 guineas had been expended.

On the motion of Bro. G. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D., Bro. Major Turner was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer. Bro. Turner acknowledged the honour which had been twice conferred on him—an honour which he prized all the more because it was the only one which lay with the brethren of the province to bestow.

The Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

C. H. Garnett	Prov. G.S.W.
L. Rowbottom	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. H. Bethell Jones (re-elected)	Prov. G. Chap.
Dr. M'George	Prov. G. Reg.
G. Turner (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
H. S. Alpass (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Sec.
P. Macmurdrow	Prov. G.S.D.
Johnstone	Prov. G.J.D.
W. Tyrer	Prov. G.S.W.
W. S. Vines	Prov. G.D.C.
H. Jackson	Prov. G.A.D.C.
B. B. Marson	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf (re-appointed)	Prov. G. Org.
T. W. Serjeant	Prov. G. Purs.
E. Simpson, Cooper, H. Pearson, Wells, Wainwright, J. E. Jackson	Prov. G. Stwds.
P. Ball	Prov. G. Tyler.
W. H. Ball	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The P.G.M. then presented Bro. T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas., with a jewel of that office, in recognition of his valuable services to the Prov. G. Lodge while in that position. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Armstrong.

The sum of 50 guineas was voted for the assistance of six widows and one distressed brother.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., submitted his annual report, which stated that since the last annual meeting two new lodges had been consecrated—the Ancient Briton, No. 1675, meeting in Liverpool, and the Arthur John Brogden, meeting at Grange. There had been 15 dispensations issued during the year. The province had been successful in electing two annuitants of the Royal Masonic Institution, and it was matter for regret that the official votes of nine lodges were lost in consequence of their neglecting to pay their Grand Lodge dues. The total number of defaulters in England was 62, and West Lancashire supplied about 14 per cent. of them. Such neglect involved the risk of the warrants of these lodges being recalled. The province had a candidate for the Girls' School on the 13th instant, and voting papers, signed, should be at once sent to him (Bro. Alpass) or to Bro. Wylie, 54, Castle-street. There were already two candidates from this province to be elected annuitants at the next election of the Royal Masonic Boys' School in May, for which purpose all the votes the province was entitled to would be required. After referring to certain breaches of the Book of Constitutions by several lodges, Bro. Alpass further stated that the progress of Masonry in the province was uninterrupted, but he hoped that with an increase of numbers the greatest caution would be exercised in the admission of candidates to the Order. This, however, was not always done, as facts had lately unfortunately proved. The appeal directed to be made to the lodges for funds for the erection of the sedilia in Chester Cathedral produced £466 19s. 1d.—(applause)—which after paying £450 to the Rev. D. L. Deacle, left a balance of £16 19s. 1d., which had been handed to the P.G. Treas. All the lodges, with one exception, had sent in their returns for the year. Since the last meeting, the brethren of the various lodges had to deplore the loss sustained by the death of Bro. T. Wylie, P.P.G. Reg. and P.P.G. Sec. His zeal for the Craft and earnest exertions for the extension of its great principles, brotherly love, relief, and truth, rendered his memory dear to every brother who had the honour of his acquaintance. (Loud applause.)

In the absence of Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P. Prov. G. Reg., who had recently met with an accident, (as recorded in the *Freemason*), which the Prov. G. Sec. said they must all regret, Bro. R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.D., moved, "That all primary applications to the P.G. Lodge of Benevolence may be relieved to the extent of not more than £15, and that all subsequent applications may be relieved to the extent of not more than £10."

Bro. the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W. 216, seconded the resolution, which was carried.

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Armstrong, it was resolved that the sum of £1000 of the P.G. Lodge of Benevolence be invested in the bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board at 4½ per cent.

Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Broadridge, P.P.D.G.C., moved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the Indian Famine Fund. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.D.G.C., and carried by acclamation. The P.G.M. explained that in thus voting money for the famine fund they were not merely following the example set in Cheshire, as this matter had been previously agreed upon in the Province of West Lancashire. (Hear, hear.)

It was also agreed, on the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Goepel, that £100 be voted from the charity fund to the R.M. Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, and that 100 guineas be voted from the same fund to the West Lancashire Educational Institution in the name of the P.G. Master.

P.G.L. next proceeded to consider the business in connection with the Hamer Benevolent Fund. The fourth annual report said there had yet been no application for assistance from the funds of the charity, which was a gratifying fact, as showing to some extent the absence of destitution among the aged brethren of the province. This satisfactory state of matters, however, could not be expected to continue, and as applications would probably be made, the continued support of the brethren for the charity was earnestly solicited. The adoption of the report was

moved by Bro. Wylie and seconded by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1506, and carried unanimously. Five P.M.'s were nominated as members of the committee, and the auditors, secretary, and treasurer were afterwards appointed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then constituted a Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The minutes of the meetings were read by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, Hon. Sec. of the Institution, and he incidentally stated that there were now 78 children on the foundation of the Institution. No less a sum than £700 had been voted during the year for the purpose of education.

On the motion of Bro. W. L. Deeley, P. Prov. G.J.W., it was resolved—

That instead of the proceedings of the Court of Governors and General Committee being read in extenso, and in order to save the time of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a report from the honorary secretary, approved by the general committee of the Institution, giving a resumé of the past year's proceedings, shall be presented and read at the annual special court of governors, and a vote taken to confirm the same.

Bro. John Houlding, W.M. 823, moved, and Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673, seconded the following motion:—

That the sum of £5 per annum be expended by the committee for the education and assistance of each child of deceased or distressed Freemasons who may be placed on the foundation of the West Lancashire Educational Institution.

The motion, after some discussion, was carried, and the officers and committee for the ensuing year were then appointed.

The Prov. G. Lodge and Craft Lodge were then closed in accordance with ancient custom.

At two o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren formed into order and marched in fours, by way of East-bank-street, Chapel-street, and Houghton-street, to Holy Trinity Church. There could not have been fewer than 800 present, and it was seen from the official programme that all the lodges in the district were represented, with one exception.

The sight was interesting and attractive to the thousands who lined the streets. First there was the band of the 13th L.R.V., a blaze of colour in their scarlet uniforms, and their brass instruments glittering in the sunshine. Then came the members of the various lodges, headed in some cases by gay banners, and in others by Tylers with drawn swords. The white aprons, the majority edged with light-blue silk and trimmed with silver bullion, the broad blue cuffs, the scarves of the same colour, and the jewels and decorations shewed in striking contrast to the black coats and tall hats which it is considered de rigueur for Masons to wear on such occasions of state. The procession closed with those who hold high office in the Provincial Lodge, and they were distinguished by "imperial purple" in their scarves and aprons. Almost last of all came the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale. The procession attracted a large number of spectators, who lined the streets, and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

Arrived at the church, the brethren opened up right and left to allow the P.G. Master to pass up the centre, he being preceded by the Standard and Sword Bearer. The P.G. Officers and brethren followed in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession.

The prayers were intoned by the rector of North Meols, Bro. the Rev. C. H. Knowliss, and the lessons were read by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope. The following anthem was admirably sung by the choir: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them: While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease, because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened; and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low; and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird; and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity." The hymns were also well chosen.

The Rev. Bethell Jones took for his text the sixth chapter of St. Luke, 36th verse—"Be ye also merciful, as your Father in heaven"—from which text he preached a most eloquent and appropriate sermon.

A collection amounting to £91 10s. was made at the close for the Indian Famine Fund.

On leaving the Church the brethren reversed the order of the procession, with the exception that the band maintained its original position. The line of march was Houghton-street, London-street, and Lord-street, to the Winter Gardens. At the Town Hall, however, there were large desertions from the ranks, indeed, quite one-half the brethren "fell out," and having speedily divested themselves of aprons, cuffs, scarves, and jewels, proceeded to explore the town. Those left in the procession numbered about four hundred, and as soon as they had reached the Winter Gardens, they found Bro. F. F. Baker, manager of the Victoria Hotel Company, had made most excellent preparations for the banquet.

The Pavilion was decorated with flags, and in the course of the evening Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who presided, and who was supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, spoke in very complimentary terms of it as a dining room for so large a party. The gallery was filled with ladies, and what with the brightness of their dresses, the regalia worn by the brethren, the



flags and decorations, the fruit, flowers, plate, and glass so tastefully arranged on the tables, the scene was altogether such as can seldom be witnessed at a Masonic gathering. To add to the enjoyment of the banquet, a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Skeaf, the P.G. Organist, occupied the stage, and during the evening performed in capital style a selection of vocal music. The band played during dinner.

The first toast was the "Health of Her Majesty the Queen," and the R.W.P.G.M. in proposing it spoke of her Majesty as a patron of the Craft.

The noble Chairman next gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." (Applause.) The R.W.P.G.M. said he had before now told them how much he honoured his Royal Highness as their Worshipful Grand Master, and how he looked upon him as a very good Mason. He need not repeat that nor say that his Royal Highness continued so still. He hoped, however, they would join with him in congratulating their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess upon the restoration to health of their eldest son. He could assure them that though little had been said of the Prince's illness in the daily papers it had been greatly felt by the Royal parents, and had been the cause of great anxiety. (Hear, hear.)

The health of the "Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and the other officers of the Grand Lodge" was the next given, coupled with the name of Bro. Colonel Birchall, Past G.D.

Bro. Birchall responded, and proposed the "Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the R.W.P.G.M.," which was received with great enthusiasm.

His Lordship, in responding, said Masonry in his province had grown, was growing, and would continue to grow. It was a great responsibility for any single brother to hold, but he was thankful to say that his work was rendered comparatively pleasant by the harmony which universally prevailed in the province. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Unless this harmony prevailed it would be impossible for him to conduct the 77 lodges which were under his direction. He referred with pleasure to the glorious gathering that day, and announced that the sum granted on that occasion to the Indian famine relief fund would be made up to £200. (Applause.)

"The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present" was next given, and was followed by "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," proposed by Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; and responded to by Bro. John Vaughan, W.M. 86 (Present), the oldest lodge in the province represented at the banquet.

The "Charities of the Province," proposed by Bro. Robert Wilson, P.P.G.J.D.; and responded to by Bros. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; and Richard Brown, P.M. 241; whose names had been coupled with the toast in a very complimentary manner, was next honoured, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the usual toast—"To all poor and distressed Masons."

A charming variety to the musical programme was furnished by Bro. H. Gill, ro86, whose fairy bell performance was loudly applauded. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; and those who assisted were Bros. C. Haswell, J. P. Bryan, J. T. Pogmire, W. H. Quayle, J. Queen, G. A. W. Phillips, W. Forrester, and R. N. Hobart.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday the brethren of West Yorkshire assembled in large force in the ancient ecclesiastical diocese of Ripon. Bro. Wm. Paley, M.D., W.M., and officers of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, (837), opened the preliminary Lodge, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by the Right Hon. Sir. H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the brethren cordially saluted the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master in ancient form.

In acknowledging the compliment, Sir Henry Edwards said,

Brethren,—Accept my acknowledgments for the warmth of your salutation and the cordiality of your reception. My address to day must be brief, but there are a few remarks I desire to press upon your attention on the circumstances which have marshalled the Masonic body of West Yorkshire under the banner of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, and occasioned this meeting in the Town Hall of the capital of the Ecclesiastical Diocese of Ripon. I find the first visit of Provincial Grand Lodge to this city, was in July, 1863, under the presidency of Bro. Bentley Shaw, when the brethren proceeded to Fountain Abbey in Masonic costume. The next visit here, was in October, 1866, when the Marquis of Ripon, then Lord de Grey and Ripon, was the occupant of my chair, and whose retirement from the Craft, which he greatly adorned, we must ever regret. A third visit was paid in July, 1871, and Bro. Bentley Shaw again presided over your deliberations, and the brethren of the province were again entertained at Fountain Abbey through the kindness of the late Provincial Grand Master. Again the fourth time, after an interval of six years, the province has been invited to hold its last quarterly meeting this year, in this romantic and interesting locality. We thank the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Ripon Lodge, for this day's invitation and oft repeated hospitality. Whilst we acknowledge the gratification in the renewal of our interest with the architectural edifices, ecclesiastical memories and ancient historic associations which the Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain brought to our notice in 1874, we are reminded by the presence amongst us of the well travelled Mayor of this city, the Worshipful Master of this lodge, the Chaplain, author of the "Guide to Chambered Barrows and Pre-

Historic Monuments." and other members of No. 837, with whom we now claim to a more intimate acquaintance, as well as with their written discoveries in the hidden mysteries of nature and art. As might be expected in a city full of the works of our ancient operative brethren in Masonry, and equally famous in its relations to the ecclesiastical history of Yorkshire, we find amongst its most prominent institutions those relating to charitable endowments. I shall only touch briefly on their merits. There are three on which our operative brethren bestowed some care, and which in constructive skill testify to us of their genius as master builders as well as to their charity. The "Maison de Dieu," an old asylum for eight poor women; "the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene," for lepers, which Leland asserts, was, in the 12th century, built by our brethren from Rome. The third which interests us to-day is "Jepson's Hospital." On behalf of this charity Bro. the Rev. Canon Burfield, of St. Mark's, Leicester, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of this province, has most kindly responded to my invitation to preach, with the sanction of the dean and chapter, in the cathedral, both of our much respected Provincial Grand Chaplains, who were otherwise quite willing to undertake that duty, being prevented by ancient statutes now in force, from occupying the pulpit in Ripon Cathedral on this occasion, being below the dignity of canon. To the Bishop of the Diocese our obligations are due for placing his cathedral at the disposal of the authorities for a special service for this charity. This hospital was founded in 1672, by Zacharias Jepson, a Freemason and apothecary at York, but a native of Ripon. This brother bequeathed to feepees the sum of £3000 to purchase land for the maintenance and education of twenty orphan boys, sons of poor, but respectable freemen of Ripon. These boys were to be admitted at the age of seven years or upwards, and to continue in the hospital until they should be fifteen and a-half years old. This benefactor desired that, as the master of the Free School of Ripon should judge fit, certain boys were to be sent to Cambridge and to have £20 a year for seven years to maintain them, whilst certain others, having been above four years in the hospital, might have £5 to bind each as "an entered apprentice" to a trade in Ripon. You must remember our London Masonic Charities were not in existence in the days of this founder, and I am informed that this first effort of Bro. Zacharias Jepson to establish a hospital of this kind, the want of which was so much felt by the Craft in his time, but now so well endowed as he intended, for upon an inquiry taken on the 1st May, in the 26th year of King Charles the Second, before commissioners it was discovered that "the clear remainder of the testator's personal estate, above his debts discharged and a moiety thereof, which his widow, Isabel Jepson, had taken to herself, amounted to £2275 3s. 9d." which was paid to the trustees. The number of boys in the hospital was consequently reduced to twelve, and the number of scholars to be maintained at the University reduced to one. Owing to injudicious investments of the original trustees, the number of boys was reduced to ten, which is the number at present on the foundation, and it is to enable the present feepees to carry out the original Masonic scheme that the Dean and Chapter, and the De Grey and Ripon Lodge have invited the brethren to day, and will solicit your contributions in the Cathedral this afternoon. Allow me to mention another circumstance in illustration of the charity and benevolence of our Order. The famine in Southern India is a calamity on a scale to which European experience supplies no parallel. The Grand Lodge of England at its last quarterly meeting, believing that one of the principles of Freemasonry is that virtue which never faileth—Charity—and that Freemasons are ever ready to recognise the claims of the poor and distressed, and stay not to inquire as to creed, colour, or clime, and that this fearful famine came within the sphere of their fraternity, made a grant of £1050 to the Indian Relief Fund, £210 towards the relief of the sufferers by fire at St. John's, New Brunswick, and £105 for the sufferers from the cataclysm on the coast of Peru. It gives me pleasure to mention that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset has supplemented the munificence of Grand Lodge by £120, Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire by £100, and our own Lodge of Excelsior, Leeds, £25, and Philanthropic £20 to the Indian Relief Fund. During the present year, so far as it has gone, £40,000 have been collected for our London Masonic Charities. The report of our charity committee informs us that this province has one boy for the October election, and I do assure you, brethren, it will take every vote the province can muster to carry him. Let me impress upon the charity representatives of each lodge to place the votes of their lodge without delay of a post, in the hands of the charity committee. Charity towards both combatants fighting in the valley of the Danube must find a response from Freemasons. The savageness of the warfare is fast rivalling in bitterness the thirty years' war. Blood is poured out like water. We must weigh the day that will follow this tremendous struggle. Let us hope that the harvest to be reaped will not be one of intensified mutual hatred and mistrust, that philosophers, diplomats, and statesmen may sow over those now desolated regions, ere we again meet on the advent of a new year, "on earth, peace, and good will towards men." Charity induces Freemasons, at least, to believe that the Turks, out of their great efforts of national defence, will strive after a purer and more earnest spirit of life, which may lead them to assume a respectable place among the nations of the civilized world, and a more hopeful future in which the principles of Freemasonry can have full force, for two portions of the human race to whom has been committed the dominion of so large a share of the earth. I appeal to your sympathies for our suffering and distressed brethren wherever they may be, and that you will give to the Dean and Chapter your cheerful help for this hospital, and

to mark to-days' proceedings as a starting point of its increased usefulness.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, (Bro. T. W. Tew), after thanking the brethren for their cordial reception of himself, that as the year was fast drawing to a close, the Secretaries of lodges should use all endeavours to make up their return as early as possible, so that a complete statement of the province might be presented at the annual meeting.

The roll of lodges was then called, when it was ascertained that out of 69 lodges in the province all were represented but six, the brethren present numbering about 300.

The brethren were then marshalled in order of procession, and being joined by the Mayor and Corporation of Ripon (in their robes), and headed by the Ripon Volunteer Rifle Band, proceeded to the cathedral, parading on their way round the Market-place, and presenting quite a gay and unusual appearance.

The Rev. Canon Burfield, M.A., vicar of St. Mark's, Leicester, P.P.G. Chaplain of West Yorkshire, was the preacher, and selected for his text 1st Corinthians, xiii. 8. "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be language, it shall vanish away." It is extremely unusual, (the Rev. Canon said) to find any contrast drawn in the canons of the sacred law between the various gifts and graces which are to distinguish the character of the believer. Every grace should be cultivated, and there should be no envy or regret displayed because of some irregularity in the divine distribution. All have not the same office, and in that Providence whose arrangements none can dare gainsay there is a divinity of order and privilege; to one is given the word of knowledge, to another the word of prophecy, to another divers kinds of tongues; but all worketh that one and the self-same spirit dividing to every one severally as the will. The latter part of the text is of the nature of a contrast. It selects three of the chief gifts of the Almighty, and shows that in one important particular charity infinitely surpasses the rest. Charity never faileth. In the current language of the day our general idea of failure is associated with disaster; but the interpretation put upon the word of the text is that of death. Charity never dieth. After an elaborate argument of this interpretation, and on the grace of charity preponderating in excellence over the other graces, in the course of which the rev. gentlemen made a touching allusion to the late M. Thiers, he said: the channel with which he had ventured to direct the thoughts of his Masonic brethren was not a novel one. Assembled from all parts of the province in this city of Ripon, the very name of which for many years struck the chords of a loyal attachment in every Masonic heart, and of which no Mason, he fancied, even at this moment, thought without sympathies which are most closely allied to a tenderly regret. We shall miss to-day the cherished presence of one whose counsel it was constantly our happiness to follow, and who, without revealing our Masonic secrets could bear witness, if he was allowed, that loyalty to the powers that be, benevolence to man, and reverence to the word of God are among the foundation stones on which every true Masonic edifice must always repose. Not to destroy, but to preserve the temple do they combine. Not to promote disorder but to foster unity and truth are the lodges convened. Following out their noble principles, they had assembled, by permission of the Dean of Ripon, to signalise this unity by a religious service, and to hallow an offering, not to one of their own charities, but for the support of a local charity. The rev. canon then made a stirring appeal for the Jepson's Charity, urging them to place their offering for God's acceptance, under a conviction of its perpetuity; for when the earthly lodges should be closed in harmony for ever, when one greater than Solomon shall reappear, this spirit of charity shall survive.

After service, the procession returned to the Town-hall in reverse order, when the lodge was duly closed.

A banquet, an account of which will appear in our next, held at the Unicorn Hotel, followed the lodge, at which the Dean and Chapter of Ripon were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the day was thus brought to a happy close.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of the Boys' School held their monthly meeting last Saturday, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., presided; and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, S. Rosenthal, John W. Dennison, J. Wm. Dozell, George J. Row, A. P. Lilley, J. G. Chancellor, Wm. Roebuck, W. F. C. Moutrie, John Boyd, Joyce Murray, H. C. Levander, W. Mann, W. Paas, Jesse Turner, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. Binckes (Secretary).

When the minutes were read, those of the House Committee informed the General Committee that a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Bertram and Roberts for having on the occasion of the late cricket match between the boys of this Institution and those of the Grocers' School, generously admitted all the boys to the Palace and grounds free of expense, and also provided them with a bountiful tea and other refreshments gratuitously.

The report of the Special Committee on increased accommodation was read, received, and adopted, the committee having reported that they had accepted the tender of Mr. C. Prout for the new buildings for £2497. Thirteen tenders were received, viz.: Thomas Brooks, £3768; G. S. Pritchard, £3548; C. Fish, £3526; James Morter, £3280; M. Patrick and Son, £3248; Andrew Killby, £3172; Waldram & Co., £3075; Higgs and Hill, £3040; W. Brass, £2917; M. Larter & Son, £2885; H. A. Wagner,



£2749; Mattock Bros. £2671; and Charles Prout, £2497.

One petition for a Grimsby boy was read and accepted; and an outfit of £5 was granted to a boy who had left the Institution and obtained a situation.

The request of Mrs. Cunnah to have her son, who was a successful candidate at the April election, educated out of the school, was after some discussion complied with, and the usual annual grant of £12 for the purpose was ordered to be made.

Bro. W. Roebuck gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court of next Monday, "That ten boys be elected instead of nine."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., gave notice of motion to alter Law 30 of the Institution by adding after the words "elect boys," the words "and also shall have power to accept or reject any recommendation of the General Committee." In giving this notice of motion the rev. brother said there were several brethren who were very anxious on the subject which gave rise to his bringing the matter to the notice of the Craft. There was a great blot on the list of candidates for the next election, one case which appeared to him to be a most flagrant breach of the laws of the Institution that had ever occurred, though he felt all pity for the poor orphans. There was one candidate down for election whose late father was supposed to have paid two and a half years' subscription to his lodge, but who was not certified to having paid more than one year; actually, he believed, he then went out of Masonry, remained out of it for five or six years, and then died out of Masonry. The law of the Institution bearing out the subject required that the father of a candidate should have subscribed five years, unless he died before having subscribed so long, or was prevented from subscribing by some accident or infirmity. When a case like the one he was alluding to was before the Quarterly Court Committee, Bro. Symonds took an exception to it in point of law; but Bro. Clabon ruled, and he was no doubt perfectly correct, that by the expression "elect boys," in the 30th rule, the Quarterly Court was stopped from rejecting a boy, and the General Committee having recommended him to the Quarterly Court, they had no power to reject him. He held by this ruling that the action of the General Committee was final, and that the Quarterly Court had nothing to do but to elect. Another Quarterly Court had since been held, and one or two cases had occurred which showed the necessity there was of there being a power of appealing. Facts might come to the knowledge, for instance, of the Committee itself, and circumstances might arise which would alter the position of the candidate and the opinion of the brethren. At present there was no power of rejection which might be desirable under such altered circumstances. As he had said before, on the list for the next Quarterly Court was one case which was in absolute defiance of the laws of the Institution. The rule of the Institution was that the father of a candidate should, except prevented by death, or accident, or affliction, have subscribed five years to his lodge. In this case there was no accident alleged as the cause of the boy's father having been out of Masonry for five or six years, and dying out of Masonry. There was a strong feeling in the Craft with respect to the children of those brethren who died out of Masonry getting into the schools, when the children of those who had died in Masonry could not get in. He thought it was a great abuse, and in order to meet it he proposed in the first instance to amend Law 30 in the manner he had mentioned; other legislation might subsequently be necessary. He was, however, in the hands of the Committee, for it was an important point, and he did not like to make a hasty change in such good rules as those of the Freemasons' Institutions were, without giving due and proper notice thereof to all the brethren. He would however give notice of motion to alter the 30th rule by adding the words "and also shall have power to accept or reject any recommendation of the General Committee." Under such a rule, if between the General Committee meeting and that of the Quarterly Court the Secretary had information given to him which rendered it possible that the case might be a doubtful case, or the members of the Court received information which made them think that they had a little too hastily accepted, a petition, there was power to the Quarterly Court to alter their determination. It would do no harm to any-one, and the Institution would then be really on the same footing as other Institutions. He would however be guided by the views of the Committee whether they thought there was time between now and the meeting of the Quarterly Court for the brethren to consider the matter sufficiently to discuss fairly such an important change at the next Quarterly Court.

Bro. Binckes remarked that the case alluded to was a very unfortunate case, and the subject had been fully discussed by the General Committee before.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said the case, however unfortunate one, was a very flagrant breach of the rules of the Institution in his humble opinion, which were necessary to prevent abuse. Sentiment was very well, but it was necessary to adhere to laws.

Bro. Binckes observed that two or three brethren bore testimony to the unfortunate nature of the case, which was undoubtedly a very painful one.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford remarked that he was one of those who thought, and there were many brethren who thought with him, that all brethren who died in Masonry had a prior claim to those who died out of Masonry. There were several cases which had occurred lately that had been animadverted upon, where the children of brethren who had died out of Masonry had succeeded in their candidature, while the children of those who had died in Masonry had been unsuccessful.

Bro. W. Roebuck said that putting a child on the list

of candidates was not electing him; that remained with the Craft.

Bro. Woodford asked what was the use of having laws if they were not to be acted upon, and they ought not to be governed by sentiment.

In accordance with what seemed to be the acquiescence of many present, Bro. Woodford then gave the formal notice, and with this the meeting of the Committee, after thanks to the chairman, was brought to a close.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creton in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, Benjamin Head, Dr. John Hogg, H. G. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, L. Stean, John Constable, W. Hilton, J. Sabine, Thos. White, E. J. Barron, J. A. Stidwell, J. A. Farnfield, W. Stephens, Jas. Brett, J. M. Case, C. A. Cottebrune, John Newton, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Lacey, Thomas Cubitt, H. Massey, (Freemason); and J. Terry, Secretary.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Terry read the following report of the Finance Committee.

MALE FUND.			
	£	s.	d.
Balance 30th June, 1877	...	...	2068 16 0
Receipts:			
Dividends on £14,200 3 per Cent. Consols, half year...	210	6	9
Grand Chapter, one quarter...	25	0	0
Grand Lodge	125	0	0
Donations from Lodges and from individuals	311	15	0
Annual Subscriptions	65	13	6
			737 15 3
Disbursements:			
Including Annuitants, expenses of Officers, Secretary's salary, Clerks' salaries, Collectors' commission, repairs to Asylum, rent, rates and taxes			1860 10 2
Balance on this account			946 1 1
WIDOW'S FUND.			
	£	s.	d.
Balance 30th June, 1877	...	...	2483 1 8
Receipts:			
Dividends on £8250, 3 per cent.	122	4	1
Grand Chapter one quarter...	12	10	0
Grand Lodge	75	0	0
Donations, from Lodges and individuals	302	10	0
Annual Subscriptions	91	8	6
			603 12 7
Disbursements:			
As on Male Fund			1481 11 7
Balance on this account			1605 2 8
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.			
	£	s.	d.
Balance 30th June, 1877	...	...	22 2 9
Dividends in £1000 3 per cent. consols ½ year	...	...	15 0 0
			37 2 9
Disbursements:			
Repairs half year	...	...	1 6 0
Balance on this account			35 16 9
Total Balance	£2587	0	6

Cheques were ordered to be signed for the Quarter's current expenses.

Bro. Terry reported the death of some annuitants, and named the sum the deceased had received in annuities.

Bro. J. M. Case asked if it was necessary to name the amount received.

The Chairman said it was only done for the information of the Committee. It used not to be done at one time, but he thought this information was now furnished in consequence of a motion made about four years ago by Bro. Hemsworth.

The subject then dropped.

Bro. Terry said the vacant apartments in the Asylum at Croydon had been opened to all the successful candidates at last election in May, and two male annuitants and one female annuitant had accepted the offer. There was still one set of apartments vacant.

Before the Committee separated Bro. John Constable said that at a former meeting the Committee had conferred on him the distinction of honorary Vice President of the Institution. He begged now to thank them for that honour, and he trusted he might many years have the opportunity of assisting the Institution in any way that lay in his power.

The Committee then adjourned.

**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Monday Popular entertainments. An entire change of programme is announced for Monday next.

The executors of the late Mr. James Graham, of No. 11, Cornwall-terrace, Regent's Park, state that the first distribution of the residue of his personal estate, amounting to £100,000, has been made to various schools, Hospitals, &c.

#### Ireland.

The Duke of Connaught visited Monaghan, on the 5th inst., for the purpose of inaugurating a public fountain erected to the memory of Lord Rossmore, who was killed while riding in a steeplechase at Croydon. His Royal Highness was received with enthusiasm. After luncheon at Rossmore-castle, the ceremony, which was very simple, was witnessed by from 4000 to 5000 people. Among the spectators were Lady Rossmore and Lord Rossmore, brother to the deceased, the Earl of Darley, and other guests at the castle. A silver goblet was handed to his Royal Highness, who took the first draught from the fountain amid the cheers of the assembled people. An account of the circumstance under which it was erected having been read by Mr. Young, J.P., the monument was formally handed over to the Town Commissioners. The Duke of Connaught and the Memorial Committee were afterwards entertained by Colonel Lindsay in the Court-house. The Prince is the guest of Lord Rossmore.

#### HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

We have to congratulate Ill. Bro. Judge Townsend, S.G.C., of the Supreme Council of Ireland, on the very handsome compliment paid him, not only by the honour conferred on him at the meeting held on the 18th ult., of the S.C. of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States by his election as an Hon. Member of that S.C., but also for the fraternal and most complimentary manner in which our Ill. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, S.G.C. of that S.E., introduced our Ill. Bro. Townsend's name and proposed that the compliment should be paid him. This is the second honour conferred this year on our Ill. Bro. Townsend, he having within the last few months been appointed as representative to the Supreme Council of Ireland by the S.C. of Scotland. We are glad to be able to state we are informed that ere long other honours will be conferred on our Ill. Bro. We are sure it will interest our Irish readers to know that Ill. Bro. Judge Townsend is now the second (Masonically) oldest Bro. in Ireland. He having been initiated in Lodge 167, I. C., Castle Townsend on the 24th November, 1830, being then only of age, on the 8th July, 1835, our Ill. Bro. was affiliated to Lodge 27, of which lodge he is still an hon. member.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. EDWARD HARRIS.

Our readers will no doubt hear with some surprise the announcement that Bro. Edward Harris, the late collector of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is dead. Following so closely on his being awarded a pension on his retirement from the active duties of his calling, the event will excite a general feeling of regret among the numerous brethren to whom he was so well known, and by whom he was sincerely and universally respected. On Wednesday morning he quietly breathed his last, the immediate cause of his death being dropsy. Some mention of the circumstance will probably be made at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on Monday, and though no notice of a motion expressive of the regret of the brethren has been given the brethren may be excused an informality in their proceedings, if they, before separating agree upon such a motion. Only a few months have passed since they voted Bro. Harris a pension, and it was with warm shakes of the hand that a crowd of them wished him many years of health and strength to enjoy it. At that time he appeared to be strong and vigorous, and it was not from any want of physical power to perform his duties that he relinquished his employment. Although the office of collector to the Institution entails much personal exertion, Bro. Harris was fully capable of undergoing it; but it is no exaggeration to say that some brethren had made a dead set at the payment of commission on subscriptions, and consequent on that a resolution was come to to abolish the office of collector in the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. Under such circumstances it may appear to be irony to follow up this statement with another, the two old and venerated collectors voluntarily tendered their resignation. Bro. Harris was one, and the small pension he was granted has not been enjoyed by him more than nine months. The case of Bro. Harris is by no means a singular one. Retirement from the active duties of every calling of life is frequently followed within a very short period of health, more particularly perhaps among the learned professions; and it constantly gives rise to the observation that office was held too long. It is difficult to persuade any one that his powers are falling, and Gil Blas' Bishop, and Madame Piozzi's farmer, are true types of men in general. Still, Bro. Harris had not the appearance of a feeble man, and it was not on account of feebleness that he retired. It would be difficult to find a brother of whom fewer people could speak ill. "Along the cool sequestered vale of life he kept the noiseless tenor of his way;" he was never obtrusive; was always able to give advice, and always ready to do so when called upon; he was a kind friend, a genial companion, and as honest and straightforward a man as any one would wish to count amongst his acquaintances.

The paragraphs which have appeared in this column during the last two weeks, setting forth Lord Suffolk's intention of temporarily quitting Gunton Hall, reducing his establishment, giving up the harriers, &c., are wholly without foundation. The rumour seems to have arisen from the fact that his lordship has let his shooting for the season; and this, magnified by local gossip, has been ungenerously perverted and unwarrantably commented on. For my share in spreading this report, I take occasion to express unfeigned regret.—*The World.*



## Public Amusements.

## DRURY LANE.

That the audiences who nightly crowd what is properly called our National Theatre, should be pleased with the new play, and should demonstrate their pleasure in a way that must be highly gratifying to the author, is no matter for surprise, for the performance is in every way very satisfactory. Nor is there much cause for wonder that the large majority of critics have found fault with Mr. Wills's last drama; they appear to think that an historical drama should be analysed on its historical, not its dramatic merits; the improbable incidents they confound with, or rather declare to be the impossible. They allude to history as if it were a second gospel, and altogether lose sight of the fact that there are no lies more monstrous than the traditional. We regret that this is no great cause for wonder, since the critical mind to-day is for the most part preservative, and to preserve too long is to grow musty, and to lessen in quality and quantity. If Shakespeare's Richard III. is to be judged by the received historical facts, and its power of language, its force in incident, its breadth and depth of character to go for nothing, it would never hold the stage, and in a lesser degree, what does not however, lessen the strength of the argument, the same may be said of Mr. Wills's "England." The late Mr. Hayward in his essay entitled "Pearls and Mock Pearls of History," must have rudely shocked many a lover of this branch of literature, and even to a greater extent must George Lewes Cornwall have done so, when in his satirical but pleasant way he played at historical nine-pins and bowled over so many of our pet facts. What these gentlemen accomplished in essays, is perhaps, what Mr. Wills now essays in drama. From a purely literary point of view "England," is a perfect gem. Mr. Wills never worked in better style, and the little song, admirably sung by Mr. Collard, as Sir Geoffrey Hudson, is almost Shakespearean. From a theatrical point of view the play is a great success, and fulfils all the requirements of Drury Lane. With the exception of the parts of Charles II. and Buckingham, minor parts in the story, the acting was satisfactory, and the scenery being by Mr. W. Beverley, we need not tell our readers that twice two makes four.

## OLYMPIC THEATRE.

By far the best domestic drama put up on the stage in modern times is the "Moonstone" of Mr. Wilkie Collins. In novel form "The Moonstone" was regarded by able critics as the best of Mr. Collins many good stories; there was a weird charm surrounding the superstitious mysteries connected with the precious eye of the heathen god that fascinated the reader. Sometimes in spite of himself, there was a strange and powerful interest excited in following the various movements, so to speak, of the wonderful stone which had so great an influence upon the lives and destinies of those in whom the reader was interested, that often thrilled one with an admixture of pleasure and pain, and finally when the book was finished and put on one side with a sigh of relief that all suspense was over, and yet with another and deeper sigh of regret that there were no more such stories to turn to, the impression left upon the mind was one of keen admiration and deep gratitude to the talented author. Much of the weirdness that fascinated and of the interest that excited us in the novel is of necessity lost in the drama, yet such is the dramatic and artistic power of the author that not for one moment is the interest of the audience allowed to flag, nor their sympathies to lie dormant. It has long since passed into a kind of theatrical proverb, "that the better the novel the worse the play;" and if this be so, to Mr. Wilkie Collins must be awarded the exceptional praise of having discovered the exception that somehow or somewhere exists from every rule. Having said so much for the play, it is painful to be compelled to add our conviction that it will not be a monetary success. Mr. Collins has written "over the heads" of most playgoers, and above the level of not a few critics, there is no claptrap "to stricken the ears of the groundlings," no overdoing nor tardiness to "make the unskillful laugh," no feasible abuse for those whose plague it is to be "critical or nothing" to spy in its acting, it is sufficient to say that all the clever actors and actresses engaged did their best, and that their best was excellent. As to Miss Bella Pateman we confess that until we saw her, as Rachel bewilder, we did not think her capable of so much grand and tragic power; in the scene where she accuses her lover of having stolen the diamond, she is simply perfect. We wish Mr. Neville would adopt the excellent example set by the management of "The Gaity," "The Prince of Wales," "The Court," and "The Princesses," of abolishing all fees.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, took place on Thursday last, when Bro. Sleep was installed W.M. by Bro. W. Cackett, the outgoing W.M. A report will appear in our next.

At a court of the Needle-makers' Company held on Thursday week, Bro. Dr. Ramsey was elected master of the company, and Bro. Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., and Mr. E. B. Webb were elected wardens of the said company for the year ensuing.—City Press.

The Lord Mayor has received a telegram from the Madras Committee, acknowledging the receipt of a further remittance of £50,000 for the Indian Famine Fund, and stating that the committees and agencies are at work all over the presidency with most satisfactory results; that the prospects are improving; and that, should the north-east monsoon, due in a few days, prove good, the famine will end in four months. During that period, however, the relief must continue.

A licence for music and dancing was granted to the Freemasons' Tavern, by the licensing magistrates at the Guildhall, Westminster, on Friday, the 5th inst.

## CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE'S LODGE AT GLASGOW.

The consecration of the new Lodge, No. 607, the "Prince's," for which a charter was granted at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in May last, took place on Thursday week in the Pillar Hall of the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at six o'clock, when the chair was taken by Col. Walter Montgomerie Neilson, R.W.P.G. Master, who was supported on the dais by Bros. H. Inglis, of Torsonce, R.W. Dep. Grand Master; the Lord Provost; Sheriff Clark; D. M. Neilson, Senior Grand Deacon, &c. The Senior Warden's chair was filled by Dr. McInnes, R.W.M. No. 27, and Bro. John Kinnaird, R.W.M. No. 73, discharged the duties of Junior Warden. Among the other Prov. Office bearers present were Bros. the Rev. J. W. W. Penney, D.D. Chap.; W. H. Bickerton, Secy; J. Morgan, S.D.; Alex. Bain, B.B.; James Balfour, D. of C.; Thomas Halket, D. of M.; J. Robb, Marshal, &c.; and in addition almost every Lodge in the Province was represented. The Lodge having been opened in the E.A. degree and raised to that of the M.M., the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in the usual form.

Bro. Rev. J. W. W. Penney delivered the oration. He said—The consecration of every new lodge, brethren, is an indication of a desire to spread the principle of brotherly love. The apostle makes this the chief of three graces. Faith will end with the realisation of our hope in the future, but charity shall have no termination in the eternal temple of love. Be it ours, then, in our life and conversation never to lose sight of the distinctive features of that charity which must glow within each Mason's breast. As it "suffereth long," there is no virtue which undergoes greater probation. He who would rightly practice it has indeed much to suffer, long to suffer, for there is hardly an hour which does not bring with it something to ruffle and vex in the outer world, and even at our homes, from our very familiar friends. What a noble attribute is that which checks the angry word, expels the angry thought. If charity is long suffering, we are also told that it is kind. Alike slow at taking and giving offence, it does not return evil for evil, but contrariwise, good—ever anxious to benefit and contribute to the happiness of all. It envieth not the success of others, and how liable are we all to envy prosperity and other blessings denied to us. We must learn to be content in whatever state God has placed us. Charity does not even seek her own. There is, then, ever a self denying spirit in the truly charitable, which may yet be of an unostentatious kind. Another characteristic being humility, in that it vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. As thinking no evil, a brother's character is held sacred, and slander frowned upon. Finally, charity, in the vulgar sense of the word, must actuate every Mason. If wealthy, there are many channels for benevolence; if not wealthy, there are few who cannot do something to relieve and comfort the distressed. As then, under the all seeing eye of Him unto whom all hearts are open, may brotherly love continue in our midst, with all its hallowing influence.

The Lodge was afterwards again lowered to the E.A. degree, when the Office bearers of the Prince's were installed as follows:—Right Worshipful Master—Sheriff Clark; Deputy Master—The Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost; Substitute Master—W. J. Easton; Senior Warden—Wm. H. Hill; Junior Warden—Councillor J. Salmon; Senior Deacon—Bro. Burnet; Junior Deacon—Bro. Provan; Secretary—William McLean, West George street; Steward—Bro. John Forrester.

Bro. Inglis afterwards addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks said that he had worked patiently and waited long for the position he was now placed in. (Applause.) A good many of those present, and especially the elder part of the brilliant assemblage, knew perfectly well that this was not the first time that he had the honour of appearing before his Glasgow brethren, nor would it be his first appearance in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Many of his visits had been very pleasant, while in others sorrow was mingled. He had appeared once, he was sorry to say, at a Funeral Lodge of the Provincial Lodge, held in the City Hall, on the demise of Bro Spiers, and against this he had to set a very pleasant visit when he installed the present Grand Master. (Applause.) The most interesting ceremony, however, was that in which he had just taken part, and he hailed with satisfaction the inauguration of the new Glasgow Lodge, being he thought the 31st in this great province. (Applause.) They all knew their patron was the Prince of Wales, and the lodge called the Prince's he accepted as a hopeful sign of Freemasonry. (Applause.) He was proud to see the Lord Provost present, and the Sheriff of the county, along with the other office bearers, and wished them every prosperity in the new and youngest lodge in the province. (Applause.) He trusted that the principles which had been laid down so well, both by the Provincial Grand Master, while conducting the ceremony, and the other brethren, would be carried out, as they were the basis of Christianity and Freemasonry. He hoped, and he believed that the office bearers would discharge their duties in such a way as to show their sister lodges in the province, by their example, a cordial co-operation that they were worthy of the position they had attained. (Applause.)

Bro. the Lord Provost said he was most struck with the solemnity of, as well as the eloquence, sobriety, and kindly feeling which had characterised all the proceedings. He felt that truly he was among brethren. (Applause.) Freemasonry in Glasgow was a very old institution, and for a long time it was very successful, but since the death of Sir Archibald Allison, though he did not precisely say that it had declined, it had not been so prominent before the public as it might have been. By the assistance of his brethren, and that of the learned Sheriff, he hoped the palmy days of Freemasonry were to be revived, and

that Masonry would again rise in Glasgow—(applause.)—and that many of her best citizens—men of character and position—would embrace the opportunity held out to them, and take part in the work. (Applause.) He was comparatively a young brother to speak on such a subject at any length, but he felt proud as Lord Provost to have been received among such a band of gentlemen he was proud to call his brothers. (Loud Applause.)

Sheriff Clark said that since he came among them from Edinburgh, he had not felt so proud of being received in any public meeting such as the one he was then addressing. He had been very fond of Masonry, but his other avocations had prevented him from attending Masonic Lodges in Glasgow. He was also fond of the City of Glasgow and the longer he remained in it, the stronger grew his attachment, so that he almost forgot he had been born outside of its smoke. (Laughter and applause.) He, therefore, saw with keen pleasure that both as a Mason and a Glasgow man he was proud to find himself installed in the way he had been. (Applause.) For this honour he returned his sincere thanks, and hoped that during the time he retained office he would endeavour to do something for Masonry in that great Capital of the West. (Applause.) Scotland, from the beginning of last century had taken a prominent place in regard to Masonry, but sometime afterwards, as had been remarked by Bro. Bain (the Lord Provost), the Craft had not taken the prominent place in Glasgow and the West, which they should like to see it doing. With the aid of those associated with him in this new lodge, and by the aid of their Brethren they hoped to do all they could to make the light blaze out in the West. (Applause.) Masonry was older than he himself believed until recently. When in view of delivering a lecture on the subject (which he should have delivered had it been in his power) he examined into all the most authentic records that he could find as to the ancient history of the Craft. From these he had come to the conclusion that Freemasonry, although not to-day what it was in earlier ages, yet they found it beginning to flourish and take root in Europe immediately after the downfall of the Roman Empire. When that important revolution took place and the Northern hordes were fast destroying art and science, those who wished to preserve the arts of antiquity, and principally the glorious art of architecture, bound up as it was in those days in engineering, from the ruin that was coming over Europe, formed themselves into societies which were undoubtedly forms of the Masonic Craft. It was by the aid of these societies that the arts were carried down through the middle ages, and preserved till dawn of letters. These secrets of architecture and engineering which has come down to our times, link us with the past, and form the true explanation of what Masonry has done for Europe. (Applause.) There were other instances, beyond doubt, which he would have liked to enlarge upon, but he reserved the subject for another occasion. In the course of his investigations he was struck by one instance, that all over Europe, and out in the far East, and other parts of the world, bodies of Masons were to be found, using symbols so similar that there was no doubt whatever that they owed their origin to a common cause and at the same time, he was satisfied that these societies could not have originated within the compass of the present or last century, but must owe their origin to a much earlier period. That similar signs were used in Great Britain, in India, in the Himalaya Mountains, and in America, proved, beyond doubt, the claims to antiquity of our Order. (Loud Applause.) In conclusion, the learned sheriff again returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. Easton returned thanks to the Office Bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the kind manner in which they had consecrated the lodge, and received and installed the Office Bearers of the Prince's. A similar compliment was paid to the Choir under the conductorship of Bro. Pentland, who rendered the vocal part of the ceremony in a most effective manner.

The Lodge was afterwards closed, and an adjournment made for refreshments, when prosperity to the new lodge was deeply pledged.

At half past eight o'clock labour was resumed, when the Provincial Lodge was again opened by the Grand Master, assisted by the same office bearers. The minutes of the committee meetings were read and approved, after which Brother Sheriff Clarke was installed as D.P.G.M.; Bro. W. J. Easton, S.P.G.M.; Bro. Wm. Kyle, R.W.M. No. 34, P.G.S.W.; and Bro. John Monro, S.W.M. No. 366, P.G.J.W.

Bro. Monro then submitted his motion, to the effect that a test of membership be paid annually to the Provincial Benevolent Fund in the following ratio:—Prov. G.M., £2; Depute and Substitute Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Chaplain, £1; other office bearers, 10s. each; Masters of Lodges, 5s; Wardens and Immediate Past Masters, 2s. 6d. each.

Bro. D. McDougal, R.W.M. of Lodge St. Vincent, No. 553, seconded the motion.

Bro. Balfour, seconded by Bro. Gillies, moved as an amendment the previous question, but on a vote being taken 28 declared themselves in favour of the motion and 15 for the previous question. The motion was therefore declared carried.

The Provincial Grand Committee recommended that Lodge Clyde No. 408 should be reinstated to working order, which was agreed to.

The Prov. Grand Master intimated that he would subscribe the sum of £100 to the Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund on condition that each Lodge in the Province would pay the sum of £30 in the course of the next three years to the same fund. The proposal was enthusiastically received, and an indication was given that a strong effort will be made to earn this grant. The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ampie form.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. G. M. Tweddell's "North of England Illustrated Annual Commercial Almanack and Diary for 1878," will shortly be published, price 3d. It will contain, in addition to the usual information of a good almanack, several original and select pieces on North of England subjects, or by North of England writers, illustrated by a fine steel engraving, and by several good woodcuts. All orders, and books for review, should be sent to George Markham Tweddell, author and publisher, Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire.

**ART AT WARRINGTON.**—On Monday last Lord Wimmarleigh formally presented to the Mayor and Corporation of Warrington Mr. Warrington Wood's colossal statue of St. Michael overcoming Satan, which has been subscribed for at a cost of 1000 guineas, as a monument of this sculptor's genius in his native town. The occasion was also taken to open an art gallery, that has been erected to receive the statue, which is regarded as Mr. Wood's masterpiece. At the same time, Mr. Robson, of Lymm, presented the valuable collection of oil paintings collected by his brother. This collection includes works of Titian, Correggio, Murillo, Gainsborough, and Reynolds. At a luncheon which followed, Lord Wimmarleigh, Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Colonel Blackburne, M.P., Mr. Rylands, M.P., and other gentlemen, addressed the meeting.

The Grosvenor Gallery will re-open with a collection of drawings by old masters in addition to the exhibition of water colours by deceased painters. The Queen will contribute a number of drawings from the Windsor Library.

The Dundee Fine Art Exhibition opened on Monday week. It includes about 1100 pictures, some valuable sculpture with busts of numerous celebrities, and other objects of art. The Queen's contribution is Landseer's painting of "Sir Francis Chantrey's Studio."

A new cooking apparatus has been invented for the Russian troops. It is fitted on a two-wheeled cart, and consists of a cylindrical pot with furnace and chimney, so arranged as to be always upright in spite of the severest joltings. The food is cooked by steam, and a single apparatus, in three hours, will supply a company of 150 men with ample "stchib" and oatmeal soup. As the kitchen only occupies half of the cart, uncooked food, plates, cups, &c., can be carried at the other end. Condensed forage is also supplied by three Russian manufacturers, one at St. Petersburg turning out 30,000 lbs. per diem. The forage is composed of small biscuits of oatmeal, pea flour, rye meal, and ground linseed, and 28 biscuits form a single ration for a horse, containing as much nutriment as 12lb of oats, and being about one-fifth of the bulk.

**THE LATE M. LE VERRIER.**—We understand that M. Le Verrier's name had been proposed for the Copley medal on the eve of the long vacation, a proceeding by which the Council of the Royal Society manifested their high opinion of the merits of their distinguished foreign member. The instances in which the same medal and that the highest honour in the society's gift, has been twice conferred on the same individual are rare, Stephen Gray, Dr. Desaguliers, who by the way had the medal three times, Sir John Herschel, and Faraday. The Copley medal was awarded to Le Verrier in 1846, and had he lived until the Royal Society's anniversary meeting on St. Andrew's day next, he would have been warmly welcomed to a repetition of the honour.—*Athenæum*.

Herr Wagner has not lost faith in his Bayreuth performances. He now proposes to found a School of Music at Bayreuth to educate the performers, and a "Patronage Association" has been formed to endow the school with a permanent fund of £5000. Members of this association are to pay a minimum annual subscription of 15s., and will alone have the right of presentation to the school and of participation in the performances. Branch associations are also to be formed.

**THE BARNARDO INQUIRY.**—The *Record* says that the arbitrators in this case, Mr. J. B. Maule, Q.C., Canon Miller, D.D., and Mr. W. Graham, held two meetings last week, and agreed upon the substance of their reward. The protracted length of the inquiry, the number and variety of the issues raised, and the vast mass of evidence laid before them; have necessitated long and careful deliberation. The actual terms of the award will now be soon agreed upon, and the documents will be ready to be "taken up" by the parties as soon as possible.

Fresh Relics of Sir John Franklin are reported by the American Consul at St. John's, Newfoundland, who has bought from a sailor lately wrecked in Hudson's Bay two spoons marked "J. G. F." Some Esquimaux living near Repulse Bay had obtained the spoons from a chief, at whose camp their owner, a white man, had died of scurvy.

Cleopatra's Needle may be expected to reach England at the end of next week or the beginning of the following, if the weather prove favourable. The Cleopatra, in tow of the Olga, passed Malta on Thursday week, and was met afterwards by the Poonah, when seven miles east of the Island of Pantellaria. The Olga and her charge subsequently put into Algiers for coals. It is stated that the Cleopatra does not seem to answer her helm well, and will probably roll heavily in a high sea. On reaching Falmouth, she will be taken in charge by a Channel tug.

**A NEW COMET.**—The *Paris Bulletin International* of the 4th inst. announces the discovery of a comet by M. Tempel, at Florence, on the 2nd. Right ascension 23h. 5m., declination 10 deg. 19 min., south; diurnal motion in R.A. 5 min., in declination 63 min. both diminishing. It is described as small, bright, and with tail.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

**NEW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—Through the exertions of the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, a Lodge of Instruction has been opened in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. At present it meets every Wednesday evening (the third Wednesday in the month excepted), at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M., and Bro. J. G. Kewney, P.M., occasionally assisted by Bro. Past Master Boddy, are the Preceptors. It is proposed to change the night of meeting for the instruction, as Wednesday is an inconvenient day for several members.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight held an Emergency Meeting at Winchester on Wednesday week, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., when £100 was voted to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund.

It has been officially announced at all the Metropolitan Police-stations that the sanction of Colonel Henderson has been given for the police to contribute towards the Indian Famine Fund. Reports from the superintendents of the different divisions are to be made as to the amounts realised.

Weston, the American pedestrian, appeared in the character of a lecturer at Hull on Saturday. His subject was "Will Power," and he had a crowded audience. In the evening he gave an address on "Some of the results of Temperance."

The largest catch of mackerel known for years at Dawlish was made on Friday, when it was computed that over 100,000 were taken.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., left town on Tuesday last for Knocklofty Castle, his seat in Ireland.

The visit of General Grant to Birmingham has been fixed for the 16th and 17th insts. A committee has been formed to give the general a suitable reception, and on the 17th a public dinner to welcome him will take place at the town hall.

The receipts of the Great Western Railway of Canada for the last week show an increase of £2700, and the Brighton an increase of £3200.

**CAFÉ MONICO.**—The Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, leaves nothing to be desired. Situated in the most central part of the Metropolis, it offers unusual advantages, whilst the appointments are chaste, perfect, and unequalled. The Grand Café Saloon is most elegant in its fittings and surroundings, and the Grand Billiard Saloon, with its twelve tables, furnished with great taste, is complete in every detail. In addition, there is a very capital Grill Room. Of the excellence of the articles supplied and the careful attention and attendance it is unnecessary to say a word; the Bros. Monico have so long established themselves in the good graces of the public that commendation would be superfluous.

**A CENTENARIAN.**—Living and in the enjoyment of all her faculties, in the town of Luton, in Bedfordshire, is a woman named Sarah Ward, who is said to have attained the great age of 105 years. She has two daughters, both living in Luton, one being 78, and the other 66, and there were two older. There were three sons, who all entered the Army and died in the service.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, on Wednesday evening, 31st October inst., by Bro. Charles W. Kent, P.M. and Preceptor. Lodge opens at 7 p.m. precisely.

**MESSRS. REID AND CO.'S BREWERY.**—This stupendous new building, extending from Gray's Inn-road on the west to within a few yards of Farringdon-road to the east, is now drawing near its completion. The fixing of the enormous machinery, prodigious vats, and general plant, which is on a scale of great magnitude, has been already disposed of. The magnificent new thoroughfare from the west to the east of London through Bloomsbury has its most imposing feature thrown open to the eye for nearly half its entire length, and the difficulty hitherto experienced in getting from the West-end to Clerkenwell is now removed. The builders of this great structure are Messrs. Cubitt and Co., of Gray's Inn-road. The whole of the telegraph work at this brewery—embracing as it does ordinary electric communication throughout, a complete system of fire alarms, lightning conductors, indicating instruments, and electric bells for various purposes—has been placed in the hands of the eminent telegraph engineers, Messrs. Francis and Co., of the Eagle Telegraph Works, whose offices are at 52 and 85, Hatton Garden, E.C.

The *Broad Arrow* states that notice has been given that the distribution of the slave bounty awarded for eight slavers captured on the 25th of October, 1876, by Her Majesty's ship London, will commence on Friday, the 12th inst., in the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy and Comptroller of Navy Pay, Admiralty, New Street, Spring Gardens, S.W." The following are the shares due to an individual in the several classes.—Flag, £1 1s. 3d.; captain, £3 1s. 9d.; second class, 10s. 2d.; third class, 8s. 8d.; fourth class, 5s. 10d.; fifth class, 3s. 6d.; sixth class, 2s. 11d.; seventh class, 2s. 1d.; eighth class, 1s. 2d.; ninth class, 6d.; tenth class, 3d.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

**STRAND THEATRE.**—Under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, a special morning performance will take place on Saturday, the 27th inst., in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, when the members of the company will give their services.

The town of Milton, near Sittingbourne, has suffered considerably from the effects of the extraordinary high tide. Several of the streets in the lower parts of the town were rendered impassable, the houses being inundated and the residents being obliged to take refuge in upper chambers.

A report of the meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, which takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, will appear in our next.

We are requested to inform our readers that the meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, hitherto held at the Coopers' Arms, Falcon Square, will, on and after the 9th October, be held at 23, Gresham-street, every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**—The brethren who have experienced so much difficulty in procuring the *Freemason* in this distant colony, will be pleased to learn that owing to arrangements made with Messrs. T. J. Jones and Son, "The Four Masonic Publications" may now be obtained at their offices, No. 330, George street, Sydney, on the arrival of the mail.

The Tower of London is to be added to the list of stations at which the Union Jack is ordered to be hoisted daily.

The installation meeting of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, takes place this day (Saturday), at 3.30 p.m., at the Cannon-street Hotel. A full report will appear in our next.

A convocation of the Frederick Chapter of Unity will be held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at half-past four. The business of the evening will include the installation of Bro. H. E. Francis as M.E.Z.

**ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).**—The Installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge will be held on Wednesday next, at the Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-street, Pimlico. The lodge will be opened at five o'clock punctually. Bro. Daniel H. McLeod is the W.M. elect. A full report will appear in our next.

**MANCHESTER.**—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at Overall's, 47, Bridge street, Manchester, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

The preparations on board the *Britannia*, where the two sons of the Prince of Wales are to pass the next three years, are complete. The upper deck for fifty feet from the stern, is screened off by canvas, and within this space are three rooms, one a well furnished sitting-room, another a sleeping-room, in which the Princes will sleep in hammocks suspended in the usual way, and the third a tutor's apartment. There are also a bath-room and offices. The suite communicates by a staircase to the schoolrooms below, as the Princes, with the exception of their apartments, will be treated as other cadets.

**HEALTH RESORTS AND HEALTH RESORTERS.**—John Jones, clerk in a warehouse, has nasty headaches, liver out of order, wants rest and quiet and bracing atmosphere. Sent to Margate for a week. Treatment:—Rise 9.30 (bed room 6ft. by 4ft.); out for a rum and milk. Breakfast—sausages, tea, and a nip of brandy, shrimps and new bread. Out on jetty. Strong clay pipe. Two hours' billiards. Two cigars. Two pints bitter. Dinner—veal and ham pie, cucumber, jam puffs, pint bitter. Cigars on jetty. Two hours' billiards. Strong clay pipe. Dose in billiard room. Tea and shrimps. Four hours' hot music hall. Brandy cold. Four strong pipes. Toss for liquors. Spree. Home. Bed 1.30 a.m. Returned quite cured in seven days.—*Punch*.

**LIVERPOOL.**—In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument-place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

**GALE'S WALK.**—After walking for six weeks, William Gale completed on Saturday last the self-imposed task of walking 1500 miles in 2000 consecutive hours. Within a few minutes after he left the track he was examined by Mr. Gant, Dr. Farr, and Dr. McOscar. His pulse was then found to be about 88, and corresponded with the action of the heart. There was no murmur at the apex or base. The thermometer placed in the mouth registered a temperature of 106°1'. The expression of the face did not give any signs of fatigue, and he appeared rational and collected. Several varicose veins were noticed on the left leg, but the feet were quite sound, excepting a blister under the ball of the right great toe. On being weighed it was found that he had lost only 14 lbs. in the course of his long and dreary walk.—*Medical Examiner*.

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## Answers to Correspondents.

W. R. Robinson in our next.

## BOOKS &amp;c. RECEIVED.

"Freemasons' Repository;" "Westminster Papers;" "Canada Craftsman;" "National Anti-Flaw and Warble League;" "A Defence of Russia," by W. Tollemache Sinclair, Bart., M.P., (2 vols.); "El Cincel," Habana.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BARTON.—On the 4th inst., at St. George's Vicarage Millom, the wife of the Rev. W. Barton, M.A., of a son.  
EDWARDS.—On the 6th inst., at Quemerford, aged 72 years, Elizabeth Edwards, relict of Benjamin Edwards and daughter of John and Frances Gundry, of Quemerford, near Calne, Wilts.  
SAILLARD.—On the 1st inst., at Russell-square, the wife of P. Saillard, of a son.  
WIGRAM.—On the 6th inst., at The Gables, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, the wife of G. Wigram, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

CISTA—TERRELL.—On the 2nd inst., at the parish church, Claines, Worcester, by the Rev. T. G. Cutler, Vicar of St. Stephens, Augustus T. De Cista, of Worcester, to Julia, youngest daughter of the late William T. Terrill, of Alcester, Warwickshire.  
NICOL—ALLEN.—On the 2nd inst., at the Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Mary's, Newington, John, son of the late J. Nicol, M.D., of New-cross, formerly of La Paz, Peru, to Sarah Jane, daughter of W. Allen, of Brentford, and Clapham.

## DEATHS.

BROOKS.—On the 8th inst., at 36, St. Philips-road, Dalston, Frances Read, wife of Thomas Farnell Brooke, of 11 and 12 Goldsmith-street, E.C., aged 56 years.  
HARRIS.—On the 10th inst., of dropsy, E. Harris, for many years collector to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.  
RUTHERFORD.—On the 7th inst., at Aberdeen, Major Alexander Maxwell Rutherford, late of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1877.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE. ENLARGEMENT. OF "The Freemason."

The Proprietor has much pleasure in announcing his intention of enlarging the *Freemason* to 20 pages, during the London Masonic Season.

This improvement commences with the present issue.

All communications to ensure insertion in the current number should reach the Office, on Wednesdays, by 5 p.m.

## THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE "FREEMASON."

It will have been noticed in our last impression that our Publisher has made the important announcement that from the 13th inst. the *Freemason* will be enlarged to twenty pages. This addition to the paper, proposed solely for the convenience of correspondents, whose kind communications weekly, in the "season," overflow our modest limits, and for the convenience of the Order generally, will, we think, be greatly appreciated and approved of by a constantly augmenting and most numerous circle of readers. To that Masonic public of ours, alike critical and yet considerate, Publisher and Editor tender their best thanks once again, for that rapidly increasing patronage, which they believe is unprecedented in the history of Masonic journalism, and beg to assure them that no efforts will be spared in future, as in past and present, to render the *Freemason* alike worthy of their approbation, their perusal, and their support. It may be interesting to remember to-day the successive stages through which the *Freemason* has passed, from the time, when at first, like a person learning to bathe, it entered timidly and shrinkingly into the great ocean of journalism, until now it boasts of a place in Anglican and cosmopolitan Masonic literature, which no previous representative of the Masonic press has probably ever enjoyed—thanks to the sound judgement of a discerning Craft, and the zeal of friendly subscribers. The *Freemason* first began with 8 pages, then it advanced to 12, then it issued 16, and now it announces 20. Each of these episodes in its career marks a step in its progress—honestly arrived at, resolutely attained by much hard work, and careful if toilsome endeavours to merit and retain public approval! Indeed, on this basis,—and this basis alone,—the Publisher has built up all his proposals and all his undertakings. He has always felt that the *Freemason*, like any other ware, could only retain the "market," if it was both of good material and sound manufacture, warranted to "wear well," and he has never appealed to any other court than that of the public opinion of his Order, to obtain support for his efforts to please, to instruct, to improve his brother Freemasons. If the *Freemason* was worth reading, it would find both an indulgent and well-disposed circle of readers; if it was not he felt sure it would meet the proper fate of all worthless literary productions. Such has been his unshaken belief, and the result has proved the soundness of his judgment, and the correctness of his anticipations. Never, at any time in the history of Masonic journalism has so much true and spontaneous support been tendered to any serial production as the *Freemason*, and emboldened by past and present sympathy, The Publisher looks forward confidently (D.V.) to a still more prosperous future. At this moment the *Freemason* is read and quoted from all over the world, and it has in Great Britain a numerous and intelligent body of continuous subscribers. But still, curiously enough, despite its real and great success, the margin between Freemasons and readers is far too wide and too significant, not to attract observation and suggest amend-

ment. In some towns of England, in some districts, amid our 100,000 brethren, the *Freemason* is only taken in by two or three, and the large majority of our brethren seem content with a casual glance at it in club rooms and lodge libraries, where such proper adjuncts of Masonic life exist. In order then to increase the usefulness of Masonic literature, and Masonic intellectuality, in order to add a few thousand additional subscribers to our rapidly increasing list, in order to advance, and for the purposes of facilitating further efforts for the improvement and enlargement of the *Freemason*, we shall be glad to receive from any of our numerous and able correspondents, suggestions for the possible and probable increase of the circulation of the *Freemason*, in localities where for some cause or another its issue is limited, and its subscribers few. For without saying too much in favour of ourselves, we can at any rate assert this much, that by conscientious reports, and carefully edited pages, we set before our Order a paper in every respect worthy of our ancient brotherhood, and which amid many obstacles, personal antipathies, and childish oppositions, has succeeded in winning the public ear, and maintaining an independent and unprecedented position as a true Masonic journal, before English and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. All such friendly advice will be received and acknowledged, we need hardly say, with fraternal thankfulness, and we think that much good may arise from such a friendly interchange of opinions to all concerned.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A very important notice was given at the meeting of the General Committee on Saturday to amend Law XXX., so as to give the Quarterly Court the power of accepting or negating any recommendation by the General Committee. At present by the wording of Law XXX. the Quarterly Court is "escopped" from reconsidering any recommendation by the General Committee of a candidate, and must elect, even though the case be technically inadmissible, and recommended by the General Committee under error even. As there is no power of alteration, no possibility of appeal under these circumstances, the amendment seems to be absolutely necessary, to put the Quarterly Court in its proper position, and also for the welfare of the Boys' School itself. One other question was raised, incidentally, on Saturday, namely that which relates to the children of those dying in Freemasonry and out of Freemasonry. But as this is a very large question, and requires careful consideration, we do not deal with it to-day, further than to promise to discuss it, subsequently, but we confine ourselves with expressing a hope that the needful and modest amendment may be unanimously agreed to on Monday next, as a step in the right direction, and a very valuable reform.

## LODGE ARREARS.

Our attention having been called to this matter, we think it well to allude to it to-day. It seems that in some lodges there is a habit of allowing arrears to accumulate for some years, to the great discomfort of the Treasurer, and oblivion of the Lodge Bye-laws. A Treasurer to whom the lodge is always in debt, is placed in a very difficult position, as in the first place, all charitable action of the lodge is checked, and in the next the whole aspect of lodge life is changed, its labours impeded, and its objects marred, in a manner more easily conceived than expressed. What, for instance, can be the position of that lodge where the arrears have become so large that they may be counted by hundreds? And when in consequence, any call that is made, practically comes out of the pocket of the Treasurer? We believe that we have only to advert to this topic, to lead to remedial measures, as we feel pretty sure that much of this delay of payment of lodge subscriptions arises more from inadvertence than anything else. We do not wish to seem to lay down too "hard and fast" a line on the subject, much less to dogmatize or venture to denounce. We simply state an evil, and fraternally suggest an



amendment. There is a "locus penitentiae" always here for all, even for tardy lodge subscribers, and as it is "never too late to mend." Here below, let us hope and believe, while time and opportunity are ours, so it is always possible for the most backward of members to regain the good opinion and satisfied consideration of the lodge Treasurer. But we have thought it well, just delicately to hint what our Treasurers expect, and we feel sure that we may safely leave the "conclusion of the whole matter" in the hands of those who are principally concerned in these "premises," and who will understand alike, better than any one else, the force of our appeal, and the meaning of our remarks.

### "IT'S A QUEER WORLD, MY MASTERS."

It is indeed, and as Mr. Samuel Weller would have condescendingly observed—"werry queer indeed." Between material scepticism and material impropriety just now, things seem going along at a pretty rate. In fact, if affairs proceed at their present "ratio" of impulsive absurdity, as a young friend of ours observes, "there will be no knowing what a fellah is to believe or do!" Let us take these two positions "seriatim," into consideration, with the carefulness which their importance demands, and their "prevailing presence" suggests. First as to material scepticism, if we are to believe some writers, we are on the eve of a great period of material unbelief. Lecturers and essayists on science, many of them mere "wind bags," by the way, full of "bottled moonshine," not to say "bottled Bass," amuse themselves from time to time by startling common-place people, and humble believers, by the assertion of some audacious paradox, some bold enunciation of sceptical aggressiveness. To them, the teachers of "Science," which rests properly on the inductive process of right reason, or the careful authority of proved facts, nothing is apparently so agreeable as to start metaphysical doubts, psychological difficulties, and even, though we should not have expected it, theological controversies. All such theories and reveries, however and by whomsoever put forward, are beyond, we make bold to say, their "proper pale" altogether; and though, on matters of science, in the abstract or in the concrete, we are quite prepared to accept their "dicta," we decline to pay any attention whatever to their "dogmata" on things concerning which they are imperfectly acquainted, and are in no way authorised or able to constitute themselves "doctores doctantium." We had gotten over, we had hoped, the ill-omened egotism of Popes and Popedom, but from all evils, which may afflict us in this nether world may a kind Providence preserve us, namely, scientific, metaphysical, professional Popes of every kind and category. Now we are among those who don't believe in the success of any "coup de main" on the part of material scepticism. We have no fear of Positivism or Voltairianism, of the "Independent Morality" or material immorality. We have not the slightest objection to meet them and confront them one and all, not merely as firm believers in revealed religion, but on the common-sense ground of right reason. We feel assured that any argument which rests on a supposed perfectibility of human nature per se, and on the necessary untruth and unreality of Divine revelation will be short-lived and shattered for ever, on that great Rock of Truth which Divine inspiration has hallowed and which Divine wisdom has sanctioned for the guidance and salvation of mankind! And then what shall we say as regards material impropriety. Evidence abounds on every side of us, as to the laxity of morals which pervades society, literature, the public and private life of many of us all, and without taking the too gloomy line in anything, though we are not

"Given to howling"

And deprecating croaking," we yet must fairly admit that there is much in the present position of affairs, to alarm the serious, and render anxious the religious. We take up a popular magazine and we note amid a profusion of luxuriant verbiage and defensive sentiment that one man's wife coolly leaves home and

friends, and runs away with a notorious profligate and seducer. This is the "pabulum mentis" for our young generation. We open a much-read novel and we find descriptions so forced, language so sensational, and situations so peculiar, that we can only suppose that the writer, reversing good old Dr. Johnson's dictum, seeks to make virtue blush, and to render vice triumphant, to overcome innocence, and to laud immorality! It is not without deep concern and humiliation that we have to realize daily that "garbage" of the worst description still finds among us a ready sale, in which morality is laughed at, dishonour disregarded, and all those habits which tend to the danger and degradation of society are considered as of no moment, because of habitual occurrence, fashionable, frequent, ever the "order of the day." It is impossible, but that as, honest journalists and believing Freemasons, we must deprecate truly and denounce honestly such a state of things, foreboding as it does, alike national decadence and personal degradation! We shall be met, of course, by the old saw, "things are pretty much as they always were," and no doubt there is great truth in such an axiom, as an answer to unnecessary exaggeration or hyper-alarmist prophecies, and probably we have in the present "cloud," which seems to darken the foreground of society, and humanity, only the return of that gloomier cycle of events and teaching, which in successive ages has always stood in the way of the advance of all true religion in the world! Believing as we do, that John Wesley's apothegm still holds good that "we are to try and leave the world better than we found it," and which axiom, by the way, entirely agrees with all our Masonic teaching, we can only openly express our deep regret, that this nineteenth century of ours has to contend with two such serious and startling obstacles as material scepticism and material impropriety. But though we say this, we do not for one moment credit the success of the one or the other. On the contrary, we hold firmly that they are only some of those mental trials to which "flesh is heir to," as well as bodily complaints, and we have, as we stated above, no apprehension but that revealed religion and Divine Morality will eventually come out "more than conquerors" over all hurtful delusions, and over all opposing foes.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### PAST GRAND RANK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have heard many brethren of late discussing the question as to whether or not the office of "Provincial Grand Pursuivant" carries with it Past Rank.

I see that the Grand Lodge circular has generally half a dozen names with P.G.P. affixed, and I have always understood that Provincial Grand Lodges follow the Grand Lodge in their rules and regulations as nearly as possible, but still there is no mention of Past Grand Pursuivant in the Book of Constitutions.

If you can give or obtain an authoritative decision on this point, you will oblige many I rethren in the provinces.

Yours fraternally,

P. M.

[The Prov. Grand Pursuivant, like all other Prov. Grand Offices, carries Past Rank.]

#### LODGES AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any brother inform me how it happens that so many lodges are held at hotels and taverns? In London and other parts of the country we find many lodges so held. At present many who know nothing of Freemasonry think that the "banquet" is the chief attraction for Masons. Is it not possible, as Freemasonry is acknowledged to be on the increase, to found Masonic Halls, or to rent rooms to be used for Masonic purposes only, so that the Masonic ritual may be used in places solely used and consecrated for Masonic ceremonies?

I am, yours fraternally,

SIGMA.

#### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is it quite the G.T. for the Grand Registrar of England to accept (a subordinate) office in a Province?

I see by your report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire that Bro. McIntyre has been invested as S.W. of that province.

By your permission one other question, what would be our worthy brother's position should unfortunately a vacancy occur during his year of office in the Provincial

Grand Mastership of that particular province? See Book of Constitutions, page 36, paragraph 4.

"The Grand Master may by a written document direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any province for which there is not a Grand Master, &c., &c., &c."

True the Grand Master might not so appoint, but there being no other provision for a temporary vacancy, a difficulty would in such an event occur; besides has not the acceptance by Bro. McIntyre of the office referred to (which is a retrograde post of honour) possibly deprived some deserving and aspiring brother of advancement in his province from blue to purple?

Yours fraternally,

A LONDON MASON, NOT INTERESTED BUT OF AN INQUIRING MIND

#### WAR VICTIMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you give me space to appeal briefly to the Craft for their support in a cause which unhappily has not yet received due advocacy. The cause of more poor creatures, war victims on the side of the Russians, who lie in thousands, wounded, sick and dying, without bare necessities, without attention, and in a condition so deplorable, that it is impossible in any degree to realise their misery and helplessness. I will quote from a letter which I received only a few days ago. "I have had a despairing appeal from the Roumanian ambulance, the poor Princess of Roumania is quite helpless, as all, absolutely all surgeons are at the front, and not one left at Bucharest to receive the 3000 wounded from Grevia; and fresh cases come in every hour. The great cry is 'Surgeons.' The gangrene has already appeared, as the wounded were four days without any dressing."

The Special Correspondent of the *Daily News* writes from before Plevna, "Great numbers of the wounded are literally rotting and festering, unfed, their wounds undressed, their cleanliness disregarded, with these terrible pictures before them, the public should remember that these poor 'victims' for whom I plead had no hand in bringing about the war, on them no blame can rest, and our common humanity demands that we recognise no difference in those who lie wounded, whether on the side of the Turks or Russians."

If your readers will refer to your advertising columns they will see that an influential committee has been formed under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster. Contributions will be gladly received by members of this committee, by the Honorary Secretaries, by Lady Selina Bidwell, 91, Onslow-square, S.W., or by

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES P. SMITH, P.M. 1466.

36, Albany Villas, Brighton.

#### CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If ever there was a time in our own day when Freemasons could appropriately assist in the public application of that excellent working tool, the plumb rule, to try and adjust all uprightness while fixed on their proper basis, such an opportunity is likely soon to be afforded to the members of the Craft in London, when the wonderful monument of ancient Egypt—which towered aloft far up the Nile ere Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage, ere one book of the volume of the Sacred Law was written, when the mysteries of Isis and Osiris were carefully imparted to the chosen initiates sworn to secrecy—and when the point within a circle, the square, the level, the trowel, the triangle, the ladder, the mallet, the chisel, the five-pointed star, and the triple tau, are all said to have had their symbolical as well as their literal meanings for the Masons of that remote era—after having lain as so much rubbish on the sea shore at Alexandria for centuries, is to be erected on the banks of the Thames, through the munificence of our truly worthy Bro. Erasmus Wilson, long known as a Freemason, who really carries his researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, our gifted brother will now for ever be equally honoured for his noble public spirit; and I trust that the occasion of the erection of this famous old-world obelisk—would that it could tell us the scenes it has witnessed—will not be allowed to pass over without such an imposing Masonic gathering as has never hitherto taken place in the streets of our great metropolis. It is one of those rare occasions which once missed will never occur again to the present generation, and which not to honour will stamp us with eternal disgrace.

Allow me to suggest too, that every Grand Lodge "that speaks the tongue which Shakspeare spake" should show our gifted and noble-spirited brother some special marks of their favour for his truly Masonic conduct.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

Rose Cottage, Stokesley, October 3rd, 1877.

[This interesting letter of Bro. E. Wilson has appeared in the *Times*.]

Sir,—Lord Harrowby's admirable letter will, I hope, settle the question of site in reference to Cleopatra's Needle. Mr. Dixon I know to be in favour of Parliament-square, and he has convinced me that the obelisk will be thoroughly safe—as safe as London itself—in that situation. After this assurance I should be sorry to see it placed anywhere else. The manes of the Pharaohs, Ptolemies, and Ramesses will, if they are able, feel proud of the honourable position which has been allotted to their monument by an enlightened people; and London will have done herself credit by her appreciation and veneration of so choice a relic of ancient Egyptian art.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

October 4.

ERASMUS WILSON.



## LONDON ROUGHS.

[The following important but unsigned letter appeared in the *Times* of Oct. 4. It deserves perusal.—Ed.]

Sir,—I have read with infinite disgust a paragraph in your paper headed "London Roughts," containing a complaint by a lady that a ruffian followed her and spat on her repeatedly, and that a cabman willfully splashed her sister, spoiling a valuable dress. The lady asks what legal redress could be had for these injuries. The answer is this:—

1. As to the spitting, to spit on a person's dress is an assault and battery, the punishment for which, if the offender were proceeded against by indictment, might be a year's imprisonment and hard labour; or, if he is proceeded against in a summary way before a magistrate (the person assaulted being a woman), six months' imprisonment and hard labour, if the magistrate considers the assault aggravated; two months if he does not (see 24 and 25 Vict., c. 100, ss. 47, 43, 42).

2. As to the cabman, he also was guilty of an assault and battery, and, moreover, of "unlawfully and maliciously committing damage, injury, or spoil to personal property," for which last offence he might have been sentenced, on indictment, to two years' imprisonment and hard labour, if the damage exceeded £5, or to two months' imprisonment and hard labour if he were prosecuted in a summary way (24 and 25 Vict., c. 97, ss. 51, 52).

I am, your obedient servant.

Temple, Oct. 3.

[NO SIGNATURE APPENDED]

### CONSECRATION OF THE WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 1713.

The already long roll of lodges in the Western Division of the County of Lancaster was extended on Saturday last, the 6th inst., when the Wilbraham Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, numbered 1713 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, was solemnly consecrated at the Walton Institute, Sefton-road, Walton, one of the suburbs of Liverpool. The consecration, a ceremony which is always interesting to a Freemason, was rendered more so on this occasion by the presence of Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, who kindly and courteously consented to preside at and perform the ceremony of consecration in connection with the founding of a lodge which bears his honoured family name. The interest evinced by our noble brother in the progress and prosperity of the Craft was thus evinced twice during the week—his presence at the glorious gathering of the fraternity at Southport on the previous Wednesday, and his active labour as the Consecrating Officer of the Wilbraham Lodge. His lordship's attendance on this occasion was certainly an honour to the brethren of the new lodge, an evidence of how much he esteems Freemasonry, even in the midst of pressing Parliamentary duties, and naturally attracted a very large and influential attendance. The brethren present included, besides his lordship, Bros. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.G. Chap.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G.D.C.; P. Macmurdrow, P.G.S.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W.; F. J. Pentin, 823; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; E. Smith, 1086; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M. 1380; R. H. Exton, Hon. Sec. 1380; J. Almond, Organist, 1380; F. W. Barnes, S.D. 1380; Richard Brown, P.M. 241; Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 1094, (*Freemason*); J. Busfield, 216; Richard Burgess, Organist 1609; H. Bigley, 154 (Belfast); J. McKenzie, J.W. 1609; J. F. Cowdell, 1609; W. Hill, 1473; E. Ford, jun., S.W. 1380; J. Winder, 667; R. Dunderdale, 721; S. Tebbutt, 279; R. M. Anderson, 1335; J. Hunter, 823; Wallace Smith, 1380; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823; R. N. Hobart, 1505; T. Foulkes, Sec. 1325; L. Gore, 667; T. M. Walton, 673; J. R. Kewley, 162; J. P. Bryan, 203 and 1035; W. Wilson, I.P.M. 823; J. Barlow, 440; Robert Price, 1393; R. H. Evans, P.M. 203 and 1393; T. Evans, W.M. 1570, P.M. 1356; Richard Roberts, W.M. 1473; W. Templeton, 1086; C. Sayer, 220; J. J. Rose, P.M. 249; E. E. Swallow, 1547; W. Kersopp, 1547; J. Houlding, W.M. 823; and A. Gilfillan, 1393.

The commencement of the consecration ceremony was fixed for one o'clock, and shortly after that hour the whole of the above named brethren had assembled. The upper room of the Walton Institute, in which the usual meetings will be held, was gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the very handsome furniture and other lodge paraphernalia was the subject of general admiration.

At the opening of the Craft lodge the chair of the W.M. was occupied by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; the S.W.'s by Bro. W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; the J.W.'s by Bro. R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; and the position of I.G. was filled by Bro. F. W. Barnes, S.D. 1380. The Prov. G.M. was then received with his officers, and, after he had taken the throne, he was saluted according to ancient form. His lordship then appointed his officers pro tem. as follows:—Bros. P. Macmurdrow, P.G.S.D., as S.W.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., as J.W.; the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.G.C., as P.M. and Chaplain; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W., as S.D.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., as J.D.; and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., as I.G. Before proceeding with the consecration ceremony, which was most impressively performed throughout, the P.G.M. expressed the great pleasure he felt in attending that day for the purpose of consecrating the new lodge. Masonry, he said, was progressing very rapidly throughout the country, as scarcely a day passed without a warrant for consecration being applied for. He congratulated the brethren on their success in securing their warrant of constitution for the new lodge, and hoped they would have a prosperous future.

Brother the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, P.G.C., delivered an oration in the course of the ceremony of consecration. He said it was usual for the P.G. Chaplain to say a few words on interesting occasions like that. It seemed appropriate that he, a minister of God, should remind them that the first principle in Masonry was belief in the Most High. It would be well for all Masons to remember this, and act in accordance with that belief, never mentioning God's name but with awe and reverence, and looking up to Him in every emergency of life. If the brethren acted thus they would stop the mouths of those who charged Freemasonry as a system which was destitute of religion. He need not tell them that this charge was most unjust and cruel, as in every ceremonial, especially that of consecration, religion was emphatically brought forward as the chief sanction of the whole. Alas! that he should have to tell it that in France an agitation was now going on to eliminate the name of God from all Masonic lodges, and already the volume of the Sacred Law was excluded from some of the lodges there. A noble protest has been borne against this by Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary of England, and intimation that such an exclusion will lead to an interruption of the intercourse between Grand Lodge of English Freemasons and the Grand Orient of France. How could the temple of Masonry stand if its foundation—the name of God and His holy law—were removed? Nothing would be so calculated to give a handle to the enemies of Freemasonry, or justify the fulminations of the Pope and others against the order, as a system of political conspiracy and atheism, as conduct like this. Of this charge, thank God! the Masons of England were free; and long may they remain so. Now, a Mason must be either a moral man or a hypocrite. There was no medium between the two. He is enjoined to be exemplary in all his conduct, and by a well-regulated discipline to preserve his bodily and mental faculties in their fullest energy; to be a good citizen, by paying due obedience to the laws of the country in which he resides, and never to forget the loyalty which is due to the land which gave him birth, to practise every domestic as well as public virtue, thereby enabling him to be a good father, husband, brother, and son, and never to forget the pre-eminent virtues of benevolence and charity to the distressed. In one word, a Mason was taught to do good to all mankind, to the honour and glory of God. Founded thus on religion and morality, Freemasonry opened its arms to all varieties of sects and creeds—included men of different habits, professions, nationality, &c.; and while it insists in all cases in a belief in the Most High God of heaven and earth, asks no questions as to the particular mode in which each brother may conduct his worship. It is pure as the mountain breeze, open as the expanse above us, and liberal in its theological tenets as the Bible itself. It allows no controversies on religion or politics, while it insists on love to our country and God. Freemasonry did not conceal from the world the great principles on which it is founded, principles which every Mason was expected to exhibit in his life and conduct; while it demands most inviolable fidelity on the part of its members with respect to those special marks and symbols by means of which Masons, and Masons only, may share the benefits of our ancient society, and discountenance most strongly that reprehensible thoughtlessness which would discourse of matters occurring in the lodge in the ear of the world, and which ought not to go beyond the sacred walls of the lodge room, especially if calculated to hurt the fair fame and name of brother Masons. Those great principles he (the P.G.C.) had so briefly enunciated should be known to every intending Mason before his initiation; for while Masonry was undoubtedly spreading with singular and unprecedented rapidity, this rapid increase itself might carry with it its own danger. All W.M.'s and Masons could not therefore be too cautious in their efforts to admit worthy men—and worthy men alone—within the bounds of our ancient and honourable Order. In conclusion he wished success to the new lodge, and prayed that the whole brotherhood might so live and so die that they might come at last with joy to take their places in the Grand Lodge above, when T.G.A.O.T.U. should summon them from this sublimary scene to the life of rest and peace and joy for evermore.

The various portions of the ceremony were most impressively performed by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who was assisted by Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec.; Bros. the Rev. H. Bethell Jones, J. R. Goepel, J. W. Turley, P. Macmurdrow, and R. Wylie, who ably fulfilled the duties of D.C. Skeaf's effectively written musical service was rendered during the ceremony with fine spirit by Bros. J. Busfield, 216; A. Gilfillan, 1393; J. P. Bryan, 1035; and R. N. Hobart, 1505. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presided at the harmonium.

Immediately after the consecration, Bro. Charles W. Cayzer (presented by Bros. Alpess and Broadbridge) was installed the first W.M. of the Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713, by Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M. The second portion of the ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241. The following officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. F. J. Pentin, S.W.; F. G. Fry, J.W.; Edwin Smith, Treasurer; E. Ford, S.D.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler; the remainder of the appointments being left over till next meeting. A great number of propositions for joining and initiation having been made, and hearty congratulations given by upwards of a dozen representatives of other lodges, the business was brought to a close.

The brethren were afterwards conveyed by special saloon carriage to Liverpool, where a sumptuous banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, to which about fifty sat down. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale" was proposed by Bro. R. Wylie, who spoke in eulogistic terms of the devotion to Masonry shown by their P.G.M., and stated that he would have been with them that evening but for the indisposition of Lady Skelmersdale.

Bro. Alpess, in replying, also dwelt on the fact that, notwithstanding the numerous and important duties attached to Lord Skelmersdale's public position, he never was wanting when asked to come forward in any way to promote the interests of Masonry in the province. He spoke very highly of the zeal and discretion of their new W.M., and concluded by giving some excellent advice as to the future conduct of their lodge, reminding them that the very fact of its having been consecrated by the Prov. Grand Master would cause him to regard it with feelings of more than ordinary interest.

"The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley) and Officers of the Province Past and Present," was proposed by Bro. R. Brown, and responded to by Bros. Maddox and Goepel.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Pentin, S.W., and enthusiastically received.

In reply, Bro. Cayzer, W.M., said that he fully realised the important trust they had confided to him, and he hoped to hand over the lodge to his successor at the end of his year of office in a prosperous condition.

"The Installing Masters" was given by the W.M., and responded to in suitable terms by Bros. R. Wylie and R. Brown. "The Visiting Brethren" was duly honoured, and coupled with the names of Bros. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M. 1380, and R. Roberts, W.M. 1473, who expressed their hearty good wishes for the success of the Wilbraham Lodge. "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Pentin, S.W.; Fry, J.W.; and E. Smith, Treas.

In responding to the "Masonic Charities," Bro. R. Brown, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the responsibility connected with a new lodge, in having to furnish a precedent for those who came after them, and stated that it was a fact that those lodges which were most charitable were most prosperous.

"The Musical Brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. Burgess, 1609, and the "Prov. Grand Organist" by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O.

Bro. Gill, of Lodge 1086, delighted the whole assembly by his unique and attractive fairy bell performances, and songs were given by Bros. Busfield, Brown, Wylie, E. Smith, Gilfillan, Hobart, Bryan, T. J. Hughes, Forrester, Tebbutt, &c., the pianoforte accompaniments being well played by Bro. R. Burgess, Organist 1609, and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.

After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated, wishing the Wilbraham Lodge all prosperity.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1714.

This new lodge, which has been established for the convenience of brethren in the neighbourhood of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, was consecrated on the 2nd inst., at the Duke of York Hotel, York Town, Surrey, by the G.M. of the province, Lieut. General Brownrigg, C.B. The gallant brother was assisted in the performance of his duties by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and several other Grand Officers of the province. Assisting also in the ceremony were nearly eighty brethren, among whom were Bros. Art. Staines, P.M. Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99; H. Freeman, W.M. South Saxon Lodge, 311; J. M. Dormor, M.M., and T. J. Pulley, Alfred Lodge, 340; H. Gerald Leigh, M.M. Apollo Lodge, 357; R. Fisher, M.M., and J. Olds, P.M., Royal Standard Lodge, 398; J. W. Sugg, P.M. Frederick Lodge of Unity, 452; Captain Cooper King, M.M. Zetland, Hong Kong, 525; Richard Eve, P.P.S.G.W. 395, 569, and 723; Colonel Middleton, P.M. Lodge of Auckland; W. Sheldrake, W.M.; W. Snowdon, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Benham, S.W.; G. Godfrey, J.W.; W. Sellwood, M.M.; F. Adnett, M.M.; H. W. J. Mayne, M.M.; C. C. Gold, P.M.; and R. Glasspool, M.M.; Panmure Lodge, 723; W. D. Jones, M.M., Isaac Newton Lodge, 859; Chas. Keen, P.J.G.W.; W. Vine, P.J.G.D.; H. W. Dean, M.M.; and H. J. Taylor, S.W.; St. Andrew's Lodge, 1046; E. Margrett, W.M.; J. Robinson, and H. Creed, M.M.; Grey Friars Lodge, 1101; F. West, P.G.R., Granite Lodge, 1328; John Smith, W.M.; Capt. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; Usher Lucas, S.W.; F. Arrow-smith, M.M.; W. Roy, M.M.; J. Abotts, M.M.; W. B. Theobalds, M.M.; W. Kennedy, P.M.; H. Newman, M.M.; G. Douglas, Secretary; and S. Cole, P.M., Aldershot Camp Lodge, 1331; John Webster, P.D.G.J.W.; W. Stacey, S.W.; J. McGowan, J.W.; W. Weller, Sec.; W. Male, M.M.; W. Knight, M.M.; and W. Chapman, M.M.; St. John's Lodge, 1564; J. R. Nicholls, J.W., and S. R. Nicholls, M.M., Elliot Lodge, 1567; W. Parish, W.M.; and James Mount, Wanderer's Lodge, 1604; Capt. S. C. Pratt, M.M.; Compton, D.C.; and F. Compton, J.D. Bayard Lodge, 1615.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, to perform the ceremony of installation, and the Rev. Bro. having assumed the chair, the installation was proceeded with. Bro. Henry Hacker, P.M. Panmure, No. 723, Past Prov. J. G. Deacon Hants and Isle of Wight, was then presented, and in due form installed as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1714. The new W.M. thereupon appointed Bro. Samuel Gerrard Kirchboffer Past Prov. G.J.D. Cambridgeshire, as his immediate Past Master. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters were admitted, and after the customary salutes in the three degrees, the W.M. invested as officers for the year, Bro. James Mount (Senior Warden), Bro. William Jas. Lendrim (Junior Warden), Bro. Edwin Nicholls (Treasurer), Bro. William McLaughlin (Secretary), Bro. Thomas Jell Pulley (Senior Deacon), Bro. George Henry Martin (Junior Deacon), Bro. Henry John Price (Inner Guard), and Bro. David Payne (Tyler).



On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for attending to consecrate the lodge. The vote was acknowledged by Bro. Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to attend, and said it was particularly gratifying to him as an old soldier to see so many military brethren present, and also to see the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs occupied by military men. The brethren then retired to banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

After the cloth had been removed grace was rendered, and the toasts were proceeded with. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," and this toast was responded to by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Grand Chaplain.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Lt.-General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master," and the gallant officer having replied, the W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master."

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, D.P.G.M., in the course of his reply, stated that it afforded him both pleasure and pride to serve under such a distinguished Prov. Grand Master as General Brownrigg.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Health of the W.M. and brethren of the Albert Edward Lodge, 1714," and after reiterating the sentiments he had already expressed, stated that it was exceedingly gratifying to him, as it must be to the W.M., to see such a large and influential assemblage of brethren present that evening, and it augured well for the future of the lodge. In the first place it showed that the W.M. was very popular, and in the next place that the interest which was felt in Freemasonry was widely extended and deep. Therefore, with a popular Master, and an interest in Masonry, the lodge might be expected to prosper. He had the greatest confidence in the ability of Bro. Hacker to rule the lodge, and he felt sure that while he did so with firmness the brethren would find it would be done with urbanity and kindness. He concluded by wishing the lodge every success, and the W.M. health and a prosperous and happy year of office.

The toast having been drunk with all the honours,

Bro. Hacker, in responding, said he could not sufficiently express the pleasure he felt at the manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Prov. G.M., and received by the brethren present. The brethren forming that lodge had tried for years to establish a lodge in that neighbourhood, as from the fact of the nearest lodge being at Aldershot, they were practically debarred from all Masonic enjoyment. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the kindly expressions of confidence in his abilities to rule the lodge, and trusted that, with the assistance of the officers who had been appointed, he should at the end of his term of office have proved to have merited their confidence.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," and said it was the custom of many people who knew nothing of Masonry to state that Masons did nothing but eat and drink. The brethren, however, had only to point to those splendid institutions, the Boys and Girls' Schools, and the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the Widows of Freemasons, which Institutions were voluntarily supported by the brethren last year to the amount of £40,000, to show the fallacy of such statements. He would not take up the time of the brethren by expatiating on the merits of these institutions, as they would be told by the distinguished brethren who represented these institutions the good that was being done. He concluded by proposing the toast, coupling with it the names of Bros. Binckes and Terry.

Bro. Binckes, in responding on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said that his was an oft-told tale, and as a rule his mission was a begging one; but to-day he appeared principally at that festive board to express his gratitude for the support he had invariably received at the hands of many of the brethren present. He would tell them briefly that the support given to those glorious institutions was being utilised to the fullest extent, and he would point to the Girls' Institution, which had made such an addition to their establishment as would enable them at the election this month to receive thirty-five additional girls.

Bro. Terry, in a very energetic speech, urged the brethren to support the Masonic Institutions, which were all doing so much good. He hoped that when the brethren had subscribed to the Boys' and Girls' Schools they would not forget those poor old folks who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and then from old age, or other causes, were incapacitated from earning a livelihood. He called upon them to extend to these poor people the same generous support as they accorded to the helpless children, and he concluded by thanking the Province of Surrey for the generous support it had hitherto annually afforded, asking the members of the Albert Edward Lodge to follow the example set by their W.M., who had worked for the benefit of all the Masonic Institutions.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," expressing the pleasure it had afforded him to see so many brethren present, with most of whom he was well acquainted. He believed that the interchange of hospitalities by lodges was conducive to great good. He concluded by proposing the toast, coupling with it the names of Bros. Colonel Middleton and R. Eve.

Bro. Colonel Middleton, who was the first to respond, stated that the pleasure he felt at being present was enhanced by finding so many of his staff there. He was always glad to meet a military man who was a Freemason. He was sure that the Albert Edward Lodge would prosper, as a lodge in a province under such a distinguished officer and Freemason as Lieutenant General Brownrigg was bound to do.

Bro. R. Eve thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast and the brethren for the manner in which they received it. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Hacker's ability as a Master, stating that from the manner in which he had seen him perform his duty in the Panmure Lodge he was quite sure that the Albert Edward Lodge would not fail for want of proper instruction.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Several excellent songs were sung in the course of the evening, by Bros. Eve, Robinson, Hacker, Martin, Mount, Tendrim, Sellwood, Adnett, and others.

The banquet was served in splendid style by Bro. H. Whale.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ARTHUR JOHN BROGDEN LODGE, No. 1715.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 26th ult., a new lodge was consecrated at Grange-over-Sands, the want of which has long been felt by the members of the Craft in that locality, as they had no lodge-room nearer than Ulverston or Dalton on the one hand, and Lancaster on the other. The project of instituting a new lodge was discussed amongst those interested, Bro. Arthur John Brogden—himself an ardent Mason, although we believe not belonging to the Province of West Lancashire—entering heartily into the project. There seeming every probability of a successful lodge being established, the necessary steps were taken, and a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of England praying that a lodge might be formed. The petition was acceded, and a warrant under the sign-manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, was issued authorising the formation of the lodge. The lodge is named the "Arthur John Brogden Lodge"—so called after its first Master—and is No. 1715 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The building selected for the lodge-room is situated at the southern side of Grange, on a small plot of land lying between the railway and the bay, and was formerly used, we believe, as a Methodist Chapel. It is a delightfully secluded spot, and has been elaborately furnished and fitted up for the purpose for which it will henceforth be used. Owing to the inability of Lord Skelmersdale, the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, to be present, his lordship deputed Bro. Dr. Moore, of this town, to act as Consecrating Officer.

The ceremony took place in the lodge-room shortly after two o'clock, the following Provincial Grand Officers being present:—Bros. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. of England (Consecrating Officer); H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Skeaf, Prov. G. Organist; C. Fryer, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Geo. Remington, P. Prov. G.J.W.; R. Pearson, P. Prov. G. Registrar; R. Wylie, P. Prov. G.S.D. (Grand Director of Ceremonies); R. Dodgson, P. Prov. G.J.D.; John Case, P. Prov. M.E.J.; G. Cornfield, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. M. Morgan, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; and H. W. Johnson, Prov. G. Steward. In addition to the above the following brethren were also present:—R. Taylor, W.M.; Z. Simpson, P.M.; John Bell, P.M.; J. J. Crookell, J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.G. (Freemason); R. Stanton, T. T. Thompson, Lodge of Fortitude; T. Jackson, W.M.; H. Longman, I.P.M.; Thomas Bell, Rowley Lodge; H. Hartley, J.D.; J. D. Bell, S.S.; and C. A. Beckett, Duke of Lancaster Lodge; W. Duff, W.M.; A. Poole, S.S. Morecambe Lodge; W. Baldwin, P.M.; Francis H. Clark, P.M., Baldwin Lodge; S. Hartley, J.W.; W. Harrison, P.M.; James Robinson, W.M.; John Robinson, J. B. MacQuire, A. Slater, S. C. Affleck, J. R. Casson, S.W., Furness Lodge; D. Smyth, W.M.; G. B. Nalder, S.W., Hindpool Lodge; J. Huartson, W.M.; T. McKnight, S.W.; M. Haslam, P.M. Hartington Lodge; James Sumner, P.M. Preston; R. N. Hobart, Emulation, 1505; Charles Haswell, 203; A. Gilfillan, 1392; G. McKay, S.W. 129; and A. J. Brogden, H. C. Davis, Thomas Ashley, W. Postlethwaite, J. Mossop, T. Westwood, and J. Haworth, members of the new lodge.

The brethren above mentioned having assembled in the lodge-room, the Consecrating Officer (Bro. Moore) took the chair, appointing Bro. Remington, S.W., and Bro. Pearson, J.W. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees with the usual formalities, and the brethren of the lodge being ranged in order, the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called on the Prov. G. Sec. to state their wishes. This being complied with, the P.G.S. read the petition and warrant. The brethren of the new lodge having signified their approval of the officers who were nominated in the warrant to preside over them,

The Rev. J. M. Morgan then delivered a suitable oration as follows: Worshipful Consecrating Master, Provincial Grand Officers, Worshipful Past Masters, and brethren.—Standing on some tall cliffs beside the shores of this lovely bay, I look seaward. Beneath my feet, perhaps, children play; a little further, boats are passing to and fro, the busy fisherman slowly brings to shore what the ebbing tide has left for his share of God's bounty; and yet a little further the trawler sweeps along, seeking, too, his daily bread. On the dim horizon, some tall ship, freighted with merchandise, perchance bound to some distant country, cleaves through bright foam her joyous way, her captain and crew high in hope, and looking forward to a prosperous voyage and a happy return to home and country. I look out again to where sea and sky meet; my vision fails me, and all is dark and void, and yet I know that far beyond the busy world still moves on. On distant shores the children play, the fisherman pursues his craft, tall ships sail on, and yet these things are all hid to my gaze. And yet still I know that scenes like these form a portion of that beautiful world in which we take our part. Worshipful Sir and brethren, we are engaged here this day in adding another link to the golden chain of Masonry which binds the brethren of every clime

and race in bonds of fraternal affection. For all we know, perhaps close beside the sea, on India's sunny shore, members of our most ancient and venerable society are engaged as we are this day, in the consecration of a new lodge, to promote the further glory and benefits of Masonry to the human race. Although so far, far away, we cannot see them, but we seem in acts like these to stretch forth the hand of good fellowship across the stormy ocean and the desert, to grasp the hand of a brother, although his race is not ours, nor his mode of life such as we enjoy. Before his eyes there are like scenes with ours. He may look out on to the ocean till sea and sky melt into one; as we cannot see these our brethren, so they cannot see us; and yet there is a chain of love and brotherhood which bridges the ocean and spans the desert, which binds us together in the bonds of sacred, holy friendship. The principles of our Craft soared high in the past—what do I say?—in the long, long past. Masonry flourished 4000 years ago. Mayhap those more advanced in our honourable science could tell you more—that it is older still; but I speak according to my lights, and to what I have learned of the mystic art. In the most glorious days of architecture, our Craft was a pioneer to the student in theory, and a guide to the craftsman who built the work. It inspired the artist with sublime thoughts and raised his very soul. The spirit of poetry was taught, too, in the truths and varied beauties of Masonic lore, and it must be so, as everything that is true and beautiful proceeds from above, from the Father of Light and Great Architect of the Universe. So our glorious science, pointing heavenward, directed the poet's thoughts to the very fountain of all that is lovely, true, and good. The painter, too, owes much to what Masonry teaches. What could he do without the light that descends, as it were, from heaven? The shifting shadow of the landscape were unknown to him; the moonlit lake, the shining ocean, the dream of an autumn day, but for the light would have been unknown and unheeded. Genius, guided by the teachings of our Craft, grasped these beauties as they went, and waned, and they are ours, though the painter has sunk into dust, and perhaps lies unknown in yonder valley. Masonry pointed again upward to Him who said, "Let there be light, and there was light." "I had hope, when violence had ceased, and war on earth, all would have then gone well, peace would have crowned with length of happy days the race of man." No, the world is still the same. War may not, as far as we can see, cease from inflicting on mankind its horrors and its crimes; and here again Masonry comes to the front, and says, "Ye are brethren—forebear, and sin no more. Is it not your brother you are striking at in yonder gory field?" For these, and many, many other reasons, which I may not now enlarge or even touch upon, Masonry of itself commands our highest and noblest regard. Does not Masonry teach us to be faithful to our Queen and our country; to submit cheerfully to the powers that be, which the volume of the Sacred Law tells us are of God, and to live peaceably with all men? Worshipful, Sir—unhappily, brethren may and do transgress; there are bad Masons and bad neighbours to be found, but in our noble Craft they are few in number; nor can any wise man draw any argument from it against our society; for if the wicked lives of men, or their evil deeds, was an argument against the religion they profess, Christianity itself could not be true. Does not then our Craft claim at our hands our greatest esteem? How does it recommend universal benevolence and every virtue which can make one brother dear to another; for Masons are brethren pursuing the same object, and seeking after the same great truths. Hail, then, to the progress of Masonry! Hail to the memory of the Craftsmen of olden days! Hail to our Grand Master and our gracious Sovereign the Queen! Welcome every fresh benefactor to our Craft! Welcome the Arthur John Brogden Lodge to a place in our time-honoured roll! And what more shall I say? May the brethren have peace here, and a happy future hereafter.

An anthem was afterwards sung, which was followed by the consecration prayer, and the remaining portion of the interesting ceremony was gone through in a very impressive manner, the Consecrating Officer finally constituting the lodge in ancient form.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the presiding officer proceeded to install Bro. Arthur John Brogden as the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twenty-five members. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Henry Champney Davis, S.W.; Thomas Ashley, J.W.; William Postlethwaite, Sec.; J. Mossop, S.D.; Thomas Westwood, J.D.; and Joseph Haworth, Tyler. Several joining members and candidates for initiation were proposed, amongst the former being the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., and A. Brogden, M.P. The musical arrangements of the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf (who presided at the harmonium), assisted by Bros. Gilfillan, Hobart, and Haswell, the following anthems being sung in the course of the consecration:—"Psalm cxxii," "Glory be to God on high," and "Hail, universal Lord," as well as several chants, the whole being set to music by Bro. Skeaf.

A banquet was held in the Working Men's Institute, under the presidency of the newly-elected Worshipful Master, Brother Arthur John Brogden, who was supported right and left by the Provincial Grand Officers—about fifty brethren being present altogether.

On the removal of the cloth,

The Chairman proposed in succession the healths of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; and other Officers of Grand Lodge," which were duly honoured. The last-named toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Moore, who briefly responded.



The Chairman said the next toast he had to submit for their approval was that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire." (Applause.) It had not been his privilege to have been acquainted with the workings of Masonry for a long time; he was, so to speak, a stranger in the province, but from what he had seen, and from what he had heard, he had never known the working in provinces carried on with such zeal, such accuracy, and with such satisfaction in every way, as in the province of West Lancashire. (Hear, hear.) It was due, no doubt, to its head, Lord Skelmersdale, and in a great measure, not the less so, to the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Alpess. (Applause.) Anybody who was a Mason in that part of the county knew very well what his qualities were—and what attention, zeal, and energy he brought to bear on the duties of his office. He (the Chairman) was sure no better man could be found for his place, because if the principal officers were not seconded in their efforts by men as able in their respective positions as themselves, things could not be carried on as well as they were. They all knew how well Bro. Alpess carried out his portion of the work, and he begged to couple his name with the toast. (Applause.)

Bro. Alpess, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to visit that beautiful district for the first time. He had heard people from Liverpool praise it very much, and though he had been past it several times in the train, he had no idea of the beauty of the district till that day. From all he had seen he thought it a most delightful spot. (Applause.) He thought if they only had a building large enough they might have the Grand Lodge meeting there, but he had not seen a place there large enough that day. (Laughter.) Lord Skelmersdale's zeal in the cause of Masonry was known and appreciated in his own county and in London also, for amongst all the Masons in London not one was so popular as Lord Skelmersdale. He had also achieved the same popularity in his own county, where many of them had known him from a boy. (Applause.) His (Bro. Alpess's) duties were very onerous, and took up a great deal of time; but it was a great pleasure to him to do the work, as he had always been a working Mason since he first joined the Craft. It had always been his aim to do his duty in the best manner possible, and next to the approval of his own conscience the approval of the brethren was the greatest reward he would aim at. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Alpess concluded by giving some salutary advice to the brethren as to the admission of new members.

The Chairman said the next toast he had to put before them he wished very much to commend to their notice—their approval, he knew, would follow, as a matter of course, as they could not help approving of it—it was the health of the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Bro. Moore. (Applause.) Many of them had had the pleasure of Bro. Moore's acquaintance much longer than he had, and he only wished to speak of him as he found him. Nothing could have exceeded the admirable, the most perfect manner, in which the whole ceremony had been gone through that day in every particular—in fact, he could not find an adjective appropriate enough to express his own gratification, and he must leave the brethren present to apply their adjective in their own way. On behalf of the members of the lodge and himself he wished express their feeling of gratification that Bro. Moore should have been chosen by the Deputy Grand Master to consecrate their lodge, as he was well known in the district, not only as a Mason, but as a professional gentleman, and when he (the Chairman) received a letter from Bro. Alpess, intimating that he had been appointed Installing Officer, he was exceedingly delighted, as his merits were as well known to them as himself. The Chairman concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Dr. Moore, the Consecrating and Installing Officer." (Applause.)

Bro. Moore, who was received with hearty manifestations on rising to respond, said he begged to thank the Chairman for the very flattering way in which he had introduced his name to the meeting, and also the company for the hearty welcome they had accorded to it. He had felt himself conscious of many defects that day, but he certainly looked upon it as a proud honour when he received a letter from the Grand Secretary, asking him to undertake the duties which he had performed that day, and which he had done with very great pleasure. (Applause.) Some little time ago he heard it mentioned that a lodge was very much needed, if they could only find a building and get proper men to take the various offices. Now that idea had become a fact—they had got good men in their various offices, the lodge was formed, and he hoped it would go on prosperously. After referring to the safeguards to be adopted in the admission of members, and alluding to the quiet, secluded spot in which their lodge room was situated, Bro. Moore said that if the brethren found the least difficulty in working the lodge, which must necessarily be found in a new lodge, he had no doubt that brethren in Lancaster could be found who would be very glad to come and give them every assistance they might require. (Hear, hear.) Before he sat down he wished to propose the health of one whom he hoped would ever be remembered in Grange—certainly it would never be forgotten in the Grange Lodge, as it was called after him—and that was their Worshipful Master. (Applause.) Bro. Brogden was obliged to leave them for a short time, but he had no doubt the lodge would be well looked after by its officers during his temporary absence. He begged to give them "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Grange Lodge, Bro. Arthur John Brogden."

The Chairman on rising to respond was received with loud applause. After thanking them for the way in which the toast had been introduced and received, he said it was now a fact that they had a Masonic lodge in Grange. The idea did not exactly start with him, though he felt when he came to live there that it was just the place for

forming a lodge, and when he communicated that idea to other brethren he found they were in the same mind as himself. So they went to work and found others out, and eventually they succeeded in getting sufficient to sign the petition, and the consummation of their labour had been witnessed that day. (Applause.) He did not wish to take all the credit of that work, or for the success that had that day crowned their efforts. There were others as well as himself who would have the gratification of knowing that their zeal and energy had been well spoken of and approved. He referred particularly to Bros. Mossop and Ashley—(hear, hear)—who had taken a great share of the work consequent on forming a new lodge. He was glad to see the successful circumstances under which their new lodge had been opened, but was sorry that temporary absence from home would prevent him working the lodge for a short time. His absence at such a time was much to be regretted, but it was unavoidable. He could, however, rely on his officers to work with zeal and energy during his absence, and was satisfied that the lodge would lose nothing at their hands. In conclusion he begged to thank them once more for the hearty manner in which they had received the mention of his name. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, the proceedings being enlivened by the harmony of several brethren.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 813.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the New Concord Chapter, No. 813, was consecrated by Ex. Comp. James Terry, P.G.D.C., Herts., at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington. He was assisted by Comp. Wm. Smeed as H., and Comp. Brazier as J., Comp. R. E. Barnes as E., and Comp. A. Wootton as D.C.

A goodly array of visiting companions were present on the occasion.

After the chapter had been opened, the introductory portion of the ceremony performed, Ex. Comp. James Terry delivered an oration, and the ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, Comps. Seymour Smith and F. H. Cozens performing the musical portion. When the chapter had been duly constituted, Comp. J. R. Gallant was installed M.E.Z.; W. Crawford, H.; J. Wright J.; and T. J. Cusworth, Scribe, E. The whole of the ceremony was most fluently and impressively performed.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the M.E.Z. proposed that Comps. Jas. Terry, Wm. Smeed, and Brazier be elected hon. members of the chapter. The motion being duly seconded, the M.E.Z. said the chapter was greatly indebted to those companions for having so kindly given their time and evinced their great ability in consecrating the chapter; it was a very small return to elect them honorary members of the chapter and he felt assured the companions wished them every happiness, and hoped as often as they could use their privileges and visit the chapter they would receive a hearty welcome. A vote of thanks was passed to Ex. Comp. James Terry for performing the ceremony of consecration with such distinguished ability. Ex. Comp. Terry, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a labour of love to him to perform such a work, and he was very much pleased that his efforts had given satisfaction to the companions. Comps. Smeed and Brazier also acknowledged the vote. The M.E.Z. then proposed the names of several brethren as exalters at the next convocation of the chapter. The banquet was then partaken of, after which the M.E.Z. proposed the customary R.A. toasts, viz., "The Queen and the Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He then proposed "The Health of the Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon; Lord Skelmersdale, H.; and Lord de Tabley, J., and the rest of the Grand Officers," which were received with great eclat. Ex. Comp. Terry proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." (Ex. Comp. J. R. Gallant), and observed that he had run his course thus far very rapidly, and they found him now at the head of a new chapter, which he hoped was destined to play an important part in the Masonic body of the northern part of the metropolis; he had been personally acquainted with the M.E.Z. for some considerable time, and he had given ample proof of his zeal for the Order by constituting himself a Life Governor to the Masonic Charities, and felt assured he would use his utmost endeavours not only to further the interests of the chapter, but for the welfare of the Craft in general.

The M.E.Z. in reply said, for the confidence the companions had shown him he hoped he should prove himself grateful. He trusted he should not abuse that confidence, and that the chapter would even exceed the anticipations which he had entertained of it. They had an excellent example set them by the lodge to which the chapter was attached, and begged to assure the companions that the honour conferred on him would be a stimulus to future exertions.

Several other toasts having been given and responded to, the Jauitor's toast brought to a close the proceedings of an evening agreeably spent.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE HOLMESDALE CHAPTER, No. 874.

On Monday, the 1st inst., a new Royal Arch Chapter, attached to the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, was solemnly dedicated and consecrated at the Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, by Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.Z., Prov. G.J. Kent, P. Prov. G.H. Jamaica; assisted by Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.Z., Prov. G.H. Kent; the Rev. W. A. Hill, and H. Ward, P.Z., Prov. G.H. Wilts, Director of Ceremonies.

After the Chapter had been formally opened, an oration on the principles of the Order was delivered by Comp. W. A. Hill.

A convocation of Installed Principals was then formed, when Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson severally installed Comps. B. S. Willson, W. Delves, and W. Stephens, P.Z., into the Third Chair. Comp. W. Stephens, then installed Comps. B. S. Willmott, and W. Delves separately into the Second Chair, after which Comp. B. S. Willmott was installed into the First Principal's Chair, according to ancient and solemn custom.

Upon the admission of the companions the three Principals were duly proclaimed and saluted, and the following brethren were then elected and invested:—Comps. R. W. Delves, Scribe E.; W. Bacon, Scribe N.; H. D. M. Williams, Prin. Soj.; J. Bass, First Asst. Soj.; C. Graham, Second Asst. Soj.; T. H. Spencer, Janitor.

The consecrating officers, as well as Comp. Viscount Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent of Kent, were elected honorary members, and the convocation was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, at which Comp. Willmott presided, and at which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ISLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 1471.

The consecration of this new chapter which is attached to the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, meeting at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, took place on Monday last, the 8th inst. The consecrating and installing officer was Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., P.M., &c., G.D.C. Herts. After the ceremony of consecrating had been proceeded with, Comp. Terry installed Comp. E. Bowyer as M.E.Z., who thereupon invested Comp. Mather as H., and T. A. Lewis, J. The banquet followed and a very pleasant evening was spent by the companions present.

#### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER No. VIII.

##### BRO. SMYTHE AT PARIS.

Bro. Smythe is the well-known W.M. of the Affability Lodge, always one of the pleasantest of assemblies of our brotherhood. His tact and taste are well-known; he does things always so remarkably well, that the gatherings of the "Affability" have been declared to be "feasts of reason and flow of soul," and when you add to this that no more hospitable reception and no more hearty welcome are to be found in any lodge within the Bills of Mortality, or perhaps, more properly, the "area of the Metropolitan Police," you place the excellence of Bro. Smythe's lodge and the good qualities of Bro. Smythe himself on a truly Masonic pedestal beyond the possibility of doubt or dispute.

Bro. Smythe, who has been spending the long vacation in Switzerland, has returned home, via Paris, and as Bro. Smythe, (not Smith), is a bachelor, he left some agreeable artist friends at Lucerne, and went to Paris, via Pontarlier, from Berne, on his homeward journey. So as he is not strong in French, though very good at English, and despite his eloquent speeches at the "Affability," like a great many more of the John Bull genus, he gets very soon fast when speaking French. Despite his "Conversation Book," he soon becomes, "hors de combat," when he has to "trip it" in Parisian accents, and curiously enough he says he never can talk to a French lady without making a dreadful blunder, though, as he observes, they are too polite to laugh at a fellow.

"I was crossing," he says "from the place Vendome," to get into the Rue Rivoli, when as I went across, it was raining, and a lady stepped out of a shop without an umbrella. As a Freemason and a man of the world, accustomed to good society, I thought it only my duty to be civil, and so I said, "Madame, (it is always safe to say Madame in France), Voulez vous preter mon parapluie?" I thought I saw a smile pass over her face, as she replied with the greatest grace in the world, "Oh, Merci, monsieur, mille remerciements," and having seen her into her brougham, and received a most charming bow, I fancy I struck some French people who were looking on, both with the style of my dress, and the way I took off and put on my hat. "It is always advisable" adds Smythe, "especially when you are abroad, to be civil to women, and they tell you all sorts of stories, at Paris, what civility has done for men. I don't think I should do it in Regent-street, for an English woman, because it is not our habit. We leave them to themselves; but abroad, one must always remember the axiom 'you are to do as Rome, as Rome does.' I think that's it, or something like it."

Smythe, it appeared, walked in one evening to "Brent's," also called "Vachette," to order his dinner, and as Bro. Wilkinson, of our lodge, saw the little scene, and heard the little colloquy which followed, I think it well to give them in his own graphic words, for he was an amused spectator, being unknown to Bro. Smythe, and could not help maliciously laughing at the embarrassment of our good friend. Smythe lounged in, and said in a stately way to Jean, "Je vous diner." Jean, always civil to everybody, and always in a great hurry, only replied "Bientôt, Monsieur," but another waiter coming up, Smythe repeated his wish "Je vous diner." So the civil waiter brought him the carte, and after some difficulty Smythe managed to order, Soupe Bisque, Turbot à la Hollandaise, Cotelettes à la Soufflée, Roast Bif Anglaise, Omelette à l'Abriote, Meringues Glacées and some Gruyère Cheese. He ordered a bottle of Champagne and did very well, though the waiter could not understand for some little time what he meant by "Frappé Mote" though at last he realized that it was "Moët Frappé." Bro. Wilkinson assures us that Bro. Smythe, with the best intentions in the world, though the worst French, continued to weary out at last the most complaisant of French waiters, until he said in despair, "parley Anglais, sil vous plait, Monsieur. I understands you better!"



However, Smythe much enjoyed his dinner, but two little episodes deserves recording. He said to the waiter, after Cheese, &c. "Je vous ice." The waiter replied, "Glacé, Monsieur," "No," said Smythe, loftily, "I said ice, not a glass." At length, turning to his "Conversation Book," he found that "Glacé" was "ice." So he said condescendingly, "Ah, I see! You have strange words in France Glass means ice. Oui, du glass."

Smythe, in a letter to a friend, said he liked Paris very much indeed, small blame to him, but that he thought the French used such strange expressions for English words. Had he remembered Theodore Hook's famous lines, he might have quoted them with great effect,

"And chaises they call chairs,  
And letters they call billies;  
They call their mothers mares,  
And all their daughters fillics."

But not remembering them he merely remarked that he could not understand why a knife was called "couteau," or a fork "fourchette," or a spoon "cuiller," (a very hard word), or gloves "gauts," a beer "Bock," or a carriage a "fiacre," and above all a policeman, a "commissaire."

After coffee, the very good-humoured "Napoleon," as he used to be termed, offered him as a chaise, "Fin Champagne." "No," said Smythe almost indignantly, "not at this time of day—a ce point du jour, si je le connais; pas pour Joseph. Je bois seulement Cognac!"

Napoleon, with infinite grace, bowed and smiled, and returned with the "petit verre." Smythe for a long time could not get over "that great mistake of a French waiter at Paris."

Now, why have I told this story, and what do I want to impress upon all our readers—the young ones especially? Only this, that of all the helpless beings abroad, he is the most helpless who does not understand the vernacular of the country in which he is travelling.

I know, and Mrs. Balasso remarks, that while the young men can smoke and nip, and spit and chew,—yes, chew to perfection, they will not take the trouble of studying foreign languages. Some say "English is enough for them;" others they don't care for a "foreign lingo;" others remark that "you can get on with English anywhere now;" and some even declare that it is a "baw." But we would recommend all to apply themselves to foreign languages, as rendering them more of a man, and certainly more of a Mason, inasmuch as no greater amusement, and no better employment can be found by any, than the study of French and German, Italian and Spanish.

A very distinguished diplomatist once said, and we heartily agree with him, "The more languages a man has mastered, the more truly he becomes a useful citizen of the world," and we can only urge, especially on young Freemasons, the advantage and utility of studying foreign languages and mastering them sufficiently for the comfort, of travelling and the interchange of mutual kindness sympathy, and good-will.

### THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The Queen is at Balmoral with Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Abergeldie. Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein have been the guests of the Earl and Countess of Dudley, at Black Mount, N.B.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has been inspecting the troops at Aldershot and Portsmouth.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 19, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or time of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Quart. Court and Election Girls' School at 12.  
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1423, Bra, Island Hot., Hampton-court.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.  
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1685, Guciph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Quart. Court and Election Boys' School, at 12.—See Advt.  
Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M. Tav.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

since Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
rong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashtar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Coopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., City.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, M.H. 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H.  
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Constitutional, Bedford Ho., Shampston Blds.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-street.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.  
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
" 701, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Mark Lodge, 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Greyhound Tav., Milton-street, Cripplegate.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Hawlock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 49, Gibon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot. St. John's Wood.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.  
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.

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Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Pensonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfrars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.

Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
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For the Week ending Saturday, October 20, 1877.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleecce Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxteth.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Ho., Barrow.  
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Ho., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Prescott.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 537, Zetland, M.R. Birkenhead.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 1st inst. There was a goodly attendance of members of the lodge, and the following were the visitors: Bros. F. White, 55; Jubal Webb, 55; Yacoub-als Shellabi, Chief of Smaratus; Cates, C. B. Kirke, Crutenden, 503; Cook, 959; Walker, 1044; Hickman, 228; Harvey, 1344; Michelburg, 1425; Kingham, 1517; Grammont, 1559; Pearson, 1567; Hodges, 1706. The installation was very impressively performed by Bro. W.M. Allen. After the Installation about 20 of the brethren of St. Luke's entertained the above visitors at a banquet.

**LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).**—The lodge held its first meeting for the winter season on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. Present: Bros. Thomas Taylor, W.M.; James Stephens, S.W.; Squirel, J.W.; Wm. Ramsey, Treas.; John Ramsey, Sec. the assistant officers and 25 others, 10 of whom were Past Masters. There was a goodly show of work on the summons which, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lessware, and other candidates was necessarily postponed. After the disposal of some Masonic business, amongst which was the recommendation of the petition of a distressed Bro. to the Board of Benevolence, the W.M., Bro. Thos. Taylor, rose to beg the members of the lodge to accept what he termed a trifling present as a memo of his year of office, which proved to be a "Rough and Perfect Ashlar," complete. The former, rough and unhewn, as taken from the quarry, and the perfect, a true die or square, made of the finest marble, without flaw or blemish, and with the handiwork of the real operative mason, fully displayed in its beautiful polish and finish. The shears, tackle, winch-gear, &c., showed the masterly skill of the first artists in metals, the whole forming in a marked degree a delightful combination

of Free and Accepted and Operative Masonry, and amid the admiration of the brethren, Bro. Grammont proposed, and Bro. W. Ramsey seconded, that the thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby given to Bro. Thomas Taylor, W.M., for his valuable and useful present, shewing as it does the great interest now and always evinced by him for the welfare of the Craft, and his mother lodge in particular, as well as his fraternal regard for all its members, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, which was carried by acclamation. The lodge was then closed, and the highly pleased brethren adjourned to the banquet.

**GRESHAM LODGE (No. 869).**—Bro. Allan C. Wylie, of 84, Cannon-street, E.C., Past Master of the above lodge, was entertained on Saturday, the 13th inst., at a banquet at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the occasion of his return home after a protracted journey through America, Japan, China and India, a journey necessitated by the death of a near relative, to settle his business affairs. Although the welcome home was in the first place determined upon by his Brother Past Masters, yet it was decided to invite some of his professional friends and gentlemen, with whom he was connected. To this invitation some twenty-five responded, and many more sent very kind letters of congratulation, and expressed their regret that other engagements prevented them being with the company. Amongst those present were: Collin Rae Brown, Esq., a Glasgow journalist, who was the first to inaugurate the cheap daily papers, one of which he published for some years before the duty was taken off at a considerable loss to himself, but with incalculable benefit to his country. There were also Dr. Charles Mackay, LL.D., author of "Cheer Boys Cheer," and many other popular songs. Colonel Brasyer, C.B., Bros. Wm. Layton, Esq., Rector of Kelso High School; Captain Sheppard, Baron Griffiths, Dr. Poulie, M.D., Dr. Bruce, P.M.; and Dr. Smyth, C. J. Anderson, Esq., J. Forsyth, P.M.; J. H. Broom, Esq., F. D. R. Copestick, P.M.; Eugene Renard, Esq., Thomas Perry, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Government Rifle Factory at Enfield, R. C. Robinson, Esq., W. E. Gompertz, P.M.; David Jarvis, Esq., J. R. Dickie, Esq., &c., &c. After a well served banquet had been enjoyed, and the cloth removed, the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, the President C. R. Brown, Esq., then gave the toast of the evening, "A. C. Wylie," and in a very humorous and spirited speech congratulated him upon his safe return to his home and friends. Bro. Wylie in his reply gave a complete account of his journey, from the time he left Southampton until his arrival home, mentioning the different customs and manners he had noticed in the various commercial centres he had visited, and giving a most encouraging report of the great progress being made both in engineering and paper making, as well as in other branches of manufacture. His remarks, which were interspersed with some amusing anecdotes, of the varied traits of character he had observed in the Celestial City, were listened to with much interest by his friends, other complimentary toasts followed, some capital songs were sung, and a most agreeable evening was passed, all expressing their pleasure at having their kind and genial friend amongst them again, and wishing he may be long spared to his wife and family.

**ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).**—This lodge met on Friday week at Freemasons' Hall, W. Bro. Edward James Harty, W.M., presiding. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Taylor, S.W.; Stul, J.W.; Manders, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; W. Lee, S.D.; Moss, I.G.; Higgs, Org.; Pichen, D.C.; Dr. Watts, Stodd.; J. H. Watts, P.M.; Bros. Botibol, Baven, Rash, Manders, Richardson, Newton, Laws, and Præd; and visitors, Bros. T. E. Talbert Nicholls, P.M. 25; T. W. Sims, 1351; H. M. Mitchell, 1360; E. Payne, 1261; J. Mann, P.G.S.D. Middx.; J. E. Wade, 1475; J. Coutts, P.G.P.; Ireton, S.W. 1348; Smith, P.M. 1260; Robinson, 201; Henton, P.M. 660 (America); J. Morey, P.M. 660 (America); Rab-ck, 109; Griggs, P.M. 228; Mitchell, Royal Arthur; and Kips. The work performed was initiating Messrs. James Stewart, James Amsden, Albert Amsden, and George Edward Travers; passing Bros. Manchester, Dixon, and Bavers; and raising Bro. Hamp. All these ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in faultless style, and the other officers including Bro. Higgs, Organist, were equally efficient in their duties. At the close of these proceedings five guineas were voted to a brother in distress; and the W.M. having expressed his wish that a Royal Arch Chapter should be attached to the lodge, the R.A. Masons who were present signed the petition for a charter. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where banquet was provided by Bro. Hamp. When this had been disposed of the toasts were proposed, and Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., replied briefly and effectively for "The Grand Officers." Bro. J. H. Watts, P.M., proposed "The W.M." and said he was sure that all the brethren would agree with him that whatever lodges they had visited they had never seen the ceremonies more ably performed than they had been by the W.M. that evening, and that was not all, for he had taken care that after labour they should have a very sumptuous repast, and they all regretted that he had not a longer period than three months to remain in office. The W.M. responded. He had feared through ill health he would not be able to be among the brethren that evening. However, after consulting Dr. Lloyd, he found himself able to come, and he was glad he had given satisfaction to the brethren. He was one of those who believed that if a man undertook a duty he should perform it thoroughly. He had felt the importance of the position of W.M. long before he went into the chair, and he took the opportunity of going to Lodges of Instruction and making himself well acquainted with the duties of W.M. He considered it a great mistake to place brethren in office

by seniority or relationship. The motto in Masonry was "merit and ability," and the due performance of the duties of W.M., who had to initiate brethren and impress them with that universal religion which was displayed by Masonry. A brother who did not appreciate the office by making himself proficient should not have it. He had to mention another matter. He had the honour of wearing Her Majesty's uniform, and his regiment was dining that evening in the same establishment where the brethren were. His colleagues in the regiment were much disappointed that he was not among them, and so, during the dinner he went in and had a glass of wine with them. Bro. Harty next proposed "The Initiates." These brethren had now entered the portals of the great Temple of Masonry and he was sure that from what they had seen that evening they were solemnly impressed with the importance and solemnity of that religion in which they had taken an obligation. He might inform them that this religion was the most universal religion in the world, because it embraced the highest truths that were preached in the Gospel, viz, duty to God and duty to our neighbours. There was nothing in the religion of Masonry incompatible with the highest duties that man owed to the Deity and to their social position in life. Quite the contrary. If a man was a good Mason he was a good citizen in every possible sense of the word; and the more a man practised the truths, precepts and tenets that were laid down in Masonry the better man he would be. Masonry was an allegorical religion. Everything done in it was for a purpose. The initiates were on his right now; but they would find as they went further on they would travel in another direction till, as he hoped, they arrived at the distinguished position he at present occupied. All the initiates responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge now on entertaining visitors at the banquet table. All the visitors replied. Bro. Babcock, Rochester, U.S.A., said that he and Bro. Morley had lately arrived on Great Britain's shores, and the reception they had met with that evening was quite in keeping with the hospitality they had received all the way through their trip. They had enjoyed it immensely and were delighted with their reception by the Craft. It was not unexpected, for we were all brethren when we met, whether in America or Great Britain. As they had had extended to them the hand of hospitality that evening, if they had an opportunity of reciprocating it they would do so with interest. Bro. John Morey, proprietor *Daily Union and Advertiser*, Rochester, New York, said he could heartily endorse the observations of Bro. Babcock. He did not think it was ever the fortune of two gentlemen coming so great a distance to receive a kinder reception or more hearty welcome than they had since they arrived on the shores of the fatherland. They came here in a certain sense as children of this great and glorious commonwealth, believing that the same blood that flowed in the English brethren's veins ran in theirs. They came here believing that the English brethren lived under the rule of a glorious Queen, one unequalled, he believed, on the face of the earth, and he might say as an American that that idea ran through and permeated the blood of every true, honest American. He had not risen to make a speech, but he might be allowed to say that Masonry was one of the best institutions on earth. The W.M., who performed his duties as Bro. Harty had, was an honour to the Craft. Masonry, to a very large extent, was good as it was worked well. Its charities were good; and it was based upon faith and charity. It had been well said that faith was everything, and it certainly went a great way. But charity extended beyond the realms of eternity. Charity was everything. We must extend in the home of the individuals to the orphan, the fatherly hand. This was done on the other side of the Atlantic, and the American Masons believed that the English Masons did it too. It was universal; it extended all over the world, the hand of the honest and true Mason was extended to the widow and to the orphan. He would give a little experience of his own, though it might not be pertinent to this meeting. When he and Bro. Babcock left America, one gentleman, who was a perfect stranger to them, placed in their charge his young and beautiful daughter, who was going to Frankfort-on-the-Maine to be educated. As he had said they were perfect strangers to him, but he knew them to be Masons. He placed that child in their hands, and they saw her safe on the English shores, and they left her at the depot safely ticketed for Frankfort-on-the-Maine as they would their own daughter (cheers). Now that was the feeling that should actuate every Mason. Bro. Morley concluded by thanking the W.M. and brethren for their great hospitality. Bro. Watts responded for "The P.M.'s," and Bro. Manders for "The Officers," shortly after which the brethren separated. Some excellent singing was given during the evening by Bros. Watts and Kips. Bro. Higgs presided at the pianoforte.

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday the 11th inst., and was well attended. The W.M., Bro. Hervey Hammond, presided, and amongst others present were, Bros. T. W. Canell, S.W.; C. Fountain, J.W.; Past Masters, M. S. Larham, James Stevens, S. H. Wagstaff, G. H. Newham Bridges, and W. J. Messenger, Sec.; Harser, Nevill, Woolwich, Golding, Hildreth, Cranch, Edmonstone, Hale, Yonge, Hutchins, Carpenter, Henton, J. J. Curtis, Foster, Scholey, Yongman, Eldridge, H. Bridges, Rugg, &c., and visitor Bro. T. Spiller, of the Domestic Lodge, 177. Business was not heavy, consisting only of the raising of Bro. Scholey to the Third Degree, but several matters relating to notices of motions were dismissed. Amongst these were a proposal to present the late Secretary, Bro. J. J. Curtis, with a testimonial of thanks for past earnest services, and which



met with unanimous approval; a proposal to grant Bro. Grant (Tyler), a retiring pension during life, and in recognition of his faithful discharge of his duty during ten years; and a proposition by Bro. Edmiston for a vote in aid of the Indian Famine Fund. In reference to this latter proposal considerable difficulty arose, for whilst the members of the lodge were in full accord, and desirous of voting twenty guineas towards that laudable object, it was shown that the vote could not be legally made, and the money paid over until after the expiration of four months, the ensuing meetings being appointed for December and February, and the usual routine of notice of motion, the vote, and confirmation being required. Much regret was expressed that such delay in dealing with the lodge funds, for the purpose named, should exist, but the position was accepted, and recourse was then had to the Charity Fund of the lodge, in respect of which no such law controlled the wishes of the brethren. It was, therefore, unanimously voted that the sum of ten guineas should be at once paid to the Famine Fund from that source, and that notice of motion should be given for a vote of the lodge for a further sum of ten guineas, should the necessities of the lamentable case further require aid. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the canteen, where a plain, but excellent repast, was provided, and a pleasant hour or two spent before separation.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—On Saturday evening the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, and Bro. John Seex, W.M., installed Bro. Richard Stanway as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. John Seex, I.P.M.; Freeman, S.W.; Blackie, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treasurer; Edward Moody, P.M., Secretary; Catchpool, S.D.; Hamer, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; W. H. Kibble, D.C.; Jenkins, Organist; W. H. Hook, Steward; R. Hooker, Steward; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.D. Chaplain; and W. Steedman, T. A handsome P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. John Seex, after which the lodge was closed; and the brethren to the number of about seventy, adjourned to a most liberal banquet. The visitors present were Bros. C. W. Noehmer, P.M. 186; J. C. Mason, W.M. 1540; W. H. Green, 403; J. R. Williams, 766; J. Painter, P.M. 749; W. L. Partridge, 1445; E. Crolich, P.M. 857; E. Harfield, P.M. 185; W. Medwin, 192; W. Worrell, P.M. 766; J. Hooper, 1515; A. Stone, 889; O. F. Heame, 977; C. J. Grose, P.M. 73; W. Mann, P.M. 186; F. Page, 1414; H. V. Clements, 754; T. W. C. Bush, 185; R. H. Williams, P.M. 1314; G. W. Saul, 1201; O. A. W. Carter, 1216; G. W. Evans, 1632; G. Cordwell, P.M. 3; R. N. Field, P.M. 902; J. Clarkson, P.M. 1457; J. F. Peller, 1329; T. Eastgald, 1563; W. Reid, 55; A. Farey, 1287; J. Walker, W.M. 27; C. T. Nunn, W.M. 889; J. H. Outhwaite, 1187; J. Crossland, 1687; T. P. Staley, 1216; E. W. Candy, 890; B. C. Bathman, 156; J. B. Glenn, 1491; J. Baron, 1287; C. J. Perceval, 1607; H. Massey, P.M. 619; (Freemason) and I. Poore, P.M. 720. The brethren after the banquet had been disposed of, collected ten guineas for the *Freemason* Indian Famine Fund. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In giving "The Prince of Wales," he said the Freemasons of England were particularly fortunate in possessing the Prince of Wales for G.M., who had all those qualifications of birth, education, and position which were desirable in the head of a great body. In giving "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c., he remarked that all the brethren who were privileged to attend Grand Lodge were aware of the quiet, dignified manner in which the Pro Grand Master occupied the chair. He had proved the wisdom of the Prince of Wales in selecting him for that office. The W.M. introduced the subject of the Indian Famine to the brethren's notice, and it was after his appeal that the collection above named was made. Bro. Headon also pleaded the cause of suffering humanity, and urged that the present was a very distressing case. Bro. Seex having proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Stanway replied, and said that this was the most difficult part of his duty. It was a very easy matter to say "I return to you my very sincere thanks for what you have been pleased to do," but it would be a difficult matter for him to express himself in words sufficiently strong to assure the brethren of what his real feelings were. The position in which he was placed as Master of The Great City Lodge was one that he had worked up to from the other offices of the Lodge to which previous W.M.'s had been kind enough to promote him. He had worked up with all the zeal and earnestness of which he was capable, and as far as his health, strength and ability were concerned, the same amount of zeal, earnestness and assiduity would be brought to bear upon the performance of the duties of the chair which he had now the honour to occupy. The I.P.M. had been kind enough to allude to the dignity and character of this lodge, which it had maintained through the exertions of the previous Masters. It certainly had a great character for work and hospitality, a character which he thought was not second to any lodge in Freemasonry. Now, this character did not depend alone on the Master for the time being. With 120 members, of what avail would the exertions of the Master be if they set up their voices against his? If the brethren were desirous for the welfare of the Great City Lodge, they must support the Master, not only in the lodge ceremonies, which embraced some of the finest sentences in our language, but his endeavours to make the banquet agreeable. The business of that evening had been conducted admirably, (he did not mean as far as he himself was concerned), but by other members of the lodge; and it had been a source of great delight to him to perceive the great order which had prevailed. He was very much pleased to see it, and he would say with the greatest confidence that the brethren that evening had thoroughly maintained the character of the lodge they took so deep an interest in. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," 46 of whom were present. He said that if there had been

146, the brethren would have given them the same hearty welcome. The Great City Lodge was not noted for doing much in banquets, but when it did give a banquet it gave a banquet; and when it saved its money, it saved its money. It did, in fact, nothing by halves. Whenever they got visitors in their lodge they gave them all they had. In lodge they gave them as good a ceremony as they could witness; and at banquet they provided them with the best—whatever they could. When they had not the money they did not involve themselves. The toast of "The Visitors" was one which he felt himself incapable of dealing with thoroughly; therefore he should be very brief, and simply ask the brethren to drink the toast with the greatest cordiality. Bro. W. Mann, P.M. 186, responded, and observed that though many out of the numerous visitors present could return thanks for this toast much more eloquently than he could, there was no one who could speak to it with greater sincerity than he when acknowledging the splendid hospitality with which the visitors had been entertained. He might inform the brethren that he was present at the consecration of the lodge, and his name appeared on the petition for the warrant. He therefore could say with truth that ever since the consecration, five or six years ago, the visitors to The Great City Lodge had been treated magnificently. The work in the lodge had been magnificent; all the officers were up to their work, and everything had been done to support the lustre of The Great City Lodge. The Great City Lodge had a great name. It had made wonderful progress, and it was known all over the country. He was proud to be among them once more, and to return thanks for "The Visitors." He trusted the lodge would go on and prosper as it had hitherto. This evening's proceedings added another feather to its cap, the brethren having contributed another mite towards the great fund for the relief of distress in India. The Craft had come out very well in this matter. Grand Lodge had contributed a large sum; and private lodges had followed the example. The Great City Lodge would now figure in the list, and he had no doubt it would be an incentive to other lodges to contribute something as well. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Seex," and paid a high and well deserved compliment to that brother for the excellence of all his work. His occupation of the chair during the year had well supported the character of the lodge. The way in which a W.M. presided was the keynote to the brethren. It was a position which required great dignity, and the way in which it was fulfilled made an impression on the brethren for good or ill. Bro. Seex's conduct in the chair would long be remembered by the brethren with admiration, and the way in which he had performed the installation was a fitting conclusion to his successful year of office. The W.M. then presented Bro. Seex with a handsome P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Seex in reply, after thanking the W.M. for his encomiums and the brethren for the jewel, said it was one thing to be a W.M. and another thing to satisfy every member of the lodge. There were certain duties which were imperative to a W.M., and if for the sake of conciliating any one member of a lodge a W.M. diverted from the certain, direct straight line of duty he would be sure to come to grief. With a full knowledge of this he entered upon the duties of the chair, and fully made up his mind that he would carry out his duties as best he could to the honour of Masonry and The Great City Lodge. After the expiration of his year of office such an enthusiastic reception he had received justified him in the belief that the brethren approved of what he had done. But he must thank the officers of the lodge who had so nobly supported him. A W.M. however efficient and cognisant of his duties was helpless without good officers; but he had been ably assisted, and he now tendered his best thanks to the officers for their able performance of their duties during his year of office. Bro. James Stevens made a short reply for the "P.M.'s," and expressed his great satisfaction at the bright position taken by The Great City Lodge, of which he was the first W.M. Bro. Headon replied for "The Treasurer," and Bro. E. Moody for "The Secretary," and after "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," and "Tyler," had been given a special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bertram, under whose directions Bros. Kenningham, Thornton, Thurley, Beale, and H. Frost, and Messrs. W. Frost and Thomas Harper had performed a splendid selection of music.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE.**—(No 1524).—A lodge of emergency was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. J. B. Shackleton, W.M.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Secretary; T. C. Chapman, P.M., Treasurer; Brand, J.D.; Meyer, I.G.; Brasted, and Dignam, Stewards; Young, Organist; also Bros. Polak, Stevenson, A. Ferrar, Brame, C. Olley, A. Olley, Hollingsworth, Norman, Beensen, Moon, Watkins, G. Ferrar, Davies, E. Dietrich, and O. Dietrich. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was present, also Bro. E. Somers, P.M. 1602; March, 1326; and Harris, S.D. 1158, visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Hollingsworth was passed to the Second Degree. Ballot was then taken for seven candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in their favour, and Messrs. Loeffler, Dexter, Beasley, Bell, and Bigg being in attendance, were then regularly admitted into Freemasonry. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Buss, A.G. Secretary, returned thanks for the Grand Officers, the initiates responded in appropriate terms, and Bros. Somers and Marsh replied for the visitors.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).**—The anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, and was numerously attended. Bro. Cackett, W.M., presided, and all the officers were present in their proper places. There were several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. G. W.

Wilks, 707; Catling, 144; Larham, P.M. 1216; Bisson, 471; Tobbs, 1425; C. B. Wright, 1319; W. H. Crichton, 1641; Martin, 868; Trenn, 935; Kingston, 1249; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*), &c. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Dann, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last lodge, which were unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and received. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and Bro. T. Sleep, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Larham to receive at the hands of Bro. Cackett, the outgoing Master, the benefit of installation. The customary formalities having been gone through, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed Bro. Sleep was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren, under the directorship of Bro. Dann, the usual salutes were given by the brethren in the different degrees, after which Bro. Dann delivered addresses to the W. Masters, Wardens, and brethren in a manner which elicited general approbation. Some other formal proceedings having been gone through, the W. Master proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year and the manner in which that was done gave the highest satisfaction to all, but more particularly to the older members of Freemasonry. Instead of confining himself to a few common-place words usually employed, he departed from that beaten track and gave each one a thorough and complete explanation of the duties he would have to perform. There were certain parts of these addresses over which as Masons a veil must necessarily be drawn, but there were some parts of them which might advantageously be generally adopted, and with no such restraint. In addressing his newly appointed Treasurer, Bro. Cape, he said, "I trust your regard for the fraternity will prompt you to the faithful discharge of your duties. The cross keys are an emblem of science and secrecy. While the metal key is to preserve the treasures of the lodge, the symbolic key is an emblem of the tongue, whose eloquence should be used to instruct the hearts of the brethren and cause them to dispense their treasures in the cause of charity. By the symbolic key also you are taught to preserve a tongue of good report, and in case you should hear a brother slanderously spoken of you are to defend and vindicate his character, but if unfortunately, that cannot be done with strict honour and propriety you are to preserve that excellent Masonic virtue—silence." Addressing Bro. Dann, P.M., on his re-appointment as Secretary, he said, "our good intentions to Freemasonry in general, and to this lodge in particular, I am sure will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office, as by so doing you will merit the esteem and appreciation of your brethren. The cross pens are an emblem of silent admonition that the pen should not be used in the cause of oppression, but the fluid should flow freely from it to defend a brother's character when assailed, and be eloquent in the cause of the destitute and oppressed. In investing Bro. Cackett as Immediate Past Master he said, I have very much pleasure in investing you with the jewel of Immediate Past Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558. It is an office which it is not in the power of the Worshipful Master to bestow, being yours by right, as having faithfully performed your duty in the Craft. Your jewel is that of the 47th problem of the first book of Euclid. As this figure depends upon several lines, angles, and triangles, which form the whole, so Freemasonry depends upon its several members and the principles upon which the society is established. Some of our brethren, from their station in life, standing as they do on the bases of earthly bliss, are emblematical of the great angle which subtends the right angle. Others blessed with ample means to tread the flowery meads of prosperity and opulence are descriptive of the squares which stand on the sides. Those brethren who enjoy every social comfort and never exceed the bonds of mediocrity symbolise the triangle within the squares, and those who have the satisfaction of administering to the wants of the urgent and industrious may be compared to the triangle which surrounds the figure, whilst the lines which form it may remind us of those brethren who are incapable of providing the necessities of life unless aided by cheerful and ready assistance. These several addresses were greeted with hearty cheering. The following is a complete list of the newly appointed officers:—Bros. Mitchell, S.W.; Runacres, J.W.; Chalk, S.D.; Boyton, J.D.; Dann, P.M., Secretary; Cape, Treasurer; Power, I.G.; Taylor, D.C.; Poutres, W.S. The W. Master said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Cackett with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren on his retirement from the chair, and he wished him long life to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, to Bro. Cackett, on retiring from the chair, Oct. 11, 1877." Bro. Cackett, I.P.M., returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The newly installed W.M. immediately commenced upon the duties of his office, and most ably initiated two gentlemen into the Order. Bro. J. Dixon proposed that a jewel of the value of five guineas should be presented to Bro. W. Dann, Secretary, for the valuable services to the lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Scott, supported by Bro. Cackett, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was well served. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Cackett, I.P.M., proposed the health of Bro. Sleep, W.M., and alluded to the excellent specimen the brethren had seen of his working. The W. Master returned thanks for the kind manner in which the brethren had drank his health, and made the pleasing an-



nouncement that during his year of office he would never trouble the brethren with long speeches, but should rely upon his officers to rally round him, so as to render the lodge, if not the largest, one of the most prosperous in the Craft. "The Past Masters" was next given, for which Bros. Cackett and Dann sincerely returned thanks. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," for which Bro. Larham, P.M. 1316, returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure he had experienced in seeing the W. Master so ably install his officers; indeed, in so able a manner as was seldom witnessed in any lodge, and he felt sure that he would have a successful year of office. "The Press" was next given, for which Bro. H. Thompson responded, and remarked upon the great benefits which frequently resulted to mankind from its agency. It was the most powerful engine in the state, and it was but rare indeed, that the power it possessed was abused. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was a happy one throughout, a number of the brethren filling up the intervals between the toasts with some choice ballads, which were highly applauded. The brethren separated at about eleven o'clock, in the true spirit of Freemasonry.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE.**—(No. 1306.)—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Gun Hotel, Wapping, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Present: William Power, W.M.; Bros. Rae, S.W.; Coleman, J.W.; Hayward, J.D.; Tyer, I.G.; Longstaff, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then raised to Third Degree, and Bro. Frayley was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. Present: Bros. Pallet, Cox, McDougal, J. W. Coleman, Hartman, and several others.

**KENNINGTON LODGE** (No. 1381).—The first meeting of the season of this prosperous lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; H. Reeves, S.W.; T. Walls, P.G.O. Middx., J.W.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Marsden, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie, Asst. Org.; G. Everett, P.M. Domestic, I.P.M.; and Past Masters Warren, Koch, Stuart (Secretary), Drysdale, and Pope. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the bye-laws were read, and the ballot taken for Bro. Timewell as a joining member, and which proved unanimous. The W.M. stated that since the last meeting of the lodge, in April last, they had lost one of their oldest members, namely, Bro. Sirgood, whose genial and other qualities had endeared him to every member of the lodge, and that he (the W.M.) had upon behalf of the "Kennington," forwarded a letter of condolence to Mrs. Sirgood and family upon their heavy bereavement. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. W. Mann, P.M., gave notice of motion for the next meeting—that a Royal Arch Chapter should be founded in connection with No. 1381. The visitors were Bros. Vickins, W.M. 164, P.M. 1329; Downie, 186; Davison, 733; B. Cooper and Taylor, 1441; Burrows and Rayner, 1305; Cox, 1314; and Kohler, 1585. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Everett said that he considered the subject to be a very pleasing one. Bro. Higgin's whole heart and soul was in the work of Masonry, and he also had the interests of the lodge in sound keeping. He was pleased to see so large and happy a gathering assembled there on the first night after this long recess, which pleasant state of things he hoped would continue to the end of the season. In conclusion, he stated that although the W.M. had had no "work" to do that evening, yet he wished to assure their visitors that no brother was better qualified to carry out the Masonic ceremonies than Bro. Higgins. The W.M. in reply, briefly thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the hearty way that they had received it. His year of office had commenced well, and he believed it would end well, and he felt pleased that so many members and friends had attended that night, and by their genial faces and manner had so enhanced the success of the proceedings. "The Visitors" followed, and it was acknowledged at length by Bros. Vockins and Burrows. In introducing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. took the occasion to remark that the toast embraced not only the actual brethren who had passed the chair of the Kennington, but also those members who had gained past rank in other lodges, and who had rendered very great assistance to the lodge in many ways. This toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Everett, Mann, and Koch responded on behalf of the former, and Bro. W. Pope for the latter. "The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers" followed quickly, and were briefly responded to. During the evening instrumental and other selections were given by Bros. Honeywell, Walls, and Sleight.

**MIZPAH LODGE** (No. 1671).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday last, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; D. R. Still, S.W.; W. W. Medcalf, J.W.; J. J. Avery, Treas.; H. G. Buss, Sec.; J. Bergmann, S.D.; F. Morgan, W.S. 1572, acting J.D.; R. A. Morgan, acting I.G.; G. Coppard, D. Wright, C. Sissons, H. H. Wells, W. Klotgen, J. H. Wiles, H. Warden, P. Alpetter, R. Nelson, G. Lewis, H. Shaw, Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. W. S. Whittaker, W.M. 1572; A. Brookman, 1657; C. W. Thompson, W.M. 1601; J. L. Jones, W.M. 1670; Hyde Pullen, I.G.S.B.; C. Sopsett, W.M. elect, 1547; J. Kimpston, 1601; C. Atkins, P.M. 27; W. H. Allen, 619; J. Chaney, 180. The minutes of the regular meeting, held April 14th, were read and confirmed. The minutes of the lodge of emergency, held June 2nd, and September 29th, were read and confirmed. Bros. Alpetter, Nelson, and Warden were passed to the Second Degree. Mr. John Bedford Tidmarsh, having been unanimously elected,

was initiated according to ancient custom; two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to a well served banquet, provided by Bro. Jennings, who has made the Albion so famous. The usual toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., replied for the Grand Officers; Bros. Whittaker, W.M. 1572; Thompson, W.M. 1601; and J. L. Jones, W.M. 1670, replied for the Visitors. "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec. The W.M. made an appeal to the brethren present on behalf of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, resulting in the collection of £5, which was handed to the Treasurer to be forwarded to the Lord Mayor. The remaining toasts having been given, the brethren departed at the early hour of 8 o'clock. This is a speciality (early hours) with the Mizpah Lodge. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the good singing of Bros. Avery, Whittaker, Medcalf, Morgan, Warden, Bergmann, and Alpetter, Bro. Bergmann presiding at the piano-forte very efficiently.

**THE CRUSADERS LODGE.**—(No. 1677).—The first regular meeting of this new lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, Bro. Jarvis Maples, W.M., presiding, assisted by his officers, Simmonds, S.W.; Dr. Hunter, J.W.; Thomas Goode, S.D.; Frederick Rothschild, S.D.; Dr. D. Fries, Secretary; Samuel Rushton, Organist; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the following brethren having shown their efficiency, were duly passed: W. J. Goode, Frederick Goode, Alfred Goode, Thomas Taylor, James J. Stockall, S. Rushton, Beetham, Jackson, William F. Garrod, and Moorhouse. The lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when the following gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity:—Messrs. Ulric J. Upton, W. H. Jackson, and William W. Chandler. The working, rather exhaustive, was done in a masterly manner, and great credit is due to the Master and officers of the lodge for the efficiency. A handsome carved oak chair was presented to the lodge by the above nine brethren just passed, and by Bro. Thomas M. K. Gilbert. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed for the gift. Bro. Calderwood also presented the lodge with a rare old Crusaders' seal, of some value, and a similar compliment was paid to him by the lodge. The lodge closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, prepared by the host, Bro. Gay, in his usual liberal style. The cloth removed, the usual Masonic toasts were observed. Bro. T. Bell replying for the visitors. Some capital singing by Bros. Rushton, Jackson, Millward, and Rothschild brought a happy evening to a close.

**BATH.**—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The first regular meeting of this ancient lodge since the recess was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Oct. 4th, Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair; Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M.; Reeves, P.M., P.Z., &c., kindly officiating at the organ; Ashley, P.M., Treas., and acting as Chaplain, George Falkner, S.W.; Chas. Wilkinson, J.W.; P. Brahan, Sec.; Gummer, S.D.; William Hunt, J.D.; Capt. Robinson and Jacob Smith, Sewards; C. W. Radway, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; Bro. T. Moutrie, P.M., &c., acting as Dir. of Ceremonies. The lodge being duly formed and opened at 7.35, the minutes of the lodge of emergency, held on Sept. 13th, and of the last regular lodge, were duly confirmed. After some minor lodge business the candidate for initiation, Mr. W. B. Gregory, was duly admitted and initiated—the working tools were presented by the S.W., the charge being given by Bro. Ashley—after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. R. Mann was passed to the degree of F.C. in due form, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. and Bro. Ashley, P.M., &c., the working tools being again presented by the S.W. The lodge was then closed down to First Degree, and several letters from absent brethren on ordinary subjects were read. Bro. Ashley, P.M., put a motion on the notice paper that in future all officers taking collars should pay a small fee to the lodge, it being the custom in other lodges. The grant of ten guineas to the Indian Famine Fund was duly confirmed by unanimous vote. A new candidate Mr. T. Wilton, jun., well known to the brethren, son of an old P.M. of this lodge, was proposed by Bro. Thos. Ames. —also a proposal for the purchase and use of gauntlets for the W.M. and Wardens was carried unanimously. A question as to inviting Grand Lodge of Somerset to Bath was mooted for further consideration. Members present, Bros. Major Preston, P.M., &c., Baldwin, Davies, Holmes, Rubie, P.M., &c., Peach, Mercer, Stiles, Ames, Clark, P.M., Murlis, and Brewer. Visitors: Bro. Edwards, W.M. Royal Sussex, and others. The brethren all missed the familiar face and impressive tones of Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c., who is absent in Warwickshire. An arrangement was made for a Lodge of Instruction to be held on the third Thursday in each month. After some discussions on minor importance the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 9.50.

**WINDSOR.**—Etonian Lodge of St. John, (No. 209).—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday the 2nd inst. The W.M., Bro. C. D. Hume, P.G.S., presided, supported by Bros. Roberts, P.G.S., S.W.; Schiemann, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; J. O. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; Dick Radclyffe, S.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Organist; Evans, Steward; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; McIlwham, P.M.; Hopwood, P.M.; Denne, P.M.; Bryett, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Reid, P.M. There was a large muster of members and visitors, amongst the latter were Bros. Kelly, of 1293, P.P.G. Treas. Middlesex; Cole, 742; Gillard, 657; Nash, P.M. 865; Lyon, J.W. 865; F. H. Johnson, 903; Bingham, P.M. 771; J. Johnson, 771; Ford, 771. The chief duties of the evening were initiating Mr. H. Perks and raising Bro. Crawshaw, both

ceremonies were most ably performed by the W.M. to the great satisfaction of the brethren present. One candidate for initiation and two as joining members were proposed. The Secretary announced that the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart, M.P., had appointed Bro. the Venerable Arthur Percival Percy-Cust, Archdeacon of Buckingham, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The sum of five guineas was voted to the testimonial, now being raised in the Province, to be presented to Bro. Biggs, P. Prov. Grand Secretary. After some further business had been transacted the lodge was closed in due form.

**HOLYHEAD.**—St. Cybi Lodge (No. 597).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Monday, the 8th of October, for the purpose of forming a procession to attend the funeral of their late Brother, Capt. Robert Williams, of the Liverpool Arms Hotel. In the absence of the W.M., the lodge was opened by P.M., Bro. John Peters, P.P.G.S.W. The following brethren were also present, P.M. William Lewis, M.P.; J. P. Griffiths, S.W.; R. J. Edwards, J.W.; W. P. Elliott, Organist; Parry, I.G.; Jones, Tyler; W. Williams, H. T. Barber, Dr. O. T. Williams, Jas. Wells, Owen Edwards, Thos. Crispin, Wm. J. C. Riva, Wm. Ankers, O. Hughes, W. Roberts, Capt. John Owen, John Hughes, E. Jones, J. D. Joling, &c. The remains were carried from the church gates into the church, and thence to the grave by the P.M.'s and officers of the lodge, after paying this last tribute of respect to their departed brother, the brethren again formed a procession, and returned to their lodge room.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude.—(No. 281).—This lodge held its meeting on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The W.M., (Bro. R. Taylor), presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. John W. Simpson having given proficiency as an Entered Apprentice was entrusted and retired, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Simpson was then re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. Phyzackerley having answered the requisite interrogatories was entrusted and retired, when the lodge was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Phyzackerley was re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the working being well gone through by Bro. John Hatch, W.M. and Secretary. The lodge was then closed down, and the usual proclamations having been made, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**YARBOROUGH LODGE** (No. 554).—The reunion of the brethren of this lodge took place on Thursday sennight, at that noted old East End Hostelry the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, where for the past twenty years the requirements of the fraternity have ever been cheerfully studied and well-met by Bro. Host Walters. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. W. Allen, and he was ably supported by Bros. H. Cotter, S.W., and F. Taylor, J.W., whilst the responsibilities of the junior positions were well sustained by Bros. E. Walters, S.D.; W. Cross, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; and Levermore, W.S. Amongst the Past Masters were Bros. Berry, Wymes, Stevens, Mosley, Hood, and Hamilton, and a goodly array of visitors, including Bros. Lavrit, 1185; Allen, Dawson, and Snelling, 1174. A numerous assemblage of the brethren attended to greet the W.M. on his return to office, and the never failing salutary effect that the efficient delivery of the ceremony of raising a brother to the degree of M.M., has upon the minds of all worthy brothers in the Craft, was peculiarly noticeable on this occasion, while the rendering of the ritual lost little of its force in the hands of the W.M. and his subordinates. The business of the evening was unfortunately of a painful and prolonged character, mainly arising from the necessities of those who sought in affliction that relief they were themselves unable to obtain, and the question arose, in argument, whether it would not be in such instances better to refer and determine the relative merits of either unknown supplicant, than to rashly relieve or unkindly deny. A member of the Board of Benevolence took exception to any unrepresented case being at all entertained, and remarked how misdirected were the influences oftentimes exerted that caused Masonic charity to flow into channels whence the itinerant Mason oftentimes benefited; and exemplified this idea by a retrospect of the working of the Board of Benevolence whilst he had been privileged to sit at the same, where, in several instances the promptings of the heart outweighed the dictates of prudence, and rather than refuse any, aid was given without sufficient enquiry and discrimination. The opinion prevailed that if such lack of discernment were found at the Board the interests of lodges through their representatives were but ill cared for, if it be possible for the undeserving to prey with success, continually on funds placed at the Board's disposal for the relief only of the too many who are unfortunately reduced to the distressing condition of worthy penury. Bis dat qui cito dat, but be careful lest in rashly distributing bounty nothing remains when the really necessitous apply in their need, for that aid which blest charity so mercifully furnishes. These respective applications having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, and after the usual loyal toasts had been drunk, Bro. P.M. Jno. Stevens in responding for the charities, remarked that Bro. T. Taylor, who would represent the lodge as Steward at the ensuing festival for the Masonic Institutions, already had upon his list an amount exceeding £60, and that the efforts of the Secretaries of the respective Institutions resulted last year in the accumulation of an amount approaching £40,000. The Tyler's toast was given at ten o'clock, and a generally satisfactory evening terminated.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. T. Jackson, W.M., presiding. There was not a large attendance.



Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E. gave a short lecture on "The Ethics of Freemasonry," which was listened to with much interest by the members present. At the close, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Moore. The usual proclamation having been made, the lodge was closed in due form.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Plaisted's fine Hall adjoining the "Sir Robert Peel," Anglesea Hill, and was well attended by the brethren and visitors of the district. Bro. G. Spinks, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Weston, I.P.M.; H. Picken, S.W.; — Show, J.W.; T. Pownall, P.M. and P.G. S.W. Kent, Secretary; I. McCaffery, S.D.; W. Hollyman, I.G.; H. Harding, Organist; J. Lakland, O.G.; Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.S.W. Kent, and Bro. Pryce, 913, who are honorary members of the lodge, were also present. Among the visitors were J. E. Randall, P.S.D. 1089; A. Jessop, Treas. 913; D. Capon, 913; W. G. Batchelor, 548; L. J. Russell, 160; G. Hand, 215; W. Menzies, 1531; H. Dana, 1531; W. Keen, 1604; J. Harper, 1604; T. Hassell, 13; G. Fraser, 700; H. Carty, 913; E. Spinks, 158; E. Tappenden 781; W. Wray, 700; A. Upperton, 913; and C. Jolly, (Freemason), 913. The business before the lodge consisted of the ballot for of Sergt. James Steedman, of the Royal Engineers, and after approval that gentleman was initiated into Masonry. Bro. J. P. Earle was then raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being most impressively rendered by the W.M., who was as well ably assisted by his officers. The W.M.'s report of the proceedings of Prov. Grand Charity Committee was then received with much satisfaction, and it was then proposed and unanimously carried that the sum of five guineas be subscribed towards the testimonial to Bro. the Rev. A. Hill, Prov. G. Chaplin, Kent, and that the W.M. Bro. Spinks, be appointed as a delegate from that lodge to serve upon the Committee formed for the purpose of carrying out the presentation. Bro. Powall, then in most eloquent terms made an appeal on behalf of the widow of a military brother (not a member of the lodge) who was in most adverse circumstances, and the W.M. kindly promised the proceeds of that evening's charity box, which, by-the-by, amounted on the first round to £1 12s., but one of the brethren humorously suggested that now all the silver was in, it might be as well to try for the copper, and the sum was ultimately made up to £2 2s. Before closing the lodge the W.M. called the initiate to the pedestal, and recited the E.A. charge in rare style. The lodge was then duly closed and the brethren took tea of refreshments, honouring the usual loyal Masonic toast as gallant soldiers and true Masons should do. Bro. Coupland briefly returned thanks to the Grand Officers Past and Present observing, that at the present time his light was obscured by the greater brilliancy of Bro. Powall, who had just taken Provincial honours. They would have been pleased had they heard the P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale, compliment their distinguished brother when he was invested with the collar of his office at Erith (cheers). It was an honour to have as a member of the lodge so excellent a man and Mason among them (loud cheers). Bro. Weston in proposing the health of the W.M., said he had shown all the tact and resource of a skilled general in leading his little army, not in the field of battle, but in the search after the hidden mysteries of natural science (applause). Dr. Spinks, in reply, trusted that he should always carry out the duties of his high position in such a manner as to merit their confidence and deserve their esteem (applause). After the health of the initiate had been proposed and responded to, "The Visitors" received a very flattering reception at the hands of the W.M., who said they, as military men, were very liable to be called away at the blast of the bugle to serve their country, to do duty either at home or abroad, and it was a most gratifying reflection for them, both here and when away, to know that between them and all other lodges around them the utmost good feeling prevailed. (Applause.) He looked upon this as the toast of the evening, and one that always was, and he hoped ever would be, highly honoured in the United Military Lodge. No matter what lodge they visited, they were sure to meet military brethren there, and when he saw the many smiling faces around him, and gathered from that that there existed a true bond of good feeling amongst them, he hoped long to see it prevail, for in it was the surest foundation of all good and worthy Masonry. (Loud cheers.) He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Jessop, of the Pattison Lodge, and Bros. Batchelor, Wray, Hassell, Cobb, and Menzies, who severally returned thanks. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Weston replied, saying that it would ever be the task of the P.M.'s to promote brotherly love, peace, and harmony in the lodge, as well as earnestly assist any aspiring brother in his upward course. "The Officers" followed, and Bros. McCaffery and Welding replied; and after a "God speed" had been given to Bro. Stevens, who is about proceeding to India with his battery, and a feeling reply from that brother, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).**

—This lodge, which is now twelve months old, held its first anniversary meeting at the Ealing Institute, Ealing, on Saturday last, Bro. A. Beasley, the first W.M., presiding. This lodge is a bright example of what may be effected in a short space of time by a combination of energy, concord, and skill; and it is a great pleasure to visit a lodge where the machinery is in such perfect working order that the thought at once forces itself on the mind of the visitor that here is a lodge where everyone concerned has caught the true spirit of Masonic association, as each one contributes his quota of work with that precision and ease which so enhances the beauty of the ceremonies, and

proves that these are not merely gala day Masons, but that they must have a good lodge of instruction amongst themselves, where each may help the other to become perfect in those duties which they have undertaken. The greatest praise is due to the W.M., Bro. Beasley, the Secretary, Bro. J. Chambers, Roe, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, to Bro. T. Brown, acting I.P.M. and Treasurer, and, indeed, to all concerned, for the hearty co-operation in bringing a lodge, now only a year old, to its present successful state. The lodge numbers now about forty-three subscribing members, and has initiated eighteen candidates during the first year. There has also been formed in connection with it a lodge of instruction, by the aid of which the working of the lodge has been rendered as perfect as we remember to have seen in any lodge. They have also instituted that most admirable feature in a lodge—a benevolent fund, upon a sure and well defined basis. During the first year they had an income of over £200, which has been well and economically managed, so that after paying for every item of outlay, and contributing to at least one of the Masonic Charities, they commenced their new year with a very handsome balance in hand. All who know Bro. Beasley know well what an excellent worker he is; and we are not surprised that the brethren should have re-elected him to the Master's chair for the ensuing year; for there can be no doubt that a far deeper impression is produced upon a candidate when the Master is not only perfect but also successful in conveying the spirit of the words to the candidate's mind. With such a Master presiding the members of the lodge can bring forward their friends as candidates with the full conviction that the favourable conviction pre-conceived of the institution will not be lowered by the manner in which the ceremonies are worked. On Saturday the business before the lodge was very heavy. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last ordinary lodge meeting, a d. of a lodge of emergency, Bro. T. C. Jenkin was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who afterwards passed Bro. Mung to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. then left the chair, which was taken by Bro. T. Kingston, P.M., S.W., by whom Bro. Jones was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Kingston then vacated the chair, which was thereupon occupied by Bro. Roe, P.M., Secretary, who conferred the Second Degree on Bro. Clarke. At the conclusion of this ceremony the W.M. returned to the lodge, and resuming the chair, performed the ceremony of passing for Bro. Etienne. Thus four initiates were passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot was taken for the following candidates: Mr. Richard Henry Day, proposed by Bro. Kasner, J.W., seconded by Bro. Fernee; Mr. William Nye, proposed by Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Beasley, W.M.; and Mr. George Samuel Wright, proposed by Bro. Kasner, J.W., seconded by Bro. Tucker. The ballot having been successful, the candidates were ordered to be prepared, and while the preparation was in progress, the report of the Audit Committee was read, and was of a most satisfactory nature, and it concluded with an encomium upon the admirable manner in which the books had been kept and the business of the lodge conducted by Bro. Roe, the Secretary, and a recommendation by the Audit Committee that Bro. Roe's services should be recognised by a vote of thanks to be entered in the minutes of the lodge. This recommendation was adopted in the heartiest manner, and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded, a compliment that was acknowledged by Bro. Roe in a few appropriate words. The above mentioned candidates were then initiated by the W.M., each being brought in separately and the ceremony separately worked for each, in order that it might lose none of its impressiveness. As we have already stated Bro. Beasley has been elected W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year; and therefore after the investiture of the candidates, the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Beasley vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Roe as Installing Master, whereupon Bro. Kingston, S.W., presented the W.M. Elect, who, having given his assent to the ancient landmarks of the Order, which were read by Bro. Burr as acting Assistant Secretary, was duly obligated, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, to whom he was presented, and afterwards installed into the chair of K.S. It is needless to say that the ceremony lost none of its impressiveness through being worked by Bro. Roe, by whom the orations were admirably delivered. The officers for the year are Bros. Kasner, S.W.; Burr, J.W.; J. Green, S.D.; W. J. Compton, J.D.; Tucker, I.G.; Dyer, D.C.; Bourne, Assistant D.C.; Delavante, Organist; Browne, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. J. Chambers, Roe, P.M., Secretary; and Harrison, Tyler. The heavy labours of the evening being thus concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Browne's Hotel, where about fifty sat down to an excellent banquet, to which they did ample justice. Among the visitors were Bro. E. F. Foot, 1260; R. E. Hanners, 771; J. Hamblinton, 1319; J. Fowlings, 780; Harry Barnes, 780; S. S. Phillips, 173; W. Gardner, 780; E. N. Watts, 194; Morgan, 1385; W. Gutteridge, 1305; B. E. Blasby, 780; C. S. Cottleton, 780; T. Prendergast, 563; G. W. Lay, 569; Geo. Wills, 780; G. C. Sparrow, 192; Righten, 23; and Massey, 1297, (Freemason). On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M.; on account of the lateness of the hour the speeches in reference to those toasts were made as brief as possible. On the conclusion of these toasts, acting I.P.M., Bro. Kingston, rose and said:—Brethren, the gavel being in my hand you know the toast that I am about to propose to you, namely our W.M., and I am sure you all coincide with me in congratulating him on being able to preside over us again. I need not say one word upon his excellencies as a Master; in the lodge or out of the lodge you all know we could not have a better to preside over us. Brethren I give "The Health

of our W.M." Bro. Beasley in reply said, brethren, I lose no time in responding to the toast which has been so kindly proposed by Bro. Kingston and so cordially responded to. I think Bro. Kingston says I am to be congratulated on being able to preside here this night. Since I presided here last I have gone through a serious—nay, a dangerous illness; but the great Architect of the Universe has thought fit to spare me, and I am able to preside here to night over the West Middlesex Lodge. Brethren, I thank you very much for the compliment you have paid me. The W.M. concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Kingston, acting I.P.M., Bro. Browne, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Roe, P.M. and Secretary, and Installing Master, all of whom responded. Bro. Beasley in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said that it did not often fall to a Master's lot to propose the health of seven newly made brethren at one time; that however was his present position. They had with them four brethren who had taken their Second Degree that evening, whose health he had now to propose for the first time, because the lodge did not have a banquet when they were initiated, they had also the three initiates who had just been admitted into Masonry. These were very young Masons, whose experience was of a most limited character, but he hoped that what they had seen might lead them to effect great things in the future. Several other toasts were also drunk, including the "Visitors," and the "Officers of the lodge." These having been responded to the W.M. proposed "Success to the Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Massey, of the *Freemason*, who in replying acknowledged the flattering terms in which Bro. Beasley had referred to the paper he represented, and the manner in which pressmen's services were appreciated in the Craft.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 79).**—After a few years' sojourn at Bro. C. Wall's, the Prince of Orange, London-street, Greenwich, this well-known Lodge has removed to new quarters, at the Puritan Hotel, in the same street. The occasion of the removal was seized by the brethren to have the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation rehearsed, and in the person of Bro. Jas. Terry, the courteous Secretary of the R.M.B.I., they were fortunate in obtaining an efficient expounder of those two beautiful ceremonies. On the 10th inst. nearly 80 brethren assembled at the new quarters to take part in the double event. With his proverbial punctuality Bro. Terry ascended the throne at 7 o'clock, and appointed as his officers, Bros. Dr. Goring, as S.W.; C. Nash, P.M. 79; J.W. Macdonald, P.M. 1158; D.C.; Andrews, P.M. 871; I.G.; and Roberts, P.M. 79, as P.M. After the preliminary business had been observed, Bro. Terry delivered a forcible oration on Freemasonry in general and the constitution of a lodge in particular, and then in an unusually impressive manner duly consecrated and dedicated the lodge according to ancient custom. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. J. Shaw, I.P.M. 79 and Prec. of the Lodge of Instruction, was presented by the D.C. and regularly installed by Bro. Terry into the chair of K.S. Having been proclaimed and saluted, the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. Gooding S.W., Nash, J.W.; R. Bonney, Treas. Roberts, Sec.; Gibson, S.D.; Partridge, J.D.; Andrews, I.G.; and Macdonald, D.C. The delivery of the charges to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren with Bro. Terry's well known force and eloquence, terminated the business proper. A complimentary vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Terry for his kindness in officiating as Consecrating Officer, which that worthy brother suitably acknowledged. A large number of the visiting brethren having joined, the lodge was closed and adjourned to the ensuing Wednesday evening. Great credit is due to Bros. Roberts, Sec.; Shaw, Prec. of the Lodge; Macdonald, D.C.; Andrews, I.G.; through whose skilful arrangements the proceedings were carried through without the slightest confusion, notwithstanding the crowded state of the room. The musical arrangements were to have been under the direction of Bro. Kippis, P.G.O. Kent, but domestic affliction preventing his attendance. His place was ably filled (although at very short notice) by Bro. G. Dowsett. After the lodge was closed the brethren partook of a cold collation, which was served by their new host Bro. G. Bonney in a manner that called forth the encomiums of all present. Altogether the proceedings of the evening were eminently successful, and the 10th October, 1877, will long be remembered by those present as a red letter day.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524),** held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston E., on Wednesday, 17th inst. Present: Bros. Brasted, W.M.; Maples, S.W.; Dignam, J.W.; C. Larkin, S.D.; Delafons, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Fieldrouk, Prec. of the Lodge, E. Dietrich, Sec., and Bros. Marsh, G. Ferrar, Poole, Pollack, E. George, Watkins, R. Olley, Lee, Loeffler, Norman, and others. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Marsh answered the usual questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, when Bro. Marsh was raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in his usual correct and impressive manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Lee worked the Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Loeffler and Norman became joining members. Bro. Maples was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

#### Royal Arch.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 78).**—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, October 11th, at the Bridge House Hotel. There were present Comps. J. W. Baldwin, M.E.Z.; J. Mason, H.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z. as J. Apologies were received from absent candidates. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Comp.



Edward Harris, P.Z., who died on the 10th inst. The chapter was then closed. Louis Becklate, 176, was present as a visitor.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—The first convocation of this old chapter since the recess was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 9th instant. There were present Comps. Elsam, M.E.Z.; Wagner, H.; Robinson, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Mander, S.N.; Walls, P.S.; Stewart, Second Assistant; Holbrook, P.Z.; Loewenstark, P.Z.; Harfield, P.Z., Treasurer; Whitley and Bentley, Janitors. The minutes of the April convocation having been read and confirmed, two propositions were taken and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Comp. Leah, late of 185 was a visitor. The preliminary toasts having been satisfactorily disposed of "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in fitting terms by Comp. Loewenstark, and having been duly honoured was acknowledged by the First Principal, who stated that he was pleased that notwithstanding their long recess no calamity had befallen any of the members of the old Jerusalem. He felt honoured at occupying that position more especially, and he hoped that they would pardon his egotism—as he had filled all the intermediate offices with the exception of one, and believed he had given every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties to the present time. "The Health of the Visitor" followed, and was responded to by Comp. Leah. In proposing "The Second and Third Principals" the M.E.Z. in the course of his remarks said that both Comps. Wagner and Robinson who held those positions were excellent students of the science of Royal Arch Masonry, and that when their time came to occupy the First Principal's Chair that they would be thoroughly conversant with every detail of its duties. The companions thus honoured in their reply expressed the great interest that they took in the progress of the "Sublime Degree," and that they were determined to spare no efforts to render No. 185 equal to any chapter in the Metropolitan area. As the hour was getting advanced the remaining toasts were given quickly and briefly. They were "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribes," and "The P. Soj. and Assistant." Companion Loewenstark replied for the former, and Comps. Harfield, Mander, and Walls for the two latter. During the evening the companions were entertained by Comps. Mander, Leah, Robinson, Walls, and others.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 17th inst. There were present: Comps. Copestick, Z.; Birdseye, H.; Roberts, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; Fellows, S.E.; Phythian, P.S.; Hooton, 1st A.S.; Storr, 2nd A.S.; Child, E. Jones, Chambers, Lorkin, Medwin, Potter, Muggeridge, Kent, Cann, Arkell, Wilson, and Brand. The visitors were Comps. Dr. Pottle, 1056; D. W. Pearce, Camell, 1216. The minutes having been confirmed, Comp. E. Benard was exalted, and the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Birdseye, Z.; Chapman, H.; Hooton, J.; Storr, P.S.; Phythian, S.N.; Fellows, S.E.; Gilbert, J.; Potter and Medwin, Auditors; Harrison, Janitor. The business over, the companions adjourned to the banquet.

### Mark Masonry.

**ERA LODGE (No. 176).**—This Mark lodge met on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. Rev. Holden, W.M., in an able manner advanced Bro. G. W. Baldwin, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 1423, &c., into Mark Masonry. The W.M. was supported by his officers, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.G.D. Middlesex, P.G.I.G., Sec.; F. Horton, J.W.; R. P. Tebb, and several others. Bro. J. Hammond was present as a visitor.

### SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

The half-yearly meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, was held on Tuesday, 9th October, at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, Lieut.-Grand Comdr., 33°, and G. Deacon of England, presided in the absence of M.P. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Sov. Grand Comdr., 33°, and Deputy Grand Master of England, caused by the serious illness of Lady Skelmersdale. There were also present Ill. Bros. Major-General Henry Clerk, F.R.S., G. Treasurer-General, 33°; Robert Hamilton, M.D., M.A., Grand Chaplain, 33°, District Grand Master of Jamaica; J. M. Pulteney Montagu, D.L., Grand Chancellor, 33°, P.D.P.G. Master of Dorset; Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Adair, S.G.I.G., 33°, P.P.G.M. of Somerset; H. D. Sandeman, S.G.I.G., 33°, P. District G.M. of Bengal; Henry C. Vernon, P. Lieut. G. Comdr., 33°; and Major Shadwell Henry Clerke, R.B.G., G. Secty.-General, 33°, P.D.G.M. of Devon, and Great Sub.-Prior of England. A letter was read from M.P. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Sov. Grand Comdr., 33°, stating his great regret at being prevented from attending by the serious illness of Lady Skelmersdale.

A circular was read which had been issued to all the Chapters, &c., expressing the loss of the Council by the death of M.P. Bro. Charles John Vigne, J.P., P. Sov. Grand Commander, 33°, who had been connected with the A. and A. Rite for nearly a quarter of a century.

The Grand Treasurer General, Ill. Bro. General Clerk, R.A., 33°, submitted the accounts as audited to 30th June, 1877, showing a balance in favour of the Supreme Council of £1191 1s. 10d., and property valued at £11,739 2s. 9d. The following donations were voted:

One hundred pounds to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, Mansion House.

Fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Fifty pounds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

These three latter amounts to be placed on the lists of those brethren representing the Friends-in-Council Lodge, 1383, as Stewards.

Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, 32°, was appointed and invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the vacancy caused by the death of the much-esteemed and lamented Bro. Henry Dubosc, 32°.

The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, 33°, met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 10th October, for the purpose of conferring degrees on those brethren elected and approved.

Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, Lieut. G. Canada, 33°, and P.M.P. Sov. Grand Comdr. presided, and amongst those present were:—Ill. Bros. Major General Clerk, R.A.; Robert Hamilton, M.A., M.D.; Major Shadwell Clerke, R.B.G.; Henry C. Vernon, J. M. P. Montagu, D.L. &c.; Lieut. Colonel Adair, M.A., J.P., and H. D. Sandeman, of the Supreme Council, 33°; Major George Barlow, D.I.G.; Samuel Rawson, D.I.G.; Charles Fendelow, D.I.G.; C. J. Banister, D.I.G.; General Doherty, C.B., D.I.G.; R. W. H. Giddy, D.I.G.; Raphael Costa, D.I.G.; Andrew Hay, D.I.G.; Lieut. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., and W. Hyde Pullen, 33°. Ill. Bros. Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Major Molineux, Rev. C. R. Davy, Charles Horsley, Col. T. Birchall, Thomas Jowitt, David Ross, McCord (of Canada), Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, George Lambert, and Lieut. Colonel Somerville Burney, 32°. Ill. Bros. Henry Murray, Hugh H. Riach, R. de M. Lawson, Frank Richardson, James Keene, H. C. Leander, Magnus Ohren, H. R. Cooper Smith, Rev. F. G. Beaumont, Thomas Trollope, M.D.; and Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 31°, W. Bros. John Boyd, Captain Compton, Edward Grisbrook, Rev. Fred King, Captain F. Turner, Walter Spencer, Major F. I. Ricardo, Seaxer, E. B. Webb, C. Edwin Willing, C. H. Driver, William Russell, J. F. Hoffgaard, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Alfred Richards, Robert Stewart, Mark Batt Tauner, M.D., Chevalier C. E. Habicht, E. Ashworth, John Adams, Acton, Thomas Cubitt, Edmund R. Tynims, J. J. Hooper, Wilkins, Daniel Nicols, Rudolph G. Glover, S. S. Partridge, George Higgins, John Gibb Smith, Peter Royle, M.D., Rev. J. Studholme, Brownrigg, S. G. Kirchoffer, Sir Charles J. Bright, John Wood, &c., 30°.

The 33rd Degree was conferred on Ill. Bro. Lieutenant General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.

The 32nd Degree was conferred on Ill. Bros. Lieutenant Col. Augustus H. King, R.A.; George Lambert, and Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney.

The 31st Degree was conferred on Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, the Rev. J. G. Beaumont, M.F.; H. R. Cooper Smith, M.A.; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A.; and Thomas Trollope, M.D.

Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P.; Charles Hammetton, Major J. R. Pearson, R.A.; and Henry Seebohm, were prevented from attending for the 31st Degree.

The 30th Degree was conferred on Ill. Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright, Alfred Richards, Daniel Nicols, George Higgins, Johannes F. Hoffgaard, Peter Royle, M.D.; John Gibb Smith, John Wood, Samuel Steads Partridge, Samuel Gerard Kirchoffer, B.A.; Rev. Thomas William Lemon, M.A.; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Mark Batt Tanner, M.D.; and Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg. Bros. W. Webb, Lord Henry F. Thynne, M.P.; Edmund Ashworth jun.; Thomas Rose, Rev. Albert L. Willett, B.A.; Captain John W. dsworth, Samuel Spratley, M.D.; Thomas Entwistle, Charles D. Turton, Surgeon-Major James, L. Notter, M.D.; Frederick Davidson, William George Harrison, Q.C.; Thomas F. Dallin, M.A.; St. Clair F. Hood, and Captain Henry S. Andrews, who had been elected to the 30th Degree, were prevented by various causes from attending on this occasion.

A vote of thanks was given by acclamation to Ill. Bro. Major General H. Clerk, Grand Treasurer General, 33°, for the very able and careful manner in which he rendered the ceremonies, and also for the great care with which he has managed the accounts of the Council.

A vote of welcome expressing the pleasure afforded to the Council by the presence of brethren hailing from sister jurisdictions was unanimously voted to Ill. Bro. Daniel Ross McCord, 32°, of Canada, who returned thanks for the same in eloquent terms.

### MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR WATKIN WILLIAMS WYNN.

A meeting of the Grand Officers of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire has been held at Oswestry, to consider what form the commemoration of the R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin's reign of a quarter of a century over the province, should take place, when it was resolved that the P.G.M. should be presented with an illuminated address, congratulating him on the event, and that a Life Presentation to the Boys' Masonic School should be purchased to be called "The Sir Watkin Presentation." It was also agreed that the Worshipful Masters of each lodge in the province should be requested to solicit subscriptions towards this object both from individual members from their lodge funds.

From the illustrated history of the Williams Wynn family, called Wynnstay and the Wynns, we learn that "In 1852 Sir Watkin received the distinguished appointment he holds at the present time, that of Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire. The Grand Lodge warrant appointing 'our well-beloved Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, in the county of Denbigh, baronet; Representative in Parliament for the county of Denbigh; Lieut.-Col. Commandant of the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry Cavalry, and Steward of Her Majesty's Manorial Courts in Denbighshire—Provincial Grand Master for North Wales with the county of Salop added,' is dated January 13, 1852, and is signed 'Zetland, G.M.; Yarborough, D.G.M.; William H. White, G.S.' The ceremony of installation took place at Shrewsbury on the 9th of March, 1852, when Bro. the Right Honorable Lord Combermere, the hero of

Bhurtpore, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master for Cheshire, who had taken great interest in Sir Watkin's Masonic movements, was specially deputed by the Grand Master of England, Lord Zetland, to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. White, Grand Junior Deacon of England, attended with the warrant of appointment, and the direction of the ceremonies devolved upon Bro. Griffiths, G.S. of the Cheshire Province, at Lord Combermere's request. The Rev. Canon Bowles, D.P.G.M. for Herefordshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and amongst the brethren who assisted were Lord Dungannon, Sir Andrew V. Corbett, the Rev. J. Osmond Dakeyne, one of the Grand Chaplains of England, &c. Sir Watkin was introduced and presented by Bro. Colonel Burton, C.B., Grand Master for the Province of Bengal.—*Oswestry Advertiser.*

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At a dinner, given in connection with this Institution, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening, Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, in responding to the toast of "The Institution," which was proposed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., referred to the enlargement of the school, which was now in progress, and expressed the hope that in the course of two or three years it would accommodate from 220 to 230 boys. The strong support which the Institution had received from the Craft in general, and from the provinces and London in particular, justified the Committee in giving greater accommodation, and thereby meeting the growing demands of the Craft. With reference to the success of the School, as an educational establishment, it had met with general approval. While the intellectual culture of the children was carefully studied, their physical training was not neglected, and whenever they had entered the lists in bodily or mental tests, they had, as a rule, come out victorious. In their recent cricket match with the pupils of the Grocers' School, at the Alexandra Palace, they scored more than 200 to their opponents' 24, and similar success attended them in football and other matches. With regard to their scholastic acquirements, the large number of successful competitors at the Cambridge Local Examinations was sufficient evidence that their intellectual cultivation was not neglected. A small section of the Craft had taken exception to the cost of the education given by the Institution; but he was happy to say that the general body saw nothing excessive in it; and even if it was a trifle above the cost of the education given at other Institutions (and it was really only a trifle), the results were comparatively so much greater, that this alone was ample justification for incurring the extra expense.

### CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

[The following appears in the *Times* of Thursday.] "Falmouth, Oct. 17.—The Olga, steamer, arrived at 9 p.m. The Cleopatra was abandoned on Sunday night, in lat. 44° 53' N., long 7° 52' W., in a gale from the S.W. (force 7 to 8). The second mate and five hands were lost in endeavouring to save the Cleopatra."

Captain Carter, of the Cleopatra, telegraphs to us from Falmouth the same sad news:—

"The Cleopatra was thrown upon her beam-ends during a heavy gale in the Bay of Biscay, on Sunday night. The ballast broke adrift and the vessel was abandoned on Monday morning, in a hopeless condition, I fear. A boat's crew of six poor men, who came to our assistance from the Olga, have perished. The crew of the Cleopatra are all saved."

Another telegram sent to us from Falmouth says:— "On Sunday night, during the terrible gale from the south-west, the Cleopatra was thrown on her beam-ends. The ballast broke adrift, and all efforts to save her were fruitless. The second mate of the Olga and five men attempted to get alongside the Cleopatra to rescue her crew, but their boat was swamped, and they were all lost."

We also have an earlier telegram from Mr. John Dixon, C.E., dated from the signal station at the Lizard Point. The Olga was then (at 6:30 p.m.) steaming slowly past the Lizard, but nothing was to be seen astern, and it was thought that the Cleopatra might be lashed alongside. We now know that this surmise was unhappily incorrect. Yesterday we reported that Mr. Dixon had such faith in the buoyancy of the Cleopatra, that, even in the event of her breaking adrift, or of the Olga being obliged to cast her off, he thought that she "would but drift slowly and safely to seaward, to be picked up again by the Olga when the weather cleared." Captain Carter, as will be gathered from his telegram, does not share this opinion, and fears that the recovery of the Cleopatra and the obelisk is hopeless.

The strike on the branches of the Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland has terminated. The discontented men returned to work on Monday.

A meeting has been held in Dundee, at which it was resolved to start a subscription for the erection of a statue of Burns in that town.

### THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

The Queen and Court are at Balmoral.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has brought his two sons to Clarence House.

The Duke of Connaught has been confined to the house at Lord Rossmore's.

The Duke of Cambridge has continued his inspections. His Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, and her Royal Highness the Princess Mary Adelaide (Duchess) arrived at White-lodge, Richmond-park, on Saturday, from Brussels.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

A Congress of Librarians might do some good across the Atlantic, where in the classified index of one library Aristophanes' "Frogs" has been placed under the head of "Reptiles."

Two Birds of Paradise, from New Guinea, are now in the Paris Jardin d'Acclimation, the first living specimens ever brought to France. These birds are very rarely secured alive, as they are specially shy and difficult to approach.

A fresh Arctic Expedition will be undertaken by Sir Allen Young in the "Pandora" next spring. He will probably try the Spitzbergen route, as Smith's Sound has been now so fully explored. Anent Arctic research, Professor Nordenskiöld has decided on his route through the Polar regions next year. The Professor will leave Sweden in July, hoping to reach Nova Zembla in the beginning of August and the Yenisei shortly afterwards, will thence round the most northern point of Asia, called Tscheljuskin, and will arrive in Behring's Straits about the end of September. He will then skirt China and India, and return home by the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean. The Swedish expedition will sail in a specially constructed steamer provisioned for two years, and will consist of a crew of twenty-two men, with a doctor and scientific staff.

A beautiful white Alabaster Pietà has been unearthed at the Parish Church of Breadsall, near Derby, now being restored. The Pietà apparently belongs to the fifteenth century, and is probably of continental workmanship, while it is supposed to have been hidden away from the Puritans. It is about two feet six inches high, and bears traces of colouring and gilding, but unfortunately in the excavation the sculpture was slightly injured, part of the face of the Christ and the head and hands of the Virgin being damaged. The Pietà is, however, to be restored, and placed in the church.

A new Government Filter has been invented which will reduce strong tea and infusions of logwood to clear tasteless water. Major Crease is the inventor, and the filter was shown at the recent *soirée* at Guy's Hospital.

Railway travelling in France is decidedly safer than in our own country, to judge from recent statistics. Thus between the years 1872-5 only one person was killed out of every 41,258,270 travellers on the French lines, and one person injured in 1,024,360, while during the same period in England one traveller was killed in 12,000,000 and one injured of every 336,000.

Mdme. Christine Nilsson left England on Wednesday to fulfil a three months' engagement at Moscow and St. Petersburg. On Monday she sang in one of Mr. Kube's grand concerts at Brighton.—Madme. Adeline Patti has been staying in London, pending the series of concerts for which she is engaged in the "provinces." From England she goes to Milan, and, it is rumoured, will pass the winter in Italy.—Mdme. Annetta Eschhoff, the charming Russian pianist, is taking a holiday at Venice, and intends paying us a visit, either in the winter of this year or the spring of the next; so that, what with Rubinstein, Bülow, &c., we shall have enough to do with foreign pianistic virtuosi for a good time to come.

The Famous German Tragedian, Devrient, has died at Frankfurt.

"Hamlet" has been translated into Portuguese by the King of Portugal, who, however, publishes his work anonymously. The translation is said to be very well done.

Despite announcements to the contrary, Mr. Delane, whose health we are glad to say is greatly improved, is still acting as editor of the *Times*. He will continue to do so till he can devolve his authority upon a successor who has been prepared by him to exercise it.—*Athenæum*.

The *Academy* states that Messrs. C. Kegan Paul and Co. have purchased the publishing business of Messrs. Henry S. King and Co., of 65 Cornhill, and 1, Paternoster-square. The new firm will carry on business at the latter address, Messrs. King's Bank and Indian Agency remaining in Cornhill.

St. Margaret's Westminster.—"A very interesting fact has come to light which corroborates Stow's statement that the great chancel of St. Margaret's was built by the Abbots of Westminster." Upon the string which crosses the east wall the well-known rebus of Abbot Islip has been found. He was elected on October 27, 1500, and died on May 11, 1532. The churchwardens' accounts for the years 1496-1502 mention purchase of rag-stone, Caen stone, Ryegate stone, and free-stone, and also payments to masons, carpenters, and joiners. Sir Thomas Billing (Lord Chief Justice) and his wife built the south aisle, and it was the place of the lady's interment on March 14, 1499. At the second bay from the east in this aisle, the lower door of the staircase and the doorway which opened to a rood loft, stretching from one wall to the other, are still visible. In the north aisle there is a square sepulchral recess, with traces of figures of angels in distemper colour, and the indentations of two small brasses. The image of St. Margaret has been found decapitated and broken in pieces; the robes were painted red and green and covered with a beautiful gold pattern of conventional foliage. There is a notice of gilding her cross-staff in 1515. Some Jacobean texts remain on the east wall, and two apertures for light on either side of the place of the high altar. This noble and, indeed, national church, 130ft. long and 65ft. in breadth, deserves, and will repay, the cost which may be expended on its restoration.

Messrs. Remington have just issued a small volume of poetry bearing the felicitous title of "Pictures in Verse," the matter, however, to be in keeping, should be exceptionally good, for though the title be happy it is ambitious, and is suggestive of no common powers of description.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

We learn that overtures have been made to Bro. W. Smaile, of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, with a view of his becoming Preceptor to the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction. In the event of Bro. Smaile accepting the office, which we confidently expect he will, his election will take place on Monday next, when we have no doubt a large number of brethren will attend to support so eminent an instructor. Bros. C. Hogg, and J. E. Shand will be certain to be again elected respectively, Treasurer and Secretary. The lodge meets at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, and will open at 6 o'clock p.m. We shall give a report of the meeting in our next.

MASONIC LIBERALITY.—At the last ordinary meeting of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, Bro. D. S. Davies, W.M., in the chair, a sum of £20 was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge in aid of the noble national effort to relieve the every-day necessities of our perishing fellow creatures in India. This gift is all the more creditable to the "Harmonic," as it is not so very long ago that votes amounting to upwards of £100 were made by the brethren in aid of our own noble Masonic charities.

KILBURN LODGE No. 1608.—The Installation meeting of this lodge will take place on Monday next at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn. Lodge will be opened at half-past 3 precisely. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Mr. Thom, whose name was well-known in connection with a previous publication, is about to bring out another, entitled "The County and Borough Magistrates' List and Official Register," which will comprise all Justices of the Peace for every County and Borough in England and Wales, with their Professional and Business Avocations, and the appointments and Offices they hold in each different county or borough; also, all the County and Borough Officials (Legal and Civil), and a complete Parliamentary Directory—about twenty thousand names in all. The publishers are to be Messrs. Butterworth, of London, Her Majesty's Law Publishers.—*The Athenæum*.

The consecration of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, took place on Friday, the 19th inst, Bro. J. Tickle, P.M. 1196, was installed W.M., and Bros. C. E. Hawksley and A. F. Roberts were invested S.W. and J.W. A full report will be given in our next.

The place of meeting of the St. James's Lodge of Instruction has been changed from the New Tanners' Arms, Grange-road, Bermondsey, to the Gregorian Arms, 96, Jamaica-road, where it will meet in future on Friday evenings.

The 15 sections will be worked in the Tredgar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, held at Bro. A. Yates, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on the second Monday in November (12th proximo). The W.M. on that occasion will be Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., P.Z., &c.

We are desired to state that the 15 sections will be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, meeting at No. 113, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday next, the 27th inst.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS.—The County Palatine of Lancaster Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday the 22nd inst., at half-past two o'clock. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., will preside. At the conclusion of the business there will be a banquet, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale in the chair.

MANCHESTER.—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at 47, Bridge-st., Manchester, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

We learn that a marriage is arranged between the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, (Bro. Sir Thomas White) and Miss Florence Simpson.

The Members of the Masonic Foot Ball Club play their next match this day (Saturday), with the St. Phillips Rovers at Battersea Park, an account of which we shall give next week.

LIVERPOOL AND THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—The contribution from Liverpool to the Indian Famine Relief Fund now amount to the magnificent sum of £30,000.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—*Advt.*

ERRATUM.—In the report of the Consecration of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, "Crampton," J.D., was erroneously printed "Frampton."

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*Advt.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—At the changes of seasons many persons feel oppressed without knowing why they are so; they are aware something within them is wrong, though they cannot detect the defective organ. A few doses of these powerfully purifying and eminently cooling pills will restore regularity to every part of the system, will cast out all impurities lurking in the frame, and will thoroughly expel the last traces of disorder, however hidden the disease may be, however obscure its cause. With Holloway's medicine relief is insured without risk; erroneous action is rectified without disturbing natural regularity, and health is reinstated, and with it the cheerful feelings which unmistakably tell the recent invalid that all within is right again.—*Advt.*

The consecration or re-consecration of the Hartismere Lodge took place on Wednesday last. The ceremony was performed by Lord Skelmersdale, R.W., Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Lord Donoughmore, P.S.G.W., and Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. Lord Henniker was installed first W.M. A full report will appear in our next.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The brethren who have experienced so much difficulty in procuring the *Freemason* in this distant colony, will be pleased to learn that owing to arrangements made with Messrs. T. J. Jones and Son, "The Four Masonic Publications" may now be obtained at their offices, No. 339, George street, Sydney, on the arrival of the mail.

LIVERPOOL.—In answer to the numerous letters that the publisher has received from brethren in Liverpool, we beg to state that the *Freemason* is to be obtained in Liverpool on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Office, 2, Monument-place; at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street; and at the Landing Stage.

Lord and Lady Donoughmore have left Milford Lake, Highclere for town.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon is entertaining, at his seat, Highclere Castle, near Newbury, a circle of visitors, including Lord Lyons, the Right Hon. George Selater-Booth, M.P., and Mrs. Booth, Mr. Robert Herbert, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jekyll, &c.

A Special Performance of Handel's "Messiah," in support of the Indian Famine Fund, is announced to take place on the 29th inst., at the Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor, Mr. Watney, M.P., Mr. Morgan Howard, Q.C., Sir J. Lawrence, M.P., and other gentlemen of influence.

Bro. P. L. Simmonds has been requested by the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition to prepare for the British and French catalogues introductions to all the classes, showing the progress of the nation in arts, industry, and manufactures, in the ten years since the last Paris Exhibition.—*City Press*.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—For the convenience of families residing a distance from town, Bro. Henry Neville announces a morning performance of Mr. Wilkie Collins's new drama, "The Moonstone," for Saturday week the 27th inst.

The annual banquet of the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction, No. 79 will be held at the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, on Wednesday, 24th October, when Bro. J. R. Dussee, P.M. 79, will preside.

On Tuesday the subject of the return, for the third time, of Sir John Bennett as Alderman for the Ward of Cheap, was taken into consideration at a meeting of the Court of Aldermen, held in the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor in the chair. After great discussion the recorder read the resolutions to which the Court had come after considering the matter. The Court held to its former opinion—that Sir John Bennett was and still continued to be not a fit and proper person for the office, and determined to adjourn for a week, and then to take into consideration the election of a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy. Upon leaving the court Sir John Bennett was loudly cheered.

We are informed that the Lord Mayor of London, accompanied by the Sheriffs, will pay a visit to Brighton, as the guest of the Mayor of Brighton, and that early next week there will be a public reception of General Grant, who will be entertained at a banquet in the Pavilion by the Mayor, Corporation, and inhabitants of the borough.

It was agreed at a special meeting of the Glasgow Corporation, on Thursday, that the freedom of the city should be conferred on Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Hartington R.W.G.M., Derbyshire, on his visit to Scotland next month.

ABBOTT TESTIMONIAL FUND.—At the meeting of the Executive Committee of this fund, held at the Cannon-st. Hotel, it was unanimously resolved that the fund be finally closed on Saturday, December 1st. To those of our readers who recognised the efficient services, uniform courtesy, and marked attention of Bro. George Abbott, during the many years he discharged his duties as station master of the Cannon-street Terminus; we commend this notice, and ask all intending contributors to forward, at their earliest convenience, the amount they desire to subscribe to Messrs. Glynn, Mills, and Co., 67, Lombard-street, E.C. The list of contributions has already reached the sum of £300.

The following reports unavoidably stand over: Amherst Lodge, 1223; Era Lodge, 1423; Lodge of Truth, 1458; Francis Burdett Lodge, 1503; Metropolitan Lodge, 1507; Morecambe Lodge, 1561; Carnarvon Lodge, 1572; Ecclestone Lodge, 1624; Beaconsfield Lodge, 1662; Industry Chapter, 186; Fidelity Chapter, 248; William de la More Encampment.

Now binding, will be ready on the 24th inst., post free, 2s. 1d. The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar Diary and Pocket Book for 1878. It contains lists of Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, Conclaves and Grand Councils, with the names of Officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and all parts of the World. Single copies ordered by letter may be paid for by stamps; orders for more than one to be accompanied by Post Office Order, payable at the Chief Office, London. Address Publisher, 198, Fleet Street, London. (*Advt.*)

## SAFETY OF CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

(LLOYD'S TELEGRAM.)

FERROL, Oct. 18.

The Fitzmaurice, steamer, from Middlesburg for Valencia, fell in with and recovered at sea the Cleopatra's Needle, 90 miles north of Ferrol.



## Reviews.

"The New Shakesperian Dictionary of Quotations." By G. SOMERS BELLAMY. Charing Cross Publishing Company.

As Mr. Bellamy very modestly puts it, in his preface, "There is no work more laborious than the compiler's, and none less appreciated," but, nevertheless, in this careful "labour of love," dedicated, by the way, to the Lord Chief Justice, we discern a great measure of utility, and good. It is curious, and amusing to note, how often we quote Shakespeare, (pardon my old spelling), without knowing it, and how many oft repeated "saws," and familiar utterances are literally children of the "Bard of Avon."

Mr. Bellamy, in our opinion, deserves the thanks of all who admire "Honest Will," and of all friends of civilizing sympathies for his very well conceived and admirably executed work. It is quite true that there have been many books of "Shakesperian Quotations;" nay, we believe there is a Concordance of Shakespeare, (a misuse altogether of the word), and as for "Beauties of Shakespeare" and selections of Shakespeare, natural or expurgated, they are also many—too many to remember. We should perhaps, be led to suppose, therefore, that Shakespeare is more read than ever, but we are not quite prepared to concede this fact, qua a fact. Indeed, it is averred by some that Shakespeare, though often talked about, and ingeniously quoted, is less read, like another and better Book, than of old, and that many who appear to be well versed in his "high philosophies" and "gracious conceits," seldom study him carefully, and know little about him truly and spiritually. Be this as it may, and there is, we are inclined to think, some truth in the allegation, we hold Mr. Bellamy's book to be a useful "vade mecum" and "guide book" for the Shakesperian student. For all may avail themselves of the gems of thought he indicates and all may appropriately use the illustrative quotations he has so laboriously collected and collated. The divine, the judge, the lawyer, the student, the merchant, the Freemason may find apt "quips" and suitable quotations in numberless passages of his writings, which seem to be like his genius, "for all time."

We feel sure that in commending Mr. Bellamy's most useful and valuable work to the attention of the educated and intelligent of our great brotherhood we are performing a duty for which they will thank us, we are offering them a most valuable "index," (not "expurgatorius," we beg to observe), to the abounding wealth of Shakesperian thought and the results of Shakesperian wisdom.

We may add that in the work there are no less than 4000 quotations.

"A Connection between the Templars and the Freemasons of the City of York."

We have received and studied with much interest a Paper read before the Members of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, September 11th, 1877, by E. Sir Knt. J. B. Whitehead, E.P., with this heading, and though we cannot conscientiously agree with the views of the writer, yet as they are so ably put forward and so moderately expressed, that we deem the little work worthy of something more than a mere passing perusal. Sir Knt. Whitehead seems to assume as his "petitio principii" that the modern Masonic or non-Masonic Knights Templar are the lineal and actual descendants of the famous chivalry of the Temple, that they retain in some way or other, which "deponent doth not explain," the forms and secret usages of the actual Templars. But Bro. Whitehead, though he traces out quite correctly the history of the Northern English Templars to their absorption in the Northern Convents, under the auspices of Archbishop Greenfield, in 1311, yet can carry historically the annals of the Order no further. His statement that in 1312 they were all relieved from their obligatory confinement is not confirmed by historical documents, as the accounts of the hospitaliers disclose pensions to Knights Templars in the north much later. The truth is that from 1312 to 1780—468 years—nothing more seems heard of the Templars in York. Then the G.S. of the Grand Lodge, who had become a Templar Mason, became a zealous advocate of the higher grades.

Bro. Whitehead can still see the draft in the York Archives of a proposed warrant for a Templar Chapter of "Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem," with all its erasures and interlineations, showing that up to that time no proper warrant had been issued. What is the evidence of Templar perpetuation during the 468 years? Practically nil. The Charter of Larmenius at Paris is clearly a forgery. The Scottish evidences of Templary under Jacobite leadership are of dubious authority, and there is not the slightest evidence accruing, or Addison would have produced it, that the Southern Templars, after their imprisonment and ill treatment, ever met again as such. Where Dunckerley obtained his Templary from is still a moot point, and he is the Southern reviver of it. The theory that the modern Templars have any historical connection with the old, is, in our opinion, an utter delusion. Every usage is modern, and utterly alien from the real customs of the true Templars. "Encampment" is a modern word, and no "Preceptory" of Templars was ever called after a person, but a place. The "locus in quo" where the Preceptory, was situated, as Bro. Whitehead well knows.

There is not in the Templar ritual any remains of "knightly archaisms," indeed it is notoriously most modern. The very adaptation of the power of granting knighthood, (which by the way does not seem to have been ever given by the Grand Master of the old Templars), is in itself an error. Knighthood can only be granted by the Crown for public services to the Crown or state, and the only exception we know

of is the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem, which knighthood used to be conferred by the Prior of the Franciscan Convent at Jerusalem. In a word, all such societies in England, are skilful adaptations of older and different societies, and nothing more. But when we write history we should seek to write history, authentic, matter of fact, and not colour it by prepossessions, however amiable ideal attributes, however innocuous.

## THE CITY COMPANIES.

On Wednesday week, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Masters of the various Guilds of the City of London at dinner in the Egyptian-hall of the Mansion-house. The Companies represented were, giving them in order of seniority—the Mercers, Drapers, Fishmongers, Goldsmiths, Skinners, Merchant Tailors, Haberdashers, Salters, Ironmongers, Vintners, Clothworkers, Leathersellers, Pewterers, Barbers, Cutlers, Bakers, Tallow Chandlers, Armourers and Braziers, Girdlers, Butchers, Saddlers, Carpenters, Cordwainers, Painters, Curriers, Masons, Plumbers, Innholders, Founders, Poulterers, Coopers, Cooks, Tilers and Bricklayers, Bowyers, Fletchers, Blacksmiths, Joiners, Weavers, Woolmen, Scriveners, Fruiterers, Plasterers, Stationers, Broderers, Upholders, Turners, Glaziers, Horners, Farriers, Apothecaries, Shipwrights, Clockmakers, Glovers, Feltmakers, Framework Knitters, Watermen, Carmen, Needle-makers, Tinplate-workers, Wheelwrights, Distillers, Glass-sellers, Coach-makers, Gunmakers, Wire-drawers, Playing Card Makers, and Fan-makers, each Master being accompanied by a lady. There were also present a large number of municipal dignitaries.

After dinner the Lord Mayor drank to his guests in a loving cup, which was passed round the board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the Lord Mayor proposed "The Houses of Lords and Commons," observing that perhaps at no time had there been a more critical period in the history of England than the present, and the two Houses of Legislature had spent many anxious hours in discussing questions fraught with momentous concern to our happiness and prosperity. Mr. Alderman Cotton, M.P., the senior member for the City, who met with a warm reception, remarked, in reply, that the Guilds somewhat resembled the Government of this country. Each had its Master, who was invested like a Sovereign, with limited power; each possessed Wardens or Ministers, a Court and Livery, answering to the two Houses of Parliament, and each had freemen, who were the great electoral body. These points of resemblance might account for the Conservative feeling which pervaded the whole of the Guilds of the City, and which would, he hoped, ever prevent any successful attack on them. The Lord Mayor next proposed "The Guilds of the City of London," and took occasion, first of all, to allude to the great help which those Guilds had rendered to him in his work of raising funds for the relief of the sufferers by the Indian Famine. He next referred to their great value as the means of affording education and to the great interest they took in technical studies, exemplified appropriately by the excellent exhibition of turnery now being held in the Mansion-house. He wished them every prosperity and a long continuance of their work and influence. Mr. Aston, the Master of the Mercers' Company, the oldest Guild in the City, replied very briefly, tendering to the Lord Mayor the warmest thanks of the Companies for the honour he had done them by entertaining them that evening, and expressing a wish that the friendship existing between the Corporation and the Guilds might continue as firm as hitherto. The Lord Mayor next gave "The Corporation of London," observing that it was important that none but men of character and position should become Aldermen or hold any public office within the City. This sentiment was loudly cheered, and Sir Robert Carden, who replied, taking up the subject, remarked that unlike country towns, where Aldermen had to be periodically re-elected or rejected, the Aldermen of London were chosen for life, and it therefore behoved the citizens, and especially those who had the power of veto, to see that none but fit and proper men, in every sense of the word, should be selected. The City magistrates, he added, were, as the public had seen, in earnest in their determination to discharge their duties in that respect. The Master of the Drapers' Company proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Lord Mayor's Health," which was warmly received. His Lordship returned thanks, and then gave "The Health of the Sheriffs," to which Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Staples replied. Mr. F. J. Bramwell, F.R.S., the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, proposed "The Health of the Lady Mayoress" (Mrs. Cecil Price), with which the entertainment came to a close. The company separated about half-past 10 o'clock. The dinner was served from the establishment of Messrs. Ring and Brymer. Mr. Taylor acted as toastmaster; and Mr. Gate's quadrille band from Brighton played during dinner a choice selection of music.

## TESTIMONIAL TO BROTHER CAPT. SEWELL, P.M. 21., P.G.S.B..

At the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday week, Bro. T. D. Sewell was presented with a testimonial, consisting of a purse of 100 guineas and a massive silver salver. The inscription on the piece of plate indicates the object of the testimonial. It is as follows:—"Presented to Captain T. Sewell, together with a purse of 100 guineas, by nearly 100 members of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, to record their personal appreciation of his valuable services as clerk of the Company, especially in connexion with the competitive exhibition of models and designs for improve-

ments in ship-building, 1877." There was a large attendance of gentlemen present, and thus the compliment to Bro. Sewell was enhanced. The Master (Mr. W. Broomham) presided. In making the presentation, Mr. Ex-Under-Sheriff Baxter made a very eloquent address, in which he succinctly and forcibly pointed out the reasons of the presentation.

Bro. Capt. Sewell replied as follows:—"Mr. ex-Under-Sheriff, Mr. Master, Mr. Warden Marshall, Lord John Manners, and Gentlemen,—I am at a loss for words to adequately acknowledge the very handsome gift which you have so generously presented to me to-day, but feel sure you will afford me a generous criticism whilst expressing my warmest thanks for this substantial token of good will, and your satisfaction at the manner in which I have humbly endeavoured to promote the interests of the worshipful Company of Shipwrights. Allow me to assure you, gentlemen, that such efforts as I have been able to make on behalf of the company, and more especially in promoting the success of the recent exhibition, have been to me a labour of love, and I have esteemed it a high privilege to have been associated with so many gentlemen of standing who have devoted their best energies to the work of organising and carrying through the details of the exhibition. Without such powerful aid any effort I may have made would have been almost thrown away. I must therefore be pardoned for congratulating the members of your court and of the able committee of practical shipwrights appointed from its midst, as also, the hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Sedgwick Woolley, upon the successful result of their labours, which has been to place the company in a foremost position amongst those guilds which have been of late reasserting their important influence upon their respective crafts, and by endeavouring to purify and elevate the taste of our artisans, and encouraging good workmanship and design, have made an important step towards the improvement of the manufactures and industries of this great commercial country. In the course of our mutual labours the foundations have, I trust, been laid of a lasting friendship with many gentlemen here present, and I regard it as a proud moment in my life to receive this public testimony of your approbation. This handsome salver I shall always hold amongst my most valued treasures, and it will ever recall to me the happy memory of this occasion, which I feel that I have but too faintly expressed in these few poor words. Allow me further, and in conclusion, gentlemen, to thank you individually for honouring me with your presence on this occasion, and to assure you that the recollection of your kindness will remain with me as long as I live.

## MASONIC FOOTBALL CLUB v. COWLEY HOUSE F.C.

The above clubs met for the first time this season on the ground of the home team, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., in weather decidedly warm for football. Cowley won the toss, and kicked off against the wind at 3 p.m., the ball however, was quickly returned and brought uncomfortably near the Cowley House goal, and in fact was kept there all the whole game, through the excellent play and packing of the forwards, among whom Godsmark was especially conspicuous. The ball was run in no less than 14 times, chiefly by Parker, Ellis, and Godsmark, resulting in 9 goals, (all kicked by Scurr), 5 ties, and 3 touch-downs to nil.

The match throughout was a most hollow affair, as the Cowley House were literally driven all over the ground by the Masonic forwards, the former seeming to be in happy ignorance of the art of collaring.

Masonic Team:—Sparks, Howard, Molineaux, Hart, Whiteley, Nutt, H. Wood, Ed. Wood, Eastland and Godsmark, (Captain). Forwards:—Parker and Ellis (4 backs); Scurr and Davies, (4 backs); Phillips, (back).

## FOOTBALL.—MASONIC F.C. v. VICTORIA F.C.

The above clubs played on the Masonic ground, on Saturday the 13th inst., resulting in a victory for the Victoria's by 1 goal and a try to nil. This match presents a striking contrast to the last, being throughout an excellently contested affair, the Masonic forwards again showing their superiority, although the Victoria's were a decidedly heavy team. For the losing team, Mr. Brocklehurst, Mr. Humphrey and Parker played in very good form.

Masonic Team:—Godsmark, Sparkes, Howard, Molineaux, Barrett, Davies, Hart, Ed. Wood, H. Wood and Eastland. Forwards:—Parker, and Ellis, (4 back); Mr. Brocklehurst and Scurr, (4 backs); Mr. Humphrey, (back).

Victoria:—T. Hewitt, (Captain); H. Michel, (4 back); R. D. Batten, (4 back); Frazar and Russell (backs). J. Coke, H. Smith, V. Lann, E. Smith, F. Baldwin, Burton, H. A. Booty, Friar, V. Baker, J. de Courcy.

## Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

## BRO. ZACHARIAS JEPSON.

I see that the esteemed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire states, in his able address to the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire that Zacharias Jepson was a Freemason and Apothecary of York, and that he founded the hospital in 1672. Can any other archaeological brother in West Yorkshire tell us what is the actual evidence that Zacharias Jepson was a Freemason and Apothecary at that date? It would be a very important fact in itself, and I am sure Bro. W. J. Hughan will agree with me.

MASONIC STUDENT.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

In answer to Bro. Jackson, we cannot hold out any hope of its appearance before early in the spring in 1878.

## BOOKS &amp;c. RECEIVED.

"Canadian Craftsman," "Keystone," "Risorgimento," "Standard Guide to Knitting," "Standard Guide to Needlework." Portrait of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

DAVENPORT.—On the 14th inst., at Keppel-street, Russell-square, the wife of H. Davenport, of a daughter.

GREATORIX.—On the 15th inst., at 3, The Common Ealing, the wife of Simon Greatorix, of a daughter.

WADE.—On the 15th inst., at Overton-road, Brixton, the wife of G. Wade, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

HARRIS—CARR.—On the 9th inst., at Christ Church, Cheltenham, Edwin P. Harris, Capt. Suffolk Artillery Militia, to Maria Augusta, daughter of J. K. Carr, Esq., M.P.

SHAW—SPENCER.—On the 13th inst., at St. Mary's Aldermay, City, John Shaw, manager and secretary South-Eastern Railway, to Elizabeth Jane, daughter of the late S. Spencer.

WATERS—KISBEY.—On the 13th inst., at St. Paul's, Clapham, Earnest Edward, son of the late E. Waters, of Stratford-sub-Castle, near Salisbury, to Emily Marion, daughter of R. S. Kisbey.

## DEATHS.

FRIDAY.—On the 11th inst., at 54, St. Mary's-terrace, Hastings, John Friday, formerly of Gillingham, Kent, in his 56th year. Deeply lamented.

GOLLAN.—On the 15th inst., at Cornwall-road, Westbourne Park, Robert John, son of J. G. Gollan, Esq., aged 29.

MORGAN.—On the 11th inst., at sea, off Lowestoft, Robert Morgan, in his 48th year.

PILCHER.—On the 15th inst., at Bifrons Cottage, near Canterbury, Herbert Edward Pilcher, Land Agent to the Most Noble the Marquis of Conyngham.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1877.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.  
ENLARGEMENT.OF  
"The Freemason."

The Proprietor has much pleasure in announcing the enlargement of the *Freemason* to 20 pages, during the London Masonic Season.

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## FRIARS AND FREEMASONS.

Our worthy contemporary *Punch*, under the above heading, gives us a little "Morceau" which we quoted last week, commenting upon it "more suo," and is good enough to express its innocent doubts as to the reality of a fact recorded by a facetious Ultramontane scribe, who has a keen perception both of a "canard" and a good joke. For it appears that the *Civita Cattolica*, an Ultramontane Italian paper, recently edified its readers with a profession of a moribund Freemason in twelve striking articles, apparently drawn up and uttered "in articulo mortis." Our facetious confrere only gives us two of the twelve articles and we note that they are both in Latin. This will strike all our readers as it struck us. For is it not a fact indisputable and undoubted, how very commonly Freemasons in all countries write in Latin, and express themselves in Latin, in life, and above all make death-bed confessions in Latin? Does not this authentic narrative in its initial announcement appeal to all our prima facie sense of truthfulness and reality? From what we all know of the ideas and habits of our Order generally, may we not assume it as incontestable, that this extract from the *Civita Cattolica* is a faithful and truthful report of what actually took place, from the pen too of a specially well-informed and accurate scribe? Listen to the statement, Oh Masons all! "Oh! pater meus" the dying Freemason exclaimed, in confession auricular we suppose, "possumus omnia facere quae volumus absque levi etiam culpa." It will be observed here by the intelligent reader of the *Freemason*, how entirely different this is from the good old Pope Pius Nono, who keeps saying "Non possumus." Worthless Freemasons are able to declare "Possumus." This is a very striking fact, and still more striking contrast, per se, and then the poor dying Freemason goes on to declare "ergo semper Liberi sumus." Surely we must all feel at once, that this is as awful a confession as any Freemason can make, though whether by the word "Liberi," "Free," it means that we, as Freemasons, are Free lovers, or Free livers, or Free thinkers, or Free-and-easy fellows, or Free anything else, does not so far appear quite clear from the context. Now, if we thought it worth our while to treat such an allegation seriously, we might be inclined to reply to so false an accuser of his and our brethren "mentiris impudentissime;" or we might remind ourselves of many similar undesirable data, of like falsifications, inventions, forgeries of words and documents, to prop up a rotten cause, or to injure an honest adversary. But we prefer rather to laugh at so ridiculous an exhibition of idle Ultramontane anger and perverted Ultramontane ingenuity! Such silly and worthless attacks only prove the utter weakness of our assailants, and they are really powerless to injure the good fair fame of Freemasonry. No such teaching has ever, at any time, under any form, been put forward, by Freemasons, who are accused by some as being "Mere Moralists." We have a remembrance indeed, of somewhat similar casuistry, in "Monita Secreta," and published dicta of many antagonistic Jesuits, but we never before heard or supposed that even in such elegant

Latinity such words or theories were patronised or put forward by Freemasons. The truth is that the Church of Rome and the Ultramontane Press just now, as we have often before said, are in a "craze" in respect of Freemasons and Freemasonry, and as true members of our benevolent brotherhood, returning good for evil, we must overlook such absurdities and as freely forgive such hallucinations.

## THE PROGRESS OF OUR ENGLISH CRAFT.

It will have struck some of our readers, doubtless, that we have reported the consecration of three new lodges, consecutive on our long roll, 1713, 1714, and 1715, in itself a remarkable coincidence. It is, in fact, a "sign of the times," to be "recorded and made note of." It points to the unmistakeable progress of our Order, and the large growth of our useful and benevolent brotherhood. And "So mote it be!" for some time to come, amid those hurrying and thronging years. For we look most favourably, for various reasons, on this striking increase of our material prosperity, subject, of course, to some needful warnings as to carefulness of admission and the like. We are aware that some of our Order take rather a different view, but we have never seen any reason to change our deliberate opinion that in the interests of toleration, kindly feeling, civilizing influences, and brotherly goodwill, every fresh Masonic lodge is a centre of light and benevolence, an additional bond of unity, amity, and sympathetic appreciation. We have been struck lately with the amount of interest displayed in the consecration of new lodges, by our brethren, old and young, and we feel sure that the more our elaborate and interesting ceremonial is entered into by the members of our Order in all its parts and details, the more it will be admired. We also are glad to note the proceedings of those very distinguished provinces, West Lancashire and West Yorkshire. The most popular of Provincial Grand Masters has received a goodly greeting from a most numerous and distinguished body of Lancashire Freemasons, and the day's proceedings are alike noteworthy and agreeable. The liberal and enlightened grants towards the Sedilia of Chester Cathedral reflect the greatest credit on the large-hearted sympathy of our West Lancashire brethren. In West Yorkshire the proceedings at Ripon have been most successful, and a most admirable sermon was preached by our worthy Bro. Canon Burfield, P. Prov. G. Chaplain. The concurrence of the Dean, Chapter, and the Municipal Authorities in the gathering was as pleasant as it is suggestive, and we, who can recall the state of feeling as regards Freemasonry a quarter of a century ago, in some parts, and amid the clergy especially, must rejoice to think that Time, which softens most prejudices and removes most antipathies, has thrown its protecting shield, so to say, over our honoured and worthy Brotherhood. The idle tales to its discredit are not believed; the doubts as to its utility are gradually melting away, as before the "stubborn facts of the case;" while the voice of detraction and of calumny have long since given way except among the perverse, the irrational, the bigoted, and the obtuse, to a wiser perception of what Freemasonry really is, and what it really does for the welfare of the community, and the happiness of mankind.

## SOME SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

All Journalism has its difficulties, and just now, perhaps few are aware of the struggles some portions of the press have to make in order to keep themselves afloat. The *Freemason* has long been running before a "prosperous trade wind," and is under very easy sail, taking things most complacently, calmly, and prosperously, and our publisher sees clearly to-day how his many efforts have been rewarded, and his honest anticipations fulfilled, in the ready and willing support of an always considerate Craft. But still, it is impossible but that we should be struck, amidst our own prosperity, which is very



real, with the sense of how much yet remains to be achieved before Masonic Journalism reaches its proper position, or attains what ought to be its normal prestige. A very large number of Freemasons never look at a Masonic paper of any kind at all. Some dislike Masonic publications, and a large proportion are too busy in secular pursuits, to devote any time to the study or support of Masonic Literature. Once upon a time we remember asking a worthy and distinguished brother Mason had he seen a certain article in the hebdomadal Masonic Journal. "My dear fellow," was his reply, "I never read it; I never open it, and I know nothing at all of what is in it, it remains on my table for a week, and after that time is swept into the waste paper basket." This probably, represents the state of the case as regards some subscribers, still, and if it does, what can we say of those who have so little time, or care so little for Masonic literature that a casual glance at a club is sufficient for them? We remember, some of us, an old story in the *Freemason*, where a brother at the bookstalls read the *Freemason* through, advertisements and all, but did not buy it, and as some of our good brethren ignore certain facts as regards Masonic journalism, we think it right gently to hint to them to-day, in no spirit of complaint or fault-finding, but as a simple historic truth that their support is not what it ought fairly to be. As we before observed, a large portion of our Order never troubles itself with Masonic literature, because it has no time to devote to the study, while another portion does not care for Masonic publications, and rather discourages than supports them,—so that Masonic journalism is doubly handicapped for the race. It has to deal with a special class, but that special class does not much care for special literature, and in most cases prefers what is not special. But still Masonic literature has to be kept up, and as no Masonic journal is produced for nothing, a fact sometimes forgotten, as a general rule, the fate of Masonic journalism is not difficult to predicate. We might touch on other topics, but we do not. The *Freemason* has no cause to complain of either special or public support. It has received from the first most generous encouragement, and is now in the possession of a larger amount of special and public patronage than ever has been accorded in Great Britain to any other Masonic journal. Across the Atlantic, with 700,000 Masons or thereabouts, the same difficulty exists, the same complaints are made, only with a hundredfold intensity, and we are sometimes inclined to reduce to a simple rule of three sum, "if the support of 700,000 Masons in America is so much, what will be that of 100,000 in Great Britain?" Can any arithmetical brethren help us to a solution. In the meantime Publisher and Editor return their best thanks not only for "obliging enquiries," but for very liberal support.

### GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN.

We have received with great pleasure from Bro. Juan A. Perez, Grand Master of the Spanish Grand Lodge, a list of all the Symbolical Lodges, and of the High Grades. We beg to thank him most fraternally for forwarding this information to us, and to express all good wishes for the peaceful future of the Grand Lodge of Spain.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### "FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been considerably astonished at the very poor result as yet that you have received in response to your appeal on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund. Various lodges, I am aware, have sent their subscriptions direct to the Lord Mayor, but there are, I know, numerous lodges whose offerings would be perhaps too small by themselves, but when put with others would make no insignificant amount.

The suggestion originally made by Bro. Wm. Cooke, P.M. 1302, and so generously responded to by your worthy self and the proprietor, would I had thought have received the immediate support of the Craft. Bro. Cooke's suggestion was in my opinion a very sensible one, and should be

acted upon by the W.M., Treasurer, or Secretary without delay. I think if either of these officers would at the banquet, when the brethren are surrounded with all the luxuries of the table, ask them to think for one moment of our thousands of fellow subjects literally starving in India and that a small sum, say one shilling, from each present, would help to relieve the sufferings of so many, the result would be that a very large sum would be received. Could any brother resist this appeal at so opportune a moment? I think not. I do sincerely trust that this matter will receive the generous and early attention of the Craft, as it so richly deserves.—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally

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#### CHARITY VOTING REFORM, &c.

[The following correspondence has come accidentally into our possession between a vice-patron of the Boys' School, and a leading member of the Charity Voting Reform Association, and we leave it to the careful consideration of all whom it may concern.]

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Please let me have all the votes you can spare for the poor boy—

Yours fraternally,

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must say I was much taken aback at your canvassing for votes for—considering the strong attacks you, as a prominent member of the Charity Reform Association, have made against all canvassing. I was especially taken aback that you should canvass my votes for the weakest Masonic case that ever came before my notice, and one which, being not eligible according to the laws, was only placed on the list by a mistake of the Committee.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You ask me why I am so inconsistent as to canvas.

In the first place I felt that I might answer your invitation to write by doing something quite inconsistent, and which would afford you the opportunity of returning good for evil.

You are quite right! I do very sincerely set my face against the canvassing system, which I think wrong in principle, and calculated to help the least deserving amongst the candidates. But you, that is the Committee, place us outsiders on the horns of a dilemma, and we are thereby driven to employ your own weapons, or rather the only means at our disposal to assist a candidate, otherwise we should probably let in a worse case than that I mentioned to you, and which I now see, for the first time, is a very weak one.

But, surely, the Committee is to blame for permitting sixty-four candidates to scramble for nine vacancies, and on the principle of "God for us all, and the devil take care of the hindmost."

You ought to set to work to reform the abuses of the present system. A list should be sent round giving some idea of the comparative claims and merits of the several candidates, and the brethren should be asked to support the most deserving. Now a large number of children are admitted whose cases are quite as weak as that I have been asked to support by a brother who stands high in the Craft, and who, I suppose, believes the case a deserving one, or he would not have enlisted my sympathies.

Do, pray, try and put a stop to trafficking in votes; buying and selling at the last moment converts the election into a farce, so far as the merits of the case are concerned.

How comes it that the boy whose name stands at the head of the list is up for the eighth time? Is this Masonic charity?

Believe me, I remain yours fraternally,

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCA-SHIRE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report of this distinguished province, in your paper of the 13th inst., an incident occurs which raises in my mind a question of Masonic legality.

What is the authority by which the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire resolves itself into a "Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution?"

Having very great doubts as to the constitutional legality of such a proceeding under all circumstances, I venture to ask in your columns for a little light upon the subject.

I am, yours, fraternally,

IN THE DARK,

#### LODGES AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

Please permit me in reply to "Sigma's" letter to you in last week's issue, to state that if the inclination of the Craft is adverse (as it ought to be), to holding their lodge meeting at taverns or hotels, there is now every opportunity and facility for their removal to a properly constituted and consecrated building, (in addition to the Surrey Masonic Hall) where Masonic ritual, and ceremonies, also the banquet, if desired, can be enjoyed with greater advantages, and less costs than at hotels and taverns. I refer to the London Masonic Club, advertised in your columns, where also a Lodge of Instruction meets.

The apathy shown by the Craft to Masonic buildings, as for instance the lamentable result of the Surrey Masonic Hall, is the cause of so many resorting to "Pubs."

I am fraternally,

J. E. SHAND, (Member of the Club)  
and Hon. Sec. L. M. C. L. of Instruction.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent "Sigma," in your last issue, raises a question of vital importance in Freemasonry, and consequently of great interest to all Freemasons.

The holding of London Lodges at taverns is unfortunately unavoidable, owing to the want of suitable Masonic buildings in which to hold them, but your correspondent will be glad to be informed that a most successful attempt to remedy this, has already been made. The London Masonic Club was instituted for the purpose (inter alia) of supplying accommodation for lodges. Any lodge desirous of holding their meetings and banquets in a building solely devoted to Masonic purposes should apply to the Secretary of this Club.

The Deputy Grand Master, (Lord Skelmersdale), who presided last year at the opening of the club, stated that the fact of the club offering a place of meeting for lodges, other than at taverns, ought of itself to ensure success.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH LANGTON,  
Chairman of the Club Committee.

#### PAST GRAND RANK.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was very much pleased to see in your last issue a letter signed by "P.M." upon Past Grand Rank. There is no doubt but a deal of misconception arises upon the position of Past Prov. Grand Pursuivants. I am a Past Grand Pursuivant of North Wales and Shropshire, having been appointed to that office in December, 1870, and served as such for two years, but I never now wear the clothing, as I contend that I have no right to do so, because the Prov. Grand Master never grants permission to take past rank and wear the clothing. At every appointment in the Grand Lodge of England I think the Grand Master always orders "that in consideration of the conduct of Bro. A. B. as Grand Pursuivant he has been graciously pleased to order that he ranks as a Past Grand Pursuivant and wear the clothing." Now why is this not done in the Provinces? and why should a Past Pursuivant, whose duties are much more important, be treated differently to the Grand Deacons, Sword and Standard Bearers.

When the present Prov. Grand Bye-laws of Wales, &c., were under revision in the year 1874, I was present at a meeting of P.M.'s held at Wynnstay, and I laid great stress upon the particular point, but was outvoted and the anomaly still continues, and I believe that I am the only Past Pursuivant in the province who does not wear the clothing. I think it would be worth while for the Board of General Purposes to take the question into consideration, and definitely settle the position of Past Pursuivants, who in my opinion are most important officers of Grand or Prov. Grand Lodge, if those holding the appointment thoroughly do their duty.

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN, P.M. and P.Z., '908.

#### THE ROYAL ORIENTAL ORDER OF SIKHA AND SAT B'HAI.

To the Editor of the "*Scottish Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Querist," in *Scottish Freemason* of September 16th, I give the following condensed description from Mackenzie's *Masonic Cyclopaedia*—"Order of Sikha and Sat B'hai:—This is an Order of Indian origin, and named after a sacred bird of the Hindus, whose flight invariably in sevens, has obtained for the Rite the appellation of the Seven (Sat) Brethren (B'hai). It is divided into seven degrees (but with Sikhas, composed of Sponsors, nine). None but Master Masons can be admitted into the higher degrees of the Order. The principles of the Order are Masonic, and includes the preservation, in its original Archaic purity, of Craft Masonry; the support of duly constituted authority, wherever found; sympathy with all branches of the Aryan race, and the cultivation of a fraternal sentiment—more especially towards the Hindus; and it inculcates the study of Hindu literature and archaeology. The Order is now firmly established in England and Scotland, and has branches in America, Austria and other countries, and its Masonic value is highly appreciated by eminent brethren all over the world."

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE ORDER.

#### DRINK FOR THE THIRSTY.

[The following interesting letter appeared in the *Scotsman*, of the 4th inst.]

Sir,—Though much good work is being done in the cause of temperance, it is very remarkable that the most important means of all is left almost untouched in this and other large cities.

How can there be sobriety in the working and moving classes of our crowded streets and city approaches unless an abundant supply of pure drinking water be readily accessible to them at all moments of the day?

At present a thirsty wayfarer in our streets and dusty suburban roads has no place to turn to in order to quench his thirst but to the first public-house that comes to hand the drinking-fountain movement harks in its monumental and æsthetic stage. The number of drinking fountains in Edinburgh may probably be counted on the fingers of one hand, whereas when we turn to the Post Office Directory we find four hundred and seventeen public-houses for the supply of intoxicating drinks. The remedy is very simple. Drop the Arcadian title "Drinking Fountain," and establish, in the city and suburbs, a system of "Street Drinking Taps," in number commensurate at least with that of the public-houses. Let the construction be something of the character of the pillar letter-boxes—viz., a cast-iron cylinder of diameter sufficient to contain



and protect the pipes, with a small shallow enamel-lined basin under the tap, with overflow pipe and chained enamel lined drinking cup. Let this be the work and duty of the Municipality, just as street lighting, watering, and cleaning are.

There would be nothing to apprehend from obstruction of the streets by crowding—provided the street taps were sufficiently numerous—nor from the playfulness of the city arabs, provided the police were awake. Moreover, after a short time the arab would regard them with the same indifference as he now does the lamp-posts.

Of course it is not supposed that an organisation of this kind would at once eradicate drunkenness, but it would certainly tend materially to diminish and prevent it, and would place within easy reach of all classes of the people a condition which they are entitled to command as being almost as necessary to life as the air they breathe.

I am, &c.,

C. MOREHEAD, M.D.

#### THE MOONS OF MARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read, as will most Freemasons, throughout the world, with pride and pleasure your article on the Moons of Mars, in your issue of the 13th inst.

Bro. Dr. Bedford has doubtless honoured our Craft. His insight into the mechanism of the heavens is something wonderful, and his position is somewhat similar to the geologist, who, by reason of his knowledge of the particular configuration, and the nature of the strata in any locality, asserts the existence of precious metals and minerals, and sets the mining engineer at work, who is rewarded by the discovery.

We can readily decide which is entitled to the most honour. Twenty-three years before the moons were dug out of the depths of infinite space; Bro. Bedford pointed them out, gave a physical reason for their existence in the locality of the solar system.

I have satisfied myself of the date of Bro. Bedford's predictions. His "New Theories of the Universe" now called the Bedfordian system of Astronomy, was entered at Stationers' Hall, on the 17th of October, 1854, as you have stated in your article, and it is numbered 8610, C. B. Vol. 21 in the library of the British Museum. Bro. Bedford was initiated in the Bank of England Lodge, No. 265, and he is Life-Governor of all our charities.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. E. GOMPERTZ,  
P.M. and Sec. 869 and 1495.

#### THE BURGLARY SEASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Since you have opened the columns of your valuable paper to the all important subject of burglary, I cannot but express my admiration at the fearless and impartial manner in which you treat both with the discipline of the typical "Bill Sykes," and the guardian of the peace; and I trust that through the coming season we shall have a little more attention from our rural constables. Clapham, Dulwich, and Hornsey are by no means the only favoured localities in which burglaries have been committed, for during the past month many cases have been reported in the neighbourhood of Sydenham, one of which was my own, although beyond a few flower pots and some choice plants, no damage was done, or loss sustained, as [having been induced to try electricity as a safeguard, I had the whole of my windows and doors fitted last year with the Electric Burglar Alarm of Francis and Co., and on this occasion they proved highly satisfactory in their working, as on the thieves forcing their way into my library window the large bell poured forth a loud peal, which was soon answered by the presence of myself and man-servant in time to see the fellows decamp without spoil, leaving behind them the instruments, alike useful for forcible entries and breaking skulls. However, robbery and bloodshed were omitted from their programme that night, at least as regarding us, and I shall not fail to recommend the means of security above referred to whenever opportunity offers, as they appear as certain in their action as the ordinary electric house bells, and may be connected with them at trifling cost.

Apologising for thus troubling you, I am Sir, yours truly,

W. R. ROBINSON.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday last in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, presiding. There were among the brethren present Bros. S. Rawson, H. A. Dubois, H. Browne, Raynham W. Stewart, A. K. Ware, George Wyatt, J. B. Wilson, Joyce Murray, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. Mason, H. Hacker, H. Massey, (Freemason), W. H. Perryman, G. Bolton, J. Merry, Thos. W. White, A. H. Tattershall, O. Durrant, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, John G. Stevens, Aeneas J. McIntyre, Thomas Randall, C. F. Matier, Alfred H. Diaper, George Jeffrey, Col. Creaton, Col. Henry Basevi, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. S. Massa, J. Edward Curteis, W. Mann, Walter Hopekirk, Benjamin Head, J. J. Berry, J. M. P. Montagu, Frederick Davison, David Roberts, F. G. Baker, Fras. R. Vine, J. A. Birch, J. L. Hine, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The Secretary, Bro. Binckes, read the minutes of the former Court, and the subsequent meetings of the different Committees, which were put to the brethren and confirmed. The minutes also of the special committee on further accommodation were also read, and Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that the tender of Mr. Prout of Southgate, for the erection of the new buildings, at a cost of £2497, had been accepted, subject to enquiries and approval of sureties. These enquiries had been made, and the result

was perfectly satisfactory, and the operations would begin during the current week. Bro. Binckes further stated that Bro. Edward Harris, the late collector of the Institution, to whom the Quarterly Court of last January had awarded a pension of £120 a year on his retirement, died on Thursday of last week.

Bro. Raynham Stewart, V.P., in the absence of Bro. W. Roebuck, moved that ten boys be now elected instead of nine; room for a tenth boy having been created by the mother of the boy Cunah, who was elected in April, having chosen to have him educated out of the Institution.

Col. Creaton, V.P., seconded the proposition, which was then put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., having given notice of motion to insert in rule 30, after "to elect boys," "and also shall have power to accept or reject any recommendation of the General Committee," rose and said that since he had given notice of the motion, he had had a communication with Bro. Symonds upon the subject of the proposed alteration in the rules of the Boys' School, and Bro. Symonds had very properly called his attention to certain difficulties which in his (Bro. Symonds's) opinion would inevitably rise on a hasty adoption of the resolution. Of course under all circumstances, knowing the interest Bro. Symonds, who was now presiding as chairman, took in the Institution he should be glad, as in courtesy he was bound to do, to give way. But he felt especially induced to do so, seeing that as the Chairman would remember, on his (the Chairman's) appearance at Sheffield, some twenty years ago, with their late lamented Bro. Hopwood, that great provincial movement was begun which had culminated in such signal success, and which had demonstrated the great interest the brethren in provinces displayed in the Masonic Institutions. The Chairman had pointed out to him that there would be some doubts as to the bearing of the rule respecting the powers of the General Committee and the Quarterly Court, and he also called very properly, his (Bro. Woodford's) attention to the fact, as he had great interest in the question himself, that grave doubts existed as to the ruling of Bro. Clabon on a special point submitted to a former Court. As these doubts existed, and he believed other reasons might be adduced, he thought on the present occasion he had better withdraw his motion. He believed that all the brethren were agreed in this, that on the polling day it was advisable, if possible to keep their discussions as short as could be, and also that it was undesirable to make alterations in the rules of our Institutions without a strict and careful pre-consideration. He would therefore withdraw his motion, reserving to himself his privilege as a Life Governor to give notice of his motion to another General Committee; and if he should think it necessary to bring it forward at the next Quarterly Court he would do so. He would consequently ask the permission of this Quarterly Court to withdraw the motion of which he had given notice, and which stood on the paper in his name; but he had reason to believe that before this was done, Bro. Symonds, who had taken a very active part in the question, was wishful to say a few words upon one or two incidents which had taken place.

The Chairman said he was not aware of the motion of which Bro. Woodford had given notice until last Saturday, when he saw the worthy brother at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School. He (the Chairman) then ventured to suggest to him that he should withdraw the motion, first, because the wording would require considerable care, and secondly, because no notice had been given of a similar motion to the Girls' School. He thought it would be a great pity to break up the assimilation of the laws which had been effected at considerable trouble, and which had been attended with great advantages. He also gleaned from what he had read in the *Freemason* of Saturday last, that Bro. Woodford seemed to have been under a misapprehension with regard to Bro. Clabon's ruling at the Court in January, or whether he had given any ruling at all. He (Bro. Symonds) brought under the notice of the Court in January the case of Taylor, No. 32 on the list of to-day; but he had not then seen the petition, and was not aware of the actual circumstances of the case. He could therefore deal with the question only as one of doubt. He had seen a proof of the balloting paper in which it was stated that the father of the boy had subscribed, he believed, only one and a half year, and that he died some years after he had ceased to be a subscribing member of a lodge. He had subsequently seen an amended proof, in which it was stated that since he had subscribed till death. He was not in a position at the time to say which of these statements was correct, and Bro. Clabon thereupon made the suggestion that, treating the question as one of doubt, they should leave the responsibility of its acceptance with the General Committee. Bro. Clabon did not, as Bro. Woodford imagined, rule that it was incompetent for the Quarterly Court to deal with the recommendation of the General Committee, acting upon the well-known principle of law that a lawyer should not go beyond the case that is laid before him. Had he (Bro. Symonds) seen the petition, he could have pointed out to Bro. Clabon that the case on the shewing was clearly not eligible according to the laws of the Institution, and then, no doubt, Bro. Clabon would have ruled that under the regulation by which the Committee made a recommendation to the Quarterly Court, this boy could not be placed on the list. The General Committee had to recommend to the Quarterly Court those boys who were eligible. It seemed to him that that gave power to the Quarterly Court, if they found by accident a case had slipped in upon the list which by the laws was not eligible, to strike it out. At the Court, in July last, a motion was made to strike off the case of Taylor because it was not eligible according to the laws. He (the Chairman) felt bound to rule at that meeting that the time for such a motion had gone by. The case had gone to the

Quarterly Court in January, and was placed on the list for election in April. As it had gone on the list there was no power to strike it off. That was how the case stood at present. Bro. Clabon had not ruled that the Court had no power to reject a recommendation. Between this time and the next Quarterly Court he would communicate with Bro. Clabon, and be prepared to make any statement which he might think necessary, unless, as he hoped would be the case, the brethren should have the opportunity of hearing Bro. Clabon himself.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk rose to make some observations on what Bro. Woodford had said.

Bro. Col. Creaton rose to order. He thought he understood that Bro. Woodford withdrew his motion to save any discussion.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said he thought Bro. Hopekirk was in order, as he had a right to speak on his (Bro. Woodford's) motion to withdraw the motion.

Bro. Col. Creaton repeated that the motion was withdrawn in order that time might be saved.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk again rising,

The Chairman said the could not quite agree with Bro. Woodford. If he had a motion to submit to the brethren they would listen to it.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk said he rose to give an answer in explanation.

Bro. Col. Creaton said that Bro. Hopekirk would have an opportunity of submitting any observations he had to make when the motion came on at the next Quarterly Court.

The motion was then withdrawn, and the brethren proceeded with the election of ten boys out of an approved list of fifty-seven candidates.

At the close of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.				
Cox, George Samuel	...	...	...	2329
Waddington, T. Herbert	...	...	...	2253
Watkin, Hugh Robert	...	...	...	2138
Armitage, Harry	...	...	...	2119
Smith, Frank	...	...	...	2097
Stevens, Alfred	...	...	...	2000
Gedge, Percy Aubrey	...	...	...	1970
Stanton, William	...	...	...	1915
Shrapnel, H. V. N. Scrope	...	...	...	1805
Johnston, William Studer	...	...	...	1736

UNSUCCESSFUL.				
Deeley, Richd. P. Francis	...	...	...	1687
Shury, Solomon, Hiram	...	...	...	1655
Searle, Harry Bulmer	...	...	...	1448
Dyer, Frederick	...	...	...	1301
Ceeley, John R. Gordon	...	...	...	1207
Bingham, Herbert	...	...	...	1023
Garstin, William Lionel	...	...	...	994
Taylor, Ernest Geo. W. J.	...	...	...	879
Sharp, Colin Bell	...	...	...	850
Woon, Albert Allen	...	...	...	677
Busher, Samuel Longton	...	...	...	650
Taylor, Richard Tom	...	...	...	612
Roberts, Samuel Curry	...	...	...	600
Mackay, J. Montague Hele	...	...	...	586
Crew, Frederick Alt...	...	...	...	574
Fairman, William Henry	...	...	...	574
Wilkinson, Percy Charles	...	...	...	513
Nash, Stanley Harry	...	...	...	428
Gurney, John Henry	...	...	...	405
Day, Arthur Harris	...	...	...	398
Wait, Emanuel	...	...	...	395
Shapland, F. G. Lambert	...	...	...	344
Webb, Charles Thomas	...	...	...	301
Riley, Robert	...	...	...	253
Green, Charles William	...	...	...	248
Furze, William Ernest	...	...	...	239
Hutton, John F. W.	...	...	...	227
Rogers, Gordon	...	...	...	188
Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	...	...	...	159
Ridpath, Lovell Hope	...	...	...	141
Williams, George Alfred	...	...	...	133
Watkins, Fred. Charles	...	...	...	116
Perrin, Gustav Teasdel	...	...	...	106
Spalding, Edmund Purcell	...	...	...	97
Denton, Herbert	...	...	...	60
Evans, John McMillan	...	...	...	42
Marshall, Robert James	...	...	...	38
Gover, Joseph	...	...	...	35
Chandler, Arthur John	...	...	...	33
Ward, James	...	...	...	30
Newbould, Harry	...	...	...	27
Morley, William Moore	...	...	...	15
Collins, Joseph Barrett	...	...	...	12
Minshall, Sam Bradford	...	...	...	11
Cole, Alfred Thomas	...	...	...	10
Frost, Christian Frederick	...	...	...	10
Gibson, Walter James	...	...	...	7
Bell, James Herbert	...	...	...	5
Allen, Albert Charles	...	...	...	5
Allin, Charles James Fox	...	...	...	4
Edmonds, Richard Herbert	...	...	...	3
Giles, Frank Arthur	...	...	...	3
Matthews, Robert	...	...	...	3
Parker, George Shadwell	...	...	...	3
Atkin, John Batson	...	...	...	—
Jepson, James Thomas	...	...	...	—
Parker, William James	...	...	...	—

The number of votes polled in the course of the day was 28,870.

Bro. Rawson, the Chairman of the Scrutineers, who announced the result of the election, said that there were thirty-seven voting papers, equivalent to 147 votes, lost.

The Chairman having declared the successful candidates,

Bro. Binckes said they would be admitted to the Institution at the House Committee meeting, on the last Friday



but one in January next, and the friends of the candidates would have due notice of the date and hour, and whatever articles they would be required to bring with them to the Institution.

Bro. Eberall, P.M. 315, Brighton, P.P.G. Purs., moved and Bro. Thos. Cubitt seconded a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. S. Rawson acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was seconded and carried.

The Chairman, in replying, said that unless the Building Committee proceeded very slowly, he hoped a larger number of boys would be admitted in April than had just been elected. He would ask Bro. Binckes if he was justified in expressing that hope.

Bro. Binckes said yes.

The Chairman then added that that being the case there would be fewer cases of disappointment than on the present occasion, and that, he assured the brethren, would be very gratifying to their Chairman.

The proceedings then terminated.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creton, Vice-Patron, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Henry Smith, Capt. John Wordsworth, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson, Geo. Jeffery, P. J. Luke, George Wyatt, Alfred Tattershall, Dr. F. Ramsay, W. Browne Kidder, C. F. Matier, S. B. Wilson, S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, (Freemason) Major E. H. Finney, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, John Symonds, J. E. Le Feuvre, E. Williams, John G. Stevens, James Terry, James Kindred, George Bolton, W. R. Wontner, John Tyerman, George Page, John Bodenham, Fred. G. Pownall, C. Coupland, J. Mason, Wm. Paas, Joseph Smith, H. Potter, James Dunsford, Jesse Turner, H. Hacker, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thomas J. Sabine, V.P.; Thomas W. White, G. R. Shervill, Wm. Stephens, F. Binckes, A. A. Pendlebury, Joseph Storey, Captain N. G. Philips, Colonel Somerville Burney, J. A. Farnfield, Charles Walter, Edward Cox, E. M. Haigh, F. Davison, E. S. Snell, H. Buss, Benjamin Head, F. R. W. Hedges, and R. W. Little, (Secretary).

After reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. C. F. Matier brought on his motion of which he had given notice, "That the rank of Honorary Vice Patron, with its attendant privileges, be awarded to Bro. John Constable, in recognition of his services to this Institution." He said it would be quite unnecessary for him in introducing the motion to detain the brethren with any lengthened speech, as most of them knew the distinguished services of Bro. Constable. But he might tell those of them who did not know, that in three years, Bro. Constable by his personal exertions had realised for the Institutions the large sum of £200. At the last festival of the Boys' School, he took up the enormous sum of £1231, which was the largest personal list ever known. Besides this he had been the Secretary of the Charitable Association connected with the Tranquillity Lodge, which had produced £500; and it was calculated that next year it would produce another £500. In the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution the rank of Honorary Vice Patron had been conferred on Bro. Constable for his exertions, and he now asked the Governors of the Girls' School to award him similar rank in their Institution. Bro. Matier concluded by reading the motion given above, and submitting it to the meeting for approval.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., said it was with great pleasure that he seconded the motion, for he could speak with a personal knowledge to the great zeal and exertions which had characterised Bro. Constable in working for the benefit of the Institution. No comment was necessary, as the result of his labours was sufficient testimony to their extent.

Bro. H. A. Dubois, who did not desire to oppose the motion, wished to know under what rule of the Institution the rank of Vice Patron was proposed to be given. He could find no rule referring to this rank, though there was one with reference to Vice Presidency.

The Chairman thought there was the rule which related to the conferring of any rank on brethren who had distinguished themselves on behalf of the Institutions.

Bro. H. A. Dubois said there was none having special reference to the particular rank of Vice-Patron.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart replied that that was because when the rules were framed, the rank of Honorary Vice-Patron was not in existence.

The Chairman believed this was so. However, the rank had been conferred by the other two Institutions, and he presumed it might be done by the Girls' School, though it did not follow as a necessary consequence.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., said it had been done before, and therefore there was a precedent for it. Having done it once, the brethren would do it again. He thought if it had been already done that was quite sufficient.

Bro. H. Smith, (West Yorkshire), gave as an instance, the action taken by the Committee of the Boys' School, when they conferred on him the rank of Life-Governor.

Bro. John Symonds, V.P., was inclined to think that on due notice of motion to that effect being given to the Quarterly Court the right of conferring honorary rank was inherent in a General Court without the necessity of its being actually specified by the laws. If notice of motion made it a law and it was not absolutely necessary that it should be stated in the laws that that power existed. The Quarterly Court on notice being given had power to confer honorary rank.

The Chairman asked Bro. Matier before putting the motion to the meeting whether he proposed that Bro. Constable be

made Vice-patron, independent of the position he now held as Vice-President.

Bro. Matier said his intention was that promotion should be conferred on Bro. Constable, that he should be made full Vice-Patron from Vice-President.

The Chairman then put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The next business was the consideration of a motion, notice of which had been given by Bro. Henry Browne, V.P., that in consideration of a legacy of fifty pounds bequeathed to this Institution by the late Bro. Charles John Vigne, his daughter Miss Catherine Ann Vigne, be, and is hereby elected, a Life Governor of the Institution, but Bro. Browne rose and said that since he had come into the room he had been informed that the motion was unnecessary. The money bequeathed by Bro. Vigne had already been paid to the Institution in the name of Miss Vigne, and by that act she was entitled as of right, to the rank of Vice-Patron. He therefore withdrew his motion.

Bro. Henry Browne, V.P., then moved, that a gratuity of twenty-five guineas be awarded to Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, the Senior Clerk in the Secretary's office, in recognition of the attention he has given to the increased duties entailed upon the office, since the abolition of the collectorship. Bro. Hedges had been in the office five years and the manner in which he had conducted himself in that office had been highly satisfactory. He feared no contradiction when he said that Bro. Hedges' conduct had been highly satisfactory to all persons who came in contact with him, since the abolition of the office of collector the receipts of the Institution had been greatly in advance of what they used to be. They had amounted to a very small sum less than £10,000 in the year, and Bro. Hedges had been instrumental in a great degree in getting that large sum in. He had also been very active in his assistance of the Secretary: and at the present moment the brethren were in an excellent position to offer him some reward for his great zeal and ability in discharging his duties to the Institution by granting him this small gratuity. They were all aware that Bro. Hedges came into the Institution shortly after the present Secretary was appointed, and he (Bro. Browne) could appeal with confidence to the Secretary to say that he was highly satisfied with Bro. Hedges, both in the office and in collecting. He need not detain the brethren any longer, because he felt that all the information he had just given the brethren was patent to them. He had therefore great pleasure in asking this court to pass the motion of which he had given notice. He entertained no doubt that if anything was wanted to encourage Bro. Hedges to do his duties still more satisfactorily, the passing of this vote would contribute to it. Every brother must confess that it was greatly to the interest of the Institution that they should have such a valuable officer as Bro. Hedges. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Henry Smith seconded the motion. He could bear personal testimony to the great and valuable exertions of Bro. Hedges, for he had had a great deal of correspondence with him during the last three or four years. The proposal of Bro. Browne was a very modest one. If it had been fifty guineas he should also have had much pleasure in seconding it. He trusted that the brethren would pass Bro. Browne's motion unanimously.

The Chairman added that before he put the motion he might tell the brethren that he had had repeated reports from the Secretary of the efficiency of Bro. Hedges. Going himself very frequently to the office he always found Bro. Hedges at his post, and all his work was remarkably well done.

The motion was then put and carried nem con.

The Chairman said that Bro. Little would have thanked the brethren on behalf of Bro. Hedges had his voice been in a fit state to do so. He (the Chairman) therefore would thank the brethren for him, and he was sure Bro. Hedges would value the brethren's recognition of his services very much.

The brethren then proceeded with the election of thirty-five girls out of an approved list of fifty candidates. The result will be found in the advertisement on the front page. The names of the unsuccessful candidates will be given in our next.

A vote of thanks to the scrutineers of votes was then passed, to which Br. A. H. Tattershall returned thanks.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Ramsey, having been accorded to the Chairman,

Col. Creton said he thanked the brethren very much for this compliment, which was not the first he had received by a great many. He felt the compliment all the more, because coming from Dr. Ramsey, he was sure it was genuine. He would take this opportunity of stating that the new buildings at the Institution, the large hall and the dormitories were completed, and in January when the children elected to-day would be admitted, everything would be ready for their reception. Nothing now remained to be done but the laundry, and this was virtually completed, as it was only the engineers' work therein which was required to be effected.

Bro. Hy. Smith said as the Chairman had mentioned the new buildings and enlargement, it was a good opportunity for asking when there was a chance of the rooms being enlarged in which these half-yearly elections were conducted. During the announcement just made of the numbers of votes polled by each candidate he had not been able to get a seat and take down the numbers. He did not think the room they were in was a worthy one for the Board of General Purposes to allot for the brethren. There should be larger rooms. Considering the large sums of money that Masons had at their disposal, to which they all had to contribute, he thought they had a right to expect greater accommodation. They had been to a great extent undervalued by the Board of General Purposes, and he thought it was high time that something should be done. Some of them should raise their voices and ask the Board of General Purposes to give more accommodation.

The brethren gave their money freely, they gave it to extraneous objects, such as the Lifeboat Institution, and the Indian Famine Fund. They did it freely and willingly. Then let them have accommodation. He hoped there would be a movement made to accelerate the wheels of the Board of General Purposes at no distant date. He did not think he was guilty of any presumption in making these remarks. He had had the pleasure of attending these elections now eighteen or nineteen years, and he was therefore capable of speaking with something like weight when he said there was very great inconvenience experienced by the brethren in the crowding of the room. He was much obliged to the Chairman for allowing him to make these remarks, and he trusted that those who had so kindly listened to them would not think them out of place. (No, no.)

The brethren then separated.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

On Tuesday last, the 16th inst., a new Royal Arch Province was constituted for the counties of Cumberland and Westmorland, and at the same time a chapter was consecrated in connection with the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. Although there are now seven chapters in the two counties, no move for the formation of a province was made till within a year ago, when the subject was mooted at the installation meetings of one or two chapters in the west. The seven chapters in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland are as follows: Sun Square and Compasses, 119, Whitehaven; Kendal Castle, 129, Kendal; Union, 310, Carlisle; Two St. John's, 327, Wigton; Unanimity, 339, Penrith; Holy Temple, 412, Longtown; and Bective, 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. It may be mentioned that the charter for the last chapter was granted in November, 1875, but has never been used until to-day on the occasion of the consecration. The movement for the constitution of a Royal Arch Province was jovially set moving at the Provincial Grand Craft Lodge meeting, last April, at Penrith, when a meeting of Royal Arch Masons was improvised, and the result was the convocation, which took place at Kirkby Lonsdale on Tuesday.

There was not by any means a large gathering, for various cogent reasons, the principal of which was the great distance, and indifferent train accommodation, whilst it was Quarter Sessions day at Carlisle, and a market day at Penrith. The companions assembled at the Assembly Rooms, Kirkby Lonsdale, a little before twelve o'clock, when there were present:—Companions Dr. J. D. Moore, P.Z. Fortitude Chapter, 281, Lancaster, P.P.G.H. West Lancashire, P.G. St. Br. England; J. Bowes, P.Z., Lights Chapter, 148, Warrington, P.P.G.S.B. W. Lane., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z. Union Chapter, 129, Kendal, P.G.P.S. England, D.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland; W. Dodd, P.Z. Furness Chapter, 995, Ulverston, P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Talbot, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; John Lemon, P.Z., St. John's Chapter, 327, Wigton, P.P.G.S.W. and Treasurer, Cumberland and Westmorland; W. Kirkbride, P.Z. Unanimity Chapter, 339, Penrith, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; Rev. Dr. Simpson, P.Z., 129, Chapter, Kendal, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; Jesse Binning, Z., Union Chapter, 310, Carlisle, P.P.G.P.S., West Lancashire; Jas. Comet, H. Union Chapter, 310, Carlisle, P.P.G.S.B. Cumberland and Westmorland; H. Bewes, H. St. John's Chapter, 327, Wigton; G. J. McKay, S.E. Castle Chapter, 129, Kendal; G. Murchie, S.E. Union Chapter, 310, Carlisle; R. Godfrey, P.S. Castle Chapter, 129, Kendal, P.G. Supt. of Works, Cumberland and Westmorland; Jas. Crosskill, 1st Assistant Sojourn, Rowley Chapter, 1051, Lancaster; E. Tyson, S.E. Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, 119, Whitehaven; W. F. Lamony, P.S. Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, 119, Whitehaven, P.G. Registrar Cumberland and Westmorland (Freemason); J. Rothery, 1st Assist. Soj., Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, 119, Whitehaven; Dr. D. Page, Castle Chapter 129, Kendal; W. James, Castle Chapter, 129, Kendal; John Banks, Castle Chapter, 129, Kendal; J. R. Barr, N. Unanimity Chapter, 339, Penrith; Thos. Baron, Castle Chapter, 129, Kendal; G. J. Dalton, Union Chapter, 129, Carlisle; A. C. Poole, Rowley Chapter, 1051, Lancaster; J. Henderson, Union Chapter, 310, Carlisle; R. Stanton, Rowley Chapter, 1051, Lancaster; J. Atkinson, Merchants' Chapter, 241, Liverpool.

The chapter of emergency was opened in form by Comp. Bowes as Z, Comp. Bewes as H., and Comp. Comet as J., the other Principals also being present, after which the rest of the companions were admitted, and the presiding officer's position was assumed by the M.E. Comp. J. D. Moore, assisted by M.E. Comp. J. Bowes, as Director of Ceremonies. After the ceremony had been so far proceeded with, the Principals designate of Bective Chapter, No. 1074, were presented to the Consecrating Officers, viz., Lord Bective, M.P., Z., W. Dodd, H., and J. Talbot, J., and thereupon the first members of the new chapter were presented. Next the acting Scribe, E. Comp. McKay, read the petition and charter, the latter of which was signed by Comps. Lord Bective, W. Dodd, J. Talbot, D. Page, R. Godfrey, J. Holme, H. Ruthmeil, (deceased), G. J. McKay, and J. D. Atkinson.

After the companions had signified their approval of the Principals named in the charter, the Consecrating Officer delivered the following oration:—Companions,—It is customary at the consecration of Royal Arch Chapters for an oration to be delivered on some subject connected with the ceremony, or with Masonry in general. I now propose, in obedience to this custom, to offer you a very few words on the subject of the consecrating elements. The use of corn,



wine, and oil in Masonic and other consecrations is supported by the highest antiquity. Being all the most important productions of the East, they were looked upon as symbolically representing the greatest riches of the people, and from their very nature were esteemed as the great supports of life, and means of refreshment. Bro. Harris, in a discourse, in aid of a charitable institution, says:—"Wherefore, my brethren, do you carry corn, wine, and oil in your procession, but to remind you that, in the pilgrimage of human life, you are to impart a portion of your bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of your consolation into the wounds which sickness has made in the bodies, or affliction rent in the heart of your fellow creatures." Our Psalmist David in enumerating the greatest blessings that we enjoy, speaks of them as "Wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shine, and bread, which strengtheneth man's heart." We are told that the tabernacle in the wilderness, and all the holy vessels were, in obedience to God's express command to Moses, consecrated with an holy anointing oil; and, following the customs of the ancients, those kings, priests, and prophets were thus consecrated. The sovereigns of our own land, at their coronation, are consecrated with an holy oil. Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, as emblematical of the holy ark, are at their formation solemnly consecrated to the secret purposes of the institution by the strewing of corn, and the pouring of wine and oil. They may be characterised as emblems of health, peace, and plenty, blessings essential to the happiness of an individual and necessary for the success of a chapter. Thus does this mystic ceremony instruct us to be nourished with the hidden manna of righteousness, to be refreshed with the Word of God, and to rejoice with joy unspeakable in the riches of grace. And may all those blessings, which are represented in the corn, wine, and oil of consecration ever found in the chapter.

The remainder of the ceremony was then gone through in the most impressive manner by the two consecrating Principals, the prayers incidental thereto being delivered by the Rev. Dr. Simpson. Finally, the new chapter was dedicated and constituted. The three Principals were next installed, and upon re-admission, the Companions saluted them according to ancient form. The other officers were appointed as follows:—Comps. Dr. D. Page, Scribe E.; R. Godfrey, Scribe N.; W. Tattersall, P.S.; J. Atkinson, First Asst. Soj.; W. James, Second Asst. Soj.; W. James, Treas. The remaining officers stood over for a future meeting.

The M.E. Comps. Moore and Bowes were unanimously elected honorary members of Bective Chapter, 1074, in recognition of their valuable services during the day, and they having returned thanks, Bro. the Rev. H. Vincent Thompson, P.G. Chaplain Cumberland and Westmoreland, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation.

The M.E. Corp. Moore then opened the Prov. Grand Chapter, for the installation of the Earl of Bective M.P., as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

The Installing Officer having stated the object of the meeting, the roll of the several chapters was called, the Provincial Grand Superintendent designate was announced and sent in his patent, dated June 3rd, 1877.

Afterwards Lord Bective was inducted into the Provincial Chair with the usual formalities, and being obligated, his lordship was invested with the insignia of his office.

The proclamation over, the newly-installed Provincial-Grand Superintendent appointed and obligated the two Principals, or, rather, one was obligated, Comp. W. B. Gibson, Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, 119, Whitehaven, P.G. S.C. Cumberland and Westmoreland, being unavoidably absent.

The following is a list of officers appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Superintendent.

M.E. Coms. Col. Whitwell, M.P., P.G.H.; M.E. Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, P.G.J.; Comp. G. J. McKay, P.G.S.B.; M.E. Comp. J. Bowes, P.G.S.N.; M.E. Comp. J. Lemon, P.G. Reg.; M.E. Comp. W. Kirkbride, P.G.P.S.; M.E. Comp. J. Talbot, P.G. 1st A.S.; Comp. J. Murchie, P.G. 2nd A.S.; Comp. W. F. Lamonty, P.G. S.B.; Comp. W. Court, P.G. St.B.; Comp. J. Godfrey, P.G. D.C.

On the motion of Comp. Col. Whitwell, seconded by Comp. Bowes, Comp. John Barr, P.Z. Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter, 119, Whitehaven, was unanimously chosen as Provincial Grand Treasurer of the chapter. Companion Tyson apologised for the unavoidable absence of Comp. Barr. The next business on the agenda paper was the appointment of a committee to frame bye-laws for the new province, and ultimately it was resolved that the said committee consist of the three Principals and two Scribes. Before the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comps. Moore and Bowes. On the motion of Comp. the Rev. Dr. Simpson, seconded by Comp. Lemon, and the consecrating Comps. having replied, Comp. Dr. Page moved that the cordial thanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter were due to Comp. G. J. McKay, for the great amount of trouble he had taken in the preliminary arrangements of the meeting. This was seconded by Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and agreed to with the greatest unanimity.

The Provincial Grand Chapter being then closed, and the customary proclamations made in the Bective Chapter, Bro. Anderson, Tyler of Underley Lodge, was proposed as a candidate for exaltation as serving companion, and the working proceedings of the day, which throughout had been successful, were brought to a satisfactory conclusion at half-past two o'clock.

Subsequently an elegant banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, presided over by Lord Bective, M.P., the new Provincial Grand Superintendent. The usual toast list was observed, so far as time would admit, and the

company broke up in time for the last train north and south from Kirkby Lonsdale, at a few minutes before six o'clock.

The proceedings of the day undoubtedly augurs well for the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in Cumberland and Westmoreland, and now that the several Chapters are centralised, a wonderful change will be effected before long in the working, or we are much mistaken.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the R.A. Masons of the Province of Devon was held on Wednesday at Topsham. The selection of that little township for the holding the Provincial Meeting this year arose from the local Lodge, Brent, No. 1284, desiring to add to its honours that of possessing a Royal Arch Chapter. Topsham, although small in size, has been, and is now, a town of considerable commercial importance in comparison with the number of its population.

After the destruction of the original port of Exeter, Topsham became and remained for a lengthened period the resort of the Exeter shipping trade. The subsequent opening of the Exeter shipping canal has, however, materially interfered with that branch of Topsham's prosperity. In the parish church a fine monument by Chantry is erected to the memory of Sir John Duckworth, a distinguished naval officer, who died at Devonport early in this century, where he was long remembered as Commissioner Duckworth through his eccentricities. He had charge of that arsenal, for there were no Admiral Superintendents then. When standing by to see the seamen flogged, in answer to their screams for mercy, he used to say, "I am sorry for you, my man; remember, it is not me, it is your country that flogs you."

The early Masonic records of Topsham, like that of most other places are obscure. It is known that a warrant was granted for establishing a Craft Lodge there in 1764, but how long that lodge existed in the town, whether it decayed or was removed, is apparently not recorded.

The present lodge was founded in 1869, principally through the exertions of Dr. Brent, who was its first W.M. and whose name it bears. For the accommodation of that Lodge a commodious Hall has been erected in the immediate proximity of the Globe Hotel, one of the principal hostleries in the town. In that Hall the meeting was convened on Wednesday. The interior of the Hall is very handsomely fitted up for Masonic purposes, and contained, appropriately laid out, an elegant suite of Royal Arch furniture and regalia that did great credit to the taste and liberality of the promoters of the new Chapter.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in the afternoon. M.E. Comp. the Rev. Jno. Huyshe, M.A., Past G.J., Prov. G. Superintendent, presided, supported by the following officers:—Ex. Comps. W. G. Rogers, P.P.G.J., H. pro tem.; Capt. W. E. Stone, R.N., P.G.I.; J. Stroud Short, P.G.P.S. pro tem.; W. F. Quicke, P.G. 1st A.S. pro tem.; W. Coath, P.G. 2nd A.S.; W. H. Triplett, Treas.; R. M. Andrews, P.G.D.C.; H. B. Stark, P.P.G.C., Organist pro tem.; P. Blanchard, P.G., Janitor. The following Past P.G. and private chapter officers were also among the companions present: Ex. Comps. H. Walrond, P.P.G.P.S.; Samuel Jones, P.P.G.S.N.; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.P.S.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.P.S.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.A.S.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.A.S.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Woodgate, P.P.G. Reg.; Jno. Sadler, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Bodley, P.P.G. St. B.; Jos. Page, P.Z. 444. Treas. 112; G. W. Ormerod, P.Z. 303; T. B. Patterson Z. 1125; Saml. Loram, H. 303; F. Horspool, H. 444; I. Latimer, H. 189; T. J. Shapland, H. 251; Geo. Evans, H. 847; W. C. Oliver, J. 251; W. E. Williams, J. 1125; Sydney Templar, J. 303; T. Freeman, J. 106; F. J. Pratt, J. 1138; G. J. Bishop, Z. 106; H. S. Gill, J. elect, 1125. Comps. H. Strawson, P.S. 39; F. Pollard, P.S. 112; Jas. J. rman, S.N. 112; H. Stocker, D.C. 112; T. Higgs, S.E. 106; Geo. Huxham, S.N. 444; C. C. Kendrick, D.C. 444; W. Pidsley, A.S. 444; W. Brodie, 1st. A.S. 444; W. Gregory, A. Huxtable, 112; Benj. Barber, 112, 444; S. Stewart Kersteman, 303; Col. Fitzgerald.

Business commenced with the constitution and consecration of the Brent Chapter. Ex-Comp. G. W. Ormerod, acting as S.E., made the application to the P.G. Superintendent, who ordered the warrant for the constitution of the Chapter granted by Grand Chapter to the promoters of the Chapter to be read. The members of the new Chapter, expressed their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

Ex-Comp. W. G. Rogers, as H., then delivered an oration to the companions on their duties. They were, he said, to admit no candidates to exaltation whom they would scruple to grasp with the right hand of fellowship. They were to keep the membership worthy of the Order that had gone before, and to do nothing that would throw any blame on the fraternity in the future. P.G.S.E. then presented the following companions as the three Principals of the new chapter for the ensuing year, who were duly invested:—J. H. Warren, Z.; F. Horspool, H.; B. Barber, J.

The Principals produced a list of their officers (for the present their investment was deferred):—F. Pollard, S.E.; George Huxham, S.N.; H. Strawson, P.S.; W. Brodie, 1st A.S.; W. Pidsley, 2nd A.S.; W. F. Quicke, P.Z., who was unanimously elected Treasurer; W. Gregory, Chap.; C. C. Kendrick, D.C.; W. Sampson, 1st Steward; W. B. Land, 2nd Steward. The P.G. Superintendent declared the Chapter duly constituted, and the ceremony of its consecration was then proceeded with. At the close of the consecration the P.G. Superintendent congratulated the companions of the new chapter on the promising appearance of their chapter.

The reports of the P.G.S.E. and of the P.G. Treas. were

then submitted and adopted. The treasurer's report, together with some payments that had been made that day, shewed an available balance in hand of £34, Ex-Comp. W.G. Rogers proposed that £25 should be subscribed to the Masonic Fund for the relief of the famine in India.—Ex-Comp. Samuel Jones seconded the Proposition, which was carried unanimously, and Most ex-Comp. the Rev. John Huyshe added ten guineas to the donation. Comp. Jones said Masonic donations to the distress in India were very appropriate, as some of the oldest lodges in the world existed there, and it would shew the Indian Masons that their English brethren did not forget them. Comp. Benjamin Barber was unanimously elected as the P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Ex-Comps. W.H. Triplett and T.S. Bayly appointed the Audit Committee. A letter was read from Ex-Comp. L.P. Metham regretting his inability through illness, to be present, and another from him urging the claims of the Indian Famine Fund to the charity of the province. The following Comps. were appointed the P.G. officers for the ensuing year:—Ex-Comps. W.G. Rogers, 112, H.; H. Walrond, 303, J.; G. W. Ormerod, 303, S.E.; Robert Barwin, 112, S.N.; George Evans, 847, P.S.; J. H. Warren, 1284, 1st A.S.; G. W. Phillips, 202, 2nd A.S.; I. Latimer, 189, Reg.; F. J. Pratt, S.B.; Samuel Loram, 303, 1st St. B.; G. I. Bishop, 106, 2nd St. B.; F. Horspool, 1284 D.C.; R. Pengelly, 70, A.D.C.; F. Pollard O.; J. S. Short, B.B.; P. Blanchard, Janitor. In the evening the companions dined together at the Globe Hotel; the P.G. Superintendent presiding.

#### MEMORIAL TO STEPHENSON.

There is no name which the industries of this country and the civilized world should hold in more enduring estimation than that of George Stephenson. His life was a history of the progress of locomotion. All that we have been doing in that direction since his first travelling engine was placed on the rails in 1814 has been but a development of his invention. His experience of that date showed that a revolution had been effected in the means of transport, and with the passing of the Bill for the Liverpool and Manchester Railway in 1816 that system of locomotion was inaugurated which has since extended itself, to the glory of England and the immortal honour of George Stephenson. He was born at the Wylam Colliery, near Newcastle, which is far distant from Chesterfield, in Derbyshire; but there is nothing inappropriate in a memorial being raised to George Stephenson by the inhabitants of the latter town. In Derbyshire, amid his birds and his horticultural pursuits, he spent the quiet evening of a laborious life, and in the churchyard of Chesterfield his ashes now repose. It was a happy thought, then, of those who are interesting themselves in the cause of industrial education in Chesterfield to dedicate to the memory of Stephenson the building in which such education is to be afforded.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the memorial was held on Wednesday, and it was conducted in a manner which rendered it in every way a success. It is not easy to impart novelty in the laying of a foundation stone. The thing is of frequent occurrence in these days, and there are certain set proceedings which one expects to see duly gone through whenever a foundation stone is laid. But on this occasion the Freemasons of the Masonic province in which Chesterfield is situated, with Lord Hartington, as Prov. Grand Master, at their head, imparted an imposing grandeur to the ceremony, which raised it far above the ordinary level of "functions" of this kind. It is but justice to the inhabitants of the town and to a large concourse from the surrounding neighbourhood, to say that they did their part in seconding the successful exertions of the Masonic body. Two o'clock was the time appointed for the mustering of the procession which was to take the leading part in the ceremony. Punctually at the appointed hour the excellent band of the 3rd Derbyshire Volunteers was in the Market-place, and to its music various bodies, several of them wearing bright scarves and other emblems of the brotherhood, rapidly fell into their places and got into marching order. There were the friendly societies of Chesterfield, four abreast, the Committee of the Science and Art Classes, the Committee and Members of the Mechanics' Institute, the Committee of the University Extension Classes, the Council and members of the Chesterfield and Derbyshire Institute of Mining, Civil, and Mechanical Engineers, the tradesmen of the town of Chesterfield, the Stephenson Memorial Committee, the contractors, the architect, the Mayor and Corporation of Chesterfield, the borough magistrates, the members for the county, the county magistrates, the local gentry, private Lodges of Freemasons with their respective banners, the officers wearing their collars and jewels, and lastly, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, with the Right Worshipful the Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Derbyshire, all in full Masonic costume. The site of the memorial is on the brow of the hill beneath the church, the spire of which is, in its way, almost as curious an object as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Owing, it is said, to the warping of the woodwork in its interior, this spire has assumed an extraordinary twist, and leans very decidedly out of the perpendicular, though not, it is to be hoped, at a sufficient angle dangerously to affect its centre of gravity. Arrived at the site of the memorial, the procession halted and formed an avenue, through which the Provincial Grand Master passed to the spot where the foundation-stone was suspended. The officiating brethren took up positions at the four sides of the stone, the Provincial Grand Master standing at one end and the Provincial Grand Chaplain, bearing the Sacred Law on a cushion at the other. An anthem having been chanted by a choir, a silver trowel was presented to Lord Hartington; then a prayer was read by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and various coins of the present reign



having been deposited in the cavity, the noble lord duly laid the stone.

Lord Hartington, in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master, then, according to ancient Masonic custom, addressed the spectators as follows:—Men, women, and children here assembled to-day to behold this ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old in peace and honour in most countries to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent structures, and to fear God, the great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted in peace and honour to the Masons of ancient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us. It is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interest and to defend us against all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in presence of you all to assist in laying in ancient form the foundation-stone of this Stephenson Memorial Hall, which we pray God to prosper for the promotion of godliness, harmony and brotherly love till time shall be no more.

To this all the brethren replied, "So mote it be." After some further Masonic formalities,

Lord Hartington continued,—Mr. Mayor, the ceremony of laying this stone being now finished, I wish before we conclude the proceedings of this forenoon by the singing of the National Anthem, to say just a very few words on behalf of the Masonic body of this Province, expressive on their part and on my own, as their representative, of the pleasure we have felt in assisting in the work which we have here been performing. I hope that the building of which we have laid the first stone to-day, and which, despite the many difficulties which have arisen, has at last made a prosperous beginning, will not only be an ornament to this town of Chesterfield, but will prove also a great and material advantage to the town and neighbourhood. By means of this building an institute which has been at work among you for so many years, and has promoted the progress of those industries which in your district have found so wide a field, will be able to carry out its mission unimpeded by those obstacles which it has hitherto encountered. From that circumstance the community of this neighbourhood will derive very considerable and manifest advantages. In this building there will also be the means of extending to all of you and your children who may be desirous of availing yourselves of them the benefits of a higher education than has been hitherto afforded to you. You are aware under what disadvantages, and yet with what success, the work to which I have alluded has been done, but I trust it will be carried on with greater advantages and with still greater success in the building we have this day inaugurated (cheers). It will be no unworthy memorial of the great man after whom this edifice is to be named, who lived among you during the latter period of his life, and whose bones now lie in the churchyard of your town. I believe this building is rightly to be called after one who did so much, not only for Chesterfield and its neighbourhood, but for this nation and the world at large (cheers). It would be useless, especially as I have to address many of you later in the evening, for me now to detain you longer. I shall, therefore, only express on the part of the Masonic body of this county, of whom I have the honour to be the head, their good wishes for the prosperity of the institution for whose benefit the proposed building is designed.

The ceremony concluded by the singing of a Masonic version of the National Anthem.

## SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER.

### No. IX.

#### BRO. KIMPTON ON THE RHIGI.

Bro. Kimpton is a fixed light in his famous lodge, the "Zodiac," but of which the cabalistic, or rather the astronomical characters he represents, is not quite certain. He is both a learned Mason and a true-hearted man, and is always ready to impart his store of knowledge to his brethren, to diffuse information, and encourage the cultivation of Masonic intellectuality. He is liberal and kindly communicative, and tolerant, and we have often listened to his "Lectures" in the lodge with edification, and hope to do so often again, as Paddy says, "Plaze the Pigs." Bro. Kimpton is emphatically a student of polite literature, as well as an intellectual Mason, and he is not a little scientific in all that concerns the outer world of literature and knowledge. No wonder, then, that he is much looked up to.

He has just returned from the Rhigi Kaltbad, and gives a most amusing account of his experiences and his expedition.

He went from Paris to Geneva, and from Geneva to Berne, and from Berne to the Rhigi. He saw a very charming country, and delighted alike in the Lake Leman and Lake Lucerne. He was able to loiter at Vevey, to look in at Chillon, to breathe fresh air at Chexbres, and to take a peep at Montreux.

He says, (for he is a genuine Briton), "Sir, I breathed the air of liberty, and thought of William Tell and the apple. I don't believe in these doubts about William Tell. They are throwing doubts on everything just now. There are some fellows who believe nothing, and I have not yet reached that state of botheration and bosh! No, Sir, I believe and always shall, more majorum." And a very sensible fellow we venture to think, is Bro. Kimpton.

What a good thing it would be if some of our dilettante sceptics, who are so fond of talking of their "mental difficulties" and boring the sensibilities of the strong, and

shaking the faith of the weak, would throw their doubts, (not their physis), "to the dogs," and become rational and believing as of yore. We are sick, positively sick of the "yearnings for solution of difficulties" which are not difficulties at all, which appear amongst our young men just now, who have, however, not the slightest scruple of scepticism in the world, in respect to "cham," a "smoke," a "nip," a "chew," and who have entire faith in billiards and bitters, in Newmarket and B. and S. What can be done with them or for them?

Bro. Kimpton says that much as he likes Switzerland and the Swiss, its glorious scenery, and its wondrous hills, he thinks that he was disappointed at the Rhigi. It was sultry by day and sultrier by night. The mountain air was somewhat warm in August, and it was very hot for walking, and he has a distinct recollection of a good deal of perspiration, and glare, and a wonderful Babel of tongues and nationalities. However, it did him good, at least, so he says. The variation from a busy life, "On Change," was a very pleasant one, amid Swiss hills and Swiss lakes, and he has returned, much to the delight of his friends, with a large collection of Swiss knick-nacks, and a wonderful assortment of sticks and walking poles. "And then," as he says, "travelling, Bro. Toulmin, enlarges the mind. If a man is always living in one spot, he becomes narrow, and prejudiced in his views and sympathies. But travelling expands his horizon and his mental grasp. He returns home, if gladly, sensible of the prevailing excellency of Old England, yet with a kindly recollection of the distant spots he has visited, and the different people he has seen in other days. He is fond of saying:—"Oh! it was in such a year, I went up the Rhigi with old Jones and venerable Trotter, and a very pleasant time we had of it. We saw the sun rise, and we enjoyed the early hours, and we found ourselves among a friendly people, and we were quite sorry when we had to return home. As Freemasons we should always seek to be large-hearted, and tolerant and to emancipate ourselves from absurd antipathies and childish prejudices. Let us all remember that "A man's a man for all that," as Bro. Burns said so well of old, and a "b'other," in Masonry points to something more than a mere profession. The word has a real meaning, and is neither a vapid formulary, nor an insular claim, but is truly a very real thing and a Cosmopolitan obligation.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 26, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H.  
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Ho., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Ho. (Installation).  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warren Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.  
and on 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 14, Fuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Ho.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
Mark Lodge 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Constitutional, Bedford Ho., Shampton Bds.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-street.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
" 212, Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.  
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.  
" 753, Prince Frederick William.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Confidence, Greyhound Tav., Milton-street, Cripplegate.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 69, Grenadiers, F.M.H.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.  
Chap. 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Liberty, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.  
Lodge 569, FitzRoy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Com., City-rd.  
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Union Waterloo, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 27, 1877.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of J., M.H., Liverpool.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.  
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool (Installation).  
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of J., M.H., Liverpool.

Prince Arthur L. of J., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

Lodge 32, R. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 732, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Chap. 86, Lebanon, M.H., Prescott.



Lodge 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.  
 " 1356, De Gray and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Lodge, 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1313, Fernor, M.H., Southport.  
 Mariners L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.  
 Stanley, L. of J., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26.  
 Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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He thought it was incumbent on all of them to use their best efforts not only to make the lodge prosperous but to combine the good feelings of hospitality and good fellowship towards one another. The other toasts were then given and the brethren separated.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—The last meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Wellsman, P.M. 858, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W.; Dodson, J.W.; Low, W.S., acting S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Dwarber, I.P.M.; Tisley, Secretary; Bull, D.C. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. J. Gregory, P.P.G.C. of Suffolk; Kent, P.M. Domestic; Dodson, P.M. Joppa, Singleton, W.M. 858; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. 1381; Davies, 231, Ottawa, Canada; Sihal, Brussels; Foster, Portsmouth; Leaver, 1194. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Skelton, gave the lecture on the second tracing board, and initiated Mr. Robinson, the whole of the ceremonies being exceedingly well performed. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren partook of a well served banquet. The Royal and Craft toasts having been duly proposed and honoured, the "Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who in the course of a very eloquent speech congratulated the lodge upon possessing so excellent a Master as Bro. Wellsman had proved himself to be. The St. Dunstan's, although one of the youngest metropolitan lodges, was not the youngest in point of work, or the last in promulgating one of the most glorious tenets in Freemasonry, namely charity, and their W.M. had done good suit and service in both these great Masonic essentials. He therefore charged them to receive the toast with all due honour and respect. The W.M. in reply briefly said that he scarcely knew how to thank them sufficiently for the manner in which they had responded to his health, so flatteringly proposed by Bro. Dwarber. He should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M., as he believed his example was worthy of being followed, and because he had received great kindness at his hands. There was but one way of discharging the duties of the Master's chair, and that was to earnestly and diligently study the "working," in order that perfect harmony should characterise the whole proceedings of the ceremonials. In conclusion, he conscientiously believed that at the present time No. 1589 could challenge comparison with any lodge in London for its general state of efficiency and prosperity. "The Initiates" followed. In giving this toast the W.M. said that, although he quite endorsed the well-known remark of the Grand Secretary that "quality, and not quantity" was the Masonic desideratum, yet no lodge could hope to go on without the occasional incoming of initiates. However, a certain supervision was necessary, and whilst that continued to be exercised the better it would be for the Craft both now and ultimately. The gentleman they had initiated that evening was in every way worthy of their lodge, and would, he was confident, in time reflect great credit upon it. The Initiates having replied, "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Gregory, Singleton, Davies, and Sihal as representatives of the London, Provincial, Colonial and Foreign Lodges as present that evening. This toast having been warmly received the brethren thus signalled responded in suitable terms. The next toast in order was "The I.P.M." and which drew from the W.M. a very warm eulogy upon the merits of Bro. Dwarber who he said was ever ready, ever anxious and ever willing to assist in any Masonic work. It was a great support to him as Master to have such an excellent Past Master at his elbow, one who had the interests of the lodge so much at heart that he the W.M., believed that when the time arrived and which day he hoped was far distant for Bro. Dwarber, to be absent in body he would be present in spirit. The I.P.M. in reply, said that he should always do his best not only for the St. Dunstan's Lodge, but for the Craft in general. He then gave a short account of the origin of the lodge, in which he stated that since its foundation three other parishes had formed distinctive lodges which proved the example set by the founders of No. 1589, was found worthy of imitation. In concluding he paid a high compliment to the services rendered him during his year of office by Bro. Moxwell in the honorary character of first Past Master. "The Treasurer and Secretary" in the absence of the former was acknowledged by Bro. Tisley in a neat little speech. "The Health of the Officers" followed and was responded to by Bros. Dalwood, Dodson, and Low. The proceedings were enlivened by Bros. Dodson, Walls, Bedingfield, Clemow, and Sihal.

**ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).**—The first anniversary meeting of this young lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico, and was attended by a very large number of the brethren. Although only twelve months old the lodge numbers nearly sixty subscribing brethren, and from its connection with the club held on the same premises, and its popularity amongst the club members, it is not unlikely that it will number more than a hundred before the close of its second year. Among the visitors were Bros. Thomas Read, 913; G. R. Egerton, 1310; F. F. Davies, 87; C. Goolden, 1706; J. Wyer, 1314; J. F. Callet, 907; T. Simpson, 1178; A. Cameron, 180; R. A. Steel, 1197; R. E. H. Goffin, 1395; L. C. Reman, 186; R. Burleton, 860; T. Peran, 860; T. Hardy, 190; J. B. Swallow, 382; Louis Beck, 1687; Wm. Grant, 126; E. C. Massey, (Freemason), J. Nelson, 1441; J. H. Lane, 1269; T. Holland, 122; J. W. Sedgwick, 180; and A. A. Drew, 890. The lodge was opened by Bro. Henry A. Hunt, W.M., supported by his officers, Bro. D. H. McLeod, S.W.; J. C. Flattely, J.W.; Wm. Vincent, S.D.; Samuel John, J.D.; J. G. Fisher, I.G.; Ed. Powell, D.C., and J. L. Coulter, P.M., and after the confirmation of the minutes and the presentation of the report by the Audit Committee, the W.M. Elect, Bro. D. H. McLeod,

late S.W., was presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and having been duly obligated was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. This portion of the ceremony was performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Hunt, but the remainder, including the orations, was performed by Bro. Coulter. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Flattely, S.W.; Wm. Vincent, J.W.; Beckham, Secretary; Sam. Jones, S.D.; J. G. Fisher, J.D.; Powell, I.G.; Egerton, Organist; Good and Taylor, D.C.'s; Johnson and Jackson, 2 Wine Stewards, and Bro. Wilson, Assistant Tyler. As soon as the appointment of officers was completed the ballot was taken for three initiates, namely, Mr. Fredk. Arnold, proposed by Bro. Jackson, seconded by Bro. Beckham; Mr. R. Cullingford, proposed by Bro. Beckham, seconded by Bro. McLeod; and Mr. Wm. Henry Bears, proposed by Bro. Isaac, seconded by Bro. Beckham, and being found favourable to their admission, they were duly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. This, with the exception of the proposition of three fresh candidates for initiation at a future meeting, completed the business of the evening, and the lodge was therefore closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large room on the ground floor where the banquet-tables were prepared. A good deal of delay, however, took place before the viands were on the table, and it was not until a somewhat late hour that the last course was removed, and the Worshipful Master rose to propose the first toast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts of course led the way, and a verse of the National Anthem and the scarcely less popular "God Bless the Prince of Wales," were sung. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W., Pro Grand Master," followed by that of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy G. M., and the rest of the Grand Officers" came next, followed respectively by the performance of the Entered Apprentice's song by Bro. C. Taylor, and "We have our brave hearts still," by Bro. J. L. Coulter, P.M. Honour was also done to the toast "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Coulter, P.M., who replied, and from whose speech it appeared that he had during his time taken up a considerable sum, amounting to some six hundred pounds, to the Masonic Charities. Prior to Bro. Coulter's reply, however, Bro. Daniel McLeod, the newly-installed Master, sang a song, entitled "Our own dear Lodge." It was well sung, and deserved the hearty applause it met with on all sides. Bro. H. A. Hunt, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in doing which he referred to the great ability and precision with which Bro. McLeod did his work in the ceremonies, which, he said, stamped him as a man who had taken Freemasonry to heart. Bro. McLeod was one of the originators of the Eccleston Lodge—the idea of founding a lodge in connection with the Grosvenor Club originated with him. He had greatly assisted the progress of the lodge, which beginning with eighteen members now numbered about sixty. Bro. D. H. McLeod, W.M. said: Bros. Senior and Junior Wardens and brethren all,—I scarcely know the terms in which I may reply to the eloquence which has fallen from the lips of the W.P.M. Hunt, on the present occasion, nor can I think that I am worthy of the high eulogium he has passed upon me, but nevertheless you have been pleased to elect me, and it is my duty to say that it is an honour I shall cherish to the last hour of my life. The honour that has been conferred upon me to-night I regard as one which can never be excelled in any sphere of life in which I may move. For a number of years I have been mixed up with friendly societies and other societies, but I have always looked upon Freemasonry as the best society in the world. There is nothing stronger in the universe than the bond of Freemasonry, and throughout the whole course of my career I have never experienced such a grasp as the grasp of Freemasonry; it makes us all actual friends. I have heard that it may take a church to hold one's acquaintances, but that the pulpit will suffice to hold one's friends. I have, however, formed more friendships in Freemasonry than in anything else I have been mixed up with. I wish to say one word on behalf of our lodge. I remember the time—scarcely eighteen months ago—when we met in a small room in this building to discuss the proposal of forming a lodge, when indeed we had but small expectation of obtaining a warrant. From that time to the present the most cordial good-will has reigned amongst us, and I must now express the hope that this perfect love and cordiality may continue among us for many years to come; may the spirit of Freemasonry also extend through the hearts of the people, and teach them that in it there is a bond which will unite all creeds, that will survive every shock, that will survive the wreck of ages and the crash of worlds. "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Hunt," was then proposed by the Master, who at the same time presented him on behalf of the lodge with a very elegant P.M.'s jewel, in the design of which the portcullis, the armorial sign of the city of Westminster, is introduced with excellent effect. Bro. P.M. Hunt having replied, various other toasts were proposed, including the "Initiates," "Visitors," and "Officers of the Lodge." Nor was the Masonic press forgotten. The W.M. spoke in brief terms of commendation of the *Freemason*, adding that the well thumbed pages of the copy in their reading-room were the best evidence of the appreciation in which it was held by the members of the Eccleston Lodge. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Massey, who responded on behalf of the press in general and of the *Freemason* in particular. The brethren did not separate till a late hour.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE, (No. 1695).**—This new lodge held its first regular meeting on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Finsbury Park Tavern. The officers were in full attendance and Messrs. James Hewling Thompson, George David Edmunds, Thomas Crane, and George Benjamin Carey were initiated, the duty being divided between Bros. Past Master Davis

and Pigot. Bros. Alfred Ayden, and Thomas Jackson, were accepted as joining members. A banquet followed, which was most admirably served by mine host of "The Tavern." We regret the crowded state of our columns precludes a lengthened report; however, we cannot help remarking that the perfect harmony which exists in this lodge might be well followed by many of the fraternity. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Purkiss is one we are ever pleased to greet, and his kind genial manner and smiling face secure him the universal respect of the brotherhood. The visitors were Bros. W. Wilkinson, 167; J. F. O. Wood, 1288; C. J. G. Wood, 1288; Fred Goode, 1677; Frank Bout, W.M. 1306; and James Cox, 1288.

**TORQUAY.**—Lodge of St. John's (No. 328).—The first meeting of this lodge, after the summer recess, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, October 1st. A number of members and visiting brethren were present, considerable interest being felt in the business of the evening, the principal event being the initiation into Freemasonry of Mr. Lawrence Hesketh Palk, eldest son and heir of Sir Lawrence Palk, Bart., M.P. for East Devon, and Lord of the Manor of Tormsham, Torquay. The W.M., Bro. S. Burton, presided over the lodge, supported by Bro. Piggot, I.P.M.; Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Bro. Harland P.M., 328, and P.P.J.D.; Bro. Watson, Sec., and P.M. 328, and P.J.G.D.; Bro. Greenfield, P.M., P.P.J.D.; Bro. Pratt, P.M., P.G. S. of W.; Bro. Warren, P.M., P.G.S.; Bro. Dand, P.M., P.P.G.D., &c.; Bro. Maclean, P.M.; Bro. Robt. Palk, 279, and others. The initiation was ably conducted by the W.M., who called upon Bro. Watson to give the address, and Bro. Harland the charge. Bro. Brooks, the Organist, effectively introduced portions of the musical compositions of Bro. E. J. Crow, of Leicester, and the officers being well acquainted with their duties, the ceremony passed off smoothly and successfully. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds as a donation to the Indian Famine Relief Fund. After the lodge was closed the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where a substantial repast was served. After grace, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the expressions of satisfaction at having initiated into the order a brother of the social status, ability, and promise of Bro. Lawrence Hesketh Palk were heartfelt and genuine. It was also pointed out to the newly initiated brother that a great sphere of Masonic influence and usefulness would naturally be within his grasp, and that as he pursued steadily the acquisition of Masonic knowledge and promulgated the genuine tenets and principles of the Order he might justifiably look forward to a future of great Masonic position and honour. Bro. Lawrence Hesketh Palk replied in a heartfelt and genial manner, thanking the brethren for all their good wishes and kind reception of him, and hoped that some of their flattering predictions might be realised, but that having for so short a time been initiated into the light of Freemasonry, he could not be expected to say much on that subject. The members of the lodge and the visiting brethren were all much pleased at the successful opening of the winter session of St. John's, 328, Torquay, Bro. Dand, from Exeter, replying on behalf of the visitors, and complimenting the lodge on its position and prospects.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—At the last meeting of this prosperous lodge, which was most numerously attended, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the W.M., Bro. John Williams, opened the proceedings, supported by Bro. R. Martin, I.P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; J. A. Edginton, P.M.; P. K. Thorn, P.M.; J. W. Williams, P.M., and a full staff of officers besides; Bro. May, P.M. 673; D. Jackson, S.W. 673, and several other visitors. There were altogether about 60 brethren present. An unusually large list of candidates appeared on the circular, and out of these six appeared, and were duly initiated most impressively by the W.M. The handsome sum of ten guineas was afterwards voted for the Girls' Institution in London, and five guineas for the Indian Famine Fund, which was subsequently augmented, by the private subscriptions of the brethren, to ten guineas. Relief to distressed widows was also unanimously voted. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour. A lodge of emergency, in connection with the lodge, was held on Thursday, the 18th inst.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The usual monthly meeting of this excellently worked lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The W.M., Bro. George Stanley Willings, was in his place, supported by Bros. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Doyle, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.J.G.D.; Ellis, S.W.; Henry Firth, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M.; A. Bucknall, I.G.; S. Bushell, S., and a large body of brethren. Two candidates were initiated and two brethren passed to the degree of F.C. in a most impressive manner by the W.M., who, although suffering from a severe cold, afterwards gave the explanations of the first and second tracing boards with a fluency and elocutionary power which elicited universal commendation. It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.G.S., seconded by Bro. Ellis, S.W., to vote the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the lodge in aid of the Indian Famine Fund. The brethren subsequently supped in the large dining hall, and after the brethren had spent a pleasant evening, during which toast, song, and sentiment prevailed, they separated at a seasonable hour.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—On Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., the members of this lodge held their usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance. After no fewer than seven brethren had been passed to the Second Degree by Bro. John Houlding, W.M., Bro. W. Wilson, I.P.M., delivered a lecture on geometry as applied to Freemasonry, in which he showed



that during the past 2400 years the Craft had been the guiding power of all good actions, every line of the working tools of the Order having its mode of teaching men to improve themselves, and that the Great Architect of the Universe had made mankind one mighty brotherhood, with Himself as Mentor.

**SOUTHEAST.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Midleton Hotel, Southend, on Thursday, the 11th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain, the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 359, P.P.G.D., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., as I.P.M.; W. Chaplin, S.W.; S. Cox, P.M., as J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), S.D.; W. Allen, jun., S.W. 160, as J.D.; G. F. Jones, I.G.; Mountain, Tyler; J. C. Hemman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Lockett, J. Girling, W. Waterhouse, H. Hassall, T. Barrett, G. Berry, T. Hales, H. Hicks, W. H. Norman. Visitors: W. Bro. J. Tyrell Leith, P.M. 549 and 1118. W.M. 1709, D.D.G.M. of Bombay; Bros. E. Hicks, 1 (I.C.); Dr. S. W. Fisher, M.D., 379; J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1248, P.P.G.O. N. and E. York; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M. 190 and 1193; H. Beecher, 1360. After the preliminary business, the W.M. raised Bros. A. Cole, E. Birkett, and B. McMay Johnstone to the Third Degree, and the ballot having proved favourable, he afterwards initiated Messrs. O. Benall and W. Griffin into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings and a very pleasant evening to a close.

**WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (1123).**—The last meeting of this lodge for the present season took place on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel. Bro. E. J. Dodd, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. C. Banks, J.W.; C. J. Dodd, S.D.; J. Webb, J.D.; H. Jewell, Secretary; Smalman Smith, I.G.; T. J. Baker, D.C.; Owen, Steward; and in the absence of the S.W., Bro. C. C. Petley, P.M., officiated in that capacity. The W.M. was honoured by the attendance of several visiting brethren, among whom we noticed Bro. J. Dawburn, P.M., Perseverance, 213, P.G.S.B. Norfolk; Bro. F. W. Greenville, Royalty, 243, Island of Guernsey; Bro. E. Cox, P.M. Canonbury, 657; Bro. W. Cressell, Enoch, 11; Bro. T. C. Newson, Hervey, 1692; Bro. Damer Cape, Athenaeum, 1491; and several other brethren. The work consisted of passing two brethren, which was performed in good style by the W.M., and Bro. R. N. Newson, P.M., gave an oration on the principles and tenets of the Craft, in his usually terse and forcible language, which was listened to with much attention by the brethren present, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. After the cloth was cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and in response to that of the visitors, Bro. Dawburn spoke most warmly of the kind reception he had met with by the brethren of the Amherst Lodge, and especially by the W.M., whom he had known from a little child, and the pleasure it gave him to see the progress he had made in Masonry, and the efficient manner in which he performed his duties. Bros. Greenville, Newson, Cox, Cressell, and Cape also responded, and the harmony and enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bro. Smalman Smith, and the quaint and harmonious songs of Bro. Damer Cape. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, after the enjoyment of a very pleasant evening.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).**—On Saturday, October 6th, the members of this lodge assembled at their private rooms, Newton Heath, at 3.30 p.m. The Master, Bro. James Batchelder, took up his position, supported by his officers; the gavel having been sounded, the business commenced. All having been proved as "true and trusty," the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two candidates for initiation, viz., Mr. W. H. Flynn and Mr. J. A. Vincent, and in each case a unanimous election was the result. Mr. James Smith, who was not able to present himself for initiation at the September meeting, was announced and admitted, and received the E.A. Degree from the hands of his proposer, Bro. Batchelder, W.M. Mr. W. H. Flynn was unavoidably absent; and the next business on the circular was therefore proceeded with, it being the initiation of Mr. J. A. Vincent, who was admitted into the mysteries of the First Degree by his friend, Past Master Rogers, of Strangeways Lodge, 1219. Several brethren having been communicated with since the last meeting with regard to their overdue subscriptions, and no response having been given, they were, prior to the closing of the lodge, excluded therefrom, in accordance with notice supplied to them. In passing, we shall not be deemed out of place in commenting upon overdue subscriptions; it is a circumstance unfortunately not uncommon, but we must not charge this negligence to brethren who are Masons at heart. For all who possess Masonry in the hidden spring of life will naturally assist the working of their respective lodges by paying their contributions when due—as we all know doubtless that old adage, "It's money makes the mare to go." Money also is required in Masonic ranks; and if only paid when due it would save Secretaries an enormous amount of trouble, and also assist Treasurers in discharging their respective engagements. Some, however, put off their payments from time to time; the amount increases, and, as a consequence, that desire of "to have and to hold" increases with it; and exclusion is the result. Such a course however, is unnecessary with those who look upon Masonry in that high and exalted manner which its teachings demand, and therefore exclusion may

justly be termed the refiner of our Craft, separating the tares from the wheat. Bro. Kleinmann, through unavoidable circumstances, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. Bro. Taylor, J.D., proposed a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were given from Lodges 295, 317, 521, 1161, 1219, and Revere Lodge, Boston, U.S.A. Charity was next exercised; after which the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then retired to the social board, where the usual Masonic toasts were heartily honoured. In due course came the last toast of the evening, and the brethren separated at 8.45 p.m.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—A strong gathering of the members of this lodge took place at the Albany Hotel, on the 9th inst. Amongst the principal officers present were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; S. H. Knaggs, S.W.; Court J.W.; Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works, I.P.M. and Sec.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treas.; Taylor, S.D.; Ashley, I.G.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, &c., D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Clarke to the degree of M.M. with his accustomed verve and impressiveness. This being election night, Bro. S. H. Knaggs, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. Tomlinson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Harrison was re-appointed Tyler, and the Library Committee re-appointed. The members and visitors then adjourned to a well-served collation. The visitors were Bros. Cama, P.M. Dalhousie Lodge; Pedler, P.M. Dalhousie Lodge; Court, W.M. Phoenix, Hants; King, Dobie Lodge. The preliminary toasts were given from the chair briefly but pertinently. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bros. Wigginton, Horsley, and Walls. "The Health of the W.M." followed, and having been warmly received, was immediately responded to. "The Past Masters" met with a response by Bro. Wigginton, I.P.M. "The Health of the Visitors" afforded Bros. Pedler and Court an opportunity of congratulating the lodge upon the excellent "working" manifested that evening, and for the hospitable manner in which they had been received. "The W.M. Elect" came next in order. Bro. Knaggs, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was a very proud moment to him. He was scarcely a Mason of three years' standing, and consequently he was indeed fortunate at being elected to fill so high and responsible a position as Master, but he hoped, with the assistance of the Past Masters, to do credit to the position. "The Officers" followed, and it was acknowledged by Bro. Tomlinson and Ashley.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).**—The election meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the Island Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th inst. Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 145, W.M., being absent, Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., initiated Messrs. Morton and Wheeler, the elections being unanimous. Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., S.W., W.M. elect; Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler. The usual twelve-guinea Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. E. H. Thiellay. Bro. T. G. Tagg, 1326, elected joining member. The work was well done. There were present Past Masters Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.G.P. Middx.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D.; Middx., Secretary; the officers, and a large majority of the members. The only visitor was Bro. T. C. Walls, P.G. Org. Middx. Refreshment followed labour.

**WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. W. J. Christian, W.M.; Groome, S.W.; W. B. Brand, J.W.; J. Purder, P.M.; F. Hallows, Hon. Sec.; T. Franklin, S.D.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; W. G. Hallows, acting I.G.; Delvalli, W.S. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bros. Rubery and Stockwell, the candidates for passing, answered the usual questions. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the above brethren were passed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ballot taken for two gentlemen which proved unanimous in their favour. Being present, were initiated into Freemasonry, according to ancient rite. In consequence of a vacancy in the office of S.D. having occurred since the last meeting, the W.M. conferred the collar on the S.D., Bro. T. Franklin, that of J.D. upon Bro. J. Cambridge, and that of W.S. upon Bro. Delvalli. The remaining business having been got through, the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, the 3rd November.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—The above lodge met at 101, Queen Victoria-street (the Club), on Monday, at 6 o'clock p.m. Among a large attendance were Bros. J. A. Reed, 1673, W.M.; Nelson Reed, S.W.; C. E. Smith, J.W.; Barnett, S.D.; M. Turner, 157, J.D.; Triggs, I.G.; Shand, Secretary, also Bros. Jos. Langton, 1673, Langton Lodge; Edell, London, 108; H. Woods, White, Bauman, Woolton, and others. Visitors: Bro. Smallpeice, P.M., Secretary to Emulation Lodge of Improvement; C. Sawyer, 1619; Eastgate, Ward, 1563, and others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The ceremony of initiation and the lectures of the degree were worked respectively by the W.M. and Bro. Smallpeice. Bro. Langton proposed and Bro. Edell seconded that Bro. Smallpeice be elected hon. member of the Lodge of Instruction, which was carried. This being the occasion of selecting officers, Bro. Shand proposed that Bro. Smallpeice be elected Preceptor for the ensuing 12 months, which was seconded by Bro. S. W. Nelson Reed, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Reed proposed that Bro. Hogg be re-elected Treasurer, which was duly seconded and carried. Bro. Langton proposed that Bro. J. F. Shand be re-elected Secretary. In doing so he paid compliments for the energy, assiduity, and punctual attendance of Bro. Shand during the past 12 months. Bro. Edell, seconded, with some few well chosen words, expressive of appreciation, for the trouble and attention of the Secretary. Bro. S. W. Reed was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge will close till Monday, Nov. 12th, at 6 p.m.

**WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).**—There was a numerous assemblage of brethren at the White Swan, Deptford, on Monday, the 15th inst., to hear the working of the Fifteen Sections. The duty of Interrogator was undertaken by Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158, who appears to have quite recovered from his recent severe illness, while the answers were distributed between Bros. Catterson, Gibson, Waterman, Hutchings, Millburn, Shaw, Gloster, C. Nash, Griffin and Church. This powerful cast is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the working, and each brother was warmly applauded at the completion of his task. Bro. Shaw coming in for the lion's share both of work and applause. The usual complimentary vote of thanks to the Interrogator, and a brief reply from Bro. Macdonald, brought an instructive evening to a close.

#### Royal Arch.

**INDUSTRY CHAPTER (No. 186).**—On Tuesday, 16th inst., the newly-elected Principals of this successful chapter were installed in their chairs, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Noehmer, P.Z. Chapter was opened by Comps. Tallent, Z.; Seex, H.; and Dyer, J.; after which the two last companions were installed as Z. and H. respectively, and Comp. Black was installed as J. The other companions who received the honour of appointment to office were Comps. G. Kelly, P.Z., Treasurer; W. Mann, P.Z., S.E.; S. E. Poore, S.N.; B. Taylor, P.S.; W. H. Hook, 1st A.S.; Kew, and A.S.; Johnson, D.C.; and Longstaff, Janitor. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned from Freemasons' Hall, where the ceremonies took place, to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant banquet was provided. Among the visitors were Comps. E. J. Harty, P.S. 452; E. Wilson, 77; W. Worrell, P.Z. 766; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason). The customary toasts followed the banquet. Comp. Tallent, P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," said although he could not do full justice to the toast, he was spared the necessity of giving utterance to his feelings by the companions being as fully aware as he was of the abilities of Comp. Seex. All the companions knew that he would go through his year of office with perfect satisfaction to the chapter, not only to those Royal Arch Masons present, but to all Royal Arch Masons, and bring credit on the degree. Comp. Seex was one of his offspring, and consequently, he was proud of Comp. Seex's attainments. It gave him great pleasure to see one of his own children in Masonry in the chair of M.E.Z., and he was sure when Comp. Seex had completed his year of office the companions would wish to see him in the chair for a still longer period. However, there were other companions to follow him who would equally do honour to the chapter, and the companions while wishing to retain Comp. Seex, would not wish to deprive the other officers of the opportunity of obtaining for themselves that lustre which was sure to be attendant on the working of Comp. Seex. The M.E.Z. responded, and said that it was a convenient position for a First Principal or a W.M. to be placed in to have a Past Principal or a P.M. to sound his praise, because it required very little exertion on the part of the person extolled to return thanks, and the toast was sure of a hearty reception. It relieved a First Principal of a great deal of trouble if he found that his endeavours and his desires to please were thoroughly appreciated by the companions, and that those companions were determined to support him by all the means in their power. Comp. Seex next proposed "The Visitors," and each of those companions was called upon to reply. The M.E. then proposed "The Assistant Chairs, H. and J." He was spared saying much of Comp. Dyer, because the companions had seen his work. Comp. Black, however, was a new Principal; but when they considered the way in which he performed his duties as W.M. of Lodge 186, and also those of the subordinate offices in the chapter, they could feel no doubt that his occupation of the J. chair would be marked by equal efficiency. Both Comp. Dyer and Comp. Black had the confidence of the whole of the chapter, or they would not have been elected to the chairs they now filled. He could not doubt that the ability with which Comp. Noehmer had installed them must have impressed them with the dignity of their offices. Comp. Dyer in reply said he felt that the position in which he was placed was one of very great importance, and which required an immense amount of study fairly to appreciate and also to carry out its duties. The way in which his installation had been worked out had impressed on his mind the mysterious character of Royal Arch Masonry. The degree did possess a mysterious character, as he believed its prototype was the old Jewish inner circle or centre, from which all our belief and aspirations had sprung. There was a great deal more in Arch Masonry than at first sight appeared. As Craft Masons we acquired an appreciation of charity; but when we entered Arch Masonry we reached a higher sphere, and began to understand somewhat of the circumstances surrounding that very great Order of human brotherhood called Masons. He would not enter, or attempt to enter, upon any dissertation on what might be considered to be the characteristics of Freemasonry. It was an Order above nationalities; it was a universal brotherhood, and in this respect he believed it had exercised a great influence on the destinies of mankind.



Comp. Dyer concluded by thanking the companions for electing him, and promising to do his best to render him self worthy of their suffrages when the time came to elect him as Z. of the chapter. Comp. Black, J., also replied. The toast of "The Past Principals" followed, and the M.E.Z. having honoured each of them by informing the companions of the merits of Comp. Tallent, Kelly, Noehmer, and Mann, presented Comp. Tallent with a handsome P.Z. jewel. Comp. Tallent, P.Z., said that when he entered Freemasonry, sixteen years ago, he had no idea he should have attained his present high position, but he went on working in order to obtain it. What he did was accepted in the spirit in which it was meant. He received the jewel just presented to him with the heartiest feelings of thankfulness. Last year he had the very pleasing duty of placing one upon the breast of an old friend whom he had the pride and pleasure of proposing. He now received one from another friend whom he also proposed; and he thought this was a very proud position to be placed in. As Z. of the chapter he had done his best, and he was sorry that at the last meeting he was unable to attend, being ill in bed. Comps. Mann and Noehmer also replied, and Comp. Taylor having responded for "The Officers," the Janitor's toast was given, and the companions separated.

**WINDSOR.**—Windsor Castle Chapter, (No. 771).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, 18th inst. The Principals and officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Comps. E. Grisbrook, Z.; G. W. Dixon, H.; G. H. Powell, J.; J. Devereux, P.Z.; Treasurer; W. S. Cantrell, Scribe E.; F. Fleck, Scribe N.; J. O. Carter, P.S.; R. Roberts, 1st Assist. Sec.; Huckvale, 2nd Assist. Sec.; Ashby and J. Johnson, Stewards. The installation ceremony was ably worked by Comp. A. A. Richards, P.Z. Two candidates, Kennedy and Jefferies, were exalted by Comp. J. S. Tolley, P.G.O., the outgoing Z. The Auditors' balance sheet shewed that the chapter was in a sound financial position.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**JERSEY.**—Concord Conclave (No. 8).—The annual assembly was held on Friday the 28th ult., at the Masonic Temple. The conclave was opened by Sir Knt. E. Martel, M.P.S., being supported by Sir Knts. J. O'Flaherty, V.R.; A. Schmitt, P.S.; K.G.C., Rec.; P. W. Benham, P.S.; J. Oatley, P.S.; W. Metherell, H.P.; C. D. Bishop, S.G.; W. H. Chapman, J.G.; J. Huelin, P.; and others. Sir Knt. H. Cook, Rec. 154, visitor. The report of the previous assembly was read and confirmed. A College of Viceroy was opened, when Sir Knt. J. O'Flaherty, M.P.S., elect, having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was opened. The M.P.S. was admitted and presented to Sir Knt. Benham for enthronement, which was duly performed. The college was then resumed, when Sir Knt. W. Metherell V.E. elect, was re-admitted by the Rec. The college was then closed, and the conclave resumed. The Recorder invested Sir Knts. C. D. Bishop, as H.P.; W. H. Chapman, S.G.; J. Huelin, J. G.; J. O. LeSeur, Pref.; E. Rivington, S.B.; F. P. Le Marquand, H.; J. Blampied, Treas.; and G. Rogers, Sent. A P. Sov's. jewel was presented to Em. Sir Knt. P. W. Benham, and never has that decoration been more nobly or worthily won than by our good Frater, who returned thanks for the enthusiasm and spontaneity with which the crowded conclave hailed him, as the Recorder attached the jewel on his breast. The Recorder presented also to Sir Knt. E. Martel a P. Sov's. jewel, as a token of fraternal regard and personal appreciation of many and valuable services the recipient has rendered, not only to the conclave, but to the province. The Recorder moved, seconded by Sir Knt. E. Martel, that the Ill. Sir Knt. W. James Hughan, P.G.V.C. be elected an hon. member of the conclave, which was carried by acclamation. The conclave being duly closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to supper.

Reports of Lodges 1276, 1287, 1325, 1327, 1512, 1608; Chapters 228, 248; Mark Lodge 104; Encampment William de la More; Royal Oriental Order of Sikha and B'hai, stand over till next week.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman on Wednesday, the 10th inst., was presented with a valuable gold watch, out of respect for his probity and independence of character; also a bronze statuette of Le Chevalier Bayard, in token and regard for a ready willingness to serve any private or public cause—"sans peur, sans reproche."

**NEW THEORIES OF THE UNIVERSE.**—Our readers will see by our advertisement columns that Dr. Bedford, who has been so successful in his study of the mechanism of the heavens, is about to reprint his new system of astronomy. It has been suggested that the moons of Mars shall be named Bedford and Hall. Bedford, because he pointed these out 23 years before they were found, and gave a philosophic reason for their existence, and Hall, because he was the first to see them; the first seen to be named Bedford, and the second Hall.

Our readers will learn with regret of the loss sustained by Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in the death of his wife, which sad event took place on Monday last.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin, an alternative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommencing the most feeble. When from frequent chills or torpor all the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them, by an illness.—ADVT.

### CONSECRATION OF THE HARTISMERE LODGE, No. 1663.

#### INSTALLATION OF LORD HENNIKER.

Wednesday, 17th inst., may be marked a red letter day in the Masonic calendar of the Province of Suffolk, it being the day fixed for the interesting ceremony of consecrating the lodge recently formed at Eye under the auspices of Lord Henniker, who was installed as its first Master. The new lodge, being named after his lordship's title, is called the "Hartismere" Lodge. It seems that a lodge, named after "St. Edmund," existed at Eye some 35 years since, but in those days little attention was paid to the mystic Craft, and the lodge was allowed to drop, its title being transferred some years later to Lodge 1008, established at Bury mainly through the exertions of the present P.G. Secretary of the Province, Bro. W. H. Lucia. Consequently the brethren at Eye, on the revival of Freemasonry among them, found it necessary to find another name for their lodge, and they very happily selected that of "Hartismere," which not only represents the hundred in which Eye is situated, but also the title of the noble lord who is its first W.M.

A large gathering of the fraternity took place in the Corn Exchange, which had been prepared in due form. Visitors came from nearly all parts of the province, and additional interest was imparted to the occasion by the fact that the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England—a rank in Masonry second only to that held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—and other distinguished brethren, would attend to perform the ceremony.

At about two o'clock the R.W. Deputy Grand Master entered the lodge room wearing the full clothing of his exalted rank, accompanied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, Past G.S. Warden, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, W.M. designate, Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, &c. The Deputy Grand Master took the chair, but immediately resigned it to Lord Donoughmore, who at once formed the lodge by appointing Bro. T. Phillips, P.G.S.W., as Senior Warden, and Bro. N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., as Junior Warden; Bro. W. C. Eltham, P.G.S.D., acting as Senior Deacon; Bro. E. W. Wrightson, P.G.J.D., as Junior Deacon, and Bro. Whitmore, P.G. Pursuivant, as Inner Guard. After the lodge had been opened in the three degrees in an admirable manner by Lord Donoughmore, the B.W.P.G.M. resumed the chair, proceeding with the ceremony of consecration according to due and ancient form, being assisted by the V.W. Bro. Lord Donoughmore, P.G.S.W.; V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; and the following Prov. G. Officers.—Bro. the Rev. T. J. Hassall, rector of Wattisfield, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Secretary; Bro. W. Clark, Director of Ceremonies; Bro. W. Paine, Assistant Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. J. Hedley Bevan, P.P.G.S.W., who ably performed the music incidental to the consecration upon the harmonium. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Geo. Abbott, P.G.S.B.; W. B. Jeffries, P.G. Steward; W. Daking, P.G. Steward; W. Dods, P.G. Steward; W. B. Syer, P.G.T.; J. Hedley Bevan, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Tracey, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Luff, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. G. Ransome, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.J.D.; W. S. Westgate, P.P.G.D. of C.; F. B. Strathern, P.P.G.J.W.; F. Long, P.P.D. of C.; J. Hanley, S.D. 51, Essex; W. Pearl; P.G.J.W. Madras; S. H. Wright, P.M. 516, P.B.J.W. Luff; I. B. Aldis, P.P.G.J.D. Norfolk, and a numerous assembly of brethren.

After being saluted, the Deputy Grand Master addressed the brethren as follows:—Brethren, we are met to-day to consecrate a lodge, one of the most solemn ceremonies belonging to our profession. I have come here at the request of my friend and brother, Lord Henniker, to perform this ceremony for you, and it is with great pleasure I find myself able to fulfil my promise. Brethren, it is usual at the consecration of a lodge to say a few words, and mine will be few on this occasion. I wish to impress upon you two things. It is a first principle of Masonry that we should live in love and amity. The first thing to show that we have that love and amity is to be very careful how we exclude any one from our lodges. This is a subject upon which I have often spoken in my own province. My idea of the ballot box is simply that it shall guarantee a man to be well known, of good faith, and fit to be made a Mason, and that it is not to be used for personal pique and spite. I am sorry to say that in some of the provinces of England this cause of sorrow and regret has arisen. I do not say that such has arisen in this province, and I hope it never will. In consecrating a new lodge we ought to look at the purpose for which it is consecrated. In the first place, I hope it is to be used to bring brethren together in this particular district, and not to be used for purposes of mere conviviality; but that it will be used for the truly Masonic purpose of working together for benevolence and charity, for, after all, charity is the great watchword of our Order. In the second place, we all like to see Masons advanced, and advanced regularly, in the mystery of the art. How should they advance, and what should bring them on? Let the Provincial Grand Master watch those who attend and do their work thoroughly, for these are the men who ought to be pushed on in Masonry. (Applause.)

The ceremony was then conducted to its conclusion in the manner prescribed. At its close, the lodge having been properly constituted, a Board of Past Masters installed Bro. Lord Henniker as Worshipful Master of the lodge, and his lordship appointed and invested Bro. Alfred Cracknell as Senior Warden, and Bro. C. J. Fisher as Junior Warden.

The Worshipful Master then said: Before proceeding further with the business of the lodge I should like to make a few remarks. I think you will agree with me that we should thank most heartily my old friend, the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale,

for his presence here to-day. (Applause.) I am sure his presence in this province will be fully appreciated, for I am glad to see so many brethren from other parts of the county here to-day, and I am sure we of the Hartismere Lodge shall not forget the day on which he consecrated this lodge. (Applause.) We shall feel proud that it has been consecrated by so good and true a Mason as his lordship, and it will be our duty to take extra pains to conduct the work in a proper manner. (Applause.) It is also my pleasing duty to convey our thanks to Brother Hervey, the Grand Secretary of England. (Applause.) It is quite unnecessary for me to dilate upon his good qualities. He is known throughout England as one of the most zealous Masons, and he is respected in every Masonic province within the country. (Applause.) I must also thank my friend Lord Donoughmore, the Past Senior Grand Warden of England, for having come from London to be present here to-day. I have served with him in a lodge in London as a Senior Warden, and I have never seen a lodge so well worked as his is. (Applause.) I must thank you for placing me in the position as Master of your lodge. I feel some diffidence in accepting that post, because it is some years since I was the Master of a lodge, and I find as each year goes on my engagements become more and more pressing; but I feel my labours will be very much lightened by having as my Senior and Junior Wardens Bro. Cracknell and Bro. Fisher, and the other brethren in the various offices, and I trust we shall be able, at the end of each year as it comes by, to say we have done our duty and conducted the work of this lodge in a proper manner; and then, as Bro. Hervey has said, we shall have done honour to the Craft, and can show the warrant with which he has presented us to-day unsullied and unstained as it is at present. (Applause.) His lordship then again thanked Lord Skelmersdale and the other distinguished officials for their attendance, and concluded by promising to do his best to conduct the lodge in a proper manner.

The brethren of the Hartismere Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, and Bro. Bowser was unanimously chosen and duly installed in his office; as was also Bro. Woolnough, who was appointed by the W.M. as Secretary. Bro. Gedney was installed as S.D.; Bro. C. J. Fisher as J.D., and Bro. J. Rush as I.G.

The brethren from the various lodges in the province then expressed their congratulations to the Worshipful Master, and the installation ceremony was closed in the accustomed manner.

The brethren then formed a procession, and marched to the parish church, where Divine service was held. The church presented a beautiful appearance, the decorations recently placed there on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving having been allowed to remain. The service began by singing Hymn 188, after which Bro. W. P. Roberts, vicar of the parish, read the Litany, which was followed by the concluding prayers of the evening service. The sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. T. J. Hassall, rector of Wattisfield, from 1st Corinthians, xiii., 13: "The greatest of these is charity."

A collection was afterwards made, and devoted to the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

The banquet took place in the Assembly-room of the White Lion Hotel, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, who was supported on the right by Bros. the Earl of Donoughmore, W. P. Phillips, J. Hedley Bevan, W. H. Lucia, Prov. G.S., &c., and on his left by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; the Rev. T. J. Hassall, Prov. G.C.; the Rev. W. P. Roberts, &c. About sixty brethren sat down. After dinner, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Healths of the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales," which was most loyally honoured.

The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon," in proposing which the W.M. remarked that there were several brethren present who knew his worth, and knew how little they could do without his services. (Drunk with Masonic honours.)

The W.M. said that now they had got through the toasts of obligation he would propose what he considered the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale." He was glad to see him in Suffolk. He believed it was the first time he had visited any of the lodges in the province, but he hoped they had given him such a reception that, though they could not expect him often, he might some day visit them again. (Applause.) It was needless to dilate upon his qualities as a Mason. (Hear, hear.) They had seen the way he conducted the ceremony, and he was sure it was a great satisfaction to those who lived in the province to see how well the heads of the Craft were up in the duties of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you (his lordship continued) that so far as we are concerned—I think I can speak for the brethren of this new lodge—we shall not easily forget the kindness of Lord Skelmersdale in coming down here to perform this ceremony for us. (Applause.) He came at great trouble to himself, all the way from Yorkshire to Suffolk, and on the Great Eastern Railway the journey from Ipswich to Eye is not an easy one. (Laughter.) We Masons in the Province of Suffolk (for I am pleased to see so many Masons here from all parts of the county) fully appreciate visits from those high in office amongst Masons. (Hear, hear.) We, of course, try to the best of our ability to carry on our lodges in the province as well as possible; but it does us good from time to time when some of the principal officers will come down and tell us when we are doing wrong, or that they appreciate the work we are trying to do as well as we can. (Hear, hear.) Lord Skelmersdale has been to the sister county of Norfolk, when my lamented friend, Bro. Walpole, was installed Grand Master, and now that he has visited the Province of Suffolk, I hope he will be able to give a good report of us to the Pro Grand Master of England. I do not wish to detain you long, because to dilate at any great length on a Masonic toast is a great



mistake. Amongst Masons, we all know everything we say we mean. I think it most kind of Lord Skelmersdale to come and see us to-night. I am sure he is heartily welcome, and we thank him for his kindness in coming here. (Hear, hear.) I think I may say for other parts of the province that they also thank him for coming amongst us, and are very pleased to welcome him in Suffolk. And if he should think proper to come here again, I think I may promise for this lodge and the province that he will receive the heartiest welcome that we Masons can give him. (Applause.)

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, returned thanks to Lord Henniker for having proposed his health in such kind terms, and to the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast. He had told them in lodge and he wished to affirm it again, that it had been to him a great pleasure to be present to consecrate the lodge and to see how heartily the project for establishing the lodge had been received by the province in general. (Applause.) He had enquired who the brethren present were, and he found they were from all parts of the county, a circumstance which convinced him, if it were necessary to be convinced, how extreme was the pleasure felt by Freemasons throughout the province in having a new lodge added to their number. (Applause.) It showed him that the increase in the popularity of Freemasonry was not confined to Metropolitan and other popular districts, and that it was not the mere flash in the pan that some people had represented the present revival of Masonry to be. Two years ago people said it was a mere flash in the pan, and would soon go down again to the usual hum-drum level, but their worthy Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, would inform them that the increase in the number of lodges was steady, and that the number of Masons was increasing more and more every year. (Applause.) There were now something like 1600 working lodges in the country, and the average number of each lodge ought to be between 40 and 50, which would give a very large number of Masons throughout this country. (Applause.) They could not but reflect what a great and powerful body that must be, all bound together for one or two great causes. (Applause.) The thought of it made him feel that he was not worthy of the position he held amongst so great a number of good men, coming forward in the ranks of Freemasonry to do good as God directed them. His own experience showed that every one who became a Mason gained new strength, and had reason to bless the day he became one. In conclusion, he assured the brethren that if he should be spared to pay them another visit he should look forward to that visit with the greatest pleasure. (Applause.)

The Rev. W. Page Roberts proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities." (Applause.)

Lord Donoughmore, in the course of a humorous reply, said the rev. brother who proposed this toast in a very eloquent speech told them that he felt like a wastrel child who had wandered from the fold of Masonry. (Laughter.) He was sure there was not one in that room who would not welcome his return to the fold. (Laughter and cheers.) It was a very difficult task for a single individual, and especially for one who had not the advantage of long experience—to return thanks for the great ornament of their Order—the Masonic charities. Many could look back to the time when the yearly subscriptions to the charities were much smaller than they were at present. Twenty years ago if anybody had been told that £5000 had been collected at the annual festival of the Boys' School they would have thought it a very large amount, but he asked them to look at the last two years, when the subscriptions were respectively £14,000 and £13,000. (Applause.) That extraordinary augmentation was undoubtedly due to the increase in the members and prosperity of the order; but while the metropolis itself was a large contributor, it was found that the outlying provinces had taken such pains to put their charity schemes upon a proper footing that the sum which had come in from them had very largely increased. This matter of organisation was one that had been under consideration for several years, and had been carried out with signal success; and though no such organisation at present existed in this province, he understood it was in contemplation, and he hoped sincerely, for the sake of the charities, that this contemplated scheme will some time or other be carried into effect. (Hear, hear.) He did not like to sit down without saying a word upon a subject not connected with the toast. The present meeting was not the first Masonic experiment in which he and Lord Henniker had been associated; and because of the great friendship he felt for him, and the interest he took in Masonry, he wished the greatest prosperity and happiness for the new lodge that had been founded that day. (Applause.)

The W.M. said he had next to propose a toast which was one usually known as a toast of obligation, but though it was a toast of obligation it was one which the Masons of Suffolk always drank with the greatest enthusiasm, namely the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney." (Much applause.) His Lordship had taken great interest in this lodge, and he wrote him the kindest of kind letters the other day to express to him his regret that he could not be present on this occasion, not only because he would like to have met the Deputy Grand Master and others, but also because he most heartily wished the "Hartismere" Lodge the greatest possible prosperity. He was sure all the Masons in Suffolk held Lord Waveney in the greatest possible respect, and he hoped that some day or other they might have the pleasure of entertaining him in that lodge. (Hear, hear.) With that toast he should couple the name of his friend the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. (Applause.) He had promised for a long time to be present at the consecration of this lodge. They all knew he took intense interest in all Masonic affairs, and he was one of the most useful Masons in the country. He (the W.M.) had consulted

him throughout, and he had taken the greatest interest in the new lodge. There was one tie which when once broken in life could never be replaced—he referred to the loss of a parent. They all knew the respect and affection in which Bro. Martyn's mother was held, therefore it came home to them that night to express to him their most sincere sympathy in his great bereavement. (Hear, hear.) But he had not forgotten them in his grief, for since he (the W.M.) had been present he had received this telegram from him:—"Kindest and heartiest good wishes to you and our good visitors, and all the brethren of the Hartismere Lodge. Please propose my name as a joining member." (Applause.) He certainly should propose Bro. Martyn at the next meeting of the lodge, and he did not think he would get black-balled. (Laughter.) He thought he had said enough to show the great interest the Provincial Grand Officers took in their lodge; it was a great encouragement to the lodge that they had done so, and in the most hearty manner he begged to give the toast he had already proposed. (Applause.)

Lord Skelmersdale proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Hartismere Lodge." He did so not only as the W.M., but as an old friend of his own. (Applause.) He trusted that his reign of office might be a successful one and that the lodge would have a prosperous future before it. Their W.M. was far better known to them than to those at a distance, and he would not attempt to sing his praises to them. He looked upon him as a hearty Mason, a good brother, and a—(Lord Donoughmore: A jolly good fellow). He thanked his friend for the word. There were times when he was not so glad to see his (Lord Skelmersdale) face as on this occasion. This might be an enigma to them, but they had no doubt heard occasionally of the word "whip." His noble friend did not always respond to it as freely as a good bond should, but he was sure that in future he would repay him (Lord Skelmersdale's) for coming down here, by answering more freely to his whip. (Laughter.)

The toast was received with full Masonic honours, and the W.M. in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would do his best to attend to his Masonic duties in compliance with his friend Lord Skelmersdale, who was a most efficient and energetic, but a most agreeable whip. Referring to Masonry in Eye he said from some cause or other many years ago the old lodge had been dissolved, but another had now been established, and he hoped it would increase in numbers and prosperity every year. He was happy to know that the officers were old and well-tried friends. He thanked the brethren for being present in such large numbers, and he especially particularised Bro. Lucia, the P.G. Secretary; Brother Clarke, their most indefatigable Director of Ceremonies, without whose aid he did not know what they should have done, as he never saw a man take so much trouble to make the whole arrangements go off properly as he had done that day—(hear, hear); Bro. Bevan for presiding at the organ, and all the brethren who had assisted in making the gathering a success. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps some particulars of the origin of the lodge may be interesting. It was originally called St. Edmund's Lodge from the fact that St. Edmund was shot at an oak at Hoxne. He acknowledged with thanks the present of the square used in the old lodge by Bro. P. Long, and also conveyed his acknowledgments to Bro. Woolnough, the Secretary, for his excellent arrangements for the comfort of the brethren. In conclusion he expressed a determination to use his best endeavours to make this lodge compare favourably with others in the province. (Applause.)

Lord Donoughmore proposed "The Health of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Province," and remarked that the very efficient assistance rendered by the P.G. officers at the lodge to-day was but a type of the assistance invariably accorded. He coupled the names of Bro. Tracy and Bro. Wright with the toast.

Bros. Wright and Tracy responded. The latter said he had great pleasure in being present, not only as a past officer, but as a member of the "Perfect Friendship" lodge, for he believed the lodge established at Eye in 1845 was established at the recommendation of that lodge. He trusted that the lodge established that day would have greater prosperity and a longer life than the last one. He had also pleasure in being there because many of the members of this lodge had been initiated in a lodge with which he was closely connected, the "Phoenix," and in which he had had the honour of raising some of the brethren now present.

Bro. Fisher proposed "The Health of the Pro. Grand Chaplain and the Clergy of the Province," and

The P.G. Chaplain, in responding, expressed the great pleasure he felt, as a clergyman of the Church of England, in being a Mason, and in being present on that occasion. He thought if the principles of Masonry were better known (they could not be known without initiation into their mysteries) there would be a larger number of his profession amongst them. But they were forbidden to say what Masonry was, and the only way in which they could induce people to join them was to show by their lives what their principles were—(applause)—and then they would be able to put down calumny, and remove some of the notions that people had about them. He suggested a vote of thanks to Bro. Roberts, the Vicar of Eye, for the use of his church on that occasion. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. said he had great hopes of persuading the Vicar of Eye to become Chaplain of the Hartismere Lodge. (Applause.)

The Rev. W.P. Roberts returned thanks, and after expressing his wishes for the prosperity of the lodge, said in conclusion, "If the W.M. bids me serve him, my best services shall be at his disposal." (Applause.)

The W.M. next gave "The Stowmarket Lodge," with which this lodge was closely allied, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Reddar, who suitably responded.

The Vice-Chairman (Bro. Cracknell) gave "The Visiting

Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, which was drunk with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Hervey, in responding, congratulated those present upon the signal success of the day's proceedings, the only subject of regret being the absence of the D.P.G.M., of whom he spoke in the highest terms. Their worthy brother had just received the patent of the P.G. Superintendent of Suffolk, and he ventured to hope that Lord Skelmersdale would at no distant date pay another visit to Suffolk, and instal their good friend Bro. Martyn into an office which he ventured to predict he would fill most efficiently and most admirably. (Applause.) He announced that at the recent election of candidates for the Boys' School young Cox, in whose case Bro. Martyn and the province Suffolk took a great interest, was successful. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had received the visitors, and assured them that the brethren generally looked forward to the success of the Hartismere Lodge with great anxiety and with the full assurance that its prosperity was already secured. (Applause.)

Bro. Woolnough, after acknowledging the great assistance the new lodge had received from Bro. W. H. Lucia, the P.G. Secretary, proposed that gentleman's health.

Bro. Lucia briefly responded.

Several other toasts were drunk, and the proceedings were throughout of a most agreeable and harmonious character.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Devon was held in the Town Hall of Tavistock. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davy, P.G.M.M., presided. The following were also among the officers present:—W. Bros. J. E. Curties, Past G.J.D. of England, P.P.G.J.W.; J. T. Shapland, P.G.J.W.; J. Matthews, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; A. Bodley, P.P.G.J.O.; J. Brewer, P.P.G.J.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Patten, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Dand, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Austin, Past G.J.D.; W. Browning, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Y. Avery, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Toms, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Croydon, P.P.S.B.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Tonkin, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; R. M. W. Webb, P.P.G.O.; D. Cross, P.P.G.S.B.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. Phillips, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Browning, P.P.G.I. of Wks.; G. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Belling, P.G.O.; R. Pengelly, H. Stocker, T. Scarle, P.G. Stds.; J. Rogers, P.G.T.; Dr. H. Woodgates, W.M. 15; T. B. Richards, W.M. 23; Lieutenant W. H. Jolliffe, R.N., P.M. 107; Bros. H. Horton, J.D. 50; W. Allsford, J.W. 16; W. L. Sampson, R.M. 23; J. R. H. Harris, S.O. 91; H. Bridgman, M.O. 91; S. D. Nicholls, S.W. 23; B. B. S. Richards, J.W. 23; D. Stocker, J.W. 15; B. Blight, S.O. 76; W. Stephens, J.D. 23; R. J. B. Woolcock, I.G. 23; George H. Evans, J.O. 35; E. Hawke, S.W. 48; John Turner, M.A. 23; C. Rodda, O. 50; Elliot Square, J.O. 35; T. Smith, Tyler, 50; John Masters, 64; K. B. Twose, 50; W. Thomas, 50; J. D. Johnstone, St. 23; E. Handy, Tyler, 23; J. J. Daw, S.O. 23.

The Secretary reported that all the lodges in the province, with the exception of No. 26, had made their returns; some of which however would have to be corrected. It was with considerable regret he observed that No. 15 had lost so many names of old and valued members. The committee for procuring collars and jewels, after considerable deliberation, had decided to have them manufactured in the province, and entrusted the same to Bro. Clemens, of No. 64, and Bro. Croydon, of No. 35, and confidently left the consideration of the articles to the judgment of those brethren. In obedience to the vote of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Secretary had gathered all the information he could relative to the grants of money made for charitable purposes, and the result would be found in a statement sent to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge with the report of the last meeting.

The Treasurer reported that the provincial fees due had all been paid, and the lodge returns and dues all furnished from the various lodges. The receipts were £46 18s. 4d., and expenditure £46 4s. 6d., including £10 to the Masons' Widow's Fund, and £28 6s. 6d. towards the new collars provided for the P.G. Officers. There was a balance in hand of 13s. 10d.

Both reports were received and adopted.

The P.G.M. confirmed all his officers for 1876-7 in past rank, and W. Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, and C. Godtschalk were appointed unanimously the Board of General Purposes. Bro. B. R. Twose was elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the following brothers were invested as officers:—V. W. Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, 35 (re-appointed), D.P.G.M.; Dr. H. Woodgates, 15, P.G.S.W.; W. Bros. Lieut. the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, 107, P.G.J.W.; J. B. Gover, 50, P.G.M.O.; J. Galliford, 9, P.G.S.O.; T. B. Richards, 23, P.G.J.O.; the Rev. T. King, vicar of South Molton, 9 (re-appointed), P.G. Chap.; R. B. Twose, P.G. Treas.; V. Bird (re-appointed), P.G. Sec.; H. W. Thomas, 66, P.G.S.D.; S. R. Awnis, 76, P.G.J.D.; J. Godfrey Evans, 35, P.G.D.C.; R. Blight, 76, P.G.A.D.C.; John Masters, 64, P.G. of Wks.; W. Allsford, 16, P.G.S.B.; R. G. Bird, 50, P.G.O.; R. Pengelly, 50, P.G. St. B.; T. Scarle, P.G. Pura.; H. Stocker, 15, E. Hawke, 48, and J. H. Stephens, 48, P.G. Stds.; and J. Rogers, P.G. Tyler.

On the proposition of W. Bro. Godtschalk, seconded by W. Bro. J. T. Shapland, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy was unanimously re-elected for the office of P.G.M.M. for the province for the ensuing term.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Bedford Hotel.



## DINNER TO BRO. H. G. BUSS, A.G.S.

On Thursday evening, the 18th inst., the Past Masters of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, to entertain at a banquet their much respected and esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M. and Treas., as a mark of appreciation of his services, and to congratulate him on his appointment to the high position of Assistant Grand Secretary of English Freemasons. The chair was occupied by the present W.M., Bro. John Walker, and Bro. C. Atkins, P.M., filled the vice-chair. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to with the usual zeal displayed by the brethren. Then came the toast of the evening, proposed from the chair and seconded by the Vice Chairman, "Health and Prosperity to our esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, P.M. and Treasurer, and wishing him long life and health to wear the honour conferred upon him of Assistant Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of England." The Chairman in continuation said, "I cannot help speaking of his great kindness and genial nature, and his readiness at all times to help with a kind word of advice, and that in every case of difficulty or advice required it was always customary to say, 'Oh, ask Bro. Buss, he will put you right,' in fact, the whole prosperity of the lodge may fairly be said to be owing to his perseverance and energy, and trusted that many years might be granted him to wear his well-won honours. Bro. Buss replied as follows:—I hardly know how to return thanks for the honour you have done me, and I shall ever remember this occasion with pleasant recollection. My connection with this lodge has extended over a period of 30 years, 25 years as its Secretary and 5 years its Treasurer. When I first joined it was in a very sickly state, and down almost to the lowest ebb, but by gradual perseverance I broke down the old ways, and by degrees brought it up to the proud position it now holds as Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the several Masonic charities, and in possession of a Benevolent Fund that will yet do still further good. Of course, since I joined Masonry the Order has wonderfully increased, from something like 544 lodges of 25 to 30 members to 1721, with 60 to 100 members, showing the great prosperity of the Order, and the vast increase of labour required to keep things in working order. I am also at present Secretary or Treasurer of as many lodges as there are fingers on my hands, and pleased to say that all are in a flourishing condition. I can only further express my sincere thanks at the honour you have done me, and say that whenever the welfare of the lodge requires consideration, I shall be only too pleased to exercise it. Bro. Buss then proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. John Walker." The Chairman in reply said—I feel the position I hold almost too much for me on this occasion, as I seemed to have failed to do the justice to our honoured guest that he deserves, but all I have said has been from my heart, and if I were to say more it would not increase the personal respect I have for him. Brethren, I thank you. The Chairman then proposed "The Health of the Vice-Chairman, Bro. C. Atkins," which was received with much applause, and in return he said: I shall only be too happy on all occasions to further the welfare of the lodge, and I fully endorse all that has fallen from the Chairman respecting our esteemed friend and brother. The President then proposed "Prosperity to the Egyptian Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. P.M. Hoare with much feeling. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Stedman, Bro. Parker, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, presiding at the pianoforte. Miss Hoare (pupil of Madam Sainton-Dolby) delighted the brethren with "Marjorie's Almanack," (encored) and "O, bid your faithful Ariel fly," both of which were given with great sweetness of expression by the talented young artist. The "Anchor's Weighed" and the "Moss Trooper" were splendidly sung by Mr. Stanley Smith, and the duet "All's Well" was beautifully rendered by Bro. Stedman and Mr. Stanley Smith.

## DINNER TO ILL. BRO. ROBERT HAMILTON, M.D., 33°.

The Supreme Council 33° entertained Ill. Bro. Dr. Hamilton, 33°, District Grand Master of Jamaica, at a banquet at the Café Royal, 68, Regent-street, on the 24th instant, to bid him God-speed on his approaching departure for the West Indies.

The Chairman, in giving the toast of the evening, expressed the great regret felt by all the members of the Supreme Council at the departure from among them of one who had for many years devoted himself with unceasing energy to the advancement of Masonry, and on behalf of the Friends-in-Council Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1383, presented him with a very handsome Past Principal's jewel, he having been the first Z. of the chapter, which now numbers upwards of seventy members, at the same time wishing him a long life to wear it, and expressing the earnest hope that he might be back at the council at some not very distant date. The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Dr. Hamilton returned thanks in a few most appropriate and heartfelt sentences. Later in the evening, the Chairman proposed "Health and Prosperity to Ill. Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson, 32°," who is about to leave for the West Indies, having received an appointment under the Colonial Office, and in doing so gracefully acknowledged the services rendered to the council during the time he had been Private Secretary to the Grand Secretary General, which was responded to by Captain Dadson.

Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, 33° Grand Deacon, occupied the chair, having the guest of the evening, Ill. Bro. R. Hamilton, M.D., 33°, on his right, and the other members of Supreme Council 33° present were Ill. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk, F.R.S., Grand Treasurer General; Ill. Bro. J. M. Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor and P.D. Prov. Grand Master for Dorset; Ill. Bro. Major

Shadwell H. Clerk, R.B.G., Grand Secretary General and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales; Ill. Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector General, and P. Prov. G. Master of Somerset; and Ill. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, B.C.S., P. District Grand Master of Bengal. Ill. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, Assistant Secretary to the Council, and Ill. Bro. Capt. W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.B.G.; 32°, Private Secretary to the G.S. General, were also present.

## A UNIQUE MENU.

The following is a copy of the Menu used at the consecration banquet of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, on Friday, the 19th inst.

"Ye Details of ye Messe In ye Olde Englyshe Style.  
 "Take ye Notice! O yez! O yez! O yez! O yez!  
 "Bi estymacion every noble man and gentle man, and such like of thys brotherhode, to have a messe full furnished of this Fare as followeth:  
 "Ye Fyrste Course for Dynere (in propre proportion) Potage of clere Jardiniere, lyke ye Frankes Potage of ye hare (apparente and presumptive)  
 "Ye seconde ditto as followeth, Ye Fyshe, cypleped ye Codd, sauced wyth rare Oysters Ye Royall Turbot, sauced wyth boyled Lobsters  
 "Ye Thirde ditto as followeth, Ye Swete and Savourie Smeite Outlettes of Downy Mutton, wyth Tom Ato Sauce Ye ever Swete Bread (servyd hotte)  
 "Bi way of reliefe there will be, Chykins (developede) wel boyled (withoute feathers) served wyth ye Antiente Ham Geese (younge) gentlie roastede Ye Grande olde Dyshe, as a separte course, as followeth: Ye wel Rost Beefe.  
 "Here will follow (in course), Ye favourite Jegges of Mutton, Lykwyse ye Ryghte Royall Pheasantes.  
 "Atte ye propre tyme loke out for, Ye Olde Englyshe Dyshe of Plympe Puddinges wyth a Modeste allowance of Sauce.  
 "Ye Jellies & Creame shal folowe; & as a penance, brethren muste eche take an Ice Puddinge, and Deserte (before leaving).  
 "Here fer ye patiente shal folowe ye Toastes.  
 "Abercorne Hostelry, Great Stanmore.  
 BRETHRENE CHAS. Veal, Ye Manciple.

## FOOTBALL.

## MASONIC F.C. v. ST. PHILIP'S ROVERS F.C.

These clubs met for the first time this season at Battersea Park, the ground of the Rovers, on Saturday last. The lookers on, seeing that the Masonic were by far the lighter and less formidable team, thought there would be little to interest them, but as soon as the first scrimmage was formed they found that the Masonic carried more weight than a casual observer would at first imagine. Before many minutes were up Mr. Gardner had the ball, and "made off," but was soon collared by that unfortunate jerrey, which soon became the mark for the Rovers to aim at. Hunt then got the ball, and was making his way for the Masonic goal, when he was met by Hart, who collared him in excellent style. At "half-time" the Rovers had two tries to nil. During the second half the Masonic forwards played well, Mr. Humphrey and Godsmark again making themselves conspicuous, while Messrs. Gardner, Brocklehurst, and Ellis not only made some good runs but collared their opponents well. For the Rovers, Hunt got away several times, obtaining no less than four tries. Adkinson, who was most unfortunate in his place kicks for goals, and Jackson played well.

ST. PHILIP'S ROVERS.—Hunt (capt.) and Featherstone (half backs), Sharpool and Daniels (quarter backs), Jackson, Rutter, Meachin, Adkinson, Pearce, Woodard, Tarpless, Dyson, and Grey.

MASONIC.—Hart (back), Gardner and Brocklehurst (half backs), Ellis and Parker (quarter backs), Humphrey, Godsmark (capt.), Scurr, Sparkes, Davies, Barrett, Molineaux, Howard, Wood, and Eastland.

## COLLEGE HOUSE F.C. v. MASONIC F.C.

This match was played on the College House ground at Edmonton, on Wednesday last. The fine weather and the excellent play on both sides combined to make this one of the most enjoyable matches of the season. The Masonic having lost the toss kicked off at 3.15. The ball was at once brought back by Mr. Barter, who was collared, and so a scrimmage was formed. During the next twenty minutes a very even game was played, during which time an excellent scrimmage took place, ending in Godsmark obtaining and running in with the ball, which, unfortunately, Mr. Gardner was unable to convert into a goal. Play then went on without anything noticeable occurring for about ten minutes, when Mr. Brocklehurst got the ball, and after a short run had a Maul in goal with two of the College men, but was overpowered, and so only obtained a touch down for his side. The play of the College, who were evidently anxious to cancel what their opponents had gained, became much better at this point, but their efforts, however, were unsuccessful, and when time was called the school were winners by six goals, two tries, and three touch-downs to nil. For the Masonic, Messrs. Gardner, Godsmark, Scurr (who kicked all the goals), and Hart again distinguished themselves; while for College House, Messrs. Barter, Francis, Unwin, and Goodwin played excellently.

MASONIC.—Hart (back), Parker and Ellis (quarter backs), Gardner and Brocklehurst (half backs), Godsmark (capt.), Scurr, Sparkes, Davies, Molineaux, Howard, Barrett, H. Wood, Eastland, and E. Wood.

COLLEGE HOUSE.—Francis and Swain (backs), Barton and Hughes (half backs), Unwin (quarter back), Farmer, C. Smith, Tatton, Young, Staff, George, B. Smith, Cushen, Hancock, and Goodwin.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

There appears in the Vienna *Friemauser* for October a very absurd and unwise article relative to the question of the French Grand Orient, and certain alleged views and words of our distinguished Bro. the Grand Secretary. The statements there made are utterly unfounded, as we shall show clearly in our next impression.

We have much pleasure in announcing that His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, has consented to take the chair at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held on the 13th Feby., 1878.

The meeting night of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, has been altered from Wednesday to Tuesday, at 8 o'clock p.m.

In consequence of the severe indisposition of the host, Bro. Seager, the annual banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction will be held at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, instead of at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross, as previously announced. The date remains unaltered, viz., October 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

The Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, meets for the future every Thursday instead of Friday evenings.

We are informed by a correspondent that an especially interesting ceremony took place at St. John's, Adelaide, South Australia, on the 19th of June, being the marriage of Bro. J. H. P. Hender, W.M. 583, D.G.P. The knot was tied by Bro. the Rev. F. Slaney Poole, M.A., Chaplain 583. It does not often fall to the lot of a Chaplain to officiate at the marriage of the Worshipful Master of his lodge, and we doubt not this fact was fully appreciated by the reverend brother. A very pleasing circumstance was that the whole of the guests present, with the exception of one, were Masons, and that all the ladies were wives or daughters of brethren.

DUNMOW FLITCH.—Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to accept a copy of the "History of the Dunmow Flitch," published by Messrs. W. Tegg and Co. A letter has been sent to the author, Bro. William Andrews, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, by the Queen's private secretary as follows:—General Sir Thomas M. Bidolph has received the Queen's commands to thank Mr. Andrews for sending a copy of his "History of the Dunmow Flitch," which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept.—Buckingham Palace, October 19, 1877.

Bro. Norris's grill room, 27, Leadenhall-street, is deserving the patronage of all who visit the city of London. He is master of his room, gives good food, unsophisticated drink, and, above all, a cheerful, kindly welcome. It reminds one of old times, when the host looked after his guests.

At a Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of British Burmah, held at Freemasons' Hall, Rangoon, on Friday, the 17th day of August, Bro. Henry Krauss, who had been constituted and appointed by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., was duly installed District Grand Master of British Burmah.

It gives us much pleasure to announce, and we are sure our brethren in Wigan especially will be pleased to learn, that the whole length portrait of Bro. Walter Mayhew, Mayor, subscribed for in commemoration of the opening of the New Market Hall, Wigan, is pronounced a most admirable likeness, and reflects the greatest credit on the artist, Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, of the 6th Royal Lancashire Militia. The portrait is to be uncovered on Tuesday next, the 30th.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.—The smallest amount yet received in one day in aid of the Indian Famine Fund was paid on Wednesday into the Mansion House, the whole subscription only amounting to £3300. Mr. C. B. Dowden, of Tuticorin, a member of the Mansion-House Committee, has received a telegram announcing that the arrival of cotton from the districts is completely stopped by the rain, and indicating a bursting of the north-east monsoon.—Miss Amy Sedgwick (Mrs. Pemberton) has kindly volunteered to give a reading and recital in aid of the Famine Fund, and the Lord Mayor has placed the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House at her disposal for the purpose on the afternoon of Tuesday next, the 30th inst.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.—The following we understand is to be the route of the civic procession on Lord Mayor's-day, the 9th of next month, as far as present arranged by the committee, viz:—Leaving Guildhall, to proceed through King-street, Cheapside, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate-street, Barbican, Chiswell-street, Finsbury-square, Worship-street, Norton-folgate, Bishopsgate-street, Gracechurch-street, Cannon-street, St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate-hill, Fleet-street, Strand, to Westminster; returning by the Thames Embankment. The route is much longer than usual, but custom makes it necessary to perambulate the wards of the Lord Mayor Elect and the Sheriffs—which happen this year to lie in parts of the City widely apart. Contrary to usage, however, the procession does not pass the Mansion House.

BEYOND THE POWER OF THE POLICE.—The Channel rough.—*Punch*.

The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors have given a donation of £21 in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

The reception given to the Prince of Wales on his recent visit to Devonshire has been acknowledged by a letter from General Probyn, the comptroller of his Highness's household.



# SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER. No. X. BRO. WHITTAKER AT NAPLES.

Bro. Whittaker, who is a very distinguished Mason,—great in fact “in everything and to everybody,” has been spending his holiday time at Naples. He returns home full of Naples and the Corso, Mount Vesuvius and St. Janarius, the Malocchio, and Maccaroni, Herculaneum and Pompeii, the Sybils and the Brigands. Like Lord Alvanley he says he could hardly tear himself away from the “head-quarters of far niente, political apathy, maccaroni, tarantella and sunshine.”

Indeed, he adds that, like his Lordship, he too had “got to think that looking out of the window at the sea, sniffing up the afternoon breeze, driving up and down the Corso at night, and then supping lightly on fish and Lachryma Christi was the perfection of existence, and when a souvenir of more brilliant amusements, more exciting pleasures, and younger and happier days” flashed across his memory, he only “heaved a little quiet sigh,” drank another glass of Lachryma, and relapsed back into the vacancy of thought, from which it had momentarily aroused him.”

As we think Bro. Whittaker wrong in taking this morbid and melancholy view of life, and we disapprove of this sybaritic colouring of ageing epicureanism, we deem it only fair to the readers of the *Freemason* to mention the fact, and to express our disagreement with Bro. Whittaker.

Bro. Whittaker is an excellent fellow, but he is too much of the “haw-haw school” for us in every department of life, and, however much he does, and he has done Masonically a good deal, he might effect a good deal more, if only he would rouse himself to his duties, and nerve himself to his work. How many lodges there are up and down the land where one such brother “rules the roast,” and his “regime” is not always to the advantage of the lodge. He may be too dictatorial or too downright, too reserved or too matter of fact, too much given to routine, or too much addicted to nepotism—too fond of a clique, or too ready for a nice little job. Like Bro. Whittaker he may also be too languid, too grand to attend to minutiae, to deal with difficulties.

If Bro. Whittaker was a married man, we should have no doubt that Mrs. Whittaker would mend matters, if she was a woman of tact and sense, but as he is a confirmed old bachelor, we have no hope of him in this respect. Such as he is, such he always will be to the end of his days, till his kindly presence is missing, till his well-filled place knows him no more. He is one of those, not a few by the way, who do much, and might do a good deal more, if only he would, for the welfare of his brethren, and for the happiness of mankind. But no! The God that he worships is indifferentism and epicureanism, so he prefers to drowse through life, to saunter through existence, magnificent, patronising and unimpassioned, rather than apply himself earnestly to any one thing in this mortal world of ours.

A. Clough has depicted such a character when he says:—

Heartily you will not take to anything,  
Whatever happens—do I see you still,  
Living no life at all? Will you go on thus,  
Until death end you, if indeed it does?  
For what it does none knows. Yet as for you,  
You'll hardly have the courage to die outright,  
You'll somehow halve even it. Methinks I see you  
There! evaluating limboes of void time  
Twisting and twiddling ineffectively,  
And indiscriminately awaying for even.  
Is there no teaching in these words for any of our readers,  
Nay for ourselves?

## Walter in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

### PINE'S LIST OF LODGES 1731-3

I am unfortunately at fault just now in my researches respecting the “Origin of Freemasonry in America,” by the absence of any authorised lists of lodges for 1731, 1732, 1733. J. Pine published such annually, beautifully engraved, from A.D. 1723, but alas those of the years named, and several others are missing, and apparently not known to any Masonic student. Should any brother know of the whereabouts of “Pine's Lists of Lodges, 1731-3,” and can purchase them, I shall not mind the cost, and will then make their contents known most gladly to the readers of this paper, our other Masonic publications, as well as be able to decide a point or two, at present in abeyance. I would gladly give five pounds or more for those lists, for without them, there does not appear any probability of clearing up the question finally and positively. Certified transcripts would do, or a perusal of the lists, if they could not be sold.

### ZACHARIAS JEPSON AND FREEMASONRY.

I can quite think with “Masonic Student” (whose signature I always hail with pleasure) that if the respected Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire can furnish evidence of Zacharias Jepson being a Freemason during the Seventeenth Century, “it would be an important fact in itself.” I noticed the statement myself, but considered it “a flight of oratory” at the time, and a guess, rather than a fact. If, however, it can be substantiated, it will be of real value to our annals of the Craft, though not an exceptional record; as Ashmole was initiated in 1646, and many others of position and importance during the period in question. Still, our Masonic records of the last century are very bare indeed as compared with those in Holland (so amply illustrated in my friend Bro. Lyon's *Grand History of the Lodge of Edinburgh*), that any additional information will be indeed most welcome to the Craft in general and in particular to “Masonic Student” and

W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

## Reviews.

“The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar.” George Kenning 198, Fleet Street. (Price, Post Free, 2s 3d).

Time, with its revolving chances and changes again announces the appearance among us of this very valuable Masonic Vade Mecum, for the year of light and grace 1878.

At the hazard of being considered egotistical and encomiasts, praising our own wares, puffing our own commodities, we think it well to call the attention of the Craft to the fact, as a fact, and to say a few words in honest criticism and well earned praise, in favour of one of the most modest, most useful, and most important of Masonic literary undertakings. That the “Cosmo” has its utility and value, who can affect really to doubt or venture to deny? Well printed, full of information never before put together, it appeals to all governing bodies, as to all individual brethren, with a sense of completeness and correctness which challenges scrutiny and commands admiration. Never before in the history of Masonic literature have so many invaluable Masonic statistics, so large an amount of otherwise inaccessible Masonic information been put together for the convenience and information of the Craft. The list of contents is very striking in itself, really a study, and takes away one's breath, and strikes one's mind with the feeling of the time and trouble and expense which the preparation of this annual pocket-book has given to all who have had to do with it, and executed their work so carefully and so well.

We never could understand on what grounds any opposition could be offered or any remarks made, by any one, (be the brethren more or less ill-informed) in respect of so unpretending and yet to Freemasons, so valuable a little work.

The “Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar” stands on its own merits, and the public opinion of a numerous and critical brotherhood. It represents no party; it belongs to no clique; it has nothing to gain, and seeks for no support, except that which is honestly accorded to it, on its own value, as an unerring yearly record of Masonic and High Grade organisations, which until the “Cosmo” appeared, never were well known or accessible even to Masonic Students, to Grand Secretaries, to W. Masters, to the whole officialism, and rank and file of Freemasonry.

As it is, the “Cosmo,” as its name shows, seeks to represent, and does so effectively, from year to year, the whole extent of Craft and High Grade development in the world.

What more need we say of it? What greater praise can be given to it? To find fault with this fair and legitimate enterprise of George Kenning, because it is a great success, is unfraternal, to object to so much supplemental information being liberally provided for Freemasons, which is found in no other official hand-book or Almanac, is unreasonable. So let us hope we have heard the last of carping criticisms and defamatory handbills, and let us hail the re-appearance of the “Cosmo” with pleasure, and give it not only our “heartiest good wishes” but substantial and fraternal support.

### “A Portrait of Mr. Gladstone.” Alfred May.

Alfred May's Photograph of Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden, sitting at the foot of a stately oak, in the midst of one of his woodcutting exploits, strikes us as very life-like indeed, and brings before us all effectively the well-known features of a distinguished statesman. It is one of the penalties of fame that every one wishes to know something about the inner life of those who are so much outwardly before the common gaze, and have mounted, with greater or less success, the slippery heights of public popularity and applause. Mr. Gladstone is one of those “individual men,” who seems in his retirement, to have as much interest as when in office for a very large class of Englishmen and Englishwomen. The legislator, who in his active career, was Prime Minister of England, (perhaps the highest of worldly posts), apparently retains amid the amusements of his retreat, at Hawarden, and his leisure hours, as much sympathy with numerous classes of his countrymen and countrywomen, as when he was leading the House of Commons, and directing the affairs of a mighty empire. The admiration and gratitude of us benighted islanders, for those statesmen who as “servants of the Queen,” and representatives of the people, have well served old England, are happily always very great, and we trust will always long continue to be the case in our passing generations. If public life has its trials and dangers, its temptations and troubles, it also has its reward, in the sympathy of confiding citizens, and the honest approval and regards of a true-hearted people. We are glad to call attention to the photograph.

Our well-known contemporary, the *Civilian*, contains the following note in its issue of the 20th inst., which will no doubt interest our readers in general, and the friends of Bro. Markham Twaddell in particular:—“We understand that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, R.G., President of the Royal Society of Literature, has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of Mr. Emma Holmes's ‘Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers.’ The Prince, through his courteous secretary, Mr. Collins, also informs Mr. Holmes that, although it is not strictly according to precedent for members of the Royal Family to accept dedications of books, His Royal Highness will, having regard to the charitable object you have in view, be glad to accept the dedication of your new volume.” Our brother civil servant proposes to give the proceeds of his second series to the aged Masonic friend for whose benefit his first book was published, and no doubt Prince Leopold's patronage will greatly add to the success of the new literary venture.

M. Gounod is writing on opera on the story of Abelard and Heloise. It will be called “Maitre Pierre.”

## NOTES ON ART, &c.

**THE VAN LOON PAINTINGS.**—Some erroneous statements have been circulated respecting the sale of the Van Loon collection of paintings at Amsterdam. The facts are that when it became known that this famous gallery was to be in the market, negotiations were begun on behalf of the Dutch Government for the purchase of the whole, in order that it might be retained in Holland, the most desirable thing which could have happened. Owing, it is said, to the tardiness of the national authorities in coming to a decision in the matter and some difference of opinion about the price which might be accepted, the time passed, and the Rothschild family bought the entire collection for four millions of francs. The collection is to be divided into five parts, one of which will fall by lot to each of the branches of the family, who divide the cost equally. One lot consists of the two magnificent Rembrandts, the life-size full-length portraits of M. Daey and his wife, both clad in black. The lady wears a cap, with a falling veil, and holds a black feather fan. The husband, William Daey, magistrate of Alkmaar, is about 28 years of age, and represented in nearly full front view, in a black velvet dress, with a pendent lace ruff, pale gray silk stockings, bows of lace on the front of his dress, and white rosettes in his shoes. His right hand is in his breast. The left hand is extended, as in the act of speaking. It is signed and dated 1634. The lady's portrait is dated 1643. Both portraits are finished to the highest degree. They were purchased of one of the descendants of the family in 1798 by M. R. Princenaar for 4000 florins, and sold in the year following to M. Van Winter for 10,000 florins, or more than £1000. They now cost the fortunate drawer of the lot more than £30,000. The remaining portion of the collection comprises pictures by Van de Velde; with a landscape by Berchem; a fine Dow; a “Garden Scene,” by De Hooche; two small Paul Potters; an Emmanuel de Wit; a “Cow,” by Cuyp; “Lot and his Daughters,” by P. Wouvermans; “A Lady and a Cavalier,” by Terburg; a portrait, and “A Lady and Cavaliers,” by Metsu; “A Peasant Girl,” by N. Maas; four beautiful flower pieces, by Van Huysum; “View of a Church,” by Van der Heyde; a delicately-finished Jan Steen; two pictures by the brothers Wenix; by I. Van Ostade; “A Kermesse,” by A. Van Ostade; a landscape by Berchem; two landscapes by Both; large landscape by Wynants, with figures by Wouvermans; “Rams and Cattle,” by Krel du Jardin; fine Verkolie, “A Drummer, Lady, and Cavalier,” a fine small A. Van de Velde; another, in which this artist worked with Moucheron; a Van Tol; a good Lingelbach; “Anthony and Cleopatra,” by G. de Laissence.—*Athenaeum*.

A School of Science, Art, and Literature for Ladies has been established at the Alexandra Palace for the convenience of residents in the neighbourhood. Mr. Lindsay Sloper is the director, and the course includes lessons, both public and private, in music and singing, languages, drawing and painting, mathematics, history, geography, &c., from well-known professors. There are three terms, and students are admitted free to the Palace on the days of their lessons, a similar admission being given to the lady who accompanies them.

Driving by electricity is the latest invention across the Channel, according to the *Live Stock Journal*. An electro-magnet is placed under the coachman's seat, from which one wire is carried along the reins to the horse's bit, and another to the crupper, so that the whole length of the animal's spine forms part of an electric circuit. A sudden shock, which the driver can administer at discretion, will, it is said, arrest the most furious runaway, while a series of small shocks will stimulate a “screw” to marvels of pace and style.

Copies of the photographs taken during the late Arctic Expedition are to be presented to the British and South Kensington Museums, the United Service, Royal Artillery, and Royal Engineer Institutions, and other Government collections. The originals are now being exhibited by the Photographic Society.

The dome of St. Peter's, at Rome, is again causing considerable anxiety for its security, as the fissures and cracks in the upper part of the dome and its supports have much increased of late. A commission from the Russian Academy of Fine Arts has recently examined the dome, and it was found that almost every part of the structure was more or less cracked or dislocated. Bands of iron have been placed round the dome in previous years and marble tablets dove-tailed into the cracks, but numbers of the latter have been broken or torn by the widening of the fissures.

Sir Paul Pindar's house in Bishopsgate-street, now divided into two houses, is shortly to be pulled down. The beautiful ceilings, however, are to be preserved, and one or more will be given to the South Kensington Museum.

A monument to the late Mr. Margary is to be erected at Shanghai. It will consist of a Gothic cross of red and green Ningpo stone on a granite base, supported on a pedestal of granite steps, and ornamented by shields bearing the Margery arms and those of the Municipality.

Journalism is likely to have a patron saint, as the Turin journals, backed by the devout Roman *Voce della Verita*, propose to petition the Pope to nominate St. Francis de Sales guardian of Catholic writers. “Sales” is an appropriate name for a commercial venture.

The Charing Cross Publishing Company are about to publish a novel by the late Peter Boyle, Esp., compiler of “Boyle's Court Guide.” The novel is entitled “The Red Knight of Germany.”



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"Masonic Presentation," from a kind friend, next week.

T. D. HARRINGTON, Ottawa.—If you will forward to the publisher a list of the copies that have been miscarried, duplicates shall be sent by return mail.

J. Majewski's communication is too decidedly political for our neutral pages.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the meeting of The Great City Lodge, 14th line, for "to the number of seventy," read 141.

## BOOKS &amp;c. RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch," "Loomis's," "Musical and Masonic Journal," "Die Bauhütte," "The Masonic Review," "The Hebrew Leader," "Keystone," "Il Risorgimento," "Later Lyrics," by Bro. J. C. Carpenter, Ph. D.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

JUPP.—On the 21st inst., at White Lodge, Turnham-green, the wife of G. H. Jupp, of a son.

PEARSON.—On the 21st inst., at 33, Russell-square, the wife of C. Fellows Pearson, of a son.

PECK.—On the 18th inst., at Yalding, Kent, the wife of Awdry Peck, of a son.

VEAL.—On the 18th inst., at 8, Oxford-road, Gunnersbury, W., the wife of Richard Henry Veal, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

HENDER—WILLIS.—On the 19th June, at St. John's, Adelaide, S. Australia, by Rev. F. Slaney Poole, M.A., Chaplain 583, E.C., Bro. J. H. P. Hender, W.M. 583, D.P.G. and S.N. Chapter, 583, E.C., to Agatha Jotham, daughter of James Willis, Esq., Balmattun, Victoria, Australia.

YEOMAN—ABERY.—On the inst., at the congregational church, Leyton, by the Rev. Dickerson Davies, Pastor, Kossuth Mazzini Yeoman, second son of Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, West Hackney, to Hannah Ann Abery, second daughter of John Abery, Esq., Poplar Villa, Leyton.

## DEATHS.

PECK.—On the 19th inst., at Yalding, Kent, Christina Louisa, the wife of Awdry Peck, Esq., aged 23 years; and on the 18th, Leonard Awdry, their infant son.

SINCLAIR.—On the 20th inst., Bro. George Sinclair, Treas., 813, at his residence, 81, City-road, and of 20, South-gate-road, aged 51. Deeply regretted.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1877.

## THE INCREASE OF ACCOMMODATION AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

We are among those who venture to think that the attention of the Board of General Purposes may well be directed to this very important subject, and as soon as possible. Our Metropolitan Charitable Institutions require necessarily more accommodation; it is a want alike overpowering and imperative, to which we are of opinion, honestly, that the Executive of the Order may justly be asked to give friendly consideration and attentive heed. For many reasons, too many to dwell on now, it would be greatly to be deplored, if the Committees of our Metropolitan Charities had to go elsewhere to find a "local habitation" though not a "name." We repeat, it would, in our humble opinion, be greatly to be deprecated in the best interests of Grand Lodge and the Charities themselves if in consequence of not being able to find sitting and standing room in Freemasons' Hall, they should be compelled to obtain a place of their own, for the joint accommodation of their officials and offices. It would be a great blunder, and worse than a blunder, as it would cause a severance which it would take long years to heal over. We think that all will admit that Freemasons' Hall is the most convenient and central spot for the offices of our great Charities. To say nothing of the convenience of all metropolitan and provincial brethren, it would, as matters are, constitute a grave scandal, if the present arrangements had to be broken up, because no accommodation can be obtained at Freemasons' Hall, if the Committees had to go out of Freemasons' Hall and seek those convenient arrangements for official work, which they have a right to expect to have provided for them, (on payment of rent), in Freemasons' Hall, the great centre of English Freemasonry. We feel certain that if such a feeling of abstinence and negation is persisted in in respect of our Charities, it will be alike very unwelcome to the Order at large, and may be productive, sooner or later, of some unpleasantness. There are those amongst us, high in influence, who have shown in times past that they object to all unwise parsimony, and needless difficulties of all kinds, and we feel convinced that if they will only turn their minds to the subject, a plan of increased accommodation might be devised, by which this great want might be remedied and satisfied. We venture then sincerely to express our hope, that this question of increased accommodation at Freemasons' Hall may be considered on its own merits alone, and then we are satisfied what the result must be. Even supposing that some fresh building should be required, we have plenty of money, and the convenience would be so great, "pro bono publico," as to outweigh entirely any question of cost or change. It has indeed been said that we have no room to build on to our Board Room, &c., but why not purchase the building next to Freemasons' Hall and convert it into offices, with a large room on the ground floor and a library above? The present Secretarial offices of the schools can easily be utilized for the G. Secretary's office. With regard to a hall of assembly on polling days, we think, as an immediate amendment of the inconvenience, the Charities had better in future obtain the great dining hall for polling days, which would add greatly to the comfort of the brethren. If our suggestion is carried out as above, the new accommodation would give us a central hall, surrounded by the offices of the Institutions. Of course when we touch upon this question, we feel that we are treading after all only on the fringe of it, so to say, and that behind it all is a far greater question, which will have some day to be taken up. Can we not utilize the tavern for ourselves and disassociate Freemasons' Hall from all connection with a house of entertainment? But the moment we attempt to ask a few that subject, unutterable difficulties bristle on the surface, and we prefer to leave it to wiser heads and more accurate judgments to deal with and decide.

## ONE OR TWO FALLACIES ABOUT CHARITY VOTING.

We do not suppose that anything we are about to say, will have any effect on our ardent reformers, because like reformers in general, they do not need arguments, and they do not want logic. They have made up their mind, whether on imperfect data or not matters nothing, and they are in this respect like the infallible Church, "Roma locuta est, Causa finita est." Now we dislike infallibility and Popes of all kinds, and believe rather in right reason and common sense, and so we think it well to deal with one or two curious and striking fallacies to-day, in respect of Charity Voting. It is said, "why should a case come up several times, and if the system be not bad, why is not the candidate elected?" The whole system of voting being governed, so to say, by the unit of individualism, and the great "factor" being personal interest (in the best sense), we cannot possibly lay down any canon of why or wherefore in that respect. Either the case is weak per se, or is weakly supported, or it fails to interest, or it appears not to be so urgent as another case to the individual mind of A. It is utterly hopeless to attempt to reason, as if B's view of the most distressing case ought to be accepted by A, or even that the view of any committee you can name is to dominate the personal appreciation of A, C, D, E, etc. We who have carefully looked into the working of our charities, feel sure of this one great fact, despite much "tall talk," and unreasoning sentiment, that the strong cases on the whole get in, and the weak cases go to the wall, and that if we could only ensure individual conscientiousness on the part of the voters, we should have fewer evils to complain of, and no abuses to redress. Whenever we see a case unsupported, we may be sure of this, that for some reason or other, the friends of the orphan have not been in earnest, or the district has not its sufficient number of votes, and is therefore practically powerless in the struggle. It is idle, and we must add hypocritical, to attack the system when the fault is not in Charity Voting at all, but in the "laches" of individual brethren. By proper organization and needful exertion, no good case need be beaten. Let us remember this, and we say so confidently, after a close observation of Charity Voting, for many years. So too, it is an astounding fallacy to suppose or to assert, that there is any unfairness, because some brethren exert themselves for particular candidates alone. It is in the nature of things that it should be so, and very well it is that it is so. To argue, as some seem to do, that the Committee is to select for you, is in our opinion an aggravation of any existing weakness in the system, and may be productive of the grossest jobbery, against which the only safeguards are public criticism and organized voting. In the last Boys' election, the weakest case positively was one put on in express defiance of the laws of the Institution by a grave blunder of the General Committee, though it received a large amount of individual support, and a repetition of such cases, if successful, would make the Boys' School a "mockery, a delusion and a snare;" in every respect a burlesque on our wise laws, and a reproach and ridicule to the subscribers and to Freemasonry. In saying this, as Masonic duty compels us, we do not wish to interfere with the sad claim of a poor orphan, for whom we feel much sympathy.

## BENE NOTANDA.

There is perhaps no Emporium of Masonic literature and trade better known to the Craft and the public than No. 198, Fleet-street. Not only is it historically famous as whilome the abode of honest Izaak Walton, but for many years it has been identified with the familiar name and remarkable enterprise of George Kenning. Thither, as from 1, 2, 3, Little Britain, emerge those packages which convey his æsthetic productions and skilful handiwork to the four quarters of the globe, and brethren of all nationalities and creeds give him their friendly orders and receive from him their valued consignments. No. 198, Fleet-street, is also the headquarters of our English Masonic literature, whence the *Freemason*



and the *Masonic Magazine*, the *Cosmo*, and the *Rosicrucian*, and other works of various kinds minister to Masonic intellectuality and study, amongst our English, nay Cosmopolitan Craft. Many are our good brethren who casually look in, from time to time, at 198, to honour us with their pleasant patronage, and to cheer us with their zealous support. But we were favoured the other day by an unexpected visitant, a young Roman Catholic priest. Whether in the haze of the evening he stepped into 198, Fleet Street, by pure mistake, or whether, like Eve, he was attracted by the Masonic Symbolism in the window, (forbidden fruit), we cannot profess to decide. Sure enough in he came, though none could be more startled *primâ facie* than ourselves. We quickly supplied his needs and parted in mutual courtesy. "Wonders will never cease," we said to ourselves. We poor Freemasons, excommunicated by popes, anathematized by cardinals, charged by archbishops, denounced by bishops, we yet are not altogether bug-bears to the inferior clergy. Such is the force of truth that it dissipates error and masters prejudice." Well, the object of this little article is not to find fault or scold, but to do a little bit of business and comfortable advertizing at the same time. We beg to announce to the Roman Catholic Clergy and laity, that though we are Freemasons, we shall always be happy to meet their wishes in the way of legitimate trade, as we have often done before, and we venture to think that a visit to our show-rooms at 1, 2, 3, Little Britain, may soften some antagonisms, and remedy many misconceptions. The trade orders of all our customers will always be courteously received and punctually executed, and though as regards our Roman Catholic clients, we have nothing to do with their peculiar tenets, we shall be always most happy to receive their cash payments.

#### THE OBELISK.

We shall all be glad to hear that the "Cleopatra" is safe, and that the munificent enterprise of our esteemed Bro. Erasmus Wilson will (D.V.) be crowned with success. To that worthy member of our Order, the best thanks of all admirers of antiquity, of all lovers of artistic memorials, are most justly due, and we are pleased to think that to the patriotic and enlightened appreciation of one of our own body, England is indebted mainly, for the acquisition and preservation of this very interesting relic of ages past and gone. We beg to congratulate Bro. Erasmus Wilson sincerely on the happy result of his most commendable and public-spirited undertaking. The one only cause of regret, which so to say, tinges the whole scene with a darker colouring, is the loss, as is much to be feared, of the gallant boat's crew and officer of the "Olga." We shall all deeply deplore so great a calamity in itself, and so deep an affliction to many suffering families and remaining relatives, as we fear that their chance of safety in such a gale and with such a "sea on" is, alas! very slight indeed. We shall most heartily rejoice if our gloomier anticipations as regards the fate of the boat's crew should turn out to be unfounded. We can only hope that thus it may prove to be.

#### THE USE OF LATIN IN OUR LEADERS.

A worthy correspondent takes us to task courteously both for the use of Latin, and for the non-translation of the words we employ. We apprehend that though, as a general rule, it is not advisable to interlard English with Latin yet that every now and then such quotations relieve the dullness of a disquisition, and improve the monotony of style. We will, however, in future translate the Latin words we employ, except in the case of familiar quotations, though we confess that such a proceeding has the appearance of pandering to ignorance. The last quotation complained of came from *Punch*, and as *Punch* did not consider it needful to translate it for its readers, neither did we for ours. There is a good little story in the *New York Dispatch*, which we "give in," as they say:—"What!" asked a youth, timidly, of an eminent philologist—"what, sir! is the meaning of the phrase,

'modus operandi'?" And the great linguist, whose mind was saturated with the literature of ancient Greece and Rome, replied: "It is Latin for 'How the old thing works'!"

#### IMPOSSIBLE.

We have seen it stated in a creditable journal, that in a certain large town in England, (name kept back), in a recent case before the Borough Magistrates, a brute of a fellow, who is alleged to have kicked his wife into a state of insensibility, was "bound over to keep the peace towards her and all her Majesty's liege subjects for twelve months." Can any of our kind correspondents throw any light upon this report, which we deem so unlikely and so unjust to the town, that we are inclined to relegate it at once to the "limbo" of live "canards" and large cabbages? There must be some explanation forthcoming of a statement, which if true, would constitute a burlesque on the administration of justice amongst us, and would offer a premium to ruffianism, of which we have just now, in some shape or another, a great deal too much.

#### ANOTHER DREADFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

One of the most dreadful explosions which has ever occurred in the history of coal-mining, took place on Monday, at Dixon's Colliery, Upper Blantyre, near Glasgow. Of the 219 poor fellows unaccounted for at the time of the explosion, very few indeed, it is feared, can be saved. As Freemasons and humanitarians, we cannot but feel the deepest sympathy for the terrible blow which has fallen on a mining district and the irreparable loss entailed on hundreds of mourning families.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

##### THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The motion brought forward by our Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, at the last monthly meeting of the Boys' School Committee, is one deserving of the careful consideration of the brethren; and while I have no desire to offer an opinion on the particular case in question, of which I know nothing, perhaps I may be allowed to say a few words on the general principle involved.

The almost daily increase in the number of our lodges consecrated, necessarily brings into our ranks a flood of new members, and while there are doubtless many among them worthy, it cannot be denied that, for the purpose of entitling the new lodge to the (somewhat worn out) title of "young and flourishing," the admission of candidates is rather indiscriminate. I know instances in which persons have joined the Craft simply to call themselves Masons, and for their own ends, and having been raised to the rank of M.M. ceased to subscribe to a lodge or in any way connect themselves with Masonic work or Institutions. We all know of a case which has brought considerable scandal on the Craft in which even the initiation fee itself was refused to be paid. There are few brethren whose remarks on the subject of new members should carry greater weight than those of our respected Grand Secretary, and it would be well for the Craft generally, and rulers of lodges in particular, if more serious attention were paid to the sound advice he gives at the consecration of new lodges, in which he so frequently takes the leading part.

The increase to our ranks during the past three or four years, is such as to cause much anxiety to those who trouble to look forward to the future of our Charitable Institutions. The number of applicants for their benefits most necessarily increase yearly, and I am not losing sight of the great things that have been recently done by the brethren, when I express my fear that the hope of future support, in proportion to our augmented numbers, will be a vain one.

If this view is correct, then Bro. Woodford's motion is an important one for the future of the Craft, for if justice is to be done, it will surely be necessary to reduce the rights of candidature to the narrowest consistent limits, and to give those who have supported the Institutions in the past a prior claim on their benefits.

By simply subscribing to a lodge, a brother (if in no other way), aids the Charities, through the medium of amounts which are voted from the lodge funds for Stewards' Lists; but the means of contributing through Subscription Societies among us are now so convenient that there is little excuse left for such "watery" help.

At the meeting I am referring to, a brother remarked that "putting a child on the list was not electing him, that remained with the Craft." Exactly so, but I would remind him that the Committee is appointed in order to

make the necessary investigations into the circumstances of each case, and to submit for final election only those which have a legal right to our support.

I am, yours fraternally, EDW. BLINKHORN, 1471.

#### THE ROYAL INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to several letters I have received from brethren who have subscribed for copies of the engraving of the Grand Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., I should like to state that in a letter to me this week Bro. Edward J. Harty, the artist, states most positively that the engraving "will be finally completed by the first week in December. I have the plate in London and two first-rate engravers working on it, ever since I had it proved by Messrs. McQueen—these men are simply adding what is called 'tone' to the plate, namely more effect of light and shade, &c." This work will, of course, be an additional outlay for Bro. Harty, and proves that his anxiety to produce a picture worthy of the great historical and Masonic event it is to commemorate has found its expression in deeds.

In common with my many friends who have subscribed for copies through my recommendation, I am vexed at the long delay, and yet, after all, it appears that when published in December next the work will be accomplished in a very short time indeed, considering the magnitude of the painting, &c.

In that case the error was in promising it so much earlier, and so all we have to do as subscribers is to exercise an important Masonic and general virtue a little longer—viz, patience, and rest assured that we shall be ultimately rewarded on seeing a picture, alike worthy of the subject and the distinguished body of subscribers. Meanwhile the plate may be seen at 213, Regent-street, London, W.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

#### PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was much surprised at your editorial note appended to a correspondent's letter in a recent number of your journal in which you state that Prov. Grand Pursuivant carries past rank, as this is quite contrary to my idea of the Book of Constitutions and the practice of Grand Lodge.

In the list of members of our fraternity, at the beginning of our regulations for the government of the Craft although Grand Pursuivant are mentioned I cannot find this title of Past Grand Pursuivants, from which I gather that there is no such title in Grand Lodge, and consequently can be none in Prov. Grand Lodge. This is further carried out by the fact that at the annual appointment of officers the Grand Master (acting under clause 4 of "The Grand Master" in our book of Constitutions) invariably confers past rank specially upon the brother who has served as Grand Pursuivant during the preceding year. The same clause will answer Bro. Owen's question in your last number, as to "Why is this not done in the Provinces?" as it specially states that "nothing therein contained shall empower Provincial Grand Masters to make similar appointments in their respective provinces."

I am, yours fraternally,

V. A. M.

[We do not think that our view is wrong. We will look into the matter carefully and recur to the subject.—Ed.]

#### CLEOPATRAS NEEDLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that the little bark "Cleopatra," laden with the famous "needle" has escaped from the jaws of the yawning deep, though not without the sad loss of six brave men's lives, may I be permitted to suggest that the names of these ill-fated mariners together with a representative of the ship in which the treasure was borne should be engraved on the base of the obelisk.

Perhaps Mr. Joseph Bonomi or some other archaeologist would also furnish an appropriate inscription in the hieroglyphic character.

I am, dear Sir and brother,

Yours fraternally,

C. S. 201.

#### NATIONAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As your columns are so generously placed at the service of brethren advocating the claims of the distressed, allow me to solicit the assistance of my brethren (who are subscribers to the National Benevolent Institution), in securing the election of Miss S. N. Hodgson, in her 70th year, daughter of the late Bro. William Hodgson, an old and esteemed Mason, formerly of Truro. Our noble Masonic charities, valuable and extensive as they are, do not provide for the aged and infirm daughters of deceased Masons, and, therefore, I venture to ask that voting papers filled in for Miss Hodgson, be sent me, or polled on her behalf. The annuity of £25, which the Institution affords, would prove a great boon to her, for she has literally outlived her friends, and the money she managed to save during her vocation as mistress of a small school in Truro, is all but melted away, and when the last sovereign has been used (which must be very soon), I cannot see any prospect before her but the "Big House, with the closed doors," unless successful in this application for the annuity. I shall be happy to reciprocate any aid kindly granted me (for her) by assisting a candidate for either of our Institutions in a similar manner, as I am most anxious to see the poor soul elected, who is, by adoption, a sister of yours.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

Truro, Cornwall, Oct. 20th, 1877.



# "FREEMASON" INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly permit me to trespass on the space in your columns with the object of furthering your endeavour to enlist the sympathies of the brethren in the above calamitous visitation. I must unite with "1426" in expressing some little disappointment in the fact of your generously-headed list of subscriptions apparently "hanging fire" as it does, but I am inclined to think that perhaps the appeal has appeared after (in the case of many lodges) the first meetings of the season had been held, after which, as we all know, an interval would occur, which may account for the inaction. Again, many brethren will, ere your Fund had commenced, have probably sent their personal assistance through other channels. At the same time there is no doubt but that a very creditable sum ought now to be forthcoming from our body generally, and I applaud very much your action in the matter.

Some week or two since a letter appeared in your columns from Bro. Cooke, indicating a very good plan of co-operation, that of one of the officers of each lodge or chapter to take the initiative and make an all-round collection after lodge, limited to some small stated sum per head. This was done at 1589 Lodge on Friday week, and resulted in the sum of twenty-five shillings. Would that every lodge could do the same. I very much hope to see the "Freemason Famine Fund" acknowledgments show a good bold front in your next. The cause is too well known to need recapitulation.

It may occur to you that I would do well to take action in my own lodge before urging others, but to somewhat justify myself, I may remark that my humble mite was included in one of the sums acknowledged in your first list.

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

## CONSECRATION OF THE SUB-URBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

On Friday week a lodge, bearing the title of the Sub-Urban Lodge, and numbered 1702, was consecrated at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, Middlesex, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. Grand Chaplain Middlesex, as Chaplain; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., as D.C.; Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., as S.W.; Bro. Frank Green, Grand Steward, as J.W.; and Bro. Sadler, P.M. 147, as I.G.

The Sub-Urban Lodge is to be a summer lodge. Ten years ago the Urban Lodge, 1196, was consecrated at St. John's Gate, London, by Bro. R. Wentworth Little, and the then Grand Secretary of England; Bro. W. Gray Clarke, was one of the spectators. The Urban Lodge derived its title from the Urban Club (a well-known literary and artistic club, meeting at St. John's Gate), which derived its title from "Sylvanus Urban, gent.," of the Gentleman's Magazine, who with a number of the celebrities of a century back, held pleasant evenings at the same rendezvous. The Urban Lodge was intended more particularly as a lodge for literary brethren and for those literati who wished to become brethren in Freemasonry. Dr. J. E. Carpenter was the first Master, and in the course of the ten years' existence of the lodge it has had 100 members. This lodge is a winter lodge, and it was conceived by several of its brethren that a summer lodge in connection with it would be a desirable feature. Hence the Sub-Urban Lodge, for which a petition asked for a warrant, naming Bro. Japheth Tickle, I.P.M. 1196, as the first Master, and Bros. Hawkesley and Roberts, as the first S. and J.W. respectively. The Abercorn Arms, Stanmore, was chosen for the locality, and perhaps a more desirable position could not have been selected, as, in addition to the beautiful landscape round about, and the accommodation afforded by Bro. Veal, the proprietor of the hotel, the neighbourhood abounds in historical associations. The arrangements made by the brethren who had the management of the day's proceedings were perfect, although they entailed a vast amount of care and thought. Bro. Veal did his best to make everyone comfortable; and as the Urban Club and the Urban Lodge have always been celebrated for a quaint though apt bill of fare and list of toasts, Bro. Hawkesley had printed a very choice specimen of these productions for the use of the Sub-Urban Lodge, thus keeping it in perfect harmony with those two celebrated compositions which are preserved with great carefulness by all who have the privilege of joining in the meetings of those two bodies.

The ceremony of consecration commenced shortly after three o'clock, and after the lodge had been opened, Bro. Hervey said he much regretted the absence of Bro. Little for more than one reason. One, and the most cogent, was that his health did not permit him to venture upon a consecration just now. Another was that had he been present, no doubt as connected with the province of Middlesex and being very well known to the Craft in that character, he would naturally be a better exponent of the ceremonies of the day than he (Bro. Hervey). He regretted exceedingly Bro. Little's absence on account of his ill health. Bro. Little had written to him saying he could not attend because he was too unwell to do so, and he requested him to perform the ceremony for him. This was the reason of his (Bro. Hervey's) being now in the chair, and he trusted if there was any little lapse in the course of the ceremony of the day that the brethren would attribute it not to his want of desire to perform the ceremonies in a way which would be satisfactory to the brethren, but to the fact of his being only a substitute for another. Now, he had so many times addressed the brethren on the same subject as he was about to speak upon on the present occasion, and there were so many brethren present who had heard him make

the same observations before, that he felt some difficulty in his way. To say anything new he felt to be almost impossible, and it was very disagreeable to those who had attended consecrations before to have constantly the same tale told to them—to be admonished again that it was very desirable that those whom they admitted to their lodges were proper men, and also to be reminded that it was far better that a candidate who was not acceptable to every brother of a lodge should be withdrawn from the list than that blackballing should be put in operation. This was one subject on which he had several times addressed the brethren; and he had also frequently mentioned at these meetings the strong objection there was to such an event occurring as a brother indulging in a petty spite, if he might so term it, and the uncharitableness of blackballing those who might be put forward as candidates for initiation, because being soured by not being put into office when he estimated his own capabilities at a higher rate than the W.M. in the chair estimated them, he resolved that the W.M. should have no work to do during his year of office. Such a step was most undesirable, and it constituted such a meanness on the part of a brother who so acted that he (Bro. Hervey) could not help saying that he could conceive nothing more despicable, uncharitable, or unmasonic. He did not fear anything of the kind being resorted to in this lodge, and he hoped the members ran no risk of having amongst them a brother capable of such conduct. A word to the officers of the lodge, with whom, excepting the Secretary, he had not the pleasure of being acquainted. He would recommend them so to perfect themselves in the duties of their respective offices that the W.M. should have no cause to complain, either with respect to their attendance at the proper time, or the manner in which they carried out their duties. There was a time when probably there might have been some excuse for brethren not performing the duties of their office properly, but there was none now, for there was scarcely a locality around London where there was not a good lodge of instruction; and old Masons were well aware that there was a spirit of emulation now existing among members of the Craft which did not exist twenty-five or thirty years ago. Every member of the Craft now had the opportunity of learning his duties; every member surely could devote sufficient time and attention to make himself, if not perfect, at any rate efficient in the duties of the office that might devolve upon him. It was no very serious effort of memory for a brother to get up the duties of one of the minor offices; and if he had got up such duties, one could readily imagine that he would feel desirous of doing what he could to render himself acceptable to the members of the lodge, with whom his fate, if he might so term it, was bound up, in order that when the period of his own election to the chair came round he might then be unanimously elected. Such a brother would also wish, if a candidate came up for initiation on the day when he was installed, that he might be able without any hesitation to give him his degree, and also give him his other degrees during his year of office. He (Bro. Hervey) said this on account of the W.M., because it was a thing which the W.M. could not so readily say to the officers of his lodge, or say it so boldly as an old member of the Craft like himself (Bro. Hervey), who had gone through various offices, performed many duties, and found himself occasionally with Deacons who did not know the work, and Wardens who did not think it worth their while to perform the duties of their respective chairs. On a recent occasion he made an observation on another subject, a subject which did not interest the Craft generally, though it interested the lodge particularly. He did not know upon whom the duties of Treasurer of this lodge would fall, and he therefore said it on behalf of an unknown brother—that he would recommend the brethren around the room to pay up their subscriptions on the day they fell due. The Treasurer of course was expected to keep his lodge out of debt; and if he wished the lodge respectable he must keep it out of debt. He said this without any disrespect to the members of this lodge. How was he to keep the lodge out of debt and respectable if the brethren did not pay their subscriptions, unless indeed, he paid the money out of his own pocket? If he did not choose to do that the lodge fell into disrepute, and could not command that attention when it met that it otherwise ought to do. There was an amount of difficulty about the whole affair which the members of the lodge might obviate by the very easy method of paying their subscriptions when they fell due. Now the subscriptions of a lodge fell due and were payable on the installation day. It was all very well for a brother to say, "Oh, I shall not pay to-day: I shall pay six months' hence;" but did a brother who said that mean to sit down to the banquet and enjoy himself that day, and intend the Treasurer to pay for him then, and during the period that the subscription remained unpaid? In the interest of the Treasurer and for the well-being of the lodge he hoped the brethren would remember that the dues were payable on the day of installation, that without those dues were paid they were not doing their duty to the lodge, or assisting in keeping it in that position in which it ought to be kept, and they were not fulfilling that kindly feeling to the Treasurer which ought to be manifested by every brother of a lodge towards every other.

The Rev. P.M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain Middlesex delivered the oration. He said: The science of Freemasonry of which you are professors was in the first ages of the world undoubtedly a system of pure religion; and when mankind, ever fond of the material in preference to the spiritual, degenerated into idolatry, and fell off from the worship of the Creator to the worship of the creature, "the sun, the moon, the stars, and all the host of heaven," they engrafted upon the ancient principles of the Masonic Order their own crude and perverted notions and practices. In the family of Seth the belief in the goodness and mercy of Jehovah, the doctrine of a future state of rewards and punishments, and the necessity of moral purity as a quali-

fication for eternal happiness, all of which are foundation stories of the Masonic Order, were long maintained. Among the Egyptians and Indians, pompous ceremonial observances very soon shrouded and altogether withheld truth from the uninitiated; but still the religious worship, no matter the form it assumed, was placed on the foundation which Jehovah himself had laid; and thus into whatever part of the globe the descendants of Shem, Ham, and Japheth migrated, they carried with them some notion, some knowledge of the one true God. And if Masonic principles more or less distorted as the degradation of ignorance and licentiousness enwrapped them, this accounts for the science of Freemasonry not being exclusively the possession of any one branch of religion, though indeed the system being a system of ethics and inculcating the purest morality, assimilates so far as I can judge, and it seems to me with no other religion so completely as with Christianity. And if you demand the reason of this assertion I merely reply that both Christianity and Freemasonry inculcate the same grand principles, viz, "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," to do justice, love mercy, practise charity, and walk humbly with our God; for be that, however, as it may, of this thing we may all feel quite certain, that had the superstructure of Freemasonry been erected on any other foundation than "the glory of God and the good of man," had it been instituted merely to exalt human wisdom, or to promote human greatness, it would long since have crumbled into dust and been buried in the archives of the past. This being so, it can excite little surprise or wonder that the authentic records of Freemasonry are to be found in the Sacred Volume alone, and we pronounce this to be Freemasonry's fairest gem; for were its precepts at variance with the precepts of the Sacred Law it ought most decidedly to be rejected at once as unworthy of credit or of the attention of intelligent beings. And let me further say—fearlessly and distinctly say—that no brother can possibly be a good Mason who does not make the Word of God his frequent study, or, to use an expression more familiar to you, who does not diligently use the Sacred writings, which are given as the rule and guide of our faith. For be it remembered, that the true Mason is but a builder whose task it is to build up body, soul, and spirit into a holy temple, acceptable to God; and to accomplish this he must listen to the voice of the Great Architect of the Universe speaking at him from his Holy Book; he must patiently listen to this voice and obey its behests; the chief corner stone of his foundation should be "Holiness to the Lord;" thereon he must lay each stone of his spiritual house, carefully and accurately adjusted by the level and the square, till the whole is completed, and the capstone is brought forth with the exultation of a wise master builder, who at last shall hear the salutation, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Now, in this building all that is most excellent in classical and mediæval art will find its appropriate and proper place. The strength, beauty, and repose which distinguish the classical will be visible in manly bearing and upright dealing, in the absence of any childish spirit, and in a graceful interchange of all kindly offices; whilst the lofty aspirations and the solemn sense of the eternal and the infinite will be no less fully represented by unshrinking devotion to duty, by self-sacrifice, and by the constant communion with the "Great Father of Spirits." In the ceremony of setting apart and consecrating this moral edifice we by-and-by shall use incense, corn, wine, and oil. Each had its meaning. Let our prayers ascend on high in a fragrant incense; may we be thankful for the fruits of the earth, corn, wine, and oil, and temperate in their use. And whilst in the enjoyment of the blessings which they typify and symbolise, may we never forget the distressed. Brethren, the sum and substance, I am well aware, of these remarks has been repeatedly brought before you all in the Masonic teaching you are privileged to enjoy. If, therefore, it is our aim as Masons to promote the glory of God and the good of our fellows we must not only cherish all friendly dispositions and liberal sentiments, but we must embody them in deeds, so as to be clearly felt and acknowledged by all—love to God for His own sake, and love to the brethren for God's sake, being the two grand characteristics of our profession as Masons. And here let me testify with joy and satisfaction to the truth, for it is one, that as a body Masons have not been backward to acquire and carry out into practice the duty of brotherly love. With them, brother helps brother; many up to their ability, and beyond it, have proved by their self-denying liberality that charity is indeed the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Your private and local works of mercy; your General Fund of Benevolence; your noble Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Masons; your excellent Boys' School; your most admirable Girls' School; your princely grants of assistance from time to time towards the relief of those who are overtaken by sudden calamity and misfortune—these things speak for you as Masons trumpet-tongued, with far greater eloquence than any words of men. And did not these evidences exist, Masons would be utterly unworthy of the grand principles which they profess. But they do exist, and are flourishing still more and more; and if any scornful enquirer asks what may be the practical use and good of Freemasonry, you may reply, with becoming pride and satisfaction, "circumspect." The outside world, in its ignorance, may sometimes ridicule and misunderstand you; but what of that? "Do right, and fear not." And would you strive to obey the Great Architect of the Universe and love one another, forget not the virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice; for the state of prosperity, in which Freemasonry now is, is ever a very dangerous one, which makes a man very likely to forget himself in respect to his conduct. Because His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne of this mighty empire, reigns over you as your Grand Master, with his Royal brothers



for his principal officers, because the great and the noble press into your ranks and participate in your mysteries; because your loyalty to your Queen is undoubted, be not elated or "vain in your own conceits." Although the numbers ranged under your banners are increasing with such marvelous rapidity, this, remember, is not necessarily any indication whatever of strength. Numbers, vast numbers, do but indicate weakness and danger when they are unarmed and ill-disciplined; and even one ignorant, or far worse still, one intemperate Mason may do the society to which he obtains accession almost irreparable injury; for men do not, and they will not, pause to discriminate, but they will ascribe to the system the errors of the professor. And remember that a thousand eyes jealously watch you, Argus eyes that will not fail accurately to detect any variance between your profession and your practice. Let us then, as worthy men and Masons, endeavour to apply the principles of our ancient and beautiful Order to our lives, and model our conduct upon the sublime principles which it teaches, inculcates, and enforces. As the poet says:—

"So live that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan which moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death;  
Thou go, not like the quarry slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed,  
By an unfaltering trust; approach thy grave  
Like one who draws the drapery of his couch about him,  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Before I sit down, allow me to thank you, Worshipful Sir, and all the brethren present, for the very kind and flattering manner in which you have been pleased to listen to this, the humble effort of a very humble individual in the discharge of a most pleasing duty at the consecration of this new lodge. (Great applause.)

The remaining portion of the ceremonial, according to ancient form, was proceeded with after this address, and the petitioners for the warrant were constituted into a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., then presented to Bro. Hervey, Bro. Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1196, who was thereupon installed as Master of the Sub-Urban Lodge, 1702, for the year ensuing. Bro. C. E. Hawkesley was invested as S.W.; Bros. Roberts, J.W.; J. B. D. Wall, Secretary; Wm. Radford, S.D.; Charles Willett, J.D.; J. L. Mather, I.G. (pro tem); H. Llewellyn Winter, Organist; and Bro. Middleton, Tyler. Bro. Hervey delivered the address to the W.M.; Bro. Howe, the address to the Wardens; and the Rev. P. M. Holden that to the brethren. Bros. Hervey, Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex; Little, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. P.M. Holden, W. T. Howe, Frank Green, J. L. Mather, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction founded by the W.M. during his year of office in the Urban Lodge; Dr. J. E. Carpenter, and Winter, Mus. Bac. Cambridge, were elected as honorary members of the lodge.

Dr. Carpenter was among the brethren who returned thanks for the honour of being elected as an honorary member, and in doing so said that though the compliment was unexpected as far as he was concerned, he was vain enough to think it was not altogether undeserved, because he was the founder and first W.M. of the Urban Lodge, out of which the present lodge had sprung. Bro. S.W. whispered that he was the grandfather. Well, he did not mind being called the father, and he hoped he might live to be the grandfather, but that would only be when a lodge arose out of the Sub-Urban, as the Sub-Urban had arisen from the Urban. It was rather a strange coincidence, though not an unpleasant one, that this lodge should be consecrated just ten years all but a day after the Urban Lodge was consecrated, the latter having been consecrated on the 10th October, 1877. In those ten years the Urban Lodge had had close upon one hundred members, and still had over sixty subscribing members. He would hope that the Sub-Urban would be equally prosperous.

Lodge was thereupon closed and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet, supplied by "Brethren Chas. Veal, ye Manciple."

Banquet having been disposed of, the W.M. at once proceeded to propose the toasts, and after "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, the W.M. in proposing "The M.W.G.M." said that it was to the condescension of his Royal Highness in granting the warrant of the Sub-Urban Lodge that the brethren were indebted for meeting together that evening. If his Royal Highness, who was heir presumptive to the throne of England became as excellent a monarch as he had been a Grand Master he would earn the gratitude of all Englishmen.

Bro. Hervey responded to the toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that for nearly twenty-four years past he had been returning thanks for the toast of "The Grand Officers," and he did not find that he was a bit better prepared to do so now than he was when first called upon to undertake the duty. He found a difficulty with the beginning of the toast; he found a difficulty with the middle of it; and he found a difficulty with the end of it; consequently he was always in a difficulty from the beginning to the end. But he could not but appreciate the kindness with which the W.M. had given "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and he was sure if those noblemen were now here they would equally appreciate the kind sentiments which the W.M. had expressed towards them. The other Grand Officers who were now standing up with him and those who were not here were as appreciative of the W.M.'s cordiality. The brethren had met there that day for the purpose of introducing a new lodge into the Craft, and he trusted that by it a new link was formed in the chain of lodges which would shed credit on the Order. Whether such credit was

shed upon it must depend upon the brethren during the next year, because it was materially on the way in which the W.M. conducted the business of a lodge in its first year of existence that the question of its being a flourishing and prosperous lodge in after years and an ornament to the Craft rested. When he said "flourishing and prosperous" he trusted the brethren would not imagine that he was wishing to see the lodge numbering a vast concourse of brethren—brethren whom they might not know, but who were brought in merely for the purpose of swelling the ranks and funds. When he spoke of prosperity he looked to the character of the initiated or joining brethren. He was sure that under the rule of the present W.M. there would be a steady superintendence exerted as to what members were brought in. Lodges did not prosper in proportion to their numbers he thought. They might prosper in funds; they might have more to spend on their banquets; but the great thing he looked to was the tone of a lodge, the character of the members, and the feelings which those members entertained one to the other. They ought to be as they professed to be, a band of brothers; they ought to be, if he might venture to use the term, a small family; for a lodge was a family, and it was ruled over as much by the Master and Wardens as a family was ruled over by its father and mother. The brethren should never introduce a man to the lodge whom they could not introduce to their own table. They ought to see that those men they introduced to the Craft were such as they could hail as friends, meet as brothers, and when they parted with them, feel that they parted as those they were sorry to leave, from whose society they felt it difficult to sever themselves, and to whom they could look to in a time of distress, not only for material help, but for that which probably was of much more account, counsel in their afflictions, and sympathy in their sufferings. Those were the men they ought to bring into their lodges, and if they were to confine their ranks to such men the Order of Freemasonry would be looked up to even more than it was now. The brethren would feel they had among them those who would always sympathise with them in distress and always rally round them. He trusted those were the brethren he would find in this lodge when he came again among those who were now present. He sincerely trusted that he should come again, and all the Grand Officers of the Order would be equally rejoiced to find another lodge founded on the basis he had portrayed. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. then gave "The Right W. Prov. G.M., Col. Burdett," and when this had been enthusiastically received he followed it up with the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. W. Little, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers." The W.M. said it was with great regret that he found he had to propose Bro. Little's health in that brother's absence. He was respected far and near throughout the Craft, but more especially by those who were constantly in communication with him. He (the W.M.) called upon him on the previous Wednesday to see if his health would permit him to be present; but he then saw that it would be quite impossible, and that it would be a great unkindness to press him. Bro. Little said he regretted that he could not come, more particularly because he had had the honour of consecrating the Urban Lodge, and when he (the W.M.) told him that many of his old friends were sure to be present, he expressed still more regret that he would not be able to attend. At the same time the lodge had Bro. Little's best wishes for its success and prosperity. Although such a notable brother was an absentee that evening, the brethren were honoured by the presence of other well-known brothers, who well and worthily filled his place—Bros. Howe, Green, and Holden, the last of whom had kindly acted as Chaplain, and the other two as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Bro. Green had been personally known to him (the W.M.) for some years, and he hoped the brethren would often see him among them. Bro. Howe was not so well known to him, but the brethren were greatly honoured by his presence, and he hoped that that brother also would often come and see them. Bro. Holden was well known, and therefore, did not require any adulation. The solemn and interesting manner in which he undertook the duties of Chaplain left an impression on the brethren which would not easily be effaced. As Bro. Holden would have to reply to another toast, he would not call upon him for a reply to the present.

Bro. Howe, in a very brief speech, said he was quite taken aback when he found himself elected an honorary member of the lodge. He hoped to visit the lodge on a future occasion, and to find it in great prosperity.

Bro. Frank Green said it had afforded him much gratification to see Bro. Tickle installed in the chair of this lodge. He felt that the lodge had started on the high road to fortune, and that it would prosper in the future. Everything depended on a good start in such matters. It very seldom happened in Freemasonry that lodges which started on a good foundation, carried on with real animation and integrity on the part of their founders and first officers, failed. He was convinced that the Sub-Urban would not fail.

The W.M. next said that this was an age of digressions, and he was going to digress from the routine toasts and now propose "The Consecrating Officers," and he did that because he felt he had been guilty of an omission, although it was an involuntary one, and that involved an involuntary injustice to one to whom this lodge was largely indebted for its ability to meet there that evening. They were largely indebted to Bro. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain, for his condescension in honouring them with his presence. They were also largely indebted to Bro. Hervey for the imposing ceremony they had witnessed. But they were even more largely indebted to Bro. Nunn, because without his valuable counsel, aid, and assistance they might not have been able to meet so successfully and happily as they had met. He (the W.M.) did not know whether he was

transgressing or not, but he was anxious to do honour to whom honour was due, and although Bro. Nunn was really one of themselves, it would be idle for them to disguise the fact that they were largely in his debt. He, therefore, had great pleasure in coupling his name as well as that of Bro. Holden with the toast, and he would call upon the brethren to drink the toast with a great deal of fervour and cordiality.

The Rev. P.M. Holden in reply said, he could only say that if he had been of any material assistance he was very glad. He had assisted Bro. Hervey on many occasions, and Bro. Hervey had so thoroughly drilled him that he was very much indebted to him for giving him instruction. If he were a prophet he might venture to say there was a great future before the lodge, as it was composed of the right elements, for he had noticed very great attention to details. It showed that the brethren connected with it were thoughtful men, men with brains, and these were always very thoughtful men to associate with, and they would be certain to insure the success of the lodge. He was very much pleased to be present, as it was one of those occasions when he made very kind and valuable friends, with whom he was always glad to renew an acquaintance.

Bro. Joshua Nunn said he had hardly expected to be called upon, being a member of the lodge. He hoped that the lodge which had so well commenced that evening would increase in prosperity. He felt assured that it would be a successful lodge, and Bro. Holden had struck the right note when he told them that the success of a lodge depended on the elements of strength within it. Instead of the lodge being honoured by what he had done for it, he considered it a great act of condescension on their part to have singled him out as one of those to whom thanks were due. Before sitting down he would propose a toast. On the list of toasts they had the line from Othello, "We cannot all be Masters." That was a very good remark to make on an occasion like the present. It was true we could not all be Masters, but they might all aspire to having that rank some day. If they referred to the programme they would also see on it, "They have sent me such a man as I could have wished for." In the present instance nothing more appropriate could have been said. In the first place they had a gentleman who held a position in society, a leading professional man, one who was anxious about Freemasonry, who was a Past Master of his mother lodge, and who desired to do well in every position in which he might be placed, and who now wished to bring his friends around him in the village of Stanmore in a lodge called the Sub-Urban Lodge. It was a very great pleasure to him (Bro. Nunn) to bring the toast of the W.M. before the brethren, for he was quite sure the brethren could not have a better Master or a brother who could better than he embody in himself all the requirements of W.M.

The W.M. next proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province." Referring to Bro. Vincent, W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, he said that that lodge recommended the petition of the brethren who sought for a warrant for the Sub-Urban Lodge. He also included Bro. Charles Veal in the toast.

Bro. Osman Vincent thanked the W.M. in the name of the W.M.'s of the lodges of the province. As regarded himself, he was exceedingly pleased to be W. Master of the lodge which signed the petition which had enabled the Sub-Urban Lodge to meet. He congratulated the lodge on having selected the charming retreat of Stanmore for its meetings. Judging by his own experiences in the Abercorn Lodge, they would meet with every assistance from the worthy host of the Abercorn Arms, and it would be their own fault if they were not comfortable. He was sure they would be comfortable. He was sure of one thing, that on the foundation laid that evening they would raise a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder.

Bro. Charles Veal said that as he had gone through all the offices of a lodge he felt he would be able to assist the brethren, and as they had favoured him with their patronage he should be most happy to do everything in his power for them.

The W.M., as the time was pressing and the brethren were desirous to get back to town by the last train, next gave "The Visitors."

Bro. Dr. Carpenter said he had been reminded that time, tide, and trains waited for no man, but he would be guilty of great disrespect if he did not reply to this toast. As he had said in the lodge, he felt a very great deal of pleasure and gratification at the unexpected compliment paid to him by electing him an honorary member. He was afraid that to the lodge the compliment would be an expensive one, (laughter), for he had been so highly satisfied with the reception he had met with that he should exercise his prerogative, and frequently come among them. He was quite sure nevertheless that the brethren would be glad to see him. The brethren of 1196, who joined this lodge, felt that they had joined another 1196, which he thought was established for a little extraordinary Masonry, for an outing in the summer, and for the furtherance of the good of the Craft. As the father and founder of 1196 he could say that its members were good boys, and were not going to desert their mother although they joined the Sub-Urban, but would do their duties to her and in due course he hoped become Masters of the Urban Lodge. The W.M., Bro. Tickle, would of course become P.M., and how many other lodges would he become a P.M. of, if he lived to be as old as he (Dr. Carpenter). Bro. Radford and Hawksley he knew would remain in 1196 and become P.M.'s of that lodge, and they would also go through the chair of the Sub-Urban. He was sure that there was nothing but friendship, brotherly love, and true Masonic feeling between all the brethren of the father lodge and the son lodge, and he hoped in due time to be a grandfather.

Bro. J. L. Mather knew the W.M.'s working very well, and was sure that with his gentlemanly manner, his



urbanity, and his knowledge of Masonry, the lodge could not do otherwise than prosper. He (Bro. Mather) had to thank him for many kindnesses and courtesies. He was sure that Bro. Hervey's advice as to the admission of members would be duly regarded.

Bros. Maddifer and Taunton having replied, Bro. Titcomb said as an old inhabitant of the place he thought Stanmore ought to be congratulated on the brethren coming there. He thought also that the brethren ought to be congratulated on choosing such a lovely spot. There were many such spots in the neighbourhood, and they had an historical interest. Not far from the house in which the brethren were assembled was the body of Cassibelaunus, and here Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, was defeated by Suetonius. A little distance below, Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, held his court: and the monument was at the church that the late Queen Dowager lived and died at Stanmore. They had Harrow close by; Whitchurch with Handel's organ; and St. Alban's at no great distance. The brethren would also get a hearty welcome at the Abercorn Arms.

The W.M. then rose to propose "The Officers," but said there had been so much purple and fine linen that evening that he supposed he was so dazzled and puzzled when the Grand Officers departed that he committed a piece of rudeness by neglecting to respond to the toast of his own health, which was so handsomely and undeservedly given by Bro. Joshua Nunn. He felt it a great compliment to preside as the first W.M. of a lodge of such distinguished Masons. Bro. Holden who occupied the high position of Grand Chaplain of the province, came to his side and said that this had been the pleasantest Masonic evening he had ever spent in his life. Now he thought this was the highest compliment that could be paid by one Mason to another. He appreciated most highly not only the efforts of Bro. Hervey, but of the other brethren, as well as of the Wardens and Deacons, for the edification of the visitors. He always felt it a very great difficulty and hardship to respond to this toast, but he thanked the whole of the brethren who had departed and those who were present for the way they had received it (Hear, hear.) The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Officers," to whom he was greatly indebted for their co-operation and assistance in the formation of the lodge. Not the least was he indebted to Bro. Hawksley for the handsome and learned literary production which had been placed before the brethren, in the shape of a bill of fare and list of toasts. He had on two occasions visited the Urban Club, which was held at the Old Jerusalem Gate House, out of which club the Urban Lodge sprang. Bro. Hawksley had likewise had the same privilege and honour, and it was the learned programmes which had been placed before them on those occasions which excited in their breasts that emulation which had resulted in the literary production and the beautiful imitation of old style printing by Bro. Hawksley. When he (the W.M.) saw the proof of the programmes he was as much surprised as the brethren were when they saw them on the table. To Bro. Wall, the Secretary, to Bro. W. Radford, and Bro. Chas. Willett, the excellent Wine Steward, who had contributed so much by his exertions to the enjoyment of the evening, he and all the brethren were much indebted. (Hear, hear.) He thought he would not be doing justice unless he asked the brethren to join him in another toast. They knew how a lodge was indebted to a good stoker. An engine, however well constructed, would be a very poor machine unless it had some person who knew how to apply the coals and keep the steam up. Such a brother, he believed, they had, and should have in their kind-hearted, genial, and worthy host, Bro. Veal, and he thought he should have failed in common justice if he had allowed the brethren to separate without drinking his very good health.

Bro. C. E. Hawksley, S.W., in reply said the officers were much flattered by such a recognition of their services prior to the formation of the lodge. He trusted that at the end of the forthcoming season the brethren would be better able to judge of those services. He was a promoter of the lodge; but although promoters of companies were now looked upon as blacklegs it was different with lodges, and he was glad to see that his efforts in promoting this lodge had been brought to a happy consummation. With reference to the W.M.'s observations as to the programmes, he could not claim credit for these personally, although he took the initiative. He had the support of a very worthy brother connected with the Urban Lodge in the production of the menu, and if he might judge from the compliments he had received on all sides it was an uncommon one, and new to Freemasonry. The printing part he had taken some pains with, as he was desirous that things if possible should not fail on his account, and that this meeting should be brought to a happy issue, and that nothing should be lost sight of.

Bro. Veal was happy the brethren had been so well satisfied: those who were now present and those who had already left had equally expressed their satisfaction, and it had afforded him much pleasure. It was rather a bold undertaking in a little village like Stanmore to provide for a lodge, but he hoped the way in which he had done it would bring the brethren there again; and he should be very happy to receive them.

Bro. Winter, Organist, said that music was a great thing to have in a lodge. They must have order; with order they must have harmony; and if they had music they would have both harmony and order.

The brethren then separated.

The following visitors were present at lodge and banquet:—Bros. C. Stuart Barker, W.M. 1632; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; W. T. Buck, 1196; E. Barge, P.M. 167; I. H. Webb, S.W. 1607; G. Watts, I.P.M. 194; W. Celladaver, J.W. 504; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1196; G. Tidcombe, jun., S.W. 1549; John Hervey, G.S.; Frank

Green, W.M. 1567; Osman Vincent, W.M. 1549; W. F. Taunton, 1762; Charles Daniel, W.M. 65; T. G. Willett, 902; H. L. Winters, Organist 1549; H. F. Middleton, 1549; Frederick Hunt, 889; H. Sadler, P.M. 147; Chas. Veal, P.M. 1549; W. T. Home, A.G.P. of England; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason); John L. Mather, P.M. 65; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, presided. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. Henry Murray, Past District G.M. China, in the chair of Junior Vice-President.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M., China; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Smith, C.E., P. G. Steward, W. Stephens, C. P. Cobham, J. M. Klenck, C. F. Hogard, H. Bartlett, Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. Mann, Capt. J. Wordsworth, A. J. Pritchard, Richard Eve, Alfred Sturgeon, Josh. G. Defriez, Geare Adamson, W. C. Holland, C. J. Reed, W. H. Perryman, Fred J. Blake, Chas. Searell, T. L. Green, Henry Sewell, C. J. Poupard, Wm. Russell, A. M. Cohen, Geo. R. Corner, Geo. Spinks, S. R. Speight, C. G. Dille, Samuel Gumman, H. Bishop, William Sugg, John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; W. Dodd, C. B. Payne, G.T.; and W. Sadler, P.M. 147.

The brethren first confirmed grants made at the last meeting of the lodge to the amount of £110. They afterwards proceeded with the new cases, of which there were twenty-seven on the list. Four of these were deferred and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with £550, which was composed of one grant of £100, (£100); two grants of £50 each, (£100); two of £40 each, (£80); four of £30 each, (£120); one of £20, (£20); three of £15 each, (£45); eight of £10 each, (£80); and one of £5, (£5).

The lodge, which sat three hours and a half, was then closed and adjourned.

#### PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

MADAME WORRELL-DUVAL'S CONCERT.—A fashionable audience assembled at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, on Thursday week, which was not to be wondered at when the strength of the programme was considered, including as it did such well-known names in the musical world as Bro. Turle, and John Harrison, (as conductors), Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Mary Davies, Madame Osborne Williams, Miss Emma Buer, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Henry Guy, Mr. J. L. Wadmore, Mr. C. F. Tinney. Madame Worrell-Duval received an ovation on each appearance. She first sang a new song entitled "In the Twilight," (composed for and dedicated to her by Mr. Milton Wellings), "O Roberto, che adore," "When the heart is young," and also joined in duet and trio with Mr. Guy and Mr. J. L. Wadmore. The concert was in every respect a great success, which was not a little augmented by the manner in which the Stewards, (Bro. Wm. Worrell and Bro. J. R. Williams) looked after the comfort of the audience.

DRURY LANE.—"England" having proved a monetary failure, as we anticipated, "Amy Robsart" has been substituted.

PRINCESS' THEATRE.—"Jane Shore" will shortly take the place of "Guinea Gold" at this Theatre.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.—"Engaged," the new play by W. S. Gilbert, is pronounced a great success. We shall notice it in full next week.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—After enjoying a long run "After Dark" makes room for "Formosa," in which Miss Leighton will sustain the part of the fair but frail one.

PARK THEATRE.—On Monday, the 15th, Madame St. Claire took her benefit at this Theatre. The piece selected was "Romeo and Juliet," Madame St. Claire playing "Romeo" and Miss Lucan, her daughter, attempted "Juliet." Both ladies made their first appearance in the parts named, the latter her first appearance on any stage. Need we say more? The house was full, and the reception cordial.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—Large audiences continue to fill nightly the small but tastefully decorated Hall in which Messrs. Maskelyne and Cook give their truly wondrous entertainment. The entertainment is divided into two parts, in the first, after two or three ingenious tricks, we are introduced to the marvellous automatons "Psycho" and "Zoe," the former plays whist like an old clubman, and the latter sketches the likenesses of celebrities with a facility and accuracy that would not shame the talented artists of *Vanity Fair*. The secret by which these automatons are worked has puzzled the longest heads of our day, and in truth we cannot foresee the day when the longest head will not be puzzled, especially by the performance of "Zoe." The second part of the entertainment is devoted to an exposition of spiritualism, so called, and we recommend all, whether spiritualists or not, to see it—for sceptics will be confirmed in their scepticism and believers in the imposture be converted.

MOORE AND BURGESS, ST. JAMES'S HALL.—The nature of this entertainment is almost too well known to need comment, it certainly defies criticism. We can only say that the old attractiveness has not fallen off and that the demand for seats is as great as ever, and further, that the anticipation of the audience is fully realised before the entertainment closes.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel J. Creation, presiding. There were present Bros. H. Browne, W. F. C. Moutrie, Major E. H. Finney, C. G. Rushworth, A. H. Diaper, John Boyd, J. A. Rucker, and R. W. Little, (Sec). The minutes of the various committees were read and confirmed. A petition was received and the candidate placed on the list; the Chairman was authorised and requested to sign cheques. The business was of a purely formal character.

#### SCHOOLBOY PHILANTHROPY.

In connection with the fund now being raised at the Mansion House, on behalf of the sufferers from the Indian Famine, we have much pleasure in giving publicity to a form of effort which if largely imitated could not but be productive of the most satisfactory result. On Wednesday morning six boys, representing the pupils of Finsbury College, were introduced to the Lord Mayor by the Bro. Dr. McAuslane, as the bearers of a contribution from the College. The following little address was read by Master Hill:—

"Finsbury College, 17th Oct., 1877.

"To the Right Honourable Lord Mayor.

"My Lord,—May it please your lordship, we, the pupils of Finsbury College, having had our attention drawn to the disastrous famine now raging in India, are desirous of adding our small contributions to the sums which have been and are being placed in your lordship's hands, for the relief of the suffering arising therefrom.

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Secretaries of the College."

His lordship was evidently much struck by the juvenile deputation, and replied as follows—"I have received many deputations, but I have never received one more interesting than this. This act of yours is an evidence of the moral training you receive under Dr. Cave. I am very pleased to see you, and heartily thank you on behalf of your suffering fellow creatures in India." The Lord Mayor very heartily shook hands with the boys as they left. If every middle class school throughout the country would follow the example, a large sum would doubtless be raised, and, better still, a spirit of active benevolence on behalf of suffering would be developed at an age of all others the most susceptible.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 2, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Audit Com., Boys' School, at 3.  
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Ho., Hampton-st.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.  
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
Chap. 177, Gaveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.  
Red Cross, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Ho., Greenwich.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.  
and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Ho., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.



Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-street, Woolwich  
Constitutional, Bedford Ho., Shampson Bds.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-street.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Greyhound Tav., Milton-street, Cripplegate.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anclrey.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 822, Victoria Hives, F.M.H.  
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
" 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thom as-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
Chap. 3, Fidelity.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 294, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.

Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.

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St. John's do., M.H., Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh, do., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.

" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

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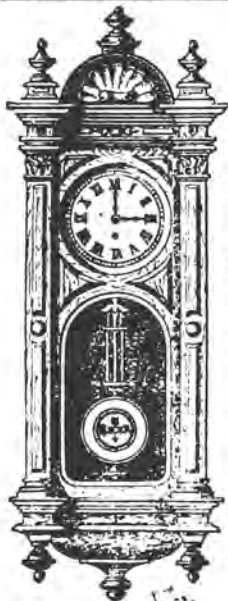
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).**—The Phoenix Lodge held its first meeting for the season at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, Bro. S. S. Phillips, W.M., presiding. Present: Bros. Finch, S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Blythe, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; and Melton, I.G.; in their respective places, besides Bros. Burford, T. Mathews, Treas. and Sec.; and Bro. Colvill, W.S. At the opening of the lodge the W.M., who with his officers appeared with their Masonic emblems in mourning, rose and said, "It is with feelings of deep emotion and fraternal regret that I rise to announce to the brethren the great loss they and I have sustained in the deaths, first of our much-respected and regretted I.P.M., Bro. Massey; and also of our Bro. Waterman. Bro. Massey's death has proved indeed a great and sad blow to myself, when I consider the great experience, the good judgment, and brotherly kindness, the universal attention that was exhibited by Bro. Massey in the chair of this lodge as W.M. last year, and I take the opportunity of expressing to the lodge, how much I personally shall lose in the support, assistance, and brotherly kindness, and experience which our late Bro. Massey would have shown in his advising and helping me to attempt to worthily occupy the chair. I leave it to my brother officers and brethren to express the feelings of the lodge upon this subject, as I have no doubt they will in a resolution conveying the sympathy and condolence of the lodge to the widows of our deceased brethren. Bro. Finch, S.W., then proposed in most feeling and suitable terms a resolution of sympathy and condolence to be furnished to the widows of three brethren, and Bro. Allen in terms equally appropriate seconded the same. Past Master Vine was then invested with the I.P.M. collar, and in returning thanks spoke most feelingly upon the sad losses the lodge had sustained. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. F. C. Kearling, Fall, and Bennett, were questioned before raising and having acquitted themselves with satisfaction of the brethren retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Kearling, Fall, and Bennett, were raised the W.M. giving the charges, exhortation and traditional history with much emphasis and feeling. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Hutton, New, and Hill, balloted for, elected, and initiated. After some formal business, lodge was closed in due form, and W.M., officers, and brethren adjourned to banquet. After the preliminary toasts had been proposed and honoured, Bro. Vine, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said it was peculiarly pleasing for him to do so, because the W.M. being so well up in his duties, the office of I.P.M. had been a complete sinecure. The W.M. required no coaching, and when he performed the ceremonies the brethren derived great benefit from him. He had been correct and perfect, and the brethren were all proud of him. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he now came to a more difficult portion of his duties. As regarded his efforts to give the brethren satisfaction and put the lodge in a proper light with respect to the duties of Master he would admit as a fact that he had done his level best. As regarded the result, he must leave that to the brethren's kindly consideration, and that, as a brother just reminded him, was on the square. In returning thanks, he would ask the brethren, that as they had hitherto done so they would in future do—meet him and work week by week together. Perseverance was the genuine article, and would make stability in Masonry. He was glad to follow the example of his P.M., and he hoped the other brethren would do the same and toil away till they got round the table and to the top. If he quitted office to the satisfaction of the brethren he should not mind. If he was not conceited he was considerably proud. One other favour he would ask of the brethren—to unite, to have no jealousy, but as much emulation as possible; without jealousy to work with one another, and for one another; for the good of the Phoenix Lodge; and in such an effort he could promise them they should not find him wanting. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and said he was proud of those who had gone before him. Masonry exhibited itself in many forms; it exhibited itself in the future, which was represented by the initiates, and by what he had seen of those brethren he should say the future was

a promising one; the present was represented in himself, and the members of the lodge; and the past was represented by the P.M.'s, who had borne the heat and burden of the day, the hard work of the lodge, and had arrived at an hereditary state of things, which was proverbial, — the *otium cum dignitate* — dined, thought, looked, criticised, and observed; and in their sublime wisdom, had sufficient forbearance to help the young ones who were coming along. He often thought the P.M. represented the largest of hens, because he was the proudest when covering the largest brood. The P.M. assisted the Master, and the brethren, and the credit and honour of the Master's chair was largely in the hands of the P.M. The P.M. assumed dignity, that dignity which he was told the House of Lords represented, inasmuch as it not only did nothing, but did it well. The P.M.'s of the Phoenix Lodge were called upon to do very little, and there was very good reason why they should be called upon to do very little. (Laughter.) The brethren laughed, but he did not. The reason the P.M.'s were called upon to do very little was that they had set the brethren so glorious an example. The brethren were proud to follow it. They would now see on which side the laughter was. Freemasonry exhibited a history. There would be no history without the P.M.'s, but as Bro. Wilson had suggested to him that the should say no more, he would simply propose "The Health of the Past Masters." Bro. Vine, in reply, said he had, in his position as a P.M., endeavoured to carry out all the duties that fell to his share to fulfil, and he should always endeavour to do so. Bros. Salmon, Wilson, and Griffiths also replied. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said he hoped that those brethren who had honoured the lodge that evening would be able to pass a favourable judgment upon it. Masonry was greatly increasing just now, lodges were growing numerous, and working was becoming good; but he hoped that the Phoenix Lodge would bear a fair comparison with any of them. He also referred to the banqueting arrangements which were now so excellent at Freemasons' Tavern, and said he was happy to find Bro. Best, the proprietor, was among the visitors that evening. Bro. Best and several other brethren replied. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Institutions." Bro. James Terry, in reply, said it was a great pleasure to himself to find that the subject of the Masonic Institutions had been so kindly brought before the notice of the brethren by the W.M., who had said that the Institutions were all carefully and well worked and conscientiously overlooked by the executive officers. He was happy to state that that was really the case, and it was very gratifying to hear that said. If they had not been so well looked after, he was certain that the support the Institutions had had during the last five or six years never would have been accorded them. They had only to look back to a period of eight, nine, or ten years to find a great contrast in the support given to the Institutions. Ten years since there were but 110 girls in the Girls' School, whereas now they had 180; ten years ago the Boys' School had eighty-five or eighty-six boys in it, now there were 182; ten years ago the Benevolent Institution had 120 old men and women on the funds, the men receiving £26 a year, and the widows £25. There were now 285 annuitants on the Institution, the men receiving £40 a year, and the widows £32. It was therefore clear that the Institution was now distributing more than double the amount of money it gave away ten years ago. They had to thank the Craft very much for what it had done, and he personally had to thank the Masters of lodges for the time being for their great kindness in accepting the office of Stewards of his own and other Institutions, and voting a portion of their funds away for the benefit of the Institutions. To the W.M.'s of lodges they were particularly indebted, because it was through their kindness the announcement of the festivals was made in open lodge, and the services of the Stewards were secured. The Phoenix Lodge would be represented on the 13th February by Bro. Vine, whose wish it was to take the office of Steward, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late W.M., Bro. J. D. Massey, whose past energy was so well-known to all the brethren. The legacy which he bequeathed was one which might well be taken up by the members of this lodge, and he (Bro. Terry) was thankful to Bro. Vine for having consented to take the position of the late W.M. Though unaware of what the finances of the lodge were, he was nevertheless informed that they were in a prosperous state, and any balance they might have to spare might be profitably placed in Bro. Vine's list. There was a P.M. of this lodge at present a recipient of an annuity from the Benevolent Institution, and the children of another of the P.M.'s were in the schools. He did not expect that the Institutions would be so successful this next year as they had been during the past, because such enormous sums of money had been contributed to other charities. The Masonic Institutions last year totalled over £39,000, and this year it would be something like £42,000, but he would beg all of the brethren to give what they could, and he did not doubt that a very excellent figure would be the result. The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

**BELGRAVE LODGE (No. 749).**—On Wednesday evening, the installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hobbs, W.M., who, in presence of a very full lodge, initiated Mr. William Jones, and passed Bros. Hilliar and Godecke. When these ceremonies were concluded, Bro. J. Hester, P.M., installed Bro. Henry William Greenwood, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Booker, S.W.; Gardner, J.W.; Runtig, P.M., Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., Sec.; Coulthard, S.D.; Groves, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; P. Parsons, P.M., Steward; Leach, Asst. Steward; Norton, Org.; and Gilchrist, Treas. Bro. Hobbs

announced that he was going to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he solicited the brethren to support him by giving as much as they could afford. The lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the termination of the repast the toasts were duly proposed and drunk. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been honoured, and accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales," the W.M. proposed "The Initiates," and in so doing said a brother had been initiated that evening, whom he thought they would all be proud of at some time. It was highly important that Freemasonry should continually have new blood brought into the ranks; otherwise Freemasonry would very soon become extinct; the brother who had been initiated had been highly recommended, and would no doubt follow the precepts of Freemasonry, brotherly love, relief and truth, and become an ornament to the lodge, and a model for the Craft to imitate. Bro. Jones, in replying, thanked the Master, Wardens, and brethren, for allowing him to become a member of Freemasonry, which appeared to him to be a great Institution. He hoped at some future time to prove to the brethren that he was a good Mason, and he trusted that some day he might occupy the noble position of W.M. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were 31 present. With such a numerous array of talent he was quite sure the brethren would take it for granted that it would be impossible to speak of the merits of each visitor. Although several brethren would like to respond, with so many being present it would be impossible, but he would call upon Alderman Randall, of Oxford, to reply. Bro. Randall, Prov. G. Treasurer Oxford, said that as an old man from the country, he was extremely surprised that he had been selected to speak to the toast. He took it as a compliment, and he congratulated the lodge on the feeling thus displayed. It had been said there were brethren of considerable eminence present. He must not take a share in that compliment, for there were brethren present more worthy than he to receive such an honour. He had but shown his inclination to obey the impulses of his own life and to carry out thoroughly those principles which he drew in with the light when he was first admitted into Freemasonry, when he attended this lodge for the purpose of supporting a case which had been brought before the lodge that evening. He hoped that they might be successful with that petition, and from the manner in which it had been received he could not doubt that it would be. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He did not know that any toast could be more apropos to Freemasonry than that of the charities. Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and he believed all the brethren would agree with him that the whole system of the Craft was mixed up with objects of charity. He would call upon Bro. Terry to respond, and had no doubt that that brother would give the brethren a valuable digest of the charities, especially the particular one with which he was more immediately connected, the Benevolent Institution, for the next festival of which the I.P.M. was about to be the Steward. He trusted that all the brethren would subscribe something towards so good an object as that of the relief of the aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons. Bro. Terry thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast so early in the evening, thinking it a very good plan to propose it at a period of the evening when the whole of the brethren were present. During the past year it could not be said that the Craft had been unmindful of the charities, as £42,000 would be found to have been received on their behalf. That was a very noble and grand sum for such a limited constituency to raise. But they were looking forward now to the future, and he might mention that at the meeting of the committee of his Institution that afternoon, twenty petitions were presented and accepted for the election of as many candidates at the next election in May. This alone would convince the brethren that there was an enormous amount of distress day by day coming before the Craft, and if the Order increased as it had been increasing during the last four or five years, they would have more and more cases before them. The difficulty was how were they to deal with these cases, and he thought it was only by the excellent plan that the P.M. of this lodge had adopted of accepting the office of Steward that the committee would be enabled to carry out their work. For many years past the Benevolent Institution had had Stewards from the Belgrave Lodge, each trying to do his best, and he was certain of this, that the brother who had now accepted the office of Steward was not less mindful of his duty than those who had gone before him. He was also quite certain that the brother would if he could carry up as large an amount as the brethren who had represented the lodge before. He ventured to think that all the brethren would give him their support, and if possible give him a larger list. The brethren should remember it would not be a large sum that was asked of each of them. Five shillings from a member conferred the right of a vote, and no brother who wished to be considered a good and true Mason would refrain from giving that sum. It was not the pounds that helped the Institution, it was the many subscribers. He remembered an observation made by the Marquis of Ripon on one occasion in Grand Lodge, that when he looked through the list of subscribers to the Institution he saw, much to his regret, but yet to his pleasure, that the names of the subscribers were repeated in each of the lists. What he desired to see, and what each desired to see was, that all members of the Craft should enrol themselves as supporters of Masonic Institutions. If they could but enlist the sympathy of every brother in the support of the Institution, and induce him to believe



that the Institution depended on his exertions, they would never require to have a festival, or an appeal like that he (Bro. Terry) was then making. The Institution would be able to take in every case of distress when it came before them. If every member would give his 5s., and every lodge its £1. or guinea, no appeal would have to be made. Instead of £42,000 they would raise £50,000 or £60,000. Many members who only attended their lodges did not think it worth their while to support the Institutions. He was sure Bro. Hobbs would enlist the support of the brethren of this lodge. The practical work of Masonry was putting the hand in the pocket, and if the brethren only supported Bro. Hobbs, they would be presenting him with a testimonial of more value than the one he had that evening. By subscribing to his list they would be paying a double compliment, one part to Bro. Hobbs, the I.P.M., and the other to the Institution he represented as Steward. He suggested to the brethren that they should remember the peculiar moment they were received into Freemasonry, and take the opportunity of carrying out the principles they then professed. Now was their chance. Let them give as they would wish others to give to them. A large amount has been subscribed to the Indian Famine Fund, and there was distress in England which would require help. He asked only for 5s., but he hoped the brethren would say the modesty of the Secretary was great; take 10s. On the 13th February, 1878, he hoped it would be his good fortune to announce the highest list yet brought in by the Belgrave Lodge. Remember the lines, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and you shall find it after many days." They should also remember that "God loveth a cheerful giver." (Cheers.) Bro. Hobbs, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Greenwood had been installed in a position which he hoped every brother of the lodge would endeavour to reach. It was the summit of every Mason's ambition to be the Master of his mother lodge. Bro. Greenwood was initiated in the lodge, and with the exception of one office had served well and truly every office in the lodge. He had served with ability and zeal, and now that he had arrived at the chair, he would perform the duties of it with the same ability and zeal, and proficiency which had distinguished him in the other offices. Bro. Greenwood was actuated by the true principles of Freemasonry, and had never been applied to to support the charities without complying with the request. This showed the man, and the choice the brethren had made in electing him as their Master, was worthy of the high position of the lodge. (Applause.) The W.M. replied, and said it was true he had performed the duties of the various minor offices in the lodge from that of J.D. He hoped that with the sympathy of the brethren and the help of the P.M., he should be able to perform the duties of Master properly. He did not expect to shine like the great luminaries that had gone before him, but he hoped to receive some of the warmth and lustre which was inherent in them. He also hoped that when he asked the brethren to subscribe to his list as Bro. Hobbs had asked them to subscribe to his list they would come forward and support him. With respect to the ceremonies he hoped to perform them to the brethren's satisfaction. He felt the most enthusiastic gratitude towards Past Master Hester, for the admirable way in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and all the brethren owed Bro. Hester a debt of gratitude. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," and presented Bro. Hobbs with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, a P.M.'s collar, and silver jewel with an inscription. Without wishing to be egotistical, he could say that his mother lodge would stand out well among the other lodges. From its commencement to the present day its affairs had been conducted with ability, zeal, and honesty of purpose by the P.M.'s. The I.P.M. had had a very successful year of office, and he hoped that he (the W.M.) would have a similar one. Bro. Hobbs replied. He had endeavoured as far as his ability went to perform his duties properly, and to uphold the dignity and position of the Belgrave Lodge. In addition to thanking the brethren for those substantial marks of their recognition of his services, the P.M. jewel, and the collar and jewel, he begged to thank the brethren for the kindness and courtesy they had evinced towards him during his year of office. The toast of "The Officers" was then given, to which the S.W. replied, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Ninety-two brethren sat down to banquet, and among them were thirty-one visitors. Alderman Randall, Grand Treasurer of Oxford; Bros. Casworth, W.M. 3; E. J. Hart, W.M. 1201; Louis Beck, W.M. 1637; E. Coste, P.G.D. Kent; and H. Massey, (Freemason), were of the number. A beautiful selection of glees and songs were sung by the British Vocal Quartet, Bros. Collins, Upston, Kift, and Tremere.

**COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Tuesday evening at the Cannon-street Hotel for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. A. F. Rowley, W.M., presided, and after the opening business of the lodge had been performed, initiated Messrs. James Warner and Herman Van Raalte into the Order, and passed Bros. Gerard Toff and George Kearsey to the Second Degree. The W.M. then installed Bro. Geo. M. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. La Marque, S.W.; Abbott, J.W.; Jones, P.M.; Treasurer, L. E. Stean; P.M., Secretary, Harris, S.D.; Van Raalte, J.D.; Samuel Corke, I.G.; E. Pitt, D.C.; Corke, P.M., W.S.; and Gallock, Tyler. A motion of Bro. Corke, P.M., was postponed, the lodge having been at work for nearly four hours. Among the visitors present were Bros. E. Somers, W.M. 1643; J. B. Shackleton, W.M. 1524; David Davis, W.M. 141; L. E. Stean, 212; W. H. Lee, W.M. 975; J. Tinsley, 548; J. B. Humphrey, 1509; H. Massey, P.M.

619 (Freemason); and W. F. Poulton, W.M. 1602. After the banquet the toasts were proposed and honoured, but all the speeches were exceedingly short, the hour having become very late. The W.M. in proposing "The I.P.M.," presented a very handsome P.M. jewel to Bro. Rowley, I.P.M., and congratulated the lodge on having had during last year a W.M. whose abilities as a worker could not be excelled, and who having performed all the ceremonies while he was Master, fitly concluded a pre-eminently successful career by installing his successor in the chair. A brother having conducted himself with great ability was hailed by the lodge with the greatest enthusiasm, and Bro. Rowley's year would long be remembered by the brethren of the Cosmopolitan Lodge. Bro. E. Somers, replying for the visitors, said he had experienced much pleasure at this visit to the lodge, and he had witnessed with peculiar feelings of satisfaction the working of the I.P.M. Bro. Corke, P.M., announced that the charity box had produced £5 15s., which would be sent to the brother whose petition to the Lodge of Benevolence had been signed and recommended in open lodge that evening. Bro. L. Stean, replying for the P.M.'s, said that the duty of performing the installation ceremony having been entrusted to his hands solely for many years, he felt very proud at finding that another brother had been found capable of taking his place when he should be called away from this earthly scene. He had been 40 years a Mason, and he had devoted himself to teaching the ceremonies, lectures, and sections in lodges of instruction. It was always a pleasure to do so, and it was gratifying to him to find that the fruits of that work were now being reaped. The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed, all those brethren responded, and the S.D. stated that the present proud position of the Cosmopolitan Lodge was universally acknowledged by the brethren to be due to Past Master Stean. The brethren shortly afterwards retired.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge held the second meeting of its season at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 6th inst. The officers present were Bros. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Midx. J. W.; Page, P.G.S., P.M. Treasurer, Stuart, P.M. 141, Secretary; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Honeywell, P.M. Dobie, Assis. Organist; Robinson, D.C.; Marsden, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Drysdale, acting I.P.M.; and Past Masters, Mann Koch, Gardner, and Pope. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported that he had received communications from the Strong Man and Mount Edgecumbe Lodges to the effect that two members of the Kennington Lodge had been respectively raised and passed in those lodges, namely Bros. Higgins, jun., and Pomeroy. The W.M. with the assistance of his officers then raised the last-named to the degree of a M.M., and initiated Messrs. Pym, Stevenson, and Barry, both ceremonies being carefully performed. Upon the motion of Bro. Mann, and which was seconded by Bro. Page, in the absence of Bro. Everett, it was unanimously resolved that a Royal Arch Chapter should be attached to No. 1381, subject to the approval of Grand Chapter. There being no other business before the lodge it was closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the latter were Bros. Murch, Egyptian Lodge; Hatton, Robert Burns Lodge; Constantines, 1009; Barsdorf, 1329; Urnster, St. Johannis Lodge. The customary toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. W. Mann proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his speech he stated that Bro. Higgins had been present at every meeting; that his Masonic capabilities had been fully tested during his occupancy of the chair, and he (the speaker) hoped that there would be a continuance of the prosperity that had hitherto characterised the W.M.'s term of office. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. in response said that in consequence of his physical incapacity to speak loudly, he hoped that the brethren would excuse his making a long speech. He however, wished to say that if he had done his work to their satisfaction he was very pleased, and in future years he should look back to his Mastership of the Kennington Lodge as a very gratifying episode of his Masonic career. "The Initiates" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Stevenson, Pym, and Barry, the former brother's reply being especially apropos and good. In introducing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. stated that he was glad to see them there that evening. He believed that visiting other lodges was very necessary, because it not only engendered kindly feelings amongst the brethren, but it gave them an opportunity of improving and perfecting their Masonic knowledge by studying the various "workings." This toast was acknowledged at length by the five visiting brethren. The next toast was "The Past Masters," and gave Bro. Mann an opportunity of indulging in some very wholesome advice to the brethren upon the harm often inflicted upon lodges, and consequently in the end detrimental to the Craft at large, by the indiscriminate initiation of members. Freemasonry was making great progress, and it was very gratifying to mark the numbers that daily flocked to the Masonic standard, but he wished his hearers to understand that the payment of high fees and subscriptions should not constitute the sole qualification for admission; the social and moral status of the candidates should be thoroughly investigated by the members recommending them. He concluded by thanking the brethren upon behalf of his colleagues and himself for the warm manner in which their healths were always proposed and received. "The Treasurer and Secretary," followed. Bro. Page, the father of the lodge, and who occupies the first-named position, having duly acknowledged the compliment paid him, begged to be permitted to say a few words with respect to "The Masonic Charities." He told them that although those valuable institutions were in a flourishing condition, yet in consequence of the great growth of the Craft the applications for the benefits of the charities far exceeded

the accommodation and means at the disposal of the governors. The "Kennington" since its foundation had not forgotten the claims of Masonic charity, but he hoped that they would in future strive to do a great deal more; especially as their funds were in a flourishing condition. Bro. Stuart, Secretary, having also replied, the toast of "The Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Reeves, Walls, Webb, and Robinson. During the proceedings Bros. Honeywell, Reeves, Barry, and others, instrumentally and otherwise entertained the brethren.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—This lodge, which was consecrated twelve months ago, held its installation meeting on Thursday week, at the Ladbroke Hall Notting Hill, Bro. William Joseph Murlis, W.M., presiding. The work of the lodge during its year of existence has been very great, many brethren having been introduced into the Order through its instrumentality, and the charities of the Order having benefitted considerably by its establishment. Its prosperity still appears to be on the increase, and its usefulness in a fair way of being maintained. Like many other lodges now working it has no work but the installation on installation day, and also like other successful lodges it had a large number of visitors to witness the ceremony. Among these were Bros. J. Grunbaum, P.M. 1017; E. P. Albert, P.G.P., P.M. 188; C. S. Mallette, 655; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 284; J. S. Adkins, 733; H. Stuart, 780; F. Pendered, P.M. 33; J. Robbins, D.D., W.M. 1635; E. K. Kendall, 1635; E. Barge, P.M. 167; L. Bryett, P.M. 209; W. Handora, P.M.; E. C. Woodward, W.M. 1637; I. Dosell, P.P.G.D. Surrey; T. B. Linscott, 55; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. J. Cave, A. Hendrik, J. Empson, T. D. Spurgin, 1365; J. C. Hambledon, 1319; John Boyd, P.G.P., P.G.S.; J. H. Pearson, Elliot, 1567; J. H. Webb, 834; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; M. Spiegel, 188; A. McMillan, 1365; John High, 1365; W. F. Savage, P.M. 1425; J. E. Walford, 1489; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. S. Badkin, W.M. 1365; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). The musical brethren were Bros. George Musgrave, Arthur Thomas, Edwin Moss, and Burgess Perry, the Masonic quartet. Bro. George Penn, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed as Master of the lodge. The ceremony of consecration was ably performed by Bro. William Stephens, P.M., Clapton and Marquess of Ripon Lodges, and after the installation the W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. W. J. Murlis, I.P.M. and Sec.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; W. Gordon, M.P., J. W. W. Stephen, Treasurer, F. Clench, S.D.; E. M. Lander, J.D.; S. Smout, I.G.; P. F. Delevanti, Organist; R. Schofield, Tyler; S. Smout, and T. C. Swift, Stewards. Letters of apology for inability to attend were received from Lord Carnarvon, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, Sir Albert Woods, Hyde Pullen, Colonel Radcliffe, John D. Alcroft, Bros. Buss, Rev. —Robinson, Dr. Ray, Bro. Wilmot, Grabham, Dr. Jabez Hogg, the Hon. E. Cuizon, A. E. J. McIntyre, G.C.; and the Rev. —Reade. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Hervey, in replying for "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers," said he was much surprised at what the lodge had done in a short twelvemonth, and one of the proofs of the great success of the lodge was the large number of members and visitors who were round the hospitable board that evening, among whom were many members of the liberal professions, who were well known in the particular localities in which they resided, and to whom Masons might look up, as an example of what Masons must and ought to be. He congratulated the lodge on what it had achieved. That it would be exceeded in the coming year was not to be expected; but reliance might be placed on the position of the lodge being maintained, and he felt much pride in being associated with the lodge as one of its members. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., also expressed his delight at seeing the lodge so prosperous, and he earnestly hoped that that prosperity would continue. The career of the lodge had been marked by the practice of true Masonic principles; by its firmness and unity, its thorough bond of brotherhood. In Masonry, as in all other human organisations, great though they might be, and eternal as were the principles on which it was founded, prosperity had its dangers as well as adversity. In adversity we were drawn together; had to fight the fight together; put our shoulders to the wheel; to sink our minor differences. In adversity, therefore, the bond became stronger. In prosperity the sun smiled about us; the bond got a little weaker, and there did not seem the same necessity for effort. Now the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had no past to live upon. But it had success and youth on its side, and youth bespoke energy, and he was sure it would bespeak thoroughly good working, and a thorough maintenance of the true Masonic principles which made any lodge, young or old, ancient or modern, a true exponent of the principles of the Craft. He was glad to see coming on to office brethren of position, among them being Bro. Gordon, M.P., the J.W. With such prospects from their short past, and with such an augury of the lodge's future, the lodge must "go on prospering and to prosper." Bro. W. J. Murlis, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Penn replied, and said he felt very deeply the honour the brethren had done him in placing him in the chair. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., responded for "The Visitors." The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that the brethren desired to express their appreciation of the energy he had used on behalf of the lodge during his very heavy year of office. They felt deeply indebted to him, and they therefore presented him with a Past Master's jewel and a testimonial. Bro. W. Stephens then handed to Bro. Murlis a testimonial in illuminated writing, on vellum, framed and glazed, in the following terms:—"Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. W. J. Murlis, by the brethren of the above lodge, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered



to the lodge; also in acknowledgment of the courtesy evinced at all times, especially during the year in which he presided as Worshipful Master. (Signed) George Penn, W.M.; Samuel Parkhouse, S.W.; W. Gordon, J.W.; W. Stephens, Treas.; J. Pushman, Hon. Sec." In acknowledging the compliment Bro. Murlis said he had endeavoured to make every one comfortable; he had gone on in a straight path trying to do all he could for Freemasonry. He had striven to make friends and steer clear of enemies. Bros. Stephens and Murlis responded to "The Treasurer and Secretary;" Bros. Parkhouse and Gordon to that of "The Officers;" Bro. Stephens for "The Girls' School;" and Bro. James Terry for "The Benevolent Institution, and the Boys' School." The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The musical quartett before named sang some choice pieces of music between the toasts.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—On Monday evening, Nov. 12th, the members of this lodge met for labour and refreshment at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street. The following brethren attended: Bros. John Derby Allcroft, W.M.; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, S.W.; Dr. Charles Hogg, J.W.; P. Saillard, S.D.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Benskin, Dir. of Cer.; A. J. Altman, I.G.; Thomas Jones, Hon. Sec.; Rev R. Lee, Head Master of Christ's Hospital; Dr. Alder Smith, Samuel White, E. J. Jolliffe, Alfred Brookman, W. W. Landels, Hyde Pullen, Samuel Benton, W. S. Chapman and the following visitors: Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M. of the Neptune Lodge; and Edward J. Altman, Temple Lodge. Some good work was carried out during lodge, as Bro. Dr. Samuel Pentin was raised, and the lodge received instruction on the Second Tracing Board from that oracle of Masonry, Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B. The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was elected by ballot, when it was found that the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, of Christ's Hospital, was unanimously chosen to succeed Bro. John Derby Allcroft; Bro. George Kenning, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and W. Steadman, P.M., Tyler. The invitation of Grand Lodge to send a Steward to represent the lodge at the Annual Festival of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, was accepted by the W.M., Bro. J. D. Allcroft. During refreshments the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to. The burden of the speeches was attachment to the Craft, affection for the Worshipful Master, and a grateful appreciation of his munificence to the lodge. A cordial welcome was given to the W.M. elect and the visitors, with due acknowledgements from Bros. Brette, Storr and Altman. The W.M. expressed his wish that the brethren should meet frequently, once a week, for instruction, and desired the Secretary to confer with him on the subject. There is evidently a determination in "The Aldersgate Lodge," to excel.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—The second regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 1st, presided over by Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., assisted by Bros. Brown, I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, P.M. and Treas.; Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cer.; Braham, Sec.; Gummer, S.D.; Holmes, as J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and J. Smith, Stewards; Moutrie, P.M.; Rubie, P.M.; Major Preston, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; as visitors, Bros. Dr. Tunstall, P.M. 53; Reeves, P.M. 906; Gen. Doherty, P.M. 906; Bush, P.M. 1363; and many members. At 7.40 the lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. E. Wilton, son of the respected D.C., and he was duly initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Moutrie. Bros. Cartmell and Gregory were examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On their return they were passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M., and retired. Bro. R. Mann was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the candidate was re-admitted, and the W.M. again officiated in raising him as a M.M.; and in all the three degrees the S.W. explained the symbolism of the working tools. Though the ceremonies had occupied the brethren till half-past ten, there was yet another matter which engaged their attention for half an hour longer, namely the death of a highly-respected brother at the advanced age of 80, who had been a member of the Craft about half a century. Bro. Wilton ably and feelingly reminded the brethren of Bro. Cooper's long and efficient services, of the impressiveness of his tones in the delivery of the prayers and charges, to which his efforts had of late years been confined, of his readiness to unite in any good and charitable work, of the consistency he had ever evinced in his endeavours to carry out, in the regulation of his life, the genuine tenets of Freemasonry, of the void that must be felt at seeing his wonted place on the dais empty, which he had punctually occupied to the very last, and from which he had actively co-operated in the labours of the lodge. Bro. Wilton concluded by reading an excellent letter from one of his daughters, soliciting aid with a view to procuring admission into the Masonic School for her youngest brother. A long discussion ensued, in which the W.M., the Wardens, Bros. Dr. Tunstall, Ashley, Radway, Dr. Hopkins, and others joined, all anxious to vie in paying respect to the memory of the deceased brother, and to assist his family under their sad bereavement, to whom the Secretary was directed to address a letter of sincere condolence. Definite measures were deferred until the next meeting, and in the meantime Bros. Ashley, Falkner, and Dr. Hopkins were appointed as a committee to obtain information, with power to act within certain limits. The W.M. reminded the brethren of the presence of Bro. Fuller, as a visitor for the last time during his temporary residence in Bath, as he is about to return to America; adding that he was formerly a subscribing member of this lodge, and concluded by addressing him, and on behalf of those present bidding him God speed, a safe arrival, and success in the land of his adoption. The worthy brother made a suitable

acknowledgment of the kind wishes expressed with regard to him. The lodge was closed at 11 o'clock.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—The last meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, Oct. 25th, at the Ashteton Arms. Bro. G. Bradbury, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. Percival, S.W.; F. Fothergill, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; F. Hooper, Org.; W. S. Clarke, I.G.; J. Kent, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tetlow having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted with the test of merit and passed out. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Tetlow was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. The charge in the S.E. was given, and the working tools were presented by Bro. D. Reid, I.P.M. Bro. Jowett, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted with the test of merit. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Jowett was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, the W.M. moved the resolution of which he had given notice, viz., "That the sum of £5 be given by the lodge to the Indian Famine Relief Fund." This was seconded by Bro. H. Heywood, P.M., and carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" were recorded from Lodges 163, 325, 1034, and 1458. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated.

**WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 6th inst. The W.M., Bro. C. D. Hume, P.G.S., presided, supported by Bros. Roberts, P.G.S., S.W.; Schiemann, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Nichols, S.D.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Evans, Steward; Reid, P.M.; Long, P.M.; and a large number of other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Ridley, 1101; Gomm, 780; Barnes, 780; Cantrell, P.M. 1501; Fisk, 1471; Johnson, 771; Bolton, Grisebrook, P.M. 771; Lay, 569; Williams, 865. Messrs. Riley, Stollery, and Torton were initiated into Freemasonry, and Bros. Hawkes and Perks passed to the degree of F.C. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in an impressive and faultless manner. Two candidates for initiation and one as a joining member having been proposed the lodge was closed in due form.

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, Nov. 12th. Bro. Gore, W.M., opened the lodge at 8.15, supported by Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, as I.P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, S.W.; Dickenson, J.W.; Davis, P.M. Sec.; Robinson, as S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Bush, P.M., as I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Gen. Doherty, P.M. 53, and 906; Col. Ford, P.M. 53; Brown, I.P.M. 41; Edwards, W.M. 53; W. Smith, P.M. and Treas. 53; Falkner, S.W. 41; and many others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and examined Bro. Rev. Sanderson as to his proficiency. This proving satisfactory, he was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The candidate was readmitted, raised to the rank of M.M., and the traditional history was communicated to him. Bro. Falkner explained the symbolism of the working tools, and Dr. Hopkins completed the ceremony by giving the charge, at the conclusion of which the brethren signified their approval by hearty applause. Bro. Gore, W.M., again took the chair, and resumed the lodge in the Second, and afterwards in the First Degree. He feelingly laid before the brethren the loss by death of three members during the vacation, of whom he specially referred to the respected I.P.M., Bro. Cook, and concluded by proposing a resolution of sincere regret, which was seconded by the S.W., carried, and ordered to be entered in the minute book, in addition to which the Secretary was directed to send copies, with letters of condolence, to the families of the deceased brethren. Bro. H. C. Hopkins, S.W., was elected W.M. and Bro. Gore Treasurer for the ensuing year. The acting I.P.M. at some length reported a case of extreme distress in the family of a well-known and highly-respected zealous member of No. 41, who had died at the age of 80, leaving no provision for his numerous young children, and solicited help in an endeavour to procure the admission of the youngest son into the Masonic Boys' School. Other business was transacted, and the proceedings were brought to a termination by a vote of thanks to the visitors, and specially to the brother who had worked the ceremony, which was acknowledged by the I.P.M. of No. 41 and the W.M. of No. 53. The lodge was finally closed at 10 o'clock.

**GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493).**—St. John's Day was celebrated by this lodge on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, when the Senior Warden, Bro. G. K. Prowse, was installed in the chair of King Solomon as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in the presence of about a hundred brethren by Bro. Past Master Edwin Browne, of the Gooch Lodge, 1295, whose zeal for Masonry was evinced by the admirable manner in which the varied portions of the ceremony were gone through. The officers appointed by the W.M. were Bros. D. Newman, S.W.; S. Moss, J.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Worsley, P.M., Secretary; Rev. H. Layton, Chaplain; Woodward, P.M., Organist; A. V. Hailton, Steward; G. W. Haines, S.D.; R. A. Matthews, J.D.; F. Smith, I.G. Amongst the numerous visitors present were Bros. Col. H. Basevi, P.D.D.G.; J. Walker, P.M. 82; H. Godfrey, W.M. 82; T. Taynton, P.M. 839; R. White, P.M. 839; Vassar Smith, 839; A. Helps, 839; A. Buchanan, 839; J. Bruton, 839; R. S. Helps, 839; T. H. Chance, 839; A. C. Wheeler, 839; A. Slater, 839; H. W. Hall, 839; J. Weston, 839; and C. R. Taynton, 839; R. J. Kerr, W.M. 1067; Cranston Kerr,

1067; R. W. White, P.M. 1295; Ludgate, 1295; Kent, 1295; Haydon, 1295; Philipps, 1295; Powell, 1295; G. Roberts, W.M. 1005; S. Hayward, P.M. 1005; G. Tomes, P.M. 1005; T. Gee, P.M. 1005; W. H. Roberts, Barnett, Dutton, 1005; R. Chandler, W.M. 900; W. Crump, P.M. 900; W. B. Stocker, P.M. 241; Hollich, P.M. 1098; Chapman, P.M. 1057; Hirst, W.M. 338; Haselton, Holman. The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren retired to the banquet room. Grace having been offered by the Chaplain, due justice was rendered to the excellent dinner provided by Bro. W. C. Davis. The preliminary toasts having been given, the W.M. in felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the P.G.M. and P.G.L. of Gloucestershire," which was suitably responded to by Bros. H. Layton, P.G.C., and J. Walker, P.P.S.W. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. E. Browne, Installing Master, remarking on the great pleasure it gave him to meet his excellent friend and brother in that capacity, the superior way in which the ceremony had been performed proving his choice to be everything he had anticipated, and far exceeding the expectations of the brethren. Bro. Browne, in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit Lodge 493, which was enhanced by the fact of his knowing the W.M. to be the "right man in the right place," and that the Royal Lebanon Lodge would prosper under his rule. The gavel being entrusted to Bro. Past Master Wilson, "The Health of the W.M." was toasted in an enthusiastic speech during which Bro. Wilson dilated on the wisdom of the choice which the brethren had displayed in selecting for their W.M. a brother of such acknowledged ability, thereby ensuring the prosperity of the lodge in whose interest he had laboured hard for so many years. The W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Wilson and the brethren for the kind expressions they had made use of, and hoped the distinction they had conferred on him would be to the interest of the lodge; his ambition from the time he first entered the lodge was to fill the chair, and although he felt the great responsibility of the position, he trusted with the kind forbearance of the brethren and the willing assistance of his officers to maintain the proud prestige which the Royal Lebanon Lodge had held in the province for so many years. The next toast was that of "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Col. Basevi (who was called on to respond) observed his satisfaction at being present on such an agreeable occasion. Giving a short but succinct account of the charity organisation of the province, he also expressed the hope that all the lodges would act with one mind for the common weal, so that the strength which comes of union should be productive of the best possible result. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. P.M. Wilson as the senior P.M. suitably responded. "Lodges of the Province" was responded to by Bros. P.M. Taynton and Russell Kerr, W.M. 1067. "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. J. Bruton. With the toasts of "The Officers," responded to by Bro. D. J. Newman, and "The Tyler," the evening was brought to a conclusion, the gathering being looked upon as a most auspicious one in the annals of the Royal Lebanon Lodge.

**HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened punctually at seven o'clock by the W.M. (Bro. John W. Hinchliffe). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the only business on the circular being to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, it was at once proceeded with, and the result was that Bro. Benton, a very old and respected member of the lodge, was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, which event will give general satisfaction to the brethren, and be the means of bringing many old members together; therefore, this good old lodge is looking forward to one of its happiest and most prosperous years. Bro. P.M. Geo. Marshall was re-elected Treasurer, and a better could not have been selected, he being the right man in the right place. Bro. Henry Shaw, one of the oldest members of the lodge and a deservedly respected brother, was re-elected Tyler. In consequence of the unfortunate death of a much respected brother, which sad event took place on Wednesday, being the result of an accident, the business was brought to a close after expressing the sympathy of the lodge with the family of the late brother, as also two other families which have been deprived of their head since the last regular meeting, thus showing what sad events may take place in so brief a space of time. Under these painful circumstances the W.M. announced that there would not be any banquet or festive board. The business being concluded the lodge was closed, and many were the expressions of regret at the loss the lodge had sustained by the untimely, and sudden death of two of its members.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday 5th November. The W.M., Bro. T. Jackson, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Longman, I.P.M.; N. W. Helme, S.W.; Alfred Sherriff, J.W.; J. Daniel Moore, P.G.S.B. of England; W. J. Sly, P. Prov. G.D.; G. Taylor, S.D.; J. T. Jackson, J.D.; J. J. Crookell, as I.G.; John Hatch, P.M. and Sec. 281; E. Johnson, and a number of other members and visitors. The principal business of the evening was the delivery of a lecture on the "Botany of Freemasonry," by Bro. Dr. Moore. The lecture which was clear, terse, instructive, and highly interesting, was listened to with great attention by all present, and at its close a hearty vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to the Worshipful lecturer. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed in due form. On Wednesday evening, the 7th instant, an emergency meeting was held, when the W.M. initiated Lieut. W. H. Chippindale, of the Royal Engineers, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the working tools being presented by Bro. Sherriff, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. H. Longman, I.P.M.



**PAIGNTON.**—Torrey Lodge (No. 1358).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 30th October. The W.M., Bro. James Greenfield, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., occupied the chair, and was supported by his officers, Bros. J. F. Chinnock, S.W.; F. Palk, J.W.; Rev. N. Platt, P.P.G.C.D.S. and Chaplain; W. E. Warren, P.M., P.G. Org., Sec.; A. W. Palk, J.D.; C. Perrott, I.G.; T. Brooks, R.A.M., Organist. The brethren mustered in strong force, and among the visitors were Bros. G. Huxham, W.M. 1254 (Semper Fidelis), Exeter; S. Burton, W.M. 328 (St. John's, Torquay); Geo. T. Barry, P.M. 248, Brixham, Prov. G. Purs.; B. Fullwood, S.W. 328; W. Taylor, 328; T. S. Bailey, 328; and J. W. Valentine, Sec. 303 (Benevolent), Teignmouth. A candidate, Mr. W. W. Ellis, was installed into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. Bro. Cooke, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft by P.M. W. E. Warren, P.G. Org., and Bro. G. T. Bany, Prov. G. Purs. balloted for as a joining member. A pleasing duty devolved upon the W.M., viz., that of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. John Coudrey, with a P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by the brethren. In doing so he alluded in complimentary terms to the manner in which the duties of the office of W.M. had been discharged during the past year, and begged its acceptance as a mark of the esteem and regard of the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Coudrey thanked the W.M. and brethren for this expression of their fraternal feelings towards him, and assured them he felt much honoured. He should ever regard their present as a pleasurable memento of his year of office, and he would wear it with pride as long as he lived. Bro. Huxham, W.M. 1254 (Exeter), said it gave him much gratification at being present that evening as a visitor, and to witness the presentation that had just taken place. The lodge he represented was the mother lodge of the I.P.M., and he was sure when he reported the incident of this evening to the members of Semper Fidelis they would feel as much pleased to hear of the honour done to one of their lodge as he was to witness it. He congratulated the lodge on its good working, and was glad to see so prosperous a lodge at Paignton. The brethren on the closing of the lodge adjourned to their own ante-room for refreshment, and spent a very harmonious and pleasant evening.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Truth (No. 1458).—This lodge held its accustomed monthly meeting at Private Rooms, Newton Heath, on Saturday, November 3rd. It being "election day" a goodly number of members presented themselves. At 3.30 p.m. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., proved and opened his lodge, and in due course admitted into "Masonic light" Messrs. W. H. Thynne and A. Thornton. Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M., and D. of C., then passed Bros. Smith and Vincent. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., again took up his position, and election by ballot of a W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, which resulted in a large majority for Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W., Bro. W. J. Kinder, S.W., being the present Master of Lodge 367. The election of Treasurer was allowed to stand over till the next meeting. Bro. Tyers, P.M., who has ably filled this office since the consecration of the lodge in 1873, expressed a desire (much to the regret of the brethren) not to be re-elected—persuasive powers were not available to induce him to continue, as he wished to see some of the younger brethren in harness. The Secretary therefore proposed Bro. Proctor, which was seconded by Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W., Bro. Proctor being absent it was thought prudent to allow the matter to stand over. Bro. Beswick was again unanimously elected Tyler. Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M., and T. Davis, were appointed auditors, the business on the circular was here completed; and two candidates were proposed for initiation, one by Bro. T. Tyers, P.M., and the other by Bro. J. Taylor, J.D. Representatives from Lodges 581, 667, 1011, and 1088, accorded the usual congratulations. Charity was then exercised, and the lodge closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then assembled at the social board, business was there attended to with all propriety, and in due course came the usual toasts, loyal and Masonic. Then came those immediately connected with Lodge 1458. Bro. R. Caldwell, P.M., commencing with "The Health of the W.M. elect," and remarked that he had hoped to have seen him occupying the proud position to which he had that night been elected, before now, but circumstances had prevented it. Bro. G. H. Needle, J.W. and W.M. elect, responded, and intimated that with the assistance of the P.M.'s of the lodge he intended to do his work to the best of his ability. Bro. Batchelder, W.M. next proposed in a neat speech "The Health of the Initiates." During their preparation to reply, Past Master Dumville with his top notes of melody, gave the E. A. Song. After a few words from the initiates, brief but telling, the newly passed brethren were next thought of, who in due course responded. Bro. S. H. Needham having proposed "The health of the W.M.," it was heartily honoured. Bro. Batchelder, W.M., in reply said, that his year of office was nearly completed, he felt that a successful year to any W.M. was in a great measure owing to the abilities of his officers; such he considered in his officers were good, and he felt persuaded that in relinquishing the gavel to the W.M. elect, it was in able hands, and that he would receive that support from the P.M.'s and his officers in a like measure to himself. "The Visiting Brethren" were also thought of, and their companionship again solicited; they responded, and returned the compliment. During the evening, Bros. Dumville, Cox, Nicholson, Hedden, and Hyam, poured forth "inspiring thoughts in vocal strain." Bro. W. H. Thynne also gave a recitation. In due time, 9.20 p.m., came the last toast of the evening, and the brethren separated.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This recently formed but prosperous provincial lodge held its first meeting of the season at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 5th inst. The officers present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Midx., P.M. 201, 1326, and 1512, W.M.; B. Sharp, P.G.S. of the Province, P.M., S.W.; Baldwin, P.G.P. of Midx., P.M. Era Lodge,

acting J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M. Jordan, W.M. 1512, Hon. I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512, Secretary; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Midx., J.W. 1381, J.D. 1512, I.G.; Honeywell, P.M. Dobie Lodge, Organist; Marvin, D.C.; and Scott, W.S. The visitors were Bros. Crawford, Kelly, Garwood, and Murphy. The minutes of the consecration and subsequent emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Ayles, Worthington, and Murray, passed Bros. Duffell and Elphick, and raised Bros. Jackson, Masters, and Piller, the three arduous and impressive ceremonies being rendered by Bro. Hammond most ably. It is a noteworthy circumstance, and which proves that the founding of a lodge in this locality was a Masonic necessity, that the W.M. has never had a "maiden sitting." In fact the number of initiates have been so large that the officers of the lodge have been under the necessity of working from four to five hours consecutively. In this instance the lodge was summoned at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon, and its members and visitors did not sit down to their well-earned and necessary refreshment until the clock of Kingston Church had chimed the three-quarters after nine. The requirements of the licence of Bro. Andrews, mine host of the White Hart Hotel, compelling him to close at eleven, the toasts of the evening were curtailed of their fair proportions, and given pro forma. Bro. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Bernard Sharp, S.W., who complimented Bro. Hammond upon the great stamina and ability evinced by him that evening in rendering the three ceremonies and discharging the other duties of his position without once "calling off." The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" and those important toasts having been responded to, the proceedings terminated.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.**—This Lodge of Instruction met at "the club," 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday last, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Sharratt, W.M.; J. Langton, S.W.; C. E. Smith, J.W.; C. F. Dobbing, S.D.; C. E. Barnett, J.D.; J. D. Langton, I.G.; W. Smallpiece, Preceptor; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; J. E. Shand, Hon. Sec.; Edell, Rumpff, Rogers, Bauman, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Cooke, Strauss, and H. W. Morgan, jun. The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The First Ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Bauman was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Smallpiece gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board of the degree. Four brethren were elected members of the lodge. S.W. Joseph Langton was voted to the chair for next meeting. Three brethren were chosen Auditors to examine the accounts of the lodge. The lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, 26th inst., at 6 o'clock.

**SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 879).**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the above lodge on Wednesday, 31st October, in the presence of a good number of brethren from various lodges, including Past Masters E. Stephens, 879; W. H. Green, 619; J. A. Hudson, 879; Davison, 299; H. Bartlett, 147; and others. Bro. C. W. Kent, P.M., and Preceptor of the lodge, carried out the duties of W.M. for the evening in a most impressive manner, and received a cordial vote of thanks from the brethren for his kindness in presiding. The Sections were worked as follows, viz:—

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Joseph Bowen, 1310.
2nd "	Bro. George Pulsford, 1593.
3rd "	Bro. W. S. Lugg, 879.
4th "	Bro. J. G. Milbourn, 13.
5th "	Bro. John Ives, 781.
6th "	Bro. S. Bottomley, 1571.
7th "	Bro. Edward Stephens, P.M. 879.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. J. A. Hudson, P.M. 879.
2nd "	Bro. Thos. Parker, 753.
3rd "	Bro. Davison, P.M. 299.
4th "	Bro. Wm. Beavis, 879.
5th "	Bro. Jas. Taylor, S.D. 753.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. John Davis, I.G. 879.
2nd "	Bro. Jas. Stamp, 879.
3rd "	Bro. J. S. Leaper, 1275.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—The first meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Great Yarmouth, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there was a fair muster of the brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. Bouffellow, I.P.M. P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk, the other officers being Bros. Captain Dods, S.W.; Howes, P.M., J.W.; Stenbridge, S.D.; Palk, J.D.; A. D. Bennett, I.G.; P. Glover, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, Secretary, pro tem. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. W. Johnson acting as candidate. Afterwards various matters of business were settled, Bro. James Bond, P.M., being appointed Preceptor, and Bro. A. D. Bennett, Secretary and Treasurer. Considering that several brethren were engaged the same evening in connection with the corporation (this being the day of appointing the Mayor of the borough), there was a good attendance, and the meeting was very successful. This new venture, which owes its origin entirely to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Glover, who is always ready to give a helping hand, we wish every prosperity.

The following reports stand over—Williamson Lodge, 949; Tyndall Lodge, 1363; Pantmure Chapter, 720; Kenard Chapter, 1258. Reminiscences of St. John's Lodge, Kelso, unavoidably crowded out.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**EASTBOURNE.**—Albion Chapter, Rose Croix 18° (No. 56).—The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Morris's, Southdown Hotel. Among the members present we noted the Ill. Bro. T. Lane, 33°, M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. Capt. F. H. Huth, 18°, First Gen. and M.W.S. elect; Piddock, 18°, Second Gen.; C. W. Drake, 18°, G.M.; B. Roberts, M.D., Reg.; Ill. Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., 31°, P.M.W.S.; G. Moren, P.M.W.S., and others. The visitors included V. Ill. Bro. S. Rawson, 33°, Insp. Gen. for the South-Eastern District; Ill. Bros. Col. Burdett, 32° (Ireland); John Boyd, 30°, P.M.W.S. Holy Palestine Chapter; Ex. Bro. H. Dicketts, 18°, Registrar, and C. Martin, 18°, both of the same chapter; and last, but not least, Ex. Bro. C. J. Smith, 18°, M.W.S. of the sister chapter in the province, the Eureka, at Brighton. After confirmation of the minutes, and the transaction of other business, including the reading of letters of apology from absent members, the M.W.S. resigned the chair to Ill. Bro. Trollope, 31°, who thereupon proceeded to install Ex. Jno. Capt. F. H. Huth, 18°, into the chair of M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The officers having been appointed, Bro. Briscoe, P.M. South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, who had been balloted for and elected at the preceding meeting, was duly and regularly admitted to the 18°, the intermediate degrees being given and the ceremony performed by Ill. Bro. Trollope, at the request of the M.W.S. The concluding portion of the degree was then given and the chapter duly closed. Previous to this, however, a vote of thanks was accorded to the illustrious visitors who had honoured the chapter with their presence. This was suitably acknowledged by Ill. Bros. S. Rawson and Col. Burdett, who were pleased to signify their approval of the way the ceremonies were conducted. A most elegant little supper followed, which, as is always the case at Bro. Morris's, gave entire satisfaction. The toasts peculiar to the Order were given by the newly-installed M.W.S., Bro. Capt. Huth, in capital form, and most heartily responded to. We must congratulate our Eastbourne brethren on the facilities afforded in their town for the practice of almost every degree in connection with Freemasonry, and visitors to the South Coast who may care to see the beautiful ceremonies of the Rose Croix, or the impressive ritual of the Knights Templar, properly rendered, may do worse than find their way to Bro. Morris's hospitable Southdown mansion, on any of the stated meetings of the Albion Chapter, Rose Croix, or Sussex Preceptory, K.T. (vide "Cosmopolitan Calendar.") The Albion Chapter has had many difficulties to contend with, but, judging from the cordial tone prevailing amongst its members, and the efficient manner in which the ceremonies incidental to the day were performed, we may hope a prosperous future is in store for it.

#### THE LATE BRO. R. J. SPIERS.

The brethren of the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, have passed the following resolutions with reference to the loss sustained by them in the death of Bro. R. J. Spiers, Past Deputy Prov. G. Master of Oxford, P.G.S.B. "We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the Alfred Lodge of Freemasons, No. 320, assembled in open lodge regularly held and properly dedicated, (the brethren of the lodge room wearing on this occasion the sombre livery of mourning by the express command of the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold), are desirous of recording our sense of the loss we, as Masons, have sustained by the death of our much valued brother Richard James Spiers. Past Master of this lodge, in which he was initiated, Past Grand Sword-Bearer, of the Grand Lodge of England, and for many years the zealous Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province of Oxfordshire. We are anxious to place on record the high estimation in which, for more than a quarter of a century, he has been held among us as our instructor and guide in the details of all the forms and ceremonies of Freemasonry, and as a correct expounder of its laws and rules. We are impressed also with a grateful remembrance of the warm-hearted and indefatigable discharge of his duty, and his successful applications of the influence of his high position in Masonry, in connection with the administrations of the Great Masonic Charities, especially affecting the interests of the widow and the fatherless, the aged and the afflicted, having a distinct claim on the sympathy of the brethren of this province. This testimony of our appreciation of his services to us and to Masonry we desire to have recorded in the annals of our lodge, and a copy of it sent to the family of our deceased brother, hoping it may be to them a source of consolation; and we take this opportunity of conveying the expression of our united sympathy and condolence with them under their recent bereavement. With us survives the memory of his widely felt and valued Masonic usefulness. Closing his long and chequered life of sunshine and shade, he has left to each and every member of his large and interesting family, proving its just estimate of its importance and his fatherly care for their best interests in their early years, the priceless possession of an education of no ordinary standard, the fruits of which are evidenced in minds well cultivated and tastes refined. Armed with these efficient means of self-advancement, may it be theirs so to apply them by line and rule to the fulfilment of the duties of active life, as under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe to merit and secure honourable and prosperous positions in society. We cannot doubt that the brethren of the Grand Lodge of England, of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, with all the lodges of this province, and the Craft generally, will heartily echo our prayer, "So mote it be."



## CONSECRATION OF THE DOUGLAS LODGE, No. 1725.

One of the most interesting and important ceremonies connected with Freemasonry of late years in the Province of Kent took place on Friday, 9th inst. The growth of the Craft in the county town and its neighbourhood has been so rapid and so extensive, that it has been found necessary to establish a new lodge, the old Belvidere Lodge having been for some time past quite full. The idea of establishing a new lodge, which should assume a position worthy of the county town, when once broached, was eagerly taken up. The petition was signed by several influential brethren, and at a meeting of the founders it was unanimously resolved to call it the "Douglas" Lodge, in honour of Aretas Akers Douglas, Esq., who, since he has taken up his residence at Chilton Park has evinced the warmest interest in all matters appertaining to Masonry in this part of the county. It was also resolved to invite him to become the first Master; which, after some hesitation, on account of his being already Master of the Malling Abbey Lodge, he consented to undertake, provided the necessary dispensation could be obtained from the Grand Lodge in order to allow him to hold both offices. The petition was successful; and the founders were greatly delighted on receiving their warrant. Arrangements were immediately made for the consecration of the new lodge; and that imposing ceremony took place, as we have mentioned, on the 9th inst, in the magnificent lodge room over the gateway of the ancient College at Maidstone. A more appropriate building could not have been possibly secured, and the brethren are much indebted to the gentleman who, by permission of the noble owner, sub-let it to the brethren for the use of the Craft. Some years ago it was used by the Constitutional Association, since then it has been used as a portion of the domestic offices of the College; but now it has been so beautifully and adorned as to be scarcely recognisable by those who only knew it under its former aspect. The Masonic furniture is, as may be supposed, entirely new, and has been made to harmonise exactly with the surroundings of the building.

With these preliminary remarks we must proceed to record the ceremony of consecration. The brethren assembled at the College at 4 o'clock, and when attired in their full Masonic clothing, presented a most imposing array, there being an unusually large attendance of officers of both Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges. They included—Bros. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., P.G.M.; J. S. Eastes, D. P.G.M.; John B. Monckton, P.G.D., P. Bd. G.P.; P. de L. Long, S.G.D.; Capt. Phillips, S.G.D.; Reginald Bird, D.P.G.M. (Oxon); Rev. E. Moore, P.G.C.; Col. Clerke, P.M. 1383, P.G.S.W. Devon; Aretas Akers Douglas, W.M. Malling Abbey Lodge, Prov. G.S.W. Kent, P.P.G.R. Oxon and P.M. of several other lodges; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chap.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec.; W. Page, P.G.J.W.; Walter Monckton, P.M.; W. H. Vale, P.G.W. Herefordshire; F. Spencer, P.M.; H. B. Deane, P.P.G.D. of C. Oxfordshire, No. 10; T. Wyles, P.M.; Rev. J. H. Timins, P.M.; Rev. Stuart Robson, J. Hodgson, P.M.; Dr. Spurrell, P.M.; G. Ker, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Monckton, Dr. Davies, R. T. Tatham, R. A. Seymour, J. W. Menzies, F. S. Stenning, E. B. Smith, G. Friend, D. W. Langton, F. Green, P.M.; Dr. Meredith, S. P. Potter, Dr. Ramsey, W. Russell, and others.

The Provincial Grand Master (Viscount Holmesdale) having taken the chair, appointed Bro. J. Braddick Monckton as the Consecrating Master. Bro. Monckton thereupon occupied the chair, and proceeded with the consecration, which he performed in such a masterly manner as to call forth the warmest expressions of satisfaction from the brethren. The Rev. W. A. Hill, as Provincial Grand Chaplain, also carried out his portion of the duties in a most able manner. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Akers Douglas was installed as first Master by Bro. Reginald Bird; and on taking his seat in the Master's chair the newly-elected Master was cordially greeted.

Next followed the appointment of officers as follows:—Bros. H. Monckton, S.W.; Dr. Davies, J.W.; Rev. E. Moore, Chap.; A. Spencer, Treas.; E. B. Smith, Sec.; R. T. Tatham, S.D.; F. S. Stenning, J.D.; Dr. Meredith, I.G.; G. Friend, D.C.; J. W. Menzies, S.

Before separating cordial votes of thanks were given to Bros. J. B. Monckton and R. Bird for their valuable services, and both were elected honorary members of the lodge.

At seven o'clock a banquet was held at the Town Hall, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren by the Mayor. The W.M., Bro. A. A. Douglas, presided, and the company included those present at the consecration. The large hall was exquisitely decorated, and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were all that could be desired. Of the banquet itself, which was furnished by Bro. Bates, the proprietor of the Mitre Hotel, it would be impossible to speak too highly. The viands and wines were alike excellent, and were placed upon the table with great taste. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured; and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Bro. A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917, will represent that lodge as Steward, at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 13th February. Bro. Rowley will be Steward for the Male Fund, and solicits the strong support of the brethren. He has the assistance of his lodge, and of the great bulk of the members.

The Duke of Marlborough was presented on Wednesday with a congratulatory address by the Town Commissioners and Board of Guardians of Ennis, on the occasion of his visit to Dromoland. Lord Inchiquin, as chairman of the board, read the address.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 15th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Bath. In the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Capt. Irwin, presided. Among the visitors present were Bros. R. Carey, Dr. Woodforde, M. Ansaldo, Rev. M. Shackleton, E. T. Payne, W. Cox, R. B. Carter, W. Smith, G. S. Tricks, W. E. Reeves, A. G. Williams, G. Yates, Col. Guyon, E. W. Gordon, Col. J. R. Ford, C. T. Marshall, R. de M. Lawson, J. Dutton, J. W. Murliss, S. Mills, F. Vigard, W. H. Davies, J. P. Curtis, J. Hond, G. F. Tuckey, Dr. Bryant, C. W. Rodway, R. L. Tucker, A. S. Vosper, J. Fry, Dr. R. Wybrants, W. Munro, P. Braham, J. Smith, J. Swanson, T. Wilton, F. W. Dingle, J. G. Mitchell, A. W. Powell, A. W. Scott, E. J. Mercier, S. Bisgood, and many others.

Upon the list of lodges in the province being called it was found that with one exception (Bridgewater) all were represented. The minutes of the last P.G. Mark Lodge held at Keynshaw, having been confirmed, the P.G. Treasurer presented his report shewing a considerable balance in favour of the province. The D.P.G.M. spoke very highly of the services rendered, by Bro. E. T. Payne as Treasurer, and warmly commended his mode of keeping the accounts, and his endeavours to economise the expenditure, that the province might have a large sum to devote to charity. Upon the motion of Bro. Scott, P.P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. Dr. Bryant, the accounts were passed. The next business being the election of a Treasurer, Bro. Tuckey, P.P.G.S.W., proposed the reelection of Bro. Payne, remarking that he had the pleasure of performing a similar duty last year. They were all grateful to Bro. Payne for the zealous and efficient manner in which he performed his duties. Bro. Col. Wm. Ford seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation, the D.P.G.M. in putting it to the vote observing that it would be perfectly impossible to elect any one who would perform the duties better than Bro. Payne. The P.G. Treasurer thanked the brethren for their kind renewal of confidence in him, as well as for their appreciation of his services and for the compliment which had been bestowed upon him. He assured them that it gave him very great pleasure to do all in his power to advance Mark Masonry. He should be very glad to deal with a much larger sum of money, but he hoped that with the increase of lodges in the province the balance in hand would also increase.

Bro. Bond, P.M., P.G. Pursuivant, proposed that a sum of ten guineas be granted out of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge funds towards an alleviation of the distress caused by the famine amongst our fellow sufferers in India. Bro. Tuckey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, the D.P.G.M. remarking that the funds could not be applied to a better or more strictly Masonic purpose, and that he should have great pleasure in adding a guinea. The D.P.G.M. also intimated his approval of a suggestion made by Bro. Munro, that any lodges in the province making donations to the same fund should forward them through the P.G. Treasurer.

The appointment and investment of officers were then proceeded with as follows:—

Col. Guyon, 177.....	P.G.S.W.
R. H. Cater.....	P.G.J.W.
Rev. M. Shackleton.....	P.G.C.
Col. Ford.....	P.G.M.O.
J. Fry.....	P.G.S.O.
J. Leaker.....	P.G.J.O.
E. T. Payne.....	P.G. Treasurer.
R. L. Tucker.....	P.G. R. of M.
W. Cox.....	P.G. Secretary.
G. Nalis.....	Assist. P.G. Sec.
A. W. Powell.....	First G.I.W.
Vosper.....	Assist. First G.I.W.
Wybrants.....	P.G.S.D.
Wood.....	P.G.D.C.
Saunders.....	P.G.A.D.C.
Major Nash.....	P.G. Swd. B.
C. Wilkinson.....	P.G. Std. B.
Braham.....	P.G.O.
S. Mills.....	P.G. Steward
W. Cousins.....	P.G. Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. apologised for the absence of the R.W. P.G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who, he said, was prevented by the pressure of official duties from being amongst them that day. He hoped, however, that on a future occasion his lordship would attend and present the collars himself. With reference to the distribution of honours the D.P.G.M. also expressed a hope that in future Masters of lodges would be more prompt in sending in the names of the brethren recommended for P.G. rank, in order that they might be submitted to the P.G.M. The D.P.G.M. mentioned that at the last Prov. Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to prepare a design for a Mark token for adoption in the province, they had entrusted the duty to Bro. Williams, who had prepared a token in gold, silver and bronze. Bro. Williams submitted specimens, which were generally approved, and the D.P.G.M. said it was proposed to substitute a bronze token for the coin now paid upon the advancement of a brother to the Degree of M.M.M.

The D.P.G.M. then closed the P.G. Lodge in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided, with all the good things in season, and the tables were arranged in a very tasteful and superior manner, the attention paid by the W.M. and brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge to their friends, and their evident desire to make all welcome were

beyond praise. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and the brethren spent a most enjoyable evening.

## THE FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S

[We are requested to publish the following.]

Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street,  
6th November, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg leave, respectfully and earnestly, to solicit the liberal subscription of your lodge to the fund for the relief of our Masonic brethren in St. John, New Brunswick, who are suffering from the effects of the late calamitous fire in that city, on the 20th day of June last. The majority of the inhabitants were rendered homeless, very few of them saving even a portion of their personal or household effects. Some of them saved nothing but the clothes on their backs. In a letter I had recently from the Grand Secretary, he states—"My heart bleeds for those who are reduced to utter want and destitution. No person unless one here on the spot to see and witness for himself, can form the faintest idea of the terrible havoc made on our city and its inhabitants. A General Masonic Board of Relief was immediately organized in St. John, in order to aid and shelter our suffering brethren. This board extends its helping hand to the sufferers of all degrees of Masonry, and insures a regular and systematic mode of dispensing the funds placed at its disposal. The Board is composed of the City Members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, and the presiding officers of the Masonic bodies of all grades. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has appealed to us for help in this hour of need. The call is loud, and the want is great, particularly as the winter is fast approaching with its rigorous severity. I shall thankfully receive, acknowledge, and forward all contributions from your lodge, and from each member of the lodge who may be disposed to subscribe to so truly a deserving cause, and thus discharge a high and bounden Masonic duty.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM THOMAS WILKINSON,  
Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,  
To the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No.....

### Subscriptions already received:—

Grand Lodge of Ireland .....	£100 0 0
Bro. William Thomas Wilkinson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick .....	5 0 0
Bro. Edward H. Kinahan, J.P., Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia .....	5 0 0
1st Volunteers, 680 .....	4 4 0
Bro. James H. Neilson, P.M., 620 .....	2 2 0
Lodge No. 666 .....	3 0 0
Bro. James C. Meredith, L.L.D., P.M. 357 .....	1 0 0
Bro. James Frederick, P.M. 666 .....	0 5 0

## A MASONIC FUNERAL IN AMERICA.

Sunday, October 14, will long be remembered by the Masonic fraternity of Brooklyn. There were no fewer than four funerals of deceased Masons, Cassia Lodge, No. 445, having charge of two of them—Bros. J. Firman Brist, Park-avenue, and William Marler, Clymer-street. Both the deceased brothers were old and distinguished members of the Order, and the unusually large turnout of the "brethren of the mystic tie" and other local organisations proved how wide-felt was the sorrow at their decease. Cassia Lodge formed at an early hour in their lodge-room, and, under the superintendence of their popular and zealous W.M., Horace C. Sawtelle, lately Deputy G.M. of Second District, marched in procession to the late residence of Bro. Brist. There the beautiful and impressive services peculiar to the Order were conducted by Bro. Sawtelle, Bro. Fletcher (Chaplain of Cassia Lodge) assisting at the prayers. During the service, the W.M. introduced some new features into the proceedings not found in the ritual, which were much commented on and admired both by the uninitiated and the Masonic brethren present. The funeral cortege then proceeded to Clymer-street, where similar services were held over the remains of Bro. Marler, and the two funerals wended their way to Cypress Hills Cemetery, followed by the largest concourse of sorrowing friends ever seen in the Eastern District. Cassia Lodge, in regalia, led the procession, followed by Yew-Tree and other local lodges, and were joined by a number of prominent Masons from New York and New Jersey. The Eckford Social Club, numbering over a hundred, had a fine appearance, the members being all dressed in black and wearing mourning badges on their breasts. Typographical Union, No. 6, of New York was also well represented in the procession.

On arriving at the cemetery, the brethren ranged themselves in lines three and four deep around the open grave of Bro. Marler, W.M. Sawtelle conducting the burial service. This finished, the brethren repaired to the grave of Bro. Brist, in the Masonic Cemetery, where the same sad rites were repeated, the Master again officiating for the fourth time. Bro. Sawtelle's extempore oration, after the ritual service, was a masterpiece of diction, and delivered with much feeling and effect. At its close there was not a dry eye in the vast assemblage. When the Master deposited in the grave the lambskin apron—emblem of innocence and purity, and asprig of evergreen, the brethren followed, each one, as he dropped the acacia into the grave, repeating the words; "Alas! my brother." This part of the service was sadly and solemnly effective. Then followed the singing by the brethren of the "Funeral Hymn," and the Benediction by the Chaplain, the proceedings lasting till after six o'clock.—New York Dispatch.



## FRATERNITY

To us the great charm of Freemasonry has always been the genuine spirit of fraternity that it engenders and perpetuates. In the profane world, love both blesses and curses; it is the parent of peace and good-will, but also of strife and jealousy. It ruined Troy, and it ruins many a household at the present day, in every part of the world. The bone of contention is the bone that was taken from Adam's side. That bone is forbidden entrance into the lodge, of Freemasonry—a woman cannot be made a Mason. Therefore we have exemplified among us a love that is undefiled, a love that blesses and curses not. A Lear is impossible in Masonry; his field of operation is in the kingdom, or queenhood, of the "Eastern Star." There is even rarely found the smaller jealousy of place, for usually there are honours enough to go round, and rapid rotation in office creates such frequent vacancies that there are sometimes more places than there are competent ambitious brethren to fill them. We are a band of brothers, and we exemplify continually the spirit of true fraternity.

Freemasonry is many sided, but not equilateral. Fraternity is its broadest and longest side. Charity too is a long side, but not the longest. Faith in God is one of the boundaries of the Craft; belief in the immortality of the soul is another. But the most objective, and the most valuable of all, is the spirit of fraternity. The Church teaches, with us, belief in God and the immortality of the soul, but it cannot equal us in diffusing the principles of brotherhood. We are fully persuaded that there is no society in the world, whether of divine or human institution, that so exemplifies the spirit of fraternity as does Freemasonry.

Theory and practice do not always go together in this life. There is more preaching than practising. The two ought never to be divorced, but they are. If the Church had always performed its full duty, we do not know that this would have prevented the institution of Freemasonry, but it would have retarded its growth. Our Craft was not created for moral purposes; it grew out of an operative brotherhood; it built temples before it built men. But as we have said, it is many-sided. It is now moral, religious, charitable, fraternal. It is the champion of symbolism. It is full of legends and history. There is a lifetime's study in it, and it affords the truest pleasure and the largest instruction to the painstaking student. But, back of all its rich possessions, and underlying its past, present and future, is the heart-power that manifests itself in its genuine fraternal spirit. Freemasons are unmistakably brethren.

When you enter a lodge, what is it that is most patent to your vision? Is it not the throng of individuals of differing creeds, politics, nationality and position in society, all, for the time, upon the level, all mystically united into a single family? Do not, at times, hands universally clasped indicate oneness of heart, and that Masons go hand-in-hand together for the accomplishment of all laudable objects?—Does not charity itself spring solely out of brotherhood; do we not help a brother in distress for the same reason that we would help ourselves? Freemasonry puts one brother in another's place most effectively; it unifies all interests; it unifies all hearts.

Suppose that all men were brethren! To our minds the precepts of the Bible and the practice of Masonry, both are striving to achieve this end; and will one day be successful. It is the chief purpose of religion to restore men to their true relation to their Maker; it is the great purpose of Masonry to restore them to their true relation to each other; and when this latter object is accomplished; it will not be difficult to establish the filial one; in other words, when men acknowledge themselves and act towards each other as brethren, they will naturally honour love and obey their common Father.

Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion, in that it teaches the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

When so much is to be gained in profiting by the spirit of fraternity, it is not surprising that there should be false brethren, as there are in the world and the church wolf in sheep's clothing. We cannot successfully exclude all of the unworthy. The black ball does it work well, but it is not the infallible remedy; yet if we would keep the Fraternity pure in the midst of an impure world, we must scrutinize most closely the character of every applicant for initiation. If the mystic tie encircle false brethren, the very brotherhood itself is imperilled. A weak link in the fraternal chain endangers the whole. Selfish greed or lack of moral principle, introduced through individuals into the Craft, may come in ever so easily, but it exercises an influence as baneful as it is powerful, and once in, it is difficult to eliminate. We can best exhibit our regard for the master-spirit of fraternity that distinguishes Freemasonry, above every other institution among men, by rigidly excluding all unworthy persons from sharing in its blessings.—*Masonic Eclectic.*

Among the many different annuals published is the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar*. Few persons are cognizant of the difficulties attending the compilation of a work of this kind. What with the frequent changes in the times of meetings of lodges, chapters, &c., and the indifference manifested by Secretaries in furnishing information, much anxiety is occasioned in the task. The present volume contains, we are pleased to find, copious and reliable information, and deserves all the support that can be awarded it by the Masonic body.—*Sunday Times*.—Post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of stamps or P.O.O. value 2s. Address.—Publisher *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Advt.

Bro. Alderman D. H. Stone, was on Wednesday elected treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the drill-room, Preston, Bro. Major Turner, P.G. Treas., West Lancashire, distributed the prizes won by members of the 48th (Preston) L.R.V., at the competition which took place last September at the Altcar prize meeting.

**KNIGHTHOOD FOR THE EX-MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL.**—An official announcement has been made that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Andrew Barclay Walker, Esq., the ex-Mayor of Liverpool. At present he has received no intimation from the Privy Council that this honour has been conferred upon him, but there is no doubt of the fact that his worship will be known in future as Sir Andrew Barclay Walker, Knight. Few men, during a brief career of public life, have done so much for the people of Liverpool as his worship. The Walker Art Gallery is a monument of princely liberality, and a desire to elevate the taste and advance the moral condition of the people; and the inhabitants of the town generally will concur in congratulating him upon this well-earned mark of distinction conferred by our Sovereign. As the crowning act of his two years' office as chief magistrate, Mr. Alderman Walker gave a fancy dress ball, at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., which was attended by about 1000 guests. The gathering was probably the most brilliant ever witnessed at the Town Hall.

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 19th inst., by Bro. John Shaw, P.M. 79. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock precisely.

The first annual banquet of the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction is to be held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. Bro. C. J. Hogg, Past Grand Steward, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m. Brethren desirous of attending should communicate with Bro. J. E. Shand, 101, Queen Victoria-street, City.

The Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine* will be ready on or about the 15th of December, and will consist of 96 pp. of letter-press, in addition to a handsome illuminated wrapper. The contributors to this special number include the names of many of the most celebrated Masonic writers of the present day. Full particulars, with table of contents and list of contributors will duly appear. Orders should be given at once. Price to non-subscribers One Shilling.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will take place at Freemason's Hall, on Friday evening, November 23rd, on which occasion Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, R.W. Past Senior Grand Warden, has kindly consented to preside. Bro. C. A. Merton, Past Grand D.Aron, will take the chair of the lodge, which will be opened in the Grand Hall, at six o'clock precisely.

The "Gossips' Bowl" is the title of the Christmas number of the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*. Miss Braddon writes the leading story, entitled "Thou Art the Man." The illustrations will include a colour-printed double-page supplement, from a painting by J. T. Lucas, entitled "Chips of the Old Block," and engravings after works (specially provided for this number), by P. R. Morris, A.R.A.; Walter Oulless, A.R.A.; Fred Barnard, George Holmes (painter of "Can't You Talk?"), John Sturges, and other artists.

**LITERARY PENSION.**—Dr. George Macdonald, the author of "Alec Forbes" and many novels and poems, has been awarded a pension of £100 a year on the Civil List.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at seven p.m.

The numerous Masonic and other friends of Bro. W. J. Ashcroft, a member of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, who is known almost universally as "the Solid Man," has just returned from America, will be pleased to hear that he has been completely restored to good health, and for the last fortnight he has been fulfilling one of the most successful engagements on record at the New Star Music Hall, Liverpool, so admirably managed by Bro. D. Saunders, Lodge 1609 (Dramatic).

The Mayor of Hastings, Bro. Alderman Howell, in proposing "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," at the Mayor's banquet, on Nov. 9th, said—"All who knew how admirably the Prince had performed his duties, and how the Princess won golden opinions from all sides, and endeared, in fact were the whole of the Royal Family to the hearts of Englishmen. For himself he was proud to say that he was one of those who could call Albert Edward not only prince but brother. He had the honour of assisting at the great gathering at which the Prince presided at the head of English Masonry. In these days, when they heard so much of the dangers abroad from secret societies, they could point to England, with the future King at the head of Masonry, and the highest nobles of the land among the members."

On Monday last the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.M., No. 1460, and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, Middlesex, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges; 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Advt.

The Lord Mayor acknowledged on Tuesday last the receipt of £4 6s. 6d. from the *Freemason Indian Famine Fund*.

**IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.**—The consecration of this lodge, which we understand is to be a private one, took place on Wednesday last, at the Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, S.W. The consecrating officer was Bro. Hervey, G.S., who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S. The officers appointed were—Bro. P. H. Jones, P.M. 858, W. M.; Blennell Pollard, S.W.; and C. H. Reid Todd, J.W.

The Lord Chancellor has issued an order authorising the closing of the county courts on the 22nd, the 24th, and 26th of December.

We hear that some popular Ballad Concerts are about to be given at the Angel Town Institution, Brixton, every Saturday evening, commencing 8th December. Some well-known artists will appear. The concerts will be under the management of Bros. T. Turle Lee, and Wm. Worrell.

## ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

MASONIC F.C., v. BUXTON COLLEGE.

These clubs met for the first time this season on Wednesday last, on the Masonic ground at Wood Green. The home team having won the toss chose to kick off, which was done by their captain. The forwards following up the ball well, the next five minutes was occupied by scrimmages in all of which the Masonic gained ground. Mr. Gardner by a pass from Godmark then succeeded in obtaining a try, which however he failed to convert into a goal. After some excellent play on the part of the forwards of both teams and several good runs by the school which were stopped by the good collaring of the Buxton men, Mr. Kelly after a splendid run obtained a try, which enabled Mr. Gardner to kick a goal. Before "half-time" was called Mr. Gardner got two other tries and in both cases kicked the ball over the cross-bar. Shortly after "half time," Howard by following up a good kick got a try, which however did not result in a goal. From this point till "time" three other tries were obtained, Scurr succeeding in kicking one goal and a postern. For the Masonic Messrs. Gardner, Kelly, Howard and Parker, while for the Visitors Messrs. Domeneck, Meakin, and Williams played well, Williams being particularly distinguished for collaring. When time was called the Masonic were the victors by 4 goals, 3 "tries," a "postern" and two "touch-downs" to nil.

**MASONIC.**—Hart, (back 1 try), Messrs. Gardner, (4 tries) and Kelly, (1 try) (4 backs), Parker and Ellis (4 backs), Godmark, (capt.) Scurr, Davies, Molineaux, Howard, (2 tries), W. Sparkes, H. Wood, Eastland, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. G. Gardner (forwards).

**BUXTON.**—Rundle, (back), Domeneck and Webb, (4 backs), Meakin and Williams (4 backs), Duncan, Davies, Dupuy, Wesham Cave, Edwards, Hicks, Clarke, Bracombe and Etherton (forwards).

BEES v. MASONIC F.C.

In somewhat boisterous weather, the above clubs met for the first time on the ground of the Bees, at Finsbury Park, the ground being in a lamentable condition which made it almost an impossibility to stand. The Masonic having won the toss, chose to play against the wind, then blowing almost a gale. The leather was put in motion by the Bees' captain, at 3.55; the first fifteen minutes play was occupied chiefly in scrimmage, when Kelly got away and after a good run, obtained a try for the visitors, which Mr. Gardner converted into a goal; before half-time three other tries were obtained, only one of which, however, resulted in a goal, as Kelly's punt from the goal line in one case was a failure. During the second half-time three more tries were obtained, from which the ball was once placed over the tape by Scurr, it being really a difficult matter to kick with anything like precision owing to the mud and wind. For the Masonic Messrs. Gardner, Kelly, Godmark, Parker, and Ellis played well, while for the Bees Messrs. Weir, Chant, Booth, and Greengrass did their best to avert defeat, Greengrass being especially conspicuous as quarter-back. When time was called the Masonic were winners by three goals and four tries to nil.

**BEES.**—W. Weir, (back), J. Chant, R. Booth, (half-backs), Greengrass, J. Weir, (quarter-backs), W. Mason, G. Smith, G. Storey, W. Callings, R. Reid, W. Whiteside, F. Pilon, C. Baker, Powell and J. Chant, (forwards).

**MASONIC.**—Hart, (back), Messrs. Kelly, (three tries), and Gardner, (two tries), (half-backs), Parker and Ellis, (quarter-backs), C. Godmark, (one try), F. Godmark, Messrs. Bassey, Scurr, Davies, Eastland, H. Wood, Howard, W. Sparkes, (one try), and Molineaux, (forwards).

**THE REMOVAL OF TEMPLE BAR.**—Late on Thursday afternoon, at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, a report was brought up from the City Lands Committee, by Mr. Rudkin, on the subject of Temple Bar, recommending that the structure should be forthwith removed, with the exception of the abutment on the northern side, which will remain until the negotiations between the government and the Corporation respecting the width of the pavement there are completed. Messrs. Child, the bankers, had liberally aided the Corporation in the improvement in this spot by voluntarily giving four feet six inches along the whole line of their frontage into the public way. This will enable a foot-path of 10 feet to be constructed on the southern side, and a wide roadway for four carriages; in the middle of which roadway it is contemplated to erect a pillar or obelisk to mark the site of the old Bar, with a rest for pedestrians crossing the Strand. The report was carried without opposition.—*Evening Standard.*



## Reviews.

"The Mysteries of the Bible Dates solved by the Great Pyramid;" by William Rowbottom, W. H. Guest, 24, Paternoster Row.

We have opened the above work with much interest, and perused it with carefulness, but we have laid it down, we confess, in a considerable haze of mental understanding, so to say.

Admitting that much, very much, which the writer advances, may have a great deal to commend it to the mind of the ethnological or archaeological student, we cannot so far, grasp the data on which Bro. Rowbottom, as we believe we may term him, arrives at his facts, much less his conclusions. We search in vain for any evidence by which he is enabled to assign to the Great Pyramid a pre-Tower-of-Babel erection, and we feel bound to say that so far as the Great Pyramid itself may be considered a "factor" in the solution of Bible dates, any such theory if ingenious and lively is at any rate so far "in nubibus," and altogether "not proven." We wish we could assent to many of the suggestions of Bro. Rowbottom. But we fear that they can neither be historically accepted, nor logically proved. We hold, too, that there is a great deal of loose, unscientific, inaccurate, sentimental, mystical, "exegesis" afloat just now, as regards especially the monumental, or mystical history of the Bible, and that Bro. Rowbottom, with good intentions, has dipped into the wake of that unsatisfactory school of interpretation and explanation, which after all, does not advance the cause of truth, or uphold the reality of the Bible Story. Neither the one nor the other can be helped in our opinion, by sentimental theories, however elaborate and ingenious, or unscientific treatment of the stern facts of history, of antiquity, maternal life, and above all, monumental evidence. We, for example, like Mr. Gladstone, utterly reject the "Hebrew absorption" theory, in the Anglo Saxon race, as most opposed to every reliable shred of indubitable evidence, the actual facts of history and ethnology. We do not deny that many of Bro. Rowbottom's speculations are very striking and attractive, but we doubt their correctness, even their utility, and we always look with jealousy on this trifling with numbers, this heaping up of imaginary coincidences, this post hoc proper hoc accommodation of supposed facts, to the salient points of history and chronology.

These remarks of ours, we beg to observe, do not proceed from any spirit of complaint against Bro. Rowbottom's peculiar theory, but simply are the "outcome" of much careful thought, and study of the very intricate and yet absorbing subjects to which he calls attention. We also think that a review of any work should be truthful and bona fide, not merely made up of sugary phrases or accommodating compliments.

When the Great Pyramid was actually built, may be still a matter of grave doubt, but we cannot accept the suggestions for many reasons, that it was either previous to or contemporaneous with the erection of the Tower of Babel. It may have had an astronomical import, and probably had, but we are much more inclined to see in it a witness of the old Egyptian mysteries.

But when we have said all this, we do not for one moment deny Bro. Rowbottom's abstract and concrete right to propound his own views, as he does ably, and very clearly, and as opinions always widely differ in this world, and there are two sides to every question, much may be said pro and con the very interesting subject he has broached in his recent work. We beg to call the attention of all Masonic students to it, as it will repay studious thought and careful perusal.

Bro. Rowbottom may fairly say, I have but followed the opinion of others in making Abraham coexistent with the great pyramid, as some you know have attributed it to Isaac, whom they term Chemis, and therefore the subject is still an open one, the more so as Professor Greaves, long ago (1646), admitted that it was difficult to affix the date, adding that some ascribed it to Nimrod, some to Israel, some to a king contemporaneous with Moses, some to a much earlier dynasty, and some even went back to mythic and pre-historic times. Good old Greaves even quotes Livy as saying "Quis rem tam veterem pro certo affirmet?" Who shall affirm so old a matter for certain? Though not then convinced ourselves, and having thought it better to express our opinion, honestly we yet feel that a good deal may be advanced by Bro. Rowbottom for his own view of the case, and that his work deserves notice and to be read.

"Lectures delivered in the Grand Lodge of Instruction in Ireland, by Bro. J. H. TOWNSEND, LL.D.," Wm. Underwood, Dublin.

These lectures, which have been published "under the sanction, and by the authority of the R.W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland," will well repay both study and perusal. They are ably written and clearly expressed, and mark the productions of a Mason and a scholar.

We agree with them both in substance and in scope, and they appear very seasonably just now, when so much false teaching is abroad afloat. Whether as regards the exact principles of Freemasonry, its dogmatic declarations, such as they are, its moral teaching, and its practical efforts, we have felt for some time that the struggle has to be fought out by us, and that Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry must come to the fore, and declare openly and fraternally its solemn determination, to uphold the unchanging and unaltered landmarks of Freemasonry.

These, inter alia, we hold strongly to be these, the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man; the morality of the Bible, the ceaseless avowal of toleration, justice, humanity, and brotherly love. To suppose, as some seem to do, that Freemasonry is mere humanitarianism is a sad mistake. To seek to set our moral

teaching, as Dr. Townsend ably and conclusively shews on mere natural morality, (if such a thing exists), must be productive of most serious consequences. Freemasonry rests its teaching alone on the Divine Law, and without that sacred basis, all our beautiful language would be but as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." We are glad therefore, at a time when foreign Freemasonry is over-run by the platitudes of the Positivists or disgraced by the "Anomia" of the "Morale Independante," by the specious errors of rationalists or even the absurdities of materialistic infidels, to find such true and sound and wholesome teaching clearly avowed and manfully laid down by our distinguished brother, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and we recommend this little work to the notice of all our readers.

## "The Dietetic Reformer."

The "Dietetic Reformer" for November is immensely amusing, reaching an extreme of absurdity that we should hardly have thought possible. The inferences drawn from the Darwinian theory of evolution are so ludicrous, as to make us wonder whether it is not a "skit" intended to take a rise out of the credulous.

We understand that the work will be fully reviewed in the January number of the "Masonic Magazine."

### SKETCHES OF MASONIC CHARACTER. No. XIII. BRO. PLUMMER AT HOME.

We conclude these random sketches of ours to-day, and trust that they have been and will be received by our kindly Craft with gentle criticism and fraternal feeling. They were hastily thrown off, to fill up a vacant column of the *Freemason*, and are nothing more than they profess to be, slight "crayon" sketches of some good brethren of ours, whom we have known in the flesh, many of whom we have liked greatly, many of whom we have mourned sincerely. Time as it leaves all here always recalls to the thoughtful mind old scenes and old friends. We re-people the busy or lonely lot to-day with the forms and fancies, the voices and vanities, of other days; and go where we will, be what we may, he must be a very cold, ungenial, unsympathetic individual, to whom ancient if vanished mates have no friendly voices, for whom faded if distant hours have no "souvenirs."

We may add this—that these rough and hasty sketches, however unpretending or valueless in themselves, have just this one merit and advantage. They are not only strictly true as sketches of a few contemporary Masons, but they have been coloured, however feebly, in the truest spirit of fraternal good-will and regard. Ours has been no pen "dipped in gall," we have imparted no secrets, and betrayed no confidences, we have not even intruded into the arena of public or descended the area of private life, we have not "rung the 'hairey bell,'" nor made the name of our friends open and clear as "the blush of day." Whether others recognised our feeble portraits or not, we think we do ourselves, which is, we venture to believe, quite enough for us, and let us hope for our readers.

Plummer is a very active officer of the good Lodge "Leviathan." He is its "Senior Deacon," and is said confidentially, as Bro. Wigginson tells us, to "keep the lodge together," "to do all the work," and to be the needful, if not the "coming man" in that old and famous lodge.

How many lodges are there which boast of a Bro. Plummer, and how often in life is it true, as in this society or that, without the indispensable mortal nothing could or would go right. Does our own recollection supply us with no data even now, to prove how true is that mundane condition of affairs, and how men and things, as well as lodges and institutions, depend on the man of the circumstance or the exigencies of the hour. We sometimes think that we live, as some one has said, in an age of "aggregation." We too often forget that the history of the world, and of men, yes, and of Masonry, is after all only the record of individualism. It is the individual man who has done the most and the greatest work in this old world of ours, just as it is the individual Mason who keeps his lodge in activity and advances the light of Masonry. But as this is a hobby of our own, and it runs counter somewhat to one of the most popular fallacies of the day, belief in numbers, we think better to hold our hand for fear of coming to grief.

Bro. Plummer has a wife, who, though a most excellent woman and an admirable consort, does not altogether approve of Bro. Plummer's lodge evenings. He sometimes is a little too late for that good lady, who, in consequence, speaks her mind pretty freely to our worthy brother. Plummer came home late from a glorious meeting of the "Leviathan" the other evening in a very genial frame of mind. He had thoroughly enjoyed himself. Had he not heard Bros. Fushos and Lockitt, and Harkaway, and Upperton, and McWhaler, and O'Dowd, all dilate eloquently on the ineffable value of Freemasonry, the reality of its principles, and the sincerity of the brethren. He threw away his cigar, as he drew near No. 99, "in our square," drew forth his latch-key, meaning to let himself in and go upstairs quietly, and astorish Mrs. Plummer. Vain often are the hopes of mortals. Mrs. Plummer had fastened the door chain, and poor Plummer had to ring quietly and timidly, for he foresaw a coming hurricane. The door is opened slowly. Mrs. Plummer, like a Roman matron, "en peignoir" welcomes the erratic if gay-hearted Plummer with these emphatic, though disjointed remarks, in a somewhat rapid utterance: "A nice time to come home, Bro. Plummer; a quarter-past twelve; have you been at your lodge all this time? Don't make a noise, or you'll disturb the children; permit me to take your Masonic clothing; you had better come and sit in the

morning room before you go upstairs; I have been sitting up alone for three long hours." What can a poor man or brother say or do under such pathetic circumstances?

How Bro. Plummer got over the incidents of that eventful night we know not, but this we do know, that Mrs. Plummer had a most becoming gown and striking bonnet on next Sunday at church which no one had ever seen before, and which were the admiration as well as the envy of all her dearest female friends. If any of our readers, male or feminine, fraternal or unfraternal, can discern any explanation under the circumstances, from the facts here recorded for their edification, we hope that they will do so, and that it will give them the same satisfaction it undoubtedly gave Sister Plummer, and has assuredly given us.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

**ART IN HOSPITALS.**—A correspondent writes as follows:—"You may like to know how the pictures you sent me some months ago (in answer to my request for a parcel for hospitals and orphanages in India) were distributed, and how they were received. They were divided among eleven hospitals in the three Presidencies, three orphanages, St. John's College, Agra, a good school, and a few mission houses. The portraits of the Queen were mostly coloured before being sent out, and they have given satisfaction. Dr. Coates, of the Medical College Hospital, Calcutta, writes: 'Our bare walls have often been a source of regret to me; these pictures have much relieved them, and I hope will gladden some of the sick for many years.' Dr. Elliot, of the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, says: 'I beg to thank you very much in the name of the General Hospital for the pictures kindly sent for beautifying the walls of the institution; they are most acceptable, and I hope you will express the warmest thanks of all connected with the Presidency General Hospital.' I might multiply extracts from the fifteen acknowledgments I have already had, but I trust these will show how gratefully your gifts were received." Perhaps some of our readers who possess prints and illustrations might feel encouraged by these statements to forward them to the numerous hospitals and charitable institutions with which our country and its colonies abound.

**MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS.**—Mr. Raphael Tuck, of 177, City Road, has lately published an admirable oleograph from Siebel's painting of the last moments of this unfortunate lady. The work is well worthy of examination, as showing the high degree of perfection now attained in this particular branch of art, which, though often maligned, affords for those who are fond of colour, and who cannot pay for costly oil-paintings, a very effective substitute.

**A CENTENARIAN PAUPER.**—At the last meeting of the Board of Guardians at Lampeter an old woman applied for relief whose age was 99 years 11 months and one week. The old woman looked hale and hearty, and was evidently in the full possession of all her faculties. Her ground of application for relief was that she did not now "feel able to support herself."

**THE LATE M. GUSTAVE BRION.**—This talented painter, who was executing the illustrations in the *Graphic* to "The History of a Crime," died suddenly at Paris on Sunday in a fit of apoplexy. We will reserve any detailed biography of M. Brion, as we hope to publish his portrait, but we may mention that he was only fifty-three years of age, and was well-known in England by his pictures of "A Wedding in Alsace," "Wood-cutters of the Black Forest," "Bretons at a Church Door," "A Funeral in the Vosges," and many other works. The illustrations of "The Arrested Representatives Marching Through the Streets," was probably the last work which emanated from his pencil.—*Graphic*.

**PARIS EXHIBITION, 1878.**—Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son inform us that in consideration of the services which they rendered to the British Executive throughout the Vienna Exhibition of 1873 they have been appointed exhibitors' passenger agents for the British section of the Paris Exhibition. Mr. Cunliffe Owen, in communicating the appointment, says:—"The principal object which his Royal Highness, as President of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition, has in view is the reduction of the passenger rates in favour specially of the exhibitors, their assistants and workmen, who may be visiting Paris throughout the course of the next year."

Woodcocks have appeared in England this autumn much earlier than usual, and several couples have already been shot in the woodbanks near Godstone.

The Chrysanthemums in the Temple Gardens are now in full bloom, and owing to the mild weather make a very good show this year. There are the usual three varieties—the Japanese, the anemone, and the quilled chrysanthemums, besides the pompones, and the white and yellow blooms predominate, some of the white quilled being especially beautiful. Several Japanese of a pinkish-lilac tint are also very fine.

A new Room in the Paris Louvre has been opened, containing ancient American curiosities.

"Helen's Babies" has been dramatised for the American stage.

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons**, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street London.—**ADVT.**



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## BIRTHS.

HUNTER.—On the 10th inst., at Newmains, Lanarkshire, N.B., Mrs. Hunter, of Glenapp, of a daughter.

SAKER.—On the 8th inst., at 118, Bedford-street, South, Liverpool, the wife of Bro. Edward Saker, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Lessee of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, of a son.

WEST.—On the 11th inst., at Globe-villa, Catford-bridge, Kent, the wife of A. T. West, of a son.

## DEATHS.

COOPER.—On the 10th inst., at City-terrace, Hornsey-road, C. Cooper, aged 40.

INSKIP.—On the 7th inst., T. G. Inskip, of Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, aged 18.

SHAND.—On the 13th inst., of consumption, at West Cliff, Bournemouth, whither he had gone on 26th ult., hoping to improve his health, Alexander Shand, of Coventry, aged 27 years.

WOOLF.—On the 7th inst., at Gower-street, Fanny, wife of B. S. Woolf, Esq., aged 26.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1877.

## THE RECENT RESOLUTION OF THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

The Irish Grand Lodge has spoken, and we venture to think well and wisely. We are much pleased to observe that the views we have from time to time expressed in this crisis, and the dangers we have sought carefully to point out, have so deeply impressed the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as to have drawn from them a seasonable protest and a very becoming resolution. Indeed, we do not see, as we have often said before, what other course the Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, Scotland, the Canadas, and the United States have to take, or can take. The Grand Orient of Egypt, we are also happy to observe, has had the courage to make a similar avowal. That such a course is both advisable and needful, a little consideration will, we think, convince us all. The French Grand Orient has now, alas! fulfilled Monsieure Dupanloup's prophecy, and has boldly taken out from its Constitutions any recognition of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. In so doing it has cut itself loose from the traditions of French Freemasonry, from the whole fabric of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and from the undeniable teaching of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. It has most unwisely, and most unreasonably, as we think, endorsed the mistaken views of an active and somewhat unscrupulous section of French Freemasonry, and has practically upheld the unsound objections of "Positiviste" Professors, and the unintellectual avowal of Massol's "Morale Independante." Practically, the profession of French Freemasonry is now, nothing but moral nihilism and avowed atheism. An actual Atheist may now be admitted into French Freemasonry, and remembering what has been stated by Bro. Behr and others in the French Grand Orient itself, what is put forward, what admitted elsewhere, we cannot but entertain the greatest fears for the future of French Freemasonry, we cannot but profess the gravest doubts as to the legal position and Masonic character of the French Grand Orient itself. We do not and cannot conceive that under such circumstances, and such an unsatisfactory position of affairs, any English, or Irish, or Scotch, or American, or Canadian Masons can enter the French lodges either with safety to themselves, or with honour to the Craft, and we therefore quite sympathize with all the proper considerations, which have prompted and produced the last resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge. In all probability, we think that the English and Scottish Grand Lodges will follow suit, and we feel certain that across the Atlantic there will be an universal feeling of reprobation of the recent act of the Grand Orient of France, which is neither fair nor tolerant, befitting or Masonic. It is, in fact, a yielding to pressure from without. It is more or less a political act, emanating from a political party, and conceived in the worst spirit of those dark and dangerous days, which gave such a shock to true liberty and peaceful civilization, and have only apparently aided the cause of sceptical astuteness and retrograde barbarism. Why the French Grand Orient could not go on its Masonic career and work in peace we never yet could understand. There has apparently been an extreme and unquiet party at work for some time in its midst, which has sought to assimilate Freemasonry, which knows nothing of politics, to party coteries and "Esprits forts." The "Libres Penseurs" as they are called, have for the time got the upper hand, and the Grand Orient of France, between the Scylla and Charibdis of infidelity and communism, of unbelief and politics, appears likely to go to pieces. Yes, we repeat the good Ship Freemasonry in France seems to be driving on to a lee shore; heavy breakers are ahead, the helm is shattered, the steersman is washed overboard, and the crew are in panic and bewilderment. We therefore cordially hail the resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge, which interdicts to all reverent and religious Irish Freemasons an entrance into lodges in France in

which they are ashamed or afraid to acknowledge the name of T.G.A.O.T.U., and we trust that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will follow this good example, and that the Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States will imitate such needful proceedings. For there is no good, we feel, in being any longer reticent or mealy mouthed. The recent proceedings of the Grand Orient are as unrighteous as they are unmasonic, and our French brethren must be told so in plain language, and in terms of kindly but fraternal severity. It is impossible but that all Anglo-Saxon Masons must be deeply hurt by, and sincerely deplore the conclusion of that sorry fanaticism and the result of much ill-omened agitation which isolates French Freemasonry, and separates it, let us hope not for long, from over a million of faithful Freemasons.

## THE LAST GRAND CHAPTER.

We have read the record of the last Grand Chapter with much pleasure and approval, for we are quite sure that in granting the charters for the Bayard and Wanderer Lodge Chapters Grand Chapter has come to a sound resolution, and exercised a most wise discretion. We confess to be among those who always doubted the expediency of that resolution of Grand Chapter to which so much allusion was made. We do not often disagree with our good Bro. Joseph Smith, but we cannot coincide with his line of argument in respect of this question. He does not appear to see any hardship in a lodge not having a chapter attached to it; neither does he consider it any anomaly, if the brethren who wish for exaltation have to go to other chapters. No doubt such has been the custom in London and in some large towns, but we never could see the force or reason of such a state of things. We, on the contrary, hold strongly that any lodge which wishes to have a chapter attached to it should be permitted to have one, of course supposing, of which there is happily no fear now, that there are sufficient Principals to keep the chapter in working order. We are among those who have always valued and admired our Royal Arch Grade, and we rejoice to think how far more widely it is appreciated by Craftsmen than used to be the case, say twenty-five years ago. It is in the interest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and we will add Craft Masonry, that all possible extension should be given to the Royal Arch, and that the legitimate requests of lodges should be granted for charters to chapters. Indeed, we are among those who for various reasons think that every lodge ought to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it. We are aware that some good men and true think differently on this subject, and differ widely from our views on the matter, but as we have never seen cause to change our deliberate conviction, now of many years, and the very progress of Craft Masonry seems to confirm our humble ideas on the subject we hold to them more strongly than ever, we congratulate, therefore, the Grand Chapter on the practical good sense by which its deliberations have been marked, and we feel certain that its decision, which all will hail with pleasure, will greatly advance amongst us the happy progress of the Royal Arch system. The only possible objection that can be urged is that to which Bro. Joseph Smith adverted, the want of interest in the Royal Arch as compared with Craft Masonry, but that, we believe, is a state of things greatly improved in the last few years. There is no part of our system which to our mind deserves more support and commendation than the Royal Arch system, and we hail gladly the prospect now before us of a rapid increase of the number of Royal Arch Chapters amongst us. It will be, as we believe, of much benefit to English Freemasonry in every way.

## LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT.

It is often alleged against Freemasons that they are a little too fond of the latter, and easily induced to give up the former. We however, beg to deny the "soft impeachment." There are no doubt, amongst our body, (as in every



walk in life), certain worthy individuals whose zeal for labour is limited, and whose enjoyment of refreshment is abounding. We do not for a moment deny that in other days, and even at this hour, many of our lodge arrangements, our Masonic working, and our Masonic aesthetics, are made to subserve to the imperious requirements of the festive board or culinary considerations. Perhaps there are not a few even amongst us to whom the lodge symposium has much more interest than the lodge work, and for whom all the well-known and cherished accessories of our ancient and elevated ritual are often tedious and not unfrequently trying. For them the only really happy moment is, when the bustling Tyler or the energetic Steward proclaims "Dinner is ready, brethren." But these we venture to believe, constitute the few among the many. In all societies of men, as in the wondrous hive, we may find the bees and the drones, yes, and even also the wasps, and to suppose that Freemasonry is perfection, or that Freemasons are impeccable, is to violate every canon of common sense, is to be oblivious altogether of the countless weaknesses of humanity. But in the next place we wish to point out that after all refreshment is a necessary and natural sequence of labour. We must never forget that Freemasonry has its social side, and a very good thing is Masonic sociality, if not of course, carried to extremes. Freemasonry, among other moral graces and virtues, fitly recommends moderation, and as Freemasons, we always endeavour to strike the golden mean as between the two extremes, excess and asceticism. We do not suppose that any one really ever can argue seriously that under any circumstances the old world theory is tenable, which would condemn us to a total abstinence from the good things of this world, on high religious grounds. Our religion is to be shewn in our moderation and self-control, not in utter self-abnegation of all those things which may be a temptation, a snare, and a danger to us. Otherwise in truth, those old Monastic Orders were right, (but which proposition few could safely, we think, uphold now), which went out of the world altogether, because afraid of its temptations, its enjoyments, and its excesses. So also that unwise teaching might be held to be correct, which would hold up dirt and debasement, the entire absence of washing the person, for instance, to be token of a chastened spirit of true religion. Such a theory might have suited a darker day of personal superstition and intellectual suppression, but it cannot, we think, endure the light of this nineteenth century, or coexist with the progress of right reason, common sense, nay true religion in the world. Some of the heroes and heroines of a fictitious code of morals and manners of life and purity, are, to our mind, (dull dogs as we are) very dirty and common-place personages indeed, and we never can be led to believe that T.G.A.O. T.U. is honoured in any way, or his kingdom advanced among men, by usages which seem to border on Fetishism, or by observances which belong to a dormant intellect or a debased humanity. Indeed, it is a mockery on all true religion, to term any such excesses of hyper-fanaticism anything else but degrading mockeries of glorious truths, of saving words, of a living morality, of Religion gladdening, ennobling, elevating restoring man. While then, we condemn all excess, we feel bound to uphold that reasonable enjoyment of Masonic sociability which gives a zest to labour, and adds pleasant links to a wide-extending far-encircling friendship. We ourselves have found many fast friends, and spent very many pleasant hours in the inner circle of this or that good lodge. Time has run on smoothly or roughly with us all, as the case may be, but many of us have looked forward to our lodge meeting, month by month, as a gracious renewal of amicable interest, as a seasonable refresher of ancient sympathies. We meet as brethren, work as brethren, we gather round the social board as brethren, we part as brethren, and when the lodge is over and the gathering has separated for distant homes or neighbouring abodes, that has been a most unsuccessful and inauspicious assembly, let us believe, in which the ancient bonds of living sympathy have not received encouragement and confirmation. Let

us not then be ashamed that in our lodges we still keep up the good old custom of hospitality, the virtues of kindness, interest, personal regard and individual friendship. One of the greatest gifts of T.G.A.O.T.U. to man is Friendship, and may its peaceful and pleasant union ever be maintained and cemented by us as Freemasons, and may geniality, and moderation, ever distinguish the social assemblies of Freemasonry.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE SURREY MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At length there seems to be a prospect that the vicissitudes through which the Surrey Masonic Hall has passed will result in a satisfactory disposal of the building to the purposes for which it has been erected; and that, after all, it will become a useful adjunct to the Craft, and a credit and an ornament to the Masonic Order.

It is unnecessary to dilate upon the difficulties which have surrounded the undertaking from its inception; and it would be unwise to too closely criticise the hitherto lukewarmness of the South Metropolitan brethren generally, and the action of the directors of the late company, which together have impeded the progress of the work. Suffice it to say that the entire building is now in the hands, and under the control, of one or more persons thoroughly interested in all that concerns the good of Freemasonry, and that he or they intend to afford to all members of the Order at least the opportunity of proving that they are ready to practically evidence that unity of purpose which so many of them have professed.

As a first step to this desideratum, the Surrey Masonic Club has been started under excellent auspices, and will commence business on the 1st of December next. I hope you will give me space to enlarge on the facilities afforded by the building itself for the successful carrying on of such an undertaking, and on the reasons why it should have unqualified support from the numerous brethren connected with the important district having the Surrey Masonic Hall for its centre.

And first, as to the building. It is situated in a main road from Westminster Bridge southward, close to the Camberwell Station of a railway connecting Victoria with the heart of the city, from either of which places it is but a quarter of an hour's journey. It possesses a spacious and comfortable Temple, fitted with all the necessary lodge furniture and accessories for the perfect working of our ceremonies, together with ante-rooms and a large dining-room contiguous thereto. There are also rooms to be set apart for the use of the club, as reading-room, smoke-room, and billiard-room, with all proper offices, and cellars for storage of wines and provisions; and, though last not least, the large hall itself, capable of accommodating comfortably 800 persons, and which, it is to be hoped, will speedily be required for Masonic purposes only, and not, (to quote the "Sphinx") for "mendicis, mimis, balatrones, hoc genus omne." So much for the excellent accommodation which can be afforded, as well for direct Masonic uses as for those of the new club.

Reasons why the Surrey Masonic Club should be thoroughly supported are as "plentiful as blackberries," but I fear to risk your refusal of space by attempting to state them in extenso. Let me name a few of the principal, leaving my readers to supply others according to their individual opinions.

Freemasons only will be admitted as members, and, consideration being given to their payments as subscribers to their several lodges, the club subscription has been fixed at only half-a-guinea per annum. From and after the 1st of January next a joining fee of half-a-guinea will be required from each new member, but prior to that date all who may be accepted on proposition and ballot will be admitted without joining fee. The club will be proprietary, and no member will have monetary responsibility beyond the amount of his subscription. For this subscription the use of reading-room, supplied with leading newspapers, reviews, magazines, and periodicals, together with a first-class circulating library, smoke-room, billiard-room, and general conveniences, will be at the daily service of each member, from eleven o'clock in the forenoon until nearly midnight. Arrangements will be made for the supply of refreshments under regulations carefully framed to secure a proper use, and prevent the abuse, of those necessities to social enjoyment; and the whole conduct of the club will be under the control of a general committee, selected annually from among the members, and for whose actions in relation thereto the proprietary will accept all responsibility.

With such advantages as are above stated may not the promoters of this club fairly expect that they will have the support of many hundreds of their brethren, and by means of their aggregate subscriptions enable the proprietor, or proprietors, of the Surrey Masonic Hall to devote the entire building to the sole use of the Craft; whilst the income from other indirect sources might well maintain the club itself? I look upon this opportunity for securing the hall as a place for Masonic purposes only as the chief reason for the united efforts of the South Metropolitan brethren. Another important reason is that by the congregating of the members of numerous lodges in the general society of the club, the grand principles of our Order will be promoted to an extent beyond the power of

each individual section of the Craft. And, again, the oft reiterated desire to separate our lodge meetings from the baneful influence of the ordinary tavern will be consummated. These are but a few of the many arguments which might be adduced in favour of the project, and these for the present must suffice.

Now for a practical reply from the brethren themselves! The club is formed by fifty members, from amongst whom fifteen well-known Masons have been selected for general management during the ensuing year. It will open on the 1st of December next, and up to the 1st of January, 1878, candidates may be admitted without joining fee. If by the latter date there are not at least 300 members enrolled, I, for self and many others, say, that all the talk of the past few years as to the necessity for the hall, and the support which should be given "when it was erected," is but as

— "A tale

Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing!"

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly and fraternally,  
Clapham, Nov. 10th, 1877. P.M., P.Z.

#### THIRD CLASS BY ALL TRAINS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In August last you kindly inserted a letter from me on this subject, and in a foot note stated you quite approved of the proposal. You will be pleased to see that the suggestion has been taken up by the right man in the right place, viz., the Mayor of Derby, who has written the following letter to one of the London papers.

MR. ALLPORT.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Sir,—I think it will be conceded that, if cheap and rapid locomotion be a boon to the people, a deep debt of public gratitude is due to Mr. James Allport, the general manager of the Midland Railway. This gentleman has, throughout a long and exceptionally active life (devoted to railway organisation and direction), upheld, unflinchingly and ungrudgingly, the interests of the poorer sort of travellers. It is owing to him that third class coaches attached to all trains, so that the advantages to be obtained by fast trains at low fares, were placed within the reach of that considerable section of the community which was too much neglected in the infancy of railway legislation.

In making known to you the fact that the nucleus of a committee (entirely unconnected with the Midland Railway) is now forming at Derby—the centre of the Midland system—for the purpose of enabling the admirers of Mr. Allport to combine in presenting him with a testimonial which, if raised by small individual subscriptions, shall be in every way a general recognition of his public spirited policy, I venture to ask your invaluable aid. If the Lord Mayor could be prevailed upon to lend his powerful assistance to the fulfilment of this object, his lordship's example would, doubtless, be followed by provincial mayors throughout the kingdom.

Your very faithful servant,  
WM. HIGGINSBOTTOM, Mayor of Derby.  
Town-hall, Derby, November 3rd.

As the proposer of the testimonial I must thank you for allowing me to bring the same before the public through the medium of the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally, GRATITUDE.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION V. PRECEPTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should like to be informed by you, and by some old Preceptors and P.M.'s, of the precise position of a Preceptor in a lodge of Instruction.

1. Is he anything more than the instructor and the adviser as regards the rituals?
2. Has he a right to make bye-laws of his own?
3. Can he prevent any member bringing propositions before the members, provided they have no connexion with the ritual?
4. Can he alter rituals on the pretence that they are out of date? and
5. If he is an honorary member, has he the right of voting on matters not connected with rituals, and if he has that right, is it decent or prudent for him to exercise such a right.

Yours fraternally, G. M.

#### PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I still differ from you regarding the past rank of Provincial Grand Pursuivants. I take from your quotation from the Constitutions, "The Grand Wardens and subordinate Provincial Grand Officers \* \* \* shall possess within their district the rank and privileges of Grand Officers." That is to say that a Provincial Grand Warden shall possess the rank and privileges of a Grand Warden, and a Provincial Grand Pursuivant those of a Grand Pursuivant. Now it is not one of the privileges of a Grand Pursuivant to be entitled to past rank, ergo it cannot be one of the privileges of a Provincial Grand Pursuivant.

If the Constitutions are open to different interpretations of this matter, surely the best way of deciding the question will be to refer it to the Grand Secretary.

Yours fraternally, A. T.

MANCHESTER.—For the information of the fraternity in Manchester, the publisher begs to state that the *Freemason* may now be obtained at 47, Bridge-st., Manchester, on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.



## THE "MACE FUND."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. Mace has taken a Second Class in his recent Theological Examination at Cambridge, and that he purposes taking Holy Orders at the next ensuing ordination to be held in December. We feel sure that so satisfactory a result cannot but be highly gratifying to all subscribers to the "Mace Fund," and to the friends and supporters of our Boys' School. We are therefore anxious to complete the objects of the Fund, and to raise a sufficient sum to pay the balance of his college and tutorial expenses, and to give him a start in his new career.

Whilst thanking you for past support, and soliciting your further co-operation in this final appeal.

We are Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. F. PORTLOCK DADSON, Treasurer.

FREDK. BINCKES, Sec. R.M.I.B.

N.B.—As Captain Portlock Dadson will shortly leave England, Wm. Pairs, Esq., 8, Duke-street, St. James's, one of the Trustees, will be happy to receive and acknowledge subscriptions.

## LODGES IN TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "A Sincere Mason," in the *Freemason* of the 10th inst., under the above heading, merits the attention of every sincere Mason. The remedy for the evil complained of is in the hands of the Masons themselves, and by a little co-operation the evil would soon disappear, and Masonry be freed from the imputation referred to by your correspondent.

Private Masonic Clubs and Halls are established in most provincial towns, where lodges can and do meet, and free from the influence of taverns and tavern proprietors.

London, hitherto has been without a private Masonic Club. It now has one in every way suitable for the meeting of numerous lodges, and if Masons are sincere in their desire to remedy the evil arising from holding lodges at taverns they have it in their power to do so by meeting at the London Masonic Club, where they will find every facility and accommodation for such meetings.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN GEORGE DUNN.

Secretary.

London Masonic Club,  
101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

P.S.—The following lodges have already availed themselves of the benefits offered by the London Masonic Club: The Felicity, 58; Pilgrim, 238; Langton, 1673; Felicity Chapter; London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction; and the Pilgrim Lodge of Instruction.

## Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLARS IN IRELAND.

Our worthy and R.W. Bro. Colonel W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, in quoting the authority of the R.W. Bro. James H. Neilson, cannot name a better with respect to the question, for it is from him that I have derived my information about the lodge in Dublin which was chartered by the "Mother Kilwinning Lodge," Scotland. I write now with the *Freemason* of the 30th Dec., 1876, before me, containing most interesting communication by Bro. Neilson, and a copy of a printed circular issued in 1806 by the "Grand Kilwinning Chapter of High Knights Templars of Ireland." Nowhere in the communication does Bro. Neilson say that the Kilwinning Lodge warranted any brethren to assemble as Knights Templars, but only that the warrant referred to by Bro. Fowler, "is dated 27th October, 1779, and is at present in the custody of the Irish Chancellor."

It is quite true that in the document of 1806 a claim is put forth that the "Mother Kilwinning Lodge" Scotland, did charter the "High Knights Templars" Lodge, Dublin, to work as Knights Templars, but Bro. Neilson does not say so, and would not say so, for the sufficient reason that the warrant contains no such provision, but was simply issued to a number of Masons in Dublin, to initiate, pass, and raise as Craft Masons only, the title of the lodge being the singular one of the "High Knights Templars."

I can furnish plenty of evidence in corroboration of this fact if our zealous and erudite brother wishes, for it will be a sincere pleasure to me, if able, to oblige Colonel MacLeod Moore with any details, and I trust that my friend Bro. Neilson will be equally glad to do so. Briefly then Bro. Neilson, who has examined the warrant, and Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who has carefully perused the actual records of the ancient Mother Kilwinning Lodge, concur in stating that the brethren in Dublin were only chartered as a Craft Lodge (none but Craft degrees being ever worked or authorised by the "Kilwinning Lodge"), though subsequently they started number of Degrees on their own account, assuming that the presence of the Craft warrant made all their actions legal.

I daresay Bro. Neilson will furnish a verbatim et liberatim transcript of the warrant in question, to finally settle the matter.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health's Fountain.—It cannot surely be necessary to remind any intelligent reader that the purity of the blood determines every individual's health and vigour. Holloway's medicine searches out the slightest taint in the vital fluid and neutralizes or expels it, so that the circulation supports the system in place of sowing the seeds of decay. When epidemics are advancing and disease is steadily on the increase, it behoves every one to have a restorative like these Pills ready to act right away irregularity in the stomach, liver, bowels, or kidneys. Holloway's treatment is especially suitable for the young, delicate, and nervous who are most susceptible of any prevailing sickness, and whom violent measures would endanger little less than the epidemic.—ADVT.

CENTENARY OF THE YORK LODGE,  
NO. 236.

The centenary of this lodge was celebrated on the 6th inst., by a banquet in the De Grey Rooms, in the city of York, presided over by the W.M., Bro. William Cowling, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks., supported by Bros. The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M.; T. W. Tew, Dep. P.G.M. West Yorks.; The Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.W.; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec., West Yorks.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; the Wardens and other Officers of the lodge, and a large assemblage of members and visitors. The vice-chairs were occupied by Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Sir Jas. Meek, P.M., and W. B. Richardson, P.M. The lodge was constituted in July, 1777, by the title of the "Union" Lodge, which in the year 1870 was changed to that of the York Lodge by permission of the M.W.G.M., The Earl of Zetland, at that time the oldest member of the lodge, and it is satisfactory to record that at the completion of its centenary, the lodge is in a more flourishing and prosperous state than at any former period of its existence, and has attained a position eminently distinguished in Freemasonry. The following is a list of the brethren attending the centenary celebration.

Members of the lodge:—Bros. Wm. Cowling, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. W. M.; The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M.; T. W. Tew, P.M. D.P.G.M. West Yorks.; R. W. Hollin, P.M., Past G.S.B. England; Sir James Meek, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., S.W.; W. B. Richardson, P.P.G.W. Oxford, J.W.; the Rev. J. E. W. Young, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; Josh. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S., Sec.; Alderman John March, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., S.D.; Charles Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D., J.D.; A. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; Thos. Smurthwaite, P.M., P.P.G.W., Geo. Keely, Assist. Sec.; Thos. S. Canridge, P.P.G.O., Organist; J. Tesseymann, and G. Garbutt, Stewards; Jas. Melrose, (Lord Mayor of York); G. Balinford, P.M.; S. Maltby, P.M.; F. Rawlings, P.M.; T. B. Pressick, P.M.; Alderman J. Terry, Alderman W. Valey, (Lord Mayor elect); J. Wilkinson, (Town Clerk); Rev. W. Valentine, B. Wormald, C. Wood, C. G. Padel, H. Churchill, T. B. Whythead, J. T. Stephenson, J. J. T. Marshall, W. Rooke, J. Sampson, C. D. Barstow, J. S. Rymer, W. Thompson, M. Cooper, E. J. Inman, W. McKay, P. Matthews, J. Saville, J. Hollins, J. D. Faussett, G. Browne, G. Sellar, J. Ward, J. Shilleto, W. Flint, G. Simpson, G. Moore, J. Ayres, J. Smith, J. G. Turner, C. Abbott, A. Buckle, W. Baitye, R. S. Storey, J. W. Mann, T. G. Mann, H. Scott, G. Eastwood, T. J. Russell, O. Robinson, W. Wilson, C. Kearsley, C. Ware, J. Pickersgill, C. Walker, W. T. Gowland, A. Walker, W. Powell, E. Whitehead, W. G. Thomas, H. C. Cammidge, T. Sanderson, W. H. Gainforth, H. Aitken, E. Houlden, and J. Keswick. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Smythe, Past D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago; J. Terry, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; Rev. W. C. Lukes Arpan, H. Smith, P.G. Sec. West Yorks.; S. B. Ellis, W.M. 1239; F. Ford, W.M. 204; J. M. Bottomley, W.M. 312; J. Coulson, W.M. 554; Rev. H. Greaves, W.M. 566; H. Green, W.M. 630; T. Clargh, W.M. 660; R. B. A. Wiensar, W.M. 1244; J. Anderson, W.M. 1416; A. Smith, W.M. 1042; T. Cooper, W.M. 1611; Dr. Paley, W.M. 837; S. Stead, P.M. 1042; Geo. Heuthwaite, 1042.

During the banquet a massive silver loving cup, subscribed for by the members as a memorial of the Centenary, and presented to the lodge at its last regular meeting, was passed round with the usual ceremonies, the brethren pledging "Success to the York Lodge." After dinner, the W.M. stated that the lodge had hoped to have been honoured with the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on that occasion, and that it was with extreme regret that H.R.H. found that his engagements would not permit him to be present. The Secretary then read letters of apology from Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; The Marquis of Hartington; Sir H. Edwards, P.G.M. West Yorks; Sir A. W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W.; A. J. McIntyre, Grand Reg.; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P. Grand Chaplain; W. J. Hugban, P.G.D. (containing an interesting sketch of York Masonry); Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M., North and East Yorks; and other distinguished brethren, pressing their inability to be present.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, after which the W.M. gave "The Health of the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master," which was received with great enthusiasm, and the Earl of Zetland suitably responded. Bro. W. B. Richardson, J.W., proposed "The Deputy P.G. Master, Dr. Bell, and the Prov. Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Woodall, P.P.G.W., who proposed "The P.G.M. of the West Riding and the P.G. Lodge of West Yorks," which was responded to by Bro. Terry, D.P.G.M. Bro. Sir James Meek, gave "The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces." Bros. Mayer, Pressick, and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett replying. The Earl of Zetland in complimentary terms proposed "The Worshipful Master, and Prosperity to the York Lodge," a toast which met with a most enthusiastic reception, and the W.M., who is one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, and for whose services the lodge is greatly indebted, received a very cordial greeting and responded in eloquent terms. Bro. J. March, P.M., gave the "The Visitors," to which Bro. Dr. Paley replied. Bro. Dawson proposed "The Lodges of the Province," responded to by Bro. F. Ford, W.M. 294. Bro. Alderman J. Terry gave "The Past Masters of the York Lodge," to which Bro. Holden, the Senior P.M. and father of the lodge, replied, and in doing so placed in the hands of the W.M. those ancient rolls of the Constitutions of Freemasonry, which, (mainly through his exertions) has been

restored to the York Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England, in order that the same may be placed with the other records, which formerly belonged to the Grand Lodge of all England at York. With the acquisition of these rolls the York Lodge has now the custody of the whole of records of the ancient Grand Lodge of York. Bro. C. D. Barstow proposed "The Lord Mayor and Corporation of York," to which the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. J. Melrose) replied.

Bro. D. Smythe, in a long and very able speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded in an eloquent speech, and gave a most interesting account of the charities supported by the Masonic body.

After the toast the charity boxes were handed round, and a very handsome amount realised for the Institutions.

"The Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge" was next given by Bro. Tew, and the Senior Warden, Sir Jas. Meek, responded in suitable terms.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and brought this highly successful celebration of the centenary of the York Lodge to a close, the whole of the proceedings being carried out in a most satisfactory manner, and the occasion cannot fail to be long remembered by those who were present.

## NEW MASONIC HALL AT HAMILTON.

The following address was delivered in Lodge Beta, on the occasion of the dedication of the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, by George P. Pierce, Esq., R.W.P.G.M. of New Zealand, I.C., on the 23rd ult.:

Worshipful Sir, Officers, and Brethren,—During the eight years I have had the honour of presiding over the Craft, working under the Irish Constitution in New Zealand, this is the first time I have been called upon to execute one of the privileges of a Provincial Grand Master, namely, to consecrate a Masonic Hall. The occasion which has brought us together is not a common one. I hope, however, that it will not be long before I may have to perform this interesting ceremony in Auckland, that of dedicating a building worthy of the Craft, and of that important city. It affords me great pleasure to assist at this ceremony, as the erection of such a commodious and handsome building for the purposes of Masonry cannot but promote the convenience, comfort, and well-being of the lodge which assembles within its portals. It also affords to those living in this neighbourhood the opportunity of seeing and joining in a portion, at all events, of a Masonic ceremony, and proves to the outer world that though Freemasons may have secrets peculiar to themselves, still there is nothing in those secrets subversive of the peace and good order of society. Time will not permit me, even had I the ability, to enter into any lengthy exposition of the tenets of our Order. I trust that before long you will possess a well-stocked library of Masonic books; and by that means you will be able to drink deeply from that stream of knowledge which has been collected by the wise and good of all ages and countries for our advancement and instruction. Of the origin of Freemasonry there are various theories. We are reminded that it is as old as man himself; that as we were all brought into the world weak, naked, and helpless, and were destined to live among our fellows, requiring assistance and support, therefore, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe inspired us with the holy desire that we must needs do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Hence, from the remotest times has been transmitted to us the necessity of mutual love and help in misfortune. Masonry teaches us to face danger with fortitude, to appreciate and love truth and openness, to condemn falsehood and hypocrisy, to fly to the relief of the indigent, reaching out a helping hand towards the bed of sickness and the home of the unfortunate, to abhor tyranny, to repudiate vanity and superstition, and to see in one's fellow, whatever his rank or fortune, a moral being in every respect our equal, if only he is virtuous. Whatever might wound the cherished belief of a brother we are taught to avoid. Hence, no allusion to matters of religious controversy is permitted in our assemblies. Masonry engages herself in no political discussions. She grows and flourishes under all forms of government. "Kings are her nursing fathers," and princes continue to preside over our lodges. She flourishes best where the grateful air of liberty is most freely breathed. Masonry is a moral Order established with the laudable object of perfecting the moral part of men, through the practice of the virtues. The great founder of Christianity said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another;" and such is the precept of Freemasonry. Noble testimony has been borne at various times to the real value of our institution, by men entitled to speak with authority upon the subject. A few instances selected from many will suffice. Washington said, "The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." The late Lord Durham said, "I have ever felt it my duty to support and encourage the principles of Freemasonry, because it powerfully develops all social and benevolent affections." Bulwer Lytton testifies, "For centuries had Freemasonry existed ere modern political controversies were ever heard of; and when the topics which now agitate society were not known, but all were united in brotherhood and affection. I know the institution to be founded upon the great principles of charity, philanthropy, and brotherly love." Our own great writer, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, tells us that, "The study of Freemasonry is the study of man as a candidate for a blessed eternity. It furnishes examples of holy living, and displays the conduct which is pleasing and acceptable to God. The doctrine and examples which distinguish the Order are obvious and



suited to every capacity. It is impossible for the most fastidious Mason to misunderstand, however he may slight or neglect them. It is impossible for the most superficial brother to say that he is unable to comprehend the plain precepts and the unanswerable arguments which are furnished by Freemasonry." Dalcho, an eminent American divine, thus gives his verdict: "I highly venerate the Masonic Institution, under the fullest persuasion that when its principles are acknowledged, and its laws and precepts obeyed, it comes nearest religion in its moral effects and influence of any institution with which I am acquainted." Another distinguished American writer, Dr. Albert Mackey, whose works on Freemasonry are invaluable, says: "Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth, that truth consisting in the knowledge of the Divine and human nature of God and the human soul." Freemasonry I regard as a great Catholic institution, whose object is to diffuse brotherly love, relief and truth, throughout the world. It constantly inculcates its members to practise benevolence, and charity—that "charity which suffereth long, and is kind; that 'charity which thinketh no evil,' that 'charity which forms the cementing bond of Freemasonry,' which is the chief corner-stone of our temple, and upon which is to be erected a superstructure of all the other virtues, which makes the good man and the good Mason. It is well described by the eminent Mason whose words I recently quoted: "The charity of which our Order boasts is not alone the sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Like the virtue described by the apostle, already quoted, its application is more noble and more extensive; 'it suffereth long and is kind.' The true Mason will be slow to anger and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by quick admonition, and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his ear to his slanderers, and will close his lips against all reproach. His follies and his faults will be locked in his breast; and his prayer and the prayer for mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother's sins. Nor will these sentiments of benevolence be confined to those bound to him by ties of kindred or worldly friendship alone; but extending them throughout the globe he will love and cherish all who sit beneath the canopy of our universal lodge. For it is the boast of our institution that a Mason destitute and worthy may find in every clime a brother, and in every land a home." The present will be admitted by all to be an active and utilitarian age. We want something more than an ideal link of brotherhood, and our union should be cemented by deeds as well as words. Our acts should be on a scale commensurate with the dignity and importance of our Order, not desultory or impulsive acts of generosity, but regulated by a sense of duty and an earnest desire to confer permanent benefit. I do not urge that Freemasonry should be allowed to degenerate into a benefit society, nor do I consider that there is any parallel between the case of a zealous Freemason, who after long years of good service is provided for by his brethren, and the case of a member of a Friendly or Odd-fellow's Society, who can claim so much because he has regularly contributed to the funds of his association, although he may never have worked for it, as many Masons, I am proud to say, work for the Craft quiet and unobtrusively. I do hold, however, that no deserving Mason should ever be abandoned to the rigours of poverty and adversity in old age. I consider that it is the duty of the brotherhood to succour him in the hour of his distress, liberally and substantially. It is our bounden duty also, in the time of our prosperity, to raise a fund for the widow and the orphan, and those ancient members of the household who may have no place in which to lay their heads. It is a subject which I would commend to the brethren of this lodge, as soon as this hall is paid for, as deserving not only your best consideration, but also your warmest support. Schools for orphans, retreats for widows and old age, such should be our aim; and, if carried out, as such an organisation would carry them out, these would place Freemasonry at the head of all philanthropic associations in the world. This, brethren, is its mission; and it will never be satisfactorily achieved until this our adopted country can boast of Masonic institutions similar and akin to those raised and munificently supported by our brethren of the Craft in our mother country. Finally, my brethren, let me commend to your constant and attentive study and perusal the volume of the Sacred Law. "It is the pearl of great price." Dr. Faber says, "It lives on the ear like music that can never be forgotten, like the sound of the church bell which the convert hardly knows how he can forgo. Its felicities often seem to be almost things rather than mere words. It is part of the national mind, and the anchor of national seriousness. The memory of the dead passes into it. The potent traditions of childhood are stereotyped in its verses. The power of all the gifts and trials of a man is hidden beneath its words. It is the representative of his best moments, and all that there has been about him of soft, and gentle, and pure, and penitent, and good speaks to him for ever out of his English Bible. It is his sacred thing which doubt has never dimmed and controversy never soiled. In the length and breadth of the land there is not an Englishman with one spark of righteousness about him whose spiritual biography is not in his Saxon Bible." Next to the sacred volume I would ask you carefully to study the Book of Constitutions. Read and ponder over the lectures and over ancient charges, which have been handed down to us for our guidance from time immemorial. Remember in the closing words of one of these, "Duty, honour, and gratitude bind you to your trust. Let no motive ever make you swerve from your duty; but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of the celebrated artist whom you have once represented. Endeavour, in a word, to convince the world that merit has

been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favours have not been undeservedly bestowed.

#### CONSECRATION OF WINCHESTER LODGE.

On Monday, 3rd September, this Lodge was consecrated by the R.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. H. Thomson. A large number of brethren from the St. John's and the Caledonian Lodges, Timaru, and several members of the Craft from Ashburton attended. Bro. Barclay, the Chaplain, delivered an able address to the brethren on their duties as Masons. The R.W.D.D.M., assisted by Bro. King, P.M.; Bro. Williamson, P.M.; Bro. West, and Bro. Watkins, duly consecrated the Lodge, under the name of the Winchester Lodge, according to ancient usages. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner. Bro. Zeilder W.M., 1137, presided at the organ, and rendered the anthems with good effect. The following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year:—W.M., Bro. J. King; P.M., S. W., Bro. W. De Renzie; J.W., Bro. G. Taylor, S.D. Bro. W. Smith; J.D., Bro. J. A. Young; I.G., Bro. W.G. Walsh; Bro. G.C. Williams, Tyler. At the close of the installation, Bro. the R.W.D.D.M., made a few remarks expressive of the satisfaction it gave him to perform this ceremony, and said the lodge was like a ship well officered, well manned and well found, setting out on a voyage, which with but due care would surely lead to success, and complimented the new lodge on its selecting for its first W.M. such a tried and able officer as Bro. King. After the ceremony was ended the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. The chair was occupied by Bro. King, on whose left were Bros. Thomson and Williamson on the right Bros. Zeilder and the Rev Bro. Barclay. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. De Renzie, supported by Bros. Rutland and Young. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

#### THE IRISH GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland have acted with equal wisdom and courage in passing the resolution which appears in our columns with respect to the Grand Orient of France. They have not lost a moment in expressing, in the most emphatic form, their abhorrence of infidel opinions, and vindicating the character of their ancient institution. It is creditable to their vigilance and religious tone that they detected the change made in the constitution of the French society, and at once took steps to sever their connection with it. The example set by the Grand Lodge of Ireland will, we trust, be followed by the whole Masonic body throughout the kingdom. It is not necessary to tell those who are initiated into the mystic Order that in altering the first article of its Constitution so as to make Atheists admissible, the Grand Orient of France rejected a principle which lies at the foundation of the Institution and is necessary to its stability. They know that not only in its ritual, but in its whole character, it is pervaded by a religious spirit. Not only in its ceremonial and symbols, but in its practice and purpose, the government of an over-ruling Providence and the duty of obedience is the moral law, as revealed in the Scriptures, are reverently recognised and earnestly enforced. If it were not cemented by this practical homage to religion the bonds of brotherly love, which is its leading characteristic, would be dissolved, and the whole fabric of Freemasonry fall to pieces. Attempts have been made to impose upon the credulity of the ignorant populace by misrepresenting the Institution as a hideous monster, which plots against all that is held sacred, and perpetrates the most atrocious deeds. The accounts which have been circulated with a view to excite a prejudice against it are caricatures so extravagant and revolting that none but the basest minds could conceive them or the meanest capacity be deceived by them. They may be treated with contemptuous indifference as stupid, though wicked impostures. Freemasonry, in the United Kingdom at least, has no community of principle or feeling with the secret societies of the Continent, which are infidel and revolutionary. Those who systematically traduce it have the means of knowing the falsehood of the charges which it suits them to repeat, regardless of indignant protests. We need not remind such of our readers as belong to the Order, but others may be interested in learning, that the strictest care is taken in the enrolment of members. Their admission is not sought by the society itself, but is a favour granted to the applicant who has to petition for it, and will not be received if, upon investigation into his character, he be deemed unworthy. Judge Townsend, Deputy Grand Master, who delivered a series of lectures on the qualifications of a candidate, for Masonry, tells us that the "ancient charges" or regulations handed down from remote antiquity require that he "must believe in one God as the moral ruler as well as creator of the universe; he must believe also in a future existence, and he must admit his own obligation to observe those rules of moral conduct which are promulgated to us in the Ten Commandments." It is not enough, he says, to recommend a candidate that nothing can be alleged against him, or if nothing good or praiseworthy can be said of him, but the "tongue of good report" must be in his favour. An institution of this character would be contaminated by contact with a society which had no regard for religion, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland are to be commended for taking the earliest opportunity to disown the Grand Orient of France as unworthy of the Order.—*Dublin Daily Express.*

The installation meeting of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, will take place on Thursday next, the 22nd, on which occasion Bro. S. D. Ewins, will be installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

#### FRENCH AND BRITISH FREEMASONRY.

It is in some degree satisfactory that the recent action of the French Freemasons with regard to certain articles of belief, or rather disbelief, should become known as soon as possible. The Masonic body in France have resolved to expunge from their professions, and to eliminate from their ceremonials, all reference to their belief in a Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. No action in reference to this matter has yet been taken by the Grand Lodge of England as representing the whole Masonic body of Great Britain, but the Masons of Ireland, whose organisation in points of discipline is in some degree independent, have met the matter by passing a very strong resolution reprobating the course adopted by their Gallic brethren, and forbidding for the future any communication with or recognition of the brotherhood of the "Grand Orient." The principles of Freemasonry, as practised in Great Britain and Ireland and their colonies, being essentially based on the great truths of revealed religion, it is obvious that there can no longer be any sympathy between it and the order as now established in France. The Church of Rome has always discouraged Freemasonry, because it believes it to be a secret organisation of infidel tendencies, and having political objects in view. This may be true to some extent, so far as continental countries are concerned (and the recent deplorable action of the French order goes far to establish it); but those acquainted with Freemasonry as practised in the United Kingdom know that a greater delusion cannot be imagined. In spite of the secrecy imposed by Masonry it is well known that its foundation is religion and good will towards all men. It may also surprise those who control the Councils of the Vatican to learn that politics are strictly forbidden to be discussed in English-speaking lodges, and that polemical and controversial matters are rigidly excluded. Continental Freemasonry may ignore the religion of Christianity, and may have occult political objects in view, but the English order are not responsible for these ill-guided divergencies. The animating principle of Freemasonry as practised in the United Kingdom is human charity and brotherhood. Their noble institutions for the widow, the orphan, and the needy of their order are the best proof of this, and where is the evidence of any Masonic body in Great Britain combining for any political or sectarian object?—*Globe.*

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We make no apology to our readers for printing the following important report, which has been courteously forwarded to us:

Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Gr. Or. of Charleston, South Carolina,

October 19, 1877, V.E.

To all the Inspectors General, Grand Consistories, and other bodies, and all the B.B. of all degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the said Jurisdiction:

The Sov. Grand Commander with regret makes known to you, by the translations that follow, of extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, the deplorable step which that power has lately taken, as a concession to Atheism and to the avowed Atheists who are Masons of its obedience.

Grand Orient of France. Supreme Council for France and the French Possessions. General Assembly. Session of 1876.

REPORT, 5TH SESSION, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1876.

The order of the day calls for the report of the Committee on Propositions.

Bro. Massicault, reporter of this committee, after having asked as a measure of order that the orators who wish to address the meeting for or against the question shall be pleased to be registered in advance, and to transmit their names to the President, reads the following report:

My B.B.

The Lodge, Progressive Fraternity, Orient of Villefranche (Rhône), has presented the following proposition: To suppress the 1st art. of the Constitution the two first clauses of the 2nd paragraph thus worded: "Freemasonry holds as a first principle the existence of God and the immortality of the soul."

"The council of the Order, in its session of the 29th of July last, passed to the order of the day on this proposition, after having heard the report of Bro. Du Hamel, which each of us had the opportunity to read in the Bulletin of the Grand Orient, number of the month of August, page 183 and the pages following.

"Nevertheless, in its session of yesterday, the Convention decided that the proposition, revived by one of its members, should be discussed to-day, and it has invited the commissioners nominated by the bureaux to form themselves into a committee to submit to the assembly a rough draft of the resolution.

"In conformity with this vote, the commissioners of the nine bureaux have assembled, and I have the honour to bring you the result of their deliberations.

"Our laws do not forbid us, and on the contrary wisdom commands us, to consider outer circumstances before regulating our Masonic action. Very well! my B.B., your committee believes so. These circumstances dissuade us to-day from giving rise to the agitation which the adoption of the proposition would cause; and it would be subserving the passions of our adversaries by supplying them with pretexts; they dissuade us from compromising our relations with the foreign Masonic powers, from disturbing our fraternal harmony, from paralysing or disquieting the good-will of our friends.

"Upon the whole, the consciousness of the good which we accomplish with our actual organism forbids us to



risk the unsettling of our association, by wishing to change its basis hastily."

"In view of these considerations, my B.B., the matter of the question remaining reserved, your committee, by a majority of 5 votes against 4, proposes to you to pass to the order of the day on the proposition No. 9 indicated above, and on [the votes which express analogous propositions."

The assembly decides that the vote will be first taken on the conclusions of the report.

The Bro. Orator, being consulted, moves the adoption of these conclusions, that is to say, the unqualified order of the day on the propositions under discussion.

The vote is proceeded to be taken by call of the names, and the demand of B.B. Hubert, Broudeau, Callot, Drevet, Lambert (de Corbeil), Leborgne, Leconte, Martinet, Marx, Meyniel, Minot, de Mondenard, Paillet, Prunet, Proust, Léon Richer, Thorin, Turgis, Vincent et Voisard (to the number of 21).

Before proceeding to take the vote the President explains that each brother on his name being called must answer yes or no.

Yes will mean that he adopts the conclusions of the report, that is to say, the unqualified order of the day on the proposition; and no will mean that he rejects these conclusions.

The call made by Bro. Fort, Assistant Secretary, attests the presence of 175 voters.

Out of this number, 110 answer no, and 65 answer yes.

Consequently the conclusions of the Bro. Orator are rejected, which amounts to saying that the order of the day proposed by the Bro. Reporter is not adopted.

The President proclaims this result, and announces, as a consequence, the early reference to the lodges of the study of the question, conformably to the complementary article of Title V of the Constitution.

The Chain of Union of Paris, October, 1877. Report of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France, annual session of 1877. Session of Thursday, 13th September.

Bro. Cousin was Chairman during the discussion on the vote.

There is a larger gathering of deputies than usual, and the visitors' gallery better filled than on the two first days. The question is as to balloting on proposition No. IX.

The Committee seats itself; Chairman, Bro. Bruand; Secretary, Bro. Barthelet; Reporter, Bro. Desmons; members, Bros. Danel, Maury, Corbierre, Lemarignier, Hubert, André, Rousselle.

Bro. Desmons has the floor to read his report.

Report of the committee appointed to examine proposition No. IX:

The question on which the members of the committee have done me the honour to select me to report, is, I do not conceal from myself, a question of very serious importance.

I only need to adduce as evidence of this the great extent of time which the assembly of last year, and each one of our lodges individually, in the course of the year, have thought it necessary to devote to it. I only mean to adduce as another proof of this, the lively and powerful interest which we all bring to bear to-day on its definitive solution, and whereof your presence, in so large numbers in this hall, gives incontestable evidence.

So, my brethren, what preoccupies me seriously at this moment is the profound consciousness of my inadequacy and the very sincere apprehension of being very unequal to so delicate and elevated a task.

But what reassures me at the same time, my brethren, is the thought that I am here but the interpreter of a committee of which each member is disposed, I know it, to sustain me by his fraternal support.

It is also and above all the thought that I am addressing brothers on whose indulgence I certainly count. Let them be assured that on my part I will make every effort to render myself worthy, by the respectful moderation of my language, of the great trust with which they have honoured me.

My brothers, your committee, before studying the proposition which has been submitted to its appreciation, has pre-occupied itself with a preliminary question.

It has asked itself if the study of this proposition in the Convention of this year was very opportune. It has in succession heard the delegates of the bureaux, who, by six votes against three, have pronounced in the affirmative. Each of its members has reiterated the different objections which has been presented in his respective bureau.

Permit me, my brothers, to make them pass rapidly before your eyes, and to follow them up with the observations to which they give rise in the committee.

"Take care, they said to us; if you at the present time suppress this article from your Constitution, you will separate the Grand Orient of France from all the Masonic Powers of the world. You will isolate it in the midst of universal Masonry if you suppress this article, they have added; you will give rise to a painful agitation in our lodges, and provoke a deplorable schism in the midst of the Grand Orient of France.

"If you suppress this article, in fine, do you not fear that the declared enemies of our Order will profit by our decision to spread abroad slander on all Masons, by denouncing them in the profane world as materialists and atheists?"

"And under present circumstances, may not this denunciation be prejudicial to Masonry itself, and especially to the noble and generous ideas which it is its mission to defend and propagate?"

Such are, my B.B.s, if I do not deceive myself, the principal objections which the partisans of the postponement of the discussion have addressed to us.

It is not necessary to say, my brothers, how unanimous the members of the committee have been in recognising not only the unquestionable sincerity of those who have

submitted them to us, but also the great weight of each of them.

Above all, it is not necessary to say with what due deference the committee has received the perfectly fraternal observations of those who, for so many years, have represented the Grand Orient of France, and to whose indefatigable devotion the assembly this year again has rendered so striking and just a testimonial. Nevertheless, my brothers, by virtue of that maxim which is the device of all of us:

"Amicus Plato, sed magis amica veritas,"

your Committee, with a feeling of respectful independence, has studied each of these objections in succession, and this is the answer which it has thought appropriate to make to it conscientiously.

You fear, do you say, if this article is suppressed at the present time, the isolation of the Grand Orient in the midst of universal Masonry. But is not this argument the same as that which was invoked, scarcely seven years ago, against the suppression of the Grand Mastership, which was urged lately against the admission into our Lodges of coloured men, and against the representation of the High Degrees in the bosom of our annual Assembly? Well, what has happened however? Our Masonic Assemblies have not allowed themselves to be held back by this obstacle which they were made to foresee, and now, our relations with the other Masonic Powers are not, that I am aware either less cordial or less extended.

Besides, my Brothers, I will say to those who by a perhaps excessive prudence, and through the fear of seeing the Grand Orient of France too much isolated, oppose this innovation as dangerous: "We are neither the only ones, nor the first to enter upon this course which we propose to you. Already, in the Grand Lodge of Buenos Ayres, the reform has been effected. Already, the Grand Lodge which has just been founded in Hungary, has given itself a Constitution which is copied from ours, but from which it has taken care to banish the article which is occupying us at this moment.

Yet longer ago, the Grand Orient of Italy, itself adopted a similar resolution. Be then reassured, my brothers; I do not fear for our Order isolation in the bosom of the Masonic world. There are in this route intrepid pioneers who have already preceded us. Be assured that we shall soon have numerous imitators. Besides, my Brothers, you who believe perhaps that this formula has been from all the forefront of our Constitution, you will probably not be moderately surprised to learn that it is of quite recent date. I had occasion, only yesterday, to look through the different Constitutions which have governed our Order.

Very well! do you know at what period its introduction took place? It is not at all necessary for that to consult the prehistoric period, nor even to go back to the deluge. It is only in 1849 that it is for the first time seen to make its appearance in our Constitution. You see, therefore, my Brothers, what we ask of you is not a dangerous innovation, but simply a return to a previous condition.

But, it has been added, do we not risk, by voting for the suppression of this article, casting trouble and division in the midst of our Lodges? It has appeared to your Committee that this fear was chimerical.

Ah! if the convention of this year concerned itself for the first time with this question, if, without having previously consulted them, this Assembly, by an act of authority and by a species of "coup d'état," proceeded suddenly to decree this suppression, I understand that they might be held back by the fear of seeing trouble and agitation introduced into our Lodges; but you know that this is not the case.

Above all, you are not ignorant that this year, particularly, each of our Lodges has been invited to study this question, and that, out of the 210 Lodges which have transmitted the results of their deliberations to the Grand Orient, two-thirds have been favourable to the adoption of the proposition.

Besides, my Brothers, what might give rise to trouble and agitation in the bosom of our Lodges, was the fear, not so much of seeing this formula suppressed, as of seeing it replaced by a materialistic or atheistic formula. Now, who does not know, at the present moment, that no one among us, in proposing this suppression, means to make a declaration of atheism or materialism? In this respect, is not all misunderstanding dissipated in our minds? And if, in the bosom of a few lodges there might remain any doubt, let it be known to them that your Committee declares openly that, in adhering to Proposition No. 9, it proposes to us no other object than to proclaim absolute liberty of conscience.

How, my brothers, I ask you, could the proclamation of such a principle, which is indeed that of all Masonry, excite, and trouble our Lodges? No, we have more confidence in them, and we consider that, better informed of the true goal to which we tend, those who might still feel any scruples and any hesitation will end by marshalling themselves around this magnificent standard, whose tutelary shadow is capable of protecting equally all opinions and all beliefs.

As to the calumnies which clericalism will hurl against us, we must expect them.

But, would you think to escape them, in case even you should not accept this Proposition, or even if you should refer the study of it to the next Assembly? Ah! I fear much, my brothers, that you delude yourselves on this point. No, no, our adversaries are implacable, and the new delay which we would take to settle the question which is submitted to us, would have, be convinced of it, no other result than to cause us to be accused by them, of adding fear and hypocrisy to impiety.

Such is, my B.B., the conclusion at your Committee have arrived, and if, when it concerned the question of opportuneness, we have 8 against 1, I am delighted to tell you that, for all the reasons which I have just called to your mind, we have been unanimous in adopting the following resolution which we have the favour to propose to you:—

(To be continued).

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Joseph Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Browne, F. Adlard, Thos. W. White, John Newton, J. M. Case, S. Rawson Wm. Kilton, Charles Lacey, C. F. Hogard, Benj. Head, W. F. Nettleship, Wm. Stephens and Jas. Terry. (Secretary).

The Secretary read a letter from His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. for Norths and Hants, consenting to preside at the annual festival on Wednesday, the 13th Feb., 1878.

The death of three male annuitants was reported. Cheques were signed for payment of the annuities due 1st. prox.

The application of one widow for half her late husband's annuity was presented.

The transfer of the funds into the names of new trustees was directed to be made; and the petitions of eight men and twelve widows for elections in May were presented and accepted.

The Committee then adjourned.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 23, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1679, Henry Muggerside, Prince George, Park-rd., E.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
K.T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Board of General Purposes.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, Regent M.H.  
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.  
Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., S.W.  
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Shampston Blds.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Lodge of Benevolence, F.M.H.  
Grand Stewards, F.M.H.  
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.



Lodge 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.  
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
 " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
 Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

House Com. Girls' School.  
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.  
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.  
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 Chap. 5, St. George's F.M.H.  
 " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 538, Vane, F.M.H.  
 " 657, Canonbury, M.H., Basinghall-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
 " 569, Fitzroy, Hd-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.  
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.  
 Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 24, 1877.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.  
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
 " 1502, Israel M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxeth.  
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Pylde.  
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.  
 " 1325, Stanley M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.

Lodge 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon do., N. Hill-st.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence Schools, Kirkdale.  
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Stanley, do., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Lodge 1393, Harmer, M.H., Liverpool.

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## Craft Masonry.

## LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).

—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The W.M., Bro. James Hill, presided, supported by Bros. R. Griggs, I.P.M.; P.M. Davies, acting Secretary; P.M. Hillhouse, and P.M. John White (*Freemason*). The S.W., Bro. Snare, was, unfortunately, by a domestic affliction, prevented from attending, but the efficiency of his brother officers saved the lodge from inconvenience. Bro. Halford occupying the S.W. chair; Bro. Percy the J.W.; Bro. Hickman (another very good officer), acting as S.D.; Bro. Flaws, occupying his own post of J.D.; and Bro. Patmore being I.G., a post to which he has been advanced through the retirement from office of Bro. Todd, who had the moral courage to resign a position which the calls upon his time rendered it not possible for him to discharge to his own satisfaction. Bro. Hart, W.M. of the Eclectic, the Organist of the lodge, made the old instrument do excellent service, but it must have been hard work, and required the exercise of more than ordinary skill to discharge the duty of this office on an instrument which has a broken bellows and several wherzy stops. The Masonic duties of the lodge included the passing of two brethren, Bros. Henrich and Swain, and then Bro. Pearcey worked the lectures of the degree. The lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the visitors being Bros. Crew and Randall, of the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470; Bros. Rawson and McNiven, of the Great City Lodge; Bro. Truth, of the Metropolitan Lodge; and Bro. W. Cook, of the Domestic Lodge. In the course of the evening "The Visitors" were cordially toasted, and they, in reply, acknowledged that the fame of the old lodge for hospitality was fully earned. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast of his health, seemed to express the regret that he had not had overmuch work in the course of the year now passing away, but Bro. Griggs, in reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," taking occasion to advert to this expressed regret, said that the lodge could afford to rest, for its numbers had been increasing by very great strides, and the Past Masters did not feel any regret, for the lodge preferred quality to quantity. P.M. While, who was also called upon to speak, said he should not illustrate the position of the operative Masons on strike by refusing to respond to the toast. After speaking of the pride with which the Past Masters watched the excellent working of the officers in lodge work, for the encouragement of the younger members he pointed to the fact that two young members held that night the two highest positions after the W.M., as a proof that the Constitutions of the Craft always held a foremost place in the governing of this lodge. He trusted that the lodge would always maintain the principle laid down in the Book of Constitutions, "merit, and not seniority, shall be the ground upon which all preferment shall be based." Spraying of the presence of country members in the lodge, there being what is termed a "Bedfordshire contingent," in members from the bank of the Ouse, he said that the remarks made against country members joining London lodges did not apply to the active country members of the United Strength. These country members had all been well and worthily recommended, and most of the proposals were well-known to many brethren in the lodge. The country members had town business, and they combined pleasure with business by transacting their civil duties on the days when the lodge met, when they could meet in friendship with those with whom they were not daily associated. There was a pleasant change in this, and it had its advantage in that the brethren in their London lodge were untrammelled by local circumstances. The officers were then toasted and replied in their turn, and Bro. Patmore, referring to the remarks of Bro. While, said that the Bedfordshire brethren had made the name of the United Strength so popular in that county that another Order had adopted the name for a Provincial Grand Lodge, and "United Strength" kindness and brotherly regard had been spread far beyond Masonry, through the example set in this old lodge, whose unity was more than a name, and the Craft itself only one of the bonds which bound its members together.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 19th inst., at the

Balham Hotel, Balham. It was well attended both by members and visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Poore, P.M. (who, in the absence of the W.M., opened the lodge); C. P. McKay, S.W.; R. W. Sheadd, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M.; C. Pulman, P.M.; H. Payne, P.M.; W. Smith, S.D.; W. McMurray, J.D.; W. Mitchell, I.G.; M. Spiegel, D.C.; G. Lambert, W.S.; W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler; also Bros. Lilley, Richardson, Ash, Saunders, Pascall, Whittaker, Mulley, Huntley, Anthony, Gunner, Green, Burton, Kerr, Treves, &c., and visitors Bros. John Syer, 1017; S. Clarke, 1586; E. Bye and H. Stokes, 141. The lodge having been duly opened by Bro. Poore, as W.M., and minutes confirmed, Bro. Anthony was proved and subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. Adolphe Van de Water, and Mr. Chas. Glesister were balloted for, approved, and duly initiated into the Order. A notice of motion having reference to the question of "refreshment after labour" was discussed, and it having been represented by the Treasurer that the lodge was in a more flourishing condition than at any time since its establishment, it was decided to continue the practice of entertaining members and visitors in the usual manner after each meeting. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of names, Bro. C. Pulman, P.M., as Steward, representing the lodge, and we were glad to observe that later on his list was liberally increased by the lodge members individually. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to banquet, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., presiding as W.M. The usual toasts were honoured, and in giving that of the "Grand Lodge," the acting W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the late action of the Grand Orient of France, deprecating the course which had been adopted, and hoping that the Grand Lodge of England would express its opinion thereon in the most forcible manner possible. His remarks were listened to with great attention and were cordially endorsed by all present. The W.M.'s health was drunk in his absence, a circumstance which was much regretted, every officer of the lodge being in his appointed place. The toast of the P.M.'s was enthusiastically received, and hearty acknowledgements were rendered by Bros. Poore and Stevens, for their readiness to discharge the all-important duties of the chair, as well as for other assistance in the working of the lodge. The Initiates made very able responses to the toast given in their honour, and the visitors expressed much gratification with the working and subsequent hospitality. A most enjoyable evening terminated at eleven o'clock, and the brethren separated.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—On Monday evening the Whittington Lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Walker. The brethren present were Bros. Jones, P.M.; Weaver, P.M., 862 and 1319, P.Z. 862, M.E.Z. 1319, H. 177, P. Prov. G. Org. Middlesex, Treasurer Benevolent Fund, Secretary; Kingston, I.P.M., Treasurer of Lodge Fund; Walker, W.M., Trustee Benevolent Fund; Moore, S.W., and W.M. elect, Trustee Benevolent Fund; Blakemore, S.D.; Farebrother, W.S.; Hobden, Godden, I.G.; Bolton, D.C.; Knell, Tate, Sedgwick, Brothers, Ward, Brown, Richardson, Devine, Collinson, Ross, Boxer, Cox, Lee, Maxwell, Evans, Coates, Thompson, Bradford, Hill, Bowden, Jones, and Hurlstone, P.M. The visitors were Bros. W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; H. Y. Whalley, 1670; John Canham, P.M. 199; George Anderson, J.W. 60; John Bingham, P.M. 55, 1599; J. F. West, P.M. 753; C. E. Tinney, 1319; Wm. F. Marston, W.M. 1599, S.D. 55; Thomas H. Briggs, 1503; Howard W. F. Vaughan, 1503; Wm. Tilley, 891; W. B. Benson; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*); Samuel T. Kingston, 1269; Arthur C. Moore, P.M. 216; James Alfred Rigby; W. Cane, 201; W. Ansell, United Mariners; J. Lyndon Hodges, Orpheus; James Turle, Sec. 766; and John Stedman, 172. Bro. C. H. Pike was raised to the Third Degree, and the W.M. afterwards installed Bro. Alfred Moore, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Blakemore, S.W.; Packer, J.W.; Thos. Kingston, P.M., Treasurer; James Weaver, P.M., Secretary; James Weaver, P.M., Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge; Godden, S.D.; Tate, J.D.; Bolton, I.G.; Knell, D.C.; Charles Walker, P.M., W.S.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The sum of £10 was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the list of Bro. Sedgwick, who will represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution. Through the excellent administration of the affairs of the lodge an admirable balance sheet was exhibited, a balance of over twenty guineas remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, Bro. Thos. Kingston. The Benevolent Fund of the lodge showed a balance of £112 18s. 6d. in the hands of the Treasurer of the fund, Bro. James Weaver, P.M. After the names of joining members and initiates had been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice and elegant banquet was provided by the proprietor, Bro. Alfred Best. After banquet grace was sung, and the toasts were proposed. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said: Among the thousands who live in this dear old England of ours I think there are very few, if any, who can claim greater love for their Queen than the Freemasons. We love her, not simply because she is a queen—that, perhaps, is an attribute of birth—but we love her because she is a good, true, and noble woman, in the highest sense of those words. It is usual to couple the name of the Queen with the Craft, and I have not infrequently heard it said that this is done to make this toast Masonic; but it seems to me, although I do not mean to break through the good old rule, that it is not altogether necessary to add the Craft to make it Masonic, because I can conceive of no more Masonic toast than that of the Queen, as all Masons are thoroughly loyal men. The toast having been honoured, the W.M. gave

"The Health of the M.W.G.M.," and said that when we remembered "the fierce light which beats upon a throne," and all adjacent to it. Masons would be thankful and gratified that they had for a Grand Master one who by such square conduct, level steps, and upright intentions commended himself to the Craft generally. After the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., &c.," had been drunk, Bro. Charles Watkins, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that for the ensuing twelve months it would be his especial privilege to propose this toast. He was sure he had only to mention this toast to ensure for it the greatest applause. He could not say anything in respect of the W.M. more than the brethren already knew. They all had been witnesses for some years past of the manner in which he had performed the duties appertaining to the various offices he had filled. The brethren had all marked his intelligence, and they fully believed that he was a brother who was true and trusty, and would be fully equal to the duties which were cast upon him. He did not know that he could pass on the W.M. a higher encomium than to say this of him. The brethren all appreciated the W.M.'s talents, for it had been an acknowledged fact in the lodge for some time past that when Bro. Moore came to the chair the lodge would have a good Master. The consummation of his ambition had been that night achieved. Bro. Moore was in the chair, and he had shown the brethren that evening that he was fully competent to fulfil his duties. The performance of them was no sinecure, but whatever they were Bro. Moore would discharge them properly. The W.M. in reply observed he need hardly say that he was peculiarly gratified with the reception of the toast. Bro. Walker had been good enough to refer to him in language which he should hardly like to admit that he deserved, but the brethren might rest assured that if he did not deserve it now he should endeavour to deserve it during his year of office. He had no doubt that during that year there might be some occasional slips, a word or two here and there misplaced; but he would ask the brethren in such cases to exercise that which was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and grant him charity. He hoped that during his year of office the lodge would have some additions to their numbers, and he was glad to see that some had been proposed that evening. He need hardly point out to the brethren how desirable it was that they should keep the lodge in a happy condition in every sense of the word. It had long appeared to him, although he was comparatively a young Mason, that there was in some lodges, though not in this lodge, a tendency to obtain large numbers rather than men who were at heart Masons. The Craft was already rich in numbers, and unless men only were introduced who would be a credit to the Craft generally, he held that it would be much better that the numbers were somewhat reduced. Freemasonry to his mind had appeared somewhat like a ship; in fact Freemasonry was a grand old Craft with a splendid constitution. She had an A1 captain in H.R.H. the Grand Master, who had about him excellent Grand and petty officers; they had on board two most experienced pilots in the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary; she was burdened with capital freight, three of the noblest charities in London, the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Benevolent Institution. She was well found in every respect, and had a very large crew. The Craft was worthy of the crew who served in her; and therefore it behoved them never to ship any hands without perfect confidence that they would be a credit to her and to the rest of the hands. He again thanked the brethren for drinking his health, and he trusted that at the end of his year of office the brethren would be as gratified to see him a P.M. as they were to see Bro. Walker in that position. He (the W.M.) passed now from the difficult task of speaking about himself to the more easy task of talking about some other fellow, and in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." he should refer to him retrospectively. The brethren had to take a W.M. to some extent for granted, but a P.M. by what he had done, and there could be no doubt that Bro. Walker had recommended himself to the brethren generally. He had performed the duties of W.M. most creditably, and while he had never forgotten the "suaviter in modo" he had always observed the "fortiter in re." He had been amiable in disposition, although firm in conduct, and the brethren in asking him to accept a P.M.'s jewel as a record of his past services were only doing him bare justice. Bro. Walker in reply, after thanking the brethren, said he stood in a very proud position that evening. Although this lodge was not his mother lodge he was a very junior Mason (quite an infant), when, by the persuasion of Bro. Little, he joined it. He had been a member of the lodge 11 or 12 years, and he took the position of D.C. in the lodge the same as Bro. Knell had to day. By degrees he rose to the chair, and he was now very proud that he had joined the Whittington Lodge. Again he was proud that he became an officer. Still more was he proud that he was elected W.M., and none the less proud was he that he was now a P.M., and had received the honour of a jewel at the hands of the brethren, which he should highly value, not so much for its intrinsic value but for the kind expressions which had fallen from the W.M.'s lips, and for the brethren's cordial reception of them. Again he was proud that on leaving the chair he had installed in his place so highly respected and so well qualified a brother. The W.M. had spoken in nautical language of the good ship the Craft. He could say that the Whittington Lodge never stood higher in the opinion of true Masons than at present, and it never had among its members so many of true Masonic stamp. Never was a W.M. better served by officers than he had been, not one of whom was called upon to perform his duty and found wanting when so called upon. For these considerations he was very proud of being a P.M. of this lodge. "The



Visitors" was the next toast, and Bro. Capt. Benson replied. Bro. Hurlstone, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, replied for "The P.M.'s," and Bros. Kingston and Weaver for the "Treasurer and Secretary." The other officers also replied to their toasts—Bros. Brown and Brothers for "The Lay Members," and Bro. Gilbert gave the Tyler's toast, which concluded the proceedings. The musical arrangements, in which Bros. J. Hodges, J. Stedman, J. Turle, Lee, and Tinney, took part under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, were excellent.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—On Saturday, the 10th inst., the members of this lodge held a meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Fredk. West, W.M. presiding. The attendance was very full. After transacting the necessary business, an adjournment took place to the banqueting hall, where a dinner awaited their arrival. After the cloth was drawn, Bro. F. West proposed "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," which was received with usual honours. Next in succession he gave "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," "The Earl of Carnarvon," and "The Earl of Skelmersdale," which were severally and heartily responded to. Bro. West remarked that nothing could be more conducive to good order than the proper selection of officers, and in selecting his two Royal brothers the M.W.G.M. had displayed real discretion and good taste. In proposing "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," he coupled with it the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who had afforded such material aid to the Granite Lodge and had contributed in no small degree to its success. Bro. Cottebrune in return, praised the working of the lodge, and promised his services on all occasions. Bro. W. M. Muggeridge, P.M., in calling upon them to drink "The Health of Bro. F. West, W.M.," alluded in flattering terms to his fitness to preside over the auspices of the Granite. Those who knew him sought to unite the ties of friendship more strongly, those who did not know him were anxious to cultivate his acquaintance. The toast was received with Masonic favour. Bro. West suitably replied; and passed the compliment on to the visitors, whose health he called upon the lodge to drink, coupling with it the name of Bro. Lewis, of the Golden Rule Lodge, who, in returning thanks, passed marked encomiums on the working of the Granite Lodge, and its hospitality and munificence as regarded Masonic Charities. The Past Master of the lodge next came into the category of toasts, and the utmost sympathy was expressed for Bro. John Oliver, P.M., who was unable to be present owing to having a fractured thigh, which he sustained in the Bath Bridge accident. Bro. Muggeridge gave a merry roundelay for himself and brothers in responding to the toast, and in the course of his remarks stated that he must secede from future attendance, owing to severe indisposition, and acting upon the advice of his physicians. While dwelling on the subject he was manifestly much overcome with emotion, but he brightened up on the lodge greeting him with vociferous cheers and audible expressions of sympathy. Bro. West later on gave "The Health of the Officers of the Granite Lodge," which Bro. J. Lewis Thomas most appropriately responded to, and referred with unlimited satisfaction as Secretary to the flourishing condition of the lodge, while the Senior Warden promised that his year of office when in the chair should not lack success if he could help it. Bro. West subsequently complimented the "Fourth Estate" on its influence, power, universal vitality, and laid it down to be the backbone of commerce, the monitor of the people, the corrector of all abuses, the subduer of tyranny, and the adviser-in-chief to persons who failed to have an opinion of their own on matters in general. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. A. C. Shelley, who replied. The far-famed and never-to-be-forgotten Tylers' toast brought the evening to a close.

**SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, 17th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, and was most numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. Perceval A. Nairne, W.M., presided, the regular officers were in their places, and the following visitors were present:—Bros. Rickett, P.M. 507; Robinson, 1381; Colman, 58; Samson, P.M. 7; H. Thompson, P.M. 117 and 1158 (*Freemason*); Goss, P.M. 76; Davis, 1641; Rogers, 15; Lailham, P.M. 1216; Staples, P.M. 879; Wingham, P.M. 25; Grave, P.M. 73; Hayden, P.M. 73; Rousillon, Amis Rennes, J. E. Collis, 1641; Wright, P.M. 22; Clarke, P.G.S.W.; Stringer, 19; and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Henry Martin, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to receive from his predecessor the benefit of installation. The usual forms having been gone through the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. All the brethren below the degree of an Installed Master were then requested to retire, and a duly constituted body of 16 Masters having been formed, Bro. Henry Martin was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. On the brethren below the chair being readmitted and saluted, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Perceval Alexander Nairne, I.P.M.; George S. Bickerton, S.W.; B. Lyon, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; W. Andrews, Sec.; B. R. Bryant, S.D.; J. R. Richards, J.D.; J. Goulston, I.G.; and J. J. Brunton and Henry Forbes, Stewards. The addresses were then respectively delivered by Bros. Nairne, Bedolfe and Vockins. The newly-installed Master immediately entered upon his active duties, for after the lodge had been advanced in proper order the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner raised Bros. Moore and Lewin to the Sublime Degree. This, the crowning work of a W.M., was done in a manner to demonstrate that he is well qualified to discharge any duties he may be called upon to perform. The W.M. then vacated the chair, and Bro. Nairne, I.P.M., initiated Mr. James Alfred Thornhill

into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. On the W.M. resuming the chair he presented a valuable jewel to Bro. Nairne, voted to him by the brethren in recognition of his services in the chair during the past year, which Bro. Nairne suitably acknowledged, expressing his gratitude for their kindness and his willingness at all times to do anything and everything he could to promote the welfare of the lodge, and the happiness of its members. The lodge after disposing of the sum of £5 towards the Royal Benevolent Fund for Aged Freemasons was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to an adjoining apartment, where a very bountiful repast was provided by Mr. Bromley, of the Clapham-road, and which gave entire satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. said in consequence of the lateness of the hour he should give the customary toasts without speeches, which to a great extent he adhered to, and although the business in the lodge was protracted to a rather late hour, in consequence of this wise determination the whole was got over in due time, and with an amount of pleasure seldom witnessed in a lodge where the working is extended to an unusual length. It was generally admitted that this was the most successful and truly harmonious meeting that has for a long time been witnessed in Freemasonry, and augurs well for the prosperity of the Sphinx Lodge under the rule of the W. Master for the ensuing year.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—This representative lodge held its last meeting on the 16th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The officers present were Bros. Wellsman, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W.; Do'son, J.W.; Tisley, Secretary; Dwarber, I.P.M.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, W.S.; Harrison, Tyler, pro tem. The visitors were Bros. Webb, P.M. 72, &c.; Bond, P.G.P. Surrey, P.M. 888; Dr. and Surgeon Major Skipton, P.M. 1065; Tinney, P.M. 1319; Nixon, W.M. Stability; Singleton, W.M. South Middx.; Leah, W.M. elect 193; Walls, P.G.O. Middx., J.W. 1381; F. H. Fowler, and J. Beveridge, 1319. The W.M., after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, raised Bro. Skelton to the degree of M.M., and initiated Mr. Clemow in a manner that left nothing to be desired. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well and elegantly served in the Pillar Room, and having been done justice to, the W.M. gave the preliminary loyal and other toasts, briefly but prominently. The I.P.M. in proposing the toast of "The W.M." took occasion to mention the services rendered to the parish by Bro. Wellsman. As the St. Dunstan was a parochial lodge it was very pleasing to him (the speaker) to see the rising generation of the parish flocking to the Masonic standard, and which brethren he ventured to predict would do good suit and service in the time to come by endeavouring to render the lodge as nearly perfect as possible. He concluded what was altogether a very interesting speech by charging them to receive the subject toast most warmly, as the W.M. was in every way, Masonically and otherwise, entitled to their best regards. In his reply the W.M. remarked that the Master of a Masonic lodge, occupying the chair at the banquet table time after time, found it very difficult to express something new. He felt that he was not an exception to that rule, and he should therefore say but little on that occasion. He then went on to state that he hoped that those brethren who were on the road to the chair, and particularly the younger members holding office, would not be offended by his charging them to bestow every attention to the work, in order that when the time arrived for them to occupy that position they would not be found wanting in ability for the due and proper discharge of its requirements. In conclusion he said that he was pleased that his humble efforts had given them satisfaction. "The Initiate" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. said that he believed that the quality of the Masonic recruits should be the first consideration of every brother proposing them. They should be received with discretion, even though they were "well and worthily recommended," but Number 1589 he believed were content, and very well contented with the quality of the initiates that the lodge had hitherto received. It was very gratifying to welcome amongst them that evening a member of the family who had been associated with Anderson's Hotel so many years. He trusted that their newly-admitted brother would look forward to a long career in Freemasonry, and he would take that opportunity of impressing upon him that charity should be the guiding star of its members. Bro. Tisley having given "The Entered Apprentice," Bro. Clemow made a neat and modest reply. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. alluded to the fact of there being seven Installed Masters amongst them. He felt very grateful to them for honouring the lodge with their presence that evening, and he assured them that they might rely upon always receiving a most hearty welcome whenever they visited the St. Dunstan's Lodge, which, although but a juvenile lodge, was capable he believed of affording a little Masonic knowledge. This toast having been coupled with the names of Bros. Nixon and Dr. Skipton, and those brethren replied. The latter at some length gave some interesting particulars of Masonry in the empire of British India. "The Health of the I.P.M." followed. Bro. Dwarber, in reply, said that he felt like the W.M., who in the earlier part of the evening had told them that "he had nothing new to say." However, he was compelled to indulge in the usual language of a Past Master—to wit, that he should always endeavour to be present at their meetings, and to be ever ready to assist any W.M. in the discharge of his duties. In conclusion, he said that there was something new after all for him to express that evening, namely, to wish long life and happiness to a distinguished member of the dramatic profession, who had made his debut there that evening in the character of a guest, Bro. James Beveridge, whose melodious voice and manner were so irresistible

that it was a matter of no surprise why "Liz" was so fond of him. "The Officers" was coupled with the names of the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Secretary. The former stated that they felt complimented by the remarks passed upon their working by the W.M., and that they should always endeavour to merit his approval. The Secretary humorously remarked that the W.M. had been pleased in speaking of him to compare him with the lily that needed no painting, &c.; but he regarded that as a very doubtful compliment, because the lily neither toiled nor spun, and a Secretary to be worthy of that name must exercise both those functions. He was pleased to inform them that the Benevolent Fund was in a very flourishing condition, so that if any occasion should arise they would be in a position to assist the necessitous without unduly taxing the pockets of their brethren. During the evening Bros. Beveridge, Low, Walls, Dobson, Clemow, and others entertained the brethren.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The regular meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Tuesday, November 15th. Punctually at two o'clock in the afternoon Bro. Thomas William Adams, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, September 20th, were read, and unanimously confirmed. The ballot taken for Mr. J. Howard was declared to be in favour of his admission. The veteran and father of the lodge, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., P.M., Treas., the I.P.M., took the chair and presided over the lodge for the remainder of the meeting. He, in his usual happy, impressive, and distinguished manner, passed Bros. William McCluer Butt (son of the host), Charles Goodwin, James Chapman, and E. C. Wagener to the Second Degree; raised Bro. Seymour Craddock and Henry Roffey, 1326, to the Second Degree; and wound up his arduous duties by initiating Mr. J. Howard into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. In consideration of the very many valuable services and other good duties rendered to this lodge as an active founder, and giving all the help to every member of the lodge which laid in his power, on the motion of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec., seconded by Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M., J.W., it was unanimously resolved, "That Bro. Edward Mallett, W.M. 141, Faith Lodge, be elected an honorary member of this lodge." The Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, was desired to inform Bro. E. Mallett, W.M. 141, of this vote, as he was absent (for the first time) from this meeting. Several propositions for joining members and candidates for initiation were given in to the Secretary. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously resolved, "that Bro. Joshua Howes, P.M., J.W., be elected as the Steward to represent this lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons," business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned, to meet on Thursday, January 17th, 1878, at half-past two p.m. The usual good banquet and dessert were served up, under the able presidency of Bro. Thomas McCluer Butt, Steward (eldest son of the landlord), who officiated for his father (who, unfortunately, was incapacitated, through an accident, from taking any active part in business), and gave satisfaction to every one. There were present Bros. G. S. Elliott, S.W.; J. Howes, P.M., J.W.; G. H. Stephens, as S.D.; G. Wintle, J.D.; W. Pennefather, P.M., M.C.; W. Malthouse, W.S.; H. J. Lardner, E. E. Crombie, W. Smyth, and others, besides those already named. The visitors were Bros. S. Page, 1326; H. Roffey, 1326; and L. Van Boelen, 1275.

**LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. M. McAlister, I.P.M.; Clement Stretton, P.M. (Mayor-elect of the Borough); George Toller, (Grand Sword-Bearer of England); W. B. Smith, P.M., Prov. Grand Treasurer. Councillors: S. Cleaver, S.W.; C. Gurden, Treasurer; J. Jessop, M.C.; J. Hart, and Chief Constable J. Farndale, as J.W.; besides a numerous attendance of brethren, both members of the lodge and visitors. The raising of Bro. Langmore was the principal feature of the business of the evening, and the ceremony was admirably conducted by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers. Bro. McAlister was elected Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. On the 9th inst., Bro. Clement Stretton, P.M., was unanimously elected to the distinguished position of chief magistrate of the ancient borough of Leicester, and although the roll of members of the old mother lodge contain the names of many of the Mayors, Aldermen, and others occupying a prominent position in our municipal history, yet as an earnest and zealous Mason, Bro. Stretton stands pre-eminent. Initiated in 1863, he early imbibed a fondness for the Order, and accepted the charge of guarding the portal of the lodge, resolved to advance by regular steps only, to the seat of honour in the east, which he attained by the unanimous wish of the brethren in 1870 and again in 1872. He has also passed the chairs of the other Degrees practised in Leicester, and our charities afford convincing proof that Bro. Stretton is not only distinguished by the profession, but by the practice of the true principles of Freemasonry, brotherly love, relief, and truth.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. R. Taylor, the W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the several officers. There was not a large attendance of visitors. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, Bro. John Atkinson was examined as to his proficiency as an E.A., and proving satisfactory he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. John Wilkinson Simpson having given proficiency as a F.C., was entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the



Third Degree, and Bro. Simpson having been re-admitted he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the Worshipful Master, who also subsequently presented the working tools. The lodge was then closed down to the Second Degree, when Bro. John Atkinson was re-admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the symbolism of the working tools being explained by Bro. Jowitt, the S.W. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, November 12th, 1877, in the new lodge room, in the School of St. Stephen's Church, Monkwearmouth. This lodge room has only been opened a few months, and the brethren consider it excellently adapted for lodge purposes; besides, they can now meet in a place free from the influences of an hotel. It having been announced that the Mayor of Sunderland, Samuel Storey, Esq., was to be initiated, there was a very large gathering of brethren; a great many visitors from the other lodges in the town being present. After his worship and Mr. Wm. Clark (who was also proposed), had been properly balloted for and unanimously elected, they were duly initiated into Masonry. The ceremony, including the charge, was ably gone through by the W.M., Bro. G. B. Hall. The brethren then went from labour to refreshment, and after the various loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed, Bro. R. Shadforth, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Newly-initiated Brethren," in a speech of some length, in which he adverted to the truly Masonic spirit which had characterised the Mayor's actions, prior to his being introduced to Masonry, instancing the raising of about £1600 to clear off the debt on the Infirmary, and also close upon £2000 towards the Indian Famine Fund. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Bros. Clark and Storey, each responded. The latter, in a very able speech, dilated upon the truly excellent spirit of Freemasonry, as was manifested to him that night on his being made, and gave evidence of a considerable acquaintance with its history and principles. Bro. Angelo Forrest, Prov. G. Organist, presided at the harmonium, and songs were ably sung by Bros. Foster, Taylor, Hamerton, Nicholson, and Fryer. The remainder of the evening was spent in a very happy and harmonious manner. It is a noticeable fact, that this is, as far as is known, the first time any one has been made a Mason whilst he held the office of Mayor of the borough; this has given considerable éclat to the Williamson Lodge, for whilst the other lodges of the town would gladly have had the honour, yet, his worship preferred being made in the lodge which holds its meetings in Monkwearmouth, his native parish, and it has no doubt given a considerable impetus to Freemasonry in the town of Sunderland.

**BRUTON.—Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 976).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Blue Ball Hotel, which was numerously attended. The officers present were Bros. E. R. Hayter, W.M.; E. Heginbotham, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Somerset, S.W.; Albert Huntley, J.W.; F. E. S. Jelley, P.M., P.Z. 41, P.P.G.S.D. Somerset, acting Treas.; T. Bennett, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, Sec.; J. S. Boyd, S.D.; H. Harrold, J.D.; H. Runcombe, I.G.; J. P. Swaine, Tyler, and many other members of the lodge. The visitors included, amongst others, Bros. B. Atwell, P.M. 437, P.P.G.S. of Works, Somerset; J. H. Colthurst, P.M. 457, P.P.G.R. Somerset; John Feltham, S.W. 437; Alfred Edwards, Secretary 437; John Allen, J.D. 285, and the Rev. S. Williams, 69. The gentlemen initiated were Messrs. William Palmer, Walter Basil Balch, and George Taylor. The W.M. performed the ceremony in his usual impressive manner, and at its conclusion was much applauded by the brethren. Bro. B. Atwell, P.M., kindly presented the working tools. Bro. F. Bennett, P.M., delivered the charge to the newly initiated, which was most effectively rendered and called forth the universal acclamation of the brethren present. The choral part of the ceremony was well sustained by Bros. Huntley, Lockyer, Vincent, and others, Bro. T. Bennett officiating as Organist. The lodge was closed in due form at 8.45, and perfect harmony prevailed. This being the last lodge night during the reign of the present W.M. he received the hearty congratulations of the brethren and visitors on the success which had attended his year of office, and the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. After the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper provided by host Harry. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, several capital songs, duets, &c., were well rendered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Hayter, W.M., kindly played the accompaniments.

**JERSEY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for the sole purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M., when a large number of brethren congregated to congratulate Bro. P. Bois on the successful termination of his term of labour, and Bro. C. D. Bishop on the commencement of his career as a ruler in the Craft, under auspices so favourable, with such an example before him, and with the affairs of this young lodge in so prosperous a condition. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported by Bros. C. D. Bishop, S.W.; John Huelin, J.W.; P. W. Benham, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; G. J. Renouf, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Wm. Metherell, P.M., P.J.G.D.; H. M. Walden, P.M.; I. G. Pallot, P.G.S. of W., Sec.; and others. Visitors, Bros. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; A. Schmitt, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Le Feuvre, W.M. 877, P.P.G.S.B.; Ed. Martel, P.M. 958, P.P.G.D.C.; John Oatley, P.M. 590, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Chapman, W.M. 958, P.G.D.C.; Dr. Th. J. Aubin, W.M. 491, P.S.G.D.; P. Messervy, W.M. 590; F. P. Le Marquand, P.M. 491, P.P.G.D.; Edmund Tuck, P.M. 174;

J. Moss, P.M. 245, Assist. G.D.C.; Ph. Blampied, W.M. 245, P.P.G.D.C.; J. O. LeSueur, P.M. 701, P.G. Sec.; A. Gallichan, J.W. 590; L. Hespéradou, W.M. 244; E. Carrie, S.W. 590; and others. This being an emergency meeting, the Secretary read the minutes of previous proceedings only so far as they related to it, which were confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. P. W. Benham took the chair as Installing Master. Bro. C. D. Bishop was presented as W.M. Elect. The customary enumeration of duties was made and acknowledged, the ancient charges were read and assented to, and the obligations of W.M. elect administered. A Board of nineteen Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Bishop was duly placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. After the board had been closed, the several classes of Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices were in turn admitted, and the usual proclamations were gone through, respecting which it need only be recorded that Bro. Benham conducted the ceremonies with great exactitude and impressiveness. After the address to the W.M., delivered with fervour, Bro. Bishop briefly remarked, that fully acknowledging the difficulty of the task he had undertaken, he was sensible of the honour conferred upon him. He accepted the responsibility, and trusted that with God's help he should not be found wanting in the worthy discharge of it, especially relying upon official help from the P.M.'s. The following appointments were made, Bro. Benham in each case officiating and offering appropriate observations:—Bros. J. Huelin, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; J. G. Pallot, P.M., Sec.; J. Baal, S.D.; E. Oldridge, J.D.; W. H. Anthony, I.G.; and G. R. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. Lastly, the W.M. invested Bro. Benham, the founder of the lodge, as Treas., with some remarks as well deserved by his past and faithful services as they were complimentary and sincere. Bro. Benham then said: Considering the zeal, the fraternal attachment, and the valuable services rendered by Bro. P. Bois to our lodge—considering that at great sacrifice of his private engagements he has devoted so much of his time to the labours and the numerous extra calls which devolve on the W.M., I propose—"That some token be presented to our I.P.M., Bro. P. Bois, by the lodge, as a visible testimony of our feelings of gratitude, of esteem, and of the fraternal affection which we entertain towards him, and that a committee be appointed and entrusted with the arrangements for carrying out this resolution." The proposition was seconded by Bro. Metherell, and passed unanimously and by acclamation. No other business offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, and about seventy sat down to an excellent dinner, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent.

**ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).**—The installation of Bro. V. Lucas took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot, and was well attended by the brethren of the district, where the spirit of emulation is so strongly manifested that the installation ceremony is keenly watched and criticised, and as nearly in all cases the retiring Master makes it a point to instal his successor, the criticism is keen, and the result as near as possible perfection. From the acknowledged ability of Bro. J. Smith, the retiring W.M., a Masonic treat was anticipated, and indeed partaken in by all who heard the eloquent manner in which he worked the beautiful ceremony. The lodge was opened at 3.30 precisely, when Bro. Burton was passed to the Second Degree, and then Bro. Lucas was presented for installation, and according to ancient custom placed in the chair of K.S., and duly saluted by the brethren. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Elsham, S.W.; G. Douglas, J.W. and Secretary; I. Theobald, S.D.; A. Bruce, J.D.; W. Fairbank, I.G.; J. Johnson, Steward; T. Abbotts, Tyler. The usual addresses were most impressively rendered by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony closed. A P.M. collar and jewel was then presented to Bro. Smith, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him for the manner in which he had that day fulfilled the duties of Installing Officer. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a well served banquet awaited them. There were upwards of twenty P.M.'s present. After the usual Masonic toasts, Bro. Smith proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so he hoped that he might have a prosperous year of office. He (the W.M.) went into the chair that day with the confidence and good-wishes of every member of the lodge. (Cheers.) The W.M. in returning thanks said he should always work for the benefit of the lodge, and would carefully listen to every suggestion that might be made for the welfare of it, and for the comfort and prosperity of every brother of it. (Applause.) The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," saying that upon this occasion it was a great pleasure to see so many brethren of influence and eminence in the Craft present; some of them had come long distances to do him and the lodge honour. Bro. Cirtchoffers responded, and stated in an excellent speech that nothing could exceed the working of the junior officers of this lodge, and he supposed from the fact that they were military men, and the first duty they were taught to obey, which in his opinion was carried out to the letter, and he would be much pleased to attend the lodge or lodge of instruction, should either be at work when he was visiting Aldershot. Bro. Eve in an eloquent speech explained how satisfactorily the duties of the Camp Lodge, from his knowledge, were carried out, and that they had men amongst them of great ability; he also explained the great good that Benevolent Institutions are to the Craft, and impressed on the brethren the importance of keeping their dues paid up, that should an evil day turn up the door was open to those who had assisted to keep others in.

**CHIPPING SODBURY.—Tyndall Lodge (No. 1363).**—The seventh annual installation festival of this lodge was held at the lodge room, in the Town Hall, on

the 10th inst. The brethren were summoned to meet at two o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. Algernon Sudlow, the W.M., took his place in the chair. The officers were in their places, and there was a numerous attendance of members and distinguished brethren as visitors, the following being present: Bros. S. Davies, P.M. 1363, G.S.W. Mon.; G. Rennie Powell, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. A. Bush, Sec., P.G.D.C.; F. J. Vizard, P.M. 1363; J. P. Curtis, S.W.; W. Tucker, P.M. 2103, P.P.G.P. Bristol; J. Iles, Org.; G. Godwin, I.G.; C. Iles, Tyler; R. J. Brice, T. Brooke, Moses Eyles, W. R. Latter, T. Tinsley, W. Munro, P.M. 336, P.P.G.D.C. Bristol; F. J. Blake, Sec. 855, P.M. 410; J. C. Collic, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.O.; H. G. Layton, P.G.C. Gloucester; L. Millman, 855, P.P. G.P.; F. Millman, 855; F. Gregory, 855; A. G. Williams, 610, S.D.; E. Weare, 68; C. Godwin, 68; Thos. Davies, 270; W. H. Cartwright, 1003; W. Northcott, 164; W. M. Lowick, 1388. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved in due form. Bro. J. Payne Curtis, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented for the benefit of installation by Bros. A. Sudlow and S. Davies. The ceremony of installing Bro. Curtis was then most ably and impressively performed by Bro. W. Munro, P.M. 326, P.P.G.D.C., and much satisfaction was expressed by all present at the manner in which Bro. Munro performed the duties. The W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: A. Sudlow, I.P.M.; E. Crossman, S.W.; W. Tucker, J.W.; C. A. Bush, Sec.; J. Trenfield, Treas.; F. J. Vizard, D.C.; T. Brooke, S.D.; T. Tinsley, J.D.; Moses Eyles, I.G.; W. H. H. Hartley and G. Taylor, Stewards; J. Iles, Org.; and C. Iles, Tyler. The closing charges to the Wardens and brethren were then very effectively given by Bro. Munro. The business being concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Portcullis Hotel, to a very enjoyable banquet, most ably served by Bro. Godwin. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—The installation meeting of this provincial lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 14th inst., when there were present amongst others Bros. Saunders, P.G.S. Midx. W.M.; S. H. Knaeggs, S.W., W.M. elect; Court, J.W. W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works, Midx., I.P.M. and Secretary; D'Orsey, Chaplain; Taylor, S.D.; Vaughan, J.D.; Ashley, I.G.; Palmer, Steward, Court, jun., Assist. Organist; F. Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie. The visitors were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Midx.; Clark, P.M. 255, &c.; Farwig, J.W. 180; W. Morgan, jun., 1385. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. by the permission of the W.M. initiated Mr. T. G. Newton into the Order. Bro. Knaggs having been presented to receive the benefit of installation, that ceremony was carried out by the I.P.M., who appointed Bros. Honeywell, as S.W.; Hammond, as J.W.; and Clark, I.G., to assist him with the "work." We have had to mention in these columns on several occasions the impressive manner in which Bro. Wigginton conducts the various ceremonies of the Craft, and on this particular evening he was even more happy in his rendering of the ritual than usual. The W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Court, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Tomlinson, Treasurer, (by Deputy); Wigginton, Secretary; Rev. D'Orsey, Chaplain; Vaughan, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; Palmer, I.G.; Walls, P.G.O. Midx., D.C.; Briggs, Steward; Ricknoll, W.S.; Suggs, Organist, (by deputy); Court, jun., Assist. Organist; Harrison, Tyler. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously voted to the I.P.M. for the able way in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation. The banquet was well served, and having been done full justice to the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Craft toasts. "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master" was coupled with the names of Bros. Hammond and Wigginton. The former brother at some length touched upon the great abilities and other qualities of Bro. Colonel Burdett, and of the Masonic skill of the D.P.G.M., whose present state of ill health was to be greatly deplored. Bro. Wigginton in his reply took occasion to speak of his experience of the Grand Lodges of other provinces notably Worcestershire, of which province he had been a Grand Officer for nearly 21 years. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very warm terms by the I.P.M., and having been duly honoured was acknowledged by Bro. Knaggs, who in the course of his reply said that he felt it a great honour to occupy the position of Master in so excellent a lodge as No. 1503. He felt at times that it was almost beyond his conception that he should in the brief period of three years have arrived at the goal of every zealous Mason's ambition, but he owed his proud elevation to very exceptional circumstances, firstly, as the "first-born" of the lodge, and, secondly, because he had been in office from the very night of his initiation. In conclusion, he said he would endeavour to merit the high honour that had been conferred upon him by the brethren. "The Health of the Installing Officer" was given by the W.M. in very cordial and complimentary terms, and having been briefly responded to by Bro. Wigginton, the toast of "The Past Masters" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. dilated upon the interest evinced by the I.P.M., Bro. Saunders, in the three great Masonic Charities, and whose genial and other qualities were so well and deservedly known to them all. The I.P.M. having responded, "The Health of the Initiate" followed, and Bro. Newton made a neat and modest reply. "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and having been coupled with the name of Bro. Clark, gave that brother the opportunity of making an exhaustive reply, in which he spoke highly of the Francis Burdett Lodge, and of the capabilities of its "working" staff. "The Officers" followed, and was respectively acknowledged by the S.W., Chaplain, and Secretary. "The Masonic Press" having been duly proposed, Bro. Walls acknowledged the com-



pliment. The I.P.M., by the permission of the W.M., then gave one of the most important toasts of the evening, namely, "The Masonic Charities," in which he expressed a hope that he should live to see many of the brethren of the Francis Burdett Lodge holding the position of governors in those most vital and invaluable institutions. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the brethren shortly afterwards separated until the second Wednesday in December next.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. The W.M. (Bro. W. Duff) occupied the chair, but owing to the very inclement weather, the attendance was but small. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. E. Johnson (Preston) and Bro. J. J. Crossell, (281), as joining members, and which proving unanimous, they were duly admitted members. After the transaction of some routine business the usual proclamations were made, and the lodge closed with the formalities of the Craft.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—On the 15th inst., this lodge held its second meeting of the season at the Lion Hotel, when there were present amongst others Bros. J. Hammond, P.M.; Jordan, W.M.; Fox, W.M. Lebanon, S.W.; Jessett, J.W.; Hopwood, P.G.S.B. of Midx.; Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Midx.; Secretary; J. Hurst, I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, Secretary 1866, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Midx.; J. D. Kent, I.G.; Hiscob, W.S.; Moody, A.W.S.; S. H. Knaggs, W.M. 1863; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Midx.; Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Jones and raised Bro. Tozer, both ceremonies being performed most impressively. Bro. John Hurst, I.P.M., having been appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the next festival in aid of the funds of the R.M.B.I. for Girls, and several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M. of Midx., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Hopwood, who in his reply did full justice to the theme. "The W.M." followed, and having been most warmly received, Bro. John Hammond briefly replied. In introducing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. said that he should include in that toast all the brethren holding office in the lodge, from the Treasurer and Secretary downwards. He then briefly but kindly touched upon the capabilities and relative merits of the staff, and coupled the name of the S.W., Bro. Fox, with the toast, who duly acknowledged the compliment paid to his brother officers and himself, and in concluding his remarks said that the W.M. and the lodge were to be congratulated on the attendance of the officers that evening, who with one exception were all present. "The Masonic Charities" followed, and having been coupled with the name of Bro. Hurst, I.P.M., that brother made a forcible appeal on the benevolence of the brethren on behalf of those excellent institutions, and particularly hoped that they would endeavour to assist him to the best of their ability at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School. The proceedings were enlivened by Bros. Hurst, Walls, Moody, Jessett and others.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE** (No. 1642).—This lodge met on Friday, the 29th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting Hill. Present: Bros. Wood, W.M.; Penn, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Smout jun., Sec.; Spiegel, S.D.; Lichtwitz, J.D.; Parkhouse, I.G.; Savage, Preceptor; Michel, P.M.; Murlis, P.M.; Kelly, Woodmason, Hopton, and many others. The W.M., after opening the lodge, vacated the chair for Bro. Michel, P.M., for the purpose of working the installation ceremony, which he carried out to the greatest satisfaction of all the brethren, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hopton being the candidate. Bro. Spiegel moved, "That this lodge of instruction will head a subscription list with £1, augmented by a subscription from the brethren, to put on the list of Bro. Stevens, P.M., the Steward for the next festival of the Girls' School," in the mother Lodge. Bro. Penn moved as an amendment to head the list with £5 5s. Bro. Spiegel withdrew his motion, but the confirmation was adjourned for a fortnight. Bro. Spiegel was elected to occupy the chair next Friday.

#### Royal Arch.

**PANMURE CHAPTER** (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 12th inst. Chapter was opened by E. Comps. G. H. N. Bridges, M.E.Z.; George Waterall, H.; Mark S. Larham, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., Treas.; and H. Harvey, P.Z. There were also present Comps. R. N. Field, P.S.; A. C. Burrell, 1st. A.S.; Samuel Poynter, 2nd A.S.; Thomas Meggy, Steward; John Gilbert, Janitor; also Comps. G. T. Thorne, Alfred Youngman, and others; and visitors: E. Comps. P. Dakers, P.Z. 583; and Comps. W. Foster, T. Edmondstone, and H. Jarman, all of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216. The chapter having been duly opened and companions admitted, Bros. Edward Mitchell, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 730, and Thomas Preston, Sec. of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, were balloted for, approved of, and exalted to the Supreme Degree. Refreshment followed labour, after which the usual Masonic

toasts were duly honoured. The exaltees expressed great satisfaction with their introduction into Royal Arch Masonry, and the visitors through B. Comp. Dakers bestowed high encomiums on the working they witnessed. A brief but agreeable evening was spent in social harmony, and the companions separated in peace and good fellowship.

**PONTYPOOL.**—Kennard Chapter (No. 1258).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Pontypool, on Monday, 12th November, when the following companions were installed as Principals for the ensuing year: Comp. W. Bunning, as M.E.Z.; W. Dovey, as H.; H. Haskins, as Z. The ceremony was most ably performed by Ex. Comp. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.G.S.B. of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. Mon., assisted by Ex. Comps. W. Pickford and S. Oliver, P.Z.s of 471, and Ex. Comp. H. Griffiths, P.Z. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Ex. Comp. Capt. S. G. Homfray for the ready manner in which he always comes forward to perform any ceremony when required, and the chapter was closed in harmony, and the companions adjourned to a supper at the Clarence Hotel. A very liberal collection was made by Comp. S. G. Homfray towards the Stewardship of the P.G.M., Col. Lyne, for next Boys' School Anniversary.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**BRIGHTON.**—Eureka Rose Croix Chapter (No. 44).—The Eureka Chapter celebrated the fifth anniversary of its foundation on Saturday, the 10th inst., when it was honoured by the presence of a large number of distinguished visitors from London and Cheshire, amongst whom were the following members of the "Supreme Council," 33°. Captain N. G. Philips, 33°, Lieut. Grand Com. Sen. G.D. and G.N. of England; Lieut. Col. Shalwell Clerke, 33°, G. Sec. Gen., P.S.G. Warden Devon, &c.; Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, G. Sec. F.C., P.D.G. Master and G. Supt. Bengal; Lieut. Col. A. W. Adair, 33°, P. Prov. G. Master Somerset. The undermentioned members of the 33°, 32°, 31°, and 30° were also present:—S. Rawson, 33°, Deputy Ins. Gen. S.E. District, P.D.G. Master, and G. Supt. China; R.W. H. Giddy, 33°, D. Ins. Gen. S. Africa, D.G. Master S. Africa; Major George Barlow, 33°, D. Ins. Gen. S. District; Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., 33°, Prov. G. Master and G. Supt. Surrey; W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, P.G.S.B. of England; Lieut. Col. Francis Burdett, 32°, Prov. G. Master and G. Supt. of Middlesex; Charles Horsley, 32°, Lieut. Col. H. S. Burney, 32°, Dr. Trollope, 31°, P.S.G.W. Sussex; Rev. Ambrose Hill, 31°, Charles Hammetton, 31°, Hon. Capt. Paget Bourke, 30°, Thomas Lane, 30°, Robert Stewart, 30°, Dr. M. B. Tanner, 30°, and the following members of the 18°: Capt. J. C. H. Stratford, Lord Arthur Hill, Rev. E. Walker, H. Sanderson, J. Robertson, Kennedy Skipton, E. Pidcock, Capt. Huth, Capt. McWhinnie, A. Everingham, Greaves, W. R. Wood, D. Smith, E. De Paris, Vickers, F. Holford, G. Le Pays, W. Pallin, and others. The M.W. Sov. of the chapter, Bro. Charles J. Smith, presided, and after the distinguished visitors of the Supreme Council and other members of the 33° had been received in due form, the two candidates, Bros. Le Pays and Pallin, were admitted to the degree of S.P.R.C., 18°, the ceremonies being worked with great accuracy and effect by Bro. Charles Smith, who was complimented thereon by the Supreme Council. After the chapter was closed, the brethren were entertained at a choice banquet at Markwell's Royal Hotel, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. This chapter, the most complete and beautiful in England, may fairly be congratulated on the entire success of the evening, and on the distinguished position which it has attained in the last five years, despite the strenuous but fruitless opposition manifested in certain quarters in its early days. An Order that rejoices in possessing H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. as its Patron, almost every distinguished Grand Officer of England, and nearly all the Provincial Grand Masters, as members, can well afford to disregard narrow-minded cavillings and misrepresentations to which it is occasionally subjected.

#### Mark Masonry.

**SOUTH MOLTON.**—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—The usual annual meeting of this lodge for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the year ensuing, was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday last. The following brethren were present:—Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, P.G.M.; John Wood, W.M.; J. T. Shapland, I.P.M., P.P.G., J.W.; J. Brewer, S.W., P.P.G.J.O.; W. Cole, J.W.; J. Galliford, M.O., P.G., S.O.; J. E. Galliford, W. H. Brewer, C. S. Willshire, J. List, T. Hancock, A. Petowsky, W. Briteon, J. Gaydon, R. Kingdom and others. The ceremony of installation was very correctly performed by Bro. Davy. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as the officers of the lodge for the year ensuing:—J. Wood, I.P.M.; W. Cole, S.W.; W. H. Brewer, J.W.; J. Galliford, M.O.; J. T. Widgery, S.O.; W. Britton, J.O.; Rev. F. King, M.A., P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Galliford, Treas.; J. E. Galliford, Sec.; A. Petowsky, Reg. of Marks; W. C. Oliver, S.D.; J. List, J.D.; J. Gaydon, I.G.; and R. Kingdom, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at Bro. Cole's, Unicorn Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**—The brethren who have experienced so much difficulty in procuring the *Freemason* in this distant colony, will be pleased to learn that owing to arrangements made with Messrs. T. J. Jones and Son, "The Four Masonic Publications" may now be obtained at their offices, No. 330, George-street, Sydney, on the arrival of the mail.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

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As to the consequences which our discussion may have in the profane world, I do not at all fear them as far as relates to the civil power.

What have we to fear? In studying this question do we enter into a domain which belongs to it and do we infringe its rights? By no means! We wish on the contrary to fix a limit, on this point, and to remain like itself above all creeds and all religions. Then, my brothers, and to sum up, none of the considerations which have been presented have appeared to us to be of a nature to require the postponement advised. We have been so much the more favourable, my brothers, to the immediate discussion of the question, because, as one of its members judiciously reminded the Committee, there is in the Constitution an article which made it our imperative duty. This article, is the complementary article of Title V., thus expressed:

#### TITLE V.—COMPLEMENTARY ARTICLE.

"Every demand of modification in the Constitution, taken into consideration by the General Assembly of the Gr. Or. of Fr. shall be discussed in the Assembly of the following year, the lodges having been previously consulted."

For all these reasons, my BB., your Committee, by a majority of eight votes, has adopted the immediate discussion of Proposition No. IX.

This first point of view being studied, my BB., your Committee has devoted itself to a profound examination of the proposition itself. You do not expect, doubtless, that I should expound to you now all the reasons which have been presented in support of its adoption. That would be giving this already too prolix report (but which the little time that has been given me to devote to it has not allowed me to make shorter) too great length.

Besides, my BB., these reasons, you know them, you have been able to gather them in the eloquent discourses which were delivered in 1865, 1867, and more recently still, last year.

In your respective lodges—and your deliberations sent to the Gr. Or. evidence it—you have been able to present them yourselves, or to hear them expressed, so that, at the present moment, these motives are, I am sure, present to the minds of all of you.

Permit me then to confine myself to recapitulating them to you rapidly.

We ask for the suppression of the second paragraph of Art. 1st of our Constitution, because it appears to us to be in complete contradiction with the following paragraph of the same article.

We ask for this suppression because this formula, it appears to us, must cause very often embarrassment to many Masters, and to many lodges, which under certain circumstances are forced, either to elude the law, or else to violate it.

Now, should not Masonry always set the example of observance of and respect for the law?

We ask for the suppression of this formula, because, embarrassing as it is for the Masters and the lodges, it is none the less so for many profanes, who, animated by a sincere desire to form a part of our great and beautiful institution, which has been depicted to them, with good reason, as a broad and progressive institution, see themselves suddenly arrested by this dogmatic barrier which their conscience does not allow them to overstep.

We ask for the suppression of this formula, because it appears to us entirely useless and foreign to the purpose aimed at by Masonry.

When a society of learned men assembles to study a scientific question, does it feel itself obliged to place at the basis of its statutes any theological formula whatever? Is not "No" the answer? They study science independently of every dogmatic or religious idea.

Should it not be the same in Masonry? Is not its field vast enough, its domain of sufficient extent, for it not to be necessary that it should place its foot on ground which is not its own?

No, let us leave to the theologians the care of discussing dogmas. Let us leave to the churches that have authority the care of drawing up their syllabus. But let Masonry remain what it ought to be; that is to say, an institution open to all progress, to all moral and elevated ideas, to all broad, liberal inspirations; let it never descend into the fiery arena of theological discussions, which have never—believe the word of him who speaks to you—brought about anything but troubles and persecutions. Let her beware of wishing to be a Church, a council, a synod. For all Churches all councils, all synods have been violent persecutors; and that from always having chosen to take for basis dogma, which, from its nature, is essentially inquisitorial and intolerant. Let Masonry then soar majestically above all these questions of Church or of sect; let her tower from her whole eminence over all their discussions; let her remain the vast shelter always open to all generous and valiant minds, to all conscientious and disinterested seekers after truth, to all victims, in fine, of despotism and intolerance.

Such is, my BB., the conclusion at which your Committee have arrived, and if, when it concerned the question of opportuneness, we have been 8 against 1, I am delighted to tell you that, for all the reasons which I have just called to your mind, we have been unanimous in adopting the following resolution which we have the favor to propose to you:

1st. The Assembly, considering that Freemasonry is not a religion; that, consequently, it is not called upon to affirm in its Constitution doctrines or dogmas:

Adopts the Proposition No. IX.

2d. The Assembly decides that the 2d paragraph of Art. 1 of the Constitution shall have the following tenor:

"Freemasonry holds as a principle: Absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity."



3d. The Assembly suppresses, as constituting a useless repetition with the 2d paragraph modified, Paragraph 3, thus expressed:

"Freemasonry regards liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man, and excludes no person on account of his beliefs."

4th. The Assembly decides finally that Art. 1 of the Constitution shall hereafter have the following tenor:

"Freemasonry, an essentially philanthropic, philosophical, and progressive institution, has for its object the search after truth, the study of universal ethics, of the sciences and of arts, and the exercise of beneficence."

"It holds as a principle absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity. It has for device: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity."

If these propositions are adopted by the Assembly, your Committee decides to propose to the Council of the Order to give the question to be studied relative to the revision of the rituals at present in use.

This report, it must be acknowledged, is admirably drawn up, and therefore it was often applauded by a large majority of the assembly.

A great number of BB. in the Assembly demand that they should immediately proceed to the vote.

The President, Bro. de Saint Jean, opposes this course; he is desirous of submitting an observation.

Silence is restored with difficulty. Bro. de Saint Jean has the floor.

He would consider himself wanting in all his duties as a Mason, and not sufficiently to appreciate his responsibility as Presiding Officer of the Grand Orient, if he did not make known the agitation which filled him. Yes, he foresees mischief for our Institution in the immediate vote on the adoption of Proposition No. IX., and he cannot, he must not hide his opinion. It is this: The Assembly must weigh this reflection, and adopt the wisest expedient in the interest of the Institution.

The clamour for the question is renewed with great vigour. Bro. Dalsace wishes to speak; he obtains silence only with difficulty.

For four days, said he, I have served an actual campaign in favour of postponement, but the report which we have just heard, and which has won us by its moderation, by its wisdom, by its forcible and irrefutable consideration in favour of an immediate vote, by its very Masonic and conciliatory resolutions, all make it my duty, my BB. to inform you, that I am no longer for postponement; that I am for an immediate vote. And I am pleased to hope that all this Assembly will come round to this opinion. It is necessary, in order that the results of our vote should be efficacious, that it should not meet with any opposing factions.

Bro. Aubert-Bouché does not share the opinion of Bro. Dalsace; he deduces with rapidity the great considerations of security which are inducements to ask the postponement to another session. Often interrupted, he withstands energetically the interrupters who wish to impose silence on him. In Masonry, we must know how to listen to each other. Besides, my BB., I am the representative here of 100 Masons, which is quite a number, and I only give expression to what is expected by these Masons of the wisdom and foresight of the Assembly.

Bro. Ferdeuil thinks that we must put an end to this question, which, for too long a time, has been a source of agitation and trouble in Masonry. He embraces the proposition of the Committee on the vote, whose adoption will bring about pacification in our ranks, and will disengage us from a text of law which gives satisfaction to no one.

Again, the cries: "The closing! the closing! to the vote! to the vote!" come from all parts of the Temple. Unquestionably the majority is won over to the Proposition No. IX.

Bro. Jabouille demands the floor. He is compelled to struggle quite a long time to succeed in making himself heard. Finally, he can proceed, although interrupted; he then sets forth with much talent and appositeness the best of reasons for the Assembly to grant the postponement. He says with good reason that even while reading with the greatest care the report so well entitled to consideration of Bro. Desmons, it is evident from it that the question which is agitated is not a question of principle, but of formula . . . and again . . . He shows that the Assembly is giving way to an impulse of sentiment and nothing more, and in this case the greatest victory would be that gained over itself. He skillfully makes it evident that the declaration which has been in the Constitution since 1849 has in no wise trammelled Masonry, at any period, at any moment; what inconvenience then in deferring it? There is no inconvenience in that; on the contrary, every advantage. The orator would have had still many more considerations to plead, but the Assembly is impatient, and on the Presiding Officer himself insisting, Bro. Jabouille curtails and breaks off his discourse.

Bro. Jouault: The solution of the question exists. The declaration of the lodges rises imperiously before us. We have an imperative mandate; we have only to assent to the declaration of our lodges. To postpone would be pusillanimity. It is time to make an end of it.

Bro. Du Hamel explaining the Constitution, and stopping specially at Article 5, demonstrates the unconstitutionality and the danger of the imperative mandate.

This brother cannot get to the end of his argumentation, any more than the preceding ones.

Besides, he is told that he is outside of the question. This is not the opinion of Bro. de Saint-Jean, who, himself, thinks, on the contrary, that Bro. Du Hamel reasoned justly.

Bro. Dalsace returns to the charge, but such is the disposition of the Assembly that it does not listen, that it will not listen even to those who reflect its thought. At last Bro. Dalsace uses such energy and persistency, that finally he is able to emphasise in a louder tone the

considerations which he developed in his first address. Acceding at the last moment to Proposition No. IX., he could see a very great advantage in the Assembly's being unanimous in its vote.

A brother whose name I regret not knowing, proceeded to explain what had already been said, that, concerning article 8, the Assembly could not escape from the necessity of a definitive solution of the question of Proposition No. IX. As the orator still kept on, although he was interrupted at every instant, the call for the closing became so urgent and general, that the Presiding Officer was obliged to put it to the vote: it was adopted almost unanimously.

The President demands the conclusions of the Orator, Bro. Viénot, on the postponement.

The conclusions are against postponement. These conclusions are adopted by a large majority.

The President gives notice that he will put to the vote in succession the resolutions of the report of Bro. Desmons.

Bro. Minot and some other BB. demand a vote by call of the roll. His insistence on this demand produces some tumult; finally the law prevails, and the vote is taken by rising or remaining seated.

No. 1.—No. 2.—No. 3.

1st. The Assembly, considering that Freemasonry is not a religion; that, consequently, it is not called upon to assert in its Constitution doctrines or dogmas,

Adopts Proposition No. IX.

2d. The Assembly decides that the 2d section of Article 1st of the Constitution shall have the following tenor:

"It holds as principles, absolute freedom of conscience and human solidarity."

3d. The Assembly suppresses, as constituting a useless repetition of the 2d section as modified, section 3, thus expressed:

"It considers liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man and excludes no one for his creed."

The section ". . . and excludes no one for his creed . . ." was introduced into No. 3 by request of Bro. de Saint Jean. This amendment, at first rejected by the Committee, but defended by Bro. Cauzard, of the Lodge la Renaissance and other BB., was accepted by it; which facilitated its adoption.

Being accustomed to remain an exact and impartial narrator, we have no difficulty in acknowledging that the minority against the adoption of the vote was feeble, and we acknowledge that we are of that minority and we persist in it; we remain convinced that the vote of the Gr. Or. is a mistake, and a very great mistake. We shall never understand an Institution having morality for its object, for its teaching, which commences by cutting off what is its law and sanction.

The revision of the Statutes and Rituals was decided upon so as to place them in accordance with the preceding vote.

Session of Friday, 14th September.

Some explanations are exchanged on the subject of the number of the Majority and of the Minority, in the case of Proposition No. IX, adoption of the resolutions of the Committee on this Proposition.

The official report will state the fact that the adoption had a large majority.

No one disputes the fact. Certainly the very great majority voted the adoption of Proposition No. IX.

Bro. Marchal, of Nancy, wishes to ask a question on this subject. "It remains, then, well established that the Masonry of the Grand Orient is disengaged from all religious principles?"

This is not disputed.

Our readers have before them the labours of the Session of the Masonic year 5877. It was feared that it would not take place. Let us acknowledge that these sessions have been dignified, and that the resolutions adopted have been so after serious study and thorough discussion. One vote has distressed us, this is the vote No. IX; we believe it to be prejudicial to true Masonic interests, and we have been and glory in being in that minority which voted against this adoption. But our regret should not render us unjust; if anything can afford any alleviation, any palliation of our grief on this point, it is the sentiment of moderation, the spirit of conciliation which are to be discerned in the report of Bro. Desmons. We have applauded this report, without having been willing to adopt its conclusions, for it sanctioned a suppression in our Masonic law, which is, for me, with my full conviction, a derogation from one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, such as it has been established from all time, such as it appears in the known Universe, because the report of Bro. Desmons is that of a loyal Mason, of a Mason who knows how to speak with a wholly fraternal heart.

We must likewise thank Brother de Saint-Jean for having proposed to add to the 3d resolution of the Committee on Proposition No. IX, the paragraph: "Freemasonry considers liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man, and it excludes no one on account of his creed." It is a real weighing and fortunate attenuation of the textual wording of the resolutions as they came from the deliberations of the Committee on Proposition No. IX. Let us thank Bro. Cauzard, who, by his intervention in the debate, contributed powerfully to the adoption of the amendment of Bro. de Saint-Jean.

In an early number, we shall examine the report of Bro. Desmons; we will point out the historical errors in point of fact which are to be found therein. We must not do that through respect for the opinion which we have defended and which is still ours.

HUBERT.

The Members of the Grand Orient of France are entitled to the full benefit of their declaration, that the suppression of the declaration of belief in God and in the immortality of the Soul cannot without injustice be taken as a profession

of Materialism or Atheism. It is, no doubt, not so for most of them. It is so, no doubt for some.

And on the other hand, they must all bear the full burthen of the declarations that it is a proclamation of entire liberty of conscience; that one of the reasons for the suppression has been, to relieve Masters of Lodges from embarrassment and from the necessity which "in certain circumstances," constrained them either to elude or violate the law; and another, to relieve profanes applying for initiation, who might find the clause suppressed a barrier which their conscience would not permit them to surmount.

For the meaning of all this is, that it shall be no obstacle in France to the admission of a profane into Masonry, that he is a pronounced and avowed Atheist, who cannot declare that he puts his trust in God, because he believes that there is no God; and the clause suppressed must no longer embarrass Masters and Lodges desirous to initiate Atheists, nor Atheists who desire initiation.

It has always been a landmark of the genuine English and American Freemasonry, that no Atheist, equally with no woman, can be admitted a Mason. That Order, in any country, into which avowed Atheists can be admitted, and the Members whereof need not believe that there is a God or that the Soul of man lives after his body, cannot be Freemasonry for us.

Notwithstanding the disclaimer by the G. Orient of France, of Atheistical profession, it is not deniable that the suppression of the declaration of faith in question is a concession to Atheism. It announces to the Masonic world, that in France it is, so far as the power of the Grand Orient extends, no longer necessary that a Mason should believe that there is a God, or that man is more than an animal.

Nothing can be conceived of, more ridiculous than reading the lessons of our Rituals of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite would be, to an Atheist. The belief in a Supreme Intelligence, Creator and Preserver of the Universe, a Beneficent God, to whom it is no folly to pray for aid and comfort, a Father, who loves us as his children, is the basis upon which all our ritualism, in all our degrees, rests. Take it away, and they become less than nought, the very babbling of incoherent and disjointed fables.

We put our trust in God, and not in a "Supreme Force," or "Greater-Principle;" and cannot hold that to be Freemasonry which does not do the same.

The Grand Orient of France claims to have in its bosom a Supreme Council of the 33d Degree. There is also a legitimate Supreme Council of France, distinct from the Grand Orient, of which Mons Adolphe Crémieux, (whose predecessor was M. Viennet, and his the Duc Decazes,) is Grand Commander, and Mons. G. Guiffrey is Secretary General. We have not for several years had any relations of amity or correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, in consequence of its recognition of the so-called Supreme Council of Louisiana. We have suspended such communication with the Supreme Council of France, for what we deemed just causes of complaint; but the BB. of its obedience are nevertheless entitled to be welcomed as visitors in bodies under our jurisdiction. The recognition by the Grand Orient of the illegitimate body in Louisiana, excludes all who are of its obedience from our bodies, and forbids our BB. to visit bodies of any degree, any where, that are of obedience of the Grand Orient of France. It is not so as to those that are of the obedience of the Supreme Council of France. It has not allied itself with a spurious body within our jurisdiction.

As each has symbolic lodges under it, and bodies of the higher degrees, in France and elsewhere, you will be careful to bear in mind the difference between them, since the Grand Orient has now made it impossible for us to recognise it as a Masonic Power, or the bodies of its obedience as Masonic bodies. We cannot recognise an atheist as a Mason, permit him to visit as such, or sit in a Masonic Body with him; and but for the existence in France of a lawful Power of the Scottish Freemasonry, the Supreme Council of France, which has not yet declared the belief in a God and in the immortality of the soul unnecessary for one seeking initiation, the Masonic Powers of the world might justly proclaim France to be unoccupied Masonic territory, and grant charters for Masonic bodies to work therein, composed of Masons obligated not to receive into the brotherhood any "old man in his dotage, or young man in his nonage, an atheist or irreligious libertine, a Jesuit, a madman, or a fool."

The Supreme Council of France, has, it is true, taken a step in the same direction with the Grand Orient of France: It has, as a concession to Atheism, substituted the phrases, "Force Supérieure" and "Principe Créateur," for the name of God, in a declaration of principles concurred in by other Powers; but it has retained the phrase, "known by the name of Great Architect of the Universe;" and has not avowed that its Lodges are at liberty to initiate avowed Atheists, nor found it necessary, as yet, to change its Rituals, in order that nothing in them may offend the tender consciences of those whom what they call "reason" compels to believe that there is no God. If it should imitate the Grand Orient, there will be no Freemasonry in France.

You will therefore henceforth admit as visitors of your bodies none who are of the obedience of the Grand Orient of France; nor sit with any such in the blue lodges; nor will you, in any country, visit symbolic lodges or other bodies of its obedience, until further order of the Supreme Council.

And may our Father which is in Heaven have you always in His holy keeping!

ALBERT PIKE, Sov. G. Com.

Mr. Frederick Stokes has been appointed Admiralty Proctor in succession to his father, Mr. Henry Graham Stokes, deceased.



No. 1 Question.—Is there anything in the Constitutions, or usages of the Craft to prevent the lodge from adding these words to the Bye-law.

No. 2 Question.—Can a lodge make a Bye-law whereby all the voting can be done in the Third Degree.

By giving a reply to the above questions, you will greatly oblige a

M.M. 711.

[In our humble opinion, both Bye-laws, the actual and proposed one, are illegal. 1.—There is no law possible by which a brother can be compelled to vote. 2.—The restrictions to Master Masons is entirely illegal, as the election of W.M. for instance, takes place in the First Degree, and Entered Apprentices, and Fellow Crafts have as much right to vote as Master Masons. 3.—We feel sure that on appeal to the Board of General Purposes, the law would be found to be as we have stated it.]

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

For some time past a desire has been expressed for the establishment of a new lodge at Bolton, and a petition was recently forwarded to the authorities of Grand Lodge, duly recommended by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie), praying H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, to grant a warrant for a new lodge, to be named after the patron saint of England, and nominating Bro. George Parker Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, as the first W.M.; Bro. Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G. S. of W., as Senior Warden; and Bro. J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Org., as Junior Warden. The M.W. Grand Master was graciously pleased to grant the prayer of the petition, and, accordingly, a warrant bearing His Royal Highness's signature has been issued, numbered 1723.

It may be here remarked that Bolton previously possessed four Masonic lodges, namely, the Anchor and Hope, No. 37, warranted in 1731; the Antiquity, No. 144, warranted in 1776; the St. John's, No. 221, warranted in 1797; and the St. John, No. 348, warranted in 1815. From this it will be seen that the youngest of these lodges is sixty-two years of age, and as Bolton is now a town of 100,000 inhabitants, it was naturally felt that there was quite room for the establishment of a new lodge without injuriously affecting any of the existing lodges.

The consecration of the new lodge was appointed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master to take place on Thursday, November 15th, and the brethren of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, having kindly granted permission, the ceremony was performed in their beautiful lodge room, at the Church Institute, which, in addition to the ordinary banners adorning its walls, was further decorated by a splendid silk banner belonging to the new lodge, also the banner of the St. John's Lodge, No. 221, and a number of the private banners of the promoters of the new lodge.

A large muster of the brethren testified to the interest taken in the proceedings, amongst those present being Bros. Col. de Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master; George Mellor, W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master; E. Ashworth, Prov. S.G. Warden; Albert Dickens, Prov. J.G. Warden; J. L. Hine, P. Prov. S.G. Warden; R. H. Hutchinson, P. Prov. S.G. Warden; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. E. H. Aldridge, Prov. G. Chaplain; James Hall, Prov. G. Treasurer; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Secretary; John Smith, Prov. S.G. Deacon; Franklin Thomas, Prov. J.G. Deacon; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Edmund Hardley, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies; Robt. Whitaker, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Organist; H. Greenwood, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Thos. Mitchell, Prov. G. Tyler; C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. of Greece; R. K. Freeman, W.M. 37; James Newton, P.M. 37; James Walker, P.M. 37; Rev. J. H. Gibson, Chap. 37; Richd. Hough, W.M. 146; Robt. Horridge, J.W. 146; Thos. Morris, P.M. 221; Geo. Ferguson, P.M. 221; Wm. Hewitt, P.M. 221; W. H. J. Jones, P.M. 221; J. M. Rutter, P.M. 221; Chas. Stanley, W.M. 221; Jas. Richardson, S.W. 221; J. H. Greenhalgh, J.W. 221; Thos. Higson, P.M. 348; Thos. Chambers, P.M. 348; Jas. Horrocks, P.M. 348; John Harwood, P.M. 348; Saml. Barrett, P.M. 348; and others.

The ceremony of consecration was effectively performed by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Chaplain's part being impressively rendered by Bro. the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Prov. G. Chaplain. The brethren selected to bear the elements of consecration were Bros. Jas. Hall, Prov. G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; and the Rev. E. H. Aldridge, Prov. G. Chaplain. An efficient glee party, consisting of Bros. Lister, Bailey, Kershaw, and Prestwich, contributed the musical portion of the ceremony, accompanied on the organ by Bro. Peter Staton.

The lodge having been constituted and dedicated, Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Sillitoe, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, who also invested the officers, viz.:—Bros. Thos. Entwisle, P.M., P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, S.W.; J. W. Taylor, P.M. P. Prov. G. Organist, J.W.; George Ferguson, P.M., Treasurer; J. M. Rutter, P.M., Secretary; Thos. Morris, P.M., S.D.; W. H. J. Jones, P.M., J.D.; Charles Stanley, W.M. 221, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Conservative Club, where the banquet was served, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The whole of the proceedings, both in the lodge and at the banquet, passed off in the most satisfactory manner, and reflected the highest credit on those concerned in the arrangements.

#### DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT GALASHIELS, N.B.

On Friday, the 16th inst., at Galashiels, a notable addition was made to the many Masonic halls which are springing up all over Scotland. The object of these structures is a most laudable one, that of separating the meetings of the Craft from the deleterious influences of taverns, and we wish our Scotch brethren God speed in their praiseworthy endeavours. St. John's Lodge, No. 262, was founded in 1816, and is a flourishing body, having also a Royal Arch Chapter, in full working order, in connection therewith, Flowers of the Forest, No. 128. The building under notice comprises a large hall, suitable for public meetings, as also lodge purposes, ante-rooms, a cottage for the custodian, three or four other cottages, and a handsome shop, the cost of which is about £3000, furnished by the brethren of Galashiels in the shape of a joint stock company. The corner stone of the structure was laid with Masonic honours in May last, by Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsence, R.W. Depute Grand Master of Scotland, and Provincial Grand Master of Peebles and Selkirkshire. Bro. Inglis on Friday last delegated the important duty of dedication to Bro. Dr. Middleton, Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Peebles and Selkirk, and the proceedings opened at four o'clock in the afternoon, when upwards of seventy members and visitors were present. Besides the acting Provincial Grand Master there were present Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of Scotland; W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler; J. Donaldson, Lodge 24, Peebles Kilwinning, as P.G.S.W.; R. Scott, Lodge 32, St. John's, Selkirk, as P.G.J.W.; R. Sanderson, Lodge 216, St. John's, Stow, P.G. Sec.; J. F. Walker, Lodge 216, P.G. Treas.; Rev. J. Murray, Lodge 24, P.G. Chap.; R. Scott, Lodge 262, St. John's, Galashiels; R. Melrose, Lodge 262, P.G. Tyler. There were deputations present from Lodges No. 2, Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh; No. 8, Journeyman, Edinburgh; No. 24, Peebles Kilwinning; No. 32, St. John's, Selkirk; No. 111, St. John's, Hawick; No. 216, St. John's, Stow; No. 261, Tweed, Kelso; and No. 392, Caledonian, Edinburgh. Bro. Adam Thompson, R.W.M. of No. 262, St. John's, Galashiels, was also supported by a strong muster of Galashiels brethren.

The R.W. acting Provincial Grand Master having opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Three Craft Degrees, the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with, and throughout was performed in the most impressive manner by the Provincial officers mentioned. Bro. Bryce, the Grand Tyler, acted as Director of Ceremonies, and the incidental prayers were delivered by Bro. Rev. J. Murray, P.G. Chaplain, whilst the music was under the direction of Bro. Robert Hogg. After the closing anthem had been sung, Bro. Adam Thompson conveyed the warm thanks of the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 262, to the R.W.P.G. Master in the chair for his kindness in performing the ceremony of dedication, and he invited the members of the P.G. Lodge to be their guests for the evening. Bro. Dr. Middleton expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and the members of the P.G. Lodge to be present on so auspicious an occasion, and he had the greatest pleasure in accepting the invitation.

Bro. Adam Thompson, R.W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 262, presided at the banquet, which was provided in the new hall.

The Chairman having given "The Holy Lodge of St. John," which was drunk in silence, "The Health of Her Majesty," followed by that of "The Prince of Wales, our Royal Patron," and "The Princess of Wales, with the other Members of the Royal Family," were drunk with all the honours. After "The Army, Navy, and the Volunteers," which was responded to by Bro. Boyce, R.W.M. Lodge 392, Caledonian, the Chairman, in the most fraternal terms, proposed "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and their respective Grand Masters," coupling the Grand Lodge of England with the name of Bro. T. Lamouby, P.M. 1002 (Freemason). Cockermouth, P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmoreland, who replied. The Chairman next proposed "The R.W. P.G. Master of Selkirk and Peebles, Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsence," which was drunk with "three times three." Bro. Dr. Middleton, in responding for Bro. Inglis, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the R.W.P.G. Master, through a combination of circumstances. He (Dr. Middleton) knew it would have given him the greatest pleasure to be present, and thereby inaugurate and complete the work he begun in May last. He trusted that the interesting ceremony of that day would act as an incentive to every other lodge in the province. (Cheers.) The Chairman gave "The Visiting Lodges," which was replied to by Bros. Drechsel, R.W.M., Canongate Kilwinning, 2; Davidson, R.W.M., Journeyman Lodge, 8; Donaldson, Lodge 24; R. Scott, Lodge 32; Wilson, Lodge 111, Hawick; Walker, Lodge 216, Stow; W. F. Vernon, R.W.M., Lodge 261, Kelso, (who said that the Kelso brethren were setting themselves about building a hall, whilst he added a few deprecatory remarks and hints anent against the stumbling block of holding their meetings in public-houses); and Bro. Bryce, R.W.M. Caledonian Lodge, 392.

The Chairman then rose to propose "The Health of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland." (Cheers.) He said no man in Scotland had done more for Masonry, knew more about it, or understood its failings better than Bro. Lyon. (Hear, hear.) They must not think he (the Chairman) was flattering their worthy brother because he was one of his opponents on the occasion of his election as Grand Secretary. (Laughter.) But from what he had seen of Bro. Lyon's great energy and abilities, he felt himself in duty bound to give him all the support he could. (Cheers.) He had found Bro. Lyon to be a thorough business man, and such a man was what they wanted in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

(Hear, hear.) He was now confident they would go on prospering, and the result would be that in a few years they would have a few thousands to devote to Masonic charity, which in Scotland had been too long neglected. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he considered Bro. Lyon the right man in the right place; and he sincerely trusted that every lodge would assist him to the utmost of their ability in the great object he had in view. (Cheers.)

Bro. Lyon, on rising to respond, was received with loud cheers. He said he had great pleasure in being present on so interesting an occasion. He was fully aware of the deep responsibilities attached to the high office he held in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he trusted that they would accept the assurance from him that if he failed it was not for want of energy and willingness. If he obtained the assistance of every lodge in Scotland, there could be no possible doubt of Masonry becoming what it should be; and already he saw evidences of a considerable improvement in their prospects, so much so, that the day was not far distant when they could boast of a considerable amount of money to devote to the widows and orphans of their Order, as also to the relief of their aged and infirm brethren. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dr. Middleton next gave "St. John's Lodge, No. 262, Galashiels," and in doing so referred to the interesting fact that in 1816 the lodge received its charter from Bro. Inglis, who was Deputy Grand Master of Scotland, whilst sixty years later Bro. Inglis's son laid the foundation of the handsome building in which they were then assembled. (Cheers.) That was something to be proud of. He remarked that to Bro. Adam Thompson, the R.W.M. of 262, was due the fact of the lodge being placed in the happy possession of a settled home. He hoped the brethren of the lodge would long continue to meet on the level and act on the square in that building; and he wished continued prosperity to St. John's Lodge.

The Chairman, in reply, reviewed the circumstances under which the new hall came into existence, and was hopeful that in ten or a dozen years they would be free of their liabilities, and then they would have something to spare for their poor brethren. (Cheers.)

The remainder of the toasts were "The Health of Bro. W. Turnbull, one of the founders of St. John's Lodge in 1816;" "The Ladies;" and "Freemasonry all over the World." The Chairman having given "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," the company joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

In the intervals several songs were contributed by the brethren present, and the proceedings, which throughout were highly successful, and excellently arranged, were brought to a conclusion with a ball.

#### REMINISCENCES OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 58, KELSO, N.B.

So frequently have the columns of the *Freemason* been devoted to antiquarian research in connection with our dear old Craft, that your correspondent (an English Mason) may be pardoned for presuming to inflict on your many readers what he conceives to be subject matter of the most interesting character. During my professional peregrinations through the "land of brown heath and shaggy wood," I always make a point of attending lodge, chapter, or conclave, whichever may happen to be working, in a town where I take up my quarters for the evening. Well, then, on Wednesday, the 7th of November just past, after dinner, and when I had cast away all thoughts of work, after a hard day, I pulled out my indispensable "Cosmopolitan Calendar," and, on turning to Kelso, where, bye-the-bye, I was quartered, I found that Tweed Lodge, No. 261, held their monthly meeting that very evening. Calling on an acquaintance and brother, he kindly offered to introduce me to his lodge, but previously, I should mention, conducted me to the R.W.M., Bro. W. F. Vernon, a frater whom, I am happy to say, I was speedily at home with. Before proceeding to the Cross Keys Hotel, where Tweed Lodge holds its meetings, Bro. Vernon in the kindest manner gave me some valuable particulars in connection with Freemasonry in Scotland, as it existed a hundred and seventy years ago, that I was not slow to avail myself of, for I must confess to being a sort of Jonathan Oldbuck in matters Masonic. It seems that Tweed Lodge, No. 261, is not the only lodge in Kelso, holding a charter. Many years ago there existed a St. John's Lodge, numbering 58 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and which also flourished in that border town somewhere about half a century before the formation of a Grand Lodge in Scotland. St. John's Lodge was founded in the year 1701, but I must first explain the how interesting particulars I am about to relate came to the knowledge of the Kelso brethren of the present day. Some few years ago, it became known to the brethren of Tweed Lodge, the charter of which latter, I should say, dates from 1816, that the clothing, jewels, charter, &c., of the old St. John's Lodge were in the possession of the widow of a former R.W.M., and who held the property in lien for a debt. The old lady, who had had the chest and its contents forty years, very willingly parted with the interesting relics for a five pound note, and the whole are now in the careful possession of my new friend, Bro. Vernon, who, on the evening mentioned, was kind and courteous enough to allow me an inspection of them. The minute book I went hurriedly through, and can only give the first entry, which is dated Kelso, December, 27, 1701. Here is the first minute, recording the formation of the lodge, and the election of its officers:—

"The whilk day the companie of Masons of the honourable Lodg of Kelso, under the protection of Saint John, having met there and considered all former sedents, and that the Master and Warden and Treasurer, with the officers, were only to continue to this day, (Dec. 27, 1701).



## MASONIC SERMON.

Preached by Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., Vicar of Brooklands, Manchester, Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire, at Withington Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 27th, on behalf of the Indian Famine Fund.

Mark vi, 34: "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion towards them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd."

Freemasonry is not a religion; the only religion for us is faith in God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. But if Masonry be not a religion, it is at any rate a grand system of moral teaching, founded on the first principles of religion; so that no Mason can be a sincere follower of the great truths which he constantly bears taught in our Masonic ceremonies without being a religious man. It is, therefore, strictly in accordance with the tenets of our ancient Order that we should meet to-day in God's holy house for the furtherance of that great principle of charity, which should be, and I trust is the distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason's heart. It is on behalf of our suffering fellow-subjects in India that I have now the privilege of addressing you; and I call upon you to follow the example of Him who was both God and man—of Him who was the world's great teacher of love, as we see Him in the text, moved with compassion at the sight of the multitudes who had followed Him, fainting from their long fast, and whom He fed from His bounteous store. The people of Galilee had been gathering into the towns, such as Capernaum, preparatory to going up to the approaching Feast of the Passover at Jerusalem. The crowds that had waited on Jesus to hear His words and see His miracles were thus much increased. His disciples had just returned from their first missionary journey. Therefore, to escape the throng, to give some needed rest to His disciples, and probably too, to give Himself an opportunity of instructing them in the kingdom of Heaven. He suddenly withdrew from Capernaum by boat, and passed over to the north-east shore of the Sea of Tiberias to a "desert place." But the people would not let Him thus escape them; they watched the direction of His boat, and when they had made sure where He would land they followed Him on foot out of all the cities and villages roundabout. In their hurry and excitement the majority had brought no food. Towards evening, signs of exhaustion were apparent among many in the crowd, who had come from far. The disciples, probably wishing to be rid of responsibility, begged Jesus to send them away. But not so: Jesus never drove suppliants away empty; but moved with compassion when he saw the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd, He made them, there in the wilderness, recipients of His bounty. He did not ask if they were all Jews; or if they had all come with right motives; or if they were all His friends. He did not say that He would feed only the aged and the weak, and the rest must return home. No; He commanded that all without exception should sit down on the ground in order; and then, after calling down God's blessing on the small provision of the five loaves and two fishes, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitude, as much as they would. It is in the same Divine spirit of ungrudging charity that I ask you to approach the subject of the relief of those famishing multitudes in India, not perhaps of your race, religion, or colour, but still children of the one Great Father—whose sad case I plead to-day. In 1757, a hundred and twenty years ago, the great Clive won the battle of Plassey, and laid the foundation of our Indian empire. By a continued course of conquest and annexation we have gone on, adding territory to territory, till we now rule over some 180,000,000 people. But never have we had such an opportunity of covering ourselves with glory as now, in taking the people of India as our children under our protection, and, in their defence, fighting against this terrible enemy, Famine. For more than twelve months has this dread foe been advancing in our territory—constantly have we looked for that rain, which would have been our best ally, and we looked in vain. God seemed for a time to have mysteriously turned away His mercy from us, for the sky was as brass, and the earth as iron. As week followed week, the battle grew even fiercer—cholera, dysentery, fever, brought up their serried battalions, and counted their slain by ever-increasing thousands; many were only saved from starving to be withered by the hot blast of pestilence. In one district alone, in one month, the death rate rose from 1774 to 11,800, i.e., in plain English, 10,000 people died from famine and pestilence. The government of India put forth almost superhuman efforts to stay the ravages; the officials worked with the most untiring energy and perseverance; relief camps were established in central positions throughout the country; the service of the railway was improved, till at length it was able to transport 4000 tons of grain per diem; local committees were formed in towns and villages and supplied with funds from the central committee in Madras; large public works were commenced and the able-bodied drafted to them—still the famine kept steadily advancing, the number of people receiving relief kept steadily rising, the price of food-grains was five and six times their nominal value. In the midst of this dire distress an appeal comes to the people of England for aid; and the people, who had been waiting in suspense, at once generously responded, and by this time more than half a million must have been sent to India. Now this was the condition of things when the north-east monsoon broke on India with its priceless showers. One year of famine was closing, and we appeared to be entering on a second; three quarters of a million sterling being spent per month; food-grains five times the usual price; between three and four millions of people dependent on the government; at least one million and a half of people dead in the Madras Presidency alone. The first campaign had been fought, and it had

been disastrous in the loss of life and property, but there was a second campaign in prospect, to face which would require the whole Imperial resources, used without stint. If rain had been withheld in October, the spring of next year would have seen the Hindoos dying not by thousands but by millions. From this awful calamity, God, by His goodness in sending the needful rain, has saved us; and now what we have to do is to fight courageously on till the end of the year, and then the grandest warfare a government ever waged will be closed, if not with victory, yet with a triumph to be measured by the salvation of four millions of people, who, but for the British government and the British people, must have perished miserably. At the present moment (October) there are between 80,000 and 90,000 centres of population, i.e. towns and villages, to be guarded from death. By the last return in Mysore and Madras, there were 592,805 persons on the public works, and 1,410,716 persons receiving gratuitous relief. If to these we add those in the Bombay Presidency and the Native States, we have a total of 772,805 on public works, and 1,910,716 receiving gratuitous relief, making up a grand total of 2,683,521 persons dependent upon the government. Let us now compare this state of things with the Cotton Famine in Lancashire, with the details of which most of you whom I am now addressing are acquainted. The Cotton Famine lasted from March, 1862, to the end of June, 1863. We may say with tolerable certainty the crisis of the Cotton Famine was in December, 1862. Now at that time the total number of persons relieved from parochial rates and by the relief committees amounted to 496,816, or say in round numbers half a million. The total amount of money voluntarily subscribed was £1,974,203, or say in round numbers two millions. If we say there are now three millions dependent on the government of India, we see that the number of persons relieved in the Cotton Famine was as one-sixth of the number in India, while the amount of money contributed for the Cotton Famine is four times the amount contributed for this famine in India. In other words, six times the number of people have to be relieved with one fourth the amount of money. Now if we give one shilling per head per week to the three millions in India, to keep them alive, it will cost us £150,000 per week; or reckoning children at sixpence per week it will cost say £100,000. Thus you see in how short a time half a million of money will be swallowed up. Still, it is to be remembered that every one who gives a single shilling will help to keep a fellow creature alive for a week; if he gives ten shillings, for ten weeks; if he gives a pound, for twenty weeks. Let this simple fact, put in this homely fashion, urge us to-day to give as much as we can afford. God, however, in His goodness and mercy has again smiled on India: the rain has descended, the intensity of the distress is abating. What is the result of this happy change? People at home are jumping to the conclusion that all danger is past and suffering too—that there is no further need of help. In a sort of prevision of this feeling there came a timely telegram from Simla of Oct. 14th—"Well to warn the people of England that, though there is every prospect of the Madras Famine terminating, yet, an infinite amount of misery will still have to be endured, and the need of alleviation will be for a time as pressing as ever." The distress is no doubt daily lessening, but by the last accounts we read that in Bangalore some thirty dead are picked up in the streets daily—in Mysore thousands are dying from want of clothing to protect them from the cold of the nights. Doubtless the rain brought hope to minds worn out by the persistence of the pressure: there were very many to whom even hope came too late. The crisis of the battle is past, the victory is assured, but the wounded and the disabled must be cared for—those who have been struck down in the heat of the fight, and are now helpless and forlorn. A great famine like a great war leaves distress in its track, and it will be months yet before the feeble, the sick, and the dying, will cease to need our help. By next February, if all goes well, the people will be out of danger; but in the meantime very much has to be done. Even in February, with the most favourable conditions, the circumstances of the people in the stricken districts will be this—all the cattle will be gone, implements of husbandry sold for food, houses bare of furniture, the silver ornaments of the women (which compose the family property) sold or melted down—all disposable property vanished, and no reserve force to fall back upon. All but bare life will have been devoured by the consuming fire of famine! Surely it is not yet time to stay our hands, or imagine our work is done. We cannot suppose that a great and prolonged famine can blast a whole country, and then pass away without leaving a trace of its fell march. It has stripped whole territories bare, and left a vast number of cultivators without any present means of support, worn out by hunger and sickness, and unable to till the ground, which is now ready to bring forth. The caste prejudices of the Hindoos have added greatly to the difficulties of the government. In very many cases they have held out as long as anything has been left, and then when all is gone and they are on the point of starvation, they crowd into the large towns, or the relief camps, and die by thousands in the roads. In some famine districts the fields are strewn with the dead as after a great battle, who have died, not in desperate charge, or in hot blood roused by the glare of battle—not standing shoulder to shoulder have they died; but worn out by exhaustion and hunger, weary with hope deferred they have sunk down in loneliness to gasp forth their life, unknown, unwept. Thank God we may begin to look forward to the time when aid will be no longer needed, and when, the famine and all its accompanying horrors shall be a story of the past. What that story shall be, will much depend on what we do in the interval. It will be a sad record anyhow; but it is not yet fully written, and it will rest with

After a matur deliberation, put it to the vot, who continou the first officers, or elect now, and it was carried to con- inu. And it was resolved that this and all following sederents shall be registrat in a book to be be kept by the Treserur, and only subscribed by the Master and next ofisor, or assistants, in case of the Master's absens. It was also resolved that all Enterd Prentises shall pay eight pounds Scots, with their gloves, to be paid to the Treasrer for the use of the society, and all the gentlemen who are the honorary members of the companie, obleidg themselves to pay a crown yearlo, to wit, on Saint John's Day, for the us of treed and all treedsmen, and to pay a shillin in yearly, on Saint John's Day, on the first Tuesdai of Junis apoynted for a yearly meeting, as well as Saint John's Day, to be held at Kelso, for the enterig and recording either treedsmen or others that the companie shall think fit to record; as also it was concluded, that for every absent on either of the forward days, that each person absent, whether honorary or otherways, shall pay a crown apiece, unless he find such a reasonable excus as the meeting shall be satisfyd with, which is to be contained in the sederent of the day. The companie also resolved that when an entered prentis is registrat as Master or fellow of the Craft, that he must pay fyv shillins, with new gloves, to the society."

These minutes were signed on the 2nd of June, 1702, by "Sir John Pringle, R.W.M.," by which it would appear that the lodge only assembled once a year, that is to say on the Festival of Saint John the Baptist. Passing over to St. John's Day, 1705, there are a lot of fines entered for absence, the first of whom is Sir John Pringle, aforesaid, who, with the Laird of Grubbit, the Laird of Clifton, Cherry Trees (probably another "Laird"), Stodrig, and a Cornet Drummond, are fined two pounds ten shillings each; whilst James Burnie, Andrew Borthwick, and John Esart are mulcted in the sum of twelve shillings each; and "Lovetennant" Bennett thirty shillings. An addendum to this entry was as follows:—"These persons are all deficient of their stent, and fined for absence, conforme with the statutes of the lodg." What is the meaning of "stent," I could not make out; but perhaps that able and erudite Masonic scholar, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland, may enlighten us. May the word not signify the dues? If so, the total amount opposite each brother's name will include arrears of dues and fines. Proceeding on there is a resolution enjoining brethren to return straight to their several homes, after lodge business, so as not to "bring Masonry into disrepute." In 1753 St. John's Lodge subscribed the handsome sum of £50 towards building the old Tweed Bridge, at Kelso, which structure was carried away by a flood forty-five years later. At the same time the lodge subscribed £5 to the Melrose Bridge. This goes far to show that the members were an opulent class of Craftsmen. Not the least interesting part of this minute book are the signatures of the brethren belonging to the lodge, as also visitors. One of the first in the book is a Walter Scott, (1701), in all probability an ancestor of his illustrious namesake; the "Wizard of the North," who likewise was a Mason. A Duke of Roxburghe's autograph is dated August 11th, 1804, but the peculiarity of the signature nearly all through the book, extending over a century, is the appendage to each name, corresponding in many instances with the trade, calling, or profession of the brother. Thus an artist has a pallet tacked to his name; an architect a house; and so on. In the earlier years of the lodge, however, are appended angular characters something approximating to the marks of the Mark Master Masons of the present day. Amongst the visitors on October 25th, 1785, was the great Italian aeronaut, in whose honour a peculiarly-shaped bonnet, worn by ladies of fashion at that time, was named, and to which Bro. Robert Burns alluded in one of his well-known poems, thus:—

"I wadna been surpris'd to spy  
You on an auld wife's flamen toy;  
Or aiblins some bit daddie boy,  
On's wylecoat;  
But Miss's fine Lunardi, fye!  
How daur ye do't?"

This was Vincent Lunardi, whose bold signature and address (Lucca, Italy) is embellished with a pen and ink sketch of a balloon. Leaving the old minute book and its curiosities, I had a glimpse at the charter of St. John's Lodge, which is dated so late as 1754, and signed by Ch. Hamilton Gordon, Grand Master; John Williamson, Deputy Grand Master; and Geo. Frazer, Substitute Grand Master. Then again, there is a parchment document, dated 1805, a sort of obligation, to which all strange visiting brethren had to subscribe their signatures by way of test. This large sheet of parchment is covered with signatures, a great many being the autographs of French officers, on their parole, during the Peninsular war. The old lodge Bible is in splendid preservation, as in fact are all the tools, jewels, and clothing, thus fortunately rescued from the limbo of obscurity through the enterprise of the brethren of Tweed Lodge.

I should add that the brethren of Tweed Lodge have petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for permission to adopt the charter of No. 58, of which to-day, I believe, there are only two, or at most three, members living at Kelso.

I may conclude by adding that the pleasure of inspecting these relics was not a little enhanced by a visit to the Tweed Lodge the same evening, where the Third Degree was conferred on one candidate, another being absent, whilst three were proposed for initiation. The brethren of Tweed Lodge are eminent and practical exponents of the greatest of Masonic virtues, inasmuch as they recently organised a concert in aid of the "Indian Famine Relief Fund," which, after defraying expenses, realised the handsome surplus of £65.

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the English people to settle its final details, whether it shall tell of heedlessness and heartlessness on the part of that great Christian nation which has conquered India, or whether, as I believe it will be, it shall form one of the most glorious pages in the long and eventful history of this ancient monarchy. At any rate, we know how the case stands and the nature of the call made upon us. If we are to meet it as we ought, and not leave a good work half done, then the tide of charity must flow on some time longer. Would you know something of what is actually taking place? Come with me then to one of the many relief camps, say the one at Bellary. It contains 3600 stricken wretches, all either suffering from ailments brought on by hunger or too weak to labour. The camp is divided into two parts—in one are the hospitals, in the other are large compartments in which the people are classified. If we enter the first compartment we shall find 600 orphan boys, in another hundreds of orphan girls, in a third coolies, in a fourth women and children. In that shed over there are the worst starvation cases, many men, more children, some few sitting, most lying prostrate on the earth, the only sign of life a slow gasping for breath, mere skeletons covered with wrinkled discoloured skin. Let us watch the distribution of relief. In front of us are two Englishmen giving out the doles of food or money to a crowd of famishing natives; to our right are two strong coolies carrying off a sort of square box suspended from a pole on their shoulders. In this box lie a heap of bones; but look a little closer, and you will perceive that what seemed a heap of bones will resolve itself into the living skeleton of a child sitting upright in the cold embrace of its dead mother. A little beyond is the emaciated form of a young woman leaning against the wheel of a wagon, evidently in the last stage of exhaustion. At the back of the crowd is a woman holding aloft, in outstretched arms, her starving infant as she pleads for food. Here again is a woman with dishevelled hair, clasping to her bosom a wee little child that is crying bitterly for food. In the background we can see coolies dragging carts to the camp laden with miserable wretches, who have probably been found on the road-side, worn out in trying to reach the relief camp. Everywhere are men, old and young, bearing stolidly and patiently the fire that is consuming their vitals, till their turn comes to be fed, or to die. Come out of this camp to that tree over yonder; at some time it has been struck with lightning, which has left a great rift in its massive trunk. What, think you, mean those carrion crows waiting there so ominously? In the rift of the trunk is an object sitting upright, staring with vacant glassy eyes, its lips swollen and parched, its body a mass of staring bones, a low hollow moan in place of a voice. Close by this living skeleton is the little babe, once so merry and so bright, the joy of that poor mother's heart, now lying stark and dead, with its little hands and arms bent convulsively back. We understand now why the carrion birds are waiting. This is not a solitary case, it is only a type of thousands. Up to July it is calculated that three-quarters of a million of people had been done to death in the Madras Presidency alone. What will be the terrible death roll by December 31st? What would have been the fate of these miserable people if there had been no British government to help them God alone knows. But Christian England has had compassion on the multitudes. The example of that Divine and Beneficent Being, who came to seek and save that which was lost, as we see Him, moved with compassion for the multitudes in Galilee, who were as sheep without a shepherd, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, binding up the broken-hearted—that example has been working with its gracious power on the hearts of the English people, whose great pity has been moved to its depths by the sight of that patient, gentle people perishing for want, and perishing without a murmur. As Freemasons we have no need to hide our heads for shame in this matter—we have not been backward in this noble cause—we have not asked that the money subscribed by the Grand Lodge of England, the Provincial Grand Lodges, or by local lodges should be given only to Freemasons—for we have many brethren in that distant land—we have only asked that the money we give should be dispersed with an ungrudging hand, and that the passport to the reception of our charity should be the proved need of the suppliant. Give to-day with a bountiful and ungrudging spirit: as God gives, who makes His sun to shine upon the evil and the good. Give as Christ gave to the fainting multitude on the shore of the Sea of Galilee; not asking if they be Jew or Gentile, bond or free. And, as the mighty Mississippi rolls its majestic waters into the bosom of the thirsty ocean, asking nothing in return, but with its undiminished store ever replenished by the rains of heaven, so give to-day, expecting nothing in return, and God will shower down upon you the richest blessings of His heavenly store now and for ever.

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## GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We have been favoured with a copy of a letter addressed by the Supreme Council 33° for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, to the Grand Orient of France, and of a resolution by the said Supreme Council, forbidding Masonic communication between members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, under their allegiance, and those under obedience of the Grand Orient, in consequence of the latter body having ruled it to be unnecessary to require of candidates for admission into Freemasonry a declaration of their belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

It should be understood that all French Freemasons do not come under this ban; the Masonic Craft in France is governed, not as in England by one Grand Lodge, but by two separate bodies, each one having under its obedience lodges of the blue, or symbolic degrees. One of these bodies is the "Grand Orient," which by its late unhappy decree has violated all Masonic law and tradition, by "tolerating an Atheistic principle;" the other is a "Supreme Council," which demands of its members a declaration of their belief in God, as is required in our own lodges, and further insists that every summons and official document emanating from its lodges shall be superscribed with the holy name which every true Freemason is taught to reverence.

The Supreme Council of France is a member of the confederation which held its congress at Lausanne in 1875, and in friendly relations with the Supreme Council of England, as well as with all other legitimate Supreme Councils.

The letter and resolution under notice are as follows:—  
To Illustrious Brother Thevenot, Grand Secretary General of the Grand Orient of France.

Dear Sir and Illustrious Brother,

On the 17th October last, under the instructions of the Supreme Council 33° for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, I had the honour to address you on the subject of a rumour which had reached the Supreme Council, that the Grand Orient of France no longer required from candidates for admission into the Masonic Order a declaration of their belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, known in Masonic language as "The Great Architect of the Universe."

I have not been favoured with a reply to that letter, but this Supreme Council have, since it was written, read the report of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France held on the 13th September last, confirming the rumour which they had heard with so much regret.

You are aware, that in this country a belief in the existence of God is regarded to be absolutely essential as a qualification for admission into Freemasonry, and consequently that no one can be recognised as a Freemason unless he holds that belief.

The Supreme Council trusts that it may not be too late for the Grand Orient of France to re-consider its decision, and to revoke what must inevitably lead to its rejection by all true Masonic bodies.

Feeling however that they cannot conscientiously regard as Freemasons any persons under the obedience of a body which tolerates an Atheistic principle, this Supreme Council have deemed it necessary to instruct their Secretary General to warn by circular-letter the several chapters under their control that no Masonic communion be permitted with any persons under the allegiance of the Grand Orient of France unless the objectionable decree be annulled.

I am to add that it is with the feelings of the very deepest regret that the Supreme Council have felt it incumbent upon them to take this extreme step in vindication of what they consider to be the highest interests of Freemasonry.

I am, dear Sir and Ill. Brother, yours fraternally,  
(Signed) HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°,  
Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence.  
33, Golden-square, London, W., 7th November, 1877.

### RESOLUTION.

Passed by the Supreme Council 33° for England, Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, on Wednesday, the 7th November, 1877:—

Whereas the Grand Orient of France confers Masonic Degrees from the Fourth to the Eighteenth Degree and upwards;

And whereas at their meeting held on the 13th day of September, 1877, they have declared it to be unnecessary to require of candidates for admission into Freemasonry a declaration of their belief in the existence of God, the Great Architect of the Universe;

And whereas this Supreme Council holds such a declaration to be a necessary condition of admission into Freemasonry; and further that no person can be legitimately regarded as a Freemason unless he doth declare his belief in Almighty God.

It is resolved that this Supreme Council 33° does from henceforth cease to hold any alliance or Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, and does hereby instruct and direct its subordinate bodies to hold no communion in the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, from the 4° to the 33° inclusive, with the members of the various bodies established by, or owing allegiance to, the said Grand Orient.

And it is ordered that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Orient of France, as also to all Supreme Councils 33° with which this Supreme Council is in fraternal alliance, for their general information; and further, that notification of the same be forthwith transmitted to all the subordinate bodies holding under, and bearing allegiance to, this Supreme Council 33°, in order that the decision herein recorded may come into full force and execution without delay.

Certified to be a true copy. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°,  
Gd. Secretary-General, Supreme Council  
of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 30, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Lodge 1563, City of Westminster, Regent M.H.  
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.  
" 1706, Orpheus, Dick's Coffee Ho., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, the Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chmbrs., Vic.-st. S.W.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rms., St. James's.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.  
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.  
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Rose Croix Chap. Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

General Com. Grand Lodge.  
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" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.  
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, E.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H.  
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
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Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

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Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
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Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
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Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
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Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
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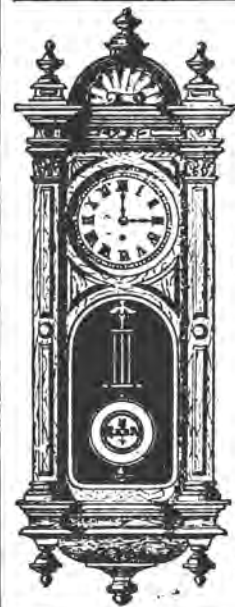
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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 5th December, 1877.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September, 1877, for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will refer to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France.

The Grand Secretary to read a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire.

Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—

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Report of the Board of General Purposes :—

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3636 18s. 11d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

## APPEALS :—

(1) Appeal of Brother John Henry Henry, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, against a judgment of the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire,—the late Earl of Shrewsbury,—for deciding a case, and censuring Brother Henry, without hearing him.

(2) Appeal of Brother Alfred Leander Vailant and others against a judgment of the Deputy District Grand Master for British Burmah, declaring Brother the Rev. John E. Marks eligible to be elected Master of Lodge Victoria, in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, he not having previously served as a Warden and not having been present when appointed Senior Warden, consequently not having served as "Warden for one year" as required by the Constitutions, Article 2, page 62. Also against the exclusion of Brother A.L. Vaillant and five other brethren from the said Lodge, No. 832.

The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during Office hours.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

By V.W. Brother the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain :—

1. That the 300 petitions now presented to Grand Lodge on what is commonly called "The German question" be received.

2. That whereas it appears from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand National Lodge of the Prussian States (called The Three Globes, held at Berlin) that those only who profess the Christian faith are eligible to become member of the Craft in any Lodge within its jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge, in the interests of Masonry, would respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge aforesaid a reconsideration of the following section of the Book of Constitutions :—

Page 50, Section 165, Clause 1.

In the jurisdiction of the Great National Mother Lodge (of The Three Globes) only those may be proposed for acceptance into Freemasonry who acknowledge Christian belief (Christlichen Glauben) without distinction of sect.

Page 51, Section 167.

It is necessary for the candidate to state, &c.

Clause 3.—His religion (Creed).

Clause 9.—Whether he has tried hitherto to fulfil his duties as a Christian citizen, and whether he will continue to do so.

Page 57, Clause 197.

Every brother who wishes to join a lodge of our Constitution must be of Christian faith, and able to give his honourable discharge from his former Lodge by a written discharge therefrom, &c., &c., &c., with a view to widening the basis on which German Masonry now stands, and bringing it into more complete and fraternal harmony with Freemasonry throughout the world.

3. That in order to give effect to the foregoing resolutions the M.W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to communicate them to the Grand Lodge of Germany in any manner his Royal Highness may deem most expedient.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. W. E. Newton, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, Bros. S. D. Ewins, S.W.; Dr. Cutmore, J.W.; Geo. J. Kain, P.M., Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.M., Secretary; E. Kidman, S.D.; W. Drake, J.D.; W. J. Roberts, I.G.; A. Braun, P.M.; G. Newman, P.M.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; A. C. Rees, P.M. There were also present among others, Bros. John White, W.M. 1076; John Dorton, I.P.M. 1076; H. B. Holliday, F. Brien, A. Renshaw, W. H. Rudderforth, 13, &c.; W. Morgan, and H. Massey, (Freemason). Bro. James Turle Lee was passed to the Second Degree; and Messrs. Eugene Wood, William John Heath, and Pay were initiated. Bro. W. J. Miller, P.M. then installed Bro. S. D. Ewins, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master, who afterwards invested as his officers Bros. W. E. Newton, Dr. I.P.M.; Cutmore, S.W.; E. Kidman, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treasurer; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; W. Drake, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; Smart, I.G.; Geo. Newman, P.M., W.S.; Collins, D.C.; Grant, Tyler. Bro. Miller then delivered the addresses, and the W.M. presented Bro. Newton in the name of the lodge with a handsome P.M. jewel. On the motion of Bro. Capt. Kain, P.M., Treasurer, seconded by Bro. George Newman, an alteration of the bye-laws was agreed to by the following resolution :—"That the Resolution passed on the 27th January, 1876, suspending Bye-law No. 25 (which limited the number of the Members of this Lodge to fifty), be rescinded, and that the Bye-law resume its operation, as if no such resolution had been passed." lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; after which the toasts were proposed and responded to in very few words. Bro. Wood, replying as an initiate, said he should like to convey his thanks as fully as he felt them for the honour conferred on him by his admission to the Order. When he meant to enter Freemasonry he was anxious to belong to an Order that numbered such good and worthy men, and now that he had found out what its principles were, he trusted he should endeavour to maintain the principles that had been laid down to him that evening. That he might become an honour to the Craft he sincerely wished, and he was confident he should never regret that he had become a brother among Masons. Bro. Pay also trusted that he should become a good Mason; and Bro. Heath expressed the same idea. Bro. Norton, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W.M." They were not yet in a position to say a great deal of Bro. Ewins' working, but they must all admit that he had shown that evening that he possessed a knowledge of what he was about. From the manner in which he had invested his officers there was good ground for forming the opinion that he would make a most efficient Master. Upon what he had done he merited the warmest congratulation; and if he had done so then when the chair was so new to him, fair expectations might be entertained that in his year of office he would display still greater experience. The W.M., in replying, said that he hoped his year of office would be satisfactory to the brethren. He had to thank the brethren very much for their kindness to him that evening, and he would endeavour to repay it by the exercise of his best abilities in the working of the lodge. "The Visitors" having been honoured and responded to, Bro. Miller replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s." All the P.M.'s were anxious to do their duties, and to do the best they could for the lodge's welfare. It was their pleasure as well as their duty, and in the performance of the installation ceremony he had striven to render it worthy of such a distinguished lodge. Bros. Kain, Worrell, and Dr. Cutmore very briefly responded to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," and after the Tyler's toast the brethren separated. Bros. J. Turle Lee and others entertained the brethren with some charming music.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, November 22nd, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. At five o'clock sharp the Worshipful Master, Brother J. J. Pakes, opened the lodge. The letter announcing that the late Senior Warden had ceased to be a member of the Craft and the removal of his name from the list of members having been unanimously agreed to, Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M., appointed and invested with the collar and jewel of their office as his officers, Bros. G. T. Limm, S.W.; R. Harman, J.W.; J. G. Vohmann, S.C.; G. Harvey, J.D.; W. A. R. Harris, I.G.; the appointment of the Inner Guard gave great satisfaction, for he is a worthy brother, and has distinguished himself as a good worker of the ceremonies in the Craft. The arduous duties

of the W.M., (after the minutes had been read, confirmed and signed by the W.M.) then commenced. He in his usual careful manner initiated Mr. Thomas Weston into the mysteries and the privileges of ancient Freemasonry, Bro. G. Andrews, P.M. impressively giving the all-important charge to the Entered Apprentice who retired. The craftsmen, Bros. William Henry Luckraft, John Eberhardt Schnabel, and John Lorenz Brodbeck, gave every proof of superior proficiency by the admirable manner in which they exhibited the knowledge they all possessed when answering the usual interrogatories. To add to the solemnity of the raisings each brother was introduced separately, Bro. W. H. Luckraft—then J. E. Schnabel—and last came J. L. Brodbeck, the W.M. distinguishing himself by the correct manner he gave every portion of the ceremony, including the traditional history, and the ever-important lecture on the tracing board, not of course omitting all the tools. The father of the Lodge Bro. Frederick Walters, P.M., and Secretary, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, made a forcible appeal for some member of the Lodge to represent it as its Steward for the Benevolent Institution in 1878, pointing out to the newly appointed S.W., how desirable it would be for him to accept that office. His efforts were warmly supported by the late Steward, Bro. H. J. Tuson, I.P.M., and there being no volunteers, Bro. G. T. Limm, S.W., in a gracious manner accepted, and was elected to that honourable position. Some names were given in for initiation which may render it imperative to have an emergency meeting before Christmas. The usual formalities were observed in closing, and the lodge adjourned to Thursday, January 24th, 1878, to meet at 5 p.m. There were present besides those named Bros. W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; J. Truelove, P.M.; all the officers and nearly fifty members. The only visitors were Bros. J. T. Adams, 1326; John Evans, 767. There being no banquet, or any refreshment, the brethren separated about nine o'clock, well satisfied with having spent nearly four hours in labour.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Wednesday evening. The following officers were present :—Bros. H. R. Jones, W.M.; W. A. Morgan, S.W.; A. M. Newens, J.W.; J. B. Walker, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; and S. Steed, Tyler. The Past Masters were Bros. P. Cooke, J. G. Carter, E. H. Boddy, J. G. Kewney, F. H. Newens, and G. Howick. The brethren were Bros. R. Watkin, G. Clarke, J. W. Haines, G. W. Smith, R. Neal, G. Neal, G. Fortescue, W. Springett, J. Stonehewer, S. C. Landon, H. F. Goodchild, and A. A. Denham. Bros. O. H. Keeley, 1184; H. Bickerstaff, and E. Carter, 1044, were visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. Reed (Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420), was elected a joining member, being proposed by Bro. P. Cooke, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Kewney, P.M. The ballot was then taken for two new members, Mr. William Price and Mr. Henry John Newens. The former was proposed by Bro. W. J. Huntley, and seconded by Bro. H. N. Newens, while the latter was proposed by Bro. A. N. Newens, and seconded by Bro. Past Master F. H. Newens. The election proved unanimous, and the candidates were then duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones. Bro. A. A. Denham, seconded by Bro. W. J. Huntley, gave notice of motion, that he intended bringing forward. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., whose health was proposed by Bro. Past Master P. Cooke, and drank with Masonic honours. Other customary toasts were given.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. T. Kingham, the W.M., with Bros. T. Williams, I.P.M.; J. J. Michel, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, J.D. and Secretary; C. T. Scales, J.W.; W. Side, S.D.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clark, W.S.; H. L. Wegrove, Steward and Assistant Secretary; J. Daly, Tyler. The new lodge was opened in due form, and Bros. Poole and Shuttleworth were raised, Bros. Barton, H. Clark, and Holden were passed, and Messrs. J. J. Steele, Channing, and two other gentlemen were duly initiated. At the conclusion of the Masonic business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The third regular meeting of this young but prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Prince George, Park-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; Francis Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; J. B. Scriven, Treasurer; Alfred Sack, Sec.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; H. John, J.D.; J. H. Wilkin, I.G.; Charles Arnold, S. Stampfer, 6; F. Brown, G. Clark, E. C. Dyer, W. J. Darnell, F. Haines, Henry Leach, and A. R. Foster. Visitors: Bros. J. Perry Godfrey, W.M. 1201; James Pinder, P.M.; George Phythian, S.W. 22; R. W. Muggeridge, 538; H. Edmunds, 805; George Clark, 1662; T. W. Clarke, 1567. The lodge was opened in due form, and the ballot taken for Mr. A. R. Foster, a candidate for Masonry, who was unanimously elected, and being present was initiated. Bros. George Clark, S. Stampfer, and Charles Arnold were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was worked by the W.M., Bro. Henry Muggeridge, and all present were delighted. This veteran in Masonry was never in better form; the working was really splendid. After propositions in open lodge for candidates and joining members, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a pretty little dinner provided to order by Bro. Glennie, of Kingsland. Short speeches were made by Bro. Henry Muggeridge, W.M., much to the purpose, and the evening was spent to the great enjoyment of all present. Really this is a compact and quite a jolly little lodge, quite a family party. All work well together, and for so young a lodge does great credit to all connected. It affords us great pleasure to speak so favourably of new lodges. After an evening well



spent the members separated, some living a long distance, to get well drenched by rain or almost blown away by the wind during the heavy gale.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The first meeting of this lodge since the installation of the present W.M., Bro. S. Waters, took place on Wednesday the 21st, at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, when, notwithstanding the steady downpour of rain and altogether uncongenial state of the weather, there was a good muster of both brethren and visitors. The officers present beside the W.M., were Past Masters, T. Butt, I.P.M.; S. Goddard, E. Bowles, C. Norman, W. C. W. Hobson, and J. Henderson, (the former of whom is Treas. and the latter Sec. of the lodge); A. C. Woodley, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; J. Wilkins, S.D.; E. B. Hobson, J.D.; C. Cooke, Organist, W. McCoy, I.G.; G. Beaver, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. W. B. Lloyd, S.D. 913; H. Ritchings, 1151; H. Pryce, 913 and 1536; A. Cleale, 13; A. Deans, 13; F. Brock, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The business before the lodge consisted in the passing of Bro. Stoddart, and raising of Bros. Wright and Harris, both ceremonies being on the part of the W.M., fairly above an average first attempt. At the refreshment board, which was most hospitably served, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and on Bro. Butt being temporarily entrusted with the gavel, he, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M." who, he said, had shown them that he was quite up to the standard of efficiency required in all Masters of the Nelson Lodge, and if he only went on in the same path he would leave the office with the same honour that had attended his predecessors. (Cheers.) The W.M. in reply said he felt proud to occupy such a position, and pleased to hear the terms in which Bro. Butt had spoken of his efforts that night; they were, however, not yet to his satisfaction. Unfortunately, he laboured under several disadvantages which most of his predecessors had not to contend with. In the Woolwich district they had the advantage of having lodges of instruction where the ceremonial of Masonry was generally studied, but in most of the lodges of instruction in London that he had opportunities of attending they in most cases went in for the Sections, so that the brethren would see that he was really at a disadvantage in that respect; but they might rely upon his not allowing the high prestige of the lodge to lose any of its lustre through his want of care or effort. (Loud cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Cleale and Pryce replied. The latter in a few well chosen words spoke of the good feeling that had so long existed between the Nelson and the Pattison Lodges, and spoke of the regret expressed by the W.M. and officers of the latter at the non-appearance of a single member of the Nelson at the late Pattison meeting. He trusted the bond of good feeling and brotherhood which now existed between them would never be loosened, and in the name of the lodge gave a free and hearty welcome to the brethren of the Nelson Lodge to the next meeting of No. 913. (Cheers.) Bro. Henderson, who is as well a member of 913 followed in the same strain, and then the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," saying that he had read in the last issue of the *Freemason* that the Master of a London lodge had declared that the Past Masters of his lodge had little or nothing to do, and did it with a great deal of dignity. Now the Past Masters of the Nelson Lodge had a great deal of work to do, and he was proud to say that they did it with a great deal of dignity, and the lodge was thankful to them for it. (Cheers.) Bro. Butt suitably replied, and after the officers had been toasted, and Bro. Woodley had returned thanks, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. We may add that we were pleased to see a file of the *Freemason* in the ante-room, in which the brethren seemed much interested from time to time.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—The Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—On the 21st inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, when there were present Bros. B. S. Willmott, W.M.; Reed, I.P.M.; W. B. Bacon, S.W.; A. D. Williams, J.W.; Hodgkin, S.D.; Pelton, J. D.; Dunkley, J.G.; Burton, D.C.; Deadman, Organist, T. Waterman, Poston, Graham, Oakley, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. E. Elliott, T. Elliott, and A. Arnold, which proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Whitehead was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Waterman and Poston were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremonies being performed most impressively. The business ended, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which having been done justice to, the W.M. gave the usual preliminary loyal and other toasts briefly but pertinently. A most enjoyable evening terminated at 11 o'clock, and the brethren separated. Visitor R. N. Field, No. 902.

**SOUTHEND.**—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend. The W.M., Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain, presided, supported by the following brethren, viz., Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., as I.P.M.; W. Chaplin, S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Rev. H. Hayes, Chaplain; F. D. Grayson, S.D.; G. F. Jones, I.G.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Briggs, W. H. Locky, W. H. Norman, G. Berry, W. D. Merritt, B. Johnstone, W. Waterhouse, and others. After the usual business the W.M. in a very able manner passed Bros. O. Bentall and W. Griffin to the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, (No. 1008).—This flourishing lodge, which was consecrated in 1864, and has made such rapid

strides in Freemasonry, as to encourage and assist in forming a second one (the Abbey, 1592) in the town, held a special meeting on the 21st inst., for the purpose of receiving a visit from the Prov. Grand Master of the Province, the Right Hon. Lord Waveney. Upon this occasion there was a goodly muster of the brethren of the two lodges (about fifty) no invitation being sent to the neighbouring lodges. At seven o'clock the Prov. G. Master was conducted to the lodge room by the W. Master, Bro. W. G. Patrick, accompanied by the following past and present Provincial Grand Officers:—Wor. Bros. J. Hedley Bevan, P. Prov. S.G.W. and I.P.M. 1008; Rev. J. T. Hassall, Prov. G. Chap.; W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. (also Sec. of the Lodge); P.M. of Lodges 100, 1008, and 1592; C. P. Oakes, P. Prov. G. Reg; W. Armstrong, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. R. Thompson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. D. Paine, Prov. A. D. of C. and J. B. Chemell, P. Prov. G. J. D. Cambs. The lodge being duly formed, the Right Wor. the Prov. G. Master was saluted with the honours due to his high position in the Craft. The lodge was then worked in the three degrees, opening and closing in the most efficient manner by the following officers of the lodge: Bro. Patrick, W.M.; T. F. Lucia, S.W.; W. Armstrong (acting) J.W.; J. R. Thompson, S.D.; J. G. Oliver, J.D.; W. D. Paine, (acting) I.G. Before closing the lodge the W.M. made the usual proclamation, and a proposition was made, but not accepted until enquiries had been made if there was room for admittance, the rule being in this lodge, that but four initiations of joining members can be admitted during the twelve months. At the second sound of the gavel, the R.W. the Prov. G. Master rose and said he came to meet the united lodges Bury St. Edmunds, and they could not have done the Provincial Grand Master a greater honour than having two lodges to meet instead of one, showing that in Freemasonry separation does not mean division. There were some points on which he desired particularly to dwell, as being of great importance to the Craft, and on which he should be sorry to postpone giving his opinion until he had the opportunity of expressing it in P.G. lodge. He next remarked upon the manner in which one of their special duties had been carried out with the assistance of their fellow-subjects in the Indian peninsula. He was fully confident that such a return as appeared appropriate to every member would be made to any appeal that might occur, and he was far from saying that they might presume to measure the charity which to any brother might appear prudent and practicable, because there were many at home who had a larger claim upon them than their fellow-subjects abroad, on behalf of whom their charity had been invoked. Be that as it might, he was sure the province would do itself credit in these turns which would be completed in the course of the ensuing week. The brethren would learn, with pleasure, from authoritative sources that the great crisis had been materially alleviated, and had been so far diminished that a reasonable expectation might be held of a termination of the suffering. But the central committee in London had deemed it proper for a certain time to keep open the books for the reception of such funds as might not previously have been forwarded. That he thought was most wise, for the agony of suffering and the want of necessary support was indeed but trifling compared with that which followed after. After famine comes pestilence—after pestilence exhaustion; therefore he held that their charity and offerings were by no means superfluous, for, do what they would, after the field had been cleared of a great mass of suffering, supplementary charity would convey comfort and relief. With regard to the general prospects of Masonry in the province, they were to be congratulated on the addition of another lodge, and also upon the circumstances under which it was incorporated into their roll of lodges. He was unfortunately unable to be present, and the D.P.G.M., who never allowed any trifling matter to interfere with the performance of his duties, was at the time suffering under a most severe bereavement. But in proof of the position which this province occupies in the Grand Lodge of England, the duties their natural leaders were unable to perform were undertaken by the hands of most eminent Masters of the Craft. The Grand Secretary of England, to whom the Craft was so much indebted, and Lord Skelmersdale, a distinguished brother, were there to perform the duties, and he was pleased to have seen the duties placed in such hands. There was a point with regard to the Craft on which he always took the opportunity of inquiring, viz., what was the condition or officer who had so long and well administered the financial arrangements. His health remained good, and such comforts were secured to him as might wait upon a constitution exhausted by labour, not only with them in the Craft-room, but at all times and all hours in the dwellings of the poor throughout the division of the county to which he belonged. There was another point on which he desired to be very explicit. It was with regard to a representation that was made to him in the beginning of last year, with respect to the Royal Arch. He had not the time to devote himself to this branch of Masonry, which was of the highest value and importance, but he was not willing that any members of the province should feel that they had not the opportunity of practicing that branch of the Craft. By good fortune he found in a brother to whom he had often been indebted for good counsel and enlightened opinion, one who was perfectly competent to assume the direction of the Royal Arch. He was sure the D.P.G.M. would conduct the G. Chapter, and whatever might be necessary for the prosecution of that branch with a discipline, a sincerity and a straight-forwardness which animated their brethren of the temple of Zion, from which they drew their name. (Applause.) Another point to which he wished to make reference was one which had not yet been brought before the assembled lodges, that if what he heard was true it was one of the most important questions that had ever been submitted to the Freemasons of the world. They

knew that their rule was of the largest and widest scope consistent with the recognition of that great power which they denominated, the Architect of the Universe. They were told that a communication had been made to the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the Grand Orient of France, to the effect that for the purpose of testing the sincerity with which their obligations were undertaken it was unnecessary, as they conceived, to refer to the sanction of the Divine Being. They did not wish to circumscribe the mode of obligation, or bring themselves within the limits of any special power. Indeed he might say that he had been the means of introducing to the Scientific Lodge at Cambridge a member of Mahomedan creed; there being in that religion a recognition of a Divine principle which conveyed sanctity to the brother taking the obligation. His own opinion was that the obligation should be rectified and made solemn as in the presence of the Most High. (Applause.) It would be a matter for consideration first by the Grand Lodge of England, supposing it were determined to proceed in the matter, but as the Grand Lodge only represents and reflects the opinions of various provinces, he held it to be his duty to communicate to them, in the position of honour and trust in which he was placed, the opinion he held upon it. It must be an exaggeration or a misconstruction of a statement made in a foreign language, or it must be that some indiscretion had been committed by the Grand Lodge of France; but they could not permit such an idea to float through the society as a lodge entering upon its duties except under the most awful and solemn sanction. There was but one point further with regard to the management of the business of the province, to which he thought it right to allude. He had taken a great and overpowering interest in the greatest social problem that had been worked out for ages—the governmental efficiency and national prosperity of the great kingdom of Italy. He did not go there to see oranges blooming at Christmas, nor for the purpose of antique research; but he went to Italy year by year to see whether men who had been compelled to walk with faces gravelling on the ground could now walk with the bold clear elevated front of free men. That being the case, he should during a portion of the time he was away delegate the duties of the P.G.M. to his Deputy. He had but one direction to give him, which was that in cases in which the conveniences of lodges might be consulted, and (not to use the word in a dogmatic sense) in which any grace or favour of any sort could be required for the convenience of the Craft, he should not hesitate. If, unhappily any difficulties should arise, it was due to the Craft that those difficulties should be settled only by the supreme authority. He had requested the D.P.G.M. to reserve such cases for his direction, and upon that ground he would not consider himself called upon to decide; but the matters should be referred to himself, and he would see that they received speedy solution. (Applause.) The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where a *recherché* spread was awaiting them, and which upon this auspicious occasion was served in Bro. W. Guy's best style. After the loyal and official Masonic toasts had been given and received, harmony and complimentary toasts were proceeded with, the health of the Dept. Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, (who was unavoidably absent, being received with as much enthusiasm as the M.W. the Grand Master of England. The toast of the charities was well received, and a liberal subscription was made by the brethren towards them. The Tyler's toast was given at 11 o'clock, and one of the pleasantest meetings of the Royal St. Edmund's was closed.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Lodge of Israel. (No. 1502).—The members of this highly successful confraternity of the "Free and Accepted," celebrated their annual festival of installation at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 19th November, when there was both a numerous and influential gathering. Bro. Maurice Hart, W.M., occupied the K.S. chair at the opening, and he was supported by Bros. Ralph Robinson, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; the Rev. J. Prag, Chaplain; A. Jones, S.W.; S. Schonstadt, J.W.; L. de Frece, Treasurer; B. Levy, Secretary; the Rev. H. D. Marks, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present during the afternoon included Bros. M. H. Edwards, I. Woolf, S. Simmons, A. Cohen, B. Smajé, M. P. Tieski, H. Isaacs, J. Sabar, H. Rabow, J. B. Levy, J. M. Myers, J. E. Davidson, H. Henochsberg, W. Levy, L. Levy, D. Gabrielson, H. F. Wright, J. Milton, Sol. Jacobs, J. Franks, W.M. 203; H. Liebschutz, A. Hart, J.W. 724; H. M. Silver, M. Aronsberg, P. Barnett, E. Scott, A. Zolki, E. I. Fraser, the Rev. Dr. W. Stern, M. Parker, H. Sagar, L. Hart, and others. The visitors present were Bros. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec.; H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Ellis, 1021; A. W. Croft, 594; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; J. B. McKenzie, J.W. 1609; V. Kahn, 673; H. Sykes, 1219; W. W. Cottam, W.M. 1013; L. R. Barnes, P.M. 1113; T. H. Rahn, P.P.G.D. Durham; J. C. Robinson, W.M. 249; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; R. J. Taylor, I.P.M. 1025; J. Thompson, J.D. 270; C. W. Briar, J.W. 971; J. Walmsley, W.M. 1102; G. Phillips, 203; L. S. Cohen, 216; J. S. Lopsen, 724; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 274; and T. Sammons, W.M. 1393. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, and the ballot was afterwards taken for candidates. The W.M., Bro. M. Hart, then passed four brethren to the Degree of F.C., and concluded his year's excellent working by installing Bro. Alexander Jones as his successor in the chair of K.S., the presentation being made by Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., and Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M., D.C. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year:—



Bros. R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; Rev. J. Praag, Chaplain (re-appointed); S. Schonstadt, S.W.; Rev. H. D. Marks, J.W.; I. de Frece, Treas. (re-elected for the fourth time); M. Hart, I.P.M., Sec.; W. G. Veale, Org.; S. D. Wareing, S.D. (by proxy); S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; M. P. Tieski, I.G.; J. Sabar, S.S.; H. F. Wright, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The W.M., as a commencement to his service in the chair, initiated Mr. Myers into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. The brethren were then called off from labour to refreshment, and nearly 100 sat down to a choice dinner in the large banqueting hall, under the presidency of Bro. A. Jones, W.M., who subsequently gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In responding to the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. W.L., and P.G. Officers, Bro. H. C. Alpess, P.G. Sec., said the recent Masonic gathering at Southport was probably the largest ever seen in this country, with the exception of that at the installation of the Prince of Wales. It pleased Lord Skelmersdale, and would make him devote himself even more assiduously to the service of the Masons in the province over which he presided. Bro. Alpess concluded by praising in high terms the excellent working of the lodge by all the officers connected with it. Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C., also briefly responded to the toast. "The W.M.," given by Bro. I.P.M. Hart, was suitably responded to, and the W.M. then presented Bro. Maurice Hart, I.P.M., with a very valuable and beautifully designed P.M.'s jewel, which was acknowledged in happy terms. Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. and D.C., gave "The Fund of Benevolence," and in doing so said that fund was now in a most flourishing condition. In two years it had secured an accumulated sum of £120. Bro. Lyons, the Treasurer to the fund, acknowledged the toast. The W.M., in giving "The Officers," took the opportunity of presenting Bro. Isaac de Frece, Treasurer, with a very handsome dining room clock and a Treasurer's jewel, both of which had been subscribed for by private members of the lodge in recognition of the admirable and invariably faithful services rendered by Bro. I. de Frece since the formation of the lodge. The toast was then acknowledged by the S.W. and J.W., and the prescience being Bro. de Frece. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent with songs and recitations.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd Nov., at the Mitre Hotel, Gouldborne-road, Notting-hill, present: Bros. Spiegel, W.M.; Smout, junr. S.W.; Adkins, J.W.; Gabb, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Hopton, I.G.; Savage, P.M. Preceptor. There were also present, Bros. Tottenbaum, Kelly, Newland, Poulter, and Reynolds. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Poulter being candidate, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Gabb and Reynolds were elected members of this lodge of instruction.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 26th Nov., at the Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. Nelson Reed, W.M.; C. E. Smith, S.W.; J. White, S.W.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; W. Sharrett, S.D.; A. Triggs, J.D.; J. D. Langton, I.G.; W. Smallpeice, Preceptor, Barnett, Bauman; and as visitors, Bros. A. J. Turner, and A. Triggs, 157. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The third ceremony and lectures were worked. Audit report was submitted, approved, and ordered to be entered upon minutes. Two brethren were elected joining members. Bro. C. E. Smith was elected W.M., for next meeting.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—The annual meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, King's Cross, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Adams, P.M., P.G.P., was unanimously elected Preceptor, a post which he has held from the commencement of this lodge of instruction, to the great advantage of the brethren attending. Bro. J. Willing, P.M., of the mother lodge, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W.M. Stiles was unanimously re-elected to the post of Secretary, the brethren thanking him for his prompt and regular attendance. The first degree was worked with the following as officers: Bros. G. Clark, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; Willing, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; Edmunds, I.G.

#### Royal Arch.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 134).**—The regular Convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Bell and Anchor, Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. The chapter was opened in the usual manner, and the companions admitted, when the minutes of the previous convocation were duly read and confirmed. Amongst those present were Comps. Worthington, M.E.Z.; Lewis Bryett, H.; Adamson, J.; Lines, P.Z.; Treasurer; George Read, P.Z., S.E.; Cole, S.N.; Game, P.S.; Avery, 1st Assist. Soj.; Barfield, 2nd Assist. Soj.; Hardy, P.Z.; Thompson, P.Z.; Slack, P.Z.; Millis, P.Z., and a large number of Royal Arch Masons. The visitors were, Comps. Carter and Dixon, both of the Windsor Castle Chapter, 771. Comps. Bryett, Adamson, and Game were then duly installed as First, Second and third Principals, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Read in such a manner as to draw forth the special approbation of those present. After the M.E.Z. had been saluted in due form by the re-admitted companions, two brethren were balloted for who had been proposed at the former meeting, and the names of three others proposed for exaltation. The presentation

of a P.Z. jewel to Comp. Worthington, for his past labours in the interests of the chapter, gave great satisfaction. Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a magnificent banquet, provided by and served under the personal supervision of Comp. Millis. The menu's were of a peculiarly novel character, great taste being apparent, both in their design and execution. Grace being said, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were fully responded to. Comp. Worthington then rose and proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," stating that it afforded him, as they were doubtless aware, the utmost pleasure in seeing Comp. Bryett fill the chair of First Principal, and were he to speak for a long time he was afraid he could only faintly convey his feelings on the subject. He had known the M.E.Z. since his connection with the Ranelagh Lodge, and had noticed with extreme pleasure the attention he always paid to his Masonic duties, especially when he was W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge. It was also highly gratifying to them all to have watched the steady progress Comp. Bryett had made in the Andrew Chapter, as they were aware it was a chapter distinguished by the exactness of its working, thereby reflecting great credit on one of its founders, long since passed away, and after whom it was named. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions sincerely for the way in which they had drunk his health, and was afraid that he scarcely merited a twentieth part of the compliments paid him by the I.P.Z., but took the opportunity of stating that he should always be pleased to do everything and anything in his power to further the interest of the Andrew Chapter. He then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, that of Companion Worthington for the first class manner he had carried out the duties of the Chair during the past year, Companion Lines, for the able manner in which he looked after the finances, Companions Thompson and Slack, for their past services, Companion Millis for his great kindness in always looking after the creature comforts, and last, but not least, Companion Read, for the great assistance he always afforded them in directing and carrying out the ceremonies. The toast of "The Officers" was well received and capitally responded to, and after "The Janitor's" toast had been given, the companions separated, this concluding one of the most successful Royal Arch gatherings held in the neighbourhood for some time past.

**CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).**—This well established and prosperous chapter held an election and installation meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, November 24th. Punctually at three o'clock the audit committee was held. The result of the labours of the audit committee showed the finances to be in a sound position. Precisely at four o'clock the chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann, P.Z.; J. B. Sorrell, H.; W. M. Goss, J.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; Dr. W. S. Wyman, P.Z.; R. S. Foreman, P.Z.; and F. Walters, P.Z., Treasurer, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex. The companions were then admitted. Minutes of the last regular convocation were read, confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. Ballot was unanimous in favour of Bro. William Ancell, P.M. 30, who being present was exalted in an impressive manner, every officer being perfect in his work. The bye-laws having been read, the elections were for Comps. J. B. Sorrell, Z.; W. M. Goss, H.; C. Browne, J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z. Treasurer (re-elected); A. Williams, C.E., S.E.; J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.N.; A. Middlemass, P.S.; E. T. Speight, Janitor, re-elected. Comp. G. K. Lemann, M.E.Z., installed Comp. J. B. Sorrell, M.E.Z. Comp. P. A. Nairne, P.Z., installed Comp. W. M. Goss, H. In consequence of illness Comp. C. Browne, was absent: his installation as J. was deferred until the next meeting. The officers appointed and invested were Comps. F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treasurer (re-elected for the tenth time); A. Williams, C.E., S.E.; J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.N.; A. Middlemass, P.S., who appointed as his assistants R. P. Tebb, First A.S.; S. Pownceby, Second A.S.; A. W. Thorpe, Steward; C. T. Speight, Janitor (re-elected for the eleventh time). The usual six-pound Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. G. K. Lemann, I.P.Z., who acknowledged the gift in a nice speech. In consequence of Comp. G. K. Lemann, P.Z., being about to live abroad, he resigned his membership, the chapter, to show what high estimation they held him in, unanimously elected him for life an honorary member. Some propositions were given in for candidates. The chapter was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, February 23rd, 1878, to meet at five p.m. The banquet provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings was as usual first class. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The companions separated wishing each other the compliments of the approaching season. The visitors were Comps. F. Grave, 3; Lou's Beck, 1326, W.M. Rotheray Lodge, 1687, and others.

**DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).**—The last convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 22nd instant. There were present amongst others Comps. Adams, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Cubitt, P.Z., acting H.; Hill, J.; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treasurer, acting S.E.; Lawrence, P.S.; Harrison, 2nd Assistant, and Foulger, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z.; Bentley, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Green, S.N. 975; Walls, P.S. 185. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the sum of five pounds was unanimously voted to Comp. Briggs, as Steward, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the forthcoming festival of that charity in February next. There being no other business before the chapter, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast. Upon the removal of the cloth, Comp. Adams vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Foulger, who ably officiated during the rest of the proceedings. The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The P.Z. of the Order," "The G.H. and G.J. and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," having been given, very briefly

Comp. Buss proposed in happy and eulogistic terms "The Health of the acting M.E.Z." He stated that he had had the honour many years ago of exalting Comp. Adams in that chapter, and it had afforded him that evening very great pleasure in seeing their very worthy and esteemed companion officiating as First Principal. When they considered that Comp. Adams was nearly eighty-five years of age it was very wonderful to see him still in possession of good health, and with both sight and memory unimpaired, and long might he continue to possess those blessings. He also wished to couple the name of another of his Royal Arch children with the toast, namely, Comp. Foulger who had kindly presided at the banquet table that evening. This toast having been well and heartily received, Comp. Foulger responded, and immediately gave "The Visitors" which toast was acknowledged by Comps. Green and Walls. The remaining toasts, viz., "The Past Principals," "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and acting S.E.," and "The Officers," were given but briefly, and were respectively acknowledged upon behalf of themselves and absent colleagues by Comps. Cubitt, P.Z.; Hill, J.; H. G. Buss, Treasurer; and Lawrence, P.S., and Harrison, 2nd Assistant. Comps. Green, Walls, Lawrence, and others entertained the companions, who separated at a very early hour. The next convocation will take place on the fourth Thursday in February next.

**WELLS.—The Avalon Chapter (No. 446).**—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 20th November, when the following companions were installed as Principals for the ensuing year, Comps. Bath, as M.E.Z.; C. L. F. Edwards, as H.; and Long, as J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.B. of Grand Chapter, and P.G.H. of Monmouthshire, who was one of the founders of this chapter, and a constant attendant. The great success of this chapter is entirely due to the great exertions of Comp. Cap. A. Thrale Perkins, the I.P.Z., a most zealous and indefatigable worker in the Craft. After closing the chapter the companions adjourned to refreshment at Bro. Wickenden's, where a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Cap. Perkins for his valuable services during the past year, and a fervent hope that he might be long spared to the brethren of Wells.

**SOUTHEND.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday the 21st inst. There were present amongst others Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; E. F. Phillips, as H.; I. C. Jonstone, P.Z. 20, (I.C. as J.; (H. and J. being unavoidably absent through illness); Rev. R. S. Wigram, P.Z. 214 and 1000, Past Grand 1st Assist. Soj.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; W. Pissay, Prin. Soj.; E. Judd, 1st Asst. Soj.; Mountain, Janitor; F. V. Tillings, G. F. Jones, and Dr. S. W. Fisher, Visitor, Comp. Carr. After the usual preliminaries, Bros. H. Briggs, of the Priory Lodge, 1000, and Douglas, S.D. of the Metropolitan Lodge, 1507, were balloted for, which, proving unanimous in their favour, and Bro. Briggs being in attendance, he was duly exalted, the M.E.Z. also giving the three lectures. The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and heartily responded to, the Janitors' toast bringing the evening's proceedings to a close.

#### Mark Masonry.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge.—(T.I.)** The regular quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, when the lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by Bro. R. B. Cater, Prov. G.J.W., in the chair of W.M., supported by Bros. Carey, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.J.W. of England, P.M. 26 and 74, Chaplain; Jas. Dutton, P.M.; John Dutton, S.W.; Murlis, Reg. as J.W.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, M.O.; Brown, S.O.; Falkner, J.O.; Radway, S.D.; Dingle, as J.D.; Mercer, as I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; there were several other members, and Bro. Moutrie, as a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. C. M. Penley and W. Peach, and both being unanimously favourable, they were admitted and advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., the first part of the ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. James Dutton, P.M. The Chaplain announced the meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, on December 4th, for which as a Past Grand Officer he had received a summons. He also exhibited patterns of jewels for the officers of the lodge, which he had been requested to procure. After some discussion he was deputed to order a complete set, most of the officers offering to pay the cost of their own and to present them to the lodge. He was also requested to make inquiry from the Grand Secretary as to a Tracing Board. Bro. James Dutton, P.M., brought to the meeting a large handsomely framed Masonic chart for the inspection of the members, stating that it had been executed and presented to him by the Chaplain, at the close of his own year of office as W.M. as a compliment to himself as well as to the lodge over which he had presided. Other matters were transacted, and the lodge was closed at 10 p.m.

**JERSEY.—Caesarean Lodge (No. 74).**—A quarterly meeting of the lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, November 21st. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Oatley, supported by Bros. Dr. T. J. Aubin, S.W.; J. O. LeSueur, J.W.; P. W. Benham, I.P.M.; A. Schmitt, Chaplain and Hon. Sec.; C. Kingsnorth, M.O.; J. O'Flaherty, S.O.; Thos. Leah, J.O.; W. Z. Pugsley, Reg.; Ed. Martel, as S.D.; P. Blampied, D.C.; Jno. Huelin, I.G.; and a strong muster of members. Visitor, Bro. G. V. Henley. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for the following candidates: Col. M. Stringer, R.A., 877; V. Cordier, 245; F. P. LeMarquand, P.M. 491; Z. J. Ainsley, 244; J. W. N. Smyth Pigott, E. M. Esnouf, 877; which



proved unanimous in each case, and being in attendance they were advanced in due form to the hon. degree of M.M.M. The Secretary congratulated the W.M., officiating for the first time, on the efficient and effective manner in which the whole ceremony was performed, evidencing not only the labour bestowed by him and his officers upon the work, but rendering evident the fact that the labour is a labour of love and pleasure. The brethren adjourned to partake of a collation, and an hour was harmoniously whiled away in toast, song, and sentiment. The Honorary Trio was not forgotten.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, working under the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, was held yesterday week at Freemasons' Hall. About 300 brethren were present at the working of the lodge, over which Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., presided. Bro. J. Muzio was S.W.; E. Legg, J.W.; John Hervey, G.S. Treasurer; W. H. Smallpeice, Secretary; W. A. Dawson, S.D.; F. N. Spaul, J.D.; and Tattershall, I.G. Among the other brethren present were Bros. R. J. S. Berton, S.D. 788; G. Brooke, W.M. 63; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; Evans Cronk, J.W. 1414; W. A. Dawson, 421; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. Edell, 108; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; J. P. Godfrey, W.M. 1261; Montague Gosset, P.M. 66; R. Grey, P.G.D.; E. M. Haigh, P.G.S.; E. J. Hart, W.M. 1201; A. Hill, 21; W. G. Kentish, I.G. 1293; J. W. Lambert, W.M. 142; W. S. Lee, S.D. 1201; Edwin March, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; A. D. Renshaw, J. D. 104; A. A. Richards, P.M. 8 and 865; P. Prov. G.J.W. Midx.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. E. Shand, I.G. 1563; G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370; F. R. Spaul, J.G. 1124; E. G. Tattershall, 165; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.

The questions were put by Bro. Murton, the work chosen for the evening being the Second Lecture. The answers in the First Section were given by Bro. W. A. Dawson; Second Section, by Bro. Spaul; Third Section, by Bro. Tattershall; Fourth by Bro. Lee, S.D. 1201; and Fifth by Bro. Kentish. Of the style of work it is only necessary to say that it was fully up to the high standard of Emulation working, and at the close of the labours of the evening, the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., in proposing a vote of thanks to the working brethren, said that as he should have the honour of presiding at the banquet, where he would have an opportunity of speaking more fully, he should trouble the brethren now with very few observations; but he thought he should represent the wishes of all the brethren assembled if he said that they did not wish to separate without giving their hearty thanks to those who had that night given such excellent working. Last year he had the pleasure of being present on a similar occasion, when the working was performed by those whom he might call the rulers of the Craft. Those, however, who had done the work this evening, were brethren who had not yet risen to the high position of W.M.; but the brethren could have no doubt, from the excellent manner in which they had just carried out their duties, that when it came to their turn to fill the chair they would have a very successful Masonic career before them.

The vote having been carried with acclamation,

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., W.M., in acknowledging it, said it had always been his desire in this Lodge of Emulation to promote a good style of working, and the study of the Sections which illustrated the beautiful ceremonies. He thought it was highly necessary that those who desired to understand the nature of the ceremonies or of the Craft generally should give their attention to this study.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to supper where they were presided over by the Earl of Donoughmore, who was supported on the dais by Bros. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Col. Somerville Burney, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset; S. Tomkins G. Treas; John Hervey, G.S.; Capt. Philips, G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; Rev. D. Robbins, A. B. Cooke, W. H. Smallpeice, and H. J. P. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.

After supper the toasts were proposed, and that of "The Queen and the Craft" having been disposed of, Lord Donoughmore proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." His Lordship said it was his fortune to be in a position with regard to the Pro Grand Master, in which, as it happened, a great deal of Masonic work had to pass through his hands, and he was therefore in a position to bear witness to the very great interest the Grand Master took in everything that Masons attempted and did. It was hardly necessary he should give the brethren this assurance, but as he was able to give it he was sure it would only increase the zeal with which they would receive the Grand Master's health.

Lord Donoughmore in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., &c.," said the majority of those present had often heard the Pro Grand Master's eloquence and observed his wonderful power of dealing with the most difficult subjects which came before Grand Lodge for decision at different times. Any panegyric on him now would be a waste of time. Of Lord Skelmersdale he might say they all knew the work he had done in the province over which he presided, and in London, in Freemasons' Hall, and in other buildings where Masonry flourished.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G. Treas, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." There was no Mason who did not look upon the working of the Lodge of Emulation as a very important, useful, and interesting work in Masonry. The prosperity of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was virtually the prosperity of Masonry; and the more the brethren felt an interest in it, the more Masonry was ap-

preciated, and the more good Masonry effected. Masonry, however, would not be able to do the good it did unless noblemen like the Chairman showed by the interest they took in it that it was an Order to which all honourable men might belong. For the interest such noblemen took in Masonry the brethren were greatly thankful. He asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Lord Donoughmore," as an excellent Mason.

Lord Donoughmore said that the very flattering manner in which the brethren had received his name was naturally very gratifying to him. He could thoroughly concur with the brother who had brought it before them in everything he had said about the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. Tomkins had said it was a most useful institution, and one which deserved the greatest encouragement from all brethren, whatever rank they might hold in the Craft. Bro. Tomkins said at the same time that unless the governors of the Craft supported it, it would not flourish so much as it did. He perfectly agreed with Bro. Tomkins in that; but then he agreed with him for a practical reason on another ground as well. He felt that it was not only the rulers of the Craft who should support it for the sake of the good it would do to the Craft, but for the good it would do to themselves. He spoke from practical experience. He had had the honour of founding a lodge at a time when he knew little of what he had to do as Master, and if it had not been for the Emulation Lodge of Improvement he would not have been able to learn his duties. Therefore, he had good reason to foster and support the existence of such a valuable body. He had to thank the brethren again for receiving his name so cordially on this his visit to the lodge, and he could only say it had given him the greatest pleasure to occupy the position of Chairman. Last year the chair in lodge was occupied for a time by the Earl of Carnarvon, and a very interesting ceremony was then gone through, which most of the brethren would remember. Upon that occasion the distinguished brother who had been Treasurer of the lodge for the past thirty years was presented by Lord Carnarvon on behalf of the lodge with a testimonial. Lord Carnarvon then spoke in far more eloquent terms than he (Lord Donoughmore) could of the very great services Bro. Hervey had rendered to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and to Freemasonry, but he (Lord Donoughmore) considered it a piece of great good fortune to find himself, in proposing "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," supported by Bro. Hervey, whose name he should couple with the toast. The toast itself was one well worthy of the brethren's acceptance; but he felt sure that if there was one thing more than another which would render it acceptable to the brethren it was that it would be responded to by the excellent Bro. Grand Secretary, the Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. Hervey, in reply, said that if his lordship had been gratified by the reception accorded to him, almost a young Mason, it must be doubly gratifying to him (Bro. Hervey) as an old Mason to be, after a long tenure of office and service in the lodge, received in the manner in which the brethren had received his name. It was not always that after more than thirty years' exertions for a lodge, or for any body of men whatever, one was well received; but he felt sure that he was scarcely deserving of such a compliment as Lord Donoughmore had paid him, because his attendance at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was not now, and could not be what it used to be. He felt now almost superannuated (no, no); at any rate to a certain extent, and he was very glad to give up the lead which he had had the honour and pleasure of taking for so many years in this lodge to such good men as the brethren had seen that evening, as he had seen in Bro. Fenn, a constant attendant at the lodge (cheers), as the brethren also saw in other members of the lodge, such as the Secretary, Bro. Smallpeice, and in Bro. Richardson. It was to these brethren that the prosperity of the lodge was now due; it was to them that the lodge might be thankful for the meeting that they had had that night, and for the general success of the meeting. (Hear, hear.) He felt now that he was like an old horse which was turned out to pasture after a long interval, and left to vegetate for the rest of his life without labour; but so long as he could be of any use to the lodge, or at any time the lodge might feel there was a special call for his services, then again he should be happy to come forward and to say, that although he had been turned out to pasture for the rest of his days he was still ready to exert himself to the utmost to further the interests of the lodge, and at all times to do what in him lay to promote its welfare. (Applause.) He was extremely gratified to see that evening young men, in contradistinction to the older Masons they saw a twelvemonth ago, performing all the sections. Last year they were worked by Past Grand Officers, and it was a pleasure to see the young ones coming up, probably to push the old ones from their pedestals, and show that they also could do the work as well as the old ones did a year ago. Next year probably we should see others ready to show that the Emulation Lodge was not effete but was doing good suit and service to the Craft in the excellent working of the ceremonies. He had often said that it must present itself to all those who took an interest in the working of Masonry that first impressions were everything; that if a man was well initiated, he would feel that he was entering on something that was worth entering upon; but if he was initiated in a slovenly manner he would turn from it in disgust and say, "why was I initiated into an Institution where nothing is offered me but a Master who stumbles over his work, and officers who cannot do their duties?" Unless the working was good at an initiation, it would have no good effect upon the initiate; and hence he repeated the words which had fallen from Lord Donoughmore on the present occasion, that the Emulation was doing good service to the Craft, and he was glad to bear his Lordship say it had done good service to him. He (Bro. Hervey), again thanked

the brethren heartily on behalf of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and trusted that although time was running fast along he might still have an opportunity or two more of meeting the brethren in that hall and of again responding to this toast.

Lord Donoughmore then rose and said that at the risk of tiring the brethren with the sound of his voice he would propose another toast. Bro. Hervey had said that the work that evening had been done by young hands; and that although he felt he was like an old horse turned out to pasture he was always ready to come back at the call of duty. In giving the brethren the toast of "The W.M. and the officers who presided in the Lodge of Emulation," to-night he could not do better than say that he was sure that the young members would remember whenever they were in difficulties Bro. Hervey's promise. It was a thing well known that an old hunter was always the best, he was always cleverer than any other; and whenever the brethren were in a difficulty he was sure they would avail themselves of Bro. Hervey's advice. At present he was bound to say that as far as he and the brethren could see, none of those who took part in the ceremonies of the evening, were in need of much assistance, the work was so admirably given. He did not himself perceive a mistake from beginning to end, and the whole thing was a credit to the Emulation Lodge, which was a guide to the working of the Craft. Therefore he thought as they had already done in the lodge in a business manner they should now do in a social manner, give them a recognition of their appreciation of the instruction they had exemplified.

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., responded. Though not such an old horse as Bro. Hervey, he was somewhat an old horse, for he could count up 21 years in Masonry, Bro. Hervey was his father in Masonry, and perhaps he should not have taken such an interest in it but for the impression made on his mind at his initiation. He had always felt what Bro. Hervey had said, that if the ceremonies were not well performed, many brethren retreated from the Order, probably in disgust. He was not surprised that Lord Donoughmore and the brethren should have been pleased with the working of those brethren who had worked the sections. It was a very happy allusion to the noble Chairman, that in comparing the working of that evening with the working of last year, the work of last year was done by old officers, old rulers of the Craft; whereas the working of this evening was, with one exception, done by brethren who did not hold office. It was wonderfully creditable to those brethren that they should work the difficult sections without an error. He did not know whether, in returning thanks for the officers of the lodge, he should include the permanent officers; but he imagined they should regard the Treasurer and Secretary. They had very arduous duties to perform, and no one more so than the Secretary. On their behalf, and on behalf of the working brethren, he begged to thank the noble Chairman and brethren very much.

Bro. Murton, then, in proposing "The Lodge of Unions," under whose warrant the Lodge of Emulation was held, said it might well be that the Lodge of Unions was proud of her offspring, who would render it very great honour by the large number of members on its rolls who had turned out such efficient workers; but still the Emulation ought to be grateful to the Lodge of Unions for allowing them to work under its warrant. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Farnfield, P.M., of the Lodge of Unions.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield regretted that (through a domestic affliction, the Master of the Lodge of Unions, the Rev. D. J. Drakeford, having lost his wife) the pleasure of responding to this toast should have fallen to him (Bro. Farnfield). The Lodge of Unions was deeply sensible of the great glory that had attached to them by the eminence the Lodge of Emulation had arrived at. Instead of the mother lodge shedding lustre on the child, the child really shed lustre on the mother. He hoped that the cordial relations which had hitherto existed between the mother and child might never be severed; that both might increase and have good men and true ranging under their banners.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were a host present, and who he hoped would honour the lodge with their presence again, not only on these festive occasions, but on every Friday except Good Friday and Christmas Day. The real entertaining hosts were the brethren who had afforded so much entertainment; but there were other hosts, the committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, who had issued invitations to several distinguished brethren. To do honour to these distinguished brethren he supposed he had been asked to propose this toast, and among these brethren was Bro. Tomkins, G.T., who added lustre to every Masonic meeting at which he was present, there were also other distinguished brethren present; Capt. Philips, G.D.; Bro. Long, G.D.; Bro. Buss, Assistant G. Secretary and Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke. It would be agreeable to the brethren, and he hoped it would not be disagreeable to Col. Clerke, that they were able to honour him as Colone for the first time in such a splendid lodge of Freemasons.

Bro. S. Tomkins, G.T., regretted that by an imperative appointment he had not been able to be present at the working of the lodge; but he had heard from the Grand Officers who were present how admirable the working of the lodge had been. The prosperity of this lodge was a matter of grave importance and interest to the brethren who felt an interest in the prosperity of Masonry generally, but while the lodge of Emulation worked as it did now, and while it was supported by distinguished brethren like the nobleman who was in the chair that evening, no brother could feel any doubts that the prosperity of Masonry would be maintained, and it would go on effecting the good that it had in past times.

Lieut. Col. Shadwell Clerke said as Bro. Rucker had kindly mentioned his name in connection with this toast



he would briefly say that whatever time might effect in respect to his military position he only hoped that it might never sever him from his Masonic duties, in which he took so much pride and pleasure.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., said that by permission of the noble brother in the chair he would propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities," a toast which would commend itself to the sympathies of all the brethren. It was rarely forgotten at Masonic meetings. There was scarcely a brother round the table who was not in some way or other associated with the charities, and interested in their success. When he looked round the hall he could discover hardly a brother who had not been more or less a supporter of those charities. He might say this toast was a family toast, one in which they all sympathised. He was sorry to say that one of their excellent Secretaries, Bro. Little, was unable to be present on account of ill health, which they would all regret. Bro. Binckes also was not present, and Bro. Terry had been obliged to leave; but he fancied he would find a good respondent in the person of Bro. J.M.P. Montagu.

Bro. J. M. P. Montagu in reply, said that the charity jewel was the brightest Freemasons could wear, and he was sure all the brethren would strive to place it on their breasts. He hoped they would all carry out what he had said a few days ago when one of the Secretaries said he thought the Masonic Charities would suffer from the handsome way in which relief had been extended to the Indian famine, that the charitable instincts of Masons would not fail them, and that if an extra call were made on them they would do more for the charities than they had done before, they would give their money freely, and it was not because there had been an extra call that they would neglect their own charities.

Bro. Peter de Lande Long proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. Richards replied, and the company then separated.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE HIGH CROSS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The first Anniversary Festival of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, was held on Wednesday, 21st Nov., at Bro. Mattock's, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Bro. William Dance, W.M. 754, President, and Bro. C. S. Brown, W.M. 1237, P.G.D.C., Middx., Vice President. There were present Bros. Maller, P.M., Treasurer; Driscoll, P.M., P.G.P., Middx., Secretary; Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Middx.; Wells, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Linzell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Middx.; Winsdale, P.M.; Oddy, Stephens, Burford, Garrod, Clements, Everdell, Rolls, Killick, and numerous other brethren.

After the dinner, which was served by Bro. Mattocks, the host, in a manner that gave the utmost satisfaction, the president proposed "The Queen and the Craft," observing that the gracious lady who ruled over us had by the purity of her life and the progress and prosperity of her reign endeared herself to all classes. The president next gave "The Health of the Prince of Wales," the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and said that the Prince had not only identified himself with Freemasonry and accepted the position he now held as the head of the Craft, but had by his many good qualities proved himself to be in all respects a thorough English gentleman. The Vice President then proposed the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon," the Pro Grand Master, and spoke in high terms of the services rendered by him to the Craft. "The Earl of Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present," was then proposed by the Vice President. These toasts were enthusiastically received by the brethren present.

The next toast, "The High Cross Lodge of Instruction," was then given by the President, who spoke of it as being a great success, it having been established about five years, and now bore on its books some seventy or eighty members. The subscriptions, which were but small, were devoted to charitable purposes, and the lodge had also acquired two life governorships in the Institution for the aged, were life subscribers to the Boys' School and would shortly be in a position to become life governor of another of the Masonic Institutions. The President took occasion to speak in high terms of the services rendered to the lodge by Bros. Driscoll and Thompson, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Garrod, who had acted as Worshipful Master at the last meeting of the lodge.

Bro. Garrod responded in appropriate language, and concluded by proposing in a few well chosen words the next toast, that of "The President," Bro. Dance, the Worshipful Master of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, from which the lodge of Instruction derives its authority.

The President having responded gave "The Health of the Vice-President," Bro. Brown, and in thanking him for acting, congratulated him on his having attained provincial honours.

The Vice-President in response, expressed his gratification at the opportunity afforded to him of being present to act as Vice-President, and referred in happy terms to the friendly and good-neighbourly feeling that had always existed between the Enfield and High Cross Lodges.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the President and responded to by Bro. Winsdale and the toast of "The Treasurer" proposed by the Vice-President and responded to by Bro. Maller. The President then proposed the toast of "The Masonic Institutions" and taking the Girls' School as the first in its order of formation, he said that it commenced in 1778 with a very limited number of children, but succeeded in building their first school in 1793. It had since progressed rapidly, and in 1851 the present handsome school at Battersea Rise was built. The girls were there maintained, clothed, and educated, until 16 years old, and what was more, a protecting and helping hand was extended to those who for lack of funds outside might require it. It had made marked progress

within the last few years, for though in 1870 it maintained and educated 100 Girls, there were now 161 in the school. It had £39,000 invested, from which an income of £1162 was derived and the donations and subscriptions for 1876 were £10,161. The next in order was the Boys' School. It started in 1798 with six boys. Like the girls, the boys were maintained, clothed, and educated from eight to sixteen years old, and there are now something like 186 boys on the establishment, it had made great progress and had acquired a substantial and permanent position, and had built the extensive and handsome school at Wood Green. The Institution had been liberally supported, the donations and subscriptions for the year 1876, were £13,220, this with grants and the banker's balance, brought forward from the preceding year, placed £16,960 at the disposal of the Committee for the year 1876, and they were thus enabled to purchase "Kent House" Convalescent Home (an acquisition which had been attended with great advantages), to increase their invested capital from £2000 to £5000, and to begin the year 1877 with the highly respectable balance at their bankers of £2476. The education said the President, given at both schools was of a sound practical character, such as would enable the children to fight the battle of life, and it was gratifying to know that many of them, both boys and girls, succeeded in taking honours at the local examinations of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The last, though by no means the least, in importance of the Institutions was that for aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. Whether it was that there was more charm in helping the young than the old he could not say, but certain it was that this Institution had not been founded until 1842, although he need not tell the brethren that the helping hand had always been held out to the decayed Freemason by his brethren in the Craft. However, in 1842 this Institution was founded, and it had gone on steadily increasing in prosperity. Since its foundation 468 brethren and 242 widows had received annuities. At the time of the last election there were 140 brethren in receipt of £5600; 130 widows receiving £4160; and fourteen widows at half their deceased husband's annuities, £280, or in round numbers, brethren and widows of brethren received for the year £10,040. The subscriptions and donations for the last year amounted to £13,368, and this handsome amount had enabled the Institution considerably to increase the number of annuitants; but, notwithstanding this, there were for the next election thirty brethren candidates, and nine vacancies and thirty-eight widows' candidates, and only seven vacancies. In concluding his notice of the three institutions, the President said that although last year the total amount thus devoted to educating the young and helping the old was over £42,000, still seeing that in both the schools and the institution for the aged the candidates were largely in excess of the vacancies, it behoved every brother to do his utmost to support them—for they were all equally good, equally noble, and equally worthy of support—and there was a benevolent association connected with the Lodge of Instruction, which had done much towards enabling brethren to become Life Governors of the institutions he had referred to; he would not say more on this subject, but conclude by calling upon Bro. Thompson, to whose exertions, as its Secretary says, so much of its success was due, to respond.

Bro. Thompson, in response, said that the benevolent association had been formed some four years ago, and had been the means of enabling its members to acquire many Life Governorships of the various institutions, amounting to £445. Several of its members, too, had served as Stewards, taking up with them over £400.

The Vice-President next proposed the toast of "The Officers and Brethren of the High Cross Lodge," to which Bro. H. Stephens, S.W., responded, and the proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks, proposed by the President to their host, Bro. Mattock, for the capital dinner he had placed on the table. The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Stephens, Burford, Farrin, Oddy, Oxley, Killick, and others.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset was held at Taunton, on Monday, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, presiding. The members of the Craft, to the number of about 150, assembled at the Shire Hall, at half-past one o'clock. The grand jury room had been fitted up to meet the requirements of Masonic ceremony, and punctually to the time fixed the lodge was opened in ancient form by the R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon. The roll of the lodges was then called over, all the lodges in the province except two answering to their names.

The present officers of the P.G. Lodge in attendance were Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M.; Dr. Samuel Bryant, P.M. 1296, P.G.S.W.; Geo. Ricks, P.M. 135, P.G.J.W.; Rev. T. L. Challen, 973, and Rev. Francis Reed, 261, P.G. Chaplains; B. Turner P.M. 53, P.G. Treas.; F. R. Prideaux, P.M. 291, P.G. Sec.; E. Bath, P.M. 772, P.G.S.D.; C. L. Fry Edwards, P.M. 1199, P.G.J.D.; W. M. Forty, P.M. 291, P.G.S. Works; W. Clark, P.M. 285, P.G.D.C.; S. Jones, P.M. 1222, P.G. Assist. D.C.; Thomas H. Leaman, P.M. 1197, P.G. Org.; A. Villar, W.M. 261; J. C. Hunt, W.M. 135; W. Hickman, J.W. 135; J. T. Dunsford, Secretary, 291, and J. Hughes, 814, P.G. Stewards; W. Woodford, 291, and A. J. Carter, Tylers.

Amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. Col. A. W. Adair, P. Prov. G.M. of Somerset; W. S. Gillard, P.M. 1168; Robert. M. Worlock, P.M. 1388; Daniel Williams, P.M. 686; A. Pratt, P.M. 22; James Mills, P.M. 1125, P.P.G.O.; Henry Davey, P.M. 1125; Henry S. Gill, 1125; Thomas Parkhouse, 1125, W.M.; James

H. Lloyd, 1125; John B. Crabb, 1125, P.J.W.; Jno. W. Hunt, 1125; L. W. Zuegg, P.P.G.S.W., Dorset; George Evans, 1181, P.G.S.D.; Henry Stransan, 39, Exeter, P.M. P.P.J.G.W.; John Algar, 39, D.C.; James Chaffin, P.M. 326, P.G.J.D.; H. J. Sellick, 256; A. O. Hill, 76; Jas. Ricks, 23, I.G.; and W. Trevena, P.M. 159.

The lodge having been duly opened,

Bro. F. R. Prideaux, P.G., Secretary, read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Town Hall, Bridgwater, on the 22nd September, 1876, under the presidency of Bro. Else, the V.W.D.P.G.M., and they were confirmed and signed.

Bro. E. T. Payne, P.G. Treasurer, next read a statement of accounts for the past year, showing a balance in hand amounting to £162 18s. 7d.

On the motion of Bro. Meyler, W.M. (No. 261), who had assisted in auditing the accounts, seconded by Bro. Ashley, the accounts were passed.

The P.G. Secretary having announced the receipt of letters from several brethren expressing regret at their inability to attend,

The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, next declared all offices vacant, whereupon Bro. Col. Adair proposed and Bro. Wilton, P.G.J.W., seconded, the re-appointment, of Bro. E. T. Payne as P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was agreed to with acclamation.

The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, said it afforded him great pleasure to think that the P.G.L. had secured once more the valuable services of Bro. Payne, who, he believed, would now enter on the eighteenth consecutive year of his high office. His Lordship then proceeded to invest the newly-appointed officers as follows:—

Frederick J. Brown, P.M. 41	Prov. G.S.W.
A. Villar, P.M. 261	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. F. S. B. Seale, Chap. 135	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. Thomas Randall, 261	Prov. G. Chap.
T. Payne, P.M. 53	Prov. G. Treas.
H. C. Smith, W.M. 1197	Prov. G. Reg.
F. R. Prideaux, P.M. 291	Prov. G. Sec.
H. J. Walker, P.M. 53	Prov. G.S.D.
J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135	Prov. G.J.D.
G. K. Foster, P.M. 329	Prov. G.S. of Wks.
H. W. Batten, P.M. 291	Prov. G.D. of C.
W. W. Westcott, W.M. 814	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Sidney Lewis, W.M. 1223	Prov. G.G.S.B.
E. R. Hayter, W.M. 976	Prov. G. Org.
A. W. S. Bailey, P.M. 772	Prov. G. Purst.
W. H. Dill, P.M. 906	Prov. G.A. Purst.
T. B. Wickenden, 446; L. Bohn, 261; T. Sherring, 814; T. Parker, 285; J. Arney, 1199; and Jos. Trellin, 135	Prov. G. Stewards.
W. Woodward, 291	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Salter, 53	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The Prov. G. Sec. next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which was received and adopted, on the motion of Bro. G. Ricks, seconded by Bro. Ashley, and, on the further proposition of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Wilton, it was also resolved that it should be printed and distributed in. The Prov. G.M. in moving the resolution which appeared in his name on the agenda paper that the sum of £50 be paid out of the fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, said: All of us have been so familiar unhappily from the daily newspapers with the sad records of this famine that very little is needed on my part to explain, or I think to justify, such a motion as this. I had this morning placed on my table a bundle of papers which contain some interesting details, which I thought the Provincial Grand Lodge might care to know. Unfortunately by some inadvertence I left the papers behind me and therefore I must confine myself to the mere generalities of the question. At the same time the main facts are doubtless in the mind of everybody here, so that I need add very little that I think would be worth communicating. I am given to understand that there has been a doubt in the minds of some gentlemen, whether or no, the time of great distress having passed by, any further assistance to the Indian Famine Relief Fund is really requisite. I think I can clear that doubt up at once by assuring every brother here that it is impossible to subscribe money to a worthy or a nobler object. Through the liberality of Englishmen in general, whether in this country or in our colonies, a fine response has been made to the appeal sent forth some months ago, and hard upon half a million of money has now been raised to place at the disposal of the Indian Government. That half million no doubt is so considerable a sum that it will tend in an appreciable degree to the mitigation of the suffering, but I should greatly deceive myself and you if I held out any hope that the half million would at all meet the calamity. That calamity is of the most momentous character, it is one of the darkest which is the recollection of this generation has befallen any part of the British Empire; and if even another half-million is forthcoming, it would not be at all too much; in fact it would not suffice to do that which is desired. Some years ago great famine occurred in another part of the Empire. By a most lavish expenditure of money and great sacrifice of devotion on the part of all concerned in India, this famine was met in the most energetic manner which I think the history of an civilized nation records. Great as the area was and vast as was the population, I believe it may be said without exaggeration that not a single life was lost through that famine. Unhappily as much cannot be said of the present famine. The area being larger and the population affected greater, from various reasons it has been impossible to meet it in the same way. Many have succumbed, and I am afraid many more must succumb to the effects of famine. At the same time the Indian Government has made efforts and much has been accomplished. Yet so terrible is the state of things that in August last, only a few months ago, the Viceroy of India wrote



to express his earnest apprehension not only as to the then state of affairs, but what might be expected if a very beneficial rainfall did not follow. The policy of the Government was one which I think was wise and prudent to adopt under the circumstances. They encouraged as far as possible voluntary effort, but determined not to interfere with the general occupations of trade. They gave all the assistance they could to local committees and they established large public works and, as far as was possible they gave relief, not as a mere matter of charity, but in return for work done, with the view, as far as might be, of not pauperising the native population, and wisely they laid it down as a principle that as far as the resources of the State were available and it was practicable to employ them, human life should be saved. I take it that the policy of the Indian Government was a prudent one, and within certain limits had succeeded very well. They have encouraged voluntary effort as far as they could, and their appeal has been met as I have just now said, both in this country and in our colonies, very liberally. A famine fund has been formed which has had several objects, but mainly I should say for the mitigation of suffering as distinguished from the duty of the relief works, which duty more probably falls on the Indian Government itself, and this fund has been formed very properly for the assistance of the local committees and for giving relief, especially to women and children; and it is to that fund that any contribution this Provincial Grand Lodge may be pleased to make will be paid. As I have before said, in August last the then Viceroy took a very gloomy view of the prospect? Mercifully and providentially, somewhere in the month of September, there was a very welcome rainfall, and that was followed up in other parts of India until about the middle of October, when it became clear that the crops for the ensuing year would be saved. Thank God that has not failed, and now the prospects are more cheering. At the same time the strain has been terrible. Looking upon the resources of the Indian Government and upon the individual amount of mortality not only that has already taken place, but which will follow as the after effect of disease and weakness which must greatly impoverish these unfortunate people, who have been compelled to sell their cattle and their implements and farming stock of every kind, there are millions which have been reduced to a state of the most terrible destitution, and therefore this £50 which I propose to this Grand Lodge to subscribe will come as a welcome help to the fund which is being accumulated, and, though not a great amount, it will prove, at all events, an earnest evidence of the interest which the Freemasons of Somerset take in this national calamity.

Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, which was agreed to with acclamation.

On the motion of Bro. T. E. Payne, seconded by Bro. Inskip, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of fifty guineas be presented to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, that the same be placed on the list of the W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Else, who has signified his intention to represent the province of Somerset as a Steward at the next festival in aid of the funds of the Institution, and that the P.G. Treas., be authorised to pay the amount out of the funds in his hands on account of this province.

On the proposition of Bro. Payne, seconded by Bro. Col. Adair, and supported by the Earl of Carnarvon, the following was unanimously agreed to:—"That this P.G. Lodge desires to express its sympathy with the family of the late Bro. C. J. Vigne, P.P.G.S.W., and one of the trustees of the property of this P.G. Lodge, in their late melancholy bereavement, and to record its sense of the service to Freemasonry, rendered by their deceased brother.

Two sums of twenty guineas each having been voted out of the funds of the lodge for the relief of children of deceased brethren.

Bro. Rev. F. S. P. Seale introduced a motion with respect to the working of the Lodge of Benevolence, but after a discussion had taken place thereon, the resolution was withdrawn.

On the proposition of Bro. Payne, the sum of ten guineas was voted in aid of the fund of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

The lodge was then closed, and the members afterwards dined together at Withycombe's Castle Hotel. The Earl of Carnarvon presided during part of the evening, but being obliged to leave before the toast-list had been gone through, the chair was occupied during the rest of the evening by Bro. Else, D.P.G.M. The noble Earl was supported by P.P.G.M. Adair, Bro. T. Meylar, W.M. of the Lodge of Unity and Sincerity, Taunton, and a large number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers.

Provincial Grand Chaplain Seale said grace before and after dinner.

Departing from the usual course W.M. Meylar proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master of England" first. Adding to the old proverb, he said, "Time, tide, and trains wait for no man," and as his Lordship was compelled to leave early to be in time for his train, he proposed his health, tendering him the thanks of the Masons of Somerset for presiding over them that day. (Applause.)

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said that it was only a short time since he was reading them a lecture on the necessity of observing regularity and order on their procedure, and now, he found himself, through the kindness of Bro. Meylar, committing one of the greatest solecisms, and greatest irregularities he had ever witnessed at a Masonic gathering. (Laughter.) He found himself actually returning thanks for his health in the very middle of their entertainment, and before the loyal toasts had been honoured. He was sure, however, if His Royal Highness the illustrious Grand Master of England—(applause)—with whom he had as it happened within the last few days been in correspondence on Masonic subjects if he had known of the circumstances of the case would not have forbidden

his Somersetshire brethren for giving him their cordial and hearty good wishes in this way. (Applause.) He regretted exceedingly that he was obliged to leave them. He congratulated them on the flourishing state of the province at the present moment. It was impossible that so large and important a lodge could be conducted without difficulties or some little clouds occasionally gathering in the horizon. In fact he should begin to doubt whether it was in a satisfactory state if there were no clouds, but the way in which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and himself had dealt with those difficulties they had passed away, a fact that was owing a great measure to the good temper and Masonic obedience which prevailed throughout the province. He repeated now what he had said on former occasions that Masonic affairs were only to be satisfactorily conducted when those who were invested with the executive power were seconded, and heartily and cordially seconded by every lodge in the province. It was to them he had looked, it was to them he had appealed on former occasions when there had been any difficulty, that appeal had never been made in vain. (Applause.) Not only was Masonry prospering in this country, but it was prospering in the colonies, and he assured them that when administering colonial affairs many matters arising out of ordinary and practical life came up and reminded him of Masonic questions and Masonic brotherhood. Matters frequently arose in which Masonic interests were involved, and he felt that there was that under-current—even in the administration of colonial matters—of Masonic feeling which existed he was happy to believe in every part of this country. (Applause.) He hoped and trusted that they would be very careful to maintain what he might call the landmarks of the Order. (Applause.) It was these landmarks which distinguished English Masonry from most other branches of Masonry all over the world, and things had been done and said lately which some of them considered went to the root of Masonry and which had raised questions of grave and anxious doubt. This was not the occasion or the time to go into that question. He simply said this, which any Mason or non-Mason might hear, and could not misunderstand—that he trusted those great landmarks of Masonry which they all knew, which they all revered and to which they were all pledged would be maintained throughout this province, and in all their lodges, as long as any of them had the power to maintain them. (Applause.) He concluded by wishing them a pleasant evening.

The P.G.M. then left.

Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., having taken the chair, proceeded to propose the usual toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England" having been drunk, "The Health of Bro. Colonel Adair as P.P.G.M." was heartily honoured.

Bro. Colonel Adair, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Else, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and Bro. Else made a suitable response.

Several visiting brethren acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. T. Meylar, W.M. of Lodge 261 (Taunton), responded for that lodge.

"The other Lodges in the Province," "The Masonic Charities," and "To all poor and distressed Masons, &c.," concluded the list.

#### NEW LODGES.

Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master, since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, for the following Lodges:—

- No. 1722. Excelsior Lodge, Dugshai, Punjab.
- 1723. St. George's Lodge, Bolton, Lancashire.
- 1724. Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge, Regent Street.
- 1725. Douglas Lodge, Maidstone, Kent.
- 1726. Gordon Lodge, Bognor, Sussex.
- 1727. Tenterfield Lodge, Tenterfield, N.S.W.
- 1728. Temple Bar Lodge, Fleet Street.
- 1729. Skelmersdale Lodge, Pietermaritzburg.
- 1730. Urmoston Lodge, Urmoston, Lancashire.
- 1731. Cholmeley Lodge, Muswell Hill.
- 1732. King's Cross Lodge, King's Cross.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, H. Cox, John Boyd, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, F. G. Baker, Herbert Dicketts, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and R. W. Little (Secretary); Bro. Hedges also attended.

Four petitions for candidates to be placed on the list for election in April were received and accepted, and the candidates were ordered to be placed on the list.

Notice of motion was given on behalf of Bro. Joshua Nunn for increasing all the salaries at the school.

The committee then adjourned.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL.

W. A. Parker, a pupil in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, gained the 9th place out of a large number of candidates for entrance into Her Majesty's Dockyard, to be educated as a naval engineer. He has been directed to enter upon his duties in H.M.'s ship "Marlborough," at Portsmouth, early in the present month.

Parker had no special preparation for the examination, which included English, French, and mathematics.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

The Christmas Number of the *Masonic Magazine* will contain a portrait of Bro. Capt. Phillips, Senior Grand Deacon, in addition to ninety six pages of interesting matter, written expressly for this number, by eminent Masonic writers, and a handsome illuminated cover. The price of this number will be one shilling.

Mr. Charles P. O'Connor, the "Irish Peasant Poet," will lecture on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at St. Matthias's School, On-the-Weir Bristol. The subject will be "Poets and Poetry of Ireland."

A report of the meeting of the Neptune Lodge, held on Thursday, will appear in our next.

The half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday next.

The installation meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street. A full report will appear in our next.

The consecration of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge (No. 1724), for Indian Officers and those connected with India, took place on Thursday last. The ceremonies were performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; and H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary. A full report will appear in our next.

**A DISABLED HOSPITAL.**—Owing to the severe gales, four wards of The National Hospital for the Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho Square, have been rendered uninhabitable, necessitating the immediate removal of the suffering patients. The committee have issued an appeal asking for assistance for the reparation of the damage done and to reopen the wards.

**AN OLD ENGINE.**—The first sale in connection with the estate of Thomas Vaughan and Co., ironmasters, of Middlesbrough, in liquidation, took place on Wednesday, at the Whesoe Works. Amongst the lots offered was an old-fashioned locomotive, declared to be the fifth ever made for the first railway, the Stockton and Darlington line. This engine and its tender were sold to a marine store dealer for £45.

At a meeting of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, on Tuesday 27th ult., in an appropriate speech, Bro. Archer Farr alluded in touching terms to the lamented death of the late Bro. Superintendent Mott.

Arrangements have just been completed by Atlantic Cable with Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," &c., &c.) for the publication, from advanced sheets, of her new story, "Our Folks at Paganuc," in the columns of the *Christian Globe*. The story abounds in dramatic incident, and is written in Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's well-known and attractive style and is full of that mysterious life-principle which is the first condition of the highest art in every form of literature.

The first annual ball of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will be held at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday, the 23rd of January next, under the presidency of Bro. E. White, W.M. of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden is Vice-President, and among the Stewards are Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; B. H. Swallow, P.M.; B. Phillips, S.W.; and John E. Shand, S.D. We hope to give further particulars in a future number.

The Worshipful Company of Skinners have given a donation of £100 to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, in aid of the funds of that excellent institution, of which our Bro. Wm. Worrell is the energetic Secretary.

The annual concert in aid of the funds of the Post Office Orphan Home will be given this (Saturday) evening, at St. James's Hall, under the patronage of the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, Postmaster General.

A Grand Ballad Concert will be given on Saturday next Dec. 8th, at the Angel Town Institution, Gresham-road, Brixton, to commence at 8 o'clock. The artistes for this occasion include Madame Worrell-Duval, Madame Marie Coles, and Bro. J. Turle Lee.

The Surrey County Club announce their second evening concert of the winter season, for Tuesday next, the 4th inst.

On Wednesday Mr. Walter, M.P., presided at the annual festival dinner in aid of the Home for Little Boys, at Horton Kirby, Farningham. Subscriptions amounting to about £1200 were announced during the proceedings.

The opening meeting of the Sessions of the Law Amendment Society will be held on Monday evening next, when Mr. Sergeant Cox will read a paper on "A Court of Criminal Appeal." Mr. William Forsyth, Q.C., M.P., will preside.

A Dramatic performance, by members of the Honourable Artillery Company, will take place at the Royal Aquarium Theatre, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The proceeds will be devoted to the City Orthopaedic Hospital.

Bro. Theo Lane's letter reached us too late for insertion this week. It shall appear in our next.

An interesting communication has reached us from Bro. Robert Laing (Copenhagen), representative of the Grand Lodge of England in the Grand Lodge of Denmark, which we shall have much pleasure in giving in our next.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Eleanor Spencer, the wife of Bro. Walter Spencer which took place on the 15th ult., at the residence of her father, at Upper Norwood, after protracted sufferings. We sincerely sympathize with Bro. Walter Spencer in his great bereavement.



## Reviews.

"Mottoes and Aphorisms from Shakespeare."—John Hogg Paternoster-row.

"Rules for making English Verse;" ditto.

We have received these two books from Bro. John Hogg, and perused them with much pleasure. We commend them to the notice of our readers. "Mottoes and Aphorisms from Shakespeare" will be found very useful to those who like to "garnish" our English language with the thoughts of "Glorious Will," and are pleased to find how much of truth always lies at the bottom of the Shakespearean well. Indeed, the more we study Shakespeare the more we love him, and it used to be said of King Charles I. that next to his Bible and Prayer-book he always preferred his Shakespeare. If any of our readers want a few quotations apt, on the spot, so to say, let them get this neat and tiny handbook of reference and quotation.

"Rules for making English Verse" will commend themselves to all poetasters. The application of Tom Hood's more modern, and Byshe's older rules for versification will be a great help to many who rack their brain for a recalcitrant rhyme. Poetry is now "heavy in the market." Whether we are improving its quality (its quantity is enormous) we say nothing, but as it is always a proper thing to teach the young or the old idea "how to shoot," let us not be above welcoming all such "vade mecum" to verdant bay leaves and superabundant laurels. Seriously, though, we do not think that sermons can be written from Skelton sermons, nor poetry from our English "Gradus ad Parnassus," yet they are adventitious aids, well worthy the attention of those ladies and gentlemen who write with ease or without any ease at all. With all our barking criticism we commend Bro. Hogg's little publication alike to Alonzo and Theodore, to Imogen and Amanda Jones.

## Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE UNITY LODGE, No. 132, F.M.H., RINGWOOD.

I have received the following transcript from my friend and brother, John J. Taylor, J.W. 121, who saw the originals when at Ringwood, and I think them sufficiently interesting to have them inserted in the *Freemason*. The lodge, it appears, was constituted in 1764, and precedes (at the present time) two lodges, respectively numbered 130 and 131 (Southampton and Truro), which were chartered in 1772. The difference in the years of origin is explained by the fact that the latter were constituted by the "Ancients," and No. 132 by the "Moderns." No. 129, at Kendal, is of 1764, as also the lodges from 133 to 135.

## WARRANT.

To all whom these presents shall come, I, Henry Dagge, Esq., Deputy Grand Master for the County of Southampton, send greeting.

Whereas it has been represented to me that there are now remaining two members only belonging to the lodge at Lymington, in the said county, of which the Master, Mr. Samuel Cothorne, is one, who has signified to me his desire that the said lodge should be transferred and removed to the town of Ringwood, in the said county, to be held there at the sign of the "White Hart," kept by Brother Richard Gibbs: And whereas there are several brethren residing in and near the said town of Ringwood who are desirous of becoming members of the said lodge when removed to Ringwood as aforesaid. Now, I, the said Henry Dagge, by virtue of the power and authority in me reposed, do hereby transfer and remove the Lymington Lodge to the town of Ringwood, to be held there at the "White Hart" Inn aforesaid. And the said Master of the Lymington Lodge having resigned his office, and our worthy Bro. Stephen Martin, of Ringwood aforesaid, Esquire, having been presented to me as a proper person to succeed to the said office, and having been strongly and unanimously recommended by all the brethren now present as a person of good morals, and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole Fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth, I do, therefore, appoint the said Stephen Martin, Master of the said lodge. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this twenty-seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six.

HENRY DAGGE, D.G.M.

The Unity Lodge, Ringwood, likewise possesses two valuable chairs of historical interest, having been used by His Majesty George III. and his Royal Consort when at the city of Salisbury. The following are the inscriptions on the chairs in question:—

"His Majesty King George the Third visited the City of Salisbury Sept. 30th, A.L. 5778, and was seated on this chair and throne in the choir of the Cathedral during the performance of three anthems;" and on the other "Her Majesty Queen Charlotte accompanied her Royal Consort to Salisbury Sept. 30th, A.L. 5778, and was seated on this chair and throne in the choir of the Cathedral."

How they are now located at Ringwood I know not, but this much I do, that all such interesting details as those sent by Brother Taylor are well worthy of preservation in these pages.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## "RAMBLER" AND ANCIENT LODGE AT KESLO.

I have had a rare treat in reading the interesting description of the records of the ancient Lodge of Keslo, Scotland, and feel much indebted to our brother, "Rambler," for the trouble he has taken to present the readers of the *Freemason* (and through that paper, the Craft) with a brief, but comprehensive account of Freemasonry in Keslo,

which, so far as I know, is new to all of us "Masonic Students."

On behalf of Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., and myself, I should like to correspond with "Rambler" about the matter, for we should like to know if the minute book contains a copy of the "Old Masonic Charges" usual at that time, and if so, of what kind, and the date when written. It is more than likely that in a hasty glance—however much was made of the time at disposal—some points of value may have escaped attention, and so if I were favoured with the loan of the records, or some one would undertake a careful examination who is on the spot, there may be other matters of interest discovered.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

## Public Amusements.

GLOBE THEATRE.—It would be difficult to imagine a brighter or pleasanter entertainment than that which was provided for the patrons of the Globe Theatre on Saturday, 24th November. Notwithstanding the fact that five other performances were advertised to take place at the same hour, and that the weather was most forbidding, the house was filled by a large and appreciative audience, attracted, no doubt, by curiosity as to Messrs. Romer and Bellamy's comedy of "Flirtation," which was announced to form the *piece de resistance*. Although this sparkling little play had already made its appearance on a similar occasion, the authors have made such judicious alterations and improvements, both in construction and dialogue, that it is now to all intents and purposes a different piece from that which obtained such favourable suffrages in July last; and for that reason, as well as on account of its intrinsic merit, calls for particular notice.

It may be well to state that the piece has nothing but its title in common with one produced some years ago at Booth's Theatre, in New York, in which the famous avenue at West Point played so important a part. It is thoroughly English in its character, and original in conception. The plot turns upon the scheme by which two young ladies, Alice Leith and Cissy Morley, attempt to bring their tardy lovers, Archie Terry and Jack Rollope, to book, at the same time that those unsuspecting subalterns are engaged in a somewhat similar plot to ascertain the state of their mistresses' affections; whilst the secondary interest of the piece is furnished by the elderly courtship of the girls' widowed aunt, Mrs. Brayley, by a certain eccentric Major Shoreshot, admirably played by Mr. Edward Righton.

The acting of the piece was, on the whole, excellent. Miss Sanger, who has been trained in the best school of genteel comedy, has, perhaps, never been seen to greater advantage than in the part of the lively Cissy Morley. She was charmingly coquettish, and acted with an élan which yet never even trenched upon the hoyden; the scene in which she instructs Major Shoreshot how to make a proposal was especially taking—the spirits of the actress communicated themselves to her audience, and the result was a genuine triumph, to which Mr. Righton's inimitable face greatly contributed. Of that gentleman it is enough to say that he was thoroughly himself, therefore wonderfully funny; the authors have suited him with a character exactly suited to his eccentric talent, in the blustering, amorous, and withal chicken-hearted, major, and he makes the most of it. Mr. Collette, in the somewhat novel part, for him, of the senile baronet, was so natural that one quite fell in love with the courtly old gentleman, in spite of his inability to remember the "capital story" which was always in apparent readiness to illustrate every possible occasion. Miss Ritta was pretty and graceful, as usual; the rest of the dramatic personæ may be classed as respectable. The writing of the piece is good, sparkling, without being impossibly epigrammatic, and always concise and to the point; if Messrs. Bellamy and Romer can do more such work, they will prove valuable adjuncts to the ranks of dramatic authorship. The second act is decidedly the best in every way, but all three show talent of no ordinary kind.

The piece was preceded by that wildest and funniest of farces, "Cryptoconchoidisophonostoma," in which Mr. Collette once more proved himself to be the legitimate successor of Charles Mathews in patter parts. "Isaac of York" wound up the entertainment, and this versatile actor again took his share of the applause. It is rather a comfort once more to see a burlesque which depends for its success upon the powers of its performers, and not upon their personal charms.

Altogether it was a most delightful afternoon. But may it be permitted to enquire who is responsible for the black mail levied upon the audience? Sixpence a copy for the "programmes," i.e., in the language of mortal men, "play-bills," is rather a high price. Fortunately, they did not smell of some hairdressing abomination, as is too often the case.

WESTMINSTER PLAY.—The *Adelphi* of Terence will be performed by the Queen's scholars in the Dormitory as usual on the evenings of Thursday, December 13, Tuesday, 18th, and Thursday, 20th.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET-BOOK FOR 1878. (London: George Kenning).—An essential to all Masons; it is neatly bound in pocket-book form, and can be carried in the breast pocket with ease. The Craft will find it a comprehensive book of reference, containing list of lodges, chapters, K.T. encampments, conclaves, and grand councils. It will be found useful, too, as giving the names of officers in England and Wales, and Scotland, Ireland, Canada, British Columbia, United States, Central and South America, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Greece, Turkey, the Netherlands, and Egypt; and information in regard to every Grand Masonic body throughout the Globe.—*European Mail*.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

An Ethnographical Museum is to be formed in Paris from the collections made by various French scientific expeditions. Scientific and archaeological objects only will be exhibited, as all artistic treasures will go to the Louvre. In connection with the museum an ethnographical exhibition of collections from South America will be held at the Palais de l'Industrie from January 15 to March 1st, 1878.

BUTTER ANALYSIS.—A prize of 150 marks has just been awarded to Otto Helmer, F.C.S., Public Analyst for the Isle of Wight, and Arthur Angell, F.R.M.S., Public Analyst, county of Hants, for their essay on butter analysis. The award was made by Professor Heintz and Professor Knop, of Leipzig, examiners for the Pharmaceutical Association, Leipzig. Six essays were sent in for competition—two from Germany, one from Austria, one from Italy, and two from England.

The Herons in Richmond Park, which migrate during the summer months, says the *Live Stock Journal*, have returned to their winter quarters.

The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, now in course of construction, is progressing satisfactorily, but the question of funds has once more come to the fore. The accompanying library and picture-gallery cannot be built unless £8000, be forthcoming, and of this sum Mr. C. E. Flower, who has already given the site for the memorial buildings, has promised £4000, if a like amount can be collected by the end of the year. The Mayor and Corporation accordingly appeal for donations, and are specially desirous to erect the gallery, as Mr. Graves, the well-known publisher, has bequeathed to it all his pictures of a Shakespearian character. Subscribers are to receive a steel engraving of Gainsborough's portrait of David Garrick, which was in the last Winter Exhibition Burlington House, the engraving being executed only for this purpose.

The Marquis of Bute has offered to build at his own expense, and to present to the University of Glasgow the Grand Hall of the new buildings, according to designs proposed by Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A. It is estimated that the building will cost from £70,000 to £80,000.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—The Rev. Bouchier Wrey Savile, rector of Shillingford, writes:—"In *The Times*' report of the very interesting lecture delivered by Dr. Birch, the prince of English Egyptologists, on the subject of Cleopatra's Needle, there is an omission, as I venture with some diffidence to consider, which should be supplied—viz., that the said obelisk was erected by Pharaoh Thothmes III., the contemporary of Moses, for which the evidence is overwhelming. And further, that this Pharaoh is infamous for his endeavour to erase wherever he could the name of his distinguished sister, Queen Hatason or Hataseps, who so long ruled Egypt as Queen-regnant in her own right, and whose beautiful obelisk, which still stands amid the ruins of Thebes, bears the significant and suggestive title of 'Pharaoh's Daughter.'

The British Museum is to receive a collection of Armenian antiquities from the Province of Van, which are now in Mr. Layard's keeping at Constantinople.

The Relics of the "Victory," formerly preserved by the Duke of Clarence at Bushey, and which we mentioned some weeks ago, are to be exhibited in the Queen's Guard Room at Hampton Court Palace.

Prompt books prove sometimes an acceptable legacy. A well-known Liverpool manager lately paid Mrs. Charles Kean 100 guineas for the loan of the prompt-book of *The Winter's Tale*, as arranged by her late husband, and played at the Princess's Theatre.—*Theatre*.

The Centenary of the Death of Albrecht von Haller, the celebrated physiologist, is to be celebrated next month at Berne, Haller's birthplace. In Germany Haller is as much famed for his poems as for the scientific studies which gained him the title, "Father of Physiology."

The Late M. Gustave Brion, according to *Mayfair*, was in very reduced circumstances in Paris during his student days. A friend, meeting him at a *Café*, told him his coat was worn out at the elbow. "What does it matter?" replied Brion cheerfully; "talent, true talent, must come out somewhere."

The Transit of Mercury on the 6th of May next is to be observed by a special scientific expedition sent to San Francisco by the French Government. French astronomers are specially desirous to be represented, as their countryman, Pierre Gassendi, was the first person who succeeded in observing the transit of the planet. On November 7, 1631, Gassendi, then at the College de France in Paris, witnessed the passage by means of a camera obscura into which he introduced the solar rays through a hole cut in the shutters.

A new four-act drama, by Mr. Manuel, founded on a romantic story of the Rebellion of Monmouth in 1685, has been produced at the Britannia Theatre. The plot turns on the impersonation by a villain of the right heir, who being himself a fugitive from Sedgemoor, dares not denounce the impostor. In the end the false claimant is unmasked, and all ends prosperously. The chief parts were well sustained by Miss Brewer, Mr. Newbound, Mr. Drayton, and Mr. Reynolds. The piece was received with marked favour by a very crowded audience.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTHS.

BOYCE.—On the 25th ult., at Hackney, the wife of Thos. Boyce, of a son.

DARLING.—On the 21st ult., at Bangalore, the wife of Lieut. C. H. Darling, Royal Engineers, of a daughter.

DONOUGHMORE.—On the 27th ult., at 3, Seymour-st., Portman-square, the Countess of Donoughmore, of a daughter.

GORDON.—On the 25th ult., at Grosvenor-road, Highbury New Park, N., the wife of A. Gordon, of a daughter.

PICKERING.—On the 21st ult., at 14, Rackham-street, North Kensington, the wife of Edward Pickering, of a daughter (Emily Clara).

## DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—On the 19th ult., at 4, Cambridge-street, Liverpool, five months old, Edwin Burgess, son of Bro. John Atkinson, Secretary Lodge 1609.

HUBBARD.—On the 24th ult., at Lyndhurst Lodge, Whitehorse lane, South Norwood, William Hubbard, aged 60 years.

MACRAE.—On the 23rd inst., at Ruthven, Burton-on-Trent, Edith Anne, the wife of K. Macrae, daughter of A. Payne, of Etingshall, Wolverhampton.

MOORE.—On the 17th ult., at 3, Queen-street, Lancaster, Percy St. Aubyn Daniel Moore, aged seven years, only son of Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B., of England.

MOTT.—On the 24th inst., James Mott, aged 49.

RAMSEY.—On the 20th inst., of bronchitis, William Ramsey, C.E., fourth son of the late Joseph Ramsey, of Yarm-on-Tees. Friends will please accept this intimation.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1877.

## OUR GRAND LODGE AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

By the agenda paper it will be seen that this subject will be alluded to at the next Quarterly Communication from the chair. We rejoice that this is so, and feel strongly that the course proposed is the best under the circumstances that can be adopted. We are quite persuaded, that when the matter is brought before our Grand Lodge, it will be discussed with that gravity and fairness, that true Masonic spirit, which always distinguish Grand Lodge, and which not only are demanded by the pressing importance of the special circumstances of the case, but by the larger claims even, and unchanging responsibilities of, Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

## THE THEISTIC POSITION OF FREEMASONRY.

Our contemporary, the *Hull Packet*, invites us to explain ourselves on this head, and we gladly respond to the invitation. The remarks of the *Hull Packet* are based upon an article in the *Freemans' Journal*, which we have not seen, and therefore we are dealing with "text and context" on faith, assuming that our contemporary, which we doubt not, has quoted the *Freemans' Journal* correctly. We leave out a great many meaningless and unrighteous invectives against the Order, which we ascribe to "invincible ignorance," and take the main point of accusation, that the God of the Freemason is "not the God of the Christian religion," and that while admitting Freemasons do recognise a "Supreme Being," the "Supreme Architect," it is a very "vague and shadowy profession, in which a Freemason is asked to assert his belief in the "Divine Existence." Now, first of all, we beg to say, that as Freemasons, we are always taught to treat the name of God with the greatest reverence, and we deplore the irreverent manner in which that Sacred Name is invoked, amid discussions which are useless, and controversies which are dangerous often to faith and morals. But in reply to so sweeping a charge we beg to say that never was a greater mistake ever made by any writer on the subject. Freemasons are taught to look up and to trust in an ever-present God, Most High, Personal, Living, Creating, Preserving, and Saving, the moral Governor of mankind, the future Judge of living and dead. They are bid to implore His aid in all their lawful undertakings, His presence in all their peaceful assemblies, His protection, His approval, and His blessing in all their passage through this sublunary scene. And not only this, but His Inspired Word is the distinguishing ornament of every lodge. Without it no Anglo-Saxon lodge is perfect or can work at all, and they are bid emphatically to seriously contemplate the "Volume of the Sacred Law," and to consider it as the "unerring standard of truth and justice," and "regulate their lives by the Divine precepts it contains." It is true that Freemasonry does not go further than this, nor can it go, inasmuch as it receives into its great brotherhood all who are not Atheists or libertines, all who accept fully the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. But as far as it does go, its views are perfectly clear, correct, and orthodox. It does not enter into the question of Christian controversy, or the conflicting beliefs of any body of religionists, because were it to do so, its very foundation would be undermined, and its cosmopolitan character destroyed. Freemasonry, whether rightly or wrongly, seeks to make a great union all over the world, for the purpose of humanitarian sympathy, relief, and good will, in which all who recognize a common Heavenly Father, a Divine Ruler of the world and of man, can harmoniously take part. And who amid the conflicting creeds of Christendom, and the di-

verging religious of mankind, can venture dogmatically to say that Freemasonry is wrong? But the *Freemans' Journal*, which is a Roman Catholic journal, speaks according to its own Ultramontane belief, and if it is to say anything, it has the right to make the best of a case, even if that case be, in our opinion, "a bad bargain." For let us go back a little! The whole Roman Catholic opposition is based on the Bull of Pope Clement XII, of 1738. That Bull is so peculiar a Bull, (not an Irish Bull at all), that we beg to call the attention of our esteemed confrere the Editor to it. The grounds of condemnation of that Bull are distinctly said to be the meeting of persons, "cujuscumque religionis et sectæ homines." And what is the punishment to follow? Handing over the Freemasons to the Inquisition and the secular arm, the demolition of the house in which the lodge was held, and the fine and punishment of the proprietor. On this Bull all the subsequent Bulls of Benedict, Leo, Pius VII., and the allocution of Pius IX. are built up, and we invite the worthy editor of the *Freemans' Journal* honestly to meet these facts of the case, and to tell us if they consort with his or our common notion of legality, justice, religious liberty, and conscientious conviction. It is this very peculiarity of Freemasonry which so appears to irritate many of our esteemed Roman Catholic fellow citizens and ardent religionists of various denominations, but there is nothing in it really to disquiet the conscience of the most sensitive, or to alarm the orthodoxy of the most orthodox. Freemasonry is simply a religious, moral, peaceful sodality, which avoiding controversies, and deprecating sectarian animosities, seeks to advance in the world the glory of God and the welfare of man. If it is wrong in being so world-wide and so universal in scope, it surely is on the right side, and takes a manly course in avoiding any of those limitations of thought, which the progress of Christianity seems to have thrown upon conflicting bodies of Christians themselves. It bases all its religious avowals on the Divinity of all prayers. Further than that it does not dogmatize, more than that, it does not profess to teach; and until that sublime form of words is proved to be erroneous, or insufficient, Freemasonry may well be pardoned if it rests its language of prayer and its utterance of goodwill, on the safest and best of all teaching. But while Freemasonry is thus liberal and tolerant, it openly raises its voice against atheistical formulæ or nihilistic subtleties. And therefore, while it condemns the French Grand Orient, and upholds the recent resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge, it openly declares its loyal adherence in a spirit of the truest toleration, to its own distinct Theistic teaching. Without expressing any opinion or passing any condemnation on those who prefer a limited, and even Christian view of Freemasonry to the wider circle of Craft teaching, English Freemasonry once more repeats its adherence to the principles promulgated at the Union in 1813, which are, as we all know, Cosmopolitan, as opposed to merely national, universal, as opposed to merely sectional.

## THE GRAND ORIENT OF ROME.

We greatly rejoice to be able to give to the Craft the gratifying assurance, on the authority of our excellent and distinguished Bro. J. C. Parkinson, that the Grand Orient of Rome has not adopted the most mischievous and most un-Masonic position of the Grand Orient of France. We are privileged to make use of his own words, than which none more satisfactory can be given, and to which we beg to call special attention, not only as an answer to our own question some time back, but as in reality a close to the discussion in our pages:—"I should not have the slightest hesitation in pledging myself, that the Grand Orient of Rome has not made any such lapse from true Masonic principles, as we are deploring in the case of the Grand Orient of France. I received the most positive assurance on this head from Signor Tamajo, the D.G.M., when I was in Rome last year, and besides, the symbolism and ritual are like our own, such as to render such a negation absolutely im-



possible." All Anglo-Saxon Freemasons will rejoice to receive such an assurance on such an authority, and to which we beg to call the serious attention of the Grand Orient of France, and of Bro. Desmons, who has stated just the contrary, in a recent and too famous report.

### EXCLUSION OF THE HEBREWS IN GERMANY.

We are glad to note by the Agenda paper, that this subject is going to be brought before the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and that in answer to 300 petitions our Grand Lodge will be invited to take immediate and proper action. We do not shut our eyes to some difficulties attendant, necessarily, on the course which it is suggested Grand Lodge and the Grand Master shall now pursue under the circumstances in respect of the independence of National Grand Lodges, and we should perhaps have been inclined to recommend another course, namely, the affirmation of the right of the Hebrew to admission, and the antagonism such exclusion of the Hebrew creates to the true principles of Universal Freemasonry. But we are quite sure that Grand Lodge will come to a right decision in the matter.

### LITERARY GARBAGE.

We are just now inundated with a plethora of personality which threatens to undermine and degrade our English Press. If any one doubts our humble words, let them read a recent article in the *Contemporary Review*, which points out, in terms by no means too strong, how, at the very moment we write, the public taste is vitiated, and public morals are weakened, by the infusion into our weekly literature of the stale jokes of uneducated scandal, the off-scourings of the smoking room, the tittle-tattle of the clubs, and the personal antipathies and proclivities of brainless and enervated individuals. It has been said, and perhaps truly, that the real social state of any nation is best reflected by the literature which "pays," and the theatres which are attended; and if we were to judge of our national position in respect of morals, and manners, by these two tests, just now, we should have to confess, we fear, that the prospect before us would be alike most disheartening and depressing. In the literature of the press, the papers which are apparently most sought after, are those which pretend to impart fragrant scandals and to draw aside the curtains which properly close private life from our view; which seem bent on retailing the droppings from gin-palaces, and the last coarse joke of some "free-and-easy" or "coachman's club." We are to be told everything about everybody, what Royalty itself has said and done, even in most private life, what Lady Clacker has been about, what Lord Charles Piper has remarked, and what Tommy Tippetts has not achieved. For those who revel in the annals of "Low Life above Stairs," there are many weekly papers just now, which seem a sort of refuge for those dear, destitute young men of ours, who never think, never read, never do anything but smoke and nip, and spit, and bet, and which even are read with "gusto" by middle aged ladies and gentlemen, who seem always to be saying "militavi non sine gloria." To please some of our readers we give a free translation of our words. "We carried on the war with signal success." In our opinion nothing is so lamentable as this condition of a great class of society, settling down on the lees of a barbaric sensuousness, of a debasing and unrestrained effeminateness of habits, tastes, and feelings. But the evidences abound on every side, which serve to convince us, that that which best "pays," is most read, and even highly prized, is that style of literature which descends to the lowest source of scandal and ill living, repeats the vile anecdote, or the treacherous canard, and abounds in those edifying records of personal wrong-doing which seem to be "caviare" to countless gaping ganders and geese of both sexes, and all conditions. Under present circumstances neither private life nor the confidence of a club are exempt from these breaches of public and personal honour. Stories are repeated which some ingenious and ingenuous young gentleman

has heard in the "Poluphloisboio Club," and straight away sends off to those immaculate journals, (being paid for his pains), which are named "Honour," "High Life," "Confidence," &c., &c., and which duly edify those countless "gobemouches," who are weak enough to buy and still weaker to read such "garbage" and such rubbish. Let none be offended at our plain speaking. As regards our theatres, while we make some exceptions, we regret that many pieces ever see the light, much less ever are played on our English boards. The true end of the theatre, as we hold it, is to amuse, to inform, to instruct, to impress, to satirize the amiable weaknesses and vanity of each passing age, and we always grieve when we behold the English stage reduced, in order to secure attendance and applause, to pander to a relaxed code of morals, and to pourtray in inflammatory language, not the wickedness, but the palliations of vice; to use words which bring a blush to the cheek of innocence, and undermine, while they contaminate, the higher sentiments of virtue. But we forbear for the present to dwell on this topic, which deserves to be treated by itself, since we are among those who have always seen, as Dr. Johnson saw, the actual good of the stage, amid no doubt many deteriorating influences and tendencies. If we are wrong, we are content to be in error with that stout old moralist. We have been led into these remarks by the accumulating testimony before us to the extent of this evil of personal attack and scandal, affecting the press. We would say to all, especially brother Masons who allow themselves on any grounds whatever, to descend to the vulgar use of personality and calumny, the anonymous letter, or the covert innuendo, that such proceedings are an absolute degradation to them as men and Masons, an utter burlesque on every principle of Masonic profession. The brother who, for causes of private "pique," or personal jealousy, attacks another, brother behind his back, "willing to wound but yet afraid to strike," is the most contemptible of men, nay of reptiles, and we beg to commend to his very serious attention, for his improvement and edification, some little words of our immortal brother and bard, from that noble play "Othello," with which we desire respectfully to conclude this, our earnest deliverance:—

"A slippery and subtle knave; a finder out of occasions; that has an eye can stamp and counterfeit advantages, though true advantage never present itself: a devilish knave."

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### KNIGHT TEMPLARS OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As my esteemed and valued R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan calls on me by the article in your paper of 17th inst. to furnish you with a copy of the charter granted by Mother Kilwinning on the 8th of October, 1779, to "The High Knight Templars of Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge," I have great pleasure in not only sending you at foot a copy of that charter, but also of the petition, praying Mother Kilwinning to grant that charter. Some time since I compared both of these with the originals.

It will be at once seen that the petition only prayed for authority to work Craft Masonry, and that the charter only confers power to work the Craft degrees, and that the working of Knight Templary under it was unauthorised.

The original minute-book of this High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge is in my possession, and shows that not only the Craft degrees were worked under this charter, but also those of Knight Templary, Excellent, Super-Excellent, "Royal Arch," "Prince Masonry," and "Knight of Red Cross," were worked assumedly (as is stated in the circular of 30th Jan., 1806) by virtue of this charter of 8th October, 1779.

Holding as I do the high honour of honorary membership of Mother Kilwinning, and having had the great pleasure of reading her original records and minute-books from the 11th day of December, 1642, up to the 14th of August, 1876, being nearly a period of 234 years, I can vouch from these invaluable records that Mother Kilwinning has never worked or sanctioned the working of any degrees save those of Craft Masonry.

I have long since written our valued and esteemed Ill. Bro. the Great Prior of Canada, promising him every Masonic information and assistance I can give him, as it is a real pleasure to have the honour of corresponding with such a true Mason as our Ill. brother.

I may also mention I am at present procuring for our

Ill. brother all the information I can as to Irish Knight Templary.

I remain, yours fraternally, JAMES H. NEILSON,  
5, Upper Mount-street, Liverpool.

#### PETITION FOR CHAPTER.

To the Grand Master and Brethren of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning.

Brethren,—Studious to follow Freemasonry on the justest principles of the Ancient Craft, and willing to derive an authority from the first source, a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held in Dublin, have been long desirous to obtain a charter from their esteemed brethren, the Ancient Lodge of Kilwinning, as they are fully satisfied of their just title of primogeniture. Anxiously solicitous after the attainment of this much desired object, but at a loss to whom to turn for advice, or where to apply, they count it a fortunate era their meeting with their much loved brother, George Cunningham Esq., whose friendship has pointed out a clue to lead them out of their labyrinth of doubt. Under his auspices, therefore, they apply for a charter from you to hold a lodge, to be called the High Knight Templars Lodge of Ireland, and hope ever to walk worthy of their vocation, and the high favour you will confer on them by granting it. We remain, with the greatest respect, wishing you the salutation of peace, love, and harmony, your truly affectionate brethren,

HENRY WHEELER, Master.  
PETER GRANT, S.W.  
ROBERT COLVILLE, J.W.  
RICHARD GANDEY, Sec.

Dublin, April, 1779

#### COPY OF CHARTER.

"We, Archibald, Earl of Eglintoun, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, having taken into consideration the request of certain Masons in the City of Dublin, in Ireland, praying our authority to be formed into a regular Lodge or Society, being well-assured of their moral character, and of their inclination to promote the good of Masonry: We, with the consent of our Wardens and other brethren, do constitute and erect them into a regular lodge, by the name of the High Knight Templars of Ireland Kilwinning Lodge. And we grant them all powers and privileges which now are, or for any time past may have been, legally enjoyed by any other lodge of our creating; the same to be always holden of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning and his successors in office, upon the yearly payment of one merk Scots money (13s) sterling, at the anniversary meeting of the Mother Lodge in December, and upon the attendance of one of their members, if required, at said meeting.

"Given at Kilwinning the 8th of October, 1779.

"ROBT. LAUGHLIN."

#### LODGES AT HOTELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have noticed lately some letters in your good paper about holding Masonic Lodges at Hotels, and I cannot see why the hosts should be so unceremoniously snubbed as some of your correspondents have snubbed them.

What have they done?

I have a little experience in the Craft, and am obliged to express my opinion, that more hearty and sincere Masons than "Publicans" do not exist, and that as a body they have done as much for Masonry and our Charities as any other men.

Your correspondents must surely have met with some very objectionable "Pub," as he calls it. If so, why dub them as a rule?

I think it would be more courteous to our hosts if he would point out wherein they overstep their duties, and then call them to order. I mean the especial ones. We all have that privilege.

Few Masons, I think, will deny that the Hotel, Hostelry, or Inn, is a convenient place to hold a lodge. Solitary "Bethels" may be very good, in some parts of the country, some of whose members may prefer their good dinners at home, but I believe they, as a rule, would be all the better Masons after their occasional banquets together.

No place in my opinion supersedes a well managed Hotel.

Masonry is charity, in its highest sense, and good "refreshment after labour" certainly induces charity, and the best of refreshments can be had at good Hotels.

Yours fraternally, G. TIDCOMBE, JUN.  
Abercorn Lodge, Stanmore.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION v. PRECEPTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am surprised that your correspondent, G.M., as an old M.M., should ask such questions, although I have often heard of complaints respecting Preceptors, who are ignorant, conducting themselves without due respect to those brethren, who look to a Preceptor as dutiful scholars to a teacher, but the Preceptor should also look to his scholars as superior pupils.

In my experience I have always found a good preceptor to regulate his teaching according to the majority of the brethren.

As to the right of a Preceptor to make bye-laws, I never heard of such, and would be surprised if a Preceptor would do it.

Altering rituals is out of question altogether, and as to voting, no doubt he has a right, but what decent and proper Preceptor would do it, except advising. A preceptor ought to be neutral on every question when ritual and the Book of Constitutions is not concerned.

Yours fraternally,

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## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the Scottish "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Right glad am I to find that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has spoken out so decisively on the question of the action of the Grand Orient of France in suppressing the Article I. of their Constitutions, "Belief in God." I fully agree with the leaders that have lately appeared in your columns, and had I been able to attend the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on November 5th, I would have tabled a motion to this effect: "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and those in America recognised by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to concert joint action on this subject." I am informed, on good authority, that the question will be taken up "aux sérieux" at the next quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of England in December. If the matter is not brought up at our next Quarterly Communication by a more influential brother, I myself will move a resolution in accordance with the deliverance of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and America.

Fraternally yours,  
GEO. R. HARRIOTT,  
Prov. G.M. Wigton and Kirkcudbright.

To the Editor of the "Wells Journal."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reference to a paragraph in your *Journal* of the 15th on this subject, I beg to observe that, doubtless not only will the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, but also all other Masonic lodges, as strongly condemn and repudiate "La Grand L'Orient de France" for eliminating from its constitution all reference to the Deity, as the Grand Lodge of Ireland has resolved. In fact, the Grand Orient of France is no longer truly Masonic, but, on the contrary, a licensed infidel community—of Bradlaughism.

Whilst Masonry is the exemplar of free thought, and speech, and unsectarianism, it is essentially bounded between liberty and license by the indisputable recognition of God and of His (the Great Architect of the Universe) moral government. And to quote from the *Freemason* of the 3rd: "To obliterate this principle would be to unsettle the very foundations of morality, and religion, and society. We cannot tamper with this, nor allow any argument to be urged against it, because it is the very corner-stone of our organisation, which we accepted when we sought initiation, and which we have agreed that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to change."

To which I beg to add from the same source  
A MASONIC ODE.

Almighty Sire, our Heavenly King,  
Before whose sacred name we bend,  
Accept the praises which we sing,  
And to our humble prayer attend.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is Thine.

That sacred place where Three in One.  
Comprised Thy comprehensive name,  
And where the bright meridian sun,  
Was soon Thy glory to proclaim.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is Thine.

On Thy Omnipotence we rest,  
Secure of Thy protection here,  
And hope hereafter to be blest,  
When we have left this world of care.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is Thine.

Inspire us with Thy grace divine,  
Thy sacred law our guide shall be,  
To every good our hearts incline,  
From every evil keep us free.  
All hail, great Architect Divine,  
This universal frame is Thine.

I am, Sir,  
A LONDONER OF NO. 7 LODGE.

## WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have received many copies of a pamphlet, called "Forewarned—Forearmed, a Great Masonic Mistake," or some nonsense to that effect, which appears to be an attack on the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," of your publisher, Bro. George Kenning.

Now whence does this rubbish emanate? Who is at the expense of circulating this petty attack? Masonically it seems a very questionable proceeding, and in the very worst taste conceivable.

Probably I have said more than enough on this subject, and am,

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL.

[We have had several copies forwarded to us and many letters on the subject. We advise our complaining correspondent to treat them as we do—laugh at them. It probably amuses some weak minds, and does the "Cosmo" no harm.—Ed.]

## AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you permit me through the valuable columns of the *Freemason* to draw the attention of your readers to a case that I think especially deserving of sympathy and support. It is that of a poor widow who for several years has had many sad reverses. Her husband, Bro. Jas. Batley, formerly a chemist of the Triangle, Kennington, was initiated in the Fortitude and Old Cumber-

land Lodge, No. 12, on the 8th November, 1852; he joined the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, in March, 1854, and served the office of W.M. in the years 1859 and 1860. In 1862 he also served the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It has been proposed that a sum of £50 should be collected to enable the widow to continue a small business, that bids fair to succeed, but is declining solely for want of means, failing which, she would soon be without a home, and in want; it is hoped the brethren will prevent this by sending their subscriptions, however small, to the undermentioned.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the following brethren.

Bro. S. M. Gardner, P.M. 1381, Kennington Cross.  
Bro. T. P. Innous, 17, Beaufort-street, Chelsea, S.W.  
Bro. W. H. Pannell, 180, No. 1, Guildhall Chambers.  
The Proprietor of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.  
I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
T. P. INNOUS.

## A FEMININE REVOLUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Are you aware that we are on the eve of a great social revolution? Though as a Freemason you will naturally be a lover of order, and an opponent so violent change, yet I write to-day to ask your sympathy on behalf of a great movement! You may be aware, or you may not, that for some time past there has been growing among my Hebrew sisters, a mighty sense of wrong.

We have for some time past been organizing a resistance to the present practice of female isolation in our synagogues, whereby we are confined to the galleries.

A facetious brother, who shall be nameless, says that as we are in the galleries, he does not see what we "gals" have to complain of, but on so serious a subject chaff is not only very unbecoming but is beside the question. We object to be considered any longer as an "inferior creation;" we decline to be told that we have "no souls;" we refuse to be considered not equal to the men in all that pertains to intellect, &c., and to be located either in latticed or open galleries.

"As if we were the parrots not they."

Our co-religionist paper, the *Hebrew Leader* of America, has these words:—"The Jewesses who attend Synagogue in London have turned the tables on Dr. Adler, and are now railing him in on the gallery question. The introduction of pews in our reform places of worship, at least settles that matter."

We hope, therefore, that the reform we advocate will speedily be conceded by our "Lords of the Creation."

No doubt in the Temple the women had places set apart for them, and were separated from the men, but is it necessary now to adhere to that state of things? The Christians in their earliest places of worship separated the men from the women, following the Jewish tradition, but that arrangement has happily died out, and is only now to be seen here and there, as a matter of archaeological curiosity, or ritualistic innovation.

I trust that you will give me a corner in your columns and permit me to advocate, not the cause of "oppressed nationalities," but of galled Jewish women, and believe me, yours sisterly always,  
SUSANNAH.

## GRUMBLING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I saw in your contemporary, the *Times*, the following paragraph under "War Prices," which amused and astonished me not a little.

"Viator" writes, under date Hotel Brofft, Bucharest, Nov. 12:—"For the information of British travellers who may be passing this way I beg to enclose the original of a bill for a breakfast for two persons. We had some caviare, mayonnaise of Danube fish, a beefsteak, some fruit, and a bottle of wine; one of us had a taste of liqueur. The amount of the little bill is 42f. 25c. I may add that the market price of provisions is scarcely more than in time of peace." The following is the bill:—Caviare, 7f.; mayonnaise, 4f.; chateau-aux-truffes, 5f.; pain, 1f. 50c.; liqueur, 1f. 25c.; fromage, 2f.; fruit, 3f. 50c.; œuf, 2f.; Leoville, 16f.—42f. 25c.

Now I make bold to say, dear Sir and Brother, that such a complaint from any one is simply ridiculous, and that it is still more absurd, begging pardon of the *Times* to publish it, for the "addition," as the French term it, is after all, very moderate. "Viator" and his friend, (male or female, deponent knoweth not), order a most expensive breakfast, and then grumble at the bill, not at all an unusual occurrence. Caviare is a luxury, a mayonnaise is a luxury, beefsteak is a luxury, truffes is a luxury, fruit is a luxury, while 16 francs for a bottle of Leoville is clearly a luxury also. Even with the cheese and eggs and liqueur the breakfast is as expensive a breakfast as well can be, and 42 francs 25 centimes is by no means too much under the circumstances for two "portions." We note "Viator" says nothing about the inevitable "café-au-lait," which I presume he does not think it necessary to mention. Now every brother who has been abroad will agree with me, that you can get, at Paris for instance, even in the dearest cafés, the best of breakfasts for four francs, supposing, of course, that you are content with an Englishman's breakfast. But if people will ape foreign habits, to which they are not accustomed, and have caviare, mayonnaise, chateau-aux-truffes, cheese, fruit, liqueur, and Leoville at 16 francs, the best thing they can do is, having eaten and, let us trust, digested their breakfasts, to pay up manfully without regret, and above all, without grumbling.

War prices, indeed, my dear Sir and Brother! Let us have no more of such nonsense, and oblige,

Yours fraternally, A TRAVELLING MAN.

## THE BRITISH ORPHAN ASYLUM.

To The Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to trespass on your space in order to bring before your readers the claims of the above charity on their support. The asylum was established in 1827 for the gratuitous maintenance and education of orphans of both sexes, and of all denominations, whose parents once moved in prosperity, and lived in any part of the British empire. The number of children at present in the establishment is over 200; they are the sons and daughters of clergymen, naval and military officers, solicitors, merchants, &c. The education imparted is of a practical Christian character, and many pupils have been enabled to regain the position once occupied by their parents. The present being the jubilee year of the institution, an effort is being made to raise a jubilee fund to enable the Board of Directors to enlarge their sphere of usefulness, and I am endeavouring to obtain a hundred guineas to add to this fund at the annual meeting in January next. I have a special reason for making this effort. My brother, William Charles Cooper, died on Whit-Monday last year, after a severe and protracted illness, the result of the exposure to which he was subjected when serving and benefitting his fellow-countrymen as a reporter in many parts of the kingdom. He left a widow and five children, the eldest only nine years old, entirely unprovided for, his illness having absorbed all his means. My sister-in-law is doing her best to provide for herself and little ones by lodging letting, but, as you can easily imagine, finds the care and other accompaniments of so large a family a serious drawback to her success. With a view, therefore, of assisting in the removal of this obstacle, a brother Mason who knew my brother, and who is well-known for his Christian liberality in such cases, has nominated my brother's eldest child, Catherine Jane Cooper, as a candidate for admission in the above-named asylum. After two elections we find that we shall require at least four hundred more votes than we can hope to obtain by canvassing to secure her election at Christmas; but if I can succeed in filling my subscription list of one hundred guineas, I shall be entitled under one of the rules (the 47th) to the required number of votes on that occasion only. It is on this account that I appeal to my brother Masons, which I am sure will be readily accorded, for the care of the widow and fatherless, is one of our chief objects in bonding ourselves together. It is especially desirable that my niece should be successful at the forth-coming election, as my aged mother, by whom necessarily the greater part of the canvass has been conducted, is unable to continue it, on account of failing health and sight. Many of us have recently been attending thanksgiving services for the bounteous harvest with which we have been favoured, and for preservation from the horrors of a war into which it at one time seemed probable we might drift. Is it possible to conceive of a better way in which to show our gratitude to the Father of the Fatherless and the Husband of the Widow, than by doing our best to provide for those who are left desolate by the hand of death?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

E. SEYMOUR COOPER.

7, Garrick-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

November, 28th, 1877.

The following subscriptions have been already received or promised:—

	£	s	d
J. Tattersall, Esq., Stoke Newington ... ..	2	13	6
E. Seymour Cooper ... ..	2	13	6
A Friend, Warwick ... ..	2	2	0
Miss Ellen Cooper ... ..	1	1	0
Mrs. Catherine Cooper, Bedford ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. H. C. Cooper, ditto ... ..	1	1	0
Messrs. McIntyre, London ... ..	1	1	0
G. C. Young, Esq., ditto ... ..	1	1	0
J. Atkins, Esq., Bedford ... ..	1	1	0
The Loyal Bruce Castle Lodge of Oddfellows, Tottenham ... ..	1	1	0
C. Umney, Esq., London ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. George Powlson, Warrington ... ..	1	1	0
Messrs. Unwin Bros., London ... ..	1	1	0
Mrs. Burt, Edgbaston, Birmingham ... ..	1	1	0
Mr. R. E. Cooper, Henley-in-Arden ... ..	0	10	6
Mrs. Orman, Bedford ... ..	0	10	6
George Hurst, Esq., J.P. Bedford ... ..	0	10	6
James Wyatt, Esq., Bedford ... ..	0	10	6
F. Trapp, Esq., Bedford... ..	0	10	6
Bro. R. H. Coombes, Bedford ... ..	0	10	6
Bro. Magnus Ohren, and the employes of the Crystal Palace Gas Company (for whom my brother lately acted as collector) ... ..	3	13	0

## THE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

(Communiqué.)

In a recent number of the *Monde Maçonique* we find some remarks in respect of the *Freemason*, which are distinguished by that same want of courtesy and right feeling, which we feel bound to observe has characterised all the remarks of Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, since the controversy arose about that regrettable agitation which has culminated in the last vote of the Grand Orient of France.

But neither our dignity nor our Masonic principles permit us to indulge in rowdy language, in the utterance of childish intimidation or bullying, and therefore we pass over this second "bêtise," with the same contempt as we did a former one.

But as our Brethren Grimaux and Caubet are apparently very ignorant on certain topics, we think it our duty as good and charitable Freemasons to enlighten them, and we trust they will truly profit by our forgiving explanations, and make an "amende honorable."

1. Bro. Kenning has nothing to do with the literary articles of the *Freemason*. Though his spirited publisher and



sole proprietor, he wisely leaves the editorship to the brother who is responsible to him and to thousands of readers, for the tone and temper of the articles in each weekly impression. Whether the views the Editor expresses please Bros. Grimaux and Caubert, matters in truth very little. They are written for Anglo-Saxon Masons, and seem to have found favour with them, as the opinions expressed in the *Freemason* have been practically endorsed by the Grand Lodge, and will probably be supported with all the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Therefore, the blame of Bros. Caubert and Grimaux becomes praise to the *Freemason*.

2. Bro. Grimaux insinuates that the account of the tumultuous meeting of the last Grand Orient is not correct, though very jesuitically he does not venture to say so in express words. The expressions in the *Freemason* rest on the contemporary evidence of an eye-witness, Bro. Hubert, and the language of the *Freemason* is completely identical with that of the *Chaine d'Union*. If Bro. Grimaux will attack Bro. Hubert's testimony, on the ground of its incorrectness, we may probably, in the discussion, arrive at the exact truth. We prefer Bro. Hubert's authority to that of Bro. Grimaux.

3. Altogether the whole of the past and present discussion, the temper which has been manifested, and the susceptibilities which have been aroused, only serve to convince us, and all true-thinking English Freemasons, that the whole question is a political, not a Masonic movement, and one that seems to bring out the fatal reminiscences of a "reign of terror" the amenities of the "revolution" and the violence of the "Commune."

4. It is just because we object to the further degradation of French Freemasonry by the interested or the interfering, that we protest against proceedings which disgrace Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and can only end in the utter collapse of the French Grand Orient itself. When it finds itself in a real position of complete "Isolation," it will then discern, let us hope not when it is "trop tard," who are its best friends, and above all, who are its real enemies.

#### THE FREEMASON AND DR. BEIGEL.

We have read the *Friemaurer* of Vienna, which is professedly an answer to our remarks on Dr. Beigel's unfortunate blunder, and disrespectful language to Bro. John Hervey, our esteemed Grand Secretary, but we find the article so utterly unworthy of Masonic consideration, that we cannot consent to take any further notice of it.

We have reason to believe that there is some personal feeling on the part of Bro. Dr. Beigel.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.

A special Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Friday, 23rd inst., for the purpose of installing the M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, of Downe Hall, Bridport, as P.G. Supt. The ceremony of the installation was under the presidency of the V. W. Comp. Captain N. G. Philips, G.S.N., acting for and on behalf of H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, assisted by M. E. Comps. H. C. Vernon, Past Grand Assistant-Soj. of England, P.G. Supt., Warwickshire; Lieut-Colonel Shadwell Clerk, and the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Africa, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies; also by representatives of Grand Chapter, and many other distinguished Companions from various provinces, as well as from Dorset.

M.E. Comps. R. N. Howard, P.P.G.J.; and J. S. Webb, P.P.G.S.N.; were then respectively installed as P.G.H. and P.G.J. The Prov. G. Supt. next proceeded to appoint the other P.G. officers:—

W. Chick, P.Z. 417.....	Prov. G.S.E.
F. H. Tanner, P.Z. 622.....	Prov. G.S.N.
J. Jetsy, P.Z. 770.....	Prov. G.P.S.
F. W. Good, P.Z. 707.....	Prov. G. First A.S.
J. H. Boyd, Z. 137.....	Prov. G. Second A.S.
J. Jacob, P.Z. 170.....	Prov. G. Treas.
P. Hooper, Z. 170.....	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Hine, Z. 707.....	Prov. G.S.B.
R. Hansford, H. 707.....	Prov. G. St. B.
W. Smith, P.Z. 170.....	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Whitehead Smith, Z. 622.....	Prov. G. Org.
F. Long.....	Prov. G. Jan.

At six o'clock the companions partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Dunn, of the Victoria Hotel, in the adjoining banqueting-room. The P.G. Supt. presided, and was supported by the officers of the Grand Chapter.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF DORSET.

On Thursday, the 15th ult., there was a large gathering of the Masonic Knights Templar, in the ball room of the Bull Hotel, Bridport, for the purpose of installing Sir Knt. J. M. P. Montagu, J.P. and D.L., as the head of Knights Templar in this county, the post having been rendered vacant by the death of Sir Knt. C. J. Vigne, J.P., of Westfield House, Bath, who for many years had ruled. Among the Sir Knights present were Sir Molyneux Hyde Nepean, Bart.; General Doherty, C.B.; H. C. Vernon, Lieut.-Col. S. Clarke, the Installing Officer; Capt. N. G. Philips, the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, R. Costa, C. B. Roys, Dr. Woodforde, and many others.

After the ceremony the company adjourned to Downe Hall (Sir Knt. Montagu's residence), and were very hospitably entertained at a *recherché* dinner.

On the following day at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, Sir Knt. Montagu was duly installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch-Masons of this county

—under patent issue by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—by Sir Knt. Capt. N. G. Philips, Groom of the Stole to Her Majesty the Queen. Sir Knt. R. N. Howard, was appointed H., and J. S. Webb, of Beaminster, appointed J. by the P.G. Superintendent.

In addition to most of those named above, a very numerous company of Masons attended from different parts of the country. An excellent repast was afterwards served in the new banqueting hall (which was inaugurated on this occasion), by Mr. Dunn, of the Victoria Hotel, Sir Knight N. Howard, kindly placed his residence (Greenhill House) at the disposal of Sir Knight Montagu and his friends from a distance. Sir Knight Montagu's task as the head of two such important and valuable bodies will not be rendered lighter by his succeeding two such men as Sir Knight C. J. Vigne, and the still deeply lamented Sir Knight J. Gundry, of the Hyde, Bridport. Sir Knight Montagu has ever taken great interest in these Masonic Orders; and we have no doubt will work assiduously and successfully on their behalf.

#### FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

The annual installation meeting of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, No. 714, E.C., took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Ferrars-street, Emerald Hill, on Sept. 20th, when Bro. Wm. Marshall was installed (the first in the new hall) as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There were present a very large concourse of brethren of the lodge and many distinguished visitors. Bro. H. W. Lowry, P.P.G.S.W., as on every occasion, with but one exception, officiated as Installing Master. The W.M. having been placed in the chair, the following brethren were invested as the officers of the lodge:—C. Duncey, P.M.; T. Ford, S.W.; H. Harding, J.W.; J. Tribe, Treasurer; R. Mallinson, Secretary; A. Ford, Organist; J. Plummer, S.D.; — Macdonald, J.D.; W. Hinchcock, I.G.; G. Thomas, and R. Banks, Stewards; and L. Levy, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, which was conducted by Bro. H. W. Lowry in his well-known impressive and perfect manner, the brethren adjourned to the lower hall, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Bradley. After the usual loyal toasts had been acknowledged, "The Three G.M.'s, The D.P.G.M.'s, and their Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. W. F. Dixon, (W.M. of the Mariners' Lodge) on behalf of the English Constitution; Bro. A. Hart, P.M., for the Irish Constitution, and Bro. T. Ford for the Scotch Constitution. "The W.M. of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, Bro. W. Marshall," was then proposed in an eulogistic manner by Bro. P.M. Duncey. The W.M., in responding, acknowledged the high honour conferred upon him in electing him to the chair, and urged, as an incentive to the younger members of the lodge, to attend to their duties properly, as by which means they would in due course occupy the position he then held. He remarked that it was upon an installation night he was initiated, since which time he had filled every office in the lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," responded to by Bro. H. W. Lowry. This toast was followed by "The W.M.'s of Sister Lodges," responded to by Bro. Braim (Combermere) on behalf of himself and others present. "The Past Masters of the Yarra Yarra Lodge" was responded to by the Immediate P.M., Bro. Duncey, and Bro. E. Exon, the senior P.M. The last-named brother availed himself of the occasion to state that it would probably be the last installation of the Yarra Yarra Lodge he would be able to be present at, as the distance to where he was about to remove would preclude him attending. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by several brethren. "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. Ford, and Bro. W. Small, P.M., gave the "Last Toast." The evening's proceedings were enlivened by singing from Bros. Exon, P.M., D. Madden, A. Ford, Skinner, Bell (Combermere), and Banks.

#### THE HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

At a Committee meeting held on Thursday, November 15th, at Bro. George Kenning's, The Masonic Rooms, Little Britain, it was proposed and carried that the subscription list for the Henry Muggeridge testimonial should be closed on the 31st of January, 1878.

Bro. Henry Muggeridge is Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and Vice-President, Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

The Committee respectfully ask for subscriptions from the brethren in order to make the testimonial suitable for a life service to Masonic Instruction.

FRANCIS FELLOWS,  
Hon. Secretary.

Cleveland Villa, Montague-road East, Dalston,  
List of Subscriptions to November, 1877.

Panmure Lodge, £10 10s.; Lion and Lamb Lodge, £10 10s.; Lion and Lamb Chapter, £10 10s.; Bro. J. B. Scriven, £10 10s.; Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, £10 10s.; Bro. Lord de Tabley, £5 5s.; Bro. George Kenning, £5 5s.; Bro. Winkfield, £5 5s.; Bro. R. Grey, £5 5s.; Felicity Lodge, £5 5s.; Lodge of Emulation, £5 5s.; Bro. B. Head, £4 4s.; Bro. E. Snell, £3 3s.; Bro. J. H. Townend, £2 2s.; Bro. F. M. Newton, £2 2s.; Bro. S. Reynolds, £2 2s.; Bro. S. Tomkins, £2 2s.; Bro. J. C. Harris, £2 2s.; Bro. F. Barnford, £2 2s.; Bro. W. F. Larkins, £2 2s.; Bro. F. Fellows, £2 2s.; Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, £2 2s.; Bro. S. G. Myers, £2 2s.; Bro. Henry Birdseye, £2 2s.; Bro. W. J. Crossfield, £2 2s.; Bro. M. Bennett, £2 2s.; Bro. E. Phillips, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Jonas, £2 2s.; Bro. A. J. Selwall, £2 2s.; Bro. W. Birdseye, £2 2s.; A. H. Draper, £2 2s.; Bro. Grocott, £2 2s.; Gresham Lodge, £2 2s.; Bro.

McIntyre, £2 2s.; Bro. Watkin Williams, £2 2s.; Bro. C. Gray, £2 2s.; Bro. E. F. Storr, £2 2s.; Bro. E. Crichton, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Lorkin, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Burroughs, £2 2s.; Bro. W. Smithett, £2 2s.; Bro. Jardine, £2 2s.; Bro. F. W. Braine, £2 2s.; Bro. George Abbott, £2 2s.; Bro. C. Magnay, £2 2s.; Bro. E. W. Richardson, £2 2s.; Bro. Cohu, £2 2s.; Bro. Hogg, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Paddle, £2 2s.; Bro. W. Weedon, £2 2s.; Bro. A. C. Cope, £2 2s.; Bro. C. W. M. Wilson, £2 2s.; Bro. H. Watts, £2 2s.; Bro. Warden, £2 2s.; Bro. J. Forsyth, £2 2s.; Bro. E. Pottle, £2 2s.; Bro. R. W. Little, £2 2s.; Bro. Downing, £2 2s.; Bro. H. Kirk, £2 2s.; Bro. W. H. Bowden, £2 2s.; —Total £166 12s. 6d.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. CAPTAIN MERCIER.

A presentation was recently made to Bro. Capt. Mercier, at his studio, Chatham-house, High-road, Knightsbridge, on the occasion of his resignation of the chairmanship of the Hospital Saturday Fund. Alderman Gould, of Kingston, Treasurer to the testimonial fund, made the presentation, observing that he, with the other subscribers to the fund (who included Lord Napier of Magdala and the Earl of Aberdeen) esteemed very highly the qualities of head and heart which Captain Mercier possessed. After referring to the national memorial to the King of the Belgians, to Captain Mercier's labours to establish a good understanding between England and France, and his exertions with respect to the Hospital Saturday subscriptions, and also in connection with the foundation of the Chelsea Club, he said he looked upon Captain Mercier as a public benefactor. Captain Mercier had exerted himself to establish a friendly feeling between England and neighbouring nations, and had, by calling upon the sympathies of the working classes, drawn from those classes about £20,000, which had been distributed among the hospitals of London. The Hospital Saturday Fund had now been placed upon a firm foundation, and the friends of Captain Mercier had taken the opportunity of his withdrawal from the chairmanship of the fund to present him with a testimonial. Mr. Gould then begged Captain Mercier's acceptance of a timepiece and a purse of sovereigns. The timepiece bore the inscription "Presented, together with a purse of sovereigns, as a mark of esteem and regard to Captain Charles Mercier, on his resigning the chair of the Hospital Saturday Fund." Dr. Mackenzie, Captain Bird, Mr. Bullen, (of the British Museum, Mr. George Robinson (of Manchester), Mr. Bridgwater, Mr. J. F. Wilson (of Cassell, Petter, and Galpin), and Captain H. Evans, also spoke in appreciation of Captain Mercier's character and public labours. Capt. Mercier thanked the subscribers and the committee, and said he should ever treasure this memento of their approval and should bequeath it to his son, to whom it would be a stimulus to do his utmost for the public weal.

#### STIRRING TIMES.

As hinted in our last, there has been music in the air during the past week, and the feathered innocents along the Sound have suffered accordingly. Those of our readers who might have been at Hunter's Point at an early hour last Wednesday might have seen the departure of an expedition designed to create a rumpus in Moriches. The party consisted of Sir Wm. A. Blanck, commander of the guns, Capt. George Arey, of rifle shooting fame, the Dispatch, with a pocket full of steel pens and a small barrel of ink, his Serene and Imperial Highness the L. H. A., and two members of his staff.

Boarding the train, of which a special car was reserved for their use, they fell into the hands of Conductor Bro. M. Ryan, whose courteous attention is hereby acknowledged. The ride offered but one suggestion, which is that the part of Long Island through which we passed must have been finished right after the Deluge, for a more forlorn, stand-still, loll-backward country it would be difficult to find within a similar distance of New York. Dilapidated dwellings, barns, and outhouses, fences tumbling down, stunted pines, scrub oak, and a sort of general "Oh, don't mention it," are the features of the landscape. However, arrived at Yaphank, where, taking stage over roads two centuries in advance of the rest of the country, we arrived in due time at the hospitable mansion of our host, Capt. Hugh Smith, where a generous refecton awaited on appetites sharpened by the journey. After a preliminary skirmish along the bay, to get things in order for the grand battle, we sought our respective tents.

At daybreak next morning all hands were summoned for the day's work, and proceeding to the yacht, we found his Imperial Highness already on deck, fully armed and in fatigue uniform, which indicated work ahead. The stores having been got on board, sail was made, and we started for the rendezvous, where, however, his Highness refused to land, on the ground that he intended to explore the bay and test the sailing qualities of the vessel. Having given him a good send off, the rest set to work preparing the decoys and other appliances recognised as indispensable to correct duck shooting, and soon there was lively work going on, many a promising bird suddenly stopping on his southern journey at the command of Commandant Blanck and his aids. In the course of an hour or two the vessel was descried in the offing with all sails set and colours flying, and as it was desirable to prevent the too close approach of this bird-frightening apparition, the Dispatch and two aids were directed to intercept the venerable dignitary and beg him to remain at the post he then occupied, laying off and on until lunch time. Before these orders could be conveyed, however, the vessel had approached near enough for his Highness to descry the decoy ducks, when he immediately gave orders to heave her to, which having been done, he commanded the brass swivel gun to be loaded with grape and canister, when,



carefully training it on the decoys, which, it should be remarked, he mistook for living birds, he fired into them with his own venerable hands. Not a bird stirred, and supposing he had killed the entire flock, he exclaimed:

"There, you young fellers, when you want to shoot ducks, send for me."

He was about to order all hands to splice the main-brace in honour of the event, when the Dispatch ventured to inform him that the ducks he had assaulted were made of wood, and none the worse for the splendid gunnery he had just exhibited.

Of course no one dared to smile in his presence, but when he had with great dignity retired to his cabin and commenced an analysis of the lunch basket, there were suppressed "skremes of laughter" on deck, and a general disposition to examine the top hamper through a glass. Shortly afterward the wind, which had been light, veered to the south-east, and rapidly increased to a gale, accompanied with a heavy mist, and the short chopping waves that distinguish land-locked waters under such circumstances. And now the old hero rose to his normal grandeur. Orders issued from his speaking trumpet faster than they could be executed. "Brail up the spanker!" "In with your flying jib!" "Double reef the cat-heads!" "Furl the sheet anchor!" followed in rapid succession; but, despite the best efforts of the crew, we were fast being driven on a lee shore and a watery grave, when, fortunately, Lieut. Sol. Smith, our sailing master, with a wisdom and daring beyond his years, leaped on shore with a line and made it fast to a tree. Even then his Highness, like the boy on the burning deck, refused to desert the ship until he was made to understand by signals that the Widow Cliquot was at the mansion and desired an audience. Thus touched in a tender point, he left the vessel to its fate and waited upon the charming widow. We are happy in being able to add that the yacht was subsequently brought in safe and sound, and that the party reached New York with as many ducks as they could conveniently carry. All's well that ends well, and Commander Blanck, Capt. Arey, and the L. H. A. have our thanks for many courtesies.—*New York Dispatch.*

### Obituary.

#### BRO. JAMES GOODALL.

The death of Bro. James Goodall, P.P.G. Reg., Eastern Division South Wales, P.M. 237, P.M. and Treas. 1573, Swansea, which took place in Swansea, on Friday, November 23rd, after a long and painful illness, has called forth most sincere expressions of regret from the brethren in Swansea and the province generally.

The brethren have sustained an irreparable loss in Bro. Goodall's death, as he was not only skilful in the performance of the various ceremonials of the lodge, but was always willing to give a helping hand to those less gifted than himself, and his zeal for Freemasonry, coupled with a courteous and amiable disposition attracted a large circle of friends, a fact amply demonstrated by the presence of nearly eighty brethren from the various lodges in the province, at his funeral, which took place on Wednesday, the 28th November.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M., Eastern Division, South Wales; J. G. Hall, P.P.S.G.W., W.M. 1323; W. Whittington, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Rogers, P.J.G.W., P.M. 1573; J. Jones, P.G. Treas.; Evan Jones, P.G. Secretary; W. E. Brown, P.M. 237; S. Powell, P.M. 237; W. H. Tucker, P.M. 237 and 1573; J. S. Wooley, W.M. 237; J. Livingston, W.M. 1573; Evan Thomas, P.M. 679, and many brethren belonging to the lodges in Swansea.

Bro. Goodall has now gone to "his long home," "the undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," and his name will long be revered by those who were in the habit of meeting him, both in lodge and at business. "Requiescat in pace."

#### BRO. SUPERINTENDENT MOTT.

We have to record the death of Bro. Supt. Mott, of the A. Division of Police. Well known to all Londoners by the efficient performance of his duties, at all times, and in great emergencies, he was equally distinguished by his courtesy and kindness, and by many good qualities of head and heart. His place will be one difficult to fill, owing to his sterling worth and his personal knowledge of his important avocation, and his loss will be sincerely deplored by all members of the force, as well by his superiors as by his equals, and his subordinates.

Bro. Mott was a member of the St. Clement Danes Lodge (No. 1351), and leaves a large family to lament his irreparable loss.

On Wednesday the funeral of Bro. Mott took place at Brompton Cemetery. The obsequies, in accordance with the wish of the family of the deceased, were carried out privately, though the high esteem in which he was held drew together many, especially from the police ranks, to witness the last solemn rites. Few police officials came more prominently before the public than the late Bro. Mott, of whom it may be said that to have known him was to hold him in good favour. Placed at the head of the chief division of the police, which is brought into use in both town and country on important occasions, when great numbers of people assemble, his duty was oftentimes an onerous one. Now it would be at Epsom races that he would be met with, directing his staff of men over the Downs; next, perhaps, at a Royal review at Windsor-park; or, again, at a "Tichborne" demonstration in Hyde-park. On such occasions as these rare tact is required to carry out official duties, with an excited crowd in a measure concerned, and when a harsh, peremptory adherence to a hard-and-fast line, admitting not of the "give and take" principle, might result in a collision between the police and the public, or at

least leave a rankling feeling of displeasure with the latter. But to Superintendent Mott was laid the credit of promoting most harmoniously kindly relations between the members of the force and the public, while not abating in any degree his reputation as an able disciplinarian; and his familiar figure at great public gatherings will be greatly missed in the future. The funeral procession started from the late residence of the deceased, at Kennington, shortly after twelve o'clock. It consisted simply of the hearse, three mourning carriages containing members of the deceased's family and friends and several private carriages. The cemetery was reached at about a quarter to two o'clock. About 100 members of the A Division, in uniform, had assembled, while there was a large number of other members of the Force, representing all grades, in plain clothes. These latter fell in immediately behind the carriages at the cemetery gates, the officers in uniform bringing up the rear. Several members of St. Clement's Danes Lodge (1351), followed, including the Treasurer, some of the Past Masters, and others of the brethren.

The procession proceeded to the chapel, into which the coffin was borne, and the first portion of the funeral service was proceeded with, Ilean Stanley being the officiating clergyman. Among those present were—Colonel Henderson, Colonel Pearson, Mr. Walker, district superintendent, Superintendents Williamson, Wiseman, Eccles, Digby, Galforth, Brennan, and many others. The short service in the sacred edifice ended, the coffin was conveyed to the family grave, where the interment took place. The deceased, who was a widower, was only 49 years of age, and he leaves a large family, including two daughters, one a well-known singer, and the other a pianist. It should be stated that one of the last wishes of the deceased was that his daughter's concert, appointed for the 7th inst., should take place, and it will be held on the day named.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 7, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1572, Camarvon, Aloin Tav., (Installation).  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew-bdg.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 83, United of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H.  
" 1670, Adelpi, 4, Adelpi-terrace, Strand.  
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.  
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
Red Cross Con., Premier, 68, Regent-st., W.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Colonial Board.  
Grand Mark Lodge, F.M. Tav. Great Queen-st.  
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Surrey M.H.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.  
" 1298, R. Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.  
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd. N.  
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
Lodges of Instruction.  
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Quar. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.  
Lodges of Instruction.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Sandringham-rd., Kingsland.  
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.  
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.  
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square, W.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 766, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot. Greenwich.  
" 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Balls Pond-rd., N.  
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

#### Lodges of Instruction.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 8, 1877.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.



Lodge 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
 Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4.**  
 Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark Lodge 16, Walton, A.R., St. Ann's-street, Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.**  
 Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon, do., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6.**  
 Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, do., M.H., Liverpool.  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.**  
 Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided. The other Grand Officers present were:

Lord Tenterden, as G.S.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, as G.J.W.; Lord Limerick, as D.G.M.; Lord Donoughmore; Sir Albert Woods, Samuel Tomkins, G.T.; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; John Hervey, G.S.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, G.D.; B. Head, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Dr. J. Hogg, P.G.D.; R. W. Hollon, P.G.S.B.; Emil E. Wendt, G.S. for German Correspondence; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; John Symonds, P.G.D.; S. L. Tomkins, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; W. Nettleship, P.G.D.; John Coutts, P.G.P.; John Wright, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; F. P. Cockerell, G. S. Wks.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Bagshaw, Prov. G.M. Essex; Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Hon. R. W. Giddy, D.G.M. Giquialand; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Dr. Egan, D.G.M. South Africa, Eastern Division; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Geo. Toller, G.S.B.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; John Whichford, P.G.A.D.C.; Fras. Robinson, A.G.D.C.; Col. Creation, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. P.G.D.; Henry Tombs, J.G.D.; Percy Leith, P.G.D.; John M. Wike, P.G.P.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D.; S. G. Foxall, G.P.; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; W. R. Williams, P.G.D.C.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, H. C. Levander, J. L. Thomas, Wm. Roebuck, C.E.; Rev. Wm. Tebbs, Frank Green, F. Davison, J. T. Baldwin, C. F. Hogard, Nelson Reed, E. Kimber, F. Binckes, R. W. Little, J. Terry, H. Dickets, W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, W. Hopekirk, F. Adlard, George Kenning, Close, E. J. Harty, E. Swan borough and W. A. Tinney.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the Earl of Carnarvon invested the Rev. H. A. Pickard as Grand Chaplain, in the place of the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, deceased.

The Rev. H. A. Pickard having been saluted in ancient form,

The Earl of Carnarvon rose and said:—Brethren, it is not usual, nor is it, in my opinion, desirable that many motions should proceed direct from this chair, but there are some questions which affect the highest principles of the Craft, and which stir Masonry throughout the whole of the country. Such, from all that I can hear, is the question with which I have now to trouble you. I, for my own part, should have been glad to have avoided the necessity of calling your attention to this painful subject. There is an old saying that it is unwise to stir up sleeping lions; but, on the other hand, there are occasions when the danger and difficulty to our postponing all reference to these vital questions are such that we can neither in wisdom nor in conscience put them aside. (Hear, hear.) And when I look round and see this crowded Grand Lodge, unusually crowded at this time of the year, I feel that I should deeply misconstrue the feeling of the Craft, if I had not from this chair, and with all the authority which this chair lends to the occupant of it, if I had not brought this question under your notice. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I do not desire to dwell at any length upon this matter, or to go into any details that are unnecessary for the purpose in hand. It is probably within the knowledge of every member of Grand Lodge that recently the Grand Orient of France, the Masonic representative body there, has made an alteration in the fundamental rules and principles by which French Masonry and all Masonry is bound together. (Hear, hear.) I have here a paper which states in parallel columns the changes which have recently been made. It is unnecessary to go into details; for my purpose it is quite sufficient to read the alteration which has been made in the first article

of their constitution. Under the old system by which they have up to this time governed, their first article ran in these terms: "Masonry has for its principles the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and 'la solidarité humaine,' which I hardly know how to translate, it is so vague a word to English apprehension; but I should say probably it means the unity and the indissolubility of the human race. I hardly know how else to put it. Now that has been altered in the following terms: "Masonry has for principle"—not belief in the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul; but "Masonry has for principle absolute freedom of conscience and la solidarité humaine." Therefore Grand Lodge will perceive that those two great fundamental principles the belief in a God and in the immortality of the soul have been struck out, and they have been replaced simply by an illimitable, unlimited freedom of conscience and by "la solidarité humaine," whatever that expression may mean. Now it may be a question, perhaps, with some minds, what the meaning of that change is. There has been much debate on this point in France, and some of those who have been parties to this change, have asserted that it means nothing whatever, except liberty of conscience. On the other hand that has not been the view that has been taken by a large portion of French Masonry. I understand that no less than seventy-six lodges in France have protested against this change (hear, hear), and thereby marked their opinion that the change was not one of names, but of principles, and, therefore, there is a painful separation of them from the Grand Lodge of their country. It is certain also, that many other Masonic bodies abroad have followed in this track. The Irish Grand Lodge has not hesitated to pass a resolution, clear and uncompromising in its language, rebuking and censuring the action which the Grand Orient has taken. (Hear, hear.) That has been the course which has been adopted, I believe, by other Masonic bodies abroad; and I fairly own myself that with every desire to take the most temperate view of the matter, I cannot, if words have any meaning in them, assign any other construction to this change, except it means this—they have blotted out as one of the necessary and essential fundamental principles of the Craft, the belief in God, and the immortality of the human soul. (Hear, hear.) To accept any other view seems to me to put the most forced construction upon language, and to give it what has been sometimes called a wholly non-natural sense. (Hear, hear.) Well, brethren, it is no light matter if it be so; it is no light matter for any body of men to make such a change as this—no light affair for them to declare that they have no belief in God, no belief in the immortality of the soul. But it is no light thing to discard in this way, the two principles which have been the two guiding leading principles of civilization, which have done more to raise and elevate man than any other two to which I can point, which in the darkest periods of the world have illuminated them, and from which every noble thought, and every generous action, have in turn sprung. (Hear.) But it becomes still more serious when a body which has for many years past carried these two principles in the forefront of their system, solemnly and deliberately, after long debate expunged and erased them from their form. We cannot blind ourselves I think to the gravity of the act, whatever our view may be. It is true it may be said that the French Grand Lodge is in one sense the only sufferer. They see themselves by this act isolated from every other Grand Lodge in civilized Europe (hear, hear): they see still more that by this act they have thrown discord and confusion into the midst of their own lodges; they see themselves a torn, lacerated, divided body. But it may be said that this concerns them alone. Brethren, if indeed this were a matter of internal discipline; if it were one of those questions of internal regulation which are the exclusive property of each national Grand Lodge it would be beside our duty, it would be impertinent in us to interfere with it (hear, hear). No matter what the grievance was, no matter what the loss was to them, we should have no right to interfere (hear, hear). But we do interfere on this broad ground—first of all, that they cannot so affect the leading principles of Masonry, the fundamental principles on which, through generations past—through centuries past, I will say—the Craft has acted—they cannot so affect them without affecting the whole of the Masonic body (hear, hear); and it is alike our right and our duty to raise our voice. But we must also remember that equally questions arise which touch us intimately. French Masons come over to this country; they ask for admittance to our lodges; and how can we admit them if the Masonry of France be not pure in its fundamental principles. (Hear, hear.) We do, ourselves, and we have, perhaps, the right to call this Grand Lodge the mother Grand Lodge of all Europe, we do ourselves—and the interests of the Craft which are committed to us a grievous wrong and injustice, if we are silent in this matter. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I say that these questions to which I have alluded are really of the essence of Freemasonry. The history, the traditions of Masonry are based on them, are bound up in them. The symbols that we use, the charges which we deliver, the ceremonies in which we take part, if these principles are to be discarded they become meaningless, and worse than meaningless, they become almost offensive mockery (hear, hear), and I know nothing that would so justify the scurrilous taunts that have been thrown out against Freemasonry at times, and the calumnious misrepresentations which have been hurled against it, as it would be by sanctioning, even by silence, such a step as that which the Grand Orient of France has taken. (Applause.) Brethren, there is no narrowness, there is no illiberality in what I have just said. (Hear, hear.) The limits of Freemasonry are very wide; they have been designedly made wide. The Roman Catholic and the Protestant, the Churchman and the Dissenter, the

Lutheran and the Calvinist, the Hebrew, all form part of our body. (Hear, hear.) We hold that our Masons should be bound by those considerations—religion (and there can be no religion without belief in God and in the immortality of the soul) religion, morality and obedience to the civil government of the country. These are the limits; they are very wide limits; it would be unwisdom in us to contract them; but it would be much worse than unwisdom—it would be destruction to the Order, if you were to enlarge them, for there would be nothing left by which we could stand (hear, hear); and I hold it is our bounden duty on an occasion like this to see that under no specious name or pretext a mere tide of unprovoked, uncalled for, unrequired revolutionary innovation should flow over our ancient system, and should obliterate those venerable landmarks of the Order which we have always maintained, and by which I trust we shall always stand in this country. Brethren, those that revolt against such a limit, so wide, so liberal as that which I have indicated, ask not for an emancipation from any artificial restraint; but they revolt against the highest law of human nature; that which has made man, that which is leading man to still higher destinies. Brethren, I said that there were many questions that would arise out of this unfortunate action, as I conceive it, of the Grand Orient of France; and the question which I have now to put to you is this—Practically what is it our duty to do, as the guardians of English Masonry, in this matter? Now in this as in so many cases there are, as it seems to me, three courses which may be taken; either you may leave the matter alone; but I should mis-read Grand Lodge—I should ill read the feeling of the Craft in this country, through its length and breadth, if I thought they were content to leave this matter alone (hear, hear); or secondly, we might follow the example of the Irish Grand Lodge, and express at once our unqualified regret and condemnation of the step which has been taken. I think that Grand Lodge would not be unjustified, unwarranted to proceed to such a course as that; but I would venture to put it to them that however clear they may be in their facts and however satisfied they may be of the view which I have put to them, and which I believe and trust represents their feelings—however satisfied they may be on these points, still it is safer, it is wiser to proceed in such a way as allow for no possible complaint being brought against us. Let there be no action which hereafter can be termed hot or precipitate; and therefore the course which I recommend to Grand Lodge is this—that a committee be appointed (and which I may say I have endeavoured to make as far as possible representative of the Grand Lodge and the Craft) and that they should enquire into the facts of the case; that they should then search all those ancient records which it may be desirable to examine; that they should deal with the matter in that spirit which a small body can alone deal with it, patiently, calmly, temperately; if need be, even obtain explanations of anything which may now be in doubt; and that they should then in proper time report to Grand Lodge the course which they recommend. Probably they will report to Grand Lodge only the course which Grand Lodge would of its own free feeling adopt; but Grand Lodge will ever have the satisfaction of feeling that in this matter and when the interests of other foreign Freemasons were at stake they rushed to no conclusion precipitately, but that they proceeded in the most dignified, the wisest and the quietest course. And on that point I would only say this, that Grand Lodge will remember that it is not merely the question of the Grand Orient and of English Freemasonry which is involved; but it is also in the interest of those French Masons, who have protested against this step, who have by their protest placed themselves in a peculiarly awkward and painful position as regards themselves, and for whom the greatest consideration at our hands is due. Brethren, there is only one other point in connection with this. I may be asked what is to be the course in the event of French Masons applying for admittance to the English Lodges whilst this committee is considering. I think the question is a natural one, and it admits, as it seems to me, of a perfectly simple answer. Provided that the certificate that that French Mason brings with him date previous to this declaration on the part of the Grand Orient, I should say there was no reason why he should not be admitted. I should say, by all means admit him freely and instantly. But if on the other hand (and it is after all a very unlikely contingency) a French Mason appear with a certificate bearing date subsequent to that declaration, then even though there may possibly be some hardship to individuals, it would be clearly, as it seems to me, our duty to act upon the principle of suspending this question until we are in a position to pronounce a judgment upon it. Brethren, under those circumstances I shall not go further into this matter. If you agree, as I trust you will, and I trust in such a case unanimously, to the appointment of this committee, when that Committee have made their report it will be full time to attack it in all its details. I will therefore propose to you at once that a committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring and reporting to Grand Lodge on the enquiry into the recent circumstances, and the course which they recommended should be adopted.

The Earl of Limerick:—M.W.G.M., I believe it will be most in accordance with the feeling of Grand Lodge; after the able and exhaustive speech which has been made by you, if I do not go into this question, as by doing so I should merely repeat in a more feeble way what your Lordship has so ably said. I shall content myself therefore with formally seconding the motion which has been made from the chair.

Bro. John Symonds wished to know whether a report drawn up by Trevelyn, a firm believer in the Great Architect of the Universe, was in the Grand Secretary's office. It was desirable it should be seen, as the brethren would then have an opportunity of seeing the peculiar course of reasoning which had led the French Masons to come to



this conclusion. He wished to add another word with reference to the certificates of French Masons. All the French certificates that he had seen had upon them "Au Nom du Grand Architecte de l'Univers." Where certificates with that upon them were presented, there could be no difficulty as to the date at which a French Mason was admitted to the Order. Certificates given after the recent decision of the Grand Orient would of course not bear the words he had referred to.

The Earl of Carnarvon said the answer to these questions were of course extremely simple. The document mentioned by Bro. Symonds would be laid before the committee; that was one of the points which they would have to arrange about. With regard to the certificates the only safe course would be to observe the actual date in figures upon the certificate, and not anything which was part of the form. His own belief was that during the short time the committee would be sitting inquiring into this matter, it was extremely unlikely that a French Mason whose certificate was issued subsequent to the recent action of Grand Orient would present himself to an English lodge.

His Lordship then put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I wish before reading the names of the members of the committee, just for the information of the Grand Lodge, to mention that the date on which this declaration of the Grand Orient of France was passed, was the 13th September, of this year. I will now proceed to read the names of the proposed committee. They have been drawn up with all care, but it is impossible that they can approximate in number those brethren I see before me. But in those names Grand Lodge will find that they are representative of the brethren, and that they will approach this subject with that amount of fairness and impartiality and calmness of judgment on the question on which all calmness should be applied. The committee I propose will consist of eleven members—myself, Lord Skelmerdale, Lord Leigh, Lord Tenterden, Lord Donoughmore, Bros. McIntyre, Havers, Monckton, Martyn, Levander, and Gould.

Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox thought the committee was admirably constituted as a whole; but there were officers of Grand Lodge that might have been selected; he referred to the Grand Chaplains. No one could be more interested in the question than they; and he thought one or two of those brethren might be added to the committee. He would propose that the two Grand Chaplains be added.

Bro. C. W. Hutton, P.G.D., seconded the amendment.

Bro. the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1635, thought it the height of unfairness that any Grand Chaplain should be on the committee. As a clergyman of the Church of England he objected.

Another Rev. Bro., P.G.C. of Lord Carnarvon's province, begged to second the remark of Bro. Robbins. It would be a most unfortunate thing that clerical brethren should be on the committee to consider this question.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C., quite agreed with what had just been said. This was not a matter for a Grand Chaplain to interfere with in the slightest degree, because he considered it was one of the great principles upon which Freemasonry rested. Freemasonry was founded upon the Volume of the Sacred Law; and no brother could be initiated unless he was initiated upon that volume. He thought it far better that the Grand Chaplains should be exonerated from any such duty as serving on the committee. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Lampour:—I must say that the Grand Chaplains at all events would be quite as competent to judge of the matter as any other brethren of the Order. I feel that if they were appointed they would be able to give as good an opinion as any brother. I don't see why Grand Chaplains should be applauded for giving way on this occasion, or because a brother suggests a Chaplain should be appointed on the committee the voice of Grand Lodge should be against him on that account. I think equality should be observed in this as in all other cases; and Grand Chaplains are equally competent to judge on this question as on others.

The Earl of Carnarvon: I think the general sense of Grand Lodge has been very fairly expressed. It is quite clear on the one hand that they value and greatly appreciate our Grand Chaplains. On the other hand we think it would be unfortunate to place them on this committee in such numbers as would imply a preponderating weight on a vote put to them, and, therefore, as far as I consider, the Grand Lodge sanctions this committee, which I believe fairly represents the feeling of Grand Lodge. I say in fairness, because I never like the idea of any misapprehension on any question that may arise. I ought to make Grand Lodge understand—which I am not quite sure they do at this moment—that Bro. Martyn, whom it is proposed to put on this committee, is a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a very distinguished Mason (hear, hear). Still he is a Past Grand Chaplain, and I do not think Grand Lodge would for a moment hold that they ought to disqualify him (hear, hear). The question, therefore, I have now to put to you is this "That these names constitute the committee."

The motion was carried *mem. con.*

Grand Secretary read the following letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:—

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, held at the City of St. John, on the 27th Sept. inst., it was unanimously resolved that the fraternal sympathy and condolence of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Honorable Fraternity of Accepted Masons of New Brunswick be transmitted to Grand Lodge of England consequent on the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, and an eminent brother of the fraternity, under whose fostering care the

noble charities of the Craft had increased, and whose memory is revered by his brethren in all quarters of the globe. By order of the Grand Lodge,

WM. F. BUNTING, G.S.

This letter was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. A. B. Cook rose to nominate the M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. He said:—M.W. Pro Grand Master. I rise for the purpose of proposing the nomination of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for Grand Master for the ensuing year. This is a nomination which I feel sure will be acceptable to every member of the Craft, and which will require very few words from me to ensure it a cordial reception. It may be a matter of some regret to all of us that the numerous calls upon his time which our Royal Grand Master has, prevents his coming among us more frequently than he does; but I am sure you feel that although he is not present with us, still the well-being of the Craft is at all times in his thoughts. I think this year we have had very good proofs of this, for whenever there is something of more than ordinary importance the Most Worshipful Grand Master has in his own name put a notice of motion on the paper on the subject. I really do not think that I need detain you any longer on the subject. I simply express the wish and the unanimous feeling of every member of the Order, who desire to show His Royal Highness how much his services are at all times regarded by the Craft. I beg, therefore, to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Freemasons for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

The Earl of Carnarvon then appointed Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, and announced that Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., had been duly elected Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President.

The election of twelve P.M.'s to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence was then proceeded with, and scrutineers were appointed.

The following brethren were elected:

Bros. C. Atkins, P.M. 37; H. Bartlett, P.M. 147; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; J. Constable, P.M. 185; H. Dicketts, P.M. 25; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; H. C. Levander, P.M. 142; W. Mann, P.M. 186; O. Roberts, P.M. 188; G. Smith, P.M. 21.

The grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, as given in the *Freemason* last week were afterwards confirmed, and the report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted.

After the appeals had been decided

Bro. the Rev. Robert J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, moved:—

1. That the 300 petitions now presented to Grand Lodge on what is commonly called "The German question" be received.

2. That whereas it appears from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand National Lodge of the Prussian States (called The Three Globes, held at Berlin) that those only who profess the Christian faith are eligible to become members of the Craft in any Lodge within its jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge, in the interests of Masonry, would respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge aforesaid a reconsideration of the following section of the Book of Constitutions:—

Page 50, Section 165, Clause 1.

In the jurisdiction of the Great National Mother Lodge (of The Three Globes) only those may be proposed for acceptance into Freemasonry who acknowledge Christian belief (Christlichen Glaubens) without distinction of sect.

Page 51, Section 167.

It is necessary for the candidate to state, &c.

Clause 3.—His religion (Creed).

Clause 9.—Whether he has tried hitherto to fulfil his duties as a Christian citizen, and whether he will continue to do so.

Page 57, Clause 197.

Every brother who wishes to join a lodge of our Constitution must be of Christian faith, and able to give his honourable discharge from his former Lodge by a written discharge therefrom, &c., &c., &c.,

with a view to widening the basis on which German Masonry now stands, and bringing it into more complete and fraternal harmony with Freemasonry throughout the world.

3. That in order to give effect to the foregoing resolutions the M.W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to communicate them to the Grand Lodge of Germany in any manner His Royal Highness may deem most expedient.

Bro. the Rev. Robert Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, said that he should be saved a good deal of trouble, and be saving a good deal of patience of Grand Lodge, by at once stating that many of the arguments which had been advanced so forcibly and eloquently upon a kindred question by the Pro. Grand Master, applied to the question which he had now the honour to lay before the brethren. This was an age of extremes, and truth, as the great Greek philosopher said of the virtues, generally lay in the mean between those extremes. It was a significant and very remarkable fact that on the very same night should be discussed in Grand Lodge, two departures from the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry in exactly opposite directions, the one taking from that Masonry which we believed to exist within it, and the other attempting to contract its principles by excluding a large body of men. In 1841 Bro. Behrend, who was initiated in the Lodge of Joppa, went to Germany and presented himself at a German lodge. He was refused admission on the ground that he was not a Christian. Subsequently Bro. Faudel, well known as a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and another brother, who was present to-night (Bro. Hutton) taking a very great interest in this question, went to Germany and knocked at the door in order to gain admittance. They were met by the question "are you a Christian," and

they declined to answer. Lord Zetland when the matter was brought before him said that if the German lodges refused to recognise an English certificate presented by whomsoever it might be, provided he was a good and worthy man, he (the Grand Master), should feel called on to withdraw his representative from the Grand Lodge of Berlin, and however pleased he might be to see the Chevalier who was here as a visitor to Grand Lodge, under such circumstances he could not receive him in his representative capacity. In consequence of that action was taken in Germany, and in the year 1872, a letter was read by Grand Lodge of England upon the subject from the Royal York Lodge of Friendship, and of the three Grand Lodges of Germany, to the effect that revision of the Book of Constitutions of those lodges having taken place nine years before, a new revision was made in the present year, and the question of the initiation of Jews was again deliberated. The Secretary of those lodges said he was happy to announce that the Royal York Lodge was now receiving Jews. The letter concluded in very fraternal terms. Now they could not believe that Masons of the other two Grand Lodges of Germany would be so utterly different in principle and temperament as not to consider a subject which was favourably considered by the other lodges. He would therefore say that in consequence of representations made to him within the last ten or twelve months that he ventured to anticipate those remarks which might be made, by saying that he did not propose to interfere with, or dictate to the Grand Lodges of Germany, but that it was desirable to hold out the right hand of fellowship in Germany to those to whom he had held it. We had a right to believe that Masonry was not like the nations, unhappily divided, but that it boasted to be one brotherhood throughout the world. If we were to take the analogy of a single family to which Freemasonry should belong—could it be an interference if a brother suggested in the kindest and most courteous manner that such and such a thing was likely to create a family feud? He could not for a moment conceive how it could be supposed if Masons were true Masons that such an intervention could be construed into an interference. In addition to that he might say we had one of the great Grand Lodges of Germany setting this example, and he doubted not that many Masons connected with the Grand Lodge, as well as with other Grand Lodges, would hail this measure as a means by which their hands would be strengthened, and instead of looking upon it as an interference would regard it as giving power to their great cause. In Germany there was a large number of persons of the Jewish faith—good respectable citizens, held in high esteem by their friends, and also in England they were held in high esteem, and many of them held some of the most elevated positions in the land. If that was the case it was not only an indignity to Jewish subjects to be excluded from lodges, but it was a matter of great regret to those who were of the same race and religion in this land to feel that they were excluded from the privilege abroad which as men and as Masons these brethren possessed here. He could not but feel as if the old definition of sympathy was correct—that if one member suffered all the members suffered with it; and if one member rejoiced all the members rejoiced, it ought to apply to brethren of Freemasonry throughout the world. He would put a case—a brother went to Germany to reside, and wished to become a joining member of a German lodge. He was told that he could not be a joining member, but might be a subscribing member, or a visitor without the power to vote. In that case he was only tolerated, not taken by the hand as a brother standing upon regular ground. If he (Bro. Simpson) was in such a position he should not trouble lodges of Germany much with his presence. It was perfectly true that the Grand Lodge of England certificate might be now received in Germany, but it was equally true that it did not admit even those Masons who held it to equal privileges of the Masons of Germany; and in the two jurisdictions to which he had alluded men were not permitted to be initiated who did not hold the Christian faith. They had heard much that evening of what Freemasonry was or ought to be, and if he had learned anything of Freemasonry in time past he had always believed that looking on the one side and the other that the five great landmarks were alone to be held in belief in the great God and the Architect of the Universe; belief in the immortality of the Soul; and on the other morality and the practice of charity; and he believed as a beam of light between both worlds and the mighty power of prayer. Anything short of this, and anything beyond this was not genuine Freemasonry, and therefore he thought all had a right to appeal to the Grand Orient of France to take measures in reference to what they had done; and he thought we were equally learned, though in a different direction, to act in a much milder and kinder way in regard to the step which excluded thousands of worthy and good men from the Order. If there was one section of men connected with Freemasonry more than another with whom he ventured to say we should have strong sympathy it was the men of that ancient race who had engraved their history upon the annals of time, whose old writings were an ornament to literature, whose great names sprang from mighty kings; whose traditions and associations were such that before them those of modern days "paled them in effectual fires;" above all, these men, whose writings, whose associations, whose words were continually associated, and indissolubly entwined with the traditions, symbols, ritual and literature of Freemasonry, that these men should not be excluded from any privilege of Freemasonry in any part of the world.

Bro. C. W. Hutton in seconding the motion said, that in 1846 Bro. Faudel and he when this question was mooted, and the present Emperor of Germany was Master of the German Grand Lodges, put the matter to the test by going



to Germany and presented themselves with their certificates to the lodge. They were asked individually if they were Christians, and individually they declined to answer, considering the question anti-Masonic. He had hoped that from that time the barrier was broken down, but it had come up again the last three or four years. It was a stigma to the Craft in Germany, a stigma to the nation which had shut up the banner of Ultramontanism which was attempted to be unfurled before them, a stigma to an intelligent race whose doctrines were founded upon the Bible. Let the brethren see what Freemasonry was. He thought Grand Lodge should exercise its utmost power to shew the brethren of Germany that they were wrong in refusing admission to Jews. He hoped that a representation made to them would lead to a revision of their Constitution in 1881.

Lord Tenterden opposed the motion. In 1740 the Lodge of the Three Globes was established as a Christian lodge. It was not a lodge for the whole of Germany; it was a particular system of Freemasonry based upon Christian principles. Questions whether the constitutions could be altered were raised in 1766, 1783, 1808, 1844, and 1849; but the feeling always seemed to have been that the Masons of that lodge were meeting under a Christian system of Masonry, and they wished to adhere to and maintain that particular form of ritual. In 1868 it was again considered, and the conclusion came to was that they had always been a Christian body, and they would be departing from their ancient landmarks if they altered it. He moved an amendment to Bro. Simpson's motion.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson seconded the amendment.

The Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., said that Swedish Freemasonry was on the same footing as German Freemasonry, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was made a Freemason under the Swedish Constitutions.

Bro. James Mason objected to enforcing on German Grand Lodges what English Freemasons thought they should do.

Bro. Israel Abrahams, P.M. 188, spoke in favour of the motion.

The Earl of Limerick supported the amendment and said that the lodge of the Three Globes were adhering to their ancient constitutions. He thought Grand Lodge of England would hesitate to take the step proposed, and would leave it to be worked out by the great example which Grand Lodge of England set. All who presented English certificates to German Lodges were admitted as visitors, although they could not be joining members.

Bro. S. V. Abraham said he had taken great interest in this question. The Jewish brethren did not bring this matter before Grand Lodge as a grievance to Jews alone. They denied that it was a question of Jew and Gentile; they wished it considered only as a question of a Masonic, and purely Masonic character. Thinking it advisable that the German Constitutions should be revised they came at once to the fountain-head to suggest the alteration; they came to a body whose head was the head of the country. By placing the matter in such hands they considered they were doing right. Truly and Masonically had they brought the question forward, and not from any party feeling.

Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, opposed the motion.

Bro. Simpson having replied,

The Earl of Carnarvon said he should not think it necessary to say anything at all, except this, that as this was a question on which the principles of Freemasonry had been much invoked it would be perhaps unsatisfactory to Grand Lodge if he put it to the vote without the expression, however slight, of his own opinion. He need hardly tell the brethren that so far as his own opinion went, he regretted the course which the German Grand Lodge of the Three Globes had taken. Looking at the point as he was bound to do, as an English Freemason, he should have been glad if they could have accepted the view of the principles by which they had been guided, if indeed this was a case as some of the speakers had put it, absolutely within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of England, he should not for a moment hesitate to endorse everything Bro. Simpson had said, but of course it was his (the Earl of Carnarvon's) duty to put it to the brethren in the most deliberate manner he could; and the conclusion to which he was carried after listening to this discussion was, that this Grand Lodge should be careful and cautious, very cautious in accepting such a motion as this. He did not care to go through all the arguments which had been used on either side, but the brethren must remember that there was extreme force in what Bro. McIntyre, the Grand Registrar, had said, that we could not take up our position on the same ground that we had occupied with regard to the Grand Orient of France. That body made a distinct and startling innovation. The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, whether they be right or whether they be wrong, were simply adhering to the course of precedent they had followed for more than a century. In the same way we thought we must bear in mind that in coming to a vote on this question we really were not very familiar with the details of it. Much that the Grand Senior Warden (Lord Tenterden), had told them was new, he ventured to say, to almost everybody present, and that of itself should inform them that they were treading on rather delicate ground, and that if under the impulse of a right feeling, in which he (Lord Carnarvon) entirely went along with the brethren, (and he wished to do full justice to the extremely fair, liberal, temperate, and Masonic manner and language in which the question had been discussed by all those of the Jewish brethren who had taken part in it), still he must say they were treading on very delicate ground, and if they were inadvertently to make a mistake, Grand Lodge would find itself in a very difficult position. It was always possible hereafter, after full explanation and enquiry to proceed to a decision based upon sounder conclusions, but if upon imperfect knowledge and without full cognizance of the details they proceeded

on a hasty conclusion, they placed themselves in a position which they might bitterly regret and which might lead to very great inconvenience. (Hear, hear). He wished for his own part that the mover of the motion should withdraw it. They would all have stood in a better position on the one hand, and the Jewish race would not have been at all prejudiced, they would rather have gained by the moderation which they had exhibited, and Grand Lodge would have been saved the risk of committing a serious blunder. He would fairly and frankly own to Grand Lodge that he doubted whether they were not exceeding their authority in making this recommendation to the German Grand Lodge of the Three Globes; and if this were so, if they really were travelling out of their own authority, if they were interfering in that which could upon argument be sustained as a matter of fair internal regulation on the part of that German Grand Lodge, then they might place themselves in a position which would be a matter, to say the least, of very great regret. Grand Lodge lastly must bear in mind: if they agreed to this resolution and requested H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, to convey a resolution to the German Grand Lodge, and the Emperor of Germany as the head of that Grand Lodge, which could not be sustained in argument, which on argument might turn out to be a matter of internal regulation, this Grand Lodge placed its illustrious Grand Master in a position, he might say in a predicament, that they certainly could never intend, which it would be most painful to him to occupy, and from which he (Lord Carnarvon) frankly owned he did not see how the Prince of Wales could extricate himself satisfactorily. He put it to Grand Lodge to pause well. They had waited for 140 years; they might surely afford to wait for three months longer. (Hear, hear.) There could be no error in that, but there might be a great error in hurrying to a decision that evening. He was sure he was giving Grand Lodge sound and seasonable counsel to which no man could take exception, and which was for the comfort and satisfaction of all. If Bro. Simpson, would not withdraw the whole of his motion he would suggest that he should only retain the first part of it "That the 300 petitions now presented to Grand Lodge on what is commonly called 'The German question' be received."

Bro. Simpson assented to this course, and the remaining portions of the motion having been withdrawn No. 1 was put to the brethren and carried unanimously.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The regular November meeting of this famous old lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday week, the presiding officer being Bro. E. F. Storr, W.M. The business which was transacted was passing Bro. Cutting to the Second Degree, and initiating into Masonry Mr. A. F. Austen and Mr. E. R. Curtice. At the completion of this work the brethren unanimously elected Bro. Phythian, S.W., as the W.M. of the lodge; re-elected Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M., as Treasurer; elected the Audit Committee; on the motion of the Worshipful Master voted £10 to the "Henry Muggerside Testimonial Fund"; voted also a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Storr, W.M.; and made a donation of five pounds to a distressed brother, and five pounds to his wife and family. Bro. Phythian undertook the office of Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls; and the W.M. gave notice of motion for next meeting that ten guineas should be voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions. After the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the brethren present were Past Masters White, Harcourt, Batty, Nead, Gray, Eames, and Wilcox, and visitors Albert Storr, 1658; Thos. Kitching, 435; J. Reinhardt, 23; H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*); Sir J. Bennett, 1; A. S. Swaine, 73, (as guests of the Worshipful Master); and Alex. Crawford, 738. After banquet, and the honouring of the formal toasts, Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treasurer, proposed "The W.M.," and in doing so said it was not the first time he had had the same honour. It was with much pleasure he did it, because he knew, as the brethren knew, that Bro. Storr had exerted himself to the utmost during his year of office to satisfy the brethren. As far as he, as an old P.M., could judge, speaking from many years' experience, the W.M. had conducted himself in a manner which redounded very much to his honour, and to the credit of the Neptune Lodge, which he trusted would maintain its good name and standing. It was acknowledged to be one of the best working lodges in the Craft, and there was nothing more gratifying to the P.M.'s than to find the younger brethren aspire to the position of W.M., and endeavour to qualify themselves for the office. Many years since he passed the chair, and it was very pleasing to find that when there was work to do in the lodge the W.M. whom the brethren had selected was always able to do it, and he always did it in a creditable manner. He repeated that the W.M. had exerted himself to the utmost on behalf of the lodge; he was a very energetic Mason, as all good Masons were; and the brethren had seen that evening, by the way in which he had done the working of the ceremonies, and brought forward his different motions, with what true Masonic feeling he was actuated. The W.M. must be congratulated on the happy termination of his year of office, and the brethren wished him health and long life to enjoy his membership of this

lodge. (Hear, hear.) Bro. E. F. Storr, in reply, said there were times in a man's life when to be silent was to be eloquent, and with himself he felt that that time was now, for he could not respond to this toast in a way which he felt Bro. Wilcox's remarks deserved. He could not help feeling that that evening his sun had set, and he hoped the rising sun would eclipse him. During his year of office, although it had been a most prosperous one, he had had feelings of regret because he had had to support several cases from the lodge at the Lodge of Benevolence. This had been most distressing, and but for this his year would have been one of unmingled pleasure. No one had had better officers, without which what could a W.M. do? He had tried to please the brethren and he was pleased to find that he had been successful in his attempt. If they were satisfied that was sufficient recompense to him for what he had done. He hoped Bro. Phythian's year would be brighter, more prosperous, and luminous than ever his own had been. Bro. Austen responded to the toast of "The Initiates," and said he had long looked forward with anxiety to the time when he should join the Order, and he was now very grateful to the brother who had introduced him into it. Nothing should now be wanting on his part to make him a good Mason, and in speaking thus for himself he knew he was speaking the sentiments of his co-initiate, Bro. Curtice. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," of whom he said the Neptune Lodge could proudly boast. Long might they be spared to remain an ornament to the lodge! Bro. Wilcox, P.M., replied, and said that the P.M.'s were very proud of belonging to that body, and grateful for the compliments the brethren so often paid them. They had endeavoured in their day and generation to do properly that which devolved upon them, and they only hoped and trusted that all those who followed them would tread in their footsteps. Having the interest and welfare of the lodge at heart he and his colleagues did their best in that direction, and nothing gave them greater pleasure than to see a brother in the chair who aimed at giving satisfaction to the brethren in the discharge of his duties as Bro. Storr had done. Unless a brother performed his duties well, they knew that a lodge deteriorated, and he felt confident that the brother who occupied the position of W.M. felt the same as did the P.M.'s. Bro. Sir John Bennett replied to the toast of "The Visitors." It was indeed a pleasant thing in the midst of heavy daily and weekly work to come into a lodge of Freemasons, because they all had great respect for that great and very ancient institution. They knew its antiquity; they knew its doings; but they did not know all its great doings in past centuries. Let him however, refer to some of the things which their predecessors in the Craft had done. If the history of the Craft could be written for the last 2000 years, they would have the history of the world through the dark ages, and see what the lodges did. The outward and visible signs of what they did remained in the grand ecclesiastical buildings, whose architectural splendour astonished the world. But beyond that, Masons constituted a line of great societies of men, who from century to century, from age to age, were in their circles the most powerful agents that kept alive all that was great and good in the career of our industry; the literary spirit, the artistic spirit. They were the body guard that taught liberty. Masons were proud to be descendants of such a body of men, who kept alive all that had dignified, beautified, elevated, invigorated human society, and made civilisation what it now was. If they had done this in the past, Masons of the present day were the men to do it now; to pass on this torch of human enlightenment, prosperity and civilization for the future. He was always proud when he came among Masons. He had been but a poor Mason himself, because his occupations were numerous. Though extra-Masonic, they were nevertheless in the true spirit of Masonry wherever he went. He was proud to visit this lodge, by the invitation of the Worshipful Master, and to have the opportunity of saying that he and the other visitors held among themselves the bright spirit of our forefathers in this respect, that whatever they did well we were prepared to do better, with our greater power of knowledge and enlightenment, and of all those manifold appliances of daily life which multiplied the power of man, which made him feel he was the centre of circles that should not only invigorate and elevate, but send prosperity through the whole of the civilised community. The common spirit which was shown to be among Masons by the friendly interchange of courtesies at these meetings would aid in this great work, and when they went forth from the lodge they would feel themselves the next day better men for the pleasure they had enjoyed that evening. (Cheers.) The W.M. next proposed "The W.M. elect." He said that when he took the gavel from his predecessor he was determined to do his duty to the Neptune Lodge, and he was pleased to find he had held it to the satisfaction of the brethren. In giving it up to another brother he had great pleasure and enjoyment in knowing that it would go into the hands of a brother who would equally endeavour to discharge his duties properly. Bro. Phythian, who would take the gavel next year, was initiated the year after him (the W.M.), and they had been like twin brothers ever since, and if he had nothing else to be thankful to Masonry for beyond his intercourse with the dear kind friends of the Neptune Lodge, the knowledge that he had made the friendship of Bro. Phythian, one of his bosom companions, was sufficient to make him pleased that he had become a Mason. Bro. Phythian responded. He little thought, he said, six years ago, when he was initiated that he should ever be elected W.M. It had always been his great ambition to be Master, and the brethren knew he had always but once been punctual in his attendance. He had always been pleased to attend to his duties in the working of the lodge. He could not make any promise as to the way in which he should perform the duties of W.M.; but he was working for it, and



attending lodges of instruction to qualify himself. Bro. Gray had been coaching him and so had Bro. Mugeridge, and both pronounced that he was right in the two First Degrees though somewhat shaky in the Third. However, he had a couple of months before him to perfect himself, and he hoped in that time to be ripe for his post. Bro. Eames, P.M., Sec., responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." The compliment was rather to the Treasurer than to himself, but as Bro. Wilcox had spoken once or twice that evening, he (Bro. Eames) was asked to reply now. Bro. Wilcox was such a Freemason as few other lodges had. He (Bro. Eames) had been Secretary only a short time, but he had endeavoured, and he hoped he had succeeded in his endeavours, to perform his duties satisfactorily to the W.M. and the other members of the lodge. Bro. Ashwell and Bro. Foxwell responded for "The Officers," and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. There was some very pleasant music and singing during the evening.

**TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).**—This lodge met on Tuesday last, the 4th inst. There was a very large assemblage of the brethren, and many visitors, amongst whom was Bro. Signor Campobello, who, after dinner, sang several songs in his usual style (accompanied by Bro. Romano), which gave great pleasure to the brethren assembled. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and carried unanimously, the W.M., Bro. Taylor, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with that of Bro. Campobello. The toast having been drunk with the usual honours, Bro. Campobello rose, and in proposing "The Health and Prosperity of the W.M., Brethren, and the Temple Lodge," said he had offered his gratuitous services and those of his wife, Madame Campobello, and the artists of his company, to give a concert in February next for the benefit of the Masonic School at Wood Green at Freemasons' Tavern. The W.M. suggested that a Lodge of Emergency should be called for the purpose of appointing a committee to carry out the necessary arrangements. Further information in connection with the concert can be obtained of Bro. G. V. De Luca, 5, Guildhall-chambers, Basinghall-street.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The members of this old lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Morris, J.D.; Heaphy, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Midx.; W.S.; Clark, D.C.; Ashton, Assist. Sec.; Themans, acting I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.G.S.B. of Midx.; Longstaff, Tyler. The minutes of the installation meeting in October last having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Broadhurst, Aarons, and Cox to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being exceedingly well performed. The W.M. is to be congratulated upon having acquitted himself so well in that his maiden essay. There being no other business before the lodge it was formally closed, and the brethren immediately separated. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Tuesday in January next.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE.**—(No. 1524).—The brethren of this highly prosperous lodge assembled in full force on Thursday week at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, Bro. John Bairstow Shackleton, the W.M., most ably performed the work, which was unusually heavy. At four o'clock Bros. Hollingsworth, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, Fisher, and Norman, were raised, the ceremony being most impressively rendered, and each candidate for Mastership was taken separately. Bros. Denter, Beasley, Bell, Bigg, and Blow, were then respectively passed, and a ballot for Bro. William Ford, proved unanimous in his favour that gentleman was duly initiated. The audit committee was then appointed, and Bro. Bernard Meyer, the J.W. of the lodge, elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and spent three hours most pleasantly.

**CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).**—This lodge, which is now only two years old, held its installation meeting on Saturday last at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Walter Solomon Whitaker presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Cowan, S.W.; T. S. Hillier, J.W.; J. Clarricoats' Treas.; R. C. Hooton, I.P.M. Acting Sec.; Nelson Reed, S.D.; G. W. Briggs, J.D.; G. W. Brock, I.G.; T. Brown, P.M. 765, D.C.; F. Morgan, W.S.; Burman, Cotton, Jaccard, Pearce, A. Taylor, W. Munro, Russell, P. Bullock, A. E. Packer, F. Spargen, J. Spurgen, J. Garratt, S. Garratt, Wm. Poole, H. Poole, Gosnell, Dr. Longrigg, Margettes, Edwards, Lovibond, Greening, Leman, Chaffey, and Willocks. The W.M. passed Bros. J. Spurgen, and H. Poole, and raised Bros. S. Garratt, D. Longrigg, F. Spurgen, and E. A. Packer. He afterwards installed Bro. James Cowan, S.W., and W.M. elect, as Worshipful Master, who thereupon invested Bro. Whitaker as I.P.M., the duties of which office were transferred to Bro. Hooton, P.M., Bro. Whitaker being also invested as Secretary. The other brethren invested were Bros. Thos. S. Hellier, J.D. 1580, S.W.; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671, J.W. 1601, S.D. 765, J.W.; John Clarricoats, Treasurer; George Briggs, S.D.; George A. Brock, J.D.; Frederick Morgan, I.G.; J. E. Burman, D.C.; Richard Cotton, W.S.; and W. Steedman, P.M. 754, Tyler. All these appointments gave the greatest satisfaction to every member of the lodge, a proof of which was conveyed in the hearty applause with which they were greeted on being conducted to their situations in the lodge. The investments over, Bro. Whitaker delivered the charges with the same fluency as had characterised his delivering of the other portions of the ceremony, and of the other work of the lodge. On resuming his seat he was followed by general cheering, and the remaining work of the lodge having been completed, lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to one of Bro. W. G. Jennings' elegant banquets. The visitor present were:—Bros. P. McNabb, S.C. Scotland, P.M. 110

E. Terry, W.M. 1319; R. E. H. Goffin, 1359; J. Hill, Org 732; C. Taylor, I.G. 1436; J. Bergmann, J.D. 1671; J. H. Leggot, S.D. 145; C. Swain, 80; H. A. Lovett, S.W. 134; G. Saul, J.W. 1201; C. Dodson, 834; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524; J. Chaney, 183; J. McCutchen, S.C. 28; C. F. Seymour, 163; J. Slater, 22; J. Henderson, 186; H. Massey, (Freemason) P.M. 619; W. H. Rowe, 1426; R. Greening, 1426; A. Leigh 657; C. T. Smith, 1426; Viner Bedolfe, P.M. 1329. When the banquet was concluded, grace having been said, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts, and in giving that of "The Queen and the Craft," said that three of her Majesty's sons occupying the three principal chairs of Grand Lodge at one time was an honour that no mother had ever had in the history of Masonry. The W.M. in giving "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," after referring to the ability with which the Prince of Wales discharged the duties of Grand Master, said H.R.H. had proved himself a thorough Mason, and both in Masonry and as the Prince of Wales had proved himself a thorough Englishman. A distinguished Scotchman who was also a Mason had written many years before the Prince of Wales was born,

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,

A man's a man for a' that,"

And the Prince of Wales had shown that this sentiment was applicable to him. The W.M. having proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied, and said he deeply regretted that there was no other Grand Officer present senior to himself in rank to return thanks for the toast. He, however, perfectly agreed with the observations of the W.M. that the Prince of Wales could not have made a better selection of his Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, than when he appointed Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, because, as was patent to all, they displayed great ability in the discharge of their duties. They were always to be approached, and when any Masonic difficulty arose, they were ready to listen to any application that might be made to them. Notwithstanding the important duties which devolved upon the Pro G.M. in his position as a statesman, he found time to devote a portion of his attention to Masonry. The Deputy G.M. also found time to perform his Masonic duties. Coming to the officials of Grand Lodge, Bro. Hervey, he was sorry to say, was unable to be present, and had been unable to be at the office that day, through having caught a very bad cold; but he had telegraphed to him (Bro. Buss) to convey the expressions of his regret to Bro. Whitaker, who had personally invited him to this installation, that he was unable to come. He (Bro. Buss) must thank the W.M. and brethren very much for the manner in which he had been received, and it was not the smaller part of the honour conferred upon him that he had been asked to wear the collar of S.W. during the installation. It was no small honour to take such an office, in such a lodge, which he trusted would go on and prosper. No brother round the table could complain of the prosperity of the lodge or of the success of the lodge management. It was patent to all the Masonic world that there could not have been two better Masters than the two who had passed the chair. Their conduct of the lodge business had been excellent, and he was sure that the brother who had been placed in the chair that evening as third W.M. would not be wanting in displaying those abilities which had been displayed by the other W.M.'s of the Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Hooton, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." It was not very often, he said, that it was the privilege of a P.M. to hold the gavel two years in succession as I.P.M., and under the circumstances he thought it necessary to make some little explanation to the visitors why it so fell to his lot. The esteemed P.M., Bro. Whitaker, had been invested with the collar of Secretary, and the consequence was that it fell to him (Bro. Hooton) for the forthcoming year to resume the position of I.P.M. of the lodge. In that position his first duty was to propose what was in his opinion the most important toast of the evening, that of "The W.M." If, as Bro. Buss had said, the lodge had had two good P.M.'s, he was quite sure they would have another in the person of Bro. Cowan. All those who had known the W.M., (and all around the table had known him for some years) knew him as a most enthusiastic, painstaking, energetic young Mason; and he felt sure that in taking the responsibilities of W.M. upon himself, as he had that night, he would endeavour to the utmost of his abilities, please God to give him health and strength for his year of office, to carry out the duties of the chair with satisfaction to all the brethren and with credit to himself. The W.M. in reply said he thanked Bro. Hooton very sincerely for the terms in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had endorsed them. He felt that he scarcely deserved the very kind words with which Past Master Hooton proposed his health; but still as a young Mason and a persevering one he could not deny that soon after his initiation he became sensible of the great responsibility attaching to the position of W.M. of a lodge. He felt at the same time a strong ambition one day to occupy the chair, and he saw that the way to get there was to qualify himself for the position. He therefore attended lodges of instruction in order to obtain Masonic knowledge so that if ever the brethren offered him the chair he should feel justified in accepting it. He had to a certain extent obtained Masonic knowledge, and the brethren had given him the opportunity of using it. The opportunity they had given him and the honour they had conferred upon him he accepted with all its responsibilities. He could only say now, as they had no experience of what he could do or might have to do, he would endeavour to give them satisfaction. He received the lodge in a thoroughly good state financially, and it should be his duty to maintain it. The ability and energy with which his predecessors had occupied the chair had raised the lodge to a state of efficiency which

had gained for it the character of being second to none in the Craft. It would be his earnest endeavour to leave the chair with that name unsullied. It was an honour to any Mason to be installed as W.M. of any lodge; but much more was it an honour to be installed Master of such a lodge as the Carnarvon Lodge, and to be installed by such a Master as Bro. Whitaker. He said "Bro. Whitaker" but he meant to say "Bro. Solomon." (Laughter.) There could not be a doubt that he was a Solomon, and that he was a good representative of his great namesake, the Grand Master. He (the W.M.) felt that the honour he had spoken of was a great one, and he would endeavour to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. He again thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W.M. said the next toast was a very important one, and one that he approached with a great amount of diffidence, knowing as he did his own inability to do it the justice it deserved. The toast was that of "The Installing Master, their late W.M." He happened to know more of the Masonic career of the respected Bro. Whitaker than perhaps any Mason living. He recollected four years ago, the day after he was initiated (for even at that early age of his Masonic career he was greatly craving for Masonic knowledge, for he was in possession of very little Masonic information at that time) he went to Bro. Whitaker and asked him for his assistance. Bro. Whitaker introduced him to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, where he soon attracted the attention of the great instructor of that lodge, whom he was now glad to see present. Bro. Whitaker from that time till now had never ceased to be a constant attendant at the lodge, and being endowed by nature with a good memory and great elocutionary power, he had made himself a bright and shining light in the Craft. To the brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge he need not say how Bro. Whitaker had discharged the duties of his office. He might be allowed to say that in Bro. Whitaker's Mastership the lodge had had thirteen initiations, thirteen passings, and thirteen raisings, and when he informed the brethren that the whole of the candidates had been obligated separately it would occur to them that the ceremonies had been repeated very often in the same night. The whole of the work had been by the W.M. from one end of the year to the other; and he said it without fear of contradiction that it had been done in a faultless manner. He had gone through the ceremonies, initiation, passing, and raising without adding to or detracting from a word of the beautiful ritual. In the solemn serious and effective manner in which he had discharged his duties he could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of the candidates for the several degrees. There were eminent P.M.'s present who knew more about Masters of lodges than he did, and he felt they would say this was perfection which few Masters could attain to. During his year of office the late W.M. had not been without difficulties to contend with, for soon after his installation it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to remove the late lamented Bro. Scott, the Secretary. They had in Bro. Scott an officer of great experience and one of that sort of men that no lodge could well afford to lose, much less a lodge then in its second year of existence. But great as the loss was to the lodge in general and to the W.M. in particular, the W.M. proved himself equal to the occasion, and took the duties in his own hands. The brethren knew how he had conducted them, and if he (the W.M.) were allowed to pass his opinion he would say that Bro. Whitaker had conducted them with pleasure to all the brethren and with credit to himself. He had occupied his position night after night, and the ability with which he had discharged his duties to the lodge, limited as it was, he had filled it, and now he had left him (the W.M.) nothing to do. But to crown the successful year of office with a successful termination, after his eminent services he had installed his successor. He had had the honour and pleasure of seeing and hearing the ceremony of installation performed on many occasions; but he might say, as far as he himself was concerned and was able to judge, he had never seen the ceremony performed better. There were several distinguished P.M.'s present who could count the times they had seen it performed by the score, and if they had seen anything that evening in the installation to find fault with he would ask them to remember that this was the first time that Bro. Whitaker had installed a W.M. He (Bro. Cowan) now came to a more important part of his duties, and it was a duty which he might be allowed to say he was proud to be in a position to perform. A month ago that night the members of the Carnarvon Lodge determined to present Bro. Whitaker with a P.M.'s jewel. In placing that jewel now upon Bro. Whitaker's breast, he felt sure that he expressed the earnest wish of every one present when he said that they hoped he might be long spared to his wife and family, and that the heart that now beat under that jewel might long continue to exercise its functions. Bro. Whitaker might look upon that jewel to remind him of the many friends he had made and the happy days he had spent in the Carnarvon Lodge, and it would also remind him of the eminently successful year of office which he had had. Bro. Whitaker, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast said that when the elegant programme was delivered to him that evening, he saw on it that it was his duty to make a speech, and he thought to himself that after having inflicted on the brethren four hours of working upstairs, the shorter he made his speech the better. So it had been his intention simply to thank the W.M. and sit down. But he thought he should be wanting in his duty to the Carnarvon Lodge if he did not express his thanks to the lodge more at length. When he was installed Master of this lodge he fully appreciated the difficulty of his position, and he endeavoured as far as in him lay to overcome that difficulty. The brethren of this lodge had been pleased to confer upon him a lasting and valuable tribute of their appreciation in giving him a P.M.'s jewel, which he esteemed



a great honour. He should not thank them at any length, because he knew, though he could not find words to express his feelings, that every brother of the Carnarvon Lodge was aware he had done and would do all he could to further its interests and promote its efficiency. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The P.M.'s," said that without the toast "The P.M.'s," the lodge would have no history, and as the history of the Carnarvon Lodge, although a short one, was certainly a very creditable one. It would necessarily occur to the brethren that the P.M.'s were few, numbering only two. Bro. Whitaker had qualified himself to rank among P.M.'s, and the style of his performance of the duties of his office was fresh in the minds of the brethren. Bro. Hooton's career in Masonry had been a long and also a creditable one. He had just informed him (the W.M.) that twelve years ago that night he was received into Freemasonry, and shortly after that he was put into office. From that day up till now he had not been a single year out of office. In his mother lodge he had served all the offices up to that of Master, and during his year in that capacity he had raised his lodge to a position it had ever occupied since. His energy and ability in the Carnarvon Lodge were also fresh in the minds of the brethren. At the consecration of the lodge there was a distinguished body of visitors, and they all agreed that he performed his duties most ably. Each of the P.M.'s could always be approached for advice, and could always be relied upon for giving the best advice; and the best instruction could also be obtained from them. Bro. Hooton had undertaken the duties of I.P.M., because Bro. Whitaker had been appointed Secretary, and it had been thought better that Bro. Whitaker should not have to discharge double duties. Bro. Hooton responded. It was true he had been a Mason twelve years, and it was equally true that he had endeavoured to discharge his Masonic duties to the best of his ability, and to carry out the principles instilled into his mind on the particular occasion of his initiation. It was a very eventful moment for him. He then made up his mind that, subject to the approval of the brethren he would obtain the greatest amount of reward the brethren of his lodge could give him, viz., placing him in the W.M. Chair. He at last obtained that position, and having been in office for many years he began to be tired of office. When the present lodge came into existence the first twenty members of it were members of his mother lodge, and four-fifths of these he had been instrumental in introducing into his mother lodge. He looked upon their selecting him as the first W.M. as a great honour. It was a distinguished privilege to belong to such a lodge as the Carnarvon Lodge; much more was it an honour to be its first W.M., and to have received it at the hands of the Grand Secretary of England. When he accepted the office he did so with the determination to perform the duties of that high office to the satisfaction of every member of the lodge, and he trusted now that he had succeeded. Twelve months ago the brethren were pleased to present him with a P.M. jewel, and to place him among the P.M.'s. He was glad to find that now he was not alone, and he hoped that before long there would be a good string of P.M.'s. Although this was not the occasion for a long speech, he might say that the great principle the Carnarvon Lodge had always laid down was punctuality; it had carried out that principle, and would endeavour to do so, together with the principles of cordiality and Masonic goodwill towards each other. They had only one view—to render the Masonic work as complete as possible, and from the very eminent opinions they had had from time to time, they flattered themselves that they succeeded. It was these principles which had obtained for the Carnarvon Lodge an illustrious name in the long roll of Masonic Lodges; and he was sure that the Carnarvon members would be found to produce other W.M.'s who would endeavour to do as their predecessors had done, and if they did, the Carnarvon Lodge would in years to come, when the present P.M.'s were gathered to their fathers, maintain the same unsullied lustre as the W.M.'s of the two last years. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," amongst whom he particularly mentioned P.M. Stacey, No. 180, who amongst his other duties yet found time to be the Instructor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. In that capacity he (the W.M.) did not believe Bro. Stacey had his equal. There were many W.M.'s who owed their position entirely to the knowledge they had been enabled to obtain from Bro. Stacey's teaching; and he (the W.M.) himself was not ashamed to own that his position was owing to the care and attention bestowed on him by that brother. He was not the only one who could say that, for he could point to Bro. Whitaker to illustrate the manner in which Bro. Stacey performed his duties as Preceptor to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. There were many brethren present who had benefited by his instruction. Bro. Stacey in reply, said he was not going to shower honours upon the W.M., but to tell the brethren a few truths about him. Four or five years ago, a raw Scotch lad presented himself to a lodge of instruction in Fleet-street, over which he (Bro. Stacey), had the honour of presiding. That raw Scotch lad was the present W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge. How much Masonry had done for that W.M. he would not stop to enquire; but he thought the brethren would furnish an answer better than he (Bro. Stacey) could. Bro. Cowan was one of the most intelligent scholars he ever knew, one of the most persevering, and one of the most gentlemanly, shewing that gentlemanly bearing that evening, by what he had said of the visitors. This was not the first time he (Bro. Stacey) had had the pleasure of attending the Carnarvon Lodge, and he sincerely hoped it would not be the last. Bro. Hooton had spoken of one or two things as the attributes of this lodge, but he certainly forgot one—the very great kindness with which it received the visitors, and the attention which it paid to them. En passant, he was not going to make a long speech, but he might say he looked round the

lodge with very much pleasure indeed; for not only had the W.M. been under his (Bro. Stacey's) unfortunate ministrations, but the brother who had so ably and well worked the ceremony of installation had also been one of his unfortunate pupils. (A voice: "Fortunate.") He sincerely hoped that these brethren and the other brethren of the lodge would long be an honour to Freemasonry, work shoulder to shoulder, and assist in carrying on the Lodge of Instruction, and that they would excel in what they had done already. The S.W., Bro. Hellier; the J.W., Bro. Reed; Bro. Brock, and several other officers of the lodge, the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction had also had under its care, and the Carnarvon Lodge was happy indeed in the very large amount of talent, the great application and the ready intimation with which its members gained the knowledge which was so essential to progress in Masonry. He knew of no better example than the W.M. that evening, who from the crude had become the polished Master. Bro. Terry, whose knowledge of everything in Masonry was very great, agreed with him in saying that he had never seen a Master who had come on in Masonry as Bro. Cowan had. He would be happy indeed to find the Carnarvon Lodge, with the unanimity amongst its members, its progressiveness, and its hospitality, certainly second to no other lodge. Bro. W. H. Lee said he had been associated with Bro. Cowan ever since he first entered among English Freemasons, and he agreed with Bro. Stacey that a more intelligent, active, or diligent Mason it would be difficult to find. He congratulated the lodge on the success it had achieved, and he hoped the success that had attended it in the past would attend it in the future. Dr. Bedolfe and Bro. Goffin also replied for the visitors. The W.M. in proposing "The Charities" said we were taught in Masonry that charity was the brightest ornament that could adorn the Masonic profession, and the surest proof and best test of our religion. Bro. Goffin in his reply for the visitors had alluded to some among the outside world having charged Masonry with being nothing more than a gourmandising society. He repudiated the idea, and in answer to the charge, he had often said that £40,000 being subscribed by Freemasons last year to the charities, was a proof that they were not a gourmandising body. He was not going to say much about the charities, further than that they were an honour to the Order. The three noble institutions which Freemasons supported were an honour to the body. The Carnarvon was a young lodge, and could not take upon themselves to say they had done much for the charities; but in the two years of their existence the balance of the Benevolent Fund was £85. In addition to that they had made a handsome donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which Bro. Terry was the Secretary. As a lodge it was their ambition to qualify themselves as Life Governors of all the charities, and in due time he had no doubt they would in that respect attain to the summit of their ambition. He would say nothing further about the charities, but leave to Bro. Terry whose eloquence was well-known, to work upon the hearts and purses of the brethren.

Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded, but owing to pressure in our columns is deferred till next week.

The toast of "The Officers" was then given and responded to, and the brethren separated.

Some excellent music was given during the evening by the brethren. Bro. Bergmann, J.D., 167, presided at the piano.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—ANNUAL BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF BRO. RHYS WILLIAMS, M.D., P.A.G.D.C.**—Wednesday, November 28th, the thirtieth anniversary of this lodge, as well known for the excellency of its working as the boundless hospitality at refreshment, witnessed a larger and more brilliant gathering than any similar occasion in the memory of even the oldest member of the lodge. Punctually at 4 o'clock p.m. the lodge began working, when there were present Bros. Col. Stuart, P.G.S.W., &c., W.M.; Capt. Green, J.P., I.P.M.; Wilkinson Finlison, P.M.; S.W.; Capt. Colburn J.W.; Rev. C. Breton, B.C.L. and Rural Dean, Chap.; Coombs, M.R.C.S., &c., S.D.; Allan, J.D.; Thody, I.G.; Prior, M.D., P.M., Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Alderman Bull, J.P., P.M., Steward; and Reynolds, Tyler; Past Masters J. Trapp, Capt. F. C. Polhill-Turner, M.P. for Bedford, Deputy Lieutenant for Beds., &c.; Cuthbert, Fisher, Cookson, Nash, Billson; and Bros. Warren, Whitaker, Stafford, Young, Jarvis, Pick, Thompson, Roberts, Kilpin, Lund, Wicks, Carter, and visiting Bros. Rev. and W. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; W. Henry Dumas, P.G.D.; W. Dyer, P.G.—; W. Haydon, P.G. Steward; Rev. and W. W. Tebbs P.P.G. Chap. Somerset; J. Cumberland, 475 (Mayor of Luton); Burnett, W.M.; Wade-Gery, S.W.; Dr. Swan, J.D.; Hooper, P.M.; and Reynolds, P.M. 803, St. Andrew's, Biggleswade; Wilmer, Taylor, and Cooper, 1410, St. Peter and St. Paul, Newport Pagnell; F. D. Bull, Walling Street, Stony Stratford; Dunkley and Reed, 874, Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells. Great regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir A. Woods, Garter King at Arms, G.D.C., and Bro. Bent, P.G.C., who were expected to be present. After the minutes had been read and confirmed and the report of the Audit Committee received and passed, a vote of £10 was unanimously carried to the mother of a brother who was suffering from mental affliction. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Dr. Prior, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. The W.M., Bro. Rhys Williams, M.D., P.A.D.C., then invested his officers: Bros. Colonel Stuart, I.P.M.; Rev. C. Breton, Chap.; Capt. Colburn, S.W.; Coombs, J.W.; Alderman Bull, Steward; Allen, S.D.; Thody, J.D.; Carter, I.G.; Dr. Prior, Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, Treas.; and Reynolds, Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to a capital banquet, after which the usual loyal and other toasts were happily put by Bro. Rhys Williams and well

received, being responded to as follows: "Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Officers, Past and Present," by Bros. Colonel Stuart and Dumas; "The Visitors," by Bros. Haydon, Hooper, and Tebbs; "P.M.'s of the Lodge" by Bro. Trapp. After the Tyler's toast a truly enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened with songs by many brethren, amongst whom it would be invidious to mention Bros. Sergeant, Prior, Wilmer, Stafford, Jarvis, Tebbs, Roberts, and Cookson. Amongst the overwhelming praises of the guests we must repeat one brother's very true observation on the efforts of the Steward, Bro. Bull, that "his self-denying efforts were most indefatigable—indeed, the very life and soul of the party's enjoyment." Thus pleasantly passed another anniversary of this favourite lodge, and thus "happily parted" the hospitable brethren and their favoured guests; "and happily may they meet again."

**MANCHESTER.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester, when a large number of the brethren assembled at five o'clock. The lodge being opened in due form and passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Damberghy was advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M., Bro. S. H. Needham, performing the ceremony in a masterly manner. The brethren then adjourned to tea, and after full justice had been done to the excellent spread provided by Bro. Banks, returned to their labour, when Bros. Evans and Southworth were also passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, P.M. Rogers rendering the W.M. valuable assistance in his duties. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Moore was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, Bro. W. T. Schofield giving the charge in a most important manner. After sundry matters of business had been disposed of the brethren adjourned to the social board, the W.M. occupying the chair, supported by Bros. Schofield, I.P.M.; Rogers P.M.; J. Andrews, P.M.; Bros. Leech, S.W., and Dawson, J.W., occupying their usual places. A large number of visiting brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. Dunks, Wrigley, and Marsh, of the Duke of Athol Lodge, 210; and Bros. Bostock, W.M.; Brown, Secretary; Green, and Byway, of Avon Lodge, 1623. The usual toasts incidental to the occasion were proposed and responded to, Bro. Sykes most efficiently carrying out his duties as D.C. The proceedings were much enlivened by the excellent singing of Bros. Ruddock and Smith, and Brown, who recited "Little Jim, the collier's son," in true pathos. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**UPTON.—Upton Lodge (No. 1226).**—This popular lodge held an emergency meeting at the "Spotted Dog," Upton, the usual place of meeting. Bro. George Brown, the W.M. presided, and there was a good attendance of the members, and also visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Larkin, Quincey, Giles, Messrs. William Mason Paxton, John Strout, and Otto Julius Silver were respectively initiated, a ballot having been previously taken for each, and found to be unanimous. The brethren adjourned for refreshment and had a sumptuous tea, dispersing at about nine o'clock.

**EXETER.—Semper Fidelis Lodge (No. 1254).**—The brethren of the above lodge assembled on Tuesday the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, for their ninth yearly festival, and to instal their Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The choice had fallen on Bro. W. Brodie (proprietor of the *Exeter and Plymouth Gazette*), who, at the previous regular lodge had been unanimously elected for the honourable position of Master of this flourishing lodge. An unusually large number of the Craft attended the interesting ceremony, in testimony of their esteem and respect for their worthy brother, the W.M. elect of lodge 1254, amongst them being the following, viz.: The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Bro. the Rev. John Huxley, Past Grand Chaplain England, &c., &c.; W. Elphinstone Stone, P.P.G.J.G.W.; S. Jones, P.P.S.G.D., P.M. 112; 1135; Easton, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 39; Isaac Latimer, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 1895; W. F. Giercke, P.P.G.O.; P.M. 39; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T.; H. B. Stark, P.P.G.O.; Henry Strawson, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset, P.M. 814; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; P.M. 1254; J. H. Warren, P.M. 1254; F. Horspool, P.M. 1254; W. B. Shears, P.M. 372; T. Dunsford, W.M. 372; J. W. Boon, W.M. 189; T. Willing, W.M. 1284; J. Woodman, W.M. 444; C. R. Collins, W.M. 15; J. Stocker, S.W. and W.M.-elect 39; B. Barber, I.P.M. 1254; G. Huxham, W.M. 1254; and many others. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the former lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. B. Barber, I.P.M., presented Bro. Brodie, as the W.M. Elect, to the Installing Master, Bro. Geo. Huxham, for Installation in due and ancient form; and he having, in the presence of the assembled brethren, answered the usual questions, and signified his assent to the laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, a Board of Past Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation was effectively and impressively gone through. The newly-installed brother, after having been saluted by the brethren, and duly proclaimed as Worshipful Master of Semper Fidelis Lodge for the year 1878, feelingly expressed his appreciation of the high honour conferred upon him by the members of his lodge, and the great compliment paid to him by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, and the numerous gathering of other Provincial Officers and brethren from the various lodges in and around Exeter, many of whom he knew had attended at considerable inconvenience and expense. He could only thank them most heartily, and hoped that their kindness would induce him to still further increase his zeal in Freemasonry, to the benefit of the Craft, and the satisfaction of himself. The following brethren were then appointed officers of the lodge, and duly invested by the Master with the



collars and jewels belonging to their various offices, viz., Bro. G. Huxham, I.P.M.; W. Pidsley, S.W.; E. T. Fulford, J.W.; C. Kendrick, C.; H. W. Hooper, Treas.; W. A. Gregory, Secretary; H. Elmore, S.D.; J. Sampson, J.D.; J. Horswell, I.G.; W. H. Hawker, Organist; T. B. Land, D.C.; W. Heavens, A.D.C.; H. Clarke, B.B.; J. Gibson, S.S.; W. H. Woodbridge, J.S.; P. L. Blanchard, Tyler; and J. Blanchard, Assist. Tyler. The Worshipful Master then rose, and, addressing the brethren, said he had a most pleasing task to perform, viz., to present to his predecessor in the chair, Bro. G. Huxham, a valuable solid gold P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the lodge, and which had been most generously supplemented by an illuminated scroll, beautifully executed by Bro. H. J. Yelland, P.M. 1284. The scroll, which was mounted in a handsome Masonic frame, specially made by Messrs. Rowden, Queen-street, set forth the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Huxham had performed the duties of his office, during his occupancy of the chair for the past twelve months, and also bore the names of nearly forty of the members who had individually subscribed towards the extra cost of the scroll. Bro. Huxham was much moved by this proof of fraternal regard and appreciation of his work, and suitably thanked the brethren. The beautiful jewel was fastened to his official collar amid much applause. The next pleasant feature was the presentation to the lodge, by Bro. John Harswell, of a very handsome silk banner, having worked thereon, in coloured silks, raised on a blue ground, the arms of the ancient and loyal city, its motto "Semper Fidelis" being worked on the ribbon under the arms. On the reverse side was also worked, in white silk on a blue ground, the square and compasses, surmounted by the name of the lodge, with its number underneath. Bro. Horswell said he had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the banner to the lodge, from the fact that he had invariably met with the greatest courtesy and brotherly feeling from the members of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, and finding, on the occasion of the dedication of the new Hall and premises in which they were then assembled, that, being a young lodge, it possessed no banner, he thought he could not better testify to the pleasure he felt in being connected therewith than by presenting the banner, which he now did, for the use of the members in future processions, and on all festive and other occasions when the lodge might meet. Bro. Brodie, as W.M., accepted the handsome gift on behalf of the brethren, and warmly eulogised Bro. Horswell's generosity and kindly feeling towards this, his adopted lodge. The banner was supplied through Bro. W. A. Gregory, High-street, Exeter. It is an excellent specimen of silk handicraft, and much patience and ability must have been exercised in so faithfully depicting the city arms, and following the exact colours and shading. It is handsomely mounted, and will be a striking object in any future Masonic procession. "Hearty good wishes" were either personally offered, or expressed by letters, to the W.M., from brethren belonging to nearly thirty other lodges in Devon and other provinces. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Birkett's Royal Clarence Hotel, in the Cathedral Yard, where a *recherche* banquet was served in the splendidly-appointed and spacious assembly room, which has recently undergone almost complete transformation in re-arrangement, embellishing, and furnishing. The Worshipful Master, Bro. William Brodie, presided, being supported on his right by the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, several past and present officers of the P.G. Lodge, and between twenty and thirty Past Masters and Worthy Masters. There was a strong gathering of other officers and members of the Craft, numbering in all, close upon a hundred. Bro. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B., England; P.M., &c., kindly sent some beautiful plants and flowers, for decorating the banquet-tables, and Bro. E. Johnson, P.G. Std. England, also sent some choice flowers for the same purpose. The brethren were highly pleased with the catering of Bro. Birkett, and unanimously agreed that nothing better could have been provided, or more excellently served. The tables having been cleared, the toast-list, with vocal and instrumental delineations, was gone through, and the more formal part of the proceedings having received due attention, song, music, and good-fellowship reigned supreme. It will be long ere the many agreeable episodes that contributed to the full enjoyment of the ninth anniversary of Semper Fidelis Lodge will pass from the memory of a large number of brethren who took part therein. As a fact illustrative of the genuine and exemplary charity of the brethren, we may add that at the dinner-table Bro. Samuel Jones mentioned the case of the daughter of a brother, recently passed away who was in want of immediate relief. The W.M. Bro. Brodie also pleaded the orphan's cause. The plate was handed round, and a goodly sum was collected there and then for her.

**RISCA.**—Homfray Lodge (No. 1562).—This deservedly flourishing young lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Risca, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when lodge was opened by Bro. Jonathan Piggford, W.M., with the usual formalities. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., and D.P.G.M.M., then entered the lodge to act as installing Master in the unavoidable absence of Bro. L. A. Homfray P.G.M.M., Mon., and inducted the W.M., elect, Bro. James, S.W., into the chair of K.S. in his well-known masterly style. The W.M. then proceeded with the investiture of his officers for the ensuing year. Bros. J. Piggford as I.P.M.; Taylor S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Lewis, Secretary; Greene, Treasurer; Moses, S.D.; James, J.D.; J. G. Taylor, Steward; Fletcher, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, when the brethren adjourned to refreshment at Bro. Host Bolton's, of the Albert Hotel, where a banquet awaited them, very nicely put on, consisting of some of the substantialities, as well as the niceties which those of the outside world who know not Masonry, are so apt to give

the Craft the credit of an overweening liking for. After ample justice had been done to the repast, the W. M. proceeded with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well received, as is the usual custom amongst Masons. But the particular feature of the day was the presentation to the retiring W.M., Brother R. J. Chambers, P.M. and P.P.G.S.W., by the brethren of the Homfray Lodge, with his portrait in oils, executed by Bro. Villiers. As a work of art it is extremely happy, being a most faithful reproduction on canvas of our esteemed brother, it will be valued by him as a token of the high regard in which he is held in the lodge, of which he is founder. The presentation was made by Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, and suitably acknowledged. During the evening the sum of £6 11s. was subscribed for the Masonic Charities. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very successful and enjoyable Masonic gathering. There were present at the banquet:—W. James, W.M.; S. G. Homfray, P.A.D.G.C., and D.P.G.M., Mon.; J. Piggford, I.P.M.; R. J. Chambers, P.M.; P.G.J.W.; W. S. Tait, (Isca), I.G. 18; Wm. Welsford, (A. Edward, Prince of Wales), Steward; James Wilson, (1429) Steward; John Elias, (1562); John Smith, (1562), Henry Fletcher, Tyler (1562), A.P.G.T.; A. William, J.W. (1562); E. B. Jukes (1562); E. Charles (1562); Jas. Silverthorne (1562); E. P. Phillips (1562); Thomas Moses (1502); Senior Deacon; James T. Green, (1562), Treasurer; E. A. Taylor, S.W. (1562); W. G. Clark (1562); W. O. Reilly (1562); Edwin Jarne (1562), Junior Deacon; Seth Lewis (1562); J. R. Taylor (1562), Steward; E. Edwards, (1562), Inner Guard; E. Lewis (1562), Secretary; Dan. R. Chambers (1562); George Trew (1592); H. A. Huzzey (613); John Boulton (1562); R. H. Richards (1562); Perrin (Organist, Albert Edward); Spencer, W.M. (St. George's, Tredegar); P. A. Villiers (471).

**LIVERPOOL.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this excellent lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, and the general opinion was that this meeting was amongst the most enjoyable which has yet been held in connection with a lodge which has enjoyed almost unexampled prosperity. The K.S. chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., and there were also present Bros. Joseph Bell, I.P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., D.C.; L. Courtenay, S.W.; J. B. McKenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; R. Burgess, Organist; J. Pye, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S., (acting I.G., in consequence of Bro. Frank Emery's absence from illness), and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. Shrapnell, Weston, H. Cowdell, J. F. Carter, J. R. Brown, W. Penny, W. Reay, H. Leslie, R. Durden, I. de Frece, Treas., 1502; D. Saunders, F. Wilkinson, W. Hildyard, J. Hill, J. Ballard, Buck, Walter, Duncanson, Stafford, Collinson, and others. The visitors included Bros. Dr. Costine, S.D. 216; Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; Fred Albert, J. Elmore, T. Salter, Sec. 241; W. G. Bales, J. S. Macbeth, C. Campion, and others. Messrs. Mat Robson and Eyres were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and Bros. Weston, Durden, and Wilkinson were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. doing the work in a masterly manner. The way in which the S.W. (Bro. Courtenay) gave the ancient charges also elicited universal commendation and admiration. On the motion of Bro. J. Bell, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Isaac de Frece, it was resolved to form a Fund of Benevolence in connection with the lodge, and on the motion of the J.W., a committee was appointed to frame the rules and report to next meeting. It was likewise unanimously resolved, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., to minute and send a letter of condolence to Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., expressing the strong sympathy felt for him by the brethren in connection with the loss sustained through the death of his wife. It was further agreed, on the motion of Bro. Chapman, W.M., seconded by Bro. Courtenay, S.W., to vote the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the lodge towards facilitating the election of a son of the late Bro. G. Belmore to the Royal Masonic Boys' School, London. The brethren subsequently dined under the presidency of the W.M., and during the evening capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. J. Busfield, 216; Fred. Albert, R. Durden, J. Elmore, D. Saunders, L. Courtenay, J. Hill, &c. The pianoforte accompaniments were admirably played by Bro. Richard Burgess, Organist.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The third annual meeting of this lodge was held at Alford on Thursday, 29th November, under the banner of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, No. 209. The proceedings of the day commenced at 11.15 a.m., by the consecration of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, which new lodge has been constituted by the installation of its W.M., Bro. B. A. Galland, M.A., rector of South Thoresby, on the 24th September, and which young lodge now consists of eighteen members, under the presidency of one of the best working Masons in the kingdom.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, in his usual perfect style. The nice little town of Alford not being easy of approach, there was only a limited number of brethren present; but a special train being arranged for the convenience of brethren from Gainsbro', Lincoln, and Grimsby, and some visiting brethren from Hull, there was a goodly muster at the assembling of Prov. Grand Lodge at 12.45 p.m., which took place in the Corn Exchange, which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, the most remarkable feature being the Mark Tracing Board, drawn on the floor of the lodge, 24 feet by 15 feet, which was most startling to the brethren on entering.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stalingbro' House, near Grimsby, and a large number of distinguished Master Masons were present. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

We are most happy to state that Bro. Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia will be ready for the subscribers some time during the month of January, 1878. Bro. Kenning has determined in consequence to keep the list open for subscribing brethren and lodges until January, 2nd, 1878, on which day it will be closed, as the list of subscribers will be published in the Cyclopædia. The price to subscribers up to January 2nd, 1878, will be 7s. 6d.; after that date, for all, 10s. 6d. Bro. Kenning has determined to bind the book in a neat and emblematic cover, with the portraits stamped in the centre in gold, of the three Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

At a meeting in Liverpool, on Thursday week, in aid of the funds for the augmentation of the stipends of poor curates, a donation of £50 was acknowledged from Bro. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. for Cheshire.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, dedicated and reopened the Masonic Hall in Dublin, on Wednesday afternoon. The assembly was a brilliant one, 450 brethren being present. A full report appears elsewhere.

The Prince of Wales will visit Cambridge on Monday, January 21, and stay until next day. His Royal Highness will, during his visit, unveil the statue of the late Prince Consort at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, has been appointed the Hon. Secretary of the annual Masonic Ball, to be held in January, at the Town Hall, Liverpool, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

At the presentation of the Testimonial to Bro. Abbott, which is to take place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., it is proposed that the subscribers to the fund dine together at the Cannon-street Hotel. Tickets for the dinner may be obtained of the Hon. Sec., at his office, 30, Queen-street, Cheapside.

A meeting of the Premier Red Cross Conclave was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Tavern. A report of the proceeding will appear in our next.

Mr. B. Arcedeckan Duncan, M.D., Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, &c., has been appointed one of the Physicians to the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho Square.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. F. L. Fox, of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. The worthy brother died on Saturday last, in his 54th year.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, has been nominated for the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK.**

—This work, which contains an abundance of information on all subjects relating to Masonry, has just been issued for the coming year. It will be found, as hitherto, a useful guide to all who seek for such information, while to active members of the Craft it is indispensable. Price, post free, 2s. 3d.—*Morning Post*.

An official circular from the Grand Lodge of Brazil records the death of Bro. Udo Schleusner, Sov. Grand Inspector General 33°, a member of the Grand Orient, and of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. He was a devoted and enthusiastic Freemason, and was beloved and respected by his brethren.

The following stand over: Reports of Chapters 158, 228, 303, 874; Mark Lodge 109; Masonic Club, Finsbury Park and Earl of Carnarvon Lodges of Instruction.

The distinguished office of Grand Prior of Cheshire, K.T. Degree, vacant by the death of Bro. George Cornwall Legh, has been conferred on Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., 31°, who was installed into that office on Wednesday week, the 28th ult., by Col. Shadwell Clarke, Acting Great Prior of England.

The Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine*, which will be ready on the 15th inst., will contain a portrait, suitable for framing, of Capt. N. G. Phillips, Senior Grand Deacon, &c.

#### AN APPEAL.

The Proprietor of the FREEMASON has much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the following subscriptions sent in response to "An Appeal" on behalf of Mrs. Bailey, which appeared in our last. The collection was made by Bro. Alfred Withers, Hon. Sec. Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction.

	£	s.	d.
211 Mr. Alfred Withers	0	10	6
Mrs. Alfred Withers	0	10	6
Mr. Spurlin	0	5	0
1593 H. S. Lee	0	5	0
1563 G. J. Jones	0	5	0
1585 J. W. Robinson	0	2	6
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The General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Henry W. Hunt, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Hy. Browsey, V.P.; Benj. Head, V.P.; S. Rosenthal, V.P.; Wm; Roebuck, V.P.; R. W. Stewart, V.P.; William Paas, V.P.; John Boyd, C. G. Rushworth, A. Durrant, Jesse Turner, D. M. Dewar, G. W. Dosell, Hyde Pullen, J. J. Berry, J. J. Griffiths, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, Geo. J. Row, H. Massey, (Freemason); and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the General Committee of 3rd Nov. were read and confirmed, those of the House Committee of 23rd Nov. were read for information, and the minutes of the Joint Committee on office accommodation, 10th Nov., were read for information.

Petitions on behalf of five candidates were submitted and accepted.

The sum of £20 was granted conditionally to Wm. Ramsey Parker, an ex-pupil who had passed the examination held by the Civil Service Commissioners, as an engineer student in the Royal Navy.

John Borisow Featherstone was accepted as the nominee of the Most Hon. the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., under the powers of the presentation "Marquess of Ripon."  
The Committee then adjourned.

The following is sent to us for publication :—  
Dear Sir and Brother,—

The labours of the Masonic Hall Committee in providing a building suitable for the purposes of Freemasonry and adapting it for the comfort and convenience of the brethren in the various degrees having been brought to a conclusion, I beg to hand you a report of their proceedings and to urge the necessity of the co-operation of every member of the Exeter lodges, to enable them to clear off the liability which still rests on the undertaking. The purchase of the freehold of the very extensive premises which have been secured was effected for £875, but to render it available for the purposes of the Craft and the other degrees very extensive alterations were necessary, and from the nature of the building they have proved somewhat larger than was anticipated. They are now complete, embracing a very handsome entrance hall, robing room, lavatory, good house for Assistant Secretary or Tyler, refreshment room, committee room, large Masonic Hall for Craft and R.A. Degrees, with every convenience, whilst the upper portion is adapted for the purposes of the other Masonic Degrees and large store, and rooms for a Masonic club and library when formed. This has necessitated an additional outlay of about £1700 to complete and furnish the premises, which has been done in a manner that has given general satisfaction to the brethren.

St. George's Lodge has contributed	...	£400
St. John's	320	
Semper Fidelis,,	120	
And the St. George's Chapter	60	

From the Craft an amount of £205 has been obtained in private subscriptions from various members, and £35, the proceeds of the Masonic concert, leaving a balance of £400 still unpaid. On behalf of the committee I venture earnestly to solicit donations from those who have not already had an opportunity of aiding in this work, and additional subscriptions will be thankfully received by me, or it can be placed to the credit of the Masonic Hall Trustees, at the City Bank, Exeter. The particulars of the consecration, &c., having been fully reported at the time, render it unnecessary for any comments.

Annexed I beg to hand you a list of subscriptions to the present time, and trusting to receive your kind assistance. I am, dear Sir and Brother.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

**CAB RATES IN LIVERPOOL.**—Since Monday last a number of cabs have been plying in Liverpool at the rate of 6d a mile, which is a reduction of one-half upon the ordinary fare. "Hard times" are said to be the reason for the change.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—The finest remedies in the world for bad legs, old wounds, sores, and ulcers. If used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however ob-tinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Numbers of persons who have been patients in several of the large hospitals and under the care of eminent surgeons, without deriving the slightest benefit, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills, for glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, if used conjointly, are irresistible,—  
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From Berlin is announced the death of Professor Lucas, director of the Academy of Architecture.

Professor Ebers, the German novelist, who has furnished such curious studies of ancient Egyptian life in his "Egyptian Princess" and "Uarda," has completed a new novel, "Homo Sum," laid in the time of Constantine.

Bach's cantata, "My Spirit was in heaviness," will be sung, with orchestral accompaniment, at St. Anne's Church, Soho, under the direction of Mr. Barnby, every Friday evening during Advent, commencing December 27th.

Herr Wagner's Dramatic School at Bayreuth, wherein students are to trained especially for the representation of his operas, opens on January 1st.

The ground round St. Paul's Cathedral is shortly to be laid out as a public garden. The palings will be lowered and trees planted, and pathways made.

Temple Bar's days are now numbered, the tenders for its removal are invited, the applications to be sent in by the 12th inst.

It is stated that the jewels stolen from the Countess of Aberdeen at Halstead Place, Sevenoaks, were even more valuable than was at first announced (£5,000), but no precise estimate of her ladyship's loss has been published. The property which the thieves overlooked is said to be worth twice as much as was stated last week.

In India last year 48,000 cattle were destroyed by wild animals and venomous snakes; and 22,357 wild animals and 270,185 poisonous snakes were killed; 12,075 rupees had been expended in rewards. In the current year 19,173 persons and 54,830 cattle have been killed, and 1,24,574 rupees expended in rewards. In the central provinces the deaths from this cause increased from 610 in 1875 to 1,098 in 1876.

The Postmaster-General announces that the present half-penny newspaper wrappers will shortly be replaced by others of a better quality, which may be procured singly or in any number, at the following rates:—one for  $\frac{1}{4}$ d., two for  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., three for  $\frac{3}{4}$ d., four for  $1\frac{1}{4}$ d., five for  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., six for  $1\frac{3}{4}$ d., and so on. They may also be obtained uncut in quarter reams, containing 120 sheets of fourteen wrappers each, on special application, at the rate of  $\pounds 3$  18s. per quarter ream.

**A PLANTAGENET TOMB.**—"Langley Regis" writes:—"that the remains recently discovered in King's Langley Church are believed to be those of Edmund de Langley and not his twin daughters, as stated, but his wife Isabel, and their daughter Constance. The subject is undergoing thorough investigation, and much interesting matter in reference to it may be expected to appear before long. The discovery is of a singularly interesting nature, especially when we bear in mind that Edmund de Langley—the fifth son of Edward III. and founder of the House of York, as John of Gaunt, the fourth son, was of the House of Lancaster—was a direct lineal ancestor of Her Majesty the Queen."

The new wing of Mount Stuart House, the residence of the Marquis of Bute, situated five miles from Rothesay, was on fire on Monday. The fire broke out at about 11 a.m. in a servant's bedroom on the upper story, and spread with great rapidity. The apparatus for extinguishing flames was very defective. The Marquis and Marchioness were from home, but are expected daily. The extent of the damage done is not mentioned. The seat, which had just been newly decorated at great cost, was built in 1718 by James, second Earl of Bute.

**SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMONDS.**—News from the South African diamond fields states that during October a magnificent gem of 5½ carats weight—a pure white frosted stone without spot or flaw—was found by Messrs. Sole, Conolly, and Manning in their gully in Dutoitspan. It is stated that 3000*l.* has been refused for it. Another diamond of more than 100 carats has been found in the Kimberley Mine, but its quality was not equal to its weight.

**VICTORIA PHILOSOPHICAL INSTITUTE.**—The opening meeting of the thirteenth session of this society was held recently, Mr. C. Brooke, M.D., F.R.S., in the chair. Many new members were elected, including the President of Wisconsin University, and Professor Heer, of Zurich, the recipient of the Royal Society's gold medal for 1877. The list of authors of papers for the session includes the names of ten professors of English and foreign Universities, &c. The number of the society's members has increased in spite of those adverse influences which have this year affected almost every society and institution, and now approach 800. The paper of the evening was read by Mr. J. E. Howard, F.R.S., and referred to the advances which modern science has made in regard to nature, and to the value of "a slow, but sure path of induction."

LODGE.		HEADED BY
1. Mary's Chapel...	...	F. Shaw Stewart.
2. Canongate Kilwinning...	...	— Plumber.
3. Leith and Canongate, Canon- gate and Leith...	...	—
8. Journeyman	...	J. Davidson.
10. Kilwinning, Dalkeith	...	James King.
12. Greenock Kilwinning	...	— Mac Gonn.
36. St. David's...	...	— Edwards.
44. St. Luke	...	F. J. Moncrieff.
48. St. Andrew...	...	Dr. Carmichael.
60. St. John	...	Hall Grigor.
62. St. Mark's	...	James Thomson.
45. St. Stephen...	...	R. Wardle.
60. Roman Eagle	...	W. Mossman.
23. Trafalgar...	...	W. Barry.
62. St. John	...	A. Thomson.
91. Celtic Edinburgh and Leith	...	J. D. Grant.
49. St. Clair	...	G. Dobie.
60. Commercial	...	John Munro.
92. Caledonian...	...	R. Bryce.
65. Rifle	...	A. Aphorpe.



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## Answers to Correspondents.

SENIOR DEACON.—Many thanks; in our next; a proof and letter will be sent.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Floral Designs for the Table," by John Perkins; Wyman, and Sons, Great Queen-street. "Medical Examiner;" "Risorgimento;" "New York Dispatch;" "Scottish Freemason;" "La Chaine d'Union;" "Card Tricks," Warne and Co.; "Early French Lessons;" "First French Lesson," by Bro. Henri Buc, Hachette and Co., 18, King William-street; "Old Jonathan" (City Press).

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

BROWNE.—On the 3rd inst., at Hillside, Shortlands, the wife of G. F. Browne, of a son.

CROSSLEY.—On the 3rd inst., at 23, St. Bartholomew-road, Tufnell-park, the wife of C. H. Crossley, of a daughter.

ELLSMERE.—On the 2nd inst., at Bridgewater House, St. James's, the Countess of Ellesmere, of a daughter.

WHEELER.—On the 30th inst., at 20, Watergate-row, Chester, the wife of Walter Edward Wheeler, of a son.

## DEATHS.

ADLARD.—On the 1st inst., at West House, Rangoon, Kade, the dearly-beloved wife of Percy H. Adlard, aged 28 years, sincerely lamented by all who knew her.

HATCH.—On the 2nd inst., at Birchanger, Essex, after preaching at afternoon service, the Rev. Walter M. Hatch, M.A., Fellow of New College, Oxford, and rector of Birchanger, aged 34.

PARRY.—On the 29th ult., at her residence, 32, Portman-square, aged 88, Susanna, eldest and last surviving daughter of the late Nicholas Segar Perry, Esq., of Little Hadham, Herts.

SAWYER.—On the 29th inst., at Hammon Rectory, Dorset, the residence of his son, Herbert Sawyer, younger son of the late John Sawyer, Esq., of Heywood Lodge, Maidenhead, Berks, aged 74.

WYNNE.—On the 2nd inst., at Brighton, of diphtheria, Jessie Isabel, the beloved eldest daughter of the Rev. John Wynne, rector of Warnford, Hants, aged 12 years. R.I.P.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1877.

## THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

Our prophecy of last week has been perfectly made good. Grand Lodge has dealt with the question of the Grand Orient and Hebrew Petitions in a thoroughly wise and practical manner. The Pro Grand Master, in a speech of great power, introduced the recent unwise proceedings to the notice of the English Grand Lodge in words which commanded the hearty assent and warm plaudits of a crowded Grand Lodge. But as that "burning question" has been referred to a committee to report on, we forbear to discuss it now at any greater length, further than to say that the opinion of our English brethren on the subject is as unanimous as it is happily unequivocal! We think that on the whole, Grand Lodge has taken the proper course in the matter. Bro. Simpson, whose speech was marked by much eloquence, introduced his resolutions, which gave rise to a lengthened discussion. At the conclusion, in deference to the urgent desire of Lord Carnarvon, he wisely withdrew the two resolutions, which had led to much debate, and which we fancy had he not done so, would have been negated by a large adverse majority. Indeed, after the able, and forcible, and convincing speech of the Grand Registrar, and the sound and statesman-like warning of Lord Carnarvon, there could be but one result and opinion in Grand Lodge. As we ventured to hint last week, a grave objection lay at the root of Bro. Simpson's motion, namely, the interference with another independent Grand Lodge, and this point, indeed, became the "pivot" on which the whole long and able debate turned. Whether we have regard to the speeches of Bros. Simpson and Hutton, Bro. Lord Tenterden, and the various Hebrew brethren who spoke, too much praise cannot be accorded to the tone and temper of the orators. As a reply to an able address, Bro. McIntyre's certainly appeared to us to be one of the most forcible and crushing we have heard for some time past, and seemed instant to obtain the adhesion of the majority of Grand Lodge. As regards the abstract question in dispute there was practically no difference of opinion. The exclusion of the Hebrews was unequivocally condemned, and their admission considered to be a question of time? Indeed, we feel perfectly convinced, that such un-Masonic restrictions must ere long be removed. But a grave question cropped up. Had we in the English Grand Lodge a right to pass a resolution affecting the internal discipline of an independent Grand Lodge? In the case of the Grand Orient, its proceedings involved momentous consequences, and were a revolutionary innovation, but in the case of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, it was acting on the same rules it had clung to for 130 years. How then, could Grand Lodge be justified in addressing it on its internal regulations? Would it not, in so doing, be acting "ultra vires?" After Bro. McIntyre's speech there could only be one reply to such questions, and further, we had clearly no right in our Grand Lodge to find fault with the rules of any independent Grand Lodge, however much we might object to them, unless, indeed, by some regrettable innovation they departed from the recognized laud-marks of Freemasonry. But the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes had always acted on these laws, and how could we call such exclusion an innovation? Remembering that up to 1813, we in England had used Christian prayers, more or less, bearing in mind that Christian prayers are still used in Ireland and Scotland, and that it was only in 1813 that we in England wisely laid down our more Cosmopolitan laws; it would have placed Grand Lodge, in our opinion, in a very unsafe position, if it had gone out of its way to censure another Grand Lodge. It seemed, too, that these very German Grand Lodges received our certificates, admitted our Hebrew brethren as visitors, but refused them as joining members. Could we compel other

Grand Lodges to accept our brethren on the ballot? Certainly not! that was a proposition which all the eloquence of Bro. Simpson could not make good. So on the whole we are very much satisfied with the discussion and the decision. We trust that in due time the just rights of our Hebrew brethren will be acknowledged everywhere, and that the German Grand Lodges will one and all expunge these unwise and intolerant regulations from their constitutions. We may add that the appeals which were heard were very interesting, and after the lucid explanation of the Grand Registrar, the decisions come to by Grand Lodge were in accordance both with Masonic law and Masonic justice. All the brethren felt how admirably and how ably Lord Carnarvon presided over this most important meeting of Grand Lodge, and how much the brethren owed alike to his impartial ruling and his eloquent addresses.

## SPECIAL LODGES.

Another special lodge, the "Kaiser-i-Hind lodge," has been added to our roll, and its proceedings seem to call for a few words of comment and appreciation. We have already stated that in principle we are favourable to this system, as a protest against the prevailing tendency of indiscriminate admission. No one can fady describe at this moment, the extraordinary idea which seems to have affected the minds of many, that they have a right to select a particular lodge, and to enter therein, whether the brethren like it or not. It is not too much to say that at the moment we write, as it appears to us, the existence of Freemasonry is jeopardized, its prestige greatly impaired by the haste of indiscriminate admission, by the desire of lodges evidently to increase their funds, and extend their lodge roll. We feel quite sure of this, that many are entering Freemasonry just now from a wrong motive, yes, even from sordid views,—for what Freemasonry can give, for what they can get some day, if need be, out of so rich and influential an Order. Now all this is a great evil, and portends a great weakening of Masonic influence and value. It is diametrically in opposition to the whole teaching of Freemasonry on the subject, and antagonizes all those safeguards which our Order has so carefully thrown around admission to our mysteries, and reception of our "aporrata." We think, then, that this formation of special lodges is justifiable and even advisable in the highest degree. We have long been sensible of this weak point in our Masonic system, and as a very distinguished brother well put it, the other evening, no one has a right to introduce or recommend any one into a lodge whom he could not safely introduce into his own family circle, and whom he was ashamed to acknowledge at all times and under all circumstances. We have long foreseen that the time must come, for every interest, personal, social, charitable, and Masonic, when we must tighten up our "stakes" brush up our hedges, and set our faces firmly against this indiscriminate admission into Freemasonry! The Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge is meant mainly for military men who have served in India, and those connected with India, and for Officers of the Army. We wish it all success. If we may judge of its future by its first appearance, we should say that it had a most useful Masonic career in its own hands, under the presidency of Bro. Captain Burton, and such officers as Major Blake and others. We cannot doubt that it will speedily "go to the front," and we can only trust that all its after meetings will be as pleasant as that which attended its first appearance in the Masonic world. We congratulate Bro. Dr. Ramsay on the successful result of so many laborious efforts, and so much careful forethought. We call attention to a detailed report of its proceedings elsewhere.

## KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I am happy to inform you, that by the time these lines reach the eyes of your many readers, the whole of the copy for the Cyclopædia will be, in a few days, in the hands of the printers,



and that the delivery of the Cyclopædia to the subscribers is now only a question of printing arrangements.

Owing to the help of a very kind and valued friend, who has taken the concluding letters of the alphabet, all my own lengthened contributions being completed, are now being set up, and from the quantity of proof I almost daily receive, I see no reason, why the Cyclopædia should not be delivered, (D.V.), during the month of January, 1878.

If any of your subscribers complain of the length of time employed, I can only say, I wish fervently, that they had had the work to do, as, though I thought I had measured out my work, I was quite overwhelmed when I set to compile, by the amount of unforeseen references, which required time and toil. And the reason is this. I began my work before the appearance of Mackey's great work. His system of ample treatment required, that in any subsequent Cyclopædia the same research should be employed. The consequence was that much of my work had to be done "de novo," and that I had, when I had prepared some articles, to re-open the question, and re-consider my own conclusions. But at last, I am pleased to think, that my work is ended, and that very soon, in the handsome cover you have so liberally provided, "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia" will be in the hands of your many and I will add patient subscribers.

They say "Finis coronat opus," and I trust that when they receive the Cyclopædia, our friends will not grudge the time spent over it, as if in the case of any similar book ever published in this world, theirs will be "value received."

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours most fraternally,  
THE EDITOR.

P.S.—Would it not be well to give lodges and brethren until January to subscribe to the Cyclopædia? It will make no practical difference to you, but may make much to them. Let the subscription list remain open to January 2, 1878, and then close finally, so that we may publish the list of subscribers. THE EDITOR.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### "BELIEF IN GOD."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Grand Lodge of England is to the Masonic world what British territory is to the nation; liberty of conscience being the prerogative of the English Freemason; liberty of person being the privilege of the English subject.

But even as admittance into the palladium of British rights demands subjection to the laws of the land, so does reception into the fellowship of true Freemasonry crave acknowledgment of our creed—and our creed is this:—

"Belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe—the Most High God."

This is the first landmark of Freemasonry; the "central point to be found in every true and rightly-constructed lodge, from which no true Master will stray."

Around that central point is described a circle—the circle of the Universe—the axiomatic symbol of eternity.

On the uttermost North and uttermost South, the periphery of that circle is bounded by two parallel right-lines, of which that on the North is typical, according to the old charges, of St. John the Baptist, while that on the South foreshadows on St. John the Evangelist, in other words "the first parallel being Nature, and the second parallel Religion, Knowledge and Faith," the two eternal pillars of all truth; the right lines that never meet, and therefore never contravene, but ever coinciding, whether we comprehend their concordance or not, arising in the infinity of eternal truth and undeviatingly directed to the revelation of that wisdom is everlasting life.

These are the first landmarks of Freemasonry, without which there can be no justly constituted lodge; and the Grand Lodge that endeavours to evade or ignore these landmarks will only succeed in taking its ground outside the pale of true Freemasonry.

There is no swearing away, or ranting away, or hushing away this fact, that the very first landmark of Freemasonry is belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Most High God.

You may belong to a secret society, holding its meetings under all the forms of Masonry; you may know your ritual by heart, and be able to interpret the hidden meaning of all the grips, and words, and signs; but, if you acknowledge not the first landmark of our Craft, you are no Freemason, and the secret society, whose meetings you denominate as a lodge, is a mockery and a rotten shell, that

contains no seed, and never can bring forth aught but ashes.

Yours fraternally,

ROBERT LAING.

#### GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last Saturday you gave an interesting account of Freemasonry in Australia. At the banquet after the installation of the W.M. of the Yarra Yarra Lodge, No. 714, it is reported that Bro. Dixon returned thanks on behalf of the English Constitution, Bro. T Ford for the Scotch, and Bro. A. Hail for the Irish. All of us—English, Scotch or Irish, at home or abroad—acknowledge but one Queen and one Prince of Wales, why not one Grand Master?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE SECRETARY OF No. 38.

#### PAST GRAND PURSUIVANT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The recent letters in your valuable periodical show that a doubt exists as to whether or not the office of Provincial Grand Pursuivant carries Past Rank. I, therefore, beg to submit for publication copy of a letter received by me from the Grand Secretary in reply to my enquiry. The Grand Registrar's opinion of course settles the point beyond question.

Yours fraternally,

THEO LANE, J.W. 120,  
P.P.G.P., Herefordshire.

[COPY.]

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
27th Nov., 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the enquiry made in your note of the 20th inst., I beg to say that I have consulted the Grand Registrar on the point, and he is of opinion that a Provincial Grand Pursuivant, under Article 2, page 51, Book of Constitutions, is entitled to wear his P.P.G.L. clothing.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN HARVEY.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the province of North Wales and Shropshire we have had a set of new Bye-laws, many of which in the opinion of the brethren want revising, for which purpose on October 30th, 1877, I wrote to the Prov. Grand Secretary, asking him to place on the agenda for the next Prov. Grand Lodge, notice of motion to consider revision of Bye-laws Nos. 43, 47, 66, 70, and 71.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

No. 43 says: "It being essential to the interests of the Craft, that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of the P.G. Lodge should be known previously to the P.G. Officers and Masters of Lodges; that through them all the representatives of lodges may be apprized of such business, and by having sufficient time for mature deliberation, be prepared to decide thereon. Every motion intended to be made shall be in writing and annexed thereto shall be the name and Masonic rank of the mover and the name and number of his lodge, and such motion shall be transmitted to the Provincial Grand Secretary not less than twenty-one days preceding a meeting of such Provincial Grand Lodge."

On November 27th, a Provincial Grand Lodge summons is issued for December 14th inst, at Shrewsbury, but on this summons no notice is taken of my letter of October 30th, which is more than twenty-one days preceding the date of Provincial Grand Lodge summons, and it runs thus:—

41, Broad-street, Welch Pool, Oct. 30, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I must request you to place as under on the next Prov. Grand Lodge summons and oblige yours,  
D. P. OWEN, P.M. 998.

To the Prov. Grand Secretary, North Wales and Shropshire.

To consider revision of Prov. Grand Bye-laws Nos. 43, 47, 66, 70, and 71.

Now can any brother give me any idea of what is done in other provinces? Again, have I neglected (in the letter of the law), not putting the words "Welch Pool Lodge" instead of plain "Welch Pool"? Also is the "Board of General Purposes" the proper place for redress? If it is, by leaving out the word "Lodge," it is a pitiable way of getting rid of any "notices," which I know are objected to by certain Prov. Grand Officers, and the "P.M. 998" ought to be taken as sufficiently defining my Masonic rank. I am P.Z. of 998, but that has nothing to do with Craft rank. Apologising, &c.,

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN, P.M. and P.Z. 998.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be glad to be informed if a brother owing two years' subscription to a lodge can have them remitted and become an honorary member in one evening, without being placed on the circular, or whether any new law is established in Grand Lodge?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

C. L.

[There is no limit to the power of a lodge in such votes as you describe, except they contravene the lodge bye-laws, the Prov. bye-laws, or the Book of Constitutions. It is, however, a most unusual and, we think, very un-Masonic proceeding. If the lodge bye-laws provide notice of motion, it is, of course, an illegal act, and would be

quashed on proper appeal to the Board of General Purposes. There is no new law of Grand Lodge on the subject.—Ed.]

#### QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I request the favour of a reply to the following queries through the medium of the *Freemason*?

1. Would a subscribing member of a lodge undertaking the office of Tyler for certain remuneration become a "serving brother"?

2. Would a subscribing member, undertaking such office for payment, be compelled to resign his membership, and to cease paying his subscription?

A P.M.

[We answer no to each query, though it is a somewhat difficult and delicate question.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Supposing a reverend brother, a M.M. but not a P.M., is invested as Chaplain of a lodge, is he legally entitled to a seat on the dais amongst the P.M.'s? A reply to this, given in the *Freemason*, will oblige a number of brethren.

Yours fraternally,

LEX.

[Not necessarily among the P.M.'s, but on the dais, on the right hand of the W.M. Mos est lex.—Ed.]

#### MASONIC SONG.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you, or any of your readers inform me where to obtain a Masonic Song, called "John Hart, he was a Mason good," composed and sung by Beuler?

The information would much oblige,

Yours truly,

C.M.J.

[We are unfortunately, unable to reply ourselves, but perhaps among our numerous readers, a copy may be found with the address of the publisher.—Ed.]

#### DEDICATION AND RE-OPENING OF THE MASONIC HALL, DUBLIN.

On Wednesday evening last, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., K.P., Grand Master of Ireland, presided at the dedication and re-opening of the Masonic Hall, Dublin. The ceremony was conducted in the presence of a large and distinguished assemblage of the brethren, who were clothed in full insignia of the Blue Order. Amongst those present were:

Grand Officers.—His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, &c., Grand Master; B. W. Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M.; Robert Warren, D.L., Grand Treasurer; Rev. J. J. MacSorley, Grand Chaplain; Alderman Manning, J.G.D.; G. Stephens, G.S.W.; T. E. St. George, G. Dir. of C.; G. Moyers, LL.D., Grand Steward; H. Hodges, G.S.B.; C. Grandison, Grand Organist; H. Minchin, M.D., G.I.G.; Samuel B. Oldham, D.G.S.; A. St. George, Assistant Secretary.

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Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges.—Maxwell Closr, M.P., P. C. Simply, M.D., Major Davoren, James V. Mackey, L. H. Derring, E. H. Kinahan, D.L.; Capt. Huband, J.P.; C. C. Macnamara, J. H. Goddard, G. H. Major W. Wilkinson.

Provincial Grand Officers.—Sir Charles Lanyon, George H. Smith, W. Parker, Andrew Browne, William T. Potts, George T. Tyler, W. Fetherstonhaugh, William Babington, Arthur St. George, William B. Armstrong, Colonel Cosby, B. Tiernan, M.D.; Colonel Colclough, Captain Mostyn.

Board of General Purposes.—Thomas Valentine, Hugh Leonard, Richard Harvey, James W. Fair, Major L. Thompson, James H. Macauley, John Hill, J. R. Sutcliffe, John Gallie, F. M. Scott, John Barker, M.D.; S. Hart, Charles Pompey, Samuel Bouchier, John Gerety, Robert Thacker, Morris Harris, A. Ellis, Richard Boyle, J.P.; D. J. Field Harris, J. C. Meredith, LL.B., Thomas Fitzgerald, T. H. Reilly, Thomas Craig, John Whyte, Wm. Curtis, T. J. Wright, A. Jacob, M.D.; R. M. Carnegie, Thomas McGovern, and Thomas Brunker.

There were also present a large assemblage of Past Masters, W. Masters, officers and brethren of the Dublin lodges.

On the arrival of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies arranged the procession, which moved to the Grand Hall in the usual order.

When the procession reached the Grand Master's chair, the Grand Officers were separately proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, as they arrived at the station; and immediately on the Grand Master being proclaimed, a grand march was performed on the organ, during which the procession was made three times round the hall, at the termination of which the Grand Master and the other Grand Officers repaired to the seats prepared for them. The cornucopie and the vases, with the corn, wine, and oil, were laid on the altar, on which was also placed the Bible open, and the square and compasses were laid thereon, and on another pedestal was deposited the Book of Constitutions.

These arrangements having been completed, an anthem was sung.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that the fraternity desired to have the hall dedicated to Freemasonry, according to ancient usage; upon which the Grand Master ordered the Grand Officers to assist in



the ceremony, during which solemn music was continued, excepting only the intervals of dedication.

The first procession was then made around the lodge. When the Grand Master arrived at the East the music was silent, and the Grand Chaplain offered up the dedication prayer.

The response was then chanted.

The hall was then dedicated to Freemasonry, the Grand Chaplain strewing corn and pouring wine and oil, according to ancient custom.

Grand Chaplain then gave the invocation, and the response was chanted.

The grand honours were then given, and the Grand Master resumed his seat, when an anthem was sung.

The Grand Master said: Brethren, I cannot refrain from addressing to you a very few words to say how much and what heartfelt pleasure it has given me to meet the brethren again here to-day, and to be able to take part in the interesting ceremony we have just performed, I pray that the good providence and blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may rest upon our institution, and may sanctify all our endeavours for that universal brotherhood and charity to all men, which are the aim and aspiration of all true and accepted Masons. (Applause.)

The Deputy Grand Master before closing Grand Lodge said: I have a pleasing duty; we meet here for the first time as a Grand Lodge in a room of which the Irish Masons may well be proud, the paintings and the decorations being the work of Irish artists. (Applause.) The paintings are the gift of Bro. Henry Gibson, brother of the artist and designer of the decorations. (Applause.) The carpet, a facsimile of that used at the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, was presented by Bro. Lewis, of Huddersfield. (Applause.) These observations are a prelude to my pleasing task, I think we should be wanting in our duty to your grace as head of the Order if we did not return you our most grateful thanks for performing the ceremonial. As your deputy I can safely say that you have been unable to come among us as often as you would wish, but your heart has been always with us, and you have been most willing on every occasion to assist in promoting the welfare of the Order. (Applause.)

The Grand Master and several of the distinguished brethren were afterwards entertained at dinner by the Masonic Glee Union.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The winter half-yearly communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 28th of November last, under the auspices of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, the chair being taken by the R.W.P.G.M., the Earl Ferrers, who was supported by R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. Rev. W. Langley, as D.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. S.G.W.; W. B. Smith, Prov. G. Treas.; G. Toller, jun., Grand Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Sec.; and most of the other Prov. Grand Officers.

The business of the lodge was of the ordinary routine character.

For the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. A. Wykes, W.M. 523, P.P.G. Org., was unanimously elected, in succession to Bro. W. Beaumont Smith, who had for many years past ably discharged the duties of that post, but on whom the P.G.M. was about to confer a higher appointment.

The statement of the Treasurer's account, which showed that the province was in a good financial position, was duly passed.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—  
W. Beaumont Smith, P.M. 523.....Prov. G.S.W.  
W. Hardy, jun., P.M. 1265.....Prov. G.J.W.  
Rev. F. H. Richardson, 1560.....Prov. G. Chap.  
T. A. Wykes, W.M. 523.....Prov. G. Treas.  
C. S. Preston, W.M. 50.....Prov. G. Reg.  
S. S. Partridge, P.M. 523.....Prov. G. Sec.  
G. Clifton, P.M. 1391.....Prov. G. S.D.  
H. Blood, jun., P.M. 779.....Prov. G.J.D.  
T. Cooke, P.M. 1007.....Prov. G.S. of W.  
J. B. Hall, P.M. 1391.....Prov. G.D.C.  
S. Cleaver, 279.....Prov. G.A.D.C.  
G. T. Willan, W.M. 1130.....Prov. G.S.B.  
W. Vial, W.M. 1007.....Prov. G. Org.  
M. H. Lewin, P.M. 1330.....Prov. G. Purs.  
E. R. Cust, 1330.....Prov. G. A. Purs.  
J. Jessop, 279.....Prov. G. St. B.  
J. Farndale, 279; T. R. Pickering, 523; J. Webb, 779; R. L. Gibson, 1007; S. W. Black, 1130; and F. Pochin, 1265.....Prov. G. Stewds.  
C. Bembridge and T. Dunn.....Prov. G. Tylers.

In pursuance of a recommendation of the Provincial Charity Committee, it was resolved that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls should be the charity to receive the special support of the province during the ensuing year, and Bro. S. S. Partridge, who last year served as Steward for the Boys' Institution, was appointed to represent the Prov. Grand Lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School. The W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge invited the R.W.P.G.M., to hold the next summer half-yearly meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Market Harborough, under the banner of his lodge (No. 1330), an invitation which his lordship was pleased to announce his intention to accept.

Several letters of apology for absence having been read, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the proceedings terminated with a banquet, at which W. Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Leicester), presided, in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., who was unable to remain.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE KAISER-I-HIND LODGE, No. 1724.

This newly formed lodge was consecrated on Thursday, the 29th ult., with all solemnity, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street. The lodge has been established in order to supply a want which has long been felt, namely the association together in Masonry of officers of the army and members of other professions who have been connected with Indian affairs. The lodge meetings will be held on the first Thursdays in May, July, September, and October, and it opens under circumstances which cannot fail to ensure prosperity. The consecration ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; and several other G.L. Officers Present and Past. Amongst those present were Bros. Capt. H. Burton, W.M. designate; Major Blake, S.W. designate; R. W. Fyer, J.W. designate; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; J. Robinson, A.G.D.C.; Dr. Ramsey, A.E. McIntyre, G.R.; A. W. Hall, P.P.S.G. W. Surrey; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.M. 1150; E. March, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. Hawes, 143, P.G.C. Middx.; Sir C. Bright, W.M. 1691; E. B. Webb, 259; Morrimer, 617; Capt. Pratt, S. C. Dibdin (Sec. pro. tem.); Lieut. Col. E. H. Vincent, Capt. C. H. Sampson, S. H. d'Avignon, E. B. Bright, 780; Nassau Lees, 259; J. Wilkinson, 1248; W. O. Goldsmith, 1531 (Freemason); C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; C. T. Speight, Prov. G. Tyler Surrey; and others.

The brethren having entered the lodge room in procession, the Grand Secretary assumed the chair, and had as his S.W. Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., and as his J.W., Bro. F. Robinson, A.G.D.C.; Bro. H. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, acting as D.C. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the following address was delivered by the Grand Secretary:—

It is hardly necessary for me to say for what purpose we are assembled here this evening. We are assembled to consecrate this new lodge, and to bring it into existence. I think in doing so we may congratulate ourselves on the good way in which in England our Masonic lodges go on. They progress at a great rate, and sometimes, I think, at almost too fast a rate; but still while they progress as they now are doing here, and while they are composed of such gentlemen as we now see around us, I must say I do not think that then they can progress too swiftly. (Applause.) The danger is in what I should call the second-rate lodges—the fear that a great many come into our assemblies simply for what they can get out of it. We are, as you know, in this country very highly patronised; we have the Heir Apparent to the Crown at our head (applause), who always takes the greatest interest in what goes on in Masonry. His Royal Highness is always fully alive to the interest of Freemasonry, and whenever I have the honour of seeing him he always expresses himself as regards the Craft in a manner to show that he knows what he is about; that he is able to give an opinion upon any point which may come before him, and that he is not one who will allow himself to be unduly dictated to. (Applause.) In our Pro Grand Master we have also another brother who stands very high, not only in Masonry, but in every position in life, and he manages to find time, notwithstanding war with the Kaffirs, the annexation of the Transvaal, and the various other difficulties he is surrounded with in the administration of the colonies of the country, he finds time—I say, to devote to Masonry a great deal of attention, and he is always ready to do all he is called upon to do in the discharge of his duties as Pro G.M. You will feel then that it is a great privilege we enjoy in this country to have two such men at our head. (Applause.) We are not, I rejoice to say, at the present moment in the position of our friends across the Channel. We are not setting up a new idea of Masonry, we are not following the example of those who are, I am afraid, laying the axe at the root of the tree. I believe that unless a man believes in the Great Architect of the Universe we had better be without him in our ranks, and I am satisfied that those who are around me in this room would not allow him to enter. (Applause.) What the result of the action of the Grand Orient will be I am afraid to say—indeed it is impossible to foresee—but I very much fear that it will lead to a great deal of schism. I am glad to see that we adhere to our old formula. (Applause.) We do not wish to throw new light on Freemasonry in this nineteenth century, but we go on in our old track, and we find and have proved that it is a prosperous one. (Applause.) Worshipful Master designate, I might, I think, now venture to give you a little advice in the conduct of your lodge. It occurs in the conduct of a lodge that a great deal depends upon the W.M. On many occasions I have mentioned the necessity of performing the ceremonies in a manner that should command the attention and the sympathy of the candidate who presents himself for initiation. I believe a great many candidates come into lodges and afterwards croak at the Craft, because they have been initiated in a slovenly manner, and because they are not impressed, and do not feel satisfied with what occurred. As to the officers of the lodge, unless they work well and harmoniously together, and in unison with the Master, it is impossible that matters can progress satisfactorily. If any one officer is not equal to the post he has undertaken to fulfil, he is simply like a fiddle out of tune in an orchestra, and the whole effect is marred. (Applause.) I do hope, W.M., that you and your officers will think it worth while, as you thought it worth while to obtain a warrant, to work up in such a manner as not only to command the sympathy of the Craft in general, but to show those who are initiated that they have come into a society where the ruling powers take great care to do that which is right, and not only that, but what is necessary to impress the candidate with

a proper feeling of what is taking place around him. (Applause.) I fear I am travelling a little out of the record in giving this advice, but as an old Mason, as one who has worked hard in the Craft, and as one who since he first entered a lodge has the feeling that he had done his duty, I am sure you will extend your indulgence. (Applause.) I do not say that it is necessary the I.G. should be able to take the S.W.'s post, but the officers ought at any rate to make themselves masters of the offices they have undertaken to fulfil. One thing I would impress is to be punctual in attendance, because if any officer is away when the lodge is opened the Master cannot get on efficiently with the work, and is placed in a great difficulty. I am afraid you will think I am detaining you too long, but I have the interest of the Craft much at heart, and Masonry much at heart, and my very able friend at the other end, who is one of the best Masons in England, will join with me in saying that if my advice is adopted it is one of the best things which can happen in the interest of the lodge. (Applause.)

The opening prayer having been impressively rendered by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., the petition and warrant were read, and the ceremony of consecration was then very ably performed, in the course of which the following oration was delivered by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford:—

V.W. Presiding Officer, Wardens, and Brethren,—I have so often had the pleasure of addressing my brethren of late, and of assisting you, V.W. Sir (always the most pleasant of duties, believe me), that I almost feel as if some slight apology was necessary for another appearance on my part, for another Oration. And yet, Sir, when I received from our esteemed Bro. Dr. Ramsey the flattering invitation to act as your Chaplain on this interesting occasion, more than one constraining motive led me to accept what I felt to be, I assure you, both a privilege and a pleasure. In the first place, like a distinguished general of our army, and an equally distinguished dignitary of our Order, I for one rejoice to think that the officers of the English army are associating themselves so much with our Masonic Order. I feel sure that I am only expressing the feelings of the Craft when I say, that the more we see of them in our lodges the better we shall be pleased, and I venture to think that they will be able to find in Freemasonry much to interest them, and much to gratify and edify intellectual minds and cultivated understandings. I am also, like all patriotic Englishmen, I make bold to say (Freemasons though we are, we are still ever patriots), always interested in all that concerns British India—tharfar-off portion of our mighty empire. And not only like some probably now present, do I remember that India is the resting place of a dear relative of my own, who found there a soldier's grave, but I look always with heartfelt sympathy on all that concerns the prestige of our name, and the beneficent sway of our "Kaiser-i-Hind" over those teeming millions. Calling to mind the history of India from the famous victory of Clive, to the last avenging effort of Lord Clyde, I think we shall all agree that time can give out no nobler annals, than those which attest the heroism and devotion of the Anglo-Saxon race on the sun-burnt plains of Hindostan. But I turn, Sir, from this fascinating topic to the more immediate object of our assembly. And if, as I observed at the outset, I am glad to be permitted to be present, to avow my sympathy with the promoters of this special lodge under so good a name, I am also pleased to be privileged at the consecration of another offshoot of our great and goodly Masonic Tree as an old Mason now, to call the attention of my brethren, (my younger brethren especially), to a few thoughts—to a few considerations, which may not be without meaning or value for our present auspicious commencement of the young life of a fresh lodge on our now wonderfully increasing roll. The only difficulty others as well as myself feel on such occasions as this, is how to vary somewhat our addresses. Excellent as is the teaching of Masonry, true as are its precepts, and charming as are its sympathies, it is very difficult to avoid repetition, and not to incur the charge of amiable sameness. If, then, I leave our "first principles" for the nonce, and go a little out of the beaten track on this specific occasion, I trust that you will pardon my effort to say something worthy of your inauguration ceremony, and if I turn for a moment from what is, however admirable, though only theoretical, to what is absolutely practical and before our eyes, so to say, at this very moment. To day, Sir, as you have pertinently observed, when we are peacefully and fraternally employed celebrating our mystic rites, consecrating a new lodge according to ancient form and under religious sanction, Freemasonry, as a system *per se*, is violently attacked from two quarters at once, from two opposite points of the compass. There are those who condemn Freemasonry, for instance, openly and loudly, with all the paraphernalia, too, of mediæval intolerance, because it allows persons of various religions to range under its kindly banner, and to assemble together within its expansive fold. They anathematize it officially, they sneer at it unofficially, they assail it with the open diatribe and the Jesuitical innuendo, because it humbly endeavours with gentleness and generosity to mitigate the sorrows of humanity, to pour into its ever open wounds the wine and oil of Masonic sympathy and Masonic aid. It is this peculiar union of Christian and non-Christian, the Hebrew, the Hindoo, the Parsee, and the Mahomedan, for humanitarian beneficence, and humanitarian good-will, which serves to help to point the bitter taunt, to justify the angry accusation, and to account for the "invincible ignorance" of petulant accusers of their brethren. In the first Roman Catholic Bull of Clement XII, against Freemasons in 1738, Freemasonry was openly condemned "ex Cathedra Petri," why? but because it allowed persons, "cujuscumque religionis et sectæ homines," to assemble themselves together, qua Freemasons; and that Sir, which was a grave charge against us then, 140 years ago, is still, as you



know, a favourite complaint with many persons to-day. We actually do—yes, we infatuate Freemasons, do look upon those who differ from us in belief as brethren of the common dust. Yes, I repeat, we are unprincipled and so latitudinarian as to think our "doxy" is not actually or necessarily a another person's "doxy," and there are such things possible in the world as liberty of conscience, the sanctity of personal belief, that persecution is debasing and proscription irreligious. And, therefore, in defiance of Papal Bulls, of Cardinals' Charges, of Archbishop's "mandements," and the outcry of the smaller Ultramontane fry, we venture to hold our Masonic assemblies, imposing no test, but simply asking from all our faithful brethren an acknowledgment of the Fatherhood of God, sympathy with the brotherhood of man. We profess to pass no judgment, as indeed we cannot, on a brother's views or a brother's tenets; "to his own master, he standeth or falleth;" we condemn no difference of opinion; we object to no honest conviction; our "words are words of pleasantness and all our paths are peace." Far from us, Sir, ever be that intolerance which denounces all who do not agree with us, that bigotry which forgets that we have no moral right, any of us, to say that we are alone in possession of the truth. If the fact of gathering together on such a basis, most consonant, as I for one hold it to be, with right religion and sound morality be an offence at all, it is surely, if it be an offence, an offence only against intolerance and injustice, and can assuredly be no offence whatever against light and truth, religion and liberty and true toleration. Indeed, as I venture, Sir, to look at it to-day, this very broad foundation of Freemasonry is after all the truest test of its reality and its surest condition of vitality. It is its best and most enduring tie of cohesion and consistency, and tends to weld together and cement together, in goodly and consistent fraternity those who would otherwise have remained at an impenetrable distance. This much abused universality of Freemasonry is, I repeat, in my humble opinion, the truest evidence of its liberal profession, the most effective witness of its religious practice, and the surest guarantee for its future progress. Freemasonry, Sir, often appears to me to resemble a goodly obelisk, which towers on high, pointing to heaven. The storms of ages have beaten about it, the sand of ages has accumulated at its base, but still, there it is, defying wind and weather, the ravages of time, the march of ages, and the passions of men, and outliving all those petty controversies, all those insane contentions, which have marked, alas, too often and too sadly, the onward career of the human race. And when, Sir, we look back to day on the past history of Freemasonry and contemplate its present position, we are able, I think, to see, that one of the reasons why it still flourishes and still extends, despite the malediction of an "infallible authority," the accusation of the ignorant, and the cavils of the unjust, is just because it has remained true, (as the Great Duke once said of another body), to its "Marching Orders," "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." And sure am I of this, that we who form part of the lodges happily under the Grand Lodge of England will never surrender, for any reason whatever, those distinguishing tenets of our venerable craft, but shall feel that they in truth deserve our loyal adhesion and our unflinching support. And then, Sir, there is another position has'ly and recently taken up by a section of our Order, which I can only shortly allude to, which deserves notice and demands I venture to think, our manly and Masonic reprobation. It is an old saying that "extremes meet," and outside the lodge, we know how often in public and private life that apothegm is made good. In France, for instance, a noisy and intolerant majority has forced the Grand Orient to abjure any professed belief in God, and the reason put forward by those ardent lovers of change is, that the present constitutions keep out certain persons and create difficulties. But when we ask "who are the persons kept out, and what are the difficulties complained of," we find that those who do not and will not accept a personal God, or avow belief in God, are those for whom, under the specious cry of toleration, this momentous revolution has been effected. The only persons to be benefitted by the change, are those whom we term "Atheists," that is those who, whether belonging to Positivism or the "Morale Indépendante," decline to recognize the Great Architect and Moral Governor, the Continual Preserver and Future Judge of all Mankind. I think I shall best illustrate how this untoward change is likely to work by a little anecdote. Bro. Behr, some months back, in the Grand Orient of France (I take the fact from the "Bulletin du Grand Orient," their official publication), made this statement, which has never been denied, and I fancy cannot be refuted. Indeed, proof might be forthcoming showing that the same "animus" exists in many other French and Belgian lodges. That worthy brother, who objected most properly and ably in his speech in the Grand Orient to the proposal originally put forward, spoke as follows:—He said that he had been recently in a French lodge in Paris where the candidate was asked by the "Vénérable," amid numerous questions (which are ad libitum in France)—"Have you ever prayed to God?" "Yes," he replied, "quelquefois," (sometimes). "Sometimes?" said the Master, (I give the French) "Où, dans les circonstances très douloureuses de ma vie." (In some very mournful circumstances of my life). He had, it seems, actually prayed to God, sometimes, in sorrow. Infatuated man! And for this act of fanaticism he received twenty three black balls, and was excluded from Freemasonry. Is not comment needless? Does not argument even seem to be an impertinence under such a hopeless, senseless, godless state of things? The effect of the recent legislation can only be to discourage believers in God from entering Freemasonry, and encouraging those to ask for admission into its sodality who refuse to believe in God, who do despite to every sanction of religion, and who deliberately reject all those blessings which in the goodness of the G.A.O.T.U. flow from his message of religious credence

and revealed truth to man. Sir, I only mention this painful reality but to "point the moral," if not to "adorn the tale." Thus we see how intolerance most alien from our Masonic toleration, works, if under different names, and from antagonistic points of thought and action. The Ultramontane objects to our meeting together here with Christians and non-Christians, the "Libres Penseurs," the Esprits Forts, deny our right of professing to believe in God, as Freemasons. They have, so far, in France, got the upper hand, and not only have banished the Bible from the lodges, but they now take away the only bar apparently to the admission of materialistic professors of infidelity, and actual Atheists. Surely in these things there is a warning. Yes, Sir, there is an exhortation which speaks trumpet-tongued to us when we meet in our lodges, when we consecrate a new lodge to-day. Such abnormal acts remind us of our happier truths, and our good old teaching. Do they not, as it were make us determine that we will not only "quæta non moveat," but that we will resolutely stand "super vias antiquas." Far better than any novel definition or political cry is our most true Old English Masonic Triad which has gone the old world over, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth? Is there not a striking message to our English Craft in these things to follow the good advice of our Royal Grand Master, to keep clear of politics, and steadily repressing hurtful cliques and noisy clamour, to adhere to the great principles of English Freemasonry, "Loyalty and Charity," the reverence of God and the love of man?

Let us not allow any one to degrade our noble and fraternal Order by infusing into it the hurtful elements of party strife, or degrading it to the level of some barbaric faction, but under our Royal Grand Master, let us hold fast resolutely by the "safe old lines," and, neither turning to the right hand or to the left, let us march on a devoted phalanx of friends and brethren, whom persecution cannot intimidate, divisions cannot destroy. A living Masonic poet, in a very pretty poem, has said; and I venture to repeat his words to you, in conclusion of my address, because I think you will appreciate both their seasonableness, their grace, and their truth:—

The voice of love, who can ignore its accents mild and pure?

It is a balm for every wound, for every grief a cure,  
And our Grand Master who presides in majesty above,  
Ne'er gave a richer boon to man than sweet fraternal love,  
To wipe the tear from sorrow's eye, the broken heart to bind,

Will yield to us the purest bliss that we on earth can find;  
Go to the desolated home, assuage the mourner's grief,  
And pour into his listening ear the voice of kind relief;  
More potent than the strongest spell which eloquence can cast,

Is that soft voice of magic power, not least, though mentioned last;

It gives a sacred charm to age, a matchless grace to youth,  
And stands pre-eminent of all, the voice of spotless truth.  
Dear brethren of the mystic tie, into your ready ears,  
May all these "voices" find access, dispelling all your fears.

And when you pass within the veil, life's conflict nobly won,

May our Grand Master say to each, "Faithful and true,  
Well done!"

V.W. Sir, officers and brethren, I trust that you will accept these imperfect remarks as the friendly words of an old Mason, and, as he believes, entirely an agreement with our Masonic love, and that you will permit him to express in conclusion, his sincere congratulations at the object of your meeting to-day, and his "heartly good wishes," for the future prestige, usefulness, and Masonic work of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Capt. H. Burton was presented by the D.C. as the first Master of the lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was then constituted, and the W.M. was fully installed and afterwards saluted. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Major Blake, S.W.; R. W. Fyers, J.W.; Rev. A. W. Hall, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; Chaplain; S. C. Dibdin, P.M., Sec.; S. C. Pratt, S.W.; Lieut.-Col. E. H. Vincent, J.W.; Capt. C. H. Sampson, O.; S. H. d'Avignon, I.G. C. T. Speight, Prov. G. Tyler, Surrey, was elected and invested as Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Officers who had assisted in the ceremony, and Bros. J. Hervey, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, T. Fenn, McIntyre, Buss, and Robinson were elected honorary members of the lodge, a compliment which was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. Subsequently a banquet took place, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The speeches were of an entirely complimentary character, and the warmest wishes were expressed for the prosperity of the lodge.

The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Dorsetshire during the hunting season has been fixed for Monday, January 28. They will be the guests of Lord Alington, at Crichel House.

NEW RESIDENCE FOR THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.—The Builder gives a view of a new mansion in course of erection at Bagshot Park, Surrey, for H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G. The old house, once the residence of the Duke of Gloucester, stood in a low situation, and having become much dilapidated has recently been pulled down. The site selected for the new structure is considerably more elevated, and commands an extensive and beautiful view. The house now building is in the Tudor style, which has been preferred to Lombard-Gothic; the materials are red brick and Portland stone. The plan is formed so as to admit of future additions when required.

## GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. There were present the M.W. Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M.; R.W. Bros. Samuel Rawson, Prov. G.M.M., China, as Deputy G.M.; Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W. as G.S.W.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.S.W., as G.S.W.; A. B. Cook, G.M.O.; J. J. H. Wilkins, G.S.O.; D. M. Dewar, G.J.O.; Rev. F. W. Thoyts, and Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, G. Chaplains; V.W. Bros. Fredk. Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Fredk. Binckes, (P.G.J.W.), G. Secretary; W. Bros. A. Spears, G.J.D.; Wm. Wigginton, G. Inspector of Works; Robt. Berridge, G.D.C.; W. Spencer, P.G.A.C.; Hyde Pullen, G. Sword Bearer; J. G. Poderin, G. Standard Bearer; W. T. Belcher, D.M., G. Org.; H. W. Binckes, G. Assist. Sec.; Thos. Poore, G.I.G.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler; Joseph Tomlinson, S. S. Pearce, George J. McKay, G. Stewards; R. W. Bros. John Wordsworth, Prov. G.M.M., Yorkshire; Hon. R.W. H. Giddy, South Africa; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.W.; V.W. Bros. Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; W. Bros. J. C. Gregg, P.G.J.D.; Thomas Hargreaves, Geo. Neall, P.G. Supt. of Works; S. Rosenthal, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D.C.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; J. H. Spencer, P.G.I.G.; T. R. Parker, A. Williams, C. Pelman, H. Massey (Freemason), P.G. Stewards; and the following Prov. G. Officers:—W. Bros. George Toller, jun., P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. Lancashire; Reginald J. Mure, P. Prov. G.M.O., Middx. and Surrey; B. Meyer, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey; J. B. Shackleton, P.G.D.C., Middx. and Surrey; John Wrightson, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey; J. W. Klenck, P.G. Reg. of Marks, Middx. and Surrey; with many brethren representing the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, Southwark Lodge, No. 22; Caesarean Lodge, No. 74; Keystone Lodge, 107; Panmure Lodge, 139; Grosvenor Lodge, 144; Temple Lodge, 173; Duke of Connaught Lodge, 199; St. Mary's Lodge, 121; St. Cuthberga, 99.

After the opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes of Grand Lodge of 5th June last were read and confirmed.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C., in rising to nominate a Grand Master for the ensuing year, said:—M.W.G.M. and brethren, our old and familiar friend whom none of us can shake off in our travels through life, has at last brought us round to the day when it is necessary out of respect, and in conformity with the constitutions that govern this Order, that some distinguished brother should be nominated to take his seat on the throne which you, M.W.G.M., now occupy, and which you have so well occupied for a long time past. I rise to propose to you a nobleman [whose name I am quite sure will be accepted with the greatest amount of respect, not only on account of his personal fame as a citizen and as a nobleman, but more especially on account of those varied and distinguished services which he has rendered to Freemasonry in every one of its branches, which he has hitherto touched. I refer to the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale. In making this proposition to Grand Lodge, I have thought it my duty to look back for a period of ten years, and to compare what Mark Masonry was in the year 1866-7 with what it is in this year, 1876-7; and I find, Sir, that Mark Masonry has made, thanks to the energy which you and your predecessors have shown with respect to this degree, most rapid strides, and I am justified in saying it has made a most tremendous success. Despite the opposition which the degree meets with—the conscientious objection, I will say—from some of the old Masons who look with some degree of affection on that wonderful decision which was taken by Grand Lodge when they united in the year 1813, an opposition which it is difficult to overcome, I find that whereas in the year 1866-7 we had then upon the roll of Grand Mark Lodge somewhere about 90 or 95 lodges, at the present time I am told by our respected Grand Secretary, we have on the roll something like 214 lodges.

Bro. Binckes, G.S.:—214 lodges in addition to the old time-immemorial lodges, which would bring the number up to 230.

Bro. Sabine:—That, of course, makes it so much the better. I have an invitation to attend the consecration of No. 211 on Saturday next, and I hear that since the warrant was granted three or four more applications for warrants have been received and granted. In 1866-7 the annual income from all sources was about £330. I find our annual income now exceeds £800. I find, further, that ten years ago, when our highly respected Past Grand Master Beach was Grand Master, the number of the Provincial Grand Lodges was five. I find at the present time the number of Provincial Grand Lodges is twenty-four. I find, further, that in 1866-7 there was no Benevolent Fund; but since then a Benevolent Fund has been started; and you may possibly remember that in 1869 some six Stewards, of whom I had the honour to be one, tried if such a thing would succeed. At the present time we have not only furnished and firmly established that Benevolent Fund, but we have invested £800, and instead of bringing in at the Benevolent Festival some £50 or £60, as we did at first, last time we got £232 or £234 by the exertions of seventeen Stewards. In 1866-7 this Grand Lodge had not on its general account one penny invested in order to meet the future claims that might arise. Now, on the General account we have £500 invested: at the period I have named we had comparatively very few members: now, I am told, they muster from 10,000 to 12,000. I think in stating these facts I am steadily showing you, M.W.G.M., and also the members of the Grand Lodge, that it is owing to the wise discretion which Grand Lodge has hitherto exercised of selecting every three years brethren of distinction, and position, and energy, to fill the throne of Grand Mark Lodge, that this success



has come about. Hitherto the first Grand Masters of the Order, Lord Leigh and Lord Carnarvon, and others, laid the foundation of Mark Masonry unquestionably, and they laid it well; and it had been strongly built upon: those who succeeded them unquestionably built up a very noble superstructure; and it is for those who shall succeed you, M.W.G.M., to beautify and adorn the noble structure of Mark Masonry, and to extend its influence and teaching. I have the honour, M.W.G.M., to propose Lord Skelmersdale as the Grand Master of the Order for the ensuing year.

Grand Secretary then read the following report of the General Board:—

During the six months, ending 30th September last, the number of certificates issued has been 405, bringing the number of brethren registered as having been advanced to membership of the Order to 10,466.

In the same period charters for new lodges were granted as follows:—

- No. 203 "Vousoir," Bengal.
- " 204 "Frontier," Bengal.
- " 205 "Beaconsfield," Walthamstow.
- " 206 "Fort," Cornwall.
- " 207 "Lebanon," Bengal.
- " 208 "Rough Ashlar," Bengal.
- " 209 "St. Wilfred," Alford, Lincolnshire.
- " 210 "Vale of Brisington," Somerset.

The most successful festival yet held on behalf of the "Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund" was celebrated at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, 1st August, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, R.W. Grand Senior Warden, the contributions, through the active agency of seventeen Stewards, having reached a total of £232. There is now standing to the credit of this fund at the banker's the sum of £286 is., and the Board recommend the investment of £200, which will make a total of £800 as the invested property of the Fund of Benevolence.

Satisfactory as this result must be regarded—the work of eight years, after having provided liberally for the relief of several distressed claimants on the Fund—the Board desire again to impress upon the members of the Order generally to what a considerable extent this fund may be augmented by the establishment of a "Charity Box" in each lodge, and by the adoption of a resolution by every Provincial Grand Lodge that a brother be appointed to act as a Representative Steward at each recurring anniversary festival.

It has been suggested to the Board as highly desirable that a plan should be adopted by the Order by which the necessitous orphans of deceased Mark Masters might be assisted in their education. The Board will be glad to receive suggestions from brethren on this subject, addressed to the President.

The Board further recommend the investment of £100 on behalf of the General Fund, making a total of £500, the invested property of the General Fund.

The Board have considered two petitions for relief, and recommend in the case of—

1. Mrs. H. C., widow of the Bro. T. C., of Dorchester, whose services in behalf of the Order were exceedingly valuable, and only interrupted by his premature decease—That Grand Lodge do approve the grant of £30, and in the case of—

2. Bro. S. M. L., that the grant of £25 be approved.

With the sanction of the M.W.G.M., a circular letter with appeal in aid of the "Mansion House India Famine Fund" was issued in October last to the W.M. of every lodge, to the R.W.P.G.M.M. of every province, and individually to every Present and Past Grand Officer. In answer to this, certain contributions have been received and promised, which will be handed over to the fund.

Bro. Meggy, P.G.M.O., having undertaken to represent the Mark Degree at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, it is recommended that a sum of £21 be voted from the Funds of Grand Lodge, to be added to his list.

The Board have the gratification of announcing to Grand Lodge the formal recognition by "The General Grand Chapter of the United States of America" of this Grand Lodge as the legitimate governing jurisdiction of the Mark Degree in England and Wales, and the colonies and possessions of the British crown other than those of Canada and North America.

The letter from the E. Comp. Grand Scribe E. of the General Grand Chapter, addressed to and forwarded by the General Representative of this Grand Lodge, Ill. Bro. Albert G. Goodall, 33, is as follows:—

"General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

"Office of General Grand Secretary, Buffalo, N.Y.,

"September 12th, 1877.

"A. G. Goodall, Esq., New York City."

"Dear Sir and Companion,—I am in receipt of your favour of yesterday's date, in which you express a desire to have sent to your address an official copy of the resolution recognising the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, &c., &c., adopted by the General Grand Chapter, in order that you may send the same to England by the mail on Friday next.

"I should be most happy to comply with your request, but just at present I find myself very busy in the preparation of the proceedings of the late Triennial Convocation for the printer's hands, an occupation that brooks no delay, and therefore cannot spare the time to suitably prepare the resolution to be presented to so distinguished a Masonic body as the Grand Mark Lodge of England in time for the purpose for which you desire it.

"I will give the matter attention early in next week, and will forward the papers directly to R.W. Bro. Binckes.

"With kindest regards, I am fraternally yours,

(Signed) "CHRISTOPHER G. FOX.

"142, Broadway, New York, September 14th, 1877.

"Fredk. Binckes, Grand Sec., &c., &c., London.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—Your esteemed favour of

August 28th is duly received, and I now have great pleasure to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was duly recognised at the last session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the official communication of which will be forwarded to you by Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary, as you will see, per enclosed letter, that I have arranged.

"Sincerely yours,

"A. G. GOODALL."

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months to 30th September are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 31st March, 1877 ... £205 16 10

Half-year's receipts... ... 386 4 10

Dividends ... ... 17 7

£602 9 3

Half-year's disbursements ... ... 295 8 0

Balance in favour of Grand Lodge £307 1 3

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Balance from 31st March, 1877 ... £161 13 8

Receipts for half-year ... ... 194 13 6

Dividends ... ... 14 16 4

£371 3 6

Disbursements ... ... 65 0 0

Balance in favour of the Fund ... £306 3 6

Examined and found correct, THOS MEGGY,

15th November, 1877. Auditor.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.,

President.

Bro. Thoys, G.C., moved, and Bro. I. J. Hooper

Wilkins, G.S.O. seconded that this report be received and

entered on the minutes.

The M.W.G.M. said: Brethren, before I put this motion

to Grand Lodge I should wish to call your attention to

one or two items in this report of the General Board which

I think are of considerable importance and interest. It is

very satisfactory, I think, to all the brethren to see the in-

crease which has taken place in the number of new lodges;

and the brethren will remark that that increase is

only up to the six months ending 30th September. I

think I am right in saying there are some three or four

lodges established since then.

Grand Secretary: Yes!

The M.W.G.M.: So that we may say, besides the eight

mentioned in the report there are three or four more lodges

to be added to them. As regards the lodges so sanctioned

I might call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that

no less than four of those lodges are for the province of

Bengal. This shows what an energetic District Grand

Master, with his Deputy and officers and brethren, can do

in a province. The brethren will concur with me in saying

that the increase in that province is deserving of the

highest praise of Grand Lodge; for there must be good

work done in the province to enable such an increase

as that to be made. Not many weeks ago the

subject of the Indian Famine Fund was brought

before me, and I felt that the brethren of the Mark De-

gree would wish that they should not be behind other

Masonic bodies in endeavouring to render assistance to the

distress which that terrible famine has caused in India. I

therefore sent out a letter, as has been stated in this report.

That letter was sent out at rather a late date, and the

announcement came very shortly afterwards that owing to

the improved state of the weather which gave hopes of

good crops in the future, no large further additions to the

fund would be necessary. No doubt if it had not been for

that the sum which had been contributed by the lodges of

the Mark Degree would have been very considerable, but

that intelligence coming very shortly after the sending out

of the letter of course made many lodges and brethren

think that it was not necessary to move in a manner that

they otherwise would. I trust Grand Lodge will agree

with me that such a calamity as that which has happened

in India was one which the Grand Master of such a party

as the Mark Degree could not pass over, and that I was

justified in bringing it before the brethren. (Hear, hear.)

The last thing which I have to call attention to is that

part of the report relative to the action taken by the General

Grand Chapter of the United States of America. We all

feel the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that a body

which is the governing body of all Grand Chapters and

Chapters of America, a body which has under its banner

by far the largest body of Royal Arch Masons and Mark

Masons in the world, has stretched forth a fraternal hand

and recognised the position of this Grand Lodge as being

the legitimate head of Mark Masonry in England. (Hear,

hear.) I was glad when I found that we should now be

able to enter into official relations with a body of Masons

so eminent in every respect as are those that work under

the banner of the General Grand Chapter of the United

States of America. I do not think, brethren, that there is

anything further which I need allude to in this report.

The subjects dealt with are of great importance, as they

testify generally to the continued prosperity of Mark

Masonry in this country, and I think that justifies the hope

that that distinguished brother who has been nominated

to-night, and will be elected at our next meeting, will

find the Order in a flourishing state when he assumes

the throne; and I believe that a nomination could not be

made of a brother more capable and willing to discharge

the duties of the throne than our Bro. Lord Skelmersdale,

the present D.G.M. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was then put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., P.G.M., thereupon

rose and said: Before moving the recommendations

contained in the report which has just been read, and which

is also in the hands of most of the brethren here, I should

just like to add to the very weighty remarks which you,

M.W.G.M., have just made, that it is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We have already been recognised by the Grand Chapter of Ireland and by the Grand Chapter of Canada. We are still unrecognised by the Grand Chapter of Scotland; but we all know how difficult it is when having once taken a wrong step to retrace it; and, therefore, I think that every excuse is to be made for them. It was, no doubt, a bitter thing for them to see the lodges in England which worked under them absorbed by this Grand Lodge; and, therefore, I am not surprised at their non-recognition of us at present. I have no doubt we shall be recognised by them, because I feel it must come not only from their fairness and good sense, but from their Masonic feeling. We know that Masonry is nowhere so strong as it is in the United States, and, therefore, I think it is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the fact of their recognising us. I should like to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the recommendation of the Board, that a charity box should be established in each lodge; and I hope the G.M. will direct the Grand Secretary to communicate with Prov. Grand Masters in our provinces, and urge them to try and carry that resolution into effect in their respective provinces; because I am sure by that means, and appointing a Steward for our charity festival, we should have a regular and not a spasmodic contribution to our Benevolent Fund. Then, as regards the suggestion to the Board, as to assisting the necessitous orphans of deceased Mark Masters in their education, Grand Lodge is, no doubt, aware that in the north of England, as in the extreme west, there is a large Provincial Fund which is devoted to the educational assistance of the deserving children of Masons. There may be many brethren here well acquainted with the details of that fund; and what the Board wish in bringing the matter before Grand Lodge to-day is, that brethren who have had experience of the working of those funds in the north and west will be good enough to impart that experience to the General Board, and make any suggestions as to the future, which would improve the working of such a system as that. When we have been furnished with that advice the Board will be ready with a scheme which they will submit for Grand Lodge's acceptance.

The following recommendations of the Board were then put and carried:—

(a) "That a further sum of £200 Colonial Stock be purchased on account of the 'Benevolent Fund.'"

(b) "That a further sum of £100 Colonial Stock be purchased on account of the 'General Fund.'"

(c) "That a sum of £21 be voted from the funds of this Grand Lodge to the 'Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,' and placed on the list of Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., who has offered to represent the Mark Degree as Steward at the festival in May, 1878."

(d) Grants from Benevolent Fund:—

"That £30 be granted to the widow of the late Bro. T. C."

"That £25 be granted to Bro. S. M. L."

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., concluded by moving the adoption of the report, which was seconded by

Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., and carried.

Charity jewels were then presented to Bros. J. H. Spencer, J. G. Podevin, the Rev. F. W. Thoys, C. W. Wyndham, H. R. Cooper Smith, Captain J. Wordsworth, Alfred Williams, A. Middleton, and George Higgins, and an

extra bar each to Bros. S. Rosenthal and F. Binckes.

Grand Secretary announced that he had received letters of apology for inability to attend from R.W. the

Rev. C. Tristram, D.C.L., P.G.C. Northumberland and Dur-

ham; Lieut.-Col. T. Davy, P.G.M. Durham; L. A. Hom-

fray, P. G. M. Monmouth; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M.

Warwick and Staffordshire; W. Kelly, Pro. G.M. Leices-

ter; Earl of Donoughmore, G.S.W.; Sir H. St. John

Halford, G.J.W.; H. Hopkins, P.G.S.W.; G. P. Brock-

bank, P.G.S.W.; V.W. J. D. Moore, M.D.; G. Barlow,

P.G.M.O.; Lieut.-Col. F. Gadsden, P.G.M.O.; Rev. Dr.

Brette, G.C.; Rev. P. M. Holden, G.C.; Rev. C. R. Davy,

P.G.C.; Rev. D. J. Drakeford, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Horden

Jukes, P.G.C.; W. T. G. Irwin, D.P.G.M. Somerset;

Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, D.P.G.M. Cheshire; W. Rowe,

G.S.D.; R. C. Else, G.S.D.; W. O. Walker, P.G.S.D;

T. W. Swinbourne, P.G.J.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.J.D.; T.

Trollope, P.G.D.C.; H. M. Baker, Grand Steward; A.

Greatrex, P.G.S.; T. B. Whythead, W.M. York Lodge;

and R. Boggett, W.M. Humber Lodge;

Bro. Meggy, P.G.M.O., informed the Grand Master that

a Mark Lodge of Improvement would be held every Wed-

nesday evening, after the 1st January, at 2, Red Lion-

square, until the end of April. It was held under the

auspices of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, and he commended it

to the notice of the London brethren as an excellent me-

diun by which they might attain perfection in the working

of the Mark ceremony, in which brethren were now some-

what deficient.

Bro. James Stevens suggested that Grand Mark Lodge

should establish and aid with funds a Lodge of

Improvement of its own.

Bro. Binckes said this would be contrary to the usual

custom, which was that a lodge of instruction should work

under a regular lodge which was amenable to Grand Lodge.

With regard to pecuniary support from Grand Lodge, as

Bro. Stevens had stated that the lodge of instruction he

proposed was for metropolitan brethren, what would provin-

cial brethren say to such a step?

Bro. Levander said the Grosvenor Lodge required no

such pecuniary assistance from Grand Lodge, for they were

able to pay all their expenses.

Bro. Stevens, in explanation of his remarks, said, three

brethren of the Grosvenor, last Wednesday evening, were

desirous that the subject should be brought before Grand

Lodge. As far as he could see there was nothing in the

Constitutions dealing with this matter. It might be an

omission; but that subject might be referred to the General

Board. No doubt Grand Lodge would approve of a lodge

of instruction under efficient management.



Bro. Meggy moved, "That it be referred to the General Board to take into consideration the question of lodges of instruction with regard to the Mark Degree, and the manner in which they should be held."

Bro. I. J. H. Wilkins seconded the motion.

Bro. Levander referred to the Book of Constitution, whose 52nd rule provided for the holding of a lodge of instruction on the day of the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge. That was carried out for some time, but had now dropped.

The M.W.G.M. said his attention had been called to that rule, and it disposed of the point that all lodges of instruction should be held under private lodges. The lodge of improvement referred to in Rule 52 was held directly preceding Grand Lodge and under the authority of the Grand Master. The rule required more elasticity, and the proposal made by Bro. Meggy was a very good one.

Bro. Meggy's motion was then put and carried, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, December 14, 1877.

##### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav. Aldersgate-st.  
Mark Lodge 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., West Hammersmith, (Consecration).

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

##### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.  
Chap. 1118, University, F.M.H.  
Rose Croix, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

##### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.  
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 854, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hmst. G.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1338, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the London, Fleet-st.  
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.  
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot. Covent Gdn.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.  
Rose Croix, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

##### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs. at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

##### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Com. R.M.B.I. at 3.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.  
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.  
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.  
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
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##### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.

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##### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs, Barrow.  
" 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.  
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.  
Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.  
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Liverpool.  
William de la More Encampment, A.R., Bootle.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

##### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, The Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

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" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxeth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).**—This very ancient lodge met on Monday last at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. There were present Bros. Wm. Browne Kidder, W.M.; D. Nicol, S.W.; W. H. Bateman, J.W.; Henry Mower, S.D.; R. Oombes, J.D.; and W. H. G. Radderforth, I.G.; and a large attendance of the brethren. The working of the lodge was that of initiating Mr. Frederick Cantor, into the Order as a country member, the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. After the ceremony of initiation was disposed of, and the bye-laws having been read by the Sec., Bro. Alfred Snelgrove, the lodge proceeded to ballot for the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the S.W. (Bro. Nicol) was unanimously elected. Bro. Ruf, P.M., then proposed that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. William Browne Kidder, as he had rendered the ceremonies in that lodge in such an able manner, as had not usually been done by the brethren for years past, and he felt very proud in having such a brother as the W.M. had proved himself coming into the rank of the P.M.'s, and was sure that, although his year of office had nearly expired, Masonry would not lose the good offices of Bro. Kidder. Bro. Raynam W. Stewart, P.M., said he had very great pleasure in seconding Bro. Ruf's proposition, and in doing so said he felt sure that no one who had heard Bro. Kidder do his work could but appreciate the admirable manner the ceremonies had been gone through, and the way the lodge had been governed during the year he had presided over them as W. Master. The vote was then put and unanimously carried. The W.M. then thanked the brethren for their kindness, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then retired to the banquet-hall, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, such as is usually provided by those well-known caterers of the Craft, Bros. Palmers. The banquet was followed by the usual Masonic toasts of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," &c., which were respectively received by the brethren with honours. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. George Angold, the I.P.M., who said that it afforded him great pleasure in proposing the toast, and yet it gave him pain—he said he was a man for very few words, but what he was going to say he could assure them came from the very bottom of his heart. In giving the toast he felt a pleasure in proposing the health of such an excellent and perfect working Mason as the W.M., and pain in knowing that it was the last time he, Bro. Angold, would occupy the position as I.P.M., and of having the pleasure of sitting so near to his Worshipful brother, at least for a twelvemonth, who to hear was to admire, and he sincerely trusted that health and prosperity would attend Bro. Kidder for many years to come, a sentiment which he was sure came from the heart of every brother present. The toast was drunk with the most fraternal feelings of respect and regard. The W.M. in replying said he was unable fully to express to Bro. Angold and the brethren how sensibly he felt his gratitude was due to them for the uniform kindness which he had received during his year of office in assisting him in the discharge of his official duties, and particularly for their marked approval of his services by voting him a Past Master's jewel, which he should wear with the greatest pride and satisfaction, as an acknowledgment that the lodge was sensible that he, the W.M., had carried out to their satisfaction the duties he had undertaken, and that he felt himself highly flattered by the manner his health had been drunk by the brethren, and wished them and the lodge every possible prosperity. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Nicol, the Worshipful Master elect." He said there was no brother more entitled to the honourable position of Worshipful Master than Bro. Nicol, and which office he was very pleased had that evening been conferred upon him by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The W.M. remarked that Bro. Nicol had already passed thirty degrees in Masonry, and had gained the confidence of the brethren by his generous disposition and his marked liberality in supporting the Masonic Charities, he being a Vice-President of one Institution, and had that evening decided to represent the lodge as Steward to the Masonic Benevolent Institution at the forthcoming festival, and then make himself a Vice-President of that one also. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and on Bro. Nicol rising to reply, the brethren greeted him very loudly. Bro. Nicol

said he thanked the Worshipful Master very much, and also the brethren for what they had said of him, and felt very pleased indeed for their kindness in electing him as Worshipful Master. He assured them that he would do the utmost that he could for the lodge, and for every brother in it, and he hoped that his year of office would be as pleasant to him as it had been to Bro. Kidder, for whom he had a very great regard and should never forget his kindness. Bro. Raynam W. Stewart, P.M., suggested to the brethren the propriety of voting some testimonial to Bro. Ruf, P.S. (the Treasurer of the lodge), as a mark of their approval of his excellent qualities, and the esteem in which he was held. Bro. Stewart said he would volunteer his services by calling a meeting at his office to decide what form of testimonial should be given, and he hoped that the W.M., Bro. Kidder, might during his year of office have the opportunity of presenting Bro. Ruf with the testimonial. The brethren with loud acclamation demonstrating their approval, immediately named several of the brethren to act as Committee-men. The Worshipful Master then followed on with the usual remaining formal toasts, and the brethren then separated, after spending an enjoyable evening.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—The December meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren present: Bros. Edward Jones, W.M.; Legg, S.W.; F. Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; George Newman, P.M.; Thos. Cohu, P.M.; Edw. King, P.M.; Geo. Abbott, P.M.; Cook, Carter, Lucas, Pratt, Bright, Haynes, Dart, Lorkin, Sparrow, Copeland, Perkins, Kent, Mayo, Goddard, and Arkell. Visitors: Bro. Everett, P.M., and several others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren supped together.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).**—The brethren of this lodge held their usual meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday evening last. Bro. I. P. Cohen, the W.M., presided, and was most ably supported by his officers, Bros. A. M. Cohen, P.M. and S.W.; A. Bassington, J.W.; H. G. Phillips, S.D.; Z. Norden, I.G.; Chas. Coote, Treasurer; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Secretary; W. Littuar, P.M., and Francis Buckland, P.M. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bros. J. H. Lobli, and H. Sol. Myers were raised to the Sublime Degree, the ceremony in each instance being most ably worked by the W.M. and his officers. A ballot was taken for Mr. Louis H. Leon, and found unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman was duly initiated. Upon the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen, the following resolution, of which he had given notice at the previous meeting, having been duly seconded, was carried unanimously:—"That Bro. Emanuel Gompers, Bro. Joseph Raphael, and Bro. Francis Buckland, be, and they are hereby elected trustees of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund in place of the present trustees, several of whom are no longer members of this lodge."

**GOLDEN RULE LODGE (No. 1261).**—The regular December meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Air-street Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Bros. Perry Godfrey, W.M.; F. G. Longley, S.W.; J. Jessup, J.W.; J. Lewis, S.D.; W. Embden, J.D.; E. Payne, Org.; H. Adkins, I.G.; Past Masters Bros. A. Cross, A. Allworth, and R. Goddard, and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. S. H. Head, P.G.S.; F. West, P.G.R. Surrey; W. H. Pannell, 180; J. Strachan, 10; A. Vyse, 92; W. Marshall, J.D. 1549; F. Fellows, S.W. 1679, J.W. 192; H. Beardshaw, 14; F. Biggs, P.M. 1261; and A. Godfrey, 193. The business of the lodge consisted of initiation of Mr. S. S. Williams, passing of Bros. R. Wrench and W. Shepherd, and raising of Bro. W. H. Lavers. The W.M. was excellent in the working of each degree. The S.W., Bro. G. Longley was unanimously elected W.M., and Bros. Wilkins, Diane and Davis appointed on the Audit Committee, and a special Past Master's jewel presented to the I.P. Master for services rendered during his year of office. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet room, where a *récherché* banquet was well served. The W.M. here, as in lodge, was excellent, and in proposing the Officer's toast was exceedingly happy in the effective but gentlemanly manner in requesting the officers to be punctual in attendance. We quite agree with the W.M., that without punctuality a lodge cannot excel, however good in working. It is a duty officers owe to the W.M., members of lodge, and the Craft in general.

**ST. CLEMENT DANE'S LODGE (No. 1351).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held as usual at the King's Head Hotel, Strand, on the first Thursday in the month, and was, as is generally the case, well attended by those connected with the lodge, whilst several visitors were present. Bro. Geo. Wilson, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and the degrees were worked; Bro. Thos. Carr was raised, and Mr. W. Henry Le May was initiated into the mysteries of our Order. Bros. Porter, S.W.; J. Wigg, J.W., were present in their respective places, as were Bros. J. Butler, S.D.; W. H. Perryman, J.D.; E. Barnes, I.G.; and during the evening amongst those whose names were duly entered in the lodge book were Bros. T. Parker, P.M. (Treas.); W. Hilton, P.M. (Sec.); D. Betts, P.M.; W. Hamilton, P.M.; W. Hale, P.M.; G. A. Littlewood, P.M.; W. Stewart, P.M.; W. Wiseman, E. Fisher, W. H. Hall (Freemason), A. Betts, A. Price, J. Welch, W. B. Date, E. Swanborough, the Rev. J. Graham, W. H. Harwar, J. B. Griev, W. Dickens, E. Metherell, J. Hodges, Isaacson, Hutton (2) and others. As the working of the lodge was nearing its conclusion, Bro. Hilton, the excellent Secretary, in terms as appropriate as expressive, called attention to the lamented death of Bro. the late respected Supt. James Mott, of the "A" division, whose cheery face and good society will unfortunately no longer be seen at this lodge. The worthy Secretary moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the family of the deceased, expressive of the great grief that the lodge has felt and they have sustained in the loss

of so affectionate a father. Bro. W. H. Hall asked the W.M. to allow him to second the motion, as he was proposed in the Craft by their departed brother. He paid an eminent tribute to the goodness of the deceased, both in mind and heart, and related that how within a few hours of Bro. Mott's decease he had called on him to condole with him and give him a word of comfort in a sad domestic bereavement which had just befallen him. Bro. Hale, P.M., in terms of friendship supported the proposition, and took the opportunity of reminding the brethren of Miss Emily Mott's concert on the succeeding Friday, and during the evening he disposed of a good many tickets for that always excellent musical treat. Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly paid attention to. During the evening reference was made by the W.M. to the split with the Grand Orient of France, and there was an unmistakable manifestation on the part of the brethren that its divergence from the fundamental principle of the ancient Order of Masonry was not one to commend itself to their sympathies.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—A strong meeting of this lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; Drysdale, P.M., acting S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M. Domestic, I.P.M.; Page, P.G.S., Treas.; Street, P.M. 41, Sec.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie, Asst. Org.; Robinson, D.C.; Marston, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; and Past Masters Mann, Koch, Gardner, and Pope. The visitors were Bros. J. Pope, P.M. 177; G. F. Smith, G. Smith, jun., and Downies, all of 188. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. Martin, Pim, Stevenson and Barry, and initiated Mr. Charles Webster, the ceremonies being carefully performed. There being no other business of importance before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, which was well catered for by Bro. Timewell, and at its conclusion the preliminary and time-honoured loyal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. In proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Everett, the I.P.M., that Bro. Higgins had been honourably connected with the lodge since its foundation. He had always been most punctual in his attendance, he was a most excellent working Mason, and ever ready to assist others in the discharge of their duties. He laboured under great physical difficulties in the rendering of the ritual in consequence of loss of voice, and therefore in his endeavours to surmount those difficulties he was worthy of their most warm and hearty commendations. The W.M. having briefly replied, proposed "The Initiative." In the course of his remarks he said that they had received into their Lodge that evening as a member, one who he felt assured would reflect great credit on the Kennington Lodge. He wished however, particularly to impress upon their newly-admitted brother, that amongst others there were two very important principles in Freemasonry to be remembered, namely, "Charity and Brotherly Love," which, if properly exercised, not only reflected lustre upon the brethren, but set an example worthy of being emulated by those who were strangers to their mysteries. This toast having been received with excellent "fire" the brother thus honoured made a neat reply by thanking them for the great and hearty reception they had accorded him that evening. He had been impressed with the ceremony. He had had for some time past a great desire to join their ranks, and so deep was the interest already felt by him in the Craft that he fervently hoped that he should never do anything that would disgrace Freemasonry, or lower him in the esteem of those seated round that festive board, and that if in his humble way he could advance the welfare of the Order, or promote the interests of any of its members, he would cheerfully and unhesitatingly do so. The remaining toasts, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, were given but formally, and for the same urgent reasons but briefly acknowledged.

**CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).**—The following is the reply of Bro. Terry in response to the toast of the Masonic Charities, omitted from our last:—Bro. Terry, in responding, said he rose to return thanks on behalf of the Masonic Institutions in the warmest manner he possibly could, in response to the kind way in which the W.M. had thought fit to submit the toast to the members of the Carnarvon Lodge. He felt especial pleasure in responding to the toast, because he knew that ever since the formation of the lodge it had done all it possibly could to further the interests of the three great Institutions, and he would illustrate this in the most practical form, by saying that the J.W. in the kindest manner came forward this time last year as Steward for the Benevolent Institution at the festival, in February. How successfully he carried out this Stewardship was patent to the members of the lodge, for they knew he carried in nearly £100. This was the first time since that festival that he had an opportunity of thanking the lodge for its very handsome donation of £20, which it placed on the list of Bro. Nelson Reed on that occasion. The Institution had during the present year an unexampled career of prosperity, and he believed that when the end of the present month arrived they would be able to say that the year 1877 was the most prosperous they had ever had. He thought they would total up some £42,000 or £43,000, and after such a result they might very quickly put aside altogether any remark that might be made by the outside world as to Freemasonry being an eating, drinking, and convivial society. He could merely hope that other eating, drinking and convivial societies, when they had institutions to support, might be able to show as good a result in one year as the Freemasons. He was afraid that in the coming year the Institutions would not have as much success as they had had in the past. An



enormous amount of money had gone out of the country in charitable objects. To come to what the Masonic Institutions had done—the Benevolent Institution had placed thirty additional annuitants on its list; the Girls' School had taken twenty-five additional girls; and in April the Boys' School would take in twenty-one additional boys; so that there would be an increase over any preceding year of seventy-five or seventy-six persons receiving the benefits of the Institutions. He had been told by the excellent brother who was acting as I.P.M. that whether the Carnarvon Lodge was able to send a Steward or not, there would be a donation from the lodge's coffers to the Benevolent Institution. That was a promise he very much esteemed, and he should have much pride in reporting it to his committee at their next meeting. This was not only done in the Carnarvon Lodge but in others, and notably there was one, which was a representative one, of which the Assistant Grand Secretary of England, now present, was a member, which had for years and years gone by, when it was not so fashionable as now to have Stewards, sent a Steward; he spoke of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, which had laid a foundation and built a structure upon it which was highly honourable. Twenty-five years ago, Bro. Buss told the members of that lodge that Freemasonry was not worthy of being called Freemasonry unless some practical good resulted from its meetings. How well it had followed up those precepts might be judged of from the fact that this Egyptian Lodge was one of the most distinguished lodges in the calendar, and he (Bro. Terry) was proud to have the opportunity of saying in another lodge than Bro. Buss's own, of acknowledging what it had done in following up his advice. He hoped that many in the Carnarvon Lodge would follow so bright an example, and would support those who asked them to contribute. The Masonic Institutions could not be supported by any appeal to the outside world; they differed essentially from all others in the country; others had the whole population of England to appeal to; the Masonic Institutions could only appeal to the Craft. The brethren knew in their several spheres they were called upon to support other charities; and therefore the more honour was fit to them, that while supporting other charities they supported the Masonic Charities so well. Freemasonry was not essentially a close charity, as was evidenced by the fact that during the present year more than £5,300 had been given to objects outside the Order—£4,000 to the Lifeboat Institution, £1,000 to the Famine of India, £200 to the distress by the fire in New Brunswick, and £100 to relief in Peru. If other cases of distress arose, he was sure that at next Grand Lodge further relief would be extended. He thought this was a sufficient answer, if one was needed by a "Way-side" traveller (Bro. Goffin), when he heard Freemasons accused of being an eating, drinking, and convivial society. He ventured to hope that on the 13th February next, when the first Masonic festival of the new year would take place, some brother would volunteer his services as a Steward from this lodge, and that a sum of money would be voted for him to take up, and the prestige of the lodge be thus supported. It was on behalf of 280 poor old men and women he spoke, who were receiving a sum of £10,040 a year. The Institution had only £2300 permanent income; and it had to pay away £10,040, independent of working expenses. It was an enormous sum to raise from the individual kindly feeling of the brethren of each lodge to keep the Institution going. There were 44 candidates coming on for the next election already, and there were yet two more months in which other candidates might be added. He had no doubt therefore that there would be as many as 70 candidates clamouring for admission when next May arrived. There were now 17 vacancies only; and could the brethren in the face of that, after they had been enjoying themselves so much at the hands of the Carnarvon Lodge, refuse to support a Steward on behalf of the poor old men and poor old women. He hoped to have the pleasure of taking away with him the name of a brother who would represent the Carnarvon Lodge. He was confident there never would be an appeal made to the hearts and sympathies of the members of this lodge without a ready response being given to it, when the object was one that must commend itself to the feelings and affections of every Freemason in England.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—A regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on the 6th inst. The lodge was opened punctually at 7.30 p.m., the W.M. Bro. F. Wilkinson, in the chair, supported by Bro. Brown, G.S.W. of Somerset, I.P.M. 41, &c.; and Bro. Dutton, P.M., &c. The officers generally were in their usual places—Bros. Ashley, Treas., P.M.; G. Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; F. Gummer, S.D.; W. Hunt, J.D.; P. Braham, Sec.; C. W. Radway, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler. Captain, Robinson Steward, the Director of Ceremonies, was absent, but the duties of his office were ably performed by Bros. Moutrie, P.M. and Rubie, P.M. After the usual routine business of reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular lodge, and the emergency, held on November 21st, a candidate, Mr. John Chivers, was presented for initiation, and the ceremony was very ably, and we may say most impressively, performed by the W.M., the charge being given by the Treasurer, Bro. Ashley, P.M. After his being dismissed the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wilton, having been carefully examined, was duly prepared and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, receiving from the W.M. the privileges of this degree. The working tools were in each case presented by the S.W., Bro. Falkner, in his usual clear and impressive manner. The lodge was then closed down, and the W.M. informed the brethren that he represented the Royal Cumberland Lodge at the recent meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Taunton, and congratulated Bro. Brown, I.P.M., on his having received the high honour from the hands

of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon, of the collar and office of P.G.S.W. of Somerset, in recognition of his indefatigable exertions in Masonry during his connection with the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41. Bro. Ashley then informed the lodge that the son of a deceased brother, highly esteemed, not only in No. 41, but in several other lodges to which he had belonged (Bro. Cooper, P.M., &c.), had been placed on the list of candidates for the Boys' School. A resolution was passed, proposed by Bro. Falkner, S.W., and seconded by Bro. Hunt, to purchase two M.M. aprons for the use of visitors in the lodge. A donation of two guineas was voted to the family of a deceased distressed brother—Sergeant Major Anderson. There were present Bros. Brewer, Wilcox, Stiles, Mann, Ames, Holmes, Sumsion Davis, Dill, Peach, Muris, Mercer, and others. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 10.5 p.m.

**SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).**—This old lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 5th, when Bro. W. W. Collie, S.W., and Prov. G.S. of W., was duly installed as Worshipful Master, the I.P.M., Bro. J. D. Todd, acting as Installing Master, a large number of brethren and visitors from the various lodges being present. The manner in which the interesting ceremony was done by Bro. Todd gave great satisfaction, and the very efficient manner in which the newly installed Master invested his officers, and the neat address that he gave to each officer, was the subject of much praise and applause. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given. The newly installed Master read a paper, giving a very graphic history of the lodge, from the first granting of the warrant down to the present time, which was received with great applause, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The following brethren were appointed to the various offices: J. D. Todd, I.P.M.; M. Frampton, S.W.; E. Sutherland, J.W.; Jno. Riseborough, Treasurer; J. J. Stiles, Secretary; W. Whinham, Organist; J. Dixon, S.D.; T. R. Smart, J.D.; Jno. Ross, I.G.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; John Hudson and W. Bailes, Stewards.

**LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled in goodly numbers at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on the 5th inst., to transact their usual monthly business, and to elect the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. C. E. Stretton, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by his officers, and several Past Masters. The preliminaries having been attended to in due form, Bros. Coulson and Dr. Johnston were examined as Entered Apprentices, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., and Bro. Smith, P.M., gave the lecture of the degree. In consideration of the claims of many aspirants to office, Bro. C. E. Stretton declined to undertake the duties of W.M. for another year, and the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. G. W. Statham, under whose direction the lodge is likely to be maintained in the same thorough state of efficiency that now marks it as the leading lodge of the province. During the temporary absence of the W.M. the chair was occupied by Bro. McAllister, I.P.M., and the following resolution was submitted, and carried unanimously: "That Bro. Kenning be requested to supply a Past Master's jewel, with a suitable inscription, to be presented at the installation meeting to the retiring W.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year." These services comprise seven initiations, ten passings, nine raisings, and three joinings. The Mayor of the borough (Bro. Clement Stretton, P.M.) visited the lodge during the evening, to witness the workmanlike manner in which his son, the young W.M., gave the finishing touch to the business of the year, and in responding to the toast of his health, the Mayor alluded to the sad phases of social life which came under his observation in the discharge of his magisterial duties, and pleasingly contrasted them with the harmony and concord which pervade a Masonic lodge.

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—The annual Installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, Dec. 10th, when the lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by Bro. H. Gore, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., acting as I.P.M.; H. Culliford Hopkins, S.W.; Dickinson, J.W.; Davis, P.M., Sec.; Johnson, J.D.; Dill, P.M. 906, as I.G.; Barrum, P.M.; and the following visitors, besides the members of 379: Bros. Gen. Doherty, P.M. 53 and 906, P.P.G.S.W.; J. L. Stothert, P.M. 53, P.P.G.S.W.; W. R. Wood, P.P.G.S.W. for Sussex; Col. Ford, P.M. 53, P.P.G.R.; F. J. Brown, P.M. 41, P.G.S.W.; Kirkham, P.P.G.J.W. for Hunts; Dill, P.M. 906, P.G. Pours; W. Smith, P.M. 53; W. Williamson, W.M. 906; S. Edwards, W.M. 53; F. Wilkinson, W.M. 41; Freeman, Steward 906. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Stothert in earnest terms solicited the support of the lodge to render help to the family of a highly respected deceased brother, especially with a view to the admission of one of his boys into the Masonic School. A grant of two guineas was made to the widow of another brother. A ballot was taken for one candidate for initiation and another for joining, both of which proved favourable. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Elze, D.P.G.M., then entered, was received with due honours, and took the chair of W.M. Bro. H. C. Hopkins was presented for installation by two P.M.'s, and was obligated as W.M. elect in the usual form, after which the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all under the rank of W.M. retired. A Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the new W.M. was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The Board was closed, the brethren readmitted, and the remainder of the ceremony was effectively carried out. The following appointments and investments were made: Bros. H. Gore, I.P.M. and Treas.; Dickinson, S.W.; Dr. Fisher, J.W.; Johnson, Sec.; Baldwin, S.D.; Rev. —Saunders, J.D.; Davis, P.M., kindly undertook the office of I.G. temporarily; Guzzard, Tyler. The lodge having been resumed in the Second and afterwards in the

First Degree, the W.M. very neatly expressed his appreciation of the high position he then held, and gave hopes of good progress during his year of office. Two candidates were proposed, one for initiation and the other as a joining member. Votes of thanks were passed to the D.P.G.M., and also to the visitors, which were appropriately responded to by the former, and by the W.M.'s of Nos. 41 and 53 on behalf of and as representatives of the latter. The lodge was closed at 7 p.m., and an adjournment took place to the Castle Hotel for a banquet, which was provided by Bro. Rubie with his usual skill and attention to the guests. It should be added that a singular concurrence of unfortunate circumstances prevented the attendance of many old and attached members of the lodge, who had signified their intention to be present both during the Masonic proceedings and at the banquet.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—Tees Lodge (No. 509).**—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on the 6th inst. Bro. Alex. Iley was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Bro. Iley being duly installed, he then appointed the following as his officers: S.W., C. M. Norman; J.W., C. Morris; Chaplain, Rev. G. Roberts; Treasurer, John Robinson; Secretary, J. S. Hart; S.D., T. Brayshaw; J.D., E. D. Brown; I.G., R. Ventren; Organist, J. Thompson; Stewards, Dr. Watson and F. L. Fullerton; Tyler, T. Trenholm. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Joseph Dods, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; John Hunton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; William M. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Bolsover, I.P.M., P.G.R.; John Robinson, P.M., together with numerous other Past Masters. The brethren, numbering nearly 80, dined together in the banqueting hall, the newly installed Master presiding.

**HARTLEPOOL.—St. Helen's Lodge (No. 531).**—The annual installation and festival of this lodge was held at Hartlepool on the 6th inst., when the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. James Horsley, was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Moore, J.P., P.P.J.G.W. At the close of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following officers, viz.:—Bros. F. Bennett, S.W.; J. Spolforth, J.W.; Johnson, P.M. (Preceptor); W. Shaw, re-elected Treasurer; G. W. H. Winter, Secretary; Quincey, S.D.; Gregory, J.D.; Dring, I.G.; S. Armstrong, D.C.; Taylor, Org.; Mowbray, Tyler; Patterson, S.S.; and Garratt and Stobart, J.S. At the close of the lodge, the brethren partook of a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. C. Humble, at the Cleveland Hotel.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., in the lodge rooms, Station-street, Cocker-mouth. There were present Bros. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer, as W.M., in the absence of Bro. W. Taylor, W.M., who, however, arrived in the middle of the business; A. Taylor, P.M. 310; Carlisle, as S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist, as J.W.; Dr. H. Dodgson, P.M.; Jas. Black, as Secretary, vice Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M. and Secretary, absent in Scotland; W. Shilton, P.M.; Tom Bird, S.D.; and about a dozen others. The minutes of the preceding ordinary, as also committee meetings, having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Hoskins, M.A., proved his proficiency, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge then being opened in the Third Degree, the rev. brother named was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in the chair. The lodge was next severally reduced to the Second and First Degrees, when Messrs. Richard Harrison and John Fearon were balloted for, approved, and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the W.M. in the chair, after the readmission of the initiates, also delivering the E.A.'s charge. This was election night, and Bro. James Black was almost unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Robinson, P.M., had also the honour and gratification to announce his unanimous re-election as Treasurer; whilst Bro. W. Potts was likewise re-elected Tyler for the year. The W.M. and Treasurer elect having returned thanks, the lodge was closed in form. It has been arranged to hold the festival of St. John the Evangelist for the installation of Bro. Black, W.M. elect, and investiture of officers, on New Year's Day, when it is expected there will be a large attendance of visiting brethren. Bro. Crowther Morton, the father of Skiddaw Lodge, P.M., Lodges 872 and 1267, W.M. Lodge 1660, P.P.G.S.W., who has successively installed eleven Masters of Lodge 1002, some time since intimated his wish to retire from that important duty; and the Installing Masters of the day will be Bros. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D.; and W. F. Lamony, P.M. and Secretary, P.G. Registrar (Freemason). The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist, P.G. Organist; and the Installed Master's Degree will be worked in its entirety.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, on the 3rd inst., Bro. T. Jackson, the W.M., presiding. There was only a moderate attendance of members of the lodge, but there was a good number of visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Robert Palmer, and for Mr. William Gibbons Welch, and proved unanimous in each case. They were subsequently initiated in the order named into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being delivered by the J.W. (Bro. Sheriff), and the E.A. charge by Bro. Langman, P.M. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. N. Helme, S.W., who would undoubtedly have been elected, in very graceful terms, and with true Masonic spirit, asked the members who intended recording their votes for him to give them to Bro. Sheriff, the J.W., who has been a Ma-



son for something like twenty-one years, whilst he was comparatively speaking, a young member. Owing to circumstances over which he had no control Bro. Sheriff had frequently to move from one place to another, and there was a probability of his being removed from Lancaster next year. He had frequently been in office, but, owing to the circumstances stated, he had never occupied the Master's chair, and if the present opportunity was allowed to pass Bro. Sheriff might never have an opportunity of occupying it. Therefore, acknowledging the principle of senioris prioris, he (Bro. Helme) would be glad if they would transfer their votes to Bro. Sheriff, and in another year, if it was the wish of the lodge, he should be happy to receive the honour at their hands of being elected to the W.M.'s chair. The votes were then taken, and Bro. Sheriff was unanimously elected as W.M. In acknowledging his election Bro. Sheriff thanked the members for the honour done him, and also Bro. Helme for the truly Masonic spirit which he had evinced. Bro. Sly, Prov. G.J.D., was re-elected Treasurer, and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., on the death of his only son. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "heartly good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft. An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on the 5th inst., when Bro. W. H. Chippindale was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the Senior Warden. The lodge was subsequently closed with the usual formalities.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. Bro. W. Duff, the W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of members. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Henry Hartley (1353), as a joining member, when he was unanimously elected. A discussion then took place as to holding a Masonic ball, when it was resolved to have one at an early date. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—A meeting of this lodge was convened at the White Hart Hotel, on the 3rd inst., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, W.M.; B. Sharp, P.G.S. of Middlesex, S.W.; Bond, P.G.P. Surrey, J.W.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespiigny, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, Chaplain; J. Hammond, P.M.; Jordan, W.M. 1512, Hon. I.P.M.; Ackenden, S.D. 1512 Sec.; Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, I.G.; Marvin, D.C.; Scott, W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. Ayley, Worthington, and Murray; raised Bros. Malcolm, Duffett, and Elphick, and initiated Mr. A. Darling, the ceremonies being well and carefully performed. Bro. B. Sharp having been appointed to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Inglis, P.M. Carnarvon; Pearman, and Dobie. At the conclusion of the feast the W.M. gave the customary royal and Craft toasts, both Grand and Provincial, with his accustomed point, but they were necessarily given very briefly, as the hour was advanced. "The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded by the P.P.G.C., the Rev. Bro. De Crespiigny, and who immediately afterwards proposed "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he said that success had followed the W.M. in every Masonic virtue he had undertaken. He was glad that their local lodge had prospered so well, and that he fully endorsed the motion of the S.W., given that afternoon, that the lodge should be increased from 30 to 50 members, which would enable it to take a superior position in the province than it then held. Referring to their W.M. he would again say that whatever duty he took in hand he discharged it conscientiously, and that he personally felt it an honour to hold the position of Chaplain under him. The W.M. having proposed "The Health of the Initiate," who stated in his response, that it had always been the great wish of his life to become a Mason. He knew but little at present, but what he had heard that night would inspire him on occasions to listen and endeavour to learn more. In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Inglis spoke highly of the manner in which the working had been performed that evening, and also of the kind and hospitable reception accorded to his co-visitor and himself both in and out of the lodge. "The Masonic Charities" followed. The W.M. said that they were all good Institutions, and most ably governed, the Girls' School in particular had the advantage of a most excellent Secretary, and possessed one of the very best mistresses that could possibly be found in any educational community in the country. "The Health of the Officers" came next. The S.W. in reply touched upon other matters foreign to the subject but of an interesting nature. He conjured this newly admitted brother always to bear in mind the landmarks of the Order, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, combined with Truth, Hope, and Charity. In speaking of the latter he said that large sums had been returned and he hoped would continue to be returned in aid of the great Masonic Charities. It was not only a duty, but a necessity, that every brother should subscribe to those Institutions as far as his means would allow, in order that the vitality of the Charities might remain unimpaired. During the evening Bros. Hurst, Walls, and others entertained the brethren. The Tyler's toast at half past ten brought the proceedings, which were throughout very successful, to a close, and the brethren separated until the first Monday in February next.

## INSTRUCTION.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB.**—The members of this Lodge of Instruction held their first banquet on Thursday, 29th November; Bro. Hogg, Treasurer, in the chair; Bro. Shand, Secretary, vice-chair. There were present Bros. Edell, Langton, Sharrett, Jno. White, Langton, jun., and others too numerous to mention. Visitors Bros. Stiles, W.M. 1507; Triggs, 137; Turner, and others. The usual toasts were given, and success and prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction was drunk with enthusiasm, coupled with the name of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Shand. The brethren altogether had a most enjoyable evening at the club.

**FINSBURY PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 1288).—This lodge of instruction (for Master Masons only) met at the Finsbury Park Tavern Holloway, on Friday, 30th November, 1877. Bros. L. R. Rogers, P.M. Burgoyne Lodge, Preceptor; John Walker, W.M. Egyptian Lodge, 127; W.M.; Thos. Press, J.W. New Finsbury Park Lodge, 1695, S.W.; H. B. D. Dunn, S.D. New Finsbury Park Lodge, 1695, J.W.; Woolley, S.D.; R. C. Frampton, J.D. New Finsbury Park Lodge, 1695, J.D.; Jeffreys, W.M., Burgoyne Lodge, I.G.; and other brethren. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, the minutes read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Frampton, candidate for raising, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Dunn candidate for initiation; ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Press was then elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 1642).—This lodge was held on Friday, 30th November, 1877, at the Mitre Hotel, Goldborne-road, Notting-hill. Present: Bros. Penn, W.M.; Smout, Sec., S.W.; Tellisbron, J.W.; Spiegel, S.D.; Kelly, J.D.; Woodmason, I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Murlis, P.M.; Wood, Luhtwitz, Newland, Krabb, and Collett. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kelly being the candidate. After resuming the lodge to the First Degree, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Krabb being the candidate. The adjourned proposition of Bro. Spiegel was then considered, when the amendment of Bro. Penn that the Lodge of Instruction subscribe £5 to Bro. Stevens's list as Steward of the Girls' School for the mother lodge was carried, and thus this lodge of instruction, only since January last opened, becomes Life Subscriber to this Benevolent Institution. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded for the very excellent manner the W.M. worked the Third Degree for the first time, and more especially he, being only a very young Mason, has made himself so proficient and worthy of his position as W.M. of the mother lodge. Bro. Smout, sen., was elected W.M. for the next Friday.

## Royal Arch.

**SHEERNESS.**—Adam's Chapter (No. 158).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 27th November, in the Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Sheerness. There were present Comps. William Pannell, M.E.Z.; Alexander Spear, H. and Treas.; John Bagshaw, J. and E.; Edward Penney, Thos. M. Riggs, John Hancock, Alfred Ingleton, Wm. Sullivan; and Comp. T. Tanner, Leinster Chapter, No. 387, I.C., visitor. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. Lieut. Benjamin D. Acland, R.N., of the Columbia Chapter, No. 120, S.C., for affiliation, and for Bro. William Isaac, J.W. De Shurland Lodge, No. 1089, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Isaac was then exalted to the Sublime Degree. At this meeting the Principals elected at the last quarterly convocation were duly installed, and placed in their respective chairs. M.E. Comps. Spears, P.Z., Z.; Bagshaw, P.Z., H.; Penney, J.; and the following officers were invested: Comps. Pannell, P.Z., Treasurer; Bagshaw, P.Z. and H., E. (re-elected); T. M. Riggs, N.; Hancock, P.S.; Garrett, First Assist. S.; Sullivan, Second Assist. S.; J. Akhurst, Janitor. After the Principals had been proclaimed and saluted, three brethren were proposed for exaltation, and some other routine business transacted, the companions adjourned to the Britannia Hotel to a banquet, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

**CHAPTER OF UNITED STRENGTH** (No. 228).—The second meeting of this new chapter for business was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult. At the first meeting—the new chapter opening its career with an emergency—no fewer than eleven brethren were exalted, and now more names appeared as candidates for the exaltation. The weather, however, was dreadful, and kept some of the candidates away, engagements kept others, and sickness kept one. Comp. James Terry, M.E.Z., and Comp. R. Griggs were punctually in the chapter, and bore the sorrowful intelligence to the companions, that the other Principal, Comp. Winsland, had domestic trouble which bound him to be at home, and that Comp. Smart, the Principal Sojourner, was still compelled, by reason of the same cause, to remain absent. The chapter was opened by the Principals, and Comp. Pearcey attained the high distinction (distinction being always given to merit, according to the United Strength traditions) for he was called to the H. chair, and discharged his office with a dignity and an ease which would have done credit to a companion of more experience. The office of Scribe E. was discharged by Comp. Hillhouse, P.M.; that of Scribe N. by Comp. John While, P.M. (*Freemason*); and the position of P.S. was held by Comp. Halford, the assistants being Comps. Killick and Edis. The ballot was taken for the brethren presented for exaltation, and Bros. John Woodman, Philip Woodman, and Dr. H. B. Bartlett, of the mother lodge, and Bro. T. H. Sim-

monds, of the Cornwallis Lodge, were unanimously elected. The ceremony in all its grandeur was performed with care, and the ritual was most impressively rendered throughout. Before the closing of the chapter the M.E.Z. conveyed the welcome intelligence to the chapter that the whole of the furniture had been paid for—a fact creditable to the Treasurer and founders generally, and welcome to the members. On the motion of Comp. Griggs the Principals and the Scribes were appointed a committee to draw up the bye-laws. The chapter having closed, the companions retired to the banqueting room, where they refreshed themselves after the many working hours. After the usual loyal toasts, loyalty to the Head of the State and to the Chiefs of the Craft being commended by the M.E.Z. in pointed eloquence, Comp. Griggs gave the toast of "The M.E.Z." and spoke warmly of the able and earnest manner in which the work in chapter was discharged, and of the good fortune the chapter had in securing Comp. Terry in this position of hard work. The success of the chapter was secured from the fact of Comp. Terry being associated with it, and the companions, responding to Comp. Griggs' call, heartily wished their M.E.Z. every happiness and success in life. The response given was an acknowledgment of the kindly feeling existing amongst the United Strength brethren and companions, and he then proposed "The Exaltees," who in fitting terms thanked the companions for receiving them, and spoke of the deep impression the ceremony had made upon their minds. The companions toasted the absent H. and expressed the deepest sympathy with his domestic affliction. The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Officers," and speaking of the efficiency of the Scribes and Sojourners, said that the pains they had individually taken to perfect themselves in their work, proved they were determined to emulate the efficient working of the mother lodge. Replies were given by Comps. Hillhouse and While. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Comps. Cooke, Edis, Killick and Griggs.

**TEIGNMOUTH.**—Benevolent Chapter (No. 303).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Nov. 29th. At 6.30 the chairs were taken by E. Comps. J. Strouds Short, Z.; Loram, H.; Hallett, J.; and the chapter was duly opened by them. On the admission of the other companions the other chairs were taken as follows: Comps. Ormerod, P.Z., E.; Captain Boyd Fawcett, N.; Whidborne, P. Soj.; Ball and Collins, Asst. Soj. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Workman as a candidate for exaltation, which proved favourable. The companions having retired in compliance with a request from the first chair, Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710, took the place of Z., and having constituted a Board of Installed Principals, proceeded to instal E. Comp. Loram as Z. for the ensuing year. In turn he installed E. Comp. Hallett in the chair which he had just vacated; and afterwards the latter installed Comp. Templar as his successor in the chair of J. The Board of Installed Principals was closed. On the re-admission of the companions the Installing Z. concluded this portion of the proceedings by conducting the salutation and proclamation. The following investitures were made by the new Z., Comp. Ormerod, P.Z. as E.; Comp. Whidborne, N.; Comp. Ball, P. Soj.; Comps. Collins and Valentine, Asst. Sojs.; Hegarty, Janitor. Several matters of business were discussed, and the chapter was closed at 9 o'clock.

**TORQUAY.**—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—A regular meeting was held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at the Masonic Hall. The first chair was taken by E. Comp. Perry, P.Z., by the request of the M.E.Z., who, as well as the Third Principal had been summoned to London jointly on business. The Second Principal was absent on account of illness. The chair of H. was therefore occupied by E. Comp. D. Watson, P.Z., and that of J. by E. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710 who, being in the neighbourhood availed himself of the opportunity to revisit the chapter, of which he had been one of the founders and is still an honorary member. E. Comp. Harland, P.Z., was present at the opening of the Board of Installed Principals. This having been concluded, the companions were admitted; among them were Comps. Bradnee, E.; Hurrell, N.; Fullwood, Pr. Soj.; Dodge, S. Soj.; Goss, as J. Soj.; Cheneour was Janitor. The chapter was then opened. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. B. Dalby, M.D., as a candidate, which proving unanimously favourable, he was admitted and carefully exalted to the rank of R.A. companion by the acting Z. The Historical, Symbolical, and Mystical Lectures were all given by the acting J., and terminated amid the plaudits of those present. On the proposition of H., seconded by Z., a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Hopkins for his presence and assistance, which he suitably acknowledged. The acting Z. laid before the members the results of an inquiry which he had been requested to make as to the pecuniary position of the chapter. He reported the accounts as being now in a very clear state, and though there is still a small arrear of debt, congratulated the members on the satisfactory financial condition, seeing that all the beautiful furniture is paid for, and that only one or two small liabilities now remain, notwithstanding the great difficulties encountered four years ago, all which have been happily overcome. In a year or two there is no doubt that the chapter will be quite clear. The meeting was brought to a close at 8 o'clock, when the very intelligent candidate, now a R.A. companion, expressed himself as greatly pleased, not only with the ceremony itself, but also with the able manner in which it had been administered.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—The Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—This young and prosperous chapter held their regular meeting on Monday, 3rd, at the Royal Sussex Hotel. The chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous convocation were read, confirmed, and



signed by the M.E.Z. Among those present were Comps. B. S. Willmott, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; W. Stevens, P.Z. 862, J.; R. W. Delves, S.E.; W. B. Bacon, S.N.; H. D. Williams, P.S.; Jas. Bass, 1st A.S.; C. Graham, 2nd A.S. The visitors were Comps. S. Smout Grist, G. Penn, and J. High all of No. 862. Comp. Willmott having vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Rev. J. Robinson, P.Z., P.G.J. Kent, the ballot was taken for Bros. G. Langridge, P.M. 874, P.P.G.R. Kent; J. F. Bates, and C. W. Holt, which proving unanimous in their favour they were duly exalted, the ceremony being performed by Comp. Robinson in such a manner as to draw forth the special approbation of those present, and a vote of thanks was recorded to him. On Comp. Willmott taking the chair, a vote of thanks was also recorded to Comp. Stevens for his kind present of a Bible, and a fervent hope that he might long be spared to the companions of Tunbridge Wells. The bye-laws having been read and some propositions given in for candidates, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to an excellent repast. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to, and the companions separated in peace and good fellowship.

### Mark Masonry.

**NEWPORT.**—Keystone Lodge (No. 109).—The usual annual meeting of this lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, Newport, on Monday, 26th November. The following brethren were present: Bros. Wm. Watkins, W.M.; Captain S. G. Homfray, I.P.M.; Captain Alfred Thrale Perkins, S.W.; R. J. Chambers, J.W.; Walter West, M.O.; J. Horner, S.O.; W. Pickford, Treasurer; R. B. Evans, A. Taylor, S. Davies, G. Tweedy, A. McMahon, Wheeler, Gage, W. Williams, P.M., and several others. The lodge having been duly opened, an announcement was made that R.W. Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, P.G.M.M.M. of Monmouthshire, together with his Deputy, Col. Lyne, was at the door waiting admittance, and they were received in due form. The chair was then taken by Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W., who performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Captain Alfred Thrale Perkins, P.G.D.C.M.M.M., as W.M. for the next twelve months, in the same efficient manner as he performs all ceremonies in Masonry. The W.M. then appointed Bro. R. J. Chambers as S.W., and Bro. Walter West as J.W., as also his other officers. A cordial vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to R.W. Bro. Augustus Homfray, P.G.M.M.M., for his kindness in attending the lodge, together with his Deputy, Bro. Col. Lyne. Bro. L. A. Homfray acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his extreme gratification at the progress Mark Masonry was making in his province, he having received the warrant for a third Mark Lodge, to be formed at Abergavenny, under the title of St. John's Lodge, with Bro. Little, of Llanvair, as its first W.M., the descendant of a family highly esteemed in the province. The consecration would take place early in January, when he hoped to be well supported by his provincial officers. He also wished to add that the formation of the new lodge was due to the exertions of Bro. W. Williams, P.M., of the Ashlar Lodge at Tredegar, of which he was also the founder. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head, presided over by W. Bro. Captain Alfred Thrale Perkins, supported by R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M.; W. Bro. Col. Lyne, D.P.G.M.M.M.; W. Bro. Captain S. Geo. Homfray, P.G.S.W., and other distinguished brethren, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. We may add that the selection of Captain A. Thrale Perkins as W.M. is a most popular one in the province, he being a zealous worker in every degree in Masonry, and much beloved by the brethren of the province of Monmouthshire, and under his auspices Mark Masonry cannot fail to flourish.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—An adjourned assembly of this conclave was held on Tuesday last, the 11th inst., in the new rooms of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002. The Sir Knights mustered at half-past twelve, when there were present:—Em. Sir Knight Edward Tyson, M.P.S., on the throne of C.; Em. Sir Knight T. Mardle, V.E.; Sir Knight R. Bailey, S.G.; Sir Knight T. Bird, J.G.; Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, P.S., High Prelate, as Recorder and Prefect (Freemason); Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, Treasurer and Organist; Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., Orator; Sir Knight James Quay, Herald; Sir Knight Stephen Thwaite, A. Moner; Sir Knight W. Potts, Sentinel; Sir Knights J. R. Banks, Jos. Abbott, and others. The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the previous assembly in August last were read and confirmed. The following five were then duly installed and dubbed Knights of the Order:—Bros. Jas. Black, W.M. elect Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002; George Brash, J.D. Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002; George Fitzgerald, Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, 119; H. Peacock, Skiddaw Lodge, 1002; and John J. Robinson, P.M. Lewis Lodge, 872. The ceremony was performed by the M.P.S. in the most perfect manner, this being his first appearance since enthronement in August last, and we must here take the opportunity to record that Em. Sir Knight E. Tyson is the first Sovereign in the history of Dykes Conclave who has gone through the installation ceremony without assistance from other Past Sovereigns, with the exception of Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, who was the first Sovereign of the conclave. After the High Prelate had delivered the historical oration, three notices of motion were brought forward, the first of which was a proposition to alter the end of the financial year from January to July,

when the anniversary is held. The alteration of the conclave bye-law in connection therewith (IX.) was thereupon moved by Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, seconded by Sir Knight R. Bailey, and unanimously carried. Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby next proposed that the place of meeting of the conclave be removed to the new rooms of Skiddaw Lodge, in Station-street, and that the conclave pay a rent of three guineas per annum for use of said rooms. The motion was seconded by Em. Sir Knight E. Tyson, and unanimously agreed to. The third notice of motion, standing against the name of the M.P.S., was moved by him, seconded by the High Prelate, and agreed to, nem. dis., viz., "That the installation fee be one guinea, instead of two guineas, as stated in Bye-law VII., and that such bye-law be altered in accordance therewith." The conclave was then closed. Subsequently the Sir Knights passed away an hour or so in toast, sentiment, and song, and some useful hints were thrown out relative to the future well-being and prosperity of Dykes Conclave.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following are the addresses of Bro. Lord Tenterden and the Grand Registrar, on the German question, omitted from our report last week:—

Lord Tenterden wished to lay before the brethren a few remarks on this subject. Although he was representative in Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Germany he did not speak now in that character. He would not attempt to follow Bro. Simpson or Bro. Hutton, but would endeavour if he could to place before the brethren very shortly the facts of the case. It was not correct to call this a German question. The lodge called the Three Globes at Berlin was not the Grand Lodge of Berlin—very far from it. It was one of a very large congeries of lodges, each of which had other lodges under it. He had a long list in his hand, and without giving all he would say that among them were—the Grand National, Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, the Grand Countries Lodge of Germany, the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, besides lodges at Hamburg, Frankfurt, Breslau, Dantzic, Dresden, Bayreuth, and many other places. He would not say whether the German Masons were right or wrong in what they did in this matter, but it so happened that when Freemasonry was introduced into Germany last century it was constituted on a Christian system of St. John. The Three Globes Lodge was constituted in 1740 as a Christian lodge. He would offer no opinion on this particular matter whether Masonry should be Christian or universal; but he might say that he himself had initiated Turks, Jews, and persons of all creeds and nations, and was now only stating the simple facts of the case. Brethren must understand that the lodge of the Three Globes has always been a Christian Grand Lodge, and it had certain other lodges affiliated to it. It was not a lodge for the whole of Germany; it was a particular system of Freemasonry based upon Christianity, and requiring in its members the serving of God and the knowledge of the Evangelists. He would not trouble the brethren by asking them to consider whether this was a form of Freemasonry, which Grand Lodge of England would be inclined to favour; he thought they were all of one mind on that point; but the Lodge of the Three Globes had had these principles from 1740 to the present time. It is well known that it had been considered whether it was possible to alter it. The question was mooted in 1766, 1783, 1808, 1844, and again brought forward in 1849. There did not appear to have been any illiberal feeling in the matter, but rather the opinion that having been a Christian Grand Lodge, it should be maintained and adhered to on that principle. In 1868, the question was again considered, and as far as he could ascertain, at the last revision of the constitution this very point was brought forward again, and the old constitution maintained. They held that being founded as a Christian Grand Lodge, and having existed as such, and been acknowledged as such, there were bound to remain so. There were other lodges which a person who was not a Christian could go to in Germany, and be received in. It was only in this particular lodge and those lodges affiliated to it that he could not be received. Consequently, when he went to a Christian lodge in Germany, he knocked at the wrong door. He made a mistake in doing so. That being the state of the case, Grand Lodge of England must look the matter in the face. Grand Lodge of England had acknowledged this German Grand Lodge as a Christian Lodge for 137 years, and was it quite reasonable that we should now go to them and ask them to alter the system on which they were founded. Whether it was reasonable or not he felt confident they would say and think that this was more than a friendly suggestion—that it was a deliberate interference. The case was not at all analogous to that of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Orient had made a very recent innovation, and Grand Lodge of England had taken action in the matter. But in the case of Germany, they had proceeded for 137 years under the old constitutions on which they were founded. A brother who was not a Christian going to a Christian lodge, would find that he had knocked at the wrong door; to use a nautical expression, which he had learned from an old friend of his, an admiral, he would be endeavouring to put in his oar where there was no rowlock. He was not speaking as the representative of Germany, but only on the general question, and he asked the brethren not to support the proposition. He could not but think that whatever influence Bro. Simpson might wish to exercise by bringing forward this resolution had been already been exercised, and he would therefore ask the brethren only to support the first part of the resolution, declaring as received the 300 petitions which had been presented on this subject. For the remainder of the motion, he thought it an interference with the

system of Freemasonry adopted by the Three Globes Lodge for 137 years.

Grand Registrar (Bro. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C.):—Before the debate closed rose and said: At this late hour of the evening I should not have obtruded myself on Grand Lodge, for I feel that my voice is too often heard; but I rise for the purpose of asserting a principle that I think ought to govern the decision of Grand Lodge. We are here, the Grand Lodge of England, an independent body, framing our own laws, constructing our own constitution, and I think we should consider it the height of impertinence if any other Grand Lodge should approach us and tell us what our law should be. We have to consider the laws necessary for Freemasons of this country. Up to 1813 the two Grand Lodges of England were Christian Grand Lodges. In 1813, at the time of the Union, we became a universal Grand Lodge, and Jews were admitted amongst us. The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes is as perfectly a sovereign authority as we are. They framed their constitutions more than 100 years ago; they have adhered to those constitutions; and the matter is entirely different from the position we stand in as regards the Grand Orient of France. There they make an innovation; they change their laws; but the Lodge of the Three Globes take their old constitutions, and we have taken 140 years to find out that they are wrong. If we are powerless to get them to recede to our request let us be wise enough not to make it. There is a great difference, and I hope Grand Lodge will not be misled by thinking the action of Lord Zetland is at all a matter to guide us in this question. Lord Zetland says the certificate of the Grand Lodge of England shall admit English Freemasons to German Lodges. It does so now in Germany; they receive our certificates, and admit our members. What did Lord Zetland do? He says "If you will not receive my Masonic subjects I cease to have Masonic intercourse with you." But they do receive our members. Lord Zetland never went as far as this, to say—"If you blackball one of our members who tries to be a joining member"—because it comes to this—the Masonic lodges in Germany say a man must be a Christian before we admit him to the ballot of our lodges; he shall be in them the same as one of ourselves, but we will not have him as a "joining member." When I say "as one of ourselves," I say it in this sense; with them as with us, a Mason's lodge is a Mason's Church; he may join and remain there during the ceremonies which he may properly see; it is the same as the way we admit a visiting brother. On the other hand, Bro. Simpson says we ought to make this representation, and he represents to you that the lodge of the Three Globes should admit. But it would lead to this difficulty—if they do not listen to our representation, what are we to do? Are we to send their representative home? or are we to say this—"We exclude every German Freemason that comes to our lodges; you admit all our members as your visitors; we will not admit yours." Is that what Bro. Simpson wants us to do? I say it would be a most impertinent interference. The Emperor of Germany might just as well come and say to the Queen of England, "Why is it that according to your laws a Jew cannot be Lord Chancellor? you repeal that law, or else"—what!—"or else"—what? "I can do nothing." And so in this case, we ask you to depart from your present laws, and if you do not, we will hold our tongues and say nothing. M.W.G.M., it does seem to me that it is the worst precedent in the world to set, to interfere with the laws that are deliberately arrived at by a sovereign authority; and in answer to the brother who spoke in the body of the hall, (Bro. Israel Abrahams), who complains that they will not admit to, and that Jews are excluded from Lodges in Germany, I would remind him that there are certain lodges here who only receive particular classes. The Apollo University Lodge of Oxford only receives members of the University, and it is a condition precedent to a man being put for ballot in that lodge that he should be a member of the University. In the same way we have other class lodges.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson expressed dissent.

Bro. McIntyre: My Bro. Simpson seems to dissent from what I said about the Apollo Lodge, but I know it of my own knowledge. I happen to be an honorary member myself of that lodge, and I had the honour of having the province of Oxford in my charge for five years; and I say it is a condition precedent to a man being put up for the ballot in that lodge that he should be a member of the University. Now, are we, when we find these things exist in our own lodges, that we complain of in the lodges of the Three Globes, to ask them to alter their constitutions. True, we say we do not seek to dislodge a single landmark of Freemasonry; but they say—as members of our lodges we limit the reception of brethren to the Christian brethren; and we do it because our lodges are St. John's Lodges. Here numbers of our lodges, although not nominally Christian Lodges, keep St. John's Day, knowing that in the old time we were St. John's Lodges till 1813. We are now, I am glad to say, on a much broader basis; and if at a future time the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes should see fit of its own accord to admit the members of the Jewish community into their lodges, let them do it. I am sure that Grand Lodge of England would hail that as a step in advance taken by them. But while they stand on their ancient laws and constitutions it does seem to me an extraordinary step to take, to single out this Grand Lodge at the present time for this revolution. If I had not known the contrary, I should have thought that the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes had made some innovation, and this resolution was intended to remit it. But while they are standing on their ancient rights, do not let us, for our own credit, honour, and satisfaction, make a representation to them which one sovereign state has no right to make to another, and which they may recoil from in anger.



## FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

## NEW JERSEY TO THE FORE.

There assembled at the Temple of Hiram Lodge, No. 17, F. and A. M., upwards of three hundred Masonic Masons to hear read the lodge history embraced between 1849—the year of its birth—and 1860. It was an assemblage noted on account of the many prominent men and shining lights of the fraternity present. In the east sat W. Bro. Jenne, flanked on either side by R.W. Bros. Hamilton Wallis, Senior Grand Warden; Marcus Higginbotham, District Deputy Grand Master; M. M. Droham, Junior Grand Deacon; Past Masters Hilton, Alexandra (the first Mason ever made in Hudson county), Crawford, Dickson, and Mellor, of Hiram Lodge, No. 17; W. Bro. Seymour and Past Master Page, of Enterprise Lodge; Past Junior Grand Warden Chase, of Enterprise Lodge; W. Bro. Tilden, of Rising Star Lodge; Past Masters Doggett of Bergen, and Chambers, of Manhattan Lodge, of New York; W. Bro. Burnay, of Pentalfa Lodge, New York. Before the commencement of the reading of the history, Bro. W. C. Brown, of Varick Lodge, created a surprise by presenting to the lodge a beautiful set of emblems, mounted on a handsomely enamelled frame, illustrative of the "Work" in the several degrees. They were accepted on behalf of the lodge by R. W. Bro. Hamilton Wallis. After the presentation, W. Bro. Jenne proceeded to read the history, which consumed the greater part of an hour, and was replete with interest and valuable information, especially to the brethren of Hiram Lodge, the "old Mother of Masonry in Hudson county." A letter was received from M.W. Grand Master Marshall B. Smith, regretting his inability to be present. Among the charter members of old Hiram present, were, Bro. Andrew Clerk, its first Secretary, and Bro. Grinnell, its second Treasurer. It is hoped the brethren of Hiram Lodge will take measures to have the history printed in book form, for its better preservation, as its compilation represents a vast amount of labour. We understand that it is the intention of W. Bro. Jenne to continue his good work and write up the history to as late a date as 1870.—*New York Dispatch.*

## ON THE MOUNTAIN.

In October, 1875, Virginia Lodge, No. 3, of Nevada, held a meeting on the summit of Mount Davidson.

The meeting referred to was a Stated Communication of Virginia Lodge, No. 3, and was held on the 8th day of October, 1875. The Masonic Hall in Virginia was burned in May; the lodges then removed to Odd Fellows' Hall, which was burned a few days before the meeting on the mountain. Bro. Albert Hires, the Worshipful Master of Virginia Lodge, at the solicitation of the Grand Master, W.M. Robert W. Bollen, notified the members to meet in regular communication on the summit of Mount Davidson, which is seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven feet above the level of the sea, and nearly seventeen hundred feet above the city of Virginia.

The summit of the mountain is a pointed mass of broken granite, yet almost upon the very apex, and a little west of it, where there is a sort of basin, surrounded by cliffs, the lodge was held. A rude altar of stone had been erected, whereon rested the three great lights; rude chairs of rough granite had also been built for the Master and Wardens, while the brethren found ample accommodations in the way of seats by availing themselves of stone slabs and boulders which Nature had profusely there provided.

Around that altar were gathered over three hundred Masons, who, in the heat of the mid-day sun, had toiled up the rugged mountain side to witness and assist at the opening of a Masonic Lodge at a place so unusual in our time; and there, overlooking a city of twenty thousand people, on a summit from which the country for the radius of perhaps a hundred miles is visible, with its towns, lakes, mountains, valleys, hoisting works, quartz mills and railroads, the lodge was opened and its regular business was transacted. The M.W. Grand Master, by special invitation, presided.

A row of pickets, designated by white badges on their left arms, were stationed all around the summit. They were near each other, so that none could pass or repass without permission. In that way the approach of cowans and eaves-droppers was effectually guarded against. As the lodge was opened, the white emblem of the Craft was thrown to the breeze from the flag-staff on the summit, and, as the wind unrapt its folds, and displayed the square, compasses and the letter G; thereon emblazoned, it was greeted by three cheers that rang out upon the clear air like clarion blasts. An opening ode was sung by the lodge quarter, composed of Bros. E. J. Passmore, George N. Eells, C. L. Foster and G. W. Dorwin, and a brief prayer was offered by Rev. Bro. J. D. Hammond.

The Grand Master made a very feeling address, thanking the brethren for the invitation extended to him to preside on the occasion. He gave accounts of some preliminary meetings which had been held on the coast and on the tops of hills; of one near Ragtown, where brethren had come together in that way to raise money and provisions for suffering emigrants, and over which meeting he had the honour to preside, of a similar gathering in 1858, in Eureka, and of another at Auburn, California. But none of these were gatherings like the present, and he again thanked the brethren that he had been called upon to preside over their deliberations.

After the regular business of the lodge had been transacted, and under the head of Good of Masonry, Bro. Charles E. de Long, late United States Minister to Japan (who died October 26, 1876), was called upon, and responded very happily. He sketched the surroundings within which

they had erected their altar. Beneath them was the wealth of the Ophir, and around them the tumult of trade, &c., &c. He told them how in Japan he had assisted in wedding the link in Masonry which had made the chain complete around the world. Up to that time there had been one land where the Craft was not known. Now there was none. Masonry belted the globe. The lights of the altar had been lighted, and now there were six lodges in the empire, and the institution was rapidly spreading. Bro. H. Taylor, to whom a subpoena duces tecum had previously been directed by the Worshipful Master, was then called upon, and responded by reading the following:

The Lord unto the prophet said,  
"Upon the mountain's topmost round,  
Far as its breezy limits spread,  
Shall be most holy ground."

Neath God's blue dome, on lofty hills,  
Whose crests first catch the morning heat—  
Whose heights the evening glory fills—  
The Craft were wont to meet.

There, far above the busy mart,  
And from its care and turmoil free,  
They learned the lessons of the heart,  
To "work" and to "agree."

Oh! sacred hills of olden time,  
Whose hoary crags resist the gale,  
Ye have a history sublime,  
The ages cannot pale!

Again, to-day, the sons of light,  
As did their sires of olden days,  
Upon the mountain's dizzy height,  
Their mystic banner raise.

Again, above the busy marts,  
Where human feet have seldom trod,  
We raise our voices and our hearts  
In reverence to God.

Almighty Father! by whose will  
The mountains rise, and worlds do move,  
Thy blessing grant; descend and fill  
Each Mason's heart with love.

Bros. E. A. Sherman, Thomas H. Williams, R. M. Daggett, W. M. John C. Currie, and M. W. George W. Hopkins, followed in brief and happily expressed remarks.

A touching prayer was then offered by Rev. Bro. S. P. Kelly; "Auld Lang Syne" was sung in full chorus; the lodge was closed, and at about five o'clock p.m., the concourse wended their way down the mountain side. And though doubtless weary upon arriving at their homes, all agreed that they had enjoyed and been benefited by the exercises of the day, which, with its many pleasant incidents, will never be by them forgotten.—*New York Dispatch.*

## THE MASONIC AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of this company was held at their offices, 9, New Bridge-street, London, on Thursday, the 13th inst., and it is with pleasure that we note the satisfactory report of the year's business. Bro. Torkington, the Managing Director, will afford every information to applicants, we therefore content ourselves by giving the report in full, which is as follows:

The Directors have much pleasure in laying before their co-proprietors their ninth annual report and balance sheet. The number of proposals received during the year was 295, to assure £83,710; of these 72, representing £24,050, were declined or not completed, leaving 223 policies, assuring £59,660.

This result shows an increase of thirty-one policies, and of £15,605 in sums assured, over the preceding year, and when it is borne in mind that the generally depressed state of trade throughout the country has materially interfered with the progress of life assurance, the increase of new business during the year cannot but be regarded as very satisfactory.

The Directors have given their usual assiduous attention to the selection of proposals, and have maintained their determination not to increase the business by assuring doubtful lives.

It is also satisfactory to note that the working expenses have been reduced, but it is unquestionable that any office, a large proportion of whose business consists of new policies, must necessarily incur a heavy expenditure; the ratio of expenditure to premium income, however, cannot be taken as the criterion by which to gauge the stability of a life office. A solvent life assurance company is one in which the present value of its future net premiums, together with its available assets, will more than cover the present value of the sums assured. The Masonic and General Life Assurance Company, Limited, is in this sound position; moreover, the amount of capital uncalled is £11,376, therefore this item (as with every proprietary company) forms a guarantee fund for the security of policy holders, but there is no likelihood or probability of such guarantee fund ever having to be utilised.

There having been no necessity for any increase of capital, no effort has been made during the year to issue more shares, and the Directors have determined to make no further allotment, except under special or exceptional circumstances.

The amount paid in claims during the year was £1433 10s., raising the total amount of claims paid since the commencement of the office to £10,998.

It is a fact worthy of note that a large proportion of this sum was paid to the representatives of assured members whose estates were sworn under such small amounts as justify the directors in stating that the office has been a substantial relief to the Masonic Charities, for had it not been for the life policy many a widow and orphan would

have had no other hope than relying upon the charities. Unfortunately, the applications for relief to the Masonic Institutions have always been more numerous than they could deal with, notwithstanding their most earnest endeavours.

The retiring Directors are Captain Bennett, J.P., and W. L. Nash, Esq., who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The retiring auditors, Frederick Binckes, Esq., and Wm. Burnett, Esq., also offer themselves for re-election.

In conclusion the Directors rely on the shareholders rendering every assistance to the executive to increase the business of the company during the current financial year.

By order of the Board,

JOHN SUNLET, Chairman.

## RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

The Red Cross of Rome and Constantine is probably the most ancient Order of Christian knighthood. It is conferred in the Baldwin Encampments of Bristol, London, Bath, and York, England, and the date of its introduction into that country is said to be coeval with the return of Richard Cœur de Lion from the Holy Land, A.D. 1195. The seven Orders of Chivalry conferred in these Ancient Encampments are: First, Red Cross (of Constantine); second, Knight Templar; third, Knight of Malta; fourth, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre; fifth, Rosa Crucis; sixth, Templar Priesthood; seventh, Commander Elected Knight Kadosh. It is claimed that this Order of Knighthood, coming as it does from Greece and Constantinople, is the ancient and original Order of the Temple. It is still conferred by the Prince Rhodocanakis, the Byzantine Representative, as a civil Order. The Order of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre is conferred at the present day in Palestine on Roman Catholics of noble birth. The requisites of admission are very rigid, and the ancestry must be marked. The Order of St. John of Palestine is the ancient Order of Knights who claim to possess the true secrets of the Order of the Temple.

At the union of the two Grand Lodges in England, in 1813, several of the Orders of Chivalry were dropped, viz.: the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, and hence they became local. This was revived on a permanent basis by the Earl of Beattie, in London, by the organisation of the Grand Imperial Council of England and English possessions, and is now flourishing as a separate and distinct Order of Christian Masonic Knighthood. The moral qualifications and social position of candidates are insisted upon. It was incorporated in the Masonic body in the middle of the last century, when the desire for the degrees of Knighthood in the higher branches of Freemasonry induced not only the formation of many Masonic degrees quite unknown except to Masons, but also the attributing of Masonic secrets and ceremonies to military Orders which those who originally instituted them never intended. The civil Order of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine belongs to Greece, and the Prince Rhodocanakis claims to be the true Grand Master, and can alone, as a civil Order, confer it. The Prince has been lately initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Scotland, and is a member of the "Scottish Order of the Temple." What action he will take as regards the English Masonic Red Cross Branch has not transpired. The Order was introduced in the United States by Sir W. J. B. McLeod Moore, of Canada, in 1869, and into Illinois by Sir J. J. French in 1871. As promulgated in the United States the Order is composed of three working and three official degrees. The first, or Red Cross, is conferred in a body styled Conclave, and on Master Masons. All business is transacted in this degree. The second and third grades are conferred on Red Cross members who are Royal Arch Masons, and in bodies styled Sanctuary and Commandery respectively. There is one official degree each to be conferred on the first and second officers of the Conclave. The highest official rank, or Knight of the Grand Cross, is only conferred in the Grand High Chapter, U.S.A., upon the payment of £100, and only in annual session.

The officers of the Sovereign Grand Council, U.S.A., elected at the last annual session in the city of Rochester are: Sir C. F. Knapp, Pennsylvania, Sovereign Grand Master; Sir J. J. French, Chicago, Sovereign Deputy Grand Master; Sir R. B. Smith, Illinois, Sovereign Grand Viceroy; Sir J. H. Willard, Indiana, First Lieut.; Sir E. C. Meyer, Pennsylvania, Second Lieutenant; Sir E. B. Caldwell, Kentucky, Grand Treasurer General; Sir Alfred Creigh, Pennsylvania, Grand Registrar General; Sir J. L. Young, Pennsylvania, Right Reverend Prelate; Sir J. H. Drummond, Maine, Grand High Chancellor; Sir G. O. Tyler, Vermont, Grand Seneschal; Sir J. Haigh, Massachusetts, Grand Prior; Sir G. V. Howk, Indiana, Grand Chamberlain; Sir J. H. Miles, Chicago, Grand Standard Bearer; Sir J. D. Williams, New York, Grand Marshal; Sir H. C. Field, Rhode Island, Grand Herald; Sir T. Ballantyne, Georgia, Grand Captain of Guards.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will sent post free, to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

The novelty of the Metamorphoses in Dean's New Surprise Picture Books, "Puss in Boots," and "Dame Wonder's Changing Characters," equals, if not surpasses, those issued last year.



## NOTICE.

The Christmas number of the FREEMASON will be published on Friday next, the 21st inst., and will consist of 32 pages and a wrapper with 11 life-like portraits. Orders should be sent at once to the Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London, or through any newsagent. The price of this double number will be 4d; post free 5d.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

A distinguished service reward of £100 a year has been conferred on Lieut.-Gen. H. W. Montagu, C.B. Royal Engineers; and a similar reward on Lieut.-Gen. Edmund Ogle, Royal Engineers.

The *Hamilton Advertiser* understands that the Prince of Wales will visit the Duke of Hamilton at Hamilton Palace about the middle of January.

Her Majesty is expected to reside at Windsor Castle till a few days before Christmas, and then proceed to Osborne.

The *Civil Service Review* remarks as follows:—"A well-known Civil servant, Mr. Emra Holmes, who has recently brought out a volume of 'Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers,' published by Tweddell and Sons, of Stokesley, Yorkshire, under the patronage of the Marquis of Bristol, the Earls of Limerick, Nelson, Stanhope (to whom the book is dedicated), Lords Cottesloe, Skelmersdale, Waverley, Henniker, and a crowd of lesser notabilities, is about to bring out a second series of Tales, &c., dedicated by express permission to Prince Leopold, President of the Royal Society of Literature. The proceeds of both works go to the relief of an aged literary brother in distress, and it is on this account His Royal Highness so graciously accords his patronage. By such acts as these of goodness and charity the Royal family endear themselves to the people of England, and Mr. Holmes is to be congratulated on his good fortune."

THE COSMOPOLITAN as it is more familiarly known among the members of the Craft, is a very useful calendar, diary, and pocket book for Freemasons. It contains a list of the lodges, chapters, K.T. Encampments, conclaves, and grand councils of the world, and forms a comprehensive Masonic Book of Reference. This year we find that sixty-eight new lodges have been consecrated, the last being the United Manawatu, No. 1721, New Zealand. In its get-up the pocket book is quite equal to others published by the trade, and apart from its special merits the brethren will find the diary of lodge fixtures particularly useful.—*Northampton Herald*, Dec. 8, 1877.

ERRATUM.—By a *lapsus calami* Bro. Hyam Moses Levy's (P.M. 188) name was omitted from the list of brethren elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

RAINFALL.—Up to the end of November 25.1 inches of rain were measured at Greenwich. In the first four months it was 4.8 inches above and in the last seven 3 inches below the average of sixty-one years.

The demolition of Temple Bar commenced on Wednesday morning.

A DEARTH OF DOCTORS.—The mayors of six different localities in one of the French departments inform the public that the said cantons are destitute of medical advice, and would warmly receive any medical men who could see their way towards settling amongst them.—*Medical Examiner*.

A meeting of the early Grand Conclave of English Knights Templar was held on Friday, at the Cannon-street Hotel. A full report will appear in our next.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent an autograph letter to the Rev. Canon Beadon, rector of North Stoneham, Southampton, congratulating him on having attained on Wednesday last 100 years of age. The Duke and Duchess of Coburg have sent similar congratulations to the venerable gentleman, who highly appreciates these and similar compliments which have been paid him. He is in the full enjoyment of his faculties.

The Duke of Rutland has offered a site for the erection of a new church in the northern part of the parish of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, and also £500 towards the building fund.

Captain Burton has started from Suez for Midia, where he hopes to discover a rich mineral country between two ranges of mountains hitherto unexplored.

The principal saddlers' ironmongers in London have decided to close their establishments from Saturday afternoon, the 22nd December, until the Thursday morning following.

I mentioned to an American friend of mine the other day the bankruptcy of a merchant who was personally known to him, and expressed a hope that he was not utterly ruined. He said, "Well you see, he has been a kind-hearted and generous man. He has, while wealthy, made very large settlements on his wife and children, and I guess, after all his liberality, they ain't going to see the old man starve."—*Tatler*.

On Saturday evening Dr. Samuel Kinns, F.R.A.S. Principal of the Highbury New Park College, delivered, at Christ's Hospital, the last of a series of free lectures on Animal Physiology.

The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed in the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction No. 1677, at the old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday next, the 20th inst. at seven o'clock precisely by Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 128, 228, 1366; P.Z. 174, 975; and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Our readers and the public in general would render great assistance to the Post Office by posting letters, Christmas cards, &c., on the 24th and the 31st instant as early in the day as possible.

PLAIN NEEDLEWORK.—An exhibition of children's plain needlework will be held in the West Gallery of the South Kensington Museum on Friday and Saturday, December, 14 and 15th. The work exhibited will be the contributions of the children from the metropolitan elementary schools. The articles shown will be examined by a committee of ladies, by whom prizes will be awarded. Last year the exhibition was opened by the Princess Louise, and the prizes were distributed by the Lady Mayoress. On the present occasion Lady Burdett-Coutts will open the exhibition and Lady Reed will distribute the prizes.

CATTLE SHOW.—Carriage riders and those who take an interest in locomotion on wheels have found a great deal to interest them in the carriage department of the show this week. Foremost amongst exhibitors is the firm of Messrs. Morgan and Co., of Long Acre, whose improvements in carriages, notably the Cee-spring, and the self-acting opening and closing landau head, have created a revolution in carriage-building. These improvements have gained a world-wide recognition, but to still add to the comfort and safety of carriage owners this enterprising firm has lately introduced a new patent rubber-cushioned axle, applicable to all kinds of carriages. It will be seen that when the entire weight of the vehicle and its contents rests upon the elastic india-rubber cushions around the axle-box, there is necessarily an absence of vibration, jolting, and the unpleasant drumming noise peculiar to panelled carriages. If a good article recommends itself, Messrs. Morgan and Co.'s carriages should meet with universal approval.

The name of the late Bro. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, by order of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, on May 25th, 1877, was inscribed in the Book of Gold "Libro d'Oro" of that Grand Body, as an honorary member, and a memorial tablet in the Masonic Temple at Alexandria has been fraternally inscribed to his memory.

A day festival in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund will be held on Saturday at the Royal Aquarium, lent for the occasion by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Sims Reeves and a whole host of dramatic celebrities have promised their assistance, and a considerable benefit for a deserving charity can scarcely fail to be realised.

The Masonic Lodges of New Mexico, all of which have hitherto been working under charters from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, by convention of delegates has organized and established the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, with William W. Griffin, Grand Master, and Dav. J. Miller, Grand Secretary. This completes the chain. There is now a Grand Lodge in every state and territory of the United States, and in every province of British America. Masonry also prevails in nearly every division of South America, Australia, New Zealand, the Hawaiian Kingdom, Europe and India. It also exists in Africa, China and Japan. It is in fact almost world-wide in its extent, influence and benefit, and if its votaries continue to be true to its principles it will soon unite the whole human race as a common brotherhood. Not that it will do away with all distinctions, but that it will secure all in their just rights and amenities.

At the Council held on Wednesday by the Queen, at Windsor Castle, it was ordered that Parliament be further prorogued to the 17th proximo.

A lady residing near Sheffield died the other day. One relative survived her, an only sister. The lady left £400,000, and of this sum her sister receives £1000.

The report of the last meeting of the Etonian Lodge of St. John No. 209, reached us too late for insertion in present number. It shall appear in our next.

The following are the officers of the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of Ohio for the ensuing year:—S. W. Courtwright, of Circleville, Grand Master; C. A. B. Senter, of Columbus, Deputy Grand Master; S. M. Sullivan, of Dayton, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; F. J. Phillips, of Georgetown, Grand Treasurer; John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Recorder.

The Coal Tar Soap and Solution of Coal Tar, manufactured by Messrs. H. V. Wright & Co., have now become very valuable assistants to the doctor and the nurse, both in hospitals and in private sick rooms. The former a firm, pleasantly scented, perfectly antiseptic soap, is of the greatest utility to medical men; to people afflicted with any malady of the skin, and is a perfectly good article for all cleansing purposes, while the latter, which holds in alcoholic solution the active principles of coal tar, such as benzine, naphthalene, and phenic acid, is the best deodoriser and antiseptic wash extant, being far superior to carbolic acid, which unquestionably irritates both exposed nerves and sound skin. It mixes easily with water, forming a permanent emulsion, and in various strengths may be made use of as a mouth wash, a gargle, and for all skin diseases.

Early on Thursday morning Vice Chancellor Bacon's chambers situated at No. 11, New-square, Lincoln's-inn, were burnt out. The fire originated, it is believed, with an explosion of gas in the rear of the building. One of the most valuable law libraries in the inn had only recently been removed from the premises.

The Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons will take place on Wednesday, the 13th day of February, 1878, at Freemasons' Tavern. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans will preside. Bro. James Terry, Secretary, will be glad to receive from brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward, their names and Masonic rank at as early a date as convenient.

The Canadian Craftsman is gratified to learn that official intimation has been received of the cordial and fraternal recognition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec by the Grand Chapters of the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Mr. Welsh, the new American Minister, arrived at St. Pancras from Liverpool on Wednesday evening, and was received by Mr. Pierpont and the members of the American Legation.

Bro. Commander Cheyne, R.N., delivered a lecture on Arctic Exploration to a large audience assembled in the lecture theatre of the Birkbeck Institution on Wednesday night.

Bro. Fort's unequalled volume—"The Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry, as connected with Ancient Norse Guilds, and the Oriental and Medieval Building Fraternities," is becoming popular abroad as well as at home. An edition of it has been taken by a London publisher, and we find it advertised in both the Scottish and English Masonic papers. The fourth edition of this standard work is about to appear in this city.—*Key-stone*.

An official decree has deferred from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 1st of January, 1883, the date at which subordinate officials in certain French-speaking districts of Alsace-Lorraine will be required to use the German language.

CATTLE SHOW.—Forty-five thousand was the number of persons who passed the turnstiles up to the close of the show on Wednesday. Large as the figures appear they are just 8000 below the corresponding day of last year, when they reached 53,000.

NEW POLICE REGULATION.—The following provisional order has been issued from the office of the Commissioners of Police:—"Pending the decision of the Secretary of State as to the old system of detection of crime, all gratuities given by private persons or public bodies to police employed in plain clothes or in uniform in recognition of services rendered in making inquiries respecting evidence, or for the arrest of criminals, are to be paid into a gratuity fund kept by the receiver. Directions will be given as soon as possible to the disposal of this fund, and great care will be taken that the conduct of the individual officer is recognised when the award is made. The particulars of all such gratuities are to be continued to be reported, and the commissioner will direct in each case what amounts are to be paid into the Bank of England on a receivable order after submitting the usual vouchers." Great dissatisfaction is said to be felt by the police at this new regulation.—*Evening Standard*.

SALE OF SHARES IN THE NEW RIVER COMPANY.—In the year 1852 the interests of the shareholders in this company, which was established in the reign of Charles II., were valued at £1,519,953. Yesterday seven lots of sixtieth parts of a King's share were sold for £1590 to £1650 each; six 120th part shares brought from £780 to £790 each; and eleven new £100 shares produced £310.

On Tuesday afternoon a purse of 100 guineas and a silver salver were presented to Mr. Coxhead, on his retirement, after a service of 31 years, from the post of district superintendent of the South-Eastern Railway at Ramsgate. The presentation took place at the Town Hall.

BOLLO.—A new strategical and scientific game, issued by Dean and Son, offers many attractions. It is a game of skill—in fact a tiny war—affording unflagging interest, varied changes, and great surprises. Possessing therefore, every element that deserves popularity, it ought not to be classed among the ephemera of the season. The rules of the game, and the method of playing, have been so clearly written by Robert H. Mair, Esq., LL.D., that every difficulty in acquiring them is entirely obviated.

A complimentary banquet to Lord Justice Thesiger, on his elevation to the bench, was given on Wednesday evening by the members of the South Eastern Circuit, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The guests numbered 150. Mr. Montagu Chambers, Q.C., took the chair, and was supported by Lord Justice Bramwell, Baron Pollock, Mr. Justice Denman, Sir James Hannen, Sir Henry Hawkins, Mr. Sergeant Parry, and others.

The Pope has forwarded to the Duke of Norfolk, through Cardinal Howard, his special blessing, accompanied with his Holiness's most affectionate congratulations on his marriage, transmitting at the same time to his Grace, through the hands of his Eminence, a very beautiful and costly mosaic of the Bridge of Tivoli.—*Weekly Register*.

THE TELEPHONE.—In consequence of the large attendance expected on the evening of Wednesday next, when Professor Bell will repeat his lecture on the telephone before the Society of Arts, the council have made arrangements for the lecture to be delivered in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., instead of at the Society's house.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 3d.—ADVT.



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

M. Taine's "History of English Literature" has been translated into German, and brought out at Berlin.

**AFRICAN EXPLORATION.**—The French expedition to Equatorial Africa, composed of old African sharpshooters, under the command of a lieutenant of Turcos, Comte de Sémélé, starts on the 15th prox., and landing at the mouth of the Niger, will try to reach the Eastern Coast, while the King of the Belgians has sent out Captain Raymakers, of the Congo, towards the centre of Africa, in order to meet the Belgian Expedition, under Captain Crispal, which has begun operations from the Eastern Coast.

**Cooking by Means of Solar Rays** has been tried successfully at Bombay, and an apparatus has been contrived to cook chops and steaks in the open air as well and expeditiously as over an ordinary fire. The apparatus consists of a copper vessel, tinned inside and painted black outside, with a glass cover enveloping the vessel with an inch of hot air, and fixed on to the bottom of a conical reflector lined with common silvered sheet glass. If properly covered over it will retain the heat for full three hours and a half.

We are informed that it is now definitely arranged that Temple Bar will be pulled down and removed before the end of the year, most probably in Christmas week. The commission for carrying this object into effect has been intrusted to Messrs. Mowlem, Burt, and Freeman, and the necessary preparations will be made forthwith. It is calculated that a week, or ten day at the very outside, will be sufficient for the operations, and such a force of men will be put upon the work that the street traffic will not be stopped for more than two days, or three at the outside. The stones as we have already stated, will all be numbered, and will be placed for a time on a vacant space of land in Farringdon-road until some definite place is fixed by the Court of Common Council as a site for the Bar.

Experiments with the Telephone have been made between Aberdeen and Inverness with great success. Songs and choruses were distinctly transmitted and conversations well carried on at the distance of 108 miles.

**TROY.**—On Thursday morning last, Mr. Gladstone spent an hour and a half in inspecting the Trojan antiquities which Dr. Schliemann is arranging for public exhibition at the South Kensington Museum. In the afternoon her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne visited the collection, and conversed for some time with the discoverer in German as well as in English.

**THE VALUE OF FRESH AIR.**—Recent statistics show that the rate of mortality among grocers is as 76 to 100 among the general population at equal ages, while the death-rate among drapers is as 108 to 100 by the same standard. On analyzing the cause of this difference between the drapers and the grocers, it is found that it lies in the mode of living. The disease which destroys the draper is pulmonary consumption. The explanation is simple. The grocer lives in a shop, the door of which is open the whole day, and he is very active himself in business; the draper, on the other hand, lives in a close place with the doors of his shop closed, and in a dusty, close atmosphere. No one whose pleasure or business calls on him to enter the majority of our large drapery emporiums in London but will feel in a position to testify to the truth of this description. The heat and closeness which are their usual characteristic sufficiently accounts for the general pallor and unhealthy appearance of the male and female attendants in them.—*Sanitary Record.*

**THE LATE MR. DURHAM, A.R.A.**—By the will of the late J. Durham, A.R.A., F.S.A., Mr. Raemakers, of Pimlico, London, has been left to complete his unfinished works. Mr. Raemakers, who for the last twenty years has been the friend and associate of the late great sculptor, has received this token of the high esteem in which he held his artistic capabilities. Mr. Raemakers will be recognised by his works exhibited in the Royal Academy, among which are portraits busts of the Earl and Countess of Clancarty, the Hon. Mrs. Trench, and the Marquis of Bristol.

**THE BRITISH MUSEUM.**—The British Museum has bought Sir Henry Rawlinson's fine collection of Arabic MSS.—*Athenaeum.*

**ART IN LIVERPOOL.**—The Liverpool Corporation Autumn Exhibition closed on Saturday night with a conversazione, and the rooms of the Walker Art Gallery were overcrowded. The Exhibition has been a great success, having been visited during the three months by upwards of 72,000 persons, besides 2208 season ticket holders, and pictures to the value of £9267 have been sold. Last Friday night 2568 persons paid for admission.

The Darien Canal is attracting fresh attention in Paris, and Lieutenant Wyse, who made the preliminary survey last year, has started afresh to complete his work. M. de Lesseps estimates the cost of the canal at £24,000,000, and advocates a line starting from the river Tuyra, on the Pacific Coast, through a cutting to the Chucunague river, thence up the valley of the Titi, through a tunnel between eight and eight-and-a-half miles long, into the valleys of the Acanti and Tolo, reaching the Atlantic at Port Gandi.

The Society of Lady Artists will hold their exhibition for 1878 at the Gallery, 43, Great Marlborough Street. Works received on the 11th and 12th of February. The Art Criticism Meetings (established in connection with this Society) will be held during the latter part of December and during January. Examining Visitor, W. H. Fisk, of University College.

## Reviews.

"Old Jonathan." City Press, Aldersgate-street.

This interesting and illustrated publication for the young is still radiantly to the fore. It deserves alike perusal and patronage.

"Floral Designs for the Table." By John Perkins. Wyman and Sons, 81, Great Queen-street.

This is a most comely book for the drawing-room table, and a most useful one for the careful and ingenious housewife. The floral decoration of the table is an art yet to be studied and realised, and we consider Mr. Perkins's work as most clever and commendable. We offer it to the notice of all who admire flowers and wish to make use of them on all occasions, whether to gratify the sight, or to adorn the room or the dinner table.

"Kalender fur Freimaurer." By Bro. C. Van Dalen. Leipzig: Bro. J. G. Findel.

We have received and read with pleasure this useful German Masonic Annual. It is admirably edited, and the information it gives is alike correct and important. Indeed, it is impossible to arrive at a true understanding of the German Masonic organization (about which so many errors prevail), without studying carefully Bro. Van Dalen's interesting and valuable "vade mecum." We congratulate both Editor and Publisher on its seasonable and acceptable appearance.

"Early French Lessons." "First French Lessons." By HENRI BOZ, Hachette and Co., 18, King William-street, W.C.

These little works are very useful to beginners in French. We hail their appearance, because we are amongst those who desiderate a more extensive study of French by our youth of both sexes. Sure we are of this, that if we hope to see a national advance in all that pertains to civilizing arts and sympathies, we must get rid of the old heresy, that we are over-educating our young people. Education is either good or bad. If good we have no right to limit its area, or minimise its gifts. We must, as an inspired writer says, "Cast 'our' bread upon the waters," and depend upon it, by God's blessing, we shall "find it after many days."

## THE SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

Those who have marked the progress of this important and interesting Rite will be glad to hear that another lodge and temple have just been formed at Liverpool, and constituted as the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple, No. 9. The first W.M. of this lodge is Bro. Thomas Clarke, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, 673; the first Senior Warden is Bro. William Thomas May, another P.M. of the same lodge; and the first Junior Warden is Bro. Thomas Roberts, P.M. The new lodge and temple have been very efficiently started by the main efforts of Bro. Major George Turner, the Provincial Grand Master for the District for the Rite, and promises to be energetically worked with every prospect of a prosperous future. The lodge has been named in honour of H.M. the King of Sweden, and many Scottish brethren are expected to join it. We understand that an eminent Masonic jeweller has the very elegant jewel of the Rite in hand, and no doubt many brethren will be anxious to see it when finished. The Swedenborgian Rite contains illustrations of Masonic science of the greatest interest to Past Masters and Mark Master Masons.

The small extent to which the practice of farmers is as yet amenable to the elementary principles of science is deplorable. The need of shelter; the folly of allowing rain to wash the manure; the frightful waste of straw; the reckless consumption of hay; the injudicious use of roots; the want of system in the assortment and mixing of food; the foolish purchasing of bad foods; and the persistent practice of buying inferior animals—these and other faults of management are, we are loth to confess it, almost a rule. No doubt many of us know better, still are guilty of similar weaknesses in our management. "Any fool can farm if he has his pockets well lined," and the wisest man must put up with bad buildings and restrained expenditure when he or his landlord is short of cash. Let him be as wise as Solomon and as strong as Samson, he cannot use either his wisdom or his strength if he is crippled in his resources. Covered yards, well-arranged machinery, well-selected stock, increased labour, liberal use of artificial feeds and manures, all mean more money, and we think Mr. Mechi is not far wrong when he gives his opinion that twice the present farming capital might be profitably expended upon the land.—*Agricultural Gazette.*

Mr. Warrington Wood, the sculptor, has been made a member of the Academy of St. Luke, the blue ribbon of the profession at Rome.

**THE ROYAL ACADEMY.**—It is understood that in addition to the contributions to the Royal Academy Winter Exhibition of this season which we have already mentioned as promised, the Duke of Buccleuch has consented to lend the whole of his magnificent gathering of engravings, by all the best artists, in the finest states of the works, from the paintings of Sir Joshua Reynolds. This famous collection is nearly complete, and has been for many years in the charge of Messrs. Dominic Colnaghi and Co. Mr. Anderson will probably lend his fine gathering of prints after Romney. The Rev. J. J. Heywood, Mr. Paget, Mr. R. Fisher, Mr. Addington, and other well-known collectors will be represented.—*Athenaeum.*

The House of Commons Telegraph Office is about to be connected with the Central Telegraph Office by means of a pneumatic tube.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall.

Bro. Col. Creaton, V.P., presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, George Bolton, Joseph Smith, C. J. Perceval, Griffiths Smith, John March Case, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Thomas Smith, William Stephens, L. Stran, H. Massey, (Freemason); and James Terry, (Secretary).

After the reading of the minutes the Warden's report was read. A notice of motion was put on the paper for pensioning the gardener at Croydon.

Two widows were granted half their late husband's annuities.

The Secretary reported that he had received a notice from the Local Board of Health of Croydon, to repair the road and footpath in Freemasons' Road, Croydon, but said he had been advised not to notice it; that the Board would do the work required and would charge the Institution with the cost.

Four brethren and four widows petitioned to be placed on the list of candidates for next election in May. One case was deferred, the others were placed on the list.

It was resolved that all the brethren who are annuitants on this Institution who are Tylers of lodges should send in to the Secretary a statement of their income from all sources in addition to their annuities, with the names of the lodges and chapters that they tyled.

Bro. James Terry, after some formal business had been disposed of, obtained the permission of the committee for the use of the large hall of the Asylum at Croydon, for an entertainment to the old people on the 2nd January.

The Chairman said that before the brethren separated he wished to make a few observations on one subject. He was sure that all the brethren would feel with him that this annual dinner should be given to the old people. It afforded them a great deal of pleasure, and it was a proper thing to be done. But the Institution had not hitherto paid for it, and the way the requisite money was raised was by the voluntary subscriptions of brethren, for which the Secretary asked them. Now he thought it would be a much more dignified course to follow, for the Institution itself to make a grant from its funds instead of laying the burden on the Secretary to go round to brethren and beg for such small sums as might be required. He threw it out as a suggestion. The Institution could well afford the money, and he thought it would be much nicer that it should grant it.

Bro. Joseph Smith supported the Chairman's view, and was very glad the Chairman had spoken about this matter; because in all these Institutions the trustees annually gave the inmates an extra treat. He agreed with the Chairman that they should not put it upon the Secretary to go round and ask for subscriptions for this dinner. No doubt some one would always give, and he thought it most likely the same persons gave every year.

The Chairman asked Bro. Terry how much he wanted. Bro. Terry said these entertainments usually cost about £30 or £32. He had some twenty-five guineas towards that amount already. £5 was all he now required.

The Chairman said if he lived till the following Christmas he should move that the Institution pay the whole amount.

Bro. Terry said he had several brethren who made donations. Bro. Wm. Hale always sent a pound of tobacco for each old man, and a pound of tea for each old woman. Another brother sent a bottle of whisky for each inmate; Bro. Farnfield sent a bottle of sherry each; and another brother provided the magic lantern.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

## Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM PURSHON, P.M. 24.

Bro. William Purshon, who died on 24th November at Killingworth, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, was initiated, passed and raised, (by dispensation) on Feb. 14, 1815, in Lodge No. 24; joined Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, 21st June, 1836, and served the office of W.M., &c.; exalted in Chapter No. 24, on 26th November, 1817; and joined Chapter No. 406, 10th January, 1837, of what he was P.Z.; was made a Knight Templar in the Royal Kent Encampment, No. 45, 5th January, 1816, and on the appointment of H.R.H. as M.E. and S. Grand Master, was nominated Prov. Grand Prior for Northumberland and Berwick, which office he held at the time of his death.

He was buried at Killingworth, December 1st. His funeral, although private was attended by over 300 of his friends and tenants, and his loss will be much felt in the neighbourhood, where he was most highly esteemed.

At Bolton, on Monday, a new chimney, 90 feet high, which was being straightened, fell upon an engine-house and other premises, doing damage to the extent of £1,000, and causing serious injuries to a young man and a boy.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—These corrective remedies are infallible for these pectoral complaints, which, neglected, often end in asthma, bronchitis, or consumption. The Ointment well rubbed upon the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is carried directly to the lungs, whence it expels all impurities. All the blood in the body constantly passes through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to produce disease, can be quickly, thoroughly, and permanently neutralised, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly accomplish this purification; and through the blood, thus cleansed, the influence of these wonderful medicaments reaches the remotest parts of the human body; and thus cures all all diseased action, whether internal or external.—*Adv.*



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## Answers to Correspondents.

JAMES BLACKIE.—The matter referred to is more for the Board of General Purposes than for the *Freemason*. BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hajnal;" "Keystone;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "El Cincel;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Risorgimento;" "Night and Day;" "Pictorial News;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Kalender fur Friemaurer;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Almanack and Diary, 1878," Moses and Son;" "Der Triangel;" "The Archer" (Christmas number of "The Quiver"); Christmas number "Sporting and Dramatic News;" "Book of Episodes."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

DENT.—On the 10th inst., at Mayfield, Upper Tooting, the wife of Stanley Dent, of a son.

FAWCETT.—On the 4th inst., at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of W. J. Fawcett, Surgeon Army Medical Department, of a daughter.

RUSSELL.—On the 9th inst., at Ashow Rectory, near Kenilworth, the wife of the Rev. Alex. H. Monckton Russell, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

CARTER—JONES.—On the 5th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Hampstead, by the Rev. H. S. Humphreys, uncle of the bride, Albert Carter, Esq., Shortlands, Kent, to Edith, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Jones, Esq., of Greville-place, Kilburn, and Saint Lucia, W.I.

## DEATHS.

CURTIS.—On the 19th inst., at Burfield Lodge, Old Windsor, Berks, Henry Thomas Curtis, Esq., aged 78 years.

DAVIES.—On the 9th inst., at his residence, 82, Rye-lane, Peckham, after a long and painful illness, John Davies, in the 63rd year of his age. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

JACKSON.—On the 8th inst., at Ilderton, Northumberland, the Rev. C. Jackson, of Hucknall Torkard, Notts, aged 61.

NAYLOR.—On the 2nd inst., at Western Villa, Stoneycroft, Liverpool, aged 61, Wm. Frederick Naylor, Lodge 261, (Harmonic), proprietor of the Vice Hotel, Great Charlotte-street, Liverpool.

## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1877.

## BRO. FINDEL'S LETTER.

We print in another page a letter from Bro. Findel, which will, we fear, hardly give satisfaction to any readers of the *Freemason*, and will be deeply objected to by all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. Bro. Findel, it seems, objects to our article on "The Theistic Teaching of Freemasonry," which appeared in our issue of 1st December, and declares that it is—Popery! We leave such a very unwise and unfair, in fact absurd remark to the appreciation of our many readers. For now, alas! out comes the truth. Bro. Findel approves of the act of the Grand Orient of France, which is unanimously reprobated by a million of Anglo-Saxon Masons, and seems very angry with us for objecting to so revolutionary an innovation, and like angry people is a little incoherent, and to say the truth, not a little unreasonable. One of his statements will arouse our numerous readers. His argument, as regards our Old Charges, appears to be this: If a man is an Atheist, he is not absolutely ineligible, but only if he is a "stupid" Atheist; a gloss we would beg to observe, worthy of those astute gentlemen, concerning whom, as we may know, Bro. Findel does not often speak in the most complimentary terms. To those who understand the English language such a remark will appear to be both unreasonable and childish, for by the epithet "stupid" our Charges convey a term of reproach, not a palliating term for the word Atheist. Paraphrastically these words would say—if any one is so stupid as to be an Atheist, he is not fit for the society of Freemasons, who reverently recognise and trust in T.G.A.O.T.U.; no one can really be so stupid as to be an Atheist—"Atheos,"—no one ought to be so stupid, and if he is so stupid he ought not to be a Freemason. There is no other construction possible of such simple words, and any other interpretation would land us in a fertile region of non-natural evasion and Jesuitical subtlety, wholly unworthy our honest and plain-speaking, right-minded Craft. Knowing as we do the high ability, the zeal and energy, and the Masonic sympathy of Bro. Findel, we deeply regret to see his name appended to such a letter, and much less to read the observations he has thought fit to send us. But we should not be doing our duty as honest journalists and English Masons if we did not at once say to him kindly, and firmly—that his views if carried to logical conclusions must end in the destruction of true Freemasonry. Indeed, this hasty and unwise tampering with ancient landmarks and sacred truths seems to us most perverse and unjustifiable, and we protest once again against that cruel agitation and that revolutionary change of the Orient of France, which has convulsed Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and may result in the most deplorable consequences. In England, as in Ireland, and Scotland, and America, and Canada, we mean to stand firmly "super vias antiquas" and will continue to exclude as we actually shall reject all Atheists, all those who, whether "stupid" or otherwise, cannot, with us, conscientiously acknowledge and believe in T.G.A.O.T.U.

## FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

We rejoice to be able to call the attention of our brethren to the re-opening and the re-dedication of the Masonic Hall, Dublin, which took place on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the distinguished presidency of the Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn, and a brilliant gathering of Grand Officers, and W. Masters, Past Masters, and brethren of the Irish lodges. The entire ceremony seems to have passed over with great éclat, and happy success, and to have given great satisfaction to all who were privileged to take part in it. In our Christmas number (Dec. 22nd) will appear a detailed and architectural account of the restored hall, all too long for our crowded weekly columns, unfortunately. We beg to congratulate our Irish brethren on this

great advance in Masonic arrangements and æsthetic decoration. We refer our readers to the description of the Hall in the Christmas *Freemason*, which we trust will interest them, as it has interested us, and we rejoice to think that so much has been accomplished in a right direction and so well. We trust that under their most excellent Grand Master, the Irish Craft, as we doubt not, will continue to progress in brotherly union, zeal, and good will, and that despite the special difficulties of their situation in Ireland, we may have to report from time to time how well and happily the good old Craft weathers every gale and conquers every foe. There is, however, one point to which we feel bound to allude. Animated as we are, and ever have been, with the best and truest feelings towards our Irish brethren, we wish that we could give more reports from Ireland, week by week, and that all difficulties were smoothed away, by authority, which stand in the way of our receiving proper Masonic information. The present Irish Masonic system of discouraging all Masonic reports, works most prejudicially for our Irish Brethren. Reports of the Grand Lodge proceedings appear in Ultramontane papers, in journals deliberately hostile to the Irish Grand Lodge, but the *Freemason*, always friendly, is debarred from detailing what non-Masonic and inimical newspapers openly publish. Even as regards the last resolution at the Irish Grand Lodge, we were indebted to private hands for a copy of the official circular, and we venture to think that such a course of procedure is neither very wise, nor, to say the truth, very Masonic. We speak in all of good will and good feeling to our worthy brethren in Ireland. We repeat that we are only too happy to report their meetings and their proceedings, and we can only trust that in the future, by a wise and Masonic change in this respect, we may receive, and we may be permitted to report, the "sayings and doings" of the Irish Craft.

## WHAT IS TOLERATION?

It appears to us, from a good many addresses which we read, both religious and secular, and from many speeches which we hear, that the true meaning of this word is hardly understood by us as it should be, and that it has either a double or a non-natural significance for many at the present hour. As philanthropic and large-hearted Masons, it seems to be our bounden duty to clear away any doubts or dimness which time and circumstances have concurred to accumulate round a word so frequently used, and yet as it seems to us so little really understood, What then is Toleration? To answer this question, we must go back a little and invoke alike the patience and attention of our readers. There is a limited view of toleration which we think we may at once dismiss to the limbo of forgotten fallacies, and effete superstitions. It is this, you hear people often loudly talking about toleration, and saying, "we are most tolerant, Sir," only, however, ere long to realize, that what they mean by toleration is "endurance" of certain opinions simply because either they cannot help themselves, or because they think it better "quieta non movere." But endurance is not toleration. Endurance is a factitious feeling, so to say, as regards any teaching either in respect of the psychology of man, or the "To Kalon," or the "To Agathon," of earthly striving and aspirations. But Toleration is a principle, living and real, which is intended to dominate the intellectual, and the metaphysical perceptions of our race! It is one thing to endure, to submit to views and dogmata which we cannot help being propounded, or could not well interfere with, and quite another thing on a great broad principle of teaching and action, to concede to another, (of course within certain needful limits), the "liberty of prophesying," the right of individual conviction, the sanctity of private judgement. And this is what we call Toleration—true Toleration—that gracious and genial dogma which lies at the foundation of all Masonic profession, and accompanies it always in practice, is in fact its abstract avowal, and its concrete performance. Let us see, then, how such a principle as this acts and works in the world, of which we are now



citizens for time, and looking on, let us never forget, through time to eternity, when we and all our race shall stand before the "Great White Throne of the Judge of all Men." Having disposed of that limited view of Toleration, which is very common, and very popular, but which whenever it is tried is "found wanting," let us go on to see, if we can, what are the "marks" of that better and truer tolerating spirit which it should be our endeavour as Freemasons, to cultivate, and always to uphold. Of course it is perfectly clear to the eye of common sense, when we touch upon the "raison d'être" of Toleration, needful as we believe it to be for the happiness, the peace, and the progress of mankind, that such a truth must have some limitation, nevertheless, alike in precept and in action. And admitted its necessity and its sacredness, even, we must be just even while laying down broadly and elaborately its lines of true thought and truer practice. A religious body, for instance, has clearly a right to say "for the preservation of peace and unity, for the maintenance of the faith" (as it teaches it), "we impose certain articles of agreement, certain creeds, certain tests, and tokens of adherence, and all who cannot conscientiously accept them must either submit or demit." No one can allege that any religious body so teaching, so acting, transgresses the limits of Toleration, because all first principles are accepted, remember, subject to certain agreement with the laws of self preservation, self defence, common safety, common sense, otherwise, the world would soon have to be governed by a hybrid system of fictitious development, by mendacious axioms, by an outcome of mingled fanaticism and impiety. If it should ever happen, that any member of a religious body finds that, on mature reflection, or calm diagnosis of dogmatical doctrine, or practical life, by the "evolution," so to say, of certain underlying consequences of certain assumed truths, he cannot consistently teach as his denomination teaches, then the only course open for a man of probity and conscience, is to make his bow, and seek elsewhere the liberty denied to him, as he feels in that circle of ecclesiastical teaching to which he belongs, even though it terms itself the one true church. But having done this, his responsibility ceases, in respect of the body of which he has been an adherent. Outside its pale, honestly and conscientiously, (and let us admire free-spoken and fair-spoken conscientiousness, in all, be they who they may), he has no right to be persecuted "for conscience sake." This is true Toleration, but any wider application, as regards the just right of religious bodies, becomes hyper-liberalism and hopeless latitudinarianism. We think that we have now disposed of two formidable and "burning questions," and may now safely proceed to define, "more nostro," true Toleration. True Toleration, then, as expounded and practised in Freemasonry, implies that we accord to others the same right of private judgment which we claim for ourselves. We admit the sanctity of conscience; we uphold the freedom of worship and belief; we judge no man; we impose no creed; we neither mingle with the controversies of Christians themselves; nor do we enter into the antagonisms of non-Christians. Inside the lodge, all we ask of our brethren is, that they believe and trust in a Personal and Living, Creating, Preserving, Ruling, Saving, and Judging God Most High, and that all shall co-operate in works of pioussympathy and large-hearted benevolence. But beyond this we do not go, beyond this we do not dogmatize, beyond this we do not enquire, beyond this we do not wish or want to know. Is not this true Toleration? We think that it may fairly claim that name, both in theory and in effect. To realize that the world is wide enough for us all, that we are not sent into this world to curse, to persecute one another, is alike worthy of true religious and sagacious philosophy. For who of us can lay claim to infallibility? Who of us has a right to say, I, only, am a possessor of the Truth? Who of us can fairly deny that another person's conscientious conviction may be as right and true, absolutely as our own? Who can venture to affirm, whatever his subjective trust may be, that objectively must be, that ought to be, the trust of another? And if we cannot do any of these things which we clearly, rightly cannot,

must we not admit that the necessity of the case, as well as the eternal fitness of things demand imperatively the practice of toleration? That it is perfectly right for any one of us to hold firmly, faithfully, even to death, for the sake of the truth which he holds sacred, the faith he holds most dear, the Master whose he is, and who is his, none of us, as Freemasons, will be prepared for one moment to contest or deny. But that it is right for this religious body or that to curse others, we think a misunderstanding of scripture itself, a mistake of past Christianity, and one of the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of true religion, just as it is one of the best weapons for the Sceptic and the Atheist. But here we stop to day. The subject, great and interesting as it is, even in this partial dealing with it, already overruns our modest limits, and all we can hope is, that our readers will be able to follow our very condensed argument, and will realize its truth, and make it their own in profession and practice.

#### THE LAST GRAND LODGE.

We call attention to the full reports of the speeches of Bros. Lord Tenterden and the Grand Registrar in another column, which the early hour at which we went to press prevented us including in our last publication.

#### THE CHRISTMAS "FREEMASON."

We beg to call attention to the fact that the *Freemason* for Christmas, published December 21st, will be enlarged to thirty-two pages, with a cover, and we recommend all non-subscribers to order a copy at once, at 198, Fleet-street, or through their local newsagents, to prevent otherwise inevitable disappointment.

#### KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Since I wrote last I have placed in the hands of the printer the concluding portion of the "Copy" for the Cyclopædia, so that, as I said before, I feel quite confident that the work can be delivered in January. In about ten days I think we shall be able to say when.

I congratulate you on the conclusion of the work, and am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR.

P.S.—I am glad to see you have taken my hint about January 2.

#### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE THEISTIC POSITION OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The article of your paper with the above heading (page 520) contains a declaration of Masonic faith, which destroys the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, and makes it a truly sectarian institution. It will be no easy task to oppose the infallible position you assume as the only correct basis of the Craft, a position which, I am sorry to say, constitutes a Masonic Popery.

Allow me to confess that in Germany, Hungary, Italy, &c., all Masons do not share your views against the resolution of the Grand Orient of France. We regret your somewhat intolerant position. You seem to feel that it is not universal, not cosmopolitan and world-wide, but exclusive "Anglo-Saxon," as you call it. Your views, I am convinced, are not quite in accordance with Article I. of the Old Charges of 1723, which do not declare that a so-called Atheist cannot be a member of the fraternity, but speaks more in a reserved, tolerant, and high-minded sense, only supposing that he will not be a stupid Atheist. If a Freemason is an honest lover of truth, and if he, in conscientiously seeking truth, comes to the conviction that he must deny the existence of God, or at least a personal God, he is no stupid Atheist, and as such he may be a very good brother, and an honest, virtuous man. If, as you say, "Freemasonry seeks to make a great union all over the world, for the purpose of humanitarian sympathy, relief, and good-will," then each lodge may initiate men of all denominations and convictions, without requiring the profession of any faith whatever, if the candidate is only a good and true man.

Freemasonry is a purely human institution, for humanitarian, not metaphysical or orthodox religious purposes, which only can exist as a cosmopolitan institution, if it does confess the utmost liberty of conscience, of thought and confession, leaving to the inner holydom (sic) of each member what he will believe or not believe in the question which at all times have separated men, not united them.

Allow me to refer the readers of the *Freemason* to the Masonic declarations of my "History of Freemasonry," in the introduction, pages 1-10, and to the dedication of the Book of Constitutions of 1738.

But it is not my intention to give such general declarations on the true meaning of the Royal Art, as it seems more necessary to help to a right understanding of the resolution of the Grand Orient of France. Our French brethren have not deserted the belief in the existence of God and immortality of the human soul, in striking out the discussed words of the first article of the Constitutions, but they have only declared that such a profession of faith does not belong to Masonic law. The Grand Orient has only voted for liberty of conscience, not against any religious faith. Therefore the true meaning of the French Constitution is now only, that each brother Mason may believe in God or not, and that each French lodge may judge for itself which candidate shall be initiated or not. The French vote is only an affirmation of liberty of conscience, and not a negation of faith.

The excommunication of the Grand Orient of France, by Masonic Grand Lodges is therefore an intolerant act of Popery, the negation of the true principles of the Craft, the beginning of the end of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. The excommunication of the Grand Orient of France only proves the sectarian mind of the excommunicating Grand Lodges, which have forgotten that Freemasonry has for its purpose to unite all good men of all denominations and professions; they profess the separating element, and destroy the Craft, and waste the heritage of our more liberal and more tolerant forefathers. The Masonic Union will in future be a mere illusion, if the Anglo-Saxon Masons condemn the French, German, Italian Masons, &c., and vice versa.

Fraternally yours,

J. G. FINDER.

#### THE GERMAN QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to state a few facts in respect to yesterday's proceedings in Grand Lodge on what is commonly called the German question.

In Germany there are now existing eight Grand Lodges, six of which admit Jews as members, two do not. The six Grand Lodges admitting Jews are the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the Eclectic Grand Lodge of Frankfurt a/M.—both quite similar in constitution and ritual to English Masonry—the Grand Lodges of Saxony, Darmstadt, Bayreuth, and Royal York of Friendship at Berlin. The two remaining, not admitting Jews as members, are the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes and the Grand Lodge of the Whole Country, both at Berlin, which together with the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship constitute the three Prussian Grand Lodges under the Protectorate of the Emperor of Germany, who personally belongs to the Grand Lodge of the Whole Country, where he was initiated, and not to the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, as erroneously stated last night.

The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin has descended from a lodge of the same name, founded 1740 by Frederick the Great, where he met his intimate friends and councillors, and its Christian character was ably expounded last night by Lord Tenterden. The Grand Lodge of the Whole Country at Berlin is in its system an adaptation of Swedish Freemasonry brought over to Germany in 1766 by Von Zinnendorf, and as Swedish Freemasonry is purely Christian, this Grand Lodge follows the same principle; and the Emperor of Germany, although, indeed, a true Mason, admitting universality of Freemasonry, is nevertheless devotedly attached to his own lodge and its working. It is with both Grand Lodges not merely a question whether to admit Jews or not; they would have, in order to do this, to alter the whole of their ritual, into which most beautiful and poetical emblems and metaphors have been introduced debarring a conscientious Hebrew from joining or from being initiated.

The Rev. Brother who yesterday moved the resolution, if he had counselled proper information previously to making the motion, ought well to have paused before attacking a stronghold of Christianity, which in infidel Germany Freemasonry has built up in the form of these two Grand Lodges.

I may mention that at present there is a movement about to create one Grand National Lodge of Germany, and should this movement succeed, no doubt the "German question" will be satisfactorily solved.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

KARL BERGMANN,

P.M. of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238.

London, 4, Gray's-inn-square, Dec. 6.

\* This Grand Lodge, constituted in 1846, adheres also to Christian principles, it rules, however, only over nine lodges.

#### To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Craft is greatly indebted to you for the very full and complete report you have given of the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, which was undoubtedly a meeting of such importance as to deserve and demand an able report of its discussions.

It seemed somewhat strange to me that those who felt an interest in the motion of my friend, Bro. Simpson, had not made some enquiries as to the practice of other Continental Grand Lodges besides that of Germany on the subject of a profession of the Christian Faith, and I felt impelled to address Grand Lodge for the purpose of informing it that the Grand Lodge of Sweden knows no other Masonry than that which is purely and entirely Christian. But the lateness of the hour prevented my making an explanatory speech; I therefore contented myself with the briefest possible state-



ment of the fact. I did not, however, do this in the way in which I am reported in your columns. I did not say that "Swedish Freemasonry was on the same footing as German Freemasonry," but, on the contrary, I said that whereas in Germany, as Lord Tenterden had just pointed out, the Christian qualification was an exceptional characteristic of certain lodges, in Sweden it is the universal feature of all the lodges. Jews are not admitted as candidates for initiation in any Swedish lodge; but Jewish brethren, holding the certificates of any other Grand Lodge in the world, would be received as visitors and made welcome. This being the case, I think it would have been simply impossible for the Grand Lodge of England to request its Royal Grand Master to interfere in the case of Germany, and to ignore the stronger case of Sweden, in the Grand Lodge of which country he himself still holds a very high place, and to whose Constitutions His Royal Highness still owes allegiance.

The fact of the matter is this. Freemasonry in Sweden knows but one system, viz., that of a Grand Lodge which is the governing body of all the degrees which are, or can be, worked in that country. It is not, as in England, the Grand Lodge only of the Craft, or First Three Degrees, but recognises the Knight Templar as well as the Master Mason. I am myself a Canon of the Order of the Temple, i.e., a member of the highest degree known in Swedish Masonry; if I were a layman, I should be "Knight Commander." It is their Ninth Degree; what is looked upon as the Tenth is not a working degree, but a sort of brevet rank, or honorary distinction, conferred in a chapter of the Eighth Degree. This Eighth Degree is that of Knight Templar, and it is marked by a handsome gold ring worn on the middle finger of the right hand. The King of Sweden always wears this ring; and the Swedish deputation at the installation in the Albert Hall noticed that the Prince of Wales wore it on that occasion. Now, the privilege of wearing this ring is an object of laudable ambition to every Swede who joins the Masonic body; no Swede ever dreams of becoming a Mason to stop short at the Third Degree; he looks forward to the Eighth, and to be known all over Scandinavia as a Knight Templar by his ring. Consequently it may be understood that the Jews resident in Sweden would look upon the Freemasonry of the country, of which Knight Templary is so essential and prominent a feature, as not an object for their ambition or desire.

Before closing this letter, will you allow me to ask a question? What will the English Templars say to me when I present myself at their encampments as a visitor? Will they give a brotherly recognition to one who holds the same Swedish rank as their own Grand Master, whom they admitted to that high position on (as I believe) the qualification of his Masonic rank in Sweden?

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. P. BENT, P.G.C.,  
Late Chaplain at Gothenburg, Sweden.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While thanking Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, right brotherly for his excellent advocacy in behalf of the motions he brought forth at the last meeting of G.L., permit me, as originator of this "German Question," to make a few remarks.

Whatever may be the original constitution of the G.L. of the Three Globes, if it is not in accordance with the principles of true Freemasonry it is not a right and lawful system.

That it is not in accordance with the principles of true Freemasonry will be acknowledged by every Freemason who has in his heart the words of the first chapter of our Book of Constitutions, namely: "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order."

The question therefore arises, can G.L. of England admit an official representative of the G.L. of the Three Globes, or any other G.L. which is as unlawful as that? (compare Lord Zetland's declaration as reported in Bro. Simpson's speech in the *Freemason* of 8th Dec., page 528, 3rd column.)

It cannot admit such a one until the Book of Constitutions of that G.L. of the Three Globes is revised according to the principles of true Freemasonry.

That it can be revised, is shown very clearly indeed by the revision of the Book of Constitutions made by the G.L. of Royal York of Friendship, when a similar obnoxious clause to that in question was repealed.

While admiring the wisdom of our M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, not to "hurry to a decision that evening," I hope that G.L. will at its next meeting carry the motions two and three of Bro. Simpson, as it has done with motion one.

Yours fraternally,

S. STRAUSS,  
Chaplain of Harmony, 600.

#### THE GRAND ORIENT AND THE GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been favoured from the Grand Orient of France with two letters (copies) one addressed to the Hon. Bro. Hyde Clarke, London, and the other to the Ill. Bro., E. Borough, Dublin, and as I think that they are important documents respecting the action lately taken by the Grand Orient of France, I have translated them, and beg you to insert them in your next publication.

Yours fraternally,

J. T. LORR, 33°.  
P.M. and G. St.—Representative  
of the Grand Orient of France  
at the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A.L.G.D.G.A.D. L'Univ.  
GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.  
O. de Paris, 14th November, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hasten to reply to your letter of the 10th inst. The Grand Orient of France have not abolished the Masonic formula, "To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe," as you appear to believe, still less have they made profession of Atheism. In their General Assembly of September, 1877, they purely and simply proclaimed absolute liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man; and out of respect for this liberty they expunged from their constitution a dogmatic formula, which seemed to a great majority of their members to be in contradiction with liberty of conscience itself. I see by your letter, and by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland of which you apprise me, that this modification of their Constitution by the Grand Orient of France has unfortunately been misunderstood and badly interpreted abroad. I believe it would be otherwise if they would give themselves the trouble to take cognizance of the discussions upon this question, which took place in our General Assemblies of September 1876 and 1877.\*

From the date of foundation until 1849, the Grand Orient of France had thrived and prospered without formulating in their code any dogmatic creed. They, in common with the founders of the Order, understood that Freemasonry should remain, in every state, a neutral ground, to which men of all opinions could be admitted, and should there be respected, and on which all honourable men, without distinction of nationalities, religions, races, or colour, could shake hands.

In 1849, under the influence of peculiar circumstances, which I have neither to vindicate nor qualify in this letter, the Grand Orient of France departed, at least in appearance, from this broad basis of ideas and principles; they then inscribed, for the first time, in their fundamental law, a dogmatic affirmation, which, since that period, has never ceased to cause confusion in their ranks.

In 1877, in the plenitude of their rights, and after a profound study of the question, being desirous of putting an end to so regrettable a state of affairs, they returned to their original starting point. By proclaiming absolute liberty of conscience they placed themselves in accord with the original laws of Masonry, with modern ideas, with progress; they showed themselves humane and tolerant in the face of inhumanity and intolerance, that is all.

Will the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Great Masonic Powers of the Globe attribute to them as a crime this return to the pure sources of the institution? I do not think so, I cannot believe it, because I suppose them just and intelligent and animated by fraternal sentiments; and if I were charged to appeal to them, before all I should address myself to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, for, better than any other, they should know the value of liberty of conscience and have the highest appreciation of it.

Such, dear Sir and Brother, are the reflections which your letter suggests to me. However incomplete they may be, I am sure they will suffice to put you on your guard against the errors disseminated respecting the latest labours of the Grand Orient of France, and you will shortly receive the official report of these labours, by which alone you can form a sound judgment on the question.

Accept, dear Sir and Brother, the assurance of the sentiments with which I have the honour to remain,

Yours fraternally

(Signed) THEVENOT,  
Chief Secretary.

To the Hon. Bro. Hyde Clarke, London.

A.L.G.D.G.A.D. L'Univ.  
GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.  
Cabinet of the President, Council of the Order,  
O. de Paris, 18th November, 1877.

Sir and Very Illustrious Brother,—

We have received the letter informing us that you resign the representation of the Grand Orient of France at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Your determination, it seems, is based upon the circumstances that the Grand Lodge of Ireland have decided, not only to break off all connection with the Grand Orient of France, but also that they should address a circular to the lodges of their jurisdiction, inviting them to refuse our Freemasons admission to their lodges. It would appear that this decision, which has not been notified to us, was taken in consequence of certain modifications made in our statutes by the last General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France.

While formally accepting your resignation, Sir and Very Illustrious brother, we cannot refrain from expressing our surprise and regret at the precipitation wherewith the Grand Lodge of Ireland have acted in this matter, without even having sought official information respecting the considerations which gave rise to the vote of our last General Assembly. In those proceedings, permit me to observe, there is a forgetfulness of the sentiments of Masonic fraternity, which, we are persuaded, will strike you, as it has done us, and in any case it is painful for us to note such an act of intolerance on the part of a Masonic power with which the Grand Orient of France have for so long a period maintained fraternal relations. In this letter I shall not endeavour to demonstrate to you how much the Grand Lodge of Ireland have been mistaken in their construction of the vote of our last Assembly. That is a duty which I hold in reserve until such time as the Grand Orient of France shall have received notice of the regrettable decision you mention. Let it suffice for me to affirm that, in modifying an article of their statutes the Grand Orient of France by no means intended to make profession either of atheism or of materialism, as would seem to be understood. No alteration has been made either in the principles or in the practice of Masonry;

and French Freemasonry remains what it has always been, a fraternal and tolerant brotherhood, which respects the religious faith and political convictions of its adepts, and leaves in these delicate questions to each one the liberty of his conscience. Labouring, as it does, with a view to the moral and intellectual perfecting of men and to their well-being, it requires of those who desire to be admitted to its fold those sentiments of honesty and love of good which permit their co-operating usefully in its work of progress and civilisation.

We think, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, that these are the true precepts inculcated by Freemasonry, and we should be much surprised if they did not dwell in the hearts of all Freemasons of every land, to whatsoever die they may belong.

In conclusion, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, we express our most sincere wish that the misunderstanding which constrains you to resign your office of representative of Grand Orient of France may disappear, and that we may once more be permitted to entrust you with that mission to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Accept, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, the assurance, &c., &c.

(Signed)

Dr St. JUAN,  
The President of the Council of the Order,

For exact copy (Signed) THEVENOT,  
Chief Secretary,

To the Very Ill. Bro. Edward Borough, Dublin.

\* Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, October, No., 1876, pages 373 to 409, and September No., 1877, pages 236 250.

#### THE COSMO.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A pamphlet entitled "A Masonic Mistake" has come into my hands, and induced me to write a few lines to you. It appears to me that such a communication, which apparently intended as a "trade circular," is neither very courteous nor very amiable, and is entirely inconsistent with the true principles and real teaching of Freemasonry.

It is, in fact, a deliberate attack from some interested individual on your publisher, and his useful and valuable Cosmopolitan Calendar.

Even supposing that such hostile criticism is justified, I think it right to say this. Every one knows that in a compilation of such magnitude as the "Cosmopolitan" errors of various kinds must creep in, even with the best intentions in the world, and with the utmost care of comparison and compilation. I note, for instance, that even in our excellent Grand Lodge Calendar, published under official authority, there are no less than twenty-three errors in the days of meeting of eighty-six lodges, and nine errors of the same kind in regard to thirty-five chapters. So far as regards this province very few chapters meet more than four times a year, but the "Calendar" does not mention the months of meeting. I have carefully compared the dates given in Grand Lodge "Calendar," as "corrected from the books of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter," with the small Calendar compiled by the Prov. Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, the dates of which I have verified in many instances. This I think proves how very difficult it is to arrive at entire accuracy in detail.

I also observe that Grand Chapter is said to have voted a sum of money to the sufferers from the fire at St. John, New Brunswick, in 1879. Of course it will be said that this is a mere mistake of the printer's devil. But don't you keep one at the office of the *Freemason*? And cannot you throw the blame of any errors or omissions in the "Cosmopolitan" on his guilty shoulders?

Were it not for the "Cosmo," how could I learn anything about the Mark, the K.T., the Rose Croix, or any of the higher degrees, for some of which I hold a great veneration, the meetings which I am always anxious to be present at, in the course of one's wanderings? Your "Cosmo" has rarely misled me, either in England or on the Continent, and I must bear my record to its value as being what it professes to be, in addition to its giving the greatest amount of information for the money, and as quite reliable, in every way. I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SENIOR DRAGON.

#### THE "NATIONAL REFORMER."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in the *National Reformer*, a letter addressed to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales respecting the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of England. The only answer which the epistle requires is, I think—"A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth and practise the sacred duties of morality."

I am, yours fraternally,

AN ENGLISH MASON.

P.S.—English Masons are not unprepared for the fight, as threatened somewhat in the *National Reformer*.

The London *Freemason* has been enlarged to twenty pages—weekly. This is one of the best, if not the best, Masonic periodical of the day. There is an immense amount of reading matter in its pages, and the leading articles are ably written. We are indebted to the *Freemason* for items of English Masonic news.—*The Canadian Craftsman*, Nov. 15th, 1877.



## CONSECRATION OF THE HAMMERSMITH MARK LODGE No. 211.

On Saturday last another lodge, with the above title, was added to the roll of the rapidly increasing Mark Degree. The brethren began to assemble at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 3 o'clock, but the ceremony did not commence until after 4 o'clock, when there were present amongst others, a very goodly and distinguished array of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. We noticed Bros. Binckes, Grand Secretary; Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Levander, G.R.; Mann, P.G.R.; Wilkins, G.S.O.; Cottebrune, P.G.S.B.; Cozens, P.G. Organist; Poore, G.I.G.; H. Binckes, Assist. G. Sec.; Tebb, P.G.S.W., Midx. and Surrey; Shackleton, P.G.D.C., of the same province; Thicellay, W.M. No. 1; Horsley, M. No. 1, 35°; Dixon, P.M. 32; Holmes, P.M. 107; ois and Williams, St. Mark's Lodge; Harty, Bon Ac Lodge; Davies, 16, Ottawa; Loeweostark, 86; Barney, Adams, 176. The founders present were Bros. J. sen, Thistle; Baldwin, Lebanon Lodge; T. C. Walls, Francis Burdett, all P.G.O.'s of the Craft in Middlesex; F. Walters, a P.G. Officer of the Mark Degree; Dunham Thistle; D. Smith. The officer appointed by the M.W.G.M. to conduct the ceremonies of consecration and installation was Bro. F. Binckes, G.S., who appointed Bros. Stevens as S.W.; W. Mann, J.W.; Wilkins, D.C.; and Poore, I.G., as his assistants. There being no Chaplain present, the G.S. delivered a short but telling address as a substitute for the usual oration. The impressive and beautiful ceremony was then carried out in its entirety by the Consecrating Officer. In certain parts of the ceremonial Bros. Cottebrune, Levander, and Cozens rendered valuable assistance. The W.M. designate, Bro. Mason, was then duly installed, and having invested Bros. Baldwin and Walls, the S. and J. Wardens designate, was about to appoint his officers when it was reported that the R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, Lieut.-Colonel Burdett, had arrived. A procession having been formed, that gallant and genial officer and distinguished Mason was duly and formally escorted into the lodge, and saluted in ancient form. The investiture of the officers was then resumed, Bros. Dunham being appointed M.O.; Harty, S.O. (pro. tem.); F. Walters, Sec.; Smith, Assist. Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Binckes for the manner in which he had carried out the dual ceremonial, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Colonel Burdett, F. Binckes, H. Binckes, Stevens, Levander, Mann, Wilkins, Poore, and others whose names we could not catch, were elected honorary members. A number of propositions for advancement and joining having been given, the lodge was closed, and after a somewhat wearisome interval the brethren re-assembled at the banquet table. By this time the number of the visitors had been swelled by the arrival amongst others of Bro. Sabine, P.G.A.D.C. At the conclusion of the feast, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Gilbert, the W.M., gave the customary royal and Mark toasts, which were received with excellent "fire." The name of Colonel Burdett having been mentioned in connection with the Grand Officers, that R.W. brother arose and said that it afforded him great pleasure to reply. The present members of Grand Lodge, he said, were not only always ready, but they were in every respect capable of discharging any duty that they might be called upon to do, but of himself for obvious reasons he would say nothing. He had visited one of the oldest Mark Lodges the previous evening namely, the Thistle, and he was pleased to have seen one of its members installed into the chair of the newest lodge in the Order that day. It was also very gratifying to him to find that the degree was on the increase both in London and in the provinces. As the Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, he was proud of the rapid growth they had made in Mark Masonry, and he ventured to predict they would eventually become the chief strongholds of the Order, and he should always endeavour to further the good cause as long as he had the honour of presiding over the destinies of the united Provinces. In conclusion he thanked them for electing him an honorary member. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Binckes, G.S., who stated on rising that he had been requested to do so by the P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, which compliment conferred upon him by the gallant colonel he highly appreciated. The founders of the Hammersmith Lodge had made a wise selection in nominating Bro. Mason as first Master. This lodge was also established under very auspicious circumstances. He had no idea that Mark Masonry would have taken the lead in Hammersmith, but such was the case, for they were, he was informed, the pioneers of a coming Craft lodge to be held in that very house. He was pleased to meet there that day the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, whose zeal in all Masonic matters was unremitting. In installing Bro. Mason into the chair he had performed a very pleasing duty, because he was as good a man and brother as possibly could be found to preside over the destinies of any lodge. When their W.M. did him, the speaker, the great honour of asking him to consecrate their lodge, subject to the approval of the M.W.G.M., he determined that nothing should be wanting on his part to render it a great success, and he was gratified to think that everything had passed off so well. In conclusion, the Grand Secretary complimented the lodge upon possessing two good Wardens, whose interest in Masonry was widely known, and a most indefatigable Secretary in the person of Bro. Fred. Walters, who, in writing to him upon the prospects of No. 211 had forcibly stated, "We mean to make the Hammersmith Mark Lodge a great success." He heartily echoed their Secretary's words, and further wished them every happiness and every prosperity, and hoped that the interests of the Order would not suffer at their hands.

The W.M. made an excellent and humorous reply, which space prevents our giving in detail. "The In-

stalling Master" followed, and gave Bro. Binckes, in reply, an opportunity of touching at length upon various matters connected with the Order, and which were listened to with great attention by the brethren. "The Visitors" came next, and having been coupled with the name of Bro. Charles Horsley, that veteran Mason made a terse but pertinent response. The W.M. in proposing the health of "The Officers," congratulated himself and the members generally upon having such good working brethren as Bros. Baldwin, Walls, Walters, Dunham, and Harty, occupying the principal positions in the lodge. Bros. Baldwin and Walters having briefly replied, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty and the brethren separated.

During the proceedings Bros. Cozens, Walls, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren. The first regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Saturday in January next.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The third annual meeting of this lodge was held at Alford on Thursday, 29th November, under the banner of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, No. 209. The proceedings of the day commenced at 11.15 a.m., by the consecration of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, the ceremony of consecration being performed by Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, in his usual perfect style.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Mason, Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stalingbro' House, near Grimsby, and a large number of distinguished Master Masons were present, amongst whom were the R.W. Bro. John Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M.M.; Bros. W. Watkins, P.P.G.S.W., as Deputy Prov. G.M.M.; R. Cotton Carline, Prov. G. Reg., as Prov. G.S.W.; W. W. Copeland, Prov. J.W.; F. Higgins, as Prov. G.M.O.; M. Crowden, Prov. G.S.O.; J. E. Mason, as Prov. J.O.; the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.P.G. Chap., as Prov. Chap.; Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. Treas.; Robt. Gough, Prov. Sec.; T. A. Handsley, as Prov. S.D.; C. Brooks, as Prov. J.D.; W. H. Roberts, Prov. D. of C.; Hasten Clark, as Prov. Asst. D. of C.; H. S. Close, Prov. Sup. of W.; G. M. Lowe, M.D., Prov. Sword B.; C. W. Cheesman, as Prov. Organist; F. C. Johnson, as Prov. I.G.; Geo. Motley, Prov. Steward; W. H. Parkinson, Prov. Steward; Charles Mann, Prov. Tyler; W. H. Radley, P.P.G.S.W.; F. S. Judd, P.P.G. Assist. D. of C.; Thos. Slater, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; T. M. Wilkinson, S.O. Remigius, 117; J. E. Fox, Sec. Remigius, 117; R. Goodman, P.P.G.D. of C., W.M. John-of-Gaunt, 172; J. Loughton, S.O. John-of-Gaunt, 172; C. F. Liversidge, S.D. John-of-Gaunt, 172; B. Box, Tyler John-of-Gaunt, 172; W. Marshall, P.P.G. Steward, W.M. Sutcliffe, 188; Geo. Lister, S.D. Sutcliffe, 188; R. Boggett, Past M.O., 188; Henry Barker, Sec., 188; Henry Wardale, Tyler, 188; John Nelson, 188; C. Genney, 188; Charles Smyth, S.W., 209; R. Garfit, J.W. 209; W. O. Taylor, 209; Edward Souley, 209; John Mawer, 209; C. Mason, 209; C. H. Bycroft, 209; W. N. Mason, 209; R. Lanphier, 209.

The visitors were the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, Past G.J.W. Grand Sec.; Bros. Martin Kemp, P.M. 182; Henry Preston, J.W. 182; M. Haberland, 182.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the following list of brethren from whom letters had been received, regretting their non-attendance:—Bros. James Terry, C. Harrison, M.D., Jno. N. Scherling, Walter Reynolds, A. Kirk, F. Watson, C. Scorer, H. Watson, Hesketh Smith, P. P. Dickinson, Geo. Housham, T. E. Jacobson, Jno. Moxon, W. Pollitt, T. C. Lazenby, the Rev. J. G. Bayles, W. M. Green, S. Walmsley, Captain Coates, the Rev. B. A. Galland, M.A.

The usual routine of a Provincial Grand Lodge having been gone through, and the officers for the ensuing year invested, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. then called upon the brethren for one to volunteer to undertake the office of Grand Steward, which office W. Bro. D. Ace, D.D., P.P.G. Chaplain, undertook.

The Treasurer's accounts having been previously submitted and passed, and found in a healthy state, there being a balance of over £30 in hand, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. said for his part he had always been opposed to Masonic lodges hoarding up money. He thought it was far more desirable to circulate it for the benefit of distressed Masons, and he suggested that a portion should be voted to strengthen the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on the motion of Bro. Dr. Ace the sum of £10 10s. was so voted. The Prov. G. Master subsequently added £5 5s. to this, and Bro. R. Boggett volunteered to undertake the office of Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival, which is usually held in May in each year.

The R. W. Prov. G.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Charles Harrison, M.D., 117	D.P.G.M.M.M.
G. M. Lowe, M.D., 117	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Marshall, 188	Prov. G.J.W.
R. Goodman, 172	Prov. G.M.O.
R. Boggett, 188	Prov. G.S.O.
Charles Smyth, 209	Prov. G.J.O.
Jack Sutcliffe, 188	Prov. G. Treas.
R. Cotton Carline, 117	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
R. Gough, 188	Prov. G. Sec.
F. M. Wilkinson, 117	Prov. G.S.D.
C. F. Liversidge, 172	Prov. G.J.D.
W. H. Roberts, 188	Prov. G.D.C.
Hasten Clark, 188	Prov. G. Asst. D.C.
Robert Garfit, 209	Prov. G. Sup. of W.
T. C. Johnson, 209	Prov. G.S.B.
Geo. Motley, 172	Prov. G. St. B.

Frederick Higgins, 209 ..... Prov. G. Org.  
John Nelson, 188 ..... Prov. G.I.G.

J. E. Fox, 117; John Loughton, 172;  
Henry Barker, 188; J. Eardley  
Mason, 209 ..... Prov. G. Stewards.

Charles Mann, 117 ..... Prov. G. Tyler.  
The R.W. Prov. G.M. exceedingly regretted that Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, the W.M. of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, was unable to be present through illness, and in his absence appointed him Prov. Grand Chaplain, and deputed Bro. Smyth, the S.W. of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, to invest him to that office.

Before closing the lodge, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. stated that in routine the lodge will be held at the fine old city of Lincoln next year, on which occasion he expected to have a most numerous and popular gathering. The Masons of Lancashire—his native county—had done him high honour, and he had in return invited the R.W. Prov. Grand M.M.M. for Larnashire, with all his present officers, to honour Lincoln with a visit, and he fully expected they would do so, when he, with the Lincolnshire brethren, could acknowledge his obligations, and give them a hearty reception, such as Masons know how to give.

A magnificent banquet was served at the White Horse Hotel to between fifty and sixty brethren, guests of the Prov. Grand Mark Mason, Bro. Sutcliffe, who occupied the chair. There was also a liberal supply of choice wines to add zest to the repast and to the loyal and Masonic toasts which followed. The menu comprised the various edibles in season, including a plentiful supply of game, and the bounteous provision elicited the personal thanks of Bro. Sutcliffe to Host Hibbit. During dinner the founder of the feast took wine respectively with the brethren on the right and the left, and with the St. Wilfrid Lodge. In proceeding with the toast list before the tables were cleared,

The Chairman apologetically remarked that the time was getting very valuable and very precious, as some brethren had to leave in a short time for their homeward journey, and he must therefore call upon Dr. Ace for the usual prayer after meat.

Grace having been said,

The Chairman loyally called upon the brethren to join him in drinking the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman then said the next toast he had to propose would meet with a hearty response, namely, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," who was at the head of Masonry, and not only that, but as the Heir Apparent to the throne they should drink his health, and also that of "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." (God bless the Prince of Wales.)

The Chairman, without any delay, proceeded to say that the next toast he had to propose for their approval was that of "The M.W. the Earl of Limerick, the Grand Mark Master Mason; The Provincial Grand Masters of other Mark Provinces; and all Grand and Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past." It was a routine toast, but still a compliment which it was incumbent upon them to pay to the head of their institution. They had looked to the Earl of Limerick with a great amount of interest for the moveable Grand Lodge which he had promised to hold in this district in the autumn of the present year, but after many attempts Bro. Binckes had failed, for the Earl was so engaged that he could not attend. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, remarked that the Right Worshipful Master had imposed upon him a heavy duty to discharge, because it was a very comprehensive toast. They started with the Most Worshipful Master who held the reins over this province—the Earl of Limerick, to whom their Right Worshipful Master Sutcliffe had made a happy allusion, but he did not know that it was from the reason named that the Earl did not hold a moveable Grand Lodge, because he was in Ireland, and had engagements there, and from one cause or another the Moveable Grand Lodge fell through. Speaking of the selection of Provincial Grand Officers, he said it was exceedingly difficult to make a selection without giving offence where the qualifications of all were so equal. But they could always make themselves happy under disappointment. (Hear, hear.) They lived in the hope that the day would come when the merits of each individual brother would be acknowledged. There were two estimates of every man—the one formed of himself and the other formed by other people, and he thought the estimate formed by other people was the most correct. (Hear, hear.) With reference to himself he was exceedingly happy to be once more amongst them, and exceedingly pleased to see such a good attendance, so ably presided over as they were by their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master. (Applause.)

Bro. Binckes proposed "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master for Lincolnshire, Bro. John Sutcliffe." Had he known when responding to the last toast that this honour would have been put in his hands he should have curtailed his observations. Three years ago he had the honour of installing Bro. Sutcliffe as a Provincial Grand Officer. The honour fell to him (Bro. Binckes) by accident. He could say a good deal with regard to the distinguished brother in connection with this toast, but he need not occupy time in recounting his most valuable and good qualities, which were probably better known by those present than by himself (Bro. Binckes), although he knew something of both. He was one of the hardest Provincial Grand Masters he ever served under, and now only allowed him a minute-and-a-half to propose his health, and he must therefore call upon them by the heartiness of their reception of it to make up for the want of what he would say if he had time to say it, but he believed a better Grand Master could not be served under (applause), nor one better deserving of their best support. (Applause.) He wished him good health, that he might for many years fulfil the position he now held



and the arduous duties devolving upon him as they had seen him that day. (Great applause.)

Bro. Sutcliffe, on rising, was received with loud applause and cheering. He feelingly acknowledged the very great kindness with which the proposition of his health had been received, as proposed by Bro. Binckes, who by his splendid and eloquent flow of language expressed himself in a style which no other man scarcely could do. He (Bro. Sutcliffe) hoped to have the opportunity of meeting his brethren for some years to come (hear, hear), and they would not find much change in him. (Applause.) For their kindness he could only say he would fulfil his office in every way he could, but it was no use his being placed in the chair unless he was supported by the various lodges. He expressed himself as pleased with the satisfactory state of things in the province.

The Chairman, without resuming his seat, said he had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and all Officers and Brethren of Lodges in the Province of Lincolnshire." The lodges were all working harmoniously. They did not lose strength, but gained a little. They had at the head of their lodges four good and enthusiastic Masons. Dr. Lowe and Brother Goodman were unsurpassed by any men. Bro. Copeland, who presided over another, was one of their principal names and principal characters. For the Alford Lodge he was exceedingly pleased in submitting for their consideration a first-rate tip-top man, who would be a great ornament to the province, and he greatly regretted that he had not been present that day (the Rev. Basil A. Galland, M.A., rector of South Thoresby). With men like these they must progress. They did not want to progress rapidly; they wanted quality and not quantity. He coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Lowe.

Bro. Dr. Lowe expressed the satisfaction which the Masters of the lodges felt in their Provincial Grand Master, whom they endeavoured to imitate, and they did all they could to serve him, and, owing to him, no sooner were Masons initiated in the Craft lodge but they were anxious to join the Mark lodge. With regard to Lincoln, they were not quite so prosperous as they might be. They kept Masonry very popular, especially Mark Masonry, and before another year the lodge would be increased. He knew from the pulse of Lincoln that it would be so. The Grand Lodge would probably be held in Lincoln next year under very agreeable auspices, and they would give a good reception. He hardly expected that they should do equal justice to what they had seen that day, for he had travelled through the province and not seen it better done or better served. (Applause.)

The Chairman said the next toast under ordinary circumstances would have been the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master and other Provincial Officers of Lincolnshire, but they must excuse him for passing over that toast, seeing that the Lincoln and Gainsboro' brethren must depart almost immediately. He would therefore take up "The Visiting Brethren," who came from Hull, South Lincolnshire (St. Botolph's), and Bro. Binckes. He had been in the habit of seeing the Lincolnshire brethren more numerous than that day, but the geographical position of Alford was such that they could not come. But although the brethren from Hull and Boston were very few, they were glad to see them in all Mark lodges, and he hoped to have them on a future occasion. In conclusion he asked the brethren of the district to drink to the brethren of Hull, Lincoln, Boston, and Spalding, and Bro. Binckes, wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity, and coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Kemp, Bro. Radley, and Bro. Preston.

Bro. Preston (Hull) wished the Provincial Grand Mark Master every prosperity, hoping that the Mark Degree would prosper. The brethren from Yorkshire had great pleasure in meeting him on this occasion.

Bro. Radley (Boston) expressed his gratitude for the opportunity of observing the working of a Mark lodge. Although on the "black list," they of the St. Botolph's Lodge not being able to work a Mark lodge in a high degree, they would have liked to do so. They came there because, being presided over by such a distinguished and painstaking brother, it was the least duty they could render at his hands. All his brethren then present felt their position somewhat, and he hoped the outcome would be that they should not keep out of the pale of Masonry another year, especially as the Prov. Grand Master held out to them the temptation of a meeting, which they hoped would be the best under the Mark Masonic prestige in Lincolnshire, and he would say if it was not taken up in Boston he would join some other lodge. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Kemp, in an eloquent speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities," which he described not as charities, but as truly benevolent institutions, referring particularly to the Boys' Schools and their economical management. There were very few institutions, but some grumbling person might say there is some extravagance here, or some mismanagement there, but it could not be said of the Boys' Schools, and he would say that there was no Institution in the land that could compare with the Masonic Institutions in London. He had mentioned the name of Binckes in connection with them, but he could not possibly pass over the name of Sutcliffe. (Great applause.) Before he had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with their Prov. Grand Master he read of his noble doings. He did not envy the Province of Lincolnshire very much, but he envied them of their Grand Master. They had a Mark lodge in Hull—a baby one-and-a-half year old, and when compared with the lodge they had consecrated that day it showed how Mark Masonry was progressing. The Hull lodge was No. 184, and that established at Alford was 209, showing the great increase in so short a time. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting their Provincial Grand Master for many years to come. (Hear, hear.) He was reminded

by seeing Bro. Jack Sutcliffe take office—which was not the first instance in Masonry—that he was a worthy son of a worthy sire. (Great applause.) The names of the Right Worshipful Grand Master and his son Jack, with the name of Binckes, would never pass away, with whom he would also mention the name of Buggett, a Mark Master at Hull, in connection with the Masonic charities.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, gave some particulars of the position of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, which had £40,000 funded property. They were not hoarding up all their income for posterity, but had expended £3,000 to £3500 in enlarging the Boys' Schools and had increased the number from 140 to 180. His brother Jack Sutcliffe, whose name had been associated with his good father's noble deeds, and whose efforts in the future would be in excess of those that had gone before, would find a most genial occupation in providing for aged Freemasons, thereby on the one hand supporting them in their closing years, and in the other case starting them in life with that education which all wished to start with.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe observed that after such a brilliant speaker as Bro. Binckes it was difficult for him to gain their attention. He failed to see how his name could be connected with the Masonic charities, because he had done very little in comparison with other active Masons. He had done something in the Craft and Mark lodges, and went up to London well satisfied with his position in respect to other lodges. He was nobly and well entertained, and in a manner which afforded him great gratification. He was introduced to many brethren whose acquaintance it was an honour to have. What little he had done for the Masonic charities he had done with great pleasure indeed. His heart was with the great Masonic movement, and if they wished him to continue in the position he now held he should endeavour to increase what he had hitherto done. (Applause.)

Bro. Boggett (Hull) also responded, remarking that when they went up with their lists they were not second. (The Provincial Grand Mark Master: "And you shall not be second this year.") He was going to represent the Lincolnshire Province of Mark Masons, and he hoped the brethren in the Mark Degree would assist him. He had the promise from one brother of 5 gs., and if he wanted more he was to go again. Last year Bro. Sutcliffe sent him 5 gs., and this year he hoped to have the name of every officer in the Sutcliffe Lodge—every officer in the county. He hoped to have the biggest list at the Mark Festival.

Bro. Copeland said he had a toast to propose that did not appear in the list. It was the practice of Masonry to recognise merit where merit was due, and the brother that he had to bring before their notice had merit as his peculiar forte. He was a brother who had served very long and very arduously in this province, namely, "Bro. Grand Secretary Gough." (Applause.) They all knew, especially those who were first connected with this province, the very great amount of work that Bro. Gough had to perform. (Hear, hear.) He deserved their thanks for what he had done in the lodge and in the province. That was all they could do at present, but he hoped at some future time some further recognition would be forthcoming. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. P.G.M.M. Sutcliffe: Before this toast is submitted to you I must say that Bro. Gough has been lad and man with me, and he is my book-keeper. He has only one senior in our establishment. He has my full trust as a book-keeper, and he has my full confidence as a Mason. He not only discharges his duties as a servant, but he discharges his duties as a Mason. (Applause.)

Bro. Gough thanked the P.G.M.M. and all present very much for drinking his health, the proposal of which had come upon him unexpectedly. As most of them were aware, talking was not his forte, and as to the working part he left them to be the judges, thanking them for their confidence.

The Chairman then proposed a toast which he said ought to bring a smile over the faces of all brethren, namely, "The Ladies." It was a toast which was often brought before a meeting as a matter of mere routine, being placed sometimes in the hands of some young butterfly who did not know anything about it—(laughter)—who did not know how to propose it. However, as an old married man, and the father of a family he could say they were a great comfort and solace, as the brethren would feel when they arrived at his time of life. In our youth we enjoyed their society, and they administered to our comforts in many respects as married men, and in our old age they had to be our nurses. He did not know what his home would be without his wife—his good old wife, who at that time would be very anxious and wondering how "John" was getting on. (Laughter.) She would be saying to herself, "Now will he come home cross or pleased?" (Laughter.) But in a general way he went home from a Masonic meeting in a much better temper than from elsewhere. (Applause.) Therefore he had very great pleasure in proposing the health of "The Ladies." Young and old admired them and loved them. He coupled with it the health of the Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. Higgins.

Bro. Higgins felt the difficulty of his position in this case, for he as a bachelor could not tell what the ladies would wish to say under such trying circumstances. He considered that married Masons occupied a more difficult position than bachelors, for they might be assured that when they went home they were put through a most trying ordeal, and if they did not give satisfactory answers think of their faces, and think of their tongues. (Laughter.) They bachelors had no such trying questions put to them. Still the ladies would be only too glad to second his poor efforts in returning thanks for them.

The Chairman having proposed, "All poor and distressed Masons," the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the usual parting toast.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 21, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.H.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.  
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
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" 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-bdg.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
" 857, St. Marks, S.M.H.  
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H.  
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Tav., N.  
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Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds. at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Lodge of Benevolence.

" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.  
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

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Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
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Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.  
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Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.  
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.  
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.



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 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
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 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
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 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
 Incamp. 6, St. George's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.  
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 t. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
 Joric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
 Gurgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
 t. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Higwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Hardett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
 Lancelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up, George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Jervy, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-Buildings, Southport.  
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Werton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.  
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.  
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.  
 " 448, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
 " 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
 Downshire, do., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Mark Lodge, 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H. Liverpool.  
 " 342 Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.  
 " 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.  
 " 905, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.  
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Papkgate.  
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## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

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For the Week ending December 22, 1877.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Lodge 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.  
 " 1170, St George, F.M.H., Manchester.  
 " 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.  
 Chap. 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.**  
 Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.  
 " 1052, Callender, F.M.H., Manchester.  
 " 1534, Concord, George Hot., Prestwich.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19.**  
 Lodge 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.  
 " 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.  
 " 277, Friendship, F.M.H. Oldham.  
 " 325, St. John's, F.M.H., Salford.  
 " 581, Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.  
 " 633, Yarrowburgh, F.M.H., Manchester.  
 " 1129, St. Chad, Roebuck Hot., Rochdale.  
 " 1161, De Grey & Ripon, Corporation Hot., Ardwick.  
 " 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.  
 " 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20.**

Lodge 42, Relief, Albion Hot., Bury.  
 " 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.  
 " 268, Union, Queen's Arms Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 " 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.  
 " 345, Perseverance, Old Bull Hot., Blackburn.  
 " 350, Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.  
 " 364, United Brethren, Royal Oak, Clayton-le-dale.  
 " 367, Probity & Freedom, Bull's Head, Rochdale.  
 " 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.  
 " 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.  
 " 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.  
 " 1011, Richmond, Crown Hot., Salford.  
 Chap. 317, Affability, F.M.H., Manchester.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21.

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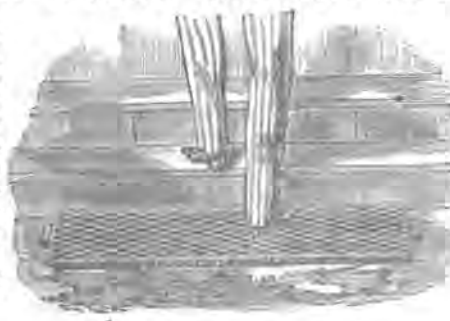
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## The Freemason,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1877.

## A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

With this Christmas season of 1877, Publisher and Editor wish to greet all their many kind readers, contributors and friends. They have to express to them once again their deep sense and heartfelt appreciation of a sympathy which has never faltered, and of a good-will which has never grown cold. Never at any time in its interesting and successful career has the *Freemason* been so cheered with the voice of popular approval and the prestige of Masonic confidence as in the last twelve eventful months, and it is with no ordinary emotions of thankful congratulation that as Christmas once more draws near, Publisher and Editor beg to offer their genuine Masonic Christmas greeting to their numerous and increasing patrons. May this festive genial season be to all for whom the *Freemason* is published and to whom it appeals in Masonic loyalty and "entente cordiale," an unmixed epoch of home happiness and of family union. May all of good, of peace, of contentment, of harmony, welcome its approach, and witness its departure. If time as it passes brings some souvenirs of missing friends, if Christmas as it hails us seems to point to vacant chairs, at the goodly board; if voices hushed, appear to mingle with the sounds we raise, and shades dear and spiritual appear to linger wistfully with us all still, yet our Christmas rejoicing season seems once more to bid us all "God speed" on our journey of life. As we write to-day the Christmas holiday is summoning all classes to come together for a few brief moments of pleasant intercourse and merry gathering. Age is once more to look benignly on the follies of youth, and youth is to cheer the incipient winter of old age. As poor Stanislas, the last King of Poland, once said at a similar season, about 100 years ago, as the great Lord Malmesbury records, "c'est si doux de se tromper quelquefois,"—it is so sweet to deceive ourselves, sometimes. So let us midst the hearty welcome which Christmas brings, and the innocent rejoicing of friends and families, let us, we say

try to forget for a few short moments the cares which worry us and the anxieties which depress us. If life is made up for us all of what, the Bishop of Lincoln properly calls "trivialities," if "les petites miseres de la vie humaine," the little miseries of human life—often greatly affect us all alike, let us welcome Christmas as a happy annual reminder, that not only for all these things there is an end, but that even now we may well forget them one and all amid that happiness of the heart, and sympathetic union which the family gathering offers, which the meeting of friends and relatives and children supplies. In how many happy homes of England on Christmas Day will the sanctities of family life receive a fresh vitality and blessing, as for once during the twelve months, all assemble round the old "hearth stone" or congregate under the dear paternal roof. The laughter of the innocent and the young, the pleasant associations of early life, the rejoicing activity of the gay and the goutless, will give strength to the resolutions of maturity, and quicken the aspirations of old age. Many are the families whose grandfathers and grandmothers live again in the smiles and winning ways of their grandchildren, whose parents smile approvingly on the promises of goodness and grace in their children, and where all can find sympathy, and not a few encouragement, from the unbought merriment of the true, the tender, and the trusting. Hail then, oh, Christmastide, which wouldst renew for many of our toiling race the pleasantest dreams and memories and companionships of time! May all of true happiness and simple pleasure attend all our kind readers and friends in their Christmas holidays, and we trust that they will deign to receive to-day, once more in all the genuineness of outspoken sincerity, the heartfelt wish from these humble pages of the *Freemason*, that theirs may be indeed a very happy Christmas to them and theirs.

## THE PROGRESS OF TIME.

It is an old,—very old, saying, perhaps among the oldest, "Tempus fugit," but it has not yet lost one jot of its reality. As year succeeds to year in the long calendar of time as the young year grows old and the old year bids us farewell, we feel, if we feel anything at all, how evanescent are its fairest gifts, how short-lived its fondest dreams. Life and time come and go, for us all, day by day, year by year, and we are so busy, so reckless, and so indifferent, that we hardly note their arrival or heed their departure. We look back to day, perhaps through the dim vista of a long avenue of years. How strange it seems to us to recall and remember the years, the scenes, the friends of "long ago." We who are now old and hurrying down the decline of life, were once hale and strong, and active, and for us youth had its gay flowers, its soft songs and its happy heart-ease. But we have seen life gradually leave us and slipping from beneath our feet, and here we are looking on to-day in fading hours to the inevitable and the eventual! For us no day dreams are longer possible; for us no anticipations are any further probable. We have outlived life and trust, and fancy and fondness, and zeal and strength; and Time, if it lays its hand gently upon us, yet tells us unmistakably that ere long it must recall from us its gifts and its graces, its joy and its sorrows, yes, its smiles and its tears. For us the present is leaving us, the future stands out before us, if like a bank of cloud on the horizon at sea, yet clear and certain, definite and distinct. The true Freemason needs no such teaching, however, it is the moral symbolism of all our lodge lore, if only we will but attend to it. But as profession and practice are two very different things we think it well to rub up the memories of our good brethren. We enter the lodge as we do life, and we encounter shocks and trials, and illumination and enlightenment, as onward we go, further we progress. We take our degrees alike in the school of Masonry, and in the academe of life, we are full of trust and vigour and vitality of body and mind. We make us fast friends, we form us pleasant companionships,



we learn how much of happiness friendship can impart to us all here below, how amiable are its gifts and its graces to isolated yet gregarious man. But ere long life's shadows seem to fall on the scene, and Masonry, like the world, bears with it its own abiding witness of weakness and decay. We lose the friends with whom we have consorted, we separate from the cherished companions of many a festive hour. The good old lodge knows us no more, and for us, alas the songs are hushed, the lights are extinguished, the flowers are withered, the hearts are cold, which once cheered the pathway of our feet, and crowned our lot on earth with the choicest of all earthly good things, the friendship of the friendly, and the sympathy of the sympathizing. Oh! wonderful mystery of our probation and our existence, that nothing here will endure, nothing can outlive the "encroaching hand of time," nothing can withstand the weakness, the decay, the disappearance of life. Faith and love, truth and tenderness, the joy of the joyous, and the sorrow of the sorrowing, alike yield to the resistless flight of time, and as Life speeds on its goal, we only realize more and more, how that when all its best gifts are enjoyed, its truest treasures treasured, and its fairest sympathies claimed, all this passes away often in a moment, and we sum it all up as a tale that is told. We think then, that at this goodly season of the year, we should seek to remember such teaching as we may find it both opportune and improving. If the Masonic press is to hold its own, it must alike improve and inform, warn and edify. It is not meant merely for the idle display of the hour or the passing record of frivolity. No, it has a higher mission, and a truer teaching. As good men and bright Masons let us listen to that pleasant voice which seems to whisper to us from out of our own cherished ceremonial, "Gnothi Seauton." To-day we are—tomorrow we may not be. For us our lodge will be closed, our work finished, our course run! And what then? The progress of life warns us, like as in Masonic analogy, how all things here must have a close, how the voice of friendship must be hushed, and the pleasantness of companionship ended, and that there comes a time to us all, when we can no longer find pleasure in all those goodly gifts, and all those refreshing associations which crowned the long struggle of existence, and have accompanied us even to the presence of old age. But now, they one and all bid us farewell as the curtain falls, and the shadows flee away.

### CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is here once again before us, and greets us smiling on the way. Much as we like this festive season, much as we admire its carols and reverence its memories, Christmas comes to us with mingled feelings of rejoicing and melancholy, of pleasure and pain, of gaiety and depression. It is impossible amid the cheerful wishes and gladdening associations of Christmas-tide not to feel how we are ourselves all carried back, whether we will or no, to many a past Christmas, to scenes and epochs in our own little life, which are still full to us all of deep pathos and of abiding souvenirs. For do what we will, say what we may, the present does recall the past, and if the reflection of all past time! as some one has said, is melancholy, it will yet supervene alike amid the chants of rejoicing, and the gatherings of the world. Yes, there seems always to be a ghost of the past, reminding us of other days and other scenes, and telling us how time is fleeting and hopes are vain, how all that is of earth is ephemeral, and how all the flowers and the decorations of fancy, the pleasures and pains of existence, the glittering gewgaws and the fantastic tinsel of life, the very living beings of our little home circle, all fade by degrees and end in dust—yes in dust! And do not let any of us think that ours is too lugubrious a deliverance, too much of a sermon, too little of a Masonic leader, especially at this genial season. We hold, and hold strongly, that of all the nuisances which bore us, and bedevil us at the present hour, is that array of foolish persons, of whom "Motley is the only wear," who are on the look out always for insipid jokes, and bad puns,

whose cacchinations are unceasing, and whose faces are always extended in a broad grin. We want to be serious every now and then, depend upon it, and never more than at this Christmas season, when mirth may degenerate into licence, relaxation into extravagance, and amusement into excess. We always need the sobering voice and the restraining hand. Such is the composition of mortality, feeble and fallen, that what was intended for its enjoyment becomes an abuse, what was given to it for a blessing ends in its bane. So too, amid all the licensed liberty and reasonable gaieties of Christmas, there comes as a ever needful warning, lest we misuse instead of profiting by the goodly blessings of T.G.A.O.T.U., and lest we also forget the solemn lesson that each returning Christmas brings in its silvery and pleasant voice to us all alike old and young, high and low, rich and poor, educated and uneducated. First of all let us be on our guard against turning our needful and beneficial holiday into a scene of unwise and unsanctified revelry. Too many make Christmas still only an excuse for unrestrained indulgence and idle extravagance! The world has so taken possession of Christmas, that its hymns of rejoicing and its echoes of peace, are sometimes drowned in the din of tumultuous uproar, in the chants of human Bacchanalia. The memories of Christmas are forgotten altogether, put on one side, laid by entirely, and we give a pure earthly gloss to all of higher teaching or more severe contemplation. And then also we forget the past in the present. That present is all in all for us. It colours our waking dreams, controls our hourly striving, it is the be-all and the do-all of our whole moral being, until at last, absorbed in gaiety, and given up to dissipation, we become wholly material, entirely sensuous, and forget all that is spiritual, ignore all that is of heavenly teaching and development. The past has no longer a memory or a message for us; it is often in fact as if it had never been. Now it is against this two-fold mistake, that Christmas seems always to protest, as the world runs on its way, as generation follows generation to the grave, as we ourselves grow old and weary in the race, and as the river of time passes slowly on, emptying itself year by year into the great ocean of eternity. If it be the best of philosophies, not to be too melancholy or too morbid, not to take too downcast a view of life and the world, not to "cry over spilt milk," not to deplore the irresistible and the inevitable, surely also it is the highest wisdom, not to allow the present to make us forget the past or the future, so as to render us denizens of time alone, when we are heirs of eternity, to constitute us simply children of the "plain," when we really belong to that "better country," which lies amid the "everlasting hills." If Christmas has any message for the serious and the thoughtful it is this: be not "too much conformed to this world," but remember that through all these outer things, and amid all proper use of all God's good gifts there lies a higher life, an eternal resting place for all the "true in heart," when the fashion of this world has passed for ever away, and when this old earth of ours, with all its pains and penalties has yielded to that glad new earth in which all the former evil things have utterly ceased to be. Christmas, which once again confronts us in the Calendar, seems as it bids "be merry and joyful," also to point to that happier home and that everlasting happiness which T.G.A.O.T.U. reserves in his mercy, for our weary and dying race.

### MASONIC THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS, 1877.

Though in all that concerns English Masonry ours may be a contented Pagan which we raise amid the closing hours of 1877, and though we may all rejoice to note the onward and prosperous career of English Masonry, yet we confess that we look on the closing scene of 1877 with some feelings of anxiety and depression. We cannot shut out from our eyes the stern and unpalatable fact that in France, for instance, a very great mistake has been committed through the perverse restlessness of a busy section of the Order, which has resulted in our humble opinion, in

one of the greatest blows which French Freemasonry has ever sustained. We should not be honest English Masons if we did not express our opinions freely and fully, and in this particular crisis, we think reticence unadvisable, and silence the worst of kindness to our French brethren. English Masons have often been pained by the accounts of the sayings and doings of individual Masons in France and Belgium, by the "agenda paper" and resolutions of private lodges. The foolish and ridiculous acts of those French Freemasons, for instance, who joined the Commune, and made Freemasonry a bye-word and a scandal were truly deplored by our entire Craft. Anything more senseless, more puerile, more un-Masonic, and more infatuated, never yet disgraced the annals of Masonry. But we consoled ourselves with the belief and the hope, that such acts were individual acts alone, and that the Grand Orient of France did not in any way approve of them. In fact the French Grand Orient was powerless, and owing to its vicious and incomplete organisation, had, apparently, no real authority to repress Masonic recreancy. But still we hoped for the best, as the Grand Orient of France was not actually mixed up in such untoward and unseemly proceedings, which might be put down to an "access" of individual Masonic insanity. And therefore we fondly trusted that "Philip drunk" would give way ere long to "Philip sober," and that the Grand Orient might gracefully and gradually, by a true Masonic course, restore, at any rate, that sympathy, confidence, and "entente cordiale" which such unwise proceedings had rudely shattered, and which such un-Masonic words and ways threatened to destroy altogether. For in this one thing, all English Masons were agreed, that they never would, happen what may, have "part or lot," with any professing Masons who degraded the good old Craft, always loyal and ever orderly, to the level of "une partie ideologue," to whom murder and arson, and pillage and destruction, the overthrow of all social civilization were both welcome, and a matter of exulting reality. But alas! our fair expectations have been cruelly disappointed, our not unreasonable hopes extinguished, though let us trust and believe only for a time. The Grand Orient of France is now committed to a course alike senseless and suicidal, dishonouring to God, and hurtful to man. Yielding to sinister influences, and political factions, it has, in imitation of the worst and darkest days that France has ever seen, struck out the belief in God from the Constitution, and for the express purpose, and with the avowed intent, of enabling those who do not believe in God to enter French lodges. Henceforth, the Materialistic Infidel, the Positiviste, the Negativiste (hopeless paradox), and the avowed Atheist, may be admitted into French Freemasonry. So far does this absurdity of hyper-tolerance proceed, (which however amounts to intolerance), that Atheism is termed even a "culte," a religion, and is positively placed on the same level as that of Christianity or Theism, which the "Morale Independante" would treat as some among many forms of belief, all equally false, in the world! Pleasant prospect for the French Freemasons! The truth is, that this consummation of events is not the least astonishing to those who have watched the course of the dominant party in French Freemasonry, and who know that Masol some years back brought forward precisely the same motion which has now been carried. As it is, as before the world French Freemasonry occupies this unsavoury and unsatisfactory position that it rests its public professions of Masonic belief on a nihilistic erasure, and a political cry, and remembering the past and realizing the present, we cannot but forbear feeling the greatest depression and uneasiness, alike in respect of its actual status and its eventual safety. Had the French reformers wished only to keep their profession of faith as with us, in a separate form, such as "tradenda and observanda," we should not have thought that its removal from a code of laws mattered much, for we do not think that expressions of belief are suitably placed amid legislative enactments. But, unfortunately, such a compromise did not suit the movement party in French Freemasonry. They objected to the exclusion of Atheists, and they have



carried their admission. The only gainers by this senseless change are the Ultramontans, and the old antagonist of Freemasonry, Bishop Dupanloup. For French Freemasonry such an act can only place it in the most melancholy of positions—"Isolation," and may be, as we fear it will be, the prelude to its own internal dissolution. Before the world it now stands in complete opposition to Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and to its own ancient teaching, and we apprehend that there is nothing before it, humanly speaking, but a reprobation of its acts, and a denial of its jurisdiction by all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. We are sincerely sorry for the French Freemasons.

### "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MAN."

We are closing another eventful year of the great calendar of time, and war, cruel, devastating war, is still wasting and destroying the bright promise of human life, and entailing its bitter and heartrending miseries upon thousands of our suffering fellow-creatures. At this time, then, and at this season of the year, so propitious to gentle souvenirs, and more gladdening truths, it seems well to remind ourselves of the unchanged hopes and aspirations of Freemasonry. For war qua war, Freemasonry does not possess and cannot have any sympathy. Of course there are wars and wars. There is, for instance the war of defence, which is sacred; there is the war of liberation, which is needful; there is the war of honour and principle, which is commendable. But war is a sad necessity always, at the best, and can only be defended as a necessity, and in the words of perhaps the greatest soldier who ever lived, the Duke of Wellington, we ought always to try and avoid war, if we possibly can. For war, it is too often forgotten, amid a blaze of heroic language or gaudy transparencies, the songs of the victor, the flush of victory, is in fact a very prosaic and petty affair after all, when measured by the greater standard of humanity. We say nothing here of the fine qualities it may evoke, or the noble deeds it may embalm, the heroism or daring which it displays, or the dauntless courage which it perpetuates, for all these things are duly sang of and recounted by the bards and chroniclers of all time. And no doubt they have their good side and their true meaning for man, and life. But war, however fascinating and how gorgeous in the abstract, in theory,—in the concrete, practically means the overthrow of all civil life and polity, and virtue, and innocence, the ruin of peace, and of all we count most dear to us, nationally and individually, and above all the domination of all that is fell and foul, all that is cruel and crooked, all that is unsavoury and unsatisfactory on this fair earth of ours. War is the absolute destruction of the labours of the husbandman, of the savings of the tradesman, of the progress of honest industry, of the development of kindly commerce. We say nothing here of the sufferings of humanity which it introduces in its train, or the outrages on women, innocence, or helplessness which it entails, the ravages it occasions, the epidemics it brings about. Freemasonry cannot follow with applauding voice the car of the conqueror, which seems only to be drawn, like hateful Juggernaut, over the prostrate bodies of the infatuated and the reckless. No orphan's cry, no widow's wail, shall go with Freemasonry, accompany its footsteps, herald its advance, or mark its ascendancy. The victories it wishes to celebrate are those of civilization; the triumphs it is glad to record are those of peace. Under its banner are congregated those who wish to see the gradual, loyal, orderly, advance of the human race in the one safe way of patriotic legality, and, above all, in that general good, which most of all tends to the happiness of the citizen, the contentment of nations, and satisfactory march of the great army of the human race. When, then, to-day, we still hear the blast of war, if even in a far-off land; when we read the tales of hideous cruelty, or have to listen to some fearful damning record of human wickedness, of the prevalence of those awful passions which war excites, as Freemasons, we cannot but express

a wish, at this season of the year for the advent of a golden epoch of healing peace. We look forward to the time when "Wars shall be no more," when the "sword shall be turned into the ploughshare," when peace shall shine upon this fair world of ours in all its radiant grace. For that happier time we still can wait, in confiding hope, even amidst the mists and darker hours of to-day, and faith still whispers to us of a glad dawn yet to be, when in God's own good time, the angelic song shall yet be heard again, often forgotten amidst the discordant shouts of earthly folly, wickedness, and warfare,

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man."

### OUR "ST. JOHN'S."

Time's wheel, ever relentlessly running on, has rolled round, and the noted point in its periphery has again come into contact with our Masonic parallel; the weeks have sped away noiselessly and uneventfully, may be, yet gradually and surely, and here we are once more gathered in lodge to celebrate our winter "St. John's." A joyous time it is and a merry, for is it not the birth of our new Masonic year? the starting point of many of us in a fresh career of duty and of usefulness to the Craft and Lodge, to the brethren, and, let us hope, to ourselves.

To one amongst us it is an especially anxious time—we mean to our Master, now newly enthroned in the chair of the Royal Solomon. For him the circle of this year of office will revolve concurrently with the circling-line which will bound his duty, touching on either side the exemplary parallels to which his attention was long ago directed, and on whose pattern he must frame his future conduct; regulated on the one side, by the eager zeal, the unflinching rectitude of the Master who gave the law amidst the terrors of Sinai and Horeb, and who enforced it in its strictest integrity through the sad world of wilderness to the honey-yielding, milk-flowing plains of the Canaanitish rest; and, on the other, by the wisdom of the Grand Master, whose glory and renown were told to earth's remotest bound. The new-made Master looks upon the one that now stands beside him, a step below that chair that but lately he so well and proudly filled, and whose hand but a moment before gave into his hand the gavel of high rule and acknowledged authority; and in this his hour of elevation above, but by his fellows, though a proud flush may mantle over his cheek as he thus grasps in his strong right hand the symbol of the worthy and well-earned reward of his labours, he cannot but feel that, work as he will, and labour as he may, Time's circle will as surely revolve for him as it has for his brother on the step below him, and the time must inevitably come when the point will once more touch the parallel, and he too must descend from his proud position as his brother has done before him; and yet, he may console himself with the thought that even that lower step is, after all, the position of dignity; for it is the place of those who, having as lately well-ruled as they have aforesaid well-wrought, are entered into that rest which is the reward of toil, and are even now in the enjoyment of the reward, the hope of which has sweetened their labour in the days gone by.

And as for these last, the Fathers of the Lodge, they in their turn will remember that a few more revolutions, at most, of Time's circle, and their well-earned jewels of rectitude, adorned with learning and judgment and experience, must fall from off their necks—for all mundane things, jewels though they be, are—

"Shadows, not substantial things," which will vanish at the dawning light of morning, and will—

"In the earth be equal made,  
With the poor crooked scythe and spade."

Nor is the lesson of Time's circle lost to the brethren below the chair; for them too, it touches, year by year, its parallels and theirs, the two St. John's. To them it points to a ceaseless round of duty, regulated on the one hand by the burning eager zeal for truth and rectitude of the Baptist, and on the other by the meek love and trustfulness in the Master's care of him we speak of as "the Divine;" the love

modelled on that of the one, tempering the life moulded by the warning call to the repentance, from the objects of the lower life, to those of the better life above us and beyond, of the other; nor must they long delay, for none

—"can stay Death's hand,  
Nor hold the ebbing sand,  
Of Life's hour-glass;  
We can but brave and patient stand,  
And let it pass."

Just as it was the case with the exemplar, in days of old, the Widow's son, so must it soon be with them. Happy for them if they then leave behind amongst their brethren a reflection of his bright and beautiful career of integrity, made the more resplendent by the fortitude of his faithful, albeit sorrowful, end.

Labour is ended and refreshment is begun, and round the festive board are gathered the resting sons of toil; but where are the familiar faces that we see there no more, and whose are those young forms that occupy the places of the loved and lost?

"With joy and sorrow, weal and woe,  
This chequered life jogs on; and so  
The world keeps rolling!  
While stars have set, fresh stars have shone;  
New friends replace the old ones gone,  
Our grief consoling;  
And marriage-bells ring on and on,  
Through death-knells tolling!"

And so the circle is always complete, but yet though this be so, we cannot quite forget the loved and lost—lost? no! gone before! For now Time's circle shining out once more, although it shows us gaps here and there where earth-worn fellows have dropped out of the wheel, gaps ever widening till all, even we ourselves, shall be gone, yet tells us that the lost parts shall be reunited in the future, in the circle of Time no longer, but of Eternity instead, an everlasting band, to be broken no more, but to circle on for ever round the throne of The Great Architect of the Universe, Himself the centre of the system of love, taught us in this our greatest festal-day, our annual "St. John's."

### "LE MONDE MACONNIQUE," "THE SCOTTISH FREEMASON," AND "THE FREEMASON."

It is a great pity, that those worthy brethren who write in the *Monde Maconnique* are so ill posted up in all that relates to the *Freemason*. It is not indeed surprising that thus it should be, but we think it well to state, for the information of our readers, that thus it is. Having recently hinted that certain editorial articles of the *Freemason* are animated by the views of a trader, and thus assuming that the Editor and Publisher of the *Freemason* are one and the same, in order to point a childish sarcasm, they have made another amusing mistake in the last number of the *Monde Maconnique*; for now they gravely assert that the Editor of the *Freemason* and of the *Scottish Freemason* is the same person, and like the French Republic, "one and indivisible." But, as we before pointed out, Bro. Kenning, though the sole proprietor, is not the Editor of the *Freemason*, who has a distinct personality, however humble, of his own. And so also we think it well to remark to-day, that the editor of the *Freemason* is not the editor of the *Scottish Freemason*, has nothing to do with its direction, and knows nothing of its articles, and in no sense directs its opinions. The *Scottish Freemason* is a perfectly independent paper of itself, and unconnected with the *Freemason*. Though Bro. Kenning is the proprietor and publisher of both, the *Scottish Freemason* has been, and is so ably edited, that we feel the compliment of the *Monde Maconnique* very much, and as we fully agree with the actual editor of the *Scottish Freemason* in all that he has said, and in all that he does say week by week so effectively, we are very happy to be supposed to "row in the same boat" with him. What a pity it is that our old antagonist Bro. Adrien Grimaux should make such a "little biffsteak," and like the "charming woman" of the old song should "talk of things" which he certainly does not "understand."

ETON COLLEGE.—The school will close next Friday for the Christmas vacation, when the authorities of the Great Western and South Western Railways will run special trains for the conveyance of the boys to their homes.



## THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

We have seen, by the courtesy of Bro. Harty, the artist's proof of this remarkable engraving, and we can safely pronounce it to be a most decided and most striking success. We have no hesitation whatever in adding that as an artistic production, the engraving must rank very high indeed in the history of all similar compositions. The grouping is admirable, the execution is most finished, and the portraiture, for such minute detail, is very close and clear. We think that we may fairly add that from the mass of portraiture, the "tableau" is perfectly unprecedented in the history of the engraving art. We congratulate Bro. Harty on the conclusion of his arduous undertaking, which reflects the greatest credit on his employés of every "genre." When Bro. Harty has submitted the engraving to the notice of H.R.H. the Grand Master, we shall have something more to say about it. We understand that the engraving will be ready for delivery to the subscribers about the third week in January.

## COMMUNIQUE.

We deeply regret to note the tone and the temper of the *Monde Maçonnique* for December with reference to the Irish Grand Lodge. We should have thought, that the ruling powers of the Grand Orient of France would have realized ere this, that the feeling among Anglo-Saxon Freemasons was very strong and very real in regard to the dreadful mistake committed by the Grand Orient of France, and that they would also have perceived that they were very honest in their opposition to what they deemed an unwise, an un-Masonic, and we will add a godless change in the general system of French Freemasonry. But the only view which Bro. Caubet apparently takes of the matter is, that it does not much signify what opinion the Grand Lodge of Ireland, (and by analogy any other Grand Lodge), forms of the transaction. 'The Grand Orient "locuta est, causa finita est." Happy union of ultramontane and ultra liberal opinions! What are his words? "Que nous importe l'opinion de la Grande Loge d'Irlande," &c., &c., &c. Now we do not suppose for one moment that any such honest and legitimate opinion does matter much to them who have so revolutionized French Freemasonry. It is in fact only another condemnation, according to them, of bigots and fanatics, of those who believe in God and read the Bible! For Bro. Caubet has the bad taste to say, (we might well use a harder word), that the Grand Lodge of Ireland is "not an universal Grand Lodge," but that it is a "narrow sect," only admitting "men who believe in a personal God, and are received on the Bible." Really nothing more. We can quite feel how such a state of things must hurt, as it evidently does, the feelings of Bro. Caubet, but remembering Bro. Massol's expressed opinions, we are not the least astonished at such strong feelings on the part of our worthy Bro. Caubet. If such be a fault on the part of the Irish Grand Lodge, it is one which all Freemasons in England, and America, and Scotland, and Canada, are quite ready to be blamed for, and whatever Bro. Caubet may say or think we will never give up that truer position of universal Freemasonry. All this only shows whither French Freemasons are going, and our readers will remember that we have from the first contended, that the great change they have effected on the specious and jesuitical cry of toleration, was a complete revolution in French Freemasonry, and so it certainly is, so it is likely to prove to be. We will have nothing to do with the "unclean thing."

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—E.]

## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I should not have troubled you again with respect to this painful question, but for a special reason. As no one ventured to confute my arguments or deny my facts in my former letters, about the Grand Orient of France, I had every reason to be contented, and so I should have remained silent and satisfied, had I not been so greatly struck by the line of argument pursued by Bro. Caubet, that I deemed it right to call the attention of your numerous readers to this untoward affair. Bro. Caubet at page 354, seeks to deal with the recent resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. I pass over the technical objection that the resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge was passed without any official communication from the Grand Orient of France, of the change it had approved.

It is clear to every one that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has full right to deal with a matter of public notoriety, the more so as the result of a deplorable agitation and a still more deplorable vote, had appeared both in the *Chaine d'Union*, the *Monde Maçonnique*, with a note of triumph from Bro. Caubet, and in the "Bulletin du Grand Orient." And so I pass on to Bro. Caubet's reply. It practically is nothing more nor less than this, "The resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland matters nothing to the Grand Orient of France." But I am not aware that Bro. Caubet can thus speak in the

name of the Grand Orient, and I can only therefore look upon it as the opinion of Bro. Caubet quantum valet. Remembering all that has taken place, I am inclined to think, that Bro. Caubet represents in this view of matters the intolerant and dominant majority of the last "Couvent," and even though that be so, I should not even have called attention to this "deliverance" of Bro. Caubet, but for another reason. For Bro. Caubet actually goes on to bring a charge against the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that it accepts a "personal God," and the "Bible," and is therefore not "Universal." This then is the real cause of this foolish excitement which has culminated in this deplorable result in the Grand Orient of French Masonry, and this is what French Freemasons are teaching, and is to be the position which French Freemasonry is henceforth to assume: Denial of belief in God, rejection of the Bible because incompatible with universal Freemasonry. Can anything be more sad, more suicidal; or more senseless? I fancy, there will be but one answer in England and elsewhere. It is somewhat curious and instructive to note, that at this moment Freemasonry is attacked from two extreme points of view. It is condemned for instance by the Ultramontanes because it admits all who do believe in God;—others, in fact, than Christians. It is arraigned by the Infidel School because it did not disavow its belief in God, and builds its moral teaching on God and the Bible. Truth, as we know, mostly lies between two extremes, and I for one am glad to realize the "Vials of Wrath," poured upon our "devoted heads," as Freemasons, whether profusely showered upon us by an amiable Pontiff, or vigorously sprinkled over us by the intrepid Caubet. I fancy, dear Bro. Kenning, that English and Irish Freemasonry will survive alike the anathema of Pius the IXth, and the unjust complaint of Bro. Caubet. I for one think that we ought to be grateful to the Irish Grand Lodge for the resolution it has passed with reference to the un-masonic act of the Grand Orient of France, and I know that the Grand Lodge of Ireland will care little indeed for the disapproval and criticism of those in France who seek, as we regard it, to revolutionise, to de-religionise, to destroy French Freemasonry. It is, indeed, most melancholy to think what must be the future of that portion of our great Order. How much longer can it, (after all that has passed), consistently keep, at the head of its official document, "à la gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers." Logically, I fear, there can be but one necessary corollary of this last act of unwisdom, namely, its erasure also! I for one fully expect to hear of the additional proposal before long, but as things cannot be worse than things are, it really matters very little, one way or the other. I cannot conceive a more unhealthy, a more unhappy, or a more un-masonic state of affairs than that to which the French Grand Orient has now committed French Freemasonry.

I am, yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

## PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Freemason* of September 29th last, in a letter signed "P.P.G.B.S.X.," on "Past Masters' Jewels," &c., I am quite of the writer's opinion, and as we have only three brethren in this district who even make an attempt at the "installation" ceremony, and they each differ very much, I have written to the Grand Secretary to know if the correct ceremony is published in any form, that I may get it and so be able to instal my successor in office. Hitherto, I have obtained all my "working," orally—but as I do not know the really correct ceremony of installation, even though I may have heard it (having heard several different versions), I shall be glad to get it in any constitutional manner. The Grand Secretary simply says in his letter to me "I am sorry I cannot assist you with the information you require respecting the ritual of the installation ceremony," &c. Thinking that, in the event of your not being able to furnish me with the information, you would kindly forward this communication to your correspondent, I have taken the liberty of addressing this to you—and as time is now somewhat pressing perhaps you will pardon my suggesting that you will kindly let the matter have your early attention, and oblige,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. T. RHODES, W.M. 448.

## APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue for last week that in the debate on the "German Question" in Grand Lodge, the Grand Registrar stated that the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford only received members of the University, at which statement Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson expressed dissent.

I think the following quotation from the "History of Apollo Lodge" may interest your readers as clearing up the point at issue.

"A bye-law was proposed in 1853, that henceforth no one shall be proposed for this lodge except he be or has been a member of this University," was not confirmed by the Provincial Grand Master; but the restriction has been practically maintained."

I am, yours fraternally,

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## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your last week's report of the Kennington Lodge (usually so accurate) contains an error, which, in justice to a very worthy brother, I am sure you will allow me to rectify. In proposing the health of the W.M. I am made to say "He laboured under great physical difficulties in

the rendering of the ritual, in consequence of loss of voice." Whilst what in reality I did say was, "that he laboured under disadvantages which prevented him making the best of himself at the banquet table (the room in which it took place being a large one), but that he more than atoned for it by the excellent manner in which he rendered the ritual in the lodge." Your insertion of this in your next issue will much oblige,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. EVERETT,  
P.M. 177 and 1381; Treasurer 1608.

## SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your to-day's number of the *Freemason* you say that many Scottish brethren are expected to join the Swedenborgian rite. I am glad to hear some Scottish brethren have done so. But the Lodge and Temple Royal Oscar, No. 9, would especially welcome Swedish brethren.

I have to thank you on behalf of any brethren of the rite for the kind manner in which you publish news concerning this rite, which is of the deepest interest to Biblical students.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, ever yours fraternally,  
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,  
Supreme Grand Secretary.

Hounslow,  
Dec. 15th, 1877.

P.S. Scottish was a misprint for Swedish.

## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice President, was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice President, in that of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in the chair of Junior Vice President. There were also present among others Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; John Coutts, P.G.P.; Col. Somerville Burney, Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Thos. Mortlock, A. J. Iretton, W.M. 1314; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; H. Bartlett, Griffiths Smith, E. F. Storr, W.M. 22; Conrad C. Dumas, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Bartlett, J. A. Farnfield, C. F. Hogard, Benj. Swallow, Edw. Terry, W.M. 1319; H. C. Levander, Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Magnus Ohren, Louis Beck, E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; Edw. Jones, W.M. 192; E. Couch, W.M. 1297; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; John Draper, P.M. 1305; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The amount of £280, granted at last Lodge of Benevolence, which required confirmation, was first confirmed, after which the brethren proceeded with the new cases, of which there were thirty-three on the list. Of these twenty-five were relieved with the total sum of £505, consisting of one £50 (£50), two £40 (£80), two £30 (£60), two £25 (£50), eight £20 (£160), one £15 (£15), eight £10 (£80), and two £5 (£10).

The remainder of the cases were deferred.

The lodge was closed after sitting three hours.

## Obituary.

## BRO. WM. WYATT.

Bro. William Wyatt, the well known market gardener, died at his residence, Manor Farm, Upper Lewisham Road, New Cross, on Friday, Dec. 14th, at the comparatively early age of 47 years, after a long, painful and lingering illness. Brother William Wyatt was initiated into Freemasonry at the Royal Oak Lodge, 871, on July 22nd, 1868. After filling the minor offices he was unanimously elected and duly installed W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge in February 1873, and after his successful year of office was unanimously voted a Past Master's Jewel. He was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, and had he lived, would no doubt have filled the M.E.Z. chair. He was not unmindful of the Charities, and to prove his disinterestedness made himself a Life Governor of both the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and had it in contemplation to do the same for male and female annuitants. A more amiable brother one seldom meets with than this worthy P.M. was. It is a truth to say he never made an enemy in the lodge. His reputation was equally good in the world. The lodge will mourn his loss. His memory will ever remain green amongst them.

QUEEN MARGARET'S CAVE.—The *Edinburgh Daily Review* reports the intended restoration of a hitherto neglected relic at Dunfermline, dating from the time when King Malcolm held Court at the Tower Hill. This relic is Queen Margaret's Cave, which consists of an apartment in the solid rock, and is situated a few hundred yards from the Tower Hill. It is 6ft. 9in. in height, 8ft. 6in. in width, and 11ft. 9in. in length. At the bottom of the cave is a small spring well, the water of which rises at times and covers the whole of the lower space. Queen Margaret was accustomed, historians tell us, to repair constantly to the cave for the purpose of private devotion, and the King, discovering the real cause of her long absences, hearing while he listened prayers uttered by her on his behalf, caused the rude excavation in the rock, always damp and dingy, to be fitted up as an oratory. After the Queen's death the place was permitted to fall into decay.



## THE UNIVERSALITY OF MASONRY AND THE BELIEF IN GOD.

If we look around the whole of the globe we can scarcely find a country or a nation wherein Masonry has not planted its banner; in the north, south, east, and west the loving Mason will find a brother. In Great Britain there are few towns of any size without a Masons' lodge; the same may be said of America—nay, more—even in the distant prairies, among the Indian tribes, "the light of Masonry has shined." To go further South, the numerous States of South America—viz., Peru, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Mexico, Columbia, Uruguay, Chili, &c.,—all possess Masonic governing bodies. On the Continent of Europe, in every nation, brethren of the "Mystic Tie" will be found. Russia alone, at the present time, refuses permission to lodges to meet and transact business, but the interdiction is only of comparatively recent date, and many Masons still exist there. If we turn to the East, India, like all other British possessions, fosters the Craft. China and Japan are said to be acquainted with the Order. Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and other islands boast of numbers of votaries of Masonry. In Africa, Masons' lodges are found in Algeria, Egypt, the Cape of Good Hope and Liberia. In fact, throughout the world, wherever the British or American trader, merchant or colonist have appeared, there Masonry has at once asserted its powers. Thus far we have only considered the extension of Masonry from its material point of view, and as regards its connection more particularly with the Anglo-Saxon race. Let us now look at it in another light. Masonry is not confined to Christians, Catholic or Protestant; it belongs to the Mahomedan, the Parsee, the Hindoo, the followers of Confucius, the red Indian of America, the native of Africa, and the islanders of the Southern Seas. What, then, is the common bond that unites these various races, creeds, and sects in one universal order? What is the ground-work on which the whole theory of the Craft is built up?

"The bulwark, the 'raison d'être,' the first and greatest landmark of the Order, is 'the belief in God,' the Creator, the Great Architect of the Universe!"

To Mahomedans, Allah (God) is all supreme; his firm faith in the goodness and justice of God enables him to face death without fear. The mild and gentle Parsee does not worship the "Sacred Fire" as a God, but as a proof of the "presence of God."

An almost parallel case is to be found in the Bible as regards the Israelites—both in the Tabernacle and in the Temple of Jerusalem God signified His "presence" by the fire always kept burning in the altar. The peaceful Buddhist does not worship Brahma, Vishnu, and Siva as the "Supreme God," but as the representatives of the principal attributes of the Godhead. Just as Christians worship the Trinity as three persons in one God, so with the Buddhist—Brahma, Vishnu, and Siva represent the Creator, Preserver and Destroyer. The disciples of Confucius worship God through their prophet, Confucius; the red Indian worships as his Supreme Being the "Good Spirit." Few tribes and races exist, however idolatrous or paganish they may be, that do not in some sense acknowledge and worship "one Supreme God." To all, then, the "belief in God" is the common bond of union.

Dogmatical discussions are rigidly excluded from our lodges, when in session, so that the brethren of various sects and creeds be not wounded in their religious feelings. Thus we get an answer at once to our would-be persecutors, and also to those brethren of the Grand Orient of France, &c., who are now seeking to exclude "the very idea of God Almighty" from the constitutions of the Order. And why do they seek to do this? Only forsooth that a few *libres penseurs* (Freethinkers) Atheists, should be admitted.

Are we to give up the basis, the bond of union of the Order, for a few Atheists? If we did so, the mighty edifice raised with such care would fall to pieces, and "like the baseless fabric of a vision, leave not a wrack behind." Because the brethren of Great Britain and other nations have inveighed against this exclusion, in no measured tones, they have been called "intolerant!" and they are told that if they withdraw recognition of such French Masons that they will destroy the universality of the Order. Intolerant, forsooth! Rather most tolerant! If we excluded the idea of and worship of the Great Architect, we should no longer have the Buddhists, Parsees, and Mahomedans working with us! If we refuse to recognise such French Masons as these, do we destroy the universality of the Order? We trow not. There are many right-thinking brethren and lodges in France who will not give up this, the greatest landmark of the Craft; these good and true Masons can among themselves erect a Grand Lodge of France that will be recognized and acknowledged by every Grand Lodge in the world. There would be no diminution in the universality of Masonry, but rather a "separation of the sheep from the goats!" or "a winnowing of the corn from the tares." Masonry would profit by this. Without "the belief in and love of God," how could we understand "the love of our neighbour." In these two points consist the whole theory of the system of Masonry. We have often been asked what are the landmarks of Masonry, so often talked about and yet so little understood. Here are the two principal, the *raison d'être* of the system; we have called it moreover, the "Bulwark of the Order," and surely it is so. What are the charges laid against us by our persecutors and detractors? That we are "Enemies of God! subverters of public order; that we are, in fact, worshippers of the devil!" Our answer is, our system has as its foundation stone "Belief in God." "No true Mason mentions the name of God save with the awe and reverence due from the creature to the Creator! We implore His aid in all our difficulties, and in all our undertakings!" Are we

then "Enemies of God?" Subverters of order! Would our princes, rulers, judges, and magistrates be our votaries, if such were the case? Can those who love and serve God be "worshippers of the devil?" Exclude this love, this belief, and our enemies could well bring evil charges against us, and Masonry would become, as it should do under such circumstances, "a by-word and a reproach."

So much, then for the Masonic crisis in France, Belgium, and, we fear, Hungary also. We would like, however, to say a few words on the "Belief in God," as regards ourselves. We believe and hope that there are few among us who really are Atheists; there may be some of lax and careless views, but still, on the whole, our brethren believe or profess to believe in God! We will not be so pharisaical as to say that in Great Britain all are good, all earnest believers in God! It may be that the winnowing the chaff from the wheat might be practised, with advantage, even among ourselves! But Anglo-Saxon Masons all profess, more or less, this great "Landmark" and teaching of Freemasonry. We should, however, do more than profess this, which should be the guiding principle of our lives—we must seek to carry it out in practice. It matters not what sect of worshippers we belong to, we are, one and all of us, "children of God," created by Him, imbued by Him with faculties which we should cultivate to his service. We would thus become more worthy of our calling as Masons. If the present struggle on the continent ends adversely, as it has done, alas! in France, to the cause of Masonry, we must act promptly and with severity. It must never be said that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, America, &c., for one moment tolerated such an innovation, such a destruction of the constitutions of our Order; nay, more, it is a sacred duty that we owe, not only to Masonry all over the world, but a still greater duty due to those good and true brethren in France who are now doing battle for the integrity of our noble and universal Craft. The path before us is broad and straight! we must not swerve to the right hand or to the left! but do our duty faithfully, honestly, and conscientiously. Then, and then only, will this crisis, this struggle in France, instead of being a stumbling block in our way, become a bright and shining epoch in the annals of Masonry.—*Scottish Freemason.*

### WELL SAID.

We call attention to the above article, taken from the *Scottish Freemason*, and trust that every person into whose hands this copy of the *Dispatch* may fall may take the trouble to read it carefully, and think upon what he has read. It will be seen, by even a casual glance at the article in question, that the writer desires to make allowances for those of the French minority who, by their votes and influences, declared that they did not accept the dictum of the majority, and yet adhere to the old platform of Masonry—namely, an unquestioning belief in the existence of one ever-living and true God, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe.

We desire to be understood as making the same allowance, and as sympathizing with those who, desirous of standing up to the real teachings of the Craft, find themselves overborne by a majority imbued with revolutionary ideas, and willing to sacrifice everything to their notions of the moment. But at the same time we renew our protest against the official declaration of the Grand Orient which removes from the Masonic creed any recognition of the Father. We take occasion again to say that we believe that it is not within the power of any man or any body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry, and that all who profess to be Masons must accept without question the primitive dogmas of the Craft or simply quit.

Now from the beginning, not only of the present organization of Freemasonry, but from the earliest times of which we have any record, all societies or associations of men of a similar nature to ours have had for their underlying principle the existence of one God, acknowledged to be the Creator of the universe and worshipped as the Father "from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift." It follows that those who do not accept this dogma in its entire simplicity are not in communion with the rest and do not follow conscientiously the work set for us to do, and it follows, also, that not believing and sympathizing in our doctrine as well as our work, they are really not of us. They demonstrate the truth of the Scripture that, "All are not Israel that are of Israel," or, in other words, that all are not Masons who bear the name and pretend to exercise the profession.

The world has got far beyond the time when there can be any hesitation or equivocation on this question, and less than any other, can our Institution afford for a moment to dally with the vagaries of free thinkers or the delusions of downright infidels. We have been from the beginning on the side of God the Father, and there we must remain to the end, or cease to be members of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

We take further occasion to repeat—for it cannot be too often said—that unless we can from our inmost hearts and consciences declare our belief in God, we have not been and are not Masons. Believing thus, we are none the less ready to accept the fact that all French Masons are not and cannot be Atheists. We know of many instances to the contrary, and we accept the vote of the seventy-six lodges voting in the minority at the late meeting of the Grand Orient, when the question of striking out all allusion to the Supreme Being was decided in the affirmative, as proof positive that atheism is not yet altogether rampant in France, but we must be governed by the official action of the governing body as having the right to speak for the constituency, and that body having deliberately resolved to strike out the Deity, we are bound to accept that resolution as the sentiment of French Masonry, expressed through its official organ. It is, of course,

unfortunate for the minority that their views of the right, and their devotion to the principles of the Craft should have been thus misrepresented and officially overruled; but there is only one resource left to them, and that is the one suggested by our Scottish contemporary, namely, that they should at once proceed to form a Grand Lodge—not a Grand Orient—for the propagation of true Ancient Craft Masonry as it was at first communicated to them through Lord Derwentwater, and we can confidently assure them of the sympathy and recognition of all English speaking Masons throughout the world. If, however, they choose to sit still and allow the atheistical majority to rule and speak for them, then it will be only a fair deduction that the real principles of our fraternity have not been understood in France, and that in that country forms have been mistaken for principles. We sincerely hope that such will not prove to be the fact, and that upon sober second thought a majority of our French brethren will be found to have taken place on the side of Masonic principle, and in favour of supporting to extremity—if necessary—the governing ideas of the association.—*New York Dispatch.*

### THE MASONIC HALL IN DUBLIN.

This Masonic Hall embodies in its style the five orders of architecture. It was built from the design of Mr. Edward Holmes, who is architect of the fine Masonic Hall in the town of Birmingham. Although externally the edifice is neither ornate or imposing, once the portals are entered the eye is charmed with the variety of architectural adornment. Thirty-five Blue Lodges meet within the building; and in addition there are rooms devoted to the Royal Arch Chapter Masons, the Knights Templars and the Prince Masons. Thus of the various styles of architecture we have the Ancient Egyptian, which is the earliest, in the Royal Arch Chapter Room; the classical in the Grand Lodge Room; and in the Chapel of the Knights Templars, the Gothic, which is the style of most of the ecclesiastical structures in the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

The Grand Lodge Room, devoted to Craft Masonry, the Order may justly contemplate with pride. It has undergone a satisfactory transformation, and is now one of the most tastefully decorated apartments in the United Kingdom. Lightness of tone and simplicity and elegance of design at once strike the beholder, while, at the same time, the vast dimensions of the room (being larger than St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle), and its classical pillars and entablature impart a due degree of solemnity. At a glance the harmony of the decorations is apparent; and the longer in contemplation the greater the satisfaction in arriving at the conclusion that uniformity has been observed in every detail. First of all, examine the frescoes in the space 'twixt the groined arches. What a wonderful episode in sacred history they unfold! The ten combined tell the story of the building of Solomon's Temple, each contributing its own fragment in an eloquent manner that cannot be mistaken. Mr. Edward Gibson, 44, Great Russell-street, London, youngest son of Mr. H. James Gibson, of Mary-street, Dublin, is the designer and painter. He is a young man in the springtime of life, and his present work undoubtedly gives promise of great things to come. Each design manifests deep thought and sound judgment, while the drawing is accurate and the dresses and composition of the various subjects prove the scholar as well as the artist. Although the treatment of the figures is in sepia or monochrome on a gold ground, the effect is thoroughly satisfying, the facial expression and the natural, easy flow of the drapery being especially so. Standing in the East where the Grand Master's throne is placed, on the right are described the incidents in close connexion with Hiram, King of Tyre, and his builders and artificers, while on the left are those more immediately relating to Solomon and the Israelites. The central cartoon on the right is the genesis of the story. It represents the reception of Solomon's servants by Hiram, King of Tyre. Hiram regally attired, is seated on his throne, which is copied from Egyptian monuments, and is ornamented with flowers and emblems. On either side stand female slaves, waving fans or punkahs, to cool the air for his Majesty, while in the foreground sits another, as if awaiting her turn of duty. At the right hand side of the King stands his Minister or Grand Vizier, his hands resting on his sword; and behind this throne is stationed the King's body guard, armed with sword and buckler. Solomon's three messengers kneeling at the foot of the throne complete the groups. One of them seems to act as spokesman, while another presents gifts. At once the distinctive appearance of the Israelites and the Tyrians is discernible. The Tyrians wear their beards curled short; the Israelites let theirs flow in the natural manner. The references on the frieze beneath to the texts in 1 Kings, v., vii., furnish a key to the cartoons. "And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 'Thou knowest how that David, my father, could not build an house in the name of the Lord his God, for the wars that were unto about him on every side, until the Lord put them under the soles of His feet. But now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake unto David, my father, saying, 'Thy son, whom I will place on thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house in my name.' Now, therefore, command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servant shall be with thy servants; and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint—for thou knowest that there are not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians." And it came to pass that when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, "Blessed be the



Lord this day which had given unto David a wise son over this great people." And Hiram sent to Solomon saying, "I have considered the things which thou sentest unto me for, and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar and of fir. Thy servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea, and shall convey them by sea in floats unto the place where thou shalt appoint me, and thou shalt receive them; and thou shalt accomplish my desire in giving food to my household." We now resume the thread of the story with the cartoon on the extreme right. It is a representation of a cedar float on which are three men in the act of shoving off from the land, and a sail is set to catch the breeze. They are conveying the cedars of Lebanon from Sidon to Joppa, the nearest port to Jerusalem. The next in order represents the stone-squarers in the quarries. In the foreground is an overseer with a callipers in his hand, addressing a stone-squarer, who, chisel in hand, beside the stone he is engaged upon, is in an attitude of attention. On the left is a man marking on a stone with a square what is to be hacked off it, and on the opposite side is a labourer choosing a hammer from among others laid against the stone, while another is moving a stone already squared. In the background is a carver ornamenting a capital with pomegranates, a fruit which was frequently employed in the decoration of the Temple, and of the priests' robes. Skipping the central picture, already described, we come to No. 4, showing Hiram, the artificer, in a chariot, crossing the country on his way to Jerusalem, having been sent by King Hiram to King Solomon. He was a widow's son, of the tribe of Naphtali, whose territory bordered on that of the King of Tyre. His father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass. Hiram was "filled with understanding and cunning to work all works in brass, and he came to King Solomon and wrought all his work." The chariot is a square box-like vehicle, ornamented in simple geometrical patterns and borne on cumbrous wheels with serrated rims. It affords accommodation for three—Hiram and the charioteer in front, and a female slave behind, holding above Hiram a sun-shade. The two horses drawing it have been going at a furious pace, but speeding towards a large stone on the wayside, just now the driver pulls them hard on their haunches to avoid the impediment. Hiram seems to look forward with Oriental serenity—heedless of the danger, or perhaps lost in admiration—thinking of the work before him; but the slave, with the curiosity of her sex, peels over his shoulder to see what is the matter. The horses are richly caparisoned. In the background the hill country is dimly visible. No. 5 discloses Hiram in his workshop, with two assistants, making the vessels for the Temple. He holds in his hand what we will suppose is a sketch model of the molten sea, which he is going to make Solomon. Just as he is about to leave for that purpose, his attention is arrested by one of the assistants. On the left of the picture the other assistant is engaged chasing a vase. Turning now to the other side of the room, the rest may be taken in the order in which they are set, commencing immediately on the left of the throne. No. 6 represents the chiefs of the people, attended by slaves depositing offerings of gold and silver ornaments—including vases, armlets, bangles, &c., which form a large pile, for the sacred vessels while a scribe stands by, making an inventory. The next describes the departure of the levy of "30,000 men of all Israel" to Lebanon and to the quarries. Adoniram, head of the levy, seems to be directing their movements, the overseer of each band taking his command, and close to him is a scribe, writing the strength of each company marching past. The men are disappearing in a body behind a hill so that the idea of a vast multitude is given. In No. 8 we have the reception of Hiram's envoys by King Solomon, affording assistance in building the temple. It occupies a position directly opposite to that representing Solomon's messengers soliciting the assistance from Hiram. Solomon, holding a sceptre, is seated on his throne, which is flanked on either side with sculptured Egyptian lions. He, too, has female slaves in attendance, waving pinks to make the air fresh and balmy. One of Hiram's messengers is salaaming at the foot of the throne, which is ascended by a series of steps, while the spokesman kneeling on the second step is unfolding his master's letter and stating its contents to Solomon. A seer or elder stands beside a spiral column at the right of the throne, in his hand his master's letter which he has just read. No. 9 represents the dedication. Before a cromlech, or stone altar, whereon is a bullock as a sacrifice, stands Solomon with his hands outstretched heavenwards. Although there is here only one figure, and therefore the picture lacks the usual aids to effect, the artist has concentrated all his skill, and with success, in making that figure truly noble and kinglike. Solomon is in an attitude of intense earnestness, his whole frame thrilling with emotion in the excitement of the supreme moment which witnessed the fulfilment of his dearest hopes. He seems to stand out in relief from the canvas, his finely moulded Hebrew features instinct with the fervour, the enthusiasm, the joy of his heart. His invocation is sublime. It was repeated at the dedication and is used on all similar occasions. In the concluding picture of the series is a view of the builders at work. A scaffolding is raised round one of the pillars. The central figure is an overseer, who is directing three men on the right in slipping a stone which is attached to a rope. On the left are two sub-officers watching the movement, or waiting to speak to the overseer. One of them holds a plan and the other a callipers. Of the pillar little beyond the base can be seen. It seems to rise from a cluster of lotus leaves, bound by a fillet which is embellished with carved lily work. The foregoing description conveys little beyond a sketch of these high class works of art. On their archaeology alone an interesting treatise might be written, not to speak of an elaborate criticism of their artistic merits. As to the propriety of their arrangement, placing the most important

and those with most figures in the centre for prominence, or, on the other hand, chronologically arranging them according to the order of events, however opinions may differ, their excellence both in conception and execution disarms criticism. It is hoped that the present achievement will lead to the revival of mural decorations in high art, examples of which are very few in this country. The greatest painters that ever lived—Raphael, Michael Angelo, Titian, and many others of the ancient masters—have decorated the walls of churches and palaces with their best efforts; while in modern times Maclise has adorned the halls of Westminster with noble frescoes which none can see without admiring his genius. Mr. Gibson's prentice effort already proves him an expert. By studying the great works of the great men of yore who were adepts in Christian art and its symbolic exposition, he too, may win a name and a fame to last beyond his lifetime, if he does not actually attain those rare altitudes of perfection, which can only be reached by inspired genius. Proceeding now to the subordinate decorations, analysis or synthesis alike proves them worthy of the cartoons, to which they form an effective setting, while the most exigent Mason cannot but feel satisfied that the hues and emblems peculiar to the Order have fitting prominence. The room is a parallelogram, traversed all round with Corinthian pillars, sixteen in number, supporting an entablature, whence springs a series of groined arches, their apex rising to the ceiling, and within them bring semi-circular spaces containing the cartoons. Handsome stucco mouldings, designed by Bro. Thomas Drew, R.H.A., architect, enrich the architraves. The ceiling, which is intersected by beams dividing it into five panels, is painted in celestial blue and studded over with raised five-pointed stars in gold, suggested of the empyrean. Of the same hue are the spandrels; while the intersecting beams together with the architraves and cornice are in cream colour and white relieved with gold. The frieze is of pale neutral green, whereon the texts relating to the illustrations are written in Roman letters of gold. On the broad fascia beneath the entablature and running parallel with the capitals is an exquisite white Roman scroll pattern in relief on a blue ground. Between the pillars the wall space is of a neutral leather colour, each space forming a panel confined by a matted gilt moulding within a deep selva of grey. The pillars themselves are in white enamel, their capitals and bases laved in gold; while the dado skirting the walls all round is of chocolate colour. In the west is the grand organ of classic design; it, too, has been renovated. The furniture is of oak, upholstered in blue leather. From this outline it is obvious that Masonic taste has been consulted in giving the room a distinctive character. At the same time the judicious use of neutral tints has prevented the monotonous effect that must ensue from the employment of those only that are strictly Masonic. In the centre of the Hall was laid a rich Turkey carpet in crimson, blue, and gold, emblazoned at the corners with the Masonic arms and the Prince of Wales' plume, together with the Masonic motto "Aude, Vide, Tace." It is the gift of Bro. John Lewis, of Huddersfield, and it is of similar pattern to that laid down in Albert Hall on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Thus the room is at once a triumph of artistic embellishment, and bears those distinguishing features which indicate the imprimatur of Masonry. The decorations have been executed by Messrs. James Gibson and Son, 19 and 50, Mary-street, under the immediate supervision of Bro. Henry Gibson, P.M., 232, who designed them. Their artistic merit is established by the fact that they were selected from amongst other competing designs by a committee of artists. Bros. Captain George Huband, P.M. 12; George H. Moyers, L.L.D., P.M. 25, Grand Steward; G. A. Stephens, Grand Superintendent of Works; R. W. Griffin, L.L.D., Past Grand Sword Bearer; and Thomas Fitzgerald, P.M. 227, Secretary of the House Committee, were indefatigable in their assistance and suggestions.

#### TOLERANCE OF MASONRY.

A short time back the Mahomedan community of Bombay organised a monster open air prayer-meeting, to implore the great and merciful "Allah" to send down rain; so earnest were the Mussulmans of Bombay that large numbers (according to the statements of contemporaries) assembled and joined in these supplications. The *Times of India* said that it was originally intended to hold these prayer-meetings for several successive days—but owing to the heavy down-pour of rain that followed the first day's supplications, the original programme was abandoned. Days prior to this the sky had been cloudless, and the severe famine then devastating the land had every appearance of being indefinitely prolonged.

The answers to fervent prayer recorded are numerous, and each sect naturally connect these special interpositions of Divine Providence with the supplications offered. The Mahomedans of Bombay will also naturally claim that the heavy rainfall was in direct answer to their prayers. Who, we ask, will be able to eliminate from their unsophisticated minds the idea that the prayers offered up by them in humility, with bowed head and body prostrated on the ground, had not been a direct means of invoking the merciful Allah (the Great Creator of the Universe) to send the boon they asked for, and so much needed? With a full belief of this, they changed their original programme of prayers for rain, into thanksgiving for the generous supply sent.

We also remember reading in a religious magazine, of a lay Wesleyan preacher whose supply of bread and flour had run out; the only mills in the district where he resided were windmills, and owing to the continued calms that prevailed neither he nor his neighbours could get their

corn ground. One day, when not even a zephyr moved the leaves, and the smoke from the cottage chimneys ascended in spiral columns, the minister loaded his pack-horse with wheat, and proceeded to a neighbouring mill. The miller naturally remonstrated about receiving the good man's corn; but more to oblige what he considered to be an eccentric whim than aught else, the miller obeyed the directions he received, and placed the corn in the hoppers to be ground. The good man retired and prayed earnestly for wind, and in a short time a breeze sprang up, the sails of the mill commenced to revolve, and he conceived that God in His mercy had answered his prayer. The writer in the magazine affirmed that the above facts were fully authenticated, and were also well known in the Lincolnshire Fens and immediate neighbourhood, where this minister resided.

Many we are aware would scoff at the idea of the results in either case having been in any way promoted by the means resorted to, nor are we going to venture an opinion upon the subject. Members of each community who are conversant with either of the facts we allude to, will naturally connect the above circumstances with the prayers offered on each occasion. As Masons we dispute neither, and allow both to fully enjoy their respective opinions.

Masonry being an universal institution, has one grand rule for its guidance; it admits all, of whatever colour, creed or religion, who recognise a supreme Deity as the Great Creator of the Universe. We admit our Mahomedan brother with fraternal greetings, and agree with him in his belief in the Great Allah, but we do not follow "the faithful" in the admiration of their Prophet. We receive the Parsee into our lodges, and fully accept him, but we are not prepared to go to the length with him in adoration of "The Elements" or in "Fire-worship." We hail the "Hindoo" as a brother, on his acquiescing to certain forms, and expressing a belief in the Great Creator of the Universe; we respect his caste prejudices, but we do not admit either his caste or polytheistical ideas. We willingly accept our Roman Catholic brother, extending to him the right hand of brotherly love; although our system has been denounced by his Jesuit Priests, and slandered by his Ultramontane Bishops—condemning Masonry on the ground of secrecy—when many of their own institutions are shrouded by a mysterious and more impenetrable veil than belongs even to Masonry;—we receive the Roman Catholic on his belief in the Divine Creator, we respect his creed, but at the same time although we tolerate it, we do not follow him into those labyrinths of Transubstantiation, or prayers to the Virgin Mary. Protestants, of all shades of opinion, are accepted on the same broad fundamental basis—a belief in our Beneficent Creator; but as Masons we do not go to the extremes of predestination on the one hand, or strictly adhere to theory of original sin on the other. The Nonconformist, Baptist, Wesleyan, in fact Dissenters of any sect or creed, are readily admitted to "our mysteries;" on the one broad basis of a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, this fundamental rule acknowledged, we (as Masons) do not stay to cavil over minor points, as to whether immersion, or only sprinkling is a necessity; or whether infants or adults ought to be baptised; nor whether godfathers or godmothers are needful, or that confirmation is a requisite rite of the church; these and many minor points of ceremonial and ritual are all allowed to sink before that universal charity and brotherly love which characterises our ancient institution. Masonry rushes to no extremes, it teaches its members to respect the beliefs and prejudices, and above all to have a charitable regard for the weaknesses—so long as they are neither criminal nor vicious—of their brethren. Within the sacred precincts of the lodge, controversy, whether religious or political, or of any nature liable to disturb its harmony, are rigorously excluded; all acknowledge one grand truth; all are governed by one universal law; and all adhere to one time-honoured rule. The one God; the one law of brotherly love, and the one rule of charity are the guiding springs to each action. These are the points to which all their fraternal greetings direct, and the one common platform on which all, of whatever creed or nationality, can meet. One loving brotherhood in which all are accepted, and unto which all are equally welcome.

Within the precincts of the "Lodge" all differences, of whatever nature, must subside, and all bow as if by one invocation to the Divine Ruler of the Universe, acknowledging Him as their Creator and Protector. There the bitterness of party feeling is stifled; there, the strife and differences of religious opinion are sunk—and anything likely to interfere with the true feelings of Brotherly Love must be put aside. Tolerant to each other's varied creeds, and respectful of each other's prejudices, the true bond of fraternity is strengthened and established. By these means—and these alone—does Masonry not only teach, but inculcate Tolerance. It is not only by precept, but also by example, within the "Lodge," that Tolerance is impressed upon—may more, imperatively demanded. Does not this tolerance alone excite that still higher and more universal virtue, Charity, not mere almsgiving, but that respect for each other's opinions which true fraternity encourages. Shall not this principle of Tolerance infuse amongst its members other and nobler aims and aspirations, and bring out those better feelings of our nature? This bright feature in Masonry affords a beautiful lesson, a splendid example for all mankind—even its detractors—to follow. The study of it will make them kinder and more moderate, and the practice of it must assuredly result in them becoming wiser and better members of Society.—*Australian Freemason.*

Roman Catholic Communities, looking forward to evil days for the faith, are seeking means of self-support, and a Florence convent has established a large factory for the making of "poudre de riz."



## KNIGHT TEMPLAR NOTES.

By EMMA HOLMES, K.C.T., P.G.C., Past Grand Provost, Order of the Temple, &c.

The following memoranda were given to me by a very distinguished Freemason when I was compiling my "Notes on the United Orders," and as I think they may be of interest to my Brother Sir Knights, I have decided to publish them in the pages of the *Freemason*.

## YORK WARRANT.

In the name of the Most Glorious Self-existing Lord God.

"We for the time being, the G.G.C. of the G.R.E. of all England, held at York, do by the power and authority vested in us from the earliest ages of C.K., and derived to us from the successors of that worthy S.K.T.; S.G.B. The first C.K. of Jerusalem, in our great love to the Order of S.K.T. and in compliance with the humble petition of Sir John Hassal, Sir Joseph Carter, and Sir James Ashton, and others, all S.K.T., praying our authority, constitution, and warrant, to hold a R.E. of S.K.T. in Manchester, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, or elsewhere, do grant this our warrant for holding such R.E. in any convenient place in Manchester aforesaid, or elsewhere in the same county, according to the ancient usages and customs of all legal R.E. and they and their successors, always observing due subordination and acknowledgements; are hereby authorised and empowered to hold a R.E. of S.K.T. and to continue it by succession to perpetual ages, and by the authority so vested in us, we do hereby nominate and constitute our I and W.B.B. all S.K.T., John Hassal, Joseph Carter, and James Ashton, to be present G.C. thereof, each in order as named, and we do hereby invest them with full power to nominate and instal their succeeding G.C., and those, their succeeding G.C., and so on in perpetual succession; and such G.C. from time to time, are hereby empowered and authorised by their known and secret methods, to make and admit such worthy brethren, S.K.T., as are regularly and properly qualified to receive such Order, and dignity, and also to receive into their R.E., such as were worthy and regular S.K.T. before, and to expel from their R.E. such as by their dishonourable behaviour un-knight themselves, or merit expulsion, and also to convene the K. of the R.E. at their pleasure, when right shall require it, and likewise to deliver certificates to all worthy S.K.T. and we the G.G.C. aforesaid by this our warrants and constitution, ratifying and confirming all our legal acts, do hereby reserve to ourselves and our successors of this G.R.E. full power and authority to abrogate and recall this constitution whenever by indefensible actions or neglect the R.E. to be held in pursuance hereof, becomes irregular or obnoxious to the Ancient Order of C.K.

Given in our G.R.E. under our hands, and the seal thereof, this 10th day of October, A.D. 1786, A.C.K. 1754, A.D. 5786.

Signed—Wm. Blanchard, G.S.; John Parker, S.G.A.C. George Kitson, J.G.A.C.

It is doubtful whether the college of Heredom Templars ever met at York after 1791, in which year Dunckerley organised a Grand Conclave in London; and Oct. 12th, 1794. It was unanimously agreed that this R.E. shall come under Royal Grand Encampment of London, held under His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, Bro. Dunckerley, Acting Grand Master, and Bro. Torr was ordered to consult Bro. Burrow on the action, and if he thinks proper, to order a warrant as soon as possible.

January 4th 1795.—Bro. S. Torr and Bro. Lithgre having given in their report, it was ordered that Bro. Torr should write to Bro. Dunckerley on the subject.

March 15th, 1795.—Bro. Sir David Torr having received a letter from our R.W. Grand Commander, which was very satisfactory to the Encampment, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Torr should write by the next post to Bro. Dunckerley, for a warrant of Constitution.

## LONDON WARRANT.

Thomas Dunckerley.

Initium Sapientie Amor Domine.  
In the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe.  
In the East of London, a place full of Light, where reigneth Silence and Peace, but the darkness comprehendeth it not.

To all whom it may concern greeting:—

Know ye that we, Thomas Dunckerley, of Hampton Court Palace, in the county of Middlesex, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Royal Exalted, Religious, and Military Orders of H.R.D.M.K.O.D.S.M., Grand Elected Knights Templars of St. John of Jerusalem, &c., under the patronage of His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, having received a petition from Sir David Torr, and several noble Knights, residing at and near the town of Manchester, humbly requesting a patent of constitution to open a Conclave or Chapter of Encampment under our sanctions at the Grapes Inn, Manchester, aforesaid. We do hereby constitute and appoint the said Sir David Torr of Manchester, our Deputy for opening and conducting the said Conclave or Chapter of Encampment at the Grapes New Market Inn at Manchester, and do hereby grant to the said Sir David Torr and the other noble Knights petitioners and their successors full power and authority to assemble on the second Sunday in January, April, July, and October, to install Knights Templars, &c., at their field of encampment aforesaid, or at such other time and place as they and their successors with the consent of us and our successors for the time being shall appoint. With such power and privileges, prerogative, and immunities, as do from ancient usage and of right belong to regularly established Conclaves and Chapters, and to noble Knights of the Order, subject nevertheless to the Ancient Statutes and

Ordinances of our predecessors, or that may hereafter be enacted by us and our successors, in a Grand and Royal Conclave.

(Signed) CHARLES COLLINS,  
Grand Scribe, pro tempore.

Given at London aforesaid, in our Grand Field of Encampment, this 20th day of May, Anno Lucis 5799, Anno Domini 1795, Anno Ordinis 677, Anno Cædis 481.

(Signed) WILLIAM HANNEB,  
Acting Grand Master.

The first warrant was granted by a petition addressed on the 11th June, 1786, to the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master of all England, the Grand Wardens and the rest of the brethren of the Grand Lodge, and is styled "The humble petition of John Hassal, Joseph Carter, and John Watson, Knight Templars." The system of degrees followed in this encampment is said to have been as follows:—1, E.A.; 2, F.C.; 3, M.M.; 4, P.M.; 5, R.A.; 6, K.T. (six months between); 7, K. of M.P. (six months); 8, Kt. of Malta (six months); 9, Rosæ Crucis. Knight Templar Priest. The latter could be taken as the 7th degree at once (at any rate under a revised system adopted in 1813), and gave the recipient the right of occupying the chair in preference to other Knights, in the absence of the E.C.

Some encampments gave also the Red Cross degree under the authority of York, as it is said they have warrants. I always look upon this degree as the origin of the Athol Royal Arch. There can be very little doubt that the oldest teaching under this system was that the Order represented St. John and the Temple, and the six months between the degrees represented periods in the History of the Order of Malta.

The York warrants appear to have been separated for everything in the foregoing system, but those of Dunckerley appear to have included everything above the Templar.

## ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE DEDICATION OF ROGER WILLIAMS' MONUMENT, U.S.

The following address was delivered by the Rev. and W. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Chaplain, at the dedication of Roger Williams, Monument, Providence, R.I., on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 1877.

"The Institution here represented, and for which I speak to-day, has no apology to offer for its participation in the services of this occasion. It makes its appearance, displays its cherished symbols, which are of such deep significance to the discerning mind, and enacts its solemn ceremonial about this memorial shaft, simply because its ancient character and a long line of precedents seem to render fitting and proper this day's work. Not in the spirit of rivalry with any other society, certainly not in the mood of ambitious self-seeking nor any poor desire for display and notoriety, does the Masonic organisation of this jurisdiction answer the call made upon it by the civic authorities to assist in these dedicatory exercises. As true Masons, faithful to the traditions of the past and obedient to the powers that be, we could not do otherwise than respond with willing alacrity to the invitation extended.

But ours is more than a perfunctory rendering of rites and ceremonies marked out by the ritual as appropriate to such occasion. We are no less citizens than we are Masons. We share the common feeling of satisfaction and pride in whatever makes our City and State illustrious—in whatever promotes the public good. The primal admonitions of the Institution commend patriotism and inculcate the most profound respect for the constituted authorities. The faithful Mason cannot be otherwise than a quiet and loyal citizen, interested in every thing that ennobles the State. Naturally therefore we are in sympathy with this occasion. We have part with our fellow citizens in the associations and hallowed memories which are signified by the erection of this monumental pillar. We rejoice with them that the day has dawned for the setting up of so noble a memorial to the founder of this City and State,—that thenceforth there shall be another visible reminder of the great apostle of religious and civil liberty whose abundant labours and fidelities have borne such glorious fruit.

The community does well to attest its appreciation of the character of this uncompromising moral hero, whose life illustrated so many of the most commanding qualities of true manhood, and whose unflinching advocacy of freedom of conscience and spiritual liberty has reflected upon Rhode Island a glory that can never be effaced.

It is no waste to build monuments and fashion statues for such deserving heroes. It is only following the same divine prompting which Joshua obeyed when he set up the twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, and said: "These stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever." Gathered here thus willingly to assist in the services of dedicating this monument—about to engage in a ceremony which however meaningless to some is to others most solemnly significant, it belongs to my place to preface such ceremony by a brief address touching the genius of the Masonic Institution.

I shall attempt no careful formulating of the principles of Masonry, I shall pass by the inviting fields of its ancient life and widely varied work, only pausing to say that its roots run broadly and deeply into distant lands and ages, and that it has made an enduring record of itself in almost every part of the civilised world. Its continuance in the face of not a little misrepresentation and opposition, its persistent hold upon the confidence of men, show that it must have had some happy adaptation to human needs thus to have lived, and afford at least a fair intimation that it is justly entitled to hold an honoured place among the moral forces of the world.

Making no effort then to any appropriate setting forth of

the character and work of the Masonic Institution, I shall but endeavour to touch upon two or three salient points that in my thought seem to bring our present gathering and ceremony into happy accord with the general features of this day's commemorative service.

Three things among others the Masonic Institution stands for:

I. Religion.—I do not assert that Masonry is religion, but I do claim that it is deeply rooted in religion. Making no attempt to fix the tenets of sectarian belief, it yet demands of every candidate for its mysteries that he shall have faith in the existence of a personal Deity, the Supreme Creator and Ruler of the Universe—even the one living and true God, whose name is Jehovah! The Masonry of the fathers—certainly the only Masonry that is known to English speaking communities, is that which shuts out the atheist and the irreligious libertine from its membership. Masonry calls for this recognition of God at every step. The All-Seeing Eye is one of the most hallowed symbols of the Craft. The Holy writings form an essential part of the furniture of every lodge, and not being present no Masonic work can be done nor information given. More than this, whilst there is not a single obligation, promise, teaching, emblem, or sign of Masonry that is in conflict with a proper reference and faith towards God, line upon line and precept upon precept are given, admonishing the true Mason that he must square his life according to the volume of the Sacred Law if he would fit himself as a living stone for that Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

It is the plan of Masonry that its roots run thus deeply into religion—that it puts men into a devout attitude before Jehovah, and bids them in the strongest manner to obey the law of God. It does not assume to fill the place of the Church—to do its work, to answer the spiritual needs of sinful humanity—those needs which can only be fully met by accepting the salvation that is in Christ, but it does give recognition to the one eternal and uncreated God, the Father of lights, who is over all and blessed for evermore.

II. Toleration.—I make no empty boast when I say Masonry stands for more than an average amount of intellectual and moral liberty. The very fibre of its life is drawn out from a broad catholicity of sentiment that makes it impossible that its followers should be moulded into the pattern of Pharisees. Essential Masonry is of very necessity saturated by the spirit of toleration. It can never be true to itself while adopting any policy of hatred and abuse, of misrepresentation and obloquy, such as we sometimes see even the Church disposed to adopt towards those whom it arraigns as heretics and demons. The rights of individual opinion and the grand principle of religious liberty, for the maintenance of which Roger Williams gained his crown of glorious reputation, are the primary axioms among all well informed members of our fraternity. It is the very keynote of Masonry—the proclamation that men are not to be interfered with, are not to suffer themselves to become despisers of one another because they do not agree—because they honestly entertain different opinions respecting important questions. If American Freemasonry stands for anything, it stands for that great principle of complete liberty, both civil and religious, which has made the name of him for whom this memorial is reared generally illustrious all the world over!

III. Charity.—Masonry is charity; not merely that charity recognised in alms giving and the generous bestowal of benefactions to the poor and needy, but that charity born out of the great loving heart of God Himself, which links soul to soul all the world over and brings Heaven down to earth. Masonry seeks to bring together men of every political faith, and of every religious creed, winning them from their isolation, their selfishness, and their sins, and uniting them in work for the general good. It emphasises the statement of an apostle, "no man liveth to himself," and calls its members to be helpers of each other—helpers of all men—animated and filled by that charity "which suffereth long and is kind," that charity which never faileth, well declared to be the fulfilment of the law.

I make no assertion that the membership of our organisation have all been baptised into this spirit, and thus brought to nobler toil and duty. The ideal is always in advance of the actual, and whilst human nature bears its present infirmities we can hardly expect the full realisation of our largest aspirations. But it counts as something for an Institution to have so grand an ideal, to be established on principles so divine and glorious. It is the crowning glory of the Masonic Institution that above all the din and confusion of earth it so clearly sounds forth the watchword of human brotherhood and flies the white banner of love.

"Ours are the ample views, that, unconfined,  
Stretch to the utmost walks of human kind:  
Ours the spirit, that, with wildest plan,  
Brother to brother binds, and man to man.  
When the fleet vanities of life's brief day  
Oblivion's hurrying wings shall sweep away,  
Each act by charity and mercy done,  
High o'er the wrecks of time, shall live alone.  
Immortal as the heavens, and beauteous bloom  
In other worlds and realms beyond the tomb."

As it is written in our ancient chronicles, so would I repeat the sentiment as a fitting legend for this occasion: "Love to God, sweet peace and charity to all men."

Brethren, behold your high calling and vocation as Masons! So walk ye, reverently toward God and lovingly toward men, thus reflecting the true glory of our ancient Institution! So walk ye, making this world something the brighter and better by your having lived in it, turning thus when you shall depart this earthly life that



Divine welcome: "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."—*Freemasons' Repository*.

### TRUTH REGNANT.

Infidelity has been, since the first doubt of God's word was harboured in the breast of the first woman, the mother of us all. We recently assigned a reason for the opinion that in the world's pre-millennium stage it would never cease to be. In its modern hydra-headed form, its principal toil is to mask stale and often refuted objections—to invest with novelty the effete and threadbare. Its pride is to claim an origin from the superior lights of science, to hail its opponents as the devotees of superstition, to mock devotion as a mental insanity. All this, however, is the merest hollow pretence, as many a scholar knows. It has no new ideas. Even the latest phase, by perversion of its true principles, so called evolution, has its counterpart in the ancient theories. It affects the role of learning. But the proportion of such is in disparaging contrast with the long line of illustrious men who have reflected the light of inspired truth in every age.

What is the question between us? The bible as a divine book. This settled, and there is an end of controversy in the mind of man. Infidelity is not a thing of the head, but the heart: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." The sacred oracles exist. This is our ground plan and vantage. The fair-minded among sceptics do not condescend to the system of mere negation—the open, blatant scoffers move on a lower plane from them. But the danger of this teaching is all the more pronounced and insidious. They are of the school of Strauss, and Renan, and Weiss. By such the bible is a received book, but they construe it a myth in all its supernatural revealing. The answer is that in all its parts the Jews, for "centuries which have passed into millenniums, have received it as their veritable history, while the prophecies already fulfilled and no longer questioned, prove it a reality. And this is one short method with this sentimental school.—As to minor criticism of a verbal character the objections of philosophy, falsely so called, time has never yet failed to vindicate Bible accuracy and truth, and we have no fear that it will ever fail. Faith and patience are wise readers of holy writ, and time is a most excellent expositor. Let us catenate a few of these examples. Theodore Beza, a learned and Christian critic, on the strength of a passage in Strauss, concluded that St. Luke, to say the least of it, had written carelessly in calling (Acts xiii. vii.) the Governor of Cyprus, Sergius Paulus, a Pro Consul, instead of a Pro-Pretor, and in his translation of the acts actually, in his blind certitude, substituted the terms. Soon afterwards some old coins of the Island of Cyprus turned up, and the inscriptions on them proved that Beza was wrong and St. Luke right. Twenty-five years ago an eminent critic, Von Bohlen, made quite a sensation by undertaking to prove that the author of the Books of Moses must have been a Chaldean, and could have known nothing of Egypt, because in Exodus he speaks of vines and grapes in ancient Egypt, of making wine, of buildings of brick, and of asses and of sheep. Wise and good men waited, however, while the faith of some was shaken, until Sir Gardner Wilkinson, Rosellini, and others, in exploring modern Egypt, demonstrated that Von Bohlen was wrong and the Books of Moses right. These instances might be multiplied indefinitely. No case of criticism and sceptical objection has been found permanently to hold, how plausible, soever, its first presentation.

It is above all other books in its transcendent spiritual power in searching the conscience and in the presentation of a morality which has never been questioned for its purity and adaption of our race. It rises so high over everything possible as of human invention, it is self evident that this pure morality could never have sprang from earth. Its laws and legislation underlie the jurisprudence of all government having justice and right as the high intent of rulers. But chiefly as a plan of salvation, a life-giving principle, a spiritual potency, do we have an evidence of its divinity which appeals to the experience of a great multitude, past and present. This power is in the word as a convicting word—a piercing, devouring sword of the spirit, a discerning, seven-eyed heart reader, a converting, regenerating word, a manifestly divine word. Mr. Van Lennop, missionary to Constantinople, relates that a Turkish Pasha confessed in a free conversation with himself and others, this power of the word: "Were I to become a Christian," said he, "I should be one indeed." And going to the library of the steamer on which the company were sailing, and opening an English Bible, said: "I read this book once through in Italian" and pointing to his head and heart—"It remaineth here and here!" We cannot close these desultory reflections more profitably than to repeat the lines of Sir Walter Scott, which were found copied on a fly-leaf of Byron's Bible, as an evidence of even his profound sense of the solemn truth and mystery of the Book:

"Within this awful volume lies  
The mystery of mysteries;  
And happiest they of human race  
To whom the Lord has given grace  
To read, to hear, to hope, to pray,  
To lift the latch and force the way;  
But better had he ne'er been born,  
Who reads to doubt, or reads to scorn."  
—*Eclectic*.

The erection of Temple Bar on the Thames Embankment as a water-side gate to the Temple Gardens has been suggested, as the Bar would not only look well, but would thus retain its old associations with the Temple.

### LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

When reposing in apparent security, it is well to look to the future, with a view to avoiding danger, or to prepare for it should it come. The institution of Masonry has enjoyed such a long season of uninterrupted success, that it fears no danger, and is indifferent to looking forward in anticipation of what might be at its very door. "In time of peace prepare for war." Is there danger within the scope of possibility? Are there those who believe we are on the brink of a precipice that will engulf many, and in so doing shake the foundation of the old fabric itself?

One of our great weaknesses is our numbers, masses of whom are but of the institution in consequence of its present popularity, and who would be baneful should clouds arise and a storm threaten. We are not alarmists; on the contrary, we believe that the old Craft is not in any wise cranky, but as staunch as ever, so far at least as the ship herself is concerned; a little scraping on the quicksands and a shaking up might rid it of many barnacles; but there are those of the fraternity who earnestly believe there is a lee-shore ahead that cannot be avoided, and that it is necessary to keep sounding the lead without ceasing; they believe that disaster may momentarily result from discontent, dissatisfaction and monetary considerations of some of an overcrowded crew, as well as from anti-Masonic torpedoes and breakers of different forms that lie in the immediate path of the vessel. They believe that the institution of Masonry has become so formidable in numbers as to attract the special attention of its old enemy the Roman Catholic Church, and that shortly not only will be fulminated some Bull, but that energetic action will be had that will bring on such collision between the Jesuits and the fraternity that property and even life will be at stake with those who proved true to their voluntary solemn obligations; this could in no wise affect our land directly, but his Holiness cannot be ignorant or indifferent to the unprecedented advancement in late years of free thought, and its antagonism with mental tyranny and debasement. Superstition, ignorance, and fanaticism are yielding to that enlightenment which is borne of the "children of light," and this cannot pass unnoticed.

It is unfortunate for the handful of anti-Masons in this country that they cannot charge some gross crime against the brotherhood, as they did in 1826; they are suffering for some great nucleus upon which to build a cry for extermination and convulse society as if with the throes of an earthquake, as they did in 1830. Masonry is not indifferent to that lesson; the newspaper press, that powerful engine, poured upon us from its batteries an incessant storm. Everywhere, and under every possible circumstance, Masonry was assailed with remorseless violence. The cry of its enemies was like the watchword of Palafox on the Saragossa, "War, war to the knife!" Books, pamphlets, tracts, and handbills, couched in language best calculated to inflame the public mind to the highest pitch, flooded the country. They were found in taverns, in the hands of the people on the highway, in the cottage, in the drawing-room, in the public school, in the church pew, and sometimes on the seat of the judge.

Even-handed justice could no more be expected by a Mason, under many circumstances, than if the ban of outlawry had been proclaimed against him. As if it were not enough to banish him from the pale of civil society, the Mason was not unfrequently driven to the alternative of renouncing Freemasonry, or be expelled from the Church of his faith.

The ballot-box, that tremendous power, the ballot-box, with all its crushing weight, was brought to bear upon us. Not a man who dared raise his voice in our favour, or even invoke the general virtue of compassion for the persecuted institution, had the slightest chance of obtaining the smallest office in the gift of the people.

New York State, now possessing 83,000 affiliated Masons, and 110,000 of the brotherhood within its limits, then numbered 100,000 enrolled anti-Masons, and Pennsylvania half as many more; the broad taint extended South and West, and was all powerful for mischief. Never before, in the annals of the civilised world, were such fearful efforts put forth to crush any institution whatever. It is no exaggeration, no over-drawn picture, but sober facts. Society, through all its depths, reared and heaved, and tossed like the ocean when it feels the wrath of the hurricane.

Not a throne in Europe but would have fallen before a tide of the power arrayed against the institution of light. Our own government, though the strongest in the world, could not have withstood such an assault, headed by overwhelming majorities of the people, aided as was this by the pulpit, the press, the ballot-box. Any of the numerous self-constituted societies of the day, whose existence depends upon the momentary breath of popular opinion, would have vanished as suddenly as did the ghost of Hector.

Through all this scene Freemasonry stood calm and undismayed, yet putting forth no effort for self-protection, employing no weapon of defence, and yet came out of this fiery furnace unscathed. Like the Heaven-protected Hebrews, even the smell of fire was not found upon her garments. And those who fully understand her principles know the reason why. That is our mystery. In view of all this, we look forward, in the full face of the future, undaunted by hierarchy, or croaking anti-Mason, or the trembling passenger upon the deck of our good ship. Sail on, Heaven's Angel holds the helm.—*Hebrew Leader*.

The ratepayers of Shrewsbury have met and energetically protested against the endeavour of a small majority in the Town Council to abolish the Show, a festival which had been celebrated for the last seven centuries.

### THE FRUITS OF FREEMASONRY.

The following excellent address was delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. G. Sutherland, of Hamilton, Canada, before the brethren of that city on St. John the Baptist's Day. We commend it to the attentive perusal not only of Masons, but also of those of the uninitiated who would like to know something of Masonry. We take it from the *Canadian Craftsman*.

St. Matthew, vii 16 "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Brethren.—This is the test our Lord gives us whereby to examine every teacher like St. John the Baptist, and every society. When we come to speak of a saint like this—of him who was the second Elias, the friend of the bridegroom, the child of promise, like Isaac, and foretold by the prophets—the man appointed like Samson, a Nazirite from his birth; consecrated to the Lord like Samuel; ordered like Elijah to prepare a people for the Lord and to rebuke princes like him, the burning and shining light, at whose coming the voice of prophecy that had been silent for 400 years was again heard; the man of whom as if anticipating the "well done thou good and faithful servant," it is written in the book of the Acts as the testimony of God Himself that "He fulfilled his course," and, like his Master, "did the work that was given him to do." How instructive, yet how solemn and difficult, the task! For who can rightly set forth and paint the inward experience of one on whom the Spirit of God rested from his very infancy—who can duly describe the inward purity of him—the stern rebukes of sin, alike on Jordan's banks and in Herod's palace? Where shall we find words to set forth the intense conviction of his faith in the Lamb of God—the depth of his joy when he beheld the Bridegroom, and said, "This, my joy, is fulfilled,"—that firm hold upon the world to come which made him quail not as he bent in the lonely dungeon of Machorus, beneath the victor's sword. We can only judge of those inward workings of the mind—we can only estimate the power of the grace which sanctifies him when we mark the spiritual fruits, the decision of character, that lofty, undaunted bearing, that scorn of the happiness and luxuries of the world, that austere, rigid life of strict self-denial, that bold rebuking of ungodliness in high places. It is all summed up for us in those words I have already quoted, John fulfilled his course—words which depict his career either as that of the victorious racer dashing along the race course, passing every competitor, and dying nobly in the very moment of victory; or, as others have understood the words, of the course of some stream that sweeps along in its majestic course, fertilising, as it goes, many and many a land, and at last rushing as a mighty torrent into the bed of the ocean, its native home. Brethren, when we look at the history of a great saint like St. John the Baptist, it is right to trace the visible effect to the hidden cause; to trace the stream to its one true fountain, and to be sure that where there is such abhorrence of sin, such love for the Saviour, such witnessing for truth, such boldness even unto death, that God has been sought and found; that fruits like these grew not on the stem of nature; that the truth has been followed, so far as the truth is known; that that truth has taught him how to value the world's toys and baits, and scorn and rage—to value them at their real value, when seen in the light of eternity—and then to trample them under foot. Faith like his; separation and severance from the world like his; that rugged and undaunted boldness which courts no smile and fears no frown, has its roots on high, in common with God, in a spirit of obedience to His will. But your presence here to-day reminds me that I must turn to another illustration of the text, "By their fruits ye shall know them." I cannot hope to teach you your duty as Masons; it would ill become me—perhaps the youngest in your ranks—to attempt this. But since you have honoured me so far as to ask me to address you on this festival, I propose to examine our world-wide Order by the simple test our Lord and Saviour here lays down; and with no affected humility permit me to ask you, Brethren and Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren, to extend your wonted charity to me if I fail, I do not say to instruct, but to interest you. What I have to say cannot be new to you, for it is from yourselves that I have learned the truths I am about to put you in mind of. What, then, is Freemasonry, and what are its fruits? What is its aim, and what does it do? First, what is it? It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. Masonry, then, is not a system of religion, but of morality. The great principles of natural and revealed religion are, it is true, preserved and inculcated by our Order. The Bible, the volume of the Sacred Law, is the great standard of Masonic truth. No act is regular which feels not the hallowing influence of its open pages. It is the central point to which the eyes of Masons are always directed, from which are diffused those gleams of light which dispel the darkness of the human understanding, and brighten and illumine the blindness of the human heart. But Masonry concerns itself rather with the moral than with the spiritual doctrines of the Bible. It is the handmaid and assistant, not the rival of, or the substitute for, the Church. This, "system of morality, veiled in allegory," is "illustrated by symbols"—symbols from the universal language. The bent knee, bowed head, outstretched hand, are embodiments of thoughts and feelings common to mankind. Look around you, as you sit, and let me read to you what this church teaches you symbolically. The chancel looks toward the East because Christ is the bright and morning star, and shall thence appear, as say the old traditions when in the latter day He cometh to save us. The western front is toward the world. Upon that face are found in many an ancient cathedral all manner of strange grotesque figures, representing the evil agents and powers of darkness cast forth from the Church and



beating their wings against its windows, unable to effect an entrance. There at the North, stands the tower, the symbol of the Apostolic Ministry facing the foes of Christ and resisting them, keeping watch and ward evermore on the side of the danger. Within, the church is divided into nave, choir, and sanctuary; threefold according to the eternal Three, and yet again in the nave are three aisles, of the same sacred number. The chancel arch is the symbol of the gate of death, the portal through which man enters into the rest of Paradise. The choir represents that Paradise, the place of our hopes and dreams. Thither looking, we see its occupants clothed in white robes and singing in melodious antiphonal chant the songs of other days, and the new songs of Moses and the Lamb before the symbol of the throne. That throne is within; it stands in the sanctuary—the symbol of the present Christ, where we show forth the Lord's death till he come. Above the chancel the roof ascends, adorned here and there with shining stars, because our journey through life is in the night of this world—a night now far spent. The font stands at the door, because we enter by baptism into the fold of God. The very windows are symbols. They are wider within than without, because the truth widens and broadens upon us as we leave the world and enter the household of God, and those windows are filled with many coloured glass, which, from without, appears dark and unsightly, but from within appears beautiful and clear; because it is only by being inside the church that man can discern the glory and beauty of the light shed on us by our Lord, who is light. Such, brethren are few out of the many lessons which this church teaches by symbols. And the beautiful morality of our Order is also illustrated by symbols. From the gavel, rule and square how often have I heard the Masters draw deep lessons for our use. No Mason can look upon the gavel, which the labourer uses to hew off the roughness and produce a level surface, without being reminded that his duty is to strike off the eccentricities of his character, and smooth down its moral inequalities.

To us the rule with its twenty-four divisions is a symbol of each day of life, its twenty-four hours to be measured out with diligent care and graduated into seasons of labour, rest and devotion. In the square a Mason reads great moral truths that underlie the whole structure of society. Therein he sees Divine principles asserted, undeviating laws established. Looking on that symbol of a just and upright life, he recalls the solemn pledges he has made that he will square his actions to all men, but especially the brethren, by the square of virtue—and dull and dead must his heart be who does not feel strengthened in good resolves and stimulated to a correct and upright life whenever he looks upon the symbols of Masonic justice between man and man. Take again the implement with which the cement is spread, which makes the parts of the building into one united and harmonious whole. To the common eye it is simply a trowel. To the Mason it reveals important truths. It reminds him of deep principles. It preaches. It teaches him that, as a Mason, he must liberally spread the cement of fraternal love, that so the moral edifice may be neither unstable, unsightly, nor unworthy of the Master whose Temple it is. As a last example of the truth that Masonry is a system of morality, take another implement, one of the most common of those used by the builder, viz., that by which we are taught to circumscribe and keep our passions under bounds. You, brethren, know that the most valuable secrets of your Craft may be found between its points, and that while you keep within that charmed circle it describes, you cannot materially err. In one word, the symbolism of Freemasonry is not "a spectacle to amuse full grown boys." It is a means, and the simplest and most expressive means, to impress upon our minds the moral duties of brotherly love, relief, and truth. One feature which I must note in passing is the unobtrusiveness of Freemasonry. It courts no observation. Whenever the attention of the world has been drawn to it, it has been by its enemies. We have all heard of an anti-Masonic party, but no man ever heard of a Masonic party. The Craft never strives to proselytise. When attacked it does not fight; it does not even defend itself. It is this quiet unobtrusive spirit which has made us so many enemies. We give no opportunity for criticism, and this very modesty on our part enrages those who, while ignorant of our real spirit, excommunicate and libel us. Another characteristic of Masonry is its comprehensiveness. All it asks of those who would share its privileges is, "Do you believe in God, the immortality of the soul, and in a future world of reward and punishment? Are you a man, freeborn, of mature age and sound judgment?" If you believe these things, if you are all this, then welcome, whether rich or poor! You need not give up one iota of religious faith; one tittle of your political convictions. Enter and see that within our "safe and sacred retreat" it is possible for men of the opposite ideas to meet on the broad ground of humanity, to live in perfect accord and work together happily for the attainment of knowledge and for the diffusion of charity. Here we offer a pleasant retreat where men may forget the world and its conflicts in the enjoyment of friendship and social intercourse. And because we prize this union so highly we are careful to "guard well the outer door." This is the first and last duty of every Mason. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." We are sworn to admit only those who will add strength as well as numbers to our ranks, those who will become "centres of union and the means of conciliating true friendship." That we do guard the door, the fact that nearly twelve thousand applicants were rejected last year in North America alone is abundant proof. It is, I think, worth while on an occasion such as this to examine an objection which is often made with regard to our fraternity. "It is," they say, "a secret society," and, it is often added "wherever there is secrecy there is iniquity." Well, I must

remind objectors that so long ago as the year 1798 one of our English bishops defended the fraternity from this very charge. A bill was passing through the House of Lords to suppress secret societies, but Bishop Headley clearly showed that Masonry could not be embraced under the name of secret, and secured its exemption from the Act. Masonry, it is true, has its secrets, but its objects and aims are not secret. Secrecy, we must remember, also pervades public and private life. The naval commander sails under sealed orders—his destination is a secret—and so the enemy is not kept informed of the plans formed against him. The Cabinet deliberates in secret. Every councillor is sworn to secrecy. I read the other day that on the Roy case the Methodist Conference sat in secret. In a business partnership there are secrets known only to the firm. In every family there are secrets. The heads of households have secrets which are not imparted to their children or servants. Everywhere, and in every rank of life, prudence enjoins secrecy, and why should not our Order have its secrets? But Masonry is not, properly speaking, a secret society, inasmuch as its tendencies, objects, and aims are open for all the world to see. Those ends are brotherly love, relief, and truth, boundless charity and unflinching benevolence. For this we are united, to this we are bound by the most solemn obligations. Clergymen and physicians, lawyers and journalists, merchants, princes, skillful artisans, all are ready to give their best aid one for all and all for one. For our own turn may come when we shall need a brother's hand and a brother's sympathy. A conflagration such as that of St. John might reduce the wealthiest here to abject poverty. Misfortunes overtake us all alike, and adversity visits us in turn—no life is exempt from suffering—no career is free from vicissitudes; and although, (to quote the eloquent words of the Grand Master of Kansas) Masonry cannot subdue the tempest, nor say to the ocean, "Peace, be still," yet it lifts the sinking mariner from engulfing wave and warms him into life. It cannot hush the voice of the thunder, nor arrest the lightning's fiery missile; but it takes the victim of the storm and wraps its snow-white robe around him. It does not stand at the door of the sepulchre to roll away its stone and bid its silent, solemn tenant come forth; but it finds the lame, the halt, and the blind, that have fallen by the wayside, and pours into their hearts the oil of joy and gladness. It does not go abroad to proclaim its benevolent spirit, but it wipes the tear from the widow's eye, and guides the feet and guards the head of the orphan. It does not boast of its deeds of charity, but it "feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, and binds up the wounds of the afflicted." It does not claim that it has fraternised the world; but it diffuses the spirit of universal brotherhood and charity as gently as the dews of Hermon and as genially as the light of heaven. Not many months ago our Grand Master stated that in the last eight years the lodges under his jurisdiction had dispensed in charity over 80,000 dollars. Last year the Grand Lodge alone distributed nearly 8000 dollars in charity, and this exclusive of the sums given for the same object by private lodges and by individual Masons. By these and such like fruits is the Masonic Order known. You need no shining appeal from me to urge you to go on as you have begun, to give to-day as liberally as you have done before. You know as well as I that there are still widows to be cheered, orphans to be fed by your bounty; that here and there some distressed brother who is in want is timidly and anxiously waiting to be relieved, perhaps, by the very contributions you are about to give this afternoon. O, if you could follow this money which you are about to offer for the relief of the poor to-day—if you could trace it to its destination and see the joy and gratitude that it evokes, you would wish you had given double. Brethren, I know that you have many claims upon you and constant applications for relief; but I ask you to remember that you are bound not to love others less, but to love someone; to be charitable to all, but especially to your brethren. The world will judge you "by your fruits." See then that ye have not to be ashamed of your fruits. The present is the legacy of our fathers and the future will be our legacy to those that shall come after us. Let us do our best to make that legacy a glorious one, worthy of ourselves, of our noble aims, and of our ancient brotherhood.

#### THE LODGE.

Reader, did you ever ponder over the little word "Lodge," and seriously consider what sweet memories it bringeth to the weary soul. To the good Mason there is a charm in the very word. It is the one sacred spot where Masons forget the storms and trials of the day, the tumult and troubles of the outer world. It is there we enjoy our own opinion unrestrained; it is there we modestly and manfully meet and act upon the level as brethren should, despite the differences that may divide or the contentions which agitate us in our social, political, or religious life; it is there we meet together, forgetting alike all earthly sorrow, all earthly strife, all worldly distractions, while outside of its portals we are members of the community, perhaps supporters of a particular church, particular creed, or having a particular theory of our own. But in the Lodge, however humble the brother may be in the outer world, or however proud and haughty or whatever may be his rank or station there, there is a sacred spell which binds us one and all together, in one peaceful unity, where brotherly love and affection beam from every eye; there good-will and fellowship prevail, there our strength unites in giving praise and glory to one common and heavenly Creator; there some of the happiest moments of our life are spent; there our lasting friendship is cemented, and there also some of the happiest memories of our lives are revived; it is the great arch which spans a tolerating brotherhood wheresoever dis-

persed upon the habitable earth, acknowledging and reverencing the one Supreme God as the loving Father and Creator of all that is.—*Corner Stone.*

#### NON-READING MASONS.

Agreeing with our able contemporary, the *Craftsman*, in his remarks, we have transferred them thankfully to our pages.

The want of knowledge, so often manifested by Masons is not only a matter of surprise, even to those without our portals, but it is also deplorable. When a man enters the fraternity, it is presumed that he does so with the object of receiving "light," but it is to be feared that the majority of those who join the order, do so without any such object in view,—it is the name, and not the power and knowledge they seek, and their ignorance is most destructive to the cause, and deserving of severe rebuke. There are many members of the Order who take delight in decking themselves out with Masonic jewellery and regalia, and hanging out the sign to such an extent as to make themselves laughing stocks in the eyes of sensible people, and yet, if they are sounded, will be found ignorant of the first principles of Masonry. A correspondent in one of our exchanges (a woman), complains that many Masons' families know comparatively nothing of the principles or workings of the Craft, and she assigns this as the principal reason why so many ladies are opposed to Masonry. "There are Masons," she says, "to their shame let it be said, who seldom, if ever, refer to Masonry in their homes, and while it is, as the uninformed ladies believe, of interest or benefit to them, it deprives them of their husbands' society; and more, there is a secret attached which excites their curiosity, and, in some instances, hatred of the institution. There is no true woman but would gladly endorse an institution, let her first be convinced that it is calculated to make her husband a better man. And," she adds, "there is no way of gaining the desired information so effectually as through the Masonic press."

There are those who think that, because they have been initiated, and thus admitted to the "mysteries" and privileges of Freemasonry, and eventually exalted to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, they know all about Masonry, and need no further enlightenment. We are sorry that they should be so conceited, and pity them in their blindness. We trust, however, that this class of Masons is small, and that the great majority of those who become members of the Fraternity are desirous of learning something more than the mere signs, grips and words of the different degrees. Zealous and well-instructed Masons will endorse our statement, that the true beauties of Masonic art can only be appreciated by those who are diligent in the prosecution of knowledge, and those only who are faithful can expect to grow wiser and better.

#### A LODGE OF SORROW IN AMERICA.

A Lodge of Sorrow includes the most solemn and impressive ritual known in Freemasonry. Such were the ceremonies performed in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, in the presence of 800 members of the Order.

In the deep alcove at the eastern end of the hall stood a monument about fifteen feet in height, representing in appearance a solid block of granite. On the cap-stone of the base hung a wreath of twining arbutus, while the base itself was completely buried in the choicest of exotic plants, and on the top of the shaft a white dove was perched as an emblem of peace. In front of the pillars on either side of the alcove, were two large plants of pampas-grass, and in the niches in the walls were also arranged tropical plants, contrasting beautifully with the white walls which formed the background.

In the centre of the hall rested an elaborately constructed catafalque, festooned with rows of myrtle leaves and white roses, while directly over the same, suspended from the ceiling, a hanging basket displayed white roses, japonicas and evergreens. At the head and foot of the catafalque were placed three burning tapers, placed in a triangular form, and on both sides of it were placed three chairs, for the use of the pall-bearers. Directly in the rear a fire flamed from the altar of Sacrifice, and the air was filled with the perfume from the altar of Incense.

Promptly at seven o'clock the soft strains of music from Chapin's Funeral March denoted the approach of the officers and members of the Lodge of Perfection, awakening an interest that never flagged to the close of the ceremonies.

As the procession filed into the hall the officers assumed their respective positions, and following in the rear were six pall-bearers bearing a richly-mounted rosewood casket, which, being placed on the catafalque, the band rendered the prayer, "Moses in Egypt."

Then came the opening exercises, in which the object of the meeting in answer to the question of the Master, "For what purpose are we assembled?" was briefly stated by the Senior Warden, who replied: "To honour the memory of those brethren whom death hath taken from us, contemplate our own approaching dissolution, and, by the remembrance of immortality, to raise our souls above the consideration of this transitory existence."

Then the Master of Ceremonies extinguished the white light in the South, emblematical of darkness; the blue light in the West, to indicate decay; and last, the red light in the East, signifying dissolution. Thus the lights surrounding the catafalque and coffin were all extinguished.

Now came the roll-call of members, and as the names of the dead were called the lodge arose in a body, and placing their right hand over the heart, responded "dead." The interesting feature of the ceremony was the forming of the lodge into a procession, headed by the band and the quartet singers, and marching around the hall, the Master



placing on the coffin a bouquet of violets, emblematical of the pure life to which the departed had been called. Retiring to his place, and after an interval of silence, the procession again formed and moved as before, and the head of the procession again having reached the East, the column opened and the Senior Warden advanced and placed another bouquet of flowers as a symbol of the remembrance of all the virtues of the brethren that had preceded them. On completing the third circuit around the hall, the Master placed a wreath of evergreen on the tomb, as a symbol of faith in immortal life.

The pall-bearers now took the casket from the catafalque and slowly conveyed it to the East. Upon reaching the monument, a panel in the base was lifted, and the casket deposited from sight, the hymn "Rest, Brothers, Rest" being sung at the tomb.

Hymns emblematical of "Faith," "Hope," and the "Resurrection" were rendered, the lights in the South, West, and East were relighted, and the Chaplains exclaimed "The will of God is accomplished. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

A eulogy was pronounced by Ill. Dennis F. Dealy on the lives of the deceased brethren, Ill. Bros. James B. Van Osten, George W. Haines, Lloyd H. Walton, George L. Rauch, Charles E. Sutherland, Henry F. Bucher, Robt. Gray, Francis Blackburne, Harmanus Neff, all of whom were thirty-second degree members.—*Phila. paper.*

#### GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Extract of Minute of Grand Committee of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

We take the following from the *Scottish Freemason*:—  
Convened in Freemasons' Hall, this 27th November, 1877, the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason (Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.) presiding:—

"Having had their attention directed by the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul, is not now exacted of candidates for admission as Freemasons, and having maturely considered the same, instruct the Grand Secretary to intimate to the Grand Orient of France that, should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of Ancient Freemasonry has indeed been confirmed by the Grand Orient of France, Grand Committee will be under the painful necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France."

(Certified)  
D. MURRAY LYON,  
Sec. to G.L. of Scotland.

Grand Lodge of Scotland Grand Secretary's Office,  
98, George-street, Edinburgh,  
3rd December, 1877.

Mons. THEVENOT, Grand Secretary,  
Grand Orient of France,

Dear Sir and Right Wor. Brother,—I have the honour to forward through you the accompanying extract from the minutes of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to be submitted to the Grand Orient of France. I very much regret the circumstances that have led to this resolution, and sincerely trust that at no distant date the Grand Orient will restore a landmark, the removal of which has given so much pain to the Scottish Craft.

With the assurance of my profound regard, believe me to be, faithfully and fraternally yours,

D. MURRAY LYON,  
Sec. to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R.W. BRO. D. MURRAY LYON, GRAND  
SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE  
OF SCOTLAND.

It must be gratifying to all our Scottish brethren to know that the newly appointed Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, is paying great and prompt attention to the welfare of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of all her Provincial Grand Lodges, both at home and abroad. The R.W. brother's diligence and promptitude are highly spoken of by various distinguished brethren. Having such a zealous brother as Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge of Scotland ought to strengthen her stakes and lengthen her cords. "Disaffection" has been engendered in certain minds, which has well nigh been fanned into total "alienation" from the Mother Grand Lodge, for reasons which need not be specified; but the promptitude and alacrity with which R.W. Bro. Murray Lyon despatches Masonic business have contributed not a little in removing to a great extent the estrangement and dislike of brethren. Even the members of Scottish lodges at "the distant ends of the earth," though so far away, are quite safe in the hands of such a distinguished Scottish Grand Officer as Bro. Murray Lyon.

Our Scotch brethren are well-known for possessing "the virtue of perseverance." Not only from their Masonic but national annals we find that the sons of "Caledonia, stern, and wild," were never wanting in this Masonic virtue. They knew that he who would enjoy the sweets of the spring or obtain the honeycombs of Mount Hybla should never dread his face being stung or be annoyed by briars. "The rose is guarded by his thorn, the honey is defended by the bee," and whatever might be the discouragements, difficulties, and stumbling blocks, our R.W. Brother, as a Scottish Mason, will set a stout heart to "a stae brae," (a steep hill side) with a Masonic perseverance—

"That wins each God-like act and plucks success  
Even from the spear-proof crest of rugged danger."  
He that tholes (endures) overcomes."—*Australian Freemason.*

#### Poetry.

##### CHRISTMAS.

"Christmas comes but once a year"  
Is a saying often heard,  
Yet by its living presence,  
Man's heart is deeply stirred;  
For Christmas takes us back again  
Through ages long gone by,  
And brings a great and glorious truth,  
Full voiced to memory.  
In some old troubled hours,  
And in some ancient days,  
Mid human hate and sadness,  
Dim wishes, reckless ways,  
There comes a glad announcement  
Made by an angel throng,  
Which now should rule the ages,  
A goodly blessed song.  
Sweet was the choral melody,  
Which then poured on this earth,  
Dear the Divine "Good Tidings,"  
Which in yon gracious birth,  
Came to the weak and erring,  
The grieving and the lost;  
The tempted and the wandering,  
Hard pressed and tempest-toss't.  
What was that message gracious?  
What was that anthem glad,  
Which spoke in love and harmony  
To hearts all cold and sad?  
Oh! was it not the goodliest  
That has reached our mortal race?  
Or was it not the truest  
That e'er came from God's own Grace?  
Glory to God on high, on earth  
Peace to poor man man below,  
Was the song of Angel joyfulness  
The cure of human woe,  
A blessing for the curse shone forth,  
A hope midst doubt and shame,  
The "Bright and Morning Star" appeared  
In God's own Holy Name.  
Oh brethren then who still declare  
That yours is the "Mystic Tie,"  
Which teaches Masons how to live,  
Which warns them how to die;  
Welcome once more that Christmas song  
Which until the world shall cease,  
Shall ever be the harbinger  
Of Brotherhood and Peace.

##### THE ANGEL OF MERCY.

BRO. ROB MORRIS.

The Angel of Mercy to-night is abroad:  
There gleams from her fingers the signet of God;  
Her work in beneficence all is designed,  
The sad to console, to give light to the blind:  
Oh brightest of beings that nestle above  
The Angel of Mercy, the Angel of Love!  
The sound of her wings rustles light on the air;  
She bends her bright course to th' abode of despair  
Her features entrance the dull vision of pain  
And the joyless are kindled with rapture again.  
Oh sunniest object that sparkles above  
The Angel of Mercy, the Angel of Love!  
To the lips of fevered, she tenders the cup  
The heads of the drooping her hand beareth up;  
The friendless she points to the land far away,  
And the dying makes hopeful with visions of day  
Oh nearest divine of the powers above  
The Angel of Mercy, the Angel of Love!  
Dear sisters, to you is her mission consigned,  
To you she, departing, leaves duty behind,  
In errand celestial she bids you go forth,  
And be the beneficent Angel of earth;  
Yes each of you prove, on the model above  
An Angel of Mercy, the Angel of Love!

—*Masonic Journal.*

##### THE MASON'S JEWELS.

Ere Masonry came down from heaven,  
A precious trinity was given  
To be her rule and guide.  
Then Truth was spoken into birth,  
From heaven descended to this earth  
With Masonry 'abide.  
Hope, much-loved pearl, our Master gave,  
From cradle to relentless grave  
The Mason's guest to be—  
The Hope that centres, Lord, in Thee,  
The Hope of immortality.  
The peerless jewel, Charity,  
The last of Mason's trinity  
Of grace from above!  
Quintessence of the Deity,  
Most precious jewel of three,  
All crystalize in Love!

Three peerless graces sent to bloom,  
And every Mason's, life illumine,  
While on the green earth he stays.  
Sweet, sweet the Mason's trinity  
Of Faith, Hope, Love or Charity,  
Until prayer's lost in praise.

—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

##### THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Oh merry Jane and Mary,  
And Muriel and Fan,  
Oh laughing Amy, Ethel,  
Priscilla, Mary Ann,  
Oh Polly, Carry, Sophie,  
And fair Hermione,  
Gather in mystic order  
Around the Christmas Tree.  
And you stout George and Henry  
Fat Arthur, our Sam,  
Bold Rupert, Mark, and Tommy,  
And Joe, and Jim, and Gam,  
And Francis, Kit, and Charlie,  
Oh mind you courteous be,  
Let every Jack attend his Gill  
Around the Christmas tree!  
Midst merry peals of laughter,  
And the fresh and silvery voice,  
In all of genial gaiety,  
Oh, let your hearts rejoice.  
As in that goodly lighted room,  
And much of radiant glee,  
The old ones and the young ones  
Welcome the Christmas tree.  
See now those tapers brightly shine,  
To lighten up your joys,  
What goodly presents meet the eyes  
Of happy girls and boys.  
Ah, me, how time is slipping,  
Before the "Sisters Three,"  
As now I mind, when first I saw  
A gleaming Christmas tree.  
Yes, life which leaves us daily,  
All weary in the race,  
Recalls the stately presence,  
The dear and wistful face,  
As now once more I greet again,  
Those who were dear to me,  
Who once could gather gladly  
Around the Christmas tree.  
But vain are chants of sadness,  
On this fair Christmas eve,  
Let's banish needless troubles  
Afar!—the thoughts which grieve,  
Rather we'll raise together,  
In heart and fancy free,  
A cheery Christmas Carol  
Around our Christmas tree.

Bold hearts, fair faces, mock and gay,  
In pleasant mirth and love  
May all God's truest blessings,  
Attend you from above;  
May you as on your way you wend,  
And older years you see,  
Remember ancient mates and friends,  
Around your Christmas tree.

I hear soft voices singing  
A glorious refrain,  
I think for the shadowy moment,  
That I am young again,  
Alas! the echo vanishes.  
The loving shadows flee;  
The "Sojourner's" alone once more,  
Faded his Christmas tree.

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\* The Three Fates, a classical allusion, which our boys, and certainly our girls, will understand.

##### THE GRASP OF FRIENDSHIP'S HAND.

Come sit thou at my table—thou the friend of early years:  
To see the face of those we love, the coldest bosom cheers.  
Come thou, and share the blessings that Providence has sent  
To glad my humble dwelling still, and welcome real content.  
I care not for thy thread-bare coat, such pride I'd ne'er bequeath,  
The heart that was my friend in need still beats, I'm sure beneath;  
I scorn thy pomp and empty state, tho' what the world deems grand;  
Give me the man that well deserves the grasp of Friendship's hand.  
Some tell us Friendship's very rare, it doth not much abound;  
If that be true, we'll prize it more when once the jewel's found.  
The man whose Friendship's formed of words, like empty air it speeds;  
A man's real worth is always known by good and honest deeds.  
I would that all were friends on earth, as angels are above,  
That man to man would nobly prove a friend—a brother's love;  
That no mean boast of wealth or birth 'twixt honest hearts should stand,  
Then all alike would well deserve the grasp of Friendship's hand.

—*Scottish Freemason.*

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpott, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.



# Reviews.

"The Christmas Masonic Magazine." 198, Fleet-street, London.

We have received this goodly specimen of our Masonic serial literature, and admire its appearance and appreciate its contents. Its "bill of fare" is both very varied and very attractive. May a good literary digestion follow upon its perusal, for it is alike interesting and amusing, intelligent and tolerant, full of much that can please and that can instruct, much that can amuse and edify. We think that the Editor has, however, been a little amiss in "proving" the printers' pages, as there are some typographical errors which should never have appeared in a Magazine so well printed, so carefully edited, and glowing in so very taking a cover.

We think it right to call the attention of all our readers to the "Magazine," as it is indeed a cheap and good shilling's worth, competing successfully as it clearly does, alike in appearance and contents with many Magazines of older standing and higher pretensions. We wish it all success—the success which it most fairly merits.

The "Eclectic," G. H. RAMSEY, Editor, Washington.

We beg to mention the special merits of this well printed and able specimen of American Masonic literature to all who peruse the weekly pages of the "Freemason."

The "Liberal Freemason," A. F. CHAPMAN, Boston, U. S.

We can conscientiously commend this valuable "Confere" of ours to the patronage and study of all reading Masons.

The "Canadian Craftsman."

We have already expressed our pleasure at, and appreciation of the appearance of this friendly Magazine under the new editorial regime. There are many English Freemasons who may like to know what is going on in Canada among our brethren of the Mystic tie, and they can study no better record of the sayings and doings of Canadian Craftsmen.

The "Voice of Masonry," Chicago, United States, is as many of us know ably edited by our Bro. J. W. Brown and the well known and able Albert Mackey. It may be considered one of the leading magazines of Anglo-Saxon Masonic literature. It is most admirably conducted, and its articles are replete with Masonic interest and marked by Masonic sympathy.

"The Masonic Review," T. J. MALISH, Editor, Cincinnati,

Is another American Masonic periodical, very admirably edited and carefully arranged. It always contains much that is most readable by all Masons.

The "Keystone," Philadelphia.

A Masonic paper "sui generis," edited by our esteemed friend, and brother editor, Clifford P. McCalla. We need hardly add that the "Keystone" is a credit both to Pennsylvania and Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We wish that it could be more widely read by our English brethren.

"New York Dispatch."

Under the clear and able direction of Bro. Simon, its Masonic page is always full of gratifying articles for the reading and thinking Mason.

"Die Bauhütte." Leipsic; J. G. Findel.

"Die Bauhütte" pursues the "even tenour of its way," though not altogether untroubled by the storms of the passing epoch, and we are glad to see it, and to read it. Though we do not always agree with Bro. Findel, we wish the Bauhütte every success, always remembering Bro. Findel's zealous labours in the good cause of Masonic truth and historical accuracy.

"La Chaine d'Union." Hubert, Paris.

We have often praised this excellent periodical before, and we commend it again sincerely to day, wishing both to it and its editor and publisher, Bro. Hubert, all success. He well deserves it, and the "Chaine d'Union" is always worth reading.

"Le Monde Maçonnique." Edited by Bro. Caubet.

Though we have had to differ, and do differ seriously with Bro. Caubet, we differ from him Masonically and honestly. We do not think that any good will come of suppression of the truth, or shirking the difference of manly opinion, and therefore we think as we speak, and speak what we think. Surely in Freemasonry we ought to seek for and expect the truth. When then we differ from brother Masons, as differ we will and often must; let us try to speak the truth boldly, freely, without fear, without offence, and without personality. We always read the "Monde Maçonnique" with pleasure, and we recognise its Masonic information and its editorial ability.

"Der Triangel,"

A German Masonic paper, published at New York, of which a copy has been kindly forwarded to us. We know nothing of it, or whether under the Grand Lodge of New York, but it seems to be very ably edited, and to be Masonic in its tone, and well arranged. We note, however, that it leans to the Grand Orient of France, even in its last unhappy "faux pas." It is a great wonder that its editor, apparently both Masonic and enlightened, can be deceived by the specious cry of toleration under which that revolutionary change has been effected. No more intolerant act has ever been really committed by any Masonic body, as it is a direct attack on the great foundation-truth

of Universal Freemasonry—belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. Bro. Caubet, one of the leaders of the dominant party, boldly states, in the last *Monde Maçonnique*, that the Irish Grand Lodge is not an Universal Grand Lodge, because it accepts belief in a Personal God and the Bible. What will the editor of the "Triangel" say to such a proposition? It is enough to make the hair stand upon the head of any good old Mason.

"Bulletin du Grand Orient de France."

This is a very useful publication, giving us the official acts of the Grand Orient of France. It is lucidly arranged, and skilfully edited, and ought to be studied by all who wish to know the real position of French Freemasonry.

"Grand Imperial Council of Illinois."

We have received and pondered over this admirably printed report, and are much struck with it as a record of American High Grade work, as well as with the agreeable engraving of Bro. R. B. Smith, the Grand Sovereign.

## A CHANGE OF SUITS.

By BRO. TEBBS.

### FYTTE I.

"Well, Tiny, if the worst should come to the worst, we can but cut and run for it; take a cab from close to your house so that the old boy can trace it. Drive to Broad-street—tickets to the Alexandra—get out at Dalston—tickets back to Shoreditch—meanwhile, I mount the green specs, and you that eye-shade I bought in the Strand, and then—"

"I won't, Bob, and that's flat. Eye-shade, indeed—why—"

"Well never mind that, something else, Tiny; then we can get a special license, or perhaps the banns at Charley's office, or—or—or—"

"Won't do, Bob; your aunt ran away, I know, and so did my dear, old grannie; but it won't do. Pa would catch us, and off we go to Boulogne, or somewhere else, and I shall have to be Mrs. Titus Tomkins within the week—Ugh!"

"Well, then, Tiny, I must think of something else, for your governor won't hear of me, I know, though I shall come into my own in a twelvemonth; meanwhile, you won't be your own mistress for another four years, and that old beast will force you to marry that humbug Tompus Tightkins, or whatever his lovely name is—By jove, I have it; I'll go and ask Charley Jones' advice; he's a lawyer you know—"

"Lor, Bob, it's half-past seven, and Pa will be waiting for his tea—shan't I just catch it—what must I say? Good-bye, dear. Oh! how tiresome those sharp ends of your moustache are. . . ."

### FYTTE II.

"How d'ye do, Charley? Busy, eh?"

"No, not to you, Bob, sit down and tell me what it is—tenant bolted—Smith 'shot the moon,' eh?"

"No, Charley, worse than that. Old Clare insists on Tiny marrying that Tomkins fellow, and I don't see how to prevent it; he raves at her so, and leads her such a dance that I expect she'll be worried out of her life, and give way at last for very peace sake. What in the name of good fortune shall I do?"

"Sit down, man, or else you'll wear out a fortune in your shoe-leather and my carpet to boot—sit down and let's think. H'm!—I have it! You've written her some letters, I suppose?"

"I should just think I have."

"Spoonery, I suppose, Bob?"

"Well, the usual sort."

"Any mention of marriage, Bob?"

"Yes, of course."

"Sit down and write. Now, Bob, fire away!—"

"My dear Sir."

"None of your larks Charley! Fancy, writing to him!"

"Do as I tell you—"

"My dear Sir,

I deeply regret that I have been so ill-advised as to cross your wishes with regard to your daughter, and still further that I have, contrary to your desire, which ought to have been law in so tender a relationship as that of father and daughter, addressed to Miss Clare, several letters.

I feel with you, that we are both too young to enter into any engagement as yet, and I therefore beg to inform you that I shall not again act contrary to your wishes. At the same time may I ask you to kindly return me the foolish letters that I have sent to your daughter.—I remain, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

"T. J. CLARE, Esq. ROBERT ACCRINGTON."

"O, blow it all, Charley! I'm not going to send that—"

"But I am, Bob. Leave it to me, I'll see it all right for you. Good-bye, you must hook it now, for I'm awfully busy—Good-bye!"

### FYTTE III.

Martha, I tell you I won't hear of it. Pass me another egg and some more tea. Bob Accrington—pooh! Young ass—"

"But, Pa—"

"Hold your tongue, Emily! I know what is best for you. You will and shall be Mrs. Tompkins, this day six months."

"I wo—"

"Come in Susan."

"Letters please Sir!"

"One from that young idiot again. Hallo! 'foolish' 'please return letters.' 'Letters?' 'What letters?'"

"Oh, Thomas! here's a letter from Charley Jones; he says, 'You'll be pleased, I know, to hear of Bob Accrington's luck. He's going to marry Miss Aspley, whose maiden aunt has just died, leaving her a couple of thousand a year, and—'"

"What, Martha? Oh, that's the game is it? I'll spoil your fun for you, Master Bob! Go and fetch me those letters, child."

"Here they are Pa! but—"

"Run away child. Now Martha."

"Ha! 'stick to you, Tiny dear, through thick and thin; marry in spite of old Grumper—' Now, Martha, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put this directly into old Kasay's hands, and he shall enter an action for breach of promise. Master Bob, you shall squeak for this!"

### FYTTE IV.

"So, Mr. Clare, the defendant promised your daughter marriage, did he?"

"Yes, sir, he did; and I thought—to begin at the beginning—"

"We don't want you to begin anywhere, Sir, but merely to answer the questions put to you. You swear that he promised your daughter marriage?"

"Yes, sir, he did!"

"Very well, Mr. Clare, and you consented, I suppose?"

"Well, Sir!—I, at first—"

"On your oath, Sir, you gave your consent?—I must know this, as your daughter was, and is still, a minor, I believe?"

"If I might—"

"Be good enough to answer my question—"

"Mr. Smith, you must answer the question of the learned Counsel explicitly."

"Yes, my Lord; I will endeavour to do so."

"Well, then, Sir, your daughter had, and has still, your consent to accept the proposal of the defendant for an immediate marriage?"

"Yes, Sir!"

"Then, my Lord, I submit that this case need go no further, as my client is perfectly willing to carry out his engagement."

### FYTTE V.—(A PAIR.)

Plaintiff non-suited—and Defendant suited to a T (iney)

## AN ACCOMMODATING WITNESS.

In an assault and battery case tried before Justice Moses a day or two since, a Mexican was a witness. The business proceeded as follows:

Judge: You speak English, do you not?

Witness: Yes sir.

Judge: Well, you will please go on and tell what you know about the assault made by this man upon this woman.

Witness: Yes, sir.

Attorney: Ye ondersthand, sor, that ye air to go on now and schtate to the court and jury what ye know about this case—in yer own language, d'ye ondersthand?

Witness: Yes, sir, I understand perfectly well. You want me to tell the story in my own language.

Attorney: Exactly. Proceed, sor.

Witness: Este mojaré vauia mi la casa—

Attorney: What air ye sayin'?

Witness: Este hombre tombein—

Attorney: What is that ye air sayin'? What did the man do—what did he say?

Witness: Aque, senora, yo quere habla vste—

Attorney: (growing red in the face)—What air ye jabberin'—Italian, French, Dutch, or what?

Witness: I am speaking in my own language, sir, as you requested me to do—I am a Spaniard, sir.

Att. rney: I didn't mane for ye to spake yer own language whin I said for ye to spake yer own language. Ye can spake to me as I'm spakin' to ye, can't ye?

Witness: I can try, sir.

Attorney: Well, thin, thry, sor. Schtate to the court and the jury what ye saw of the assault.

Witness: Well, thin, yer honor, this man and this woman kim to me house, and sez the man to the woman, sez he, I want to spake wid ye, sez—

Attorney: What do ye mane, sor, by spakin' in that way?

Witness: Sure, sor, ye axed me to spake in the language ye use yerself, sor, an' sure I'm afther thryin to obleege—

Attorney: I don't want any sich language as that from ye, sor, I—

Judge: Just proceed in English, please, with what you saw of the affair.

Witness: With pleasure sir. I should have done so at first, hut the learned counsel seemed rather particular in regard to the language in which he wished me to give my evidence.

As the witness proceeded with his story the attorney sat mopping his brow with his bandana, and scowling black as a thunder cloud on all in the room.



## WHAT HAPPENED AT A CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

BY THEOPHILUS TOMLINSON.

## CHAPTER I.

I am getting an oldish youth now, but have not quite lost, happily for myself, all "sentiment." It is a very bad thing for any one to lose his "sentiment," because he becomes dry and hard, and callous, and cynical—indifferent alike to the charms of sympathy, or the attractions of the beautiful. We come across, however, constantly that kindly disposition and that genial temperament which are so comely in themselves, especially in elderly people, and which make us all keenly sensible of all that is loving and "leal;" of all that is fresh and fair, of all that is tender and true, in this rough battle of life.

Whenever you encounter such a person—whether an old boy or an old "gal permeated," as the swell writer says, by an "emotional psychology,"—cultivate him or her at once. Depend upon it your time will not be thrown away, nor your pains in vain.

Now I have not said this to puff myself. I am neither "laudator temporis acti"—at least not too much so—nor egotistical in any degree, but I merely think it well for special and weighty reasons me thereto moving, to praise "sentiment," because it is a main ingredient in this little story. I am like the eloquent speaker, who said once in proposing "The Ladies" (what stuff men will talk about women when they have a chance), "Sir, the man without sentiment is like a flat bottle of Bass!" There is a good deal of force, if not truth, in this illustration, commonplace and sensual as it may appear to some. It would possibly horrify Sir Wilfred Lawson, but pace that excellent man—though not a beer drinker myself—I believe that it is a generally admitted truth that a bottle of "Bass," clear and amber-coloured, well-up, has many charms, not only for a "thirsty soul" and to "soothe the savage breast," but for many very civilised bipeds to boot.

It was my lot to be invited to spend a Christmas—some time ago, alas! now—in what Mrs. Hemans terms one of the "ancestral homes of England." It was a fine old place, with a noble hall, and tapestried chambers, and a haunted room. It had many good features for inmates and visitors. Jemmy Miller, a young hero of the day, whom I met there, and of whom I knew something, said it was a "rum old place, and as for that haunted room," he added, "enough to frighten a fellow, you know; they say, my old boy, it is a woman, who walks in and out of your bedroom and looks at you, and points at you, and goes to the right about and vanishes into thin air. One of our fellows who was here said he had his bedclothes taken off; but between you and me and the wall, I think he had been 'liquoring up.' I like women in general, and one in particular, but I strongly object on principle to a female ghost. For you see," he concluded speaking confidentially, "you don't know what to make of her."

Now, I have quoted these frank words of one of the dramatic personæ because I think they well handle so spectral a subject.

Well, we had gradually assembled at the old hall; a large party, too, from east and west, and north and south. There were some male and female parents; there were some pleasant married couples, some very pretty girls, and plenty of young men, and altogether it was one of those Christmas gatherings you sometimes share in which are not without their sunny side; not so much a family party, as a miscellaneous collection of people who knew something of each other, and have met, not having a Christmas of their own to keep, to spend a merry Christmas in some hospitable mansion.

There were of course, one or two bores, male or female (what party is without them?), but still we had all reached our haven at last, one cold, raw, dreary, inhospitable day outside, and were welcomed warmly within, as was ever their wont, by our kind host and hostess. The ladies are all gathered in a magic circle, in the long picture gallery, round the pleasant fire; and the gentlemen, who formed the "outer ring," were standing or lounging about as men will do, receiving gratefully warm cups of tea from the hands of the ladies; and then, being a little thawed, we all begin to talk.

"I'm blessed," said old Jorum to me, "if I ever heard such a chattering. They declare women are magpies, but I'll back me to gossip against them."

But I don't think that old Jorum is quite impartial in the matter, being very much under the influence of Mrs. Jorum, who has made him give up all his bachelor opinions.

Young Miller comes up to me and says, sotto voce, "Deuced fine woman Mrs. Jorum, but she is better horse a long way;" and here the young rascal winks sagaciously at me and plunges into an animated conversation with the eldest Miss Barnstable.

After we had all talked and got cosy, and even yawned—and one or two actually dozed—we all dispersed inconspicuously to our rooms, whence, after having duly dressed for dinner, we re-descended into the hall. When dinner was announced we all were marshalled in order and marched in double file, a manoeuvre which required no little tact on the part of our hostess, who, however, was equal to the occasion. We were all, at last, comfortably seated in the cheery dining-room, and prepared to enjoy a good dinner. I had two very agreeable neighbours, as the Irishman said, "on each of my two sides," Mrs. Jorum being one of them, and so I took stock of the company, as I was doing so well myself and the "coup d'œil" was quite charming. Among other things which I noticed I saw that Jemmy was making himself very pleasant, as they say, to a very pretty young woman on his left, and was going ahead, she being, as the Germans say, evidently "zukommend." But I also thought I observed that this innocent flirtation was not at all agreeable to the

fair Laura's right-hand neighbour, a ponderous and prosaic old gentleman—what mamma calls a "safe man"—who was smitten with that fascinating gipsy, and was evidently thinking, too, that his "kismet" had come at last. He seemed to disapprove of Jemmy's proceedings, and to consider him a very forward and offensive puppy—as these old boys always do when they get spooney and a youngster comes in their way. But the happy Jemmy, all unconscious or little caring for the angry glance of the indignant Jamieson—for that was his name, D. Jamieson, M.P. (old Jamieson as we called him)—went on making hay while the sun shone, and much to the content of the "damsel," though not equally so to her anxious mamma. On the left of Jamieson, again, was a not disagreeable widow, who was said to be well off but bad tempered, both of which qualities for once were true.

Jorum knew something about her, and had said to me, before dinner, in his curt sentences: "Bullied her husband, bullies her servant, often bad tempered old fellow forty-eight if she is a day!"

I know not why, but the demon of mischief or the goddess of "sentiment" suggested to me what a good thing it would be to couple together old Jamieson and Mrs. De Salis, and how needful it was and how proper it would be to help Jemmy and his Laura, two young spoons. Laura's mamma—a stout old party, with too low a dress for my taste, but plenty of diamonds—had been smiling when Jamieson talked to the perverse Laura, but had actually frowned, as mothers sometimes will do, when she turned a very ready ear to the insinuating and light-hearted Jemmy. Still I knew she was not a bad-hearted old party, and as I was also well acquainted with pater L'Estrange I thought I might do Jemmy and Laura a good turn, if things got as they say, "serious." So I said to myself: "I will try for once to make the course of true love run smooth in this rough world." And so I turned to my fascinating neighbour, Mrs. Jorum, for her countenance advice. I knew that she was the most genial and tender-hearted of beings, so I felt sure of her assistance and approval. Nor was I mistaken, for she at once, after I had explained to her my ideas on the subject, kindly and fully said that it was an "imperative call of duty to pair those four people properly;" and so we entered into a compact and concordat on the subject forthwith, then and there, signed, sealed, and delivered.

"It is quite clear to me," she also remarked, "that old Jamieson and the widow would just suit each other; and if she did bully Mr. De Salis, I don't think it will do old Jamieson any harm."

Of course I replied that I thought it would do him a great deal of good; and so we both assented to the general proposition that it was a duty we owed to society and sentiment in general, and to Laura and Jemmy in particular.

Dinner was over, the ladies retired, and the gentlemen drew near to the host's end. We had a pleasant scance, though I observed that Jamieson did not draw near to Jemmy, and that Jemmy did not talk to Jamieson. "Oh! woman," said I mentally, "what a wonderful institution you are; what fools you make of men, geese that they be!" When at last we went off, as a writer of an ill-regulated mind says, "to coffee and crinoline," I managed to get hold of old Jamieson, so as to let Jemmy take ground to the right and get a chair near Laura, to whom, I observed his advent seemed to afford unmitigated pleasure, if I might judge by those bright eyes of hers; and I began a most interesting and confidential conversation with Jamieson about Mrs. De Salis. I knew at once that the old rascal listened; that he was ready as the French say to "envisager" the whole question especially, as an old friend of mine used to say, if there are "Dibs" in the matter it is wonderful how they sweep away difficulties. So I said casually to him, "Fine woman, Mrs. De Salis, and wonderfully well off for a widow; £5000 a year jointure, £25,000 to do what she likes with, and a house of her own."

Old Jamieson's eyes twinkled. "Very agreeable woman," he slowly replied; very neat looking, and well preserved, and becomingly dressed. Her hair is so good—and its all her own! By the way, Tomlinson," he added immediately, "they say at the 'Ulysses' that she is a queer-tempered woman. Admiral Hutton was an old messmate of De Salis's in the *Persephane*, many years ago, and he told me—" and here Jamieson lowered his voice, "that De Salis told him that if he had known what a deuced bad-tempered old gal she was, he would never have slung his hammock alongside of hers."

"Oh!" I said, "Jamieson, you can't believe Hutton, who is dreadfully afraid of his own wife; and club stories are always canards. All I can say is, if I had your chance I would not throw it away."

"Do you really think that she is amiable and pleasant to get on with?" asked poor old Jamieson again; and so I ventured to remark that "I will not say that; and I admit that there is a flash in her eyes which says, 'look out for squalls.' But you know, Jamieson," I also added, you can find all that out before you put your head into the noose. If a chap can't find out before he marries whether his wife is good tempered or not, he deserves to be bullied-ragged all his life."

"What a pretty girl," he then remarked, "Miss L'Estrange is."

"So she is," I then said, "very pretty indeed; but she has not much money—more's the pity." This was not quite true, but I considered it, under the circumstances, a white lie. I knew that Jamieson, like a good many other men you meet in society, thought his wife ought to have money, and would not marry without money. A sordid view in my opinion, but if it is a popular view, and no doubt has some common sense at the bottom of it, as we cannot, it is quite clear, live on "sentiment," though it would be a very base and dirty world without it.

Jamieson evidently felt what I had said, and after a little went and sat down by the beaming widow, who rewarded him with one of her sweetest smiles.

"Yes, old girl," I thought to myself, "those smiles are like a calm at sea, too often only the forerunners of a gale. But 'sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.'"

Old Jorum said, as we were retiring for the night, "Jemmy will win in a canter, but I am afraid poor old Jamieson will be heavily handicapped in the race."

## CHAPTER II.

I left off my story at the end of our first day at Compton L'Estrange for so the old manor-house was termed when the genial company were dispersing for the night. Some of the irreverent youth adjourned to the smoking-room, and when we elderly people had gone to our virtuous couches, were exhaling until early hours the fragrant (?) weed, and imbibing a mysterious compound termed "B. and S."

When we all assembled for breakfast in the morning, everybody seemed very cheerful except old Jamieson. I at first thought it was the mental conflict of the evening before between love in a cottage and love in "widow's weeds," but young Miller whispered to me, "Old Jamieson has been in the haunted room, and I am quite sure he has seen the ghost." But as we were all talking and eating and drinking at the same time, no one had any leisure time for anybody else's grievances or mishaps. And I often think that the breakfast is the one meal of the day when many of us are inclined to be sulky and savage, and resent enquiry, and dislike confidence. Even the "gal" you adore does not always look benign at breakfast time, though I do not know why. Perhaps it is that we noble animals require our "pabulum corporis," like those of a lower grade, and after feeding-time is over become civil and sociable and gregarious again. But this morning Jamieson's little melancholy was soon discovered by the buxom widow, who instantly began to pity and "prone" the old rascal, who, to say the truth, like most men, was not averse to be petted and fussed over. I observed some sagacious looks passing between Jorum and Jemmy, and after we had all left the breakfast-room and the men had got into their morning-room, Jorum began pumping old Jamieson.

"By the way, Jamieson," he said, "I hear you slept in the haunted room last night. Did you see anything?"

Jamieson, who did not evidently relish the cross-questioning, said hastily, "Oh no; I slept very well, and saw nothing and heard nothing."

"Well," replied Jorum, "I thought you was looking pale this morning. I have heard queer stories about that room. They say,—be went on, not pretending to notice old Jamieson's fidgeting about—" that a woman appears and gazes on you with a melancholy look. Come, Jamieson," added Jorum, "tell us the truth old boy; we won't peach. Did you see something last night?"

Jamieson, who was evidently a little nervous, at last said to Jorum, in a lower key than usual, "Well, it is a fact; I believe a woman did cross my room this morning early."

"What was she like?" said Jemmy Miller, in a tone no one could fail noting.

"Well," said old Jamieson, "I did not see exactly, for I was half asleep, and in a dreadful fright, but she looked like a woman in white."

"Stout or thin?" said Jemmy again.

Everybody laughed, and old Jamieson said, "Mr. Miller, none of your jokes on me. Its no laughing matter. I saw something, but what it was I can't say!"

The conversation dropped. But the story soon got out among the ladies, and I felt pretty sure from their low laughs that Master Jimmy Miller and Miss Laura knew something about the matter. However, the discussion ceased, and we spent the day as people usually do in a pleasant and comfortable country house. When we all got together for tea in the afternoon, it was quite clear to me that Jamieson and Mrs. De Salis, and Jemmy and Laura had paired off like Dame Durden's serving maids and men. And so I said to Jorum, "It all appears to be going on as one could most desire."

"Yes," she replied; "that ghost has done it. Mrs. De Salis has profited by the occasion, and has convinced Jamieson how undesirable is a bachelor's life, and how lonely and how unprotected, and how uncompanionable it is. I believe, if the ghost appears again, Jamieson will take and marry Mrs. De Salis off the reel, to keep off such nocturnal visitants. Whether he will be gainer or the loser by the transaction, time only can show."

"Well, but," I said, "what has the ghost to do with it?"

"Well, you see," she replied, looking most mischievous, "old Jamieson is, I believe, an arrant old coward, and Mrs. De Salis has pluck—I won't say brass—for two; and like all weak men—and you men are so weak, such poor creatures—he must lean on a woman. Now Mrs. De Salis is as bold as a lion, and fears no ghost and certainly has no alarm about a husband;" and here Mrs. Jorum laughed again her merry laugh. "Look at them," she said, "why those two old geese are getting quite tender. Well, I never!"

Certainly Mrs. De Salis had played her cards well, and Jamieson was enraptured.

Old Jorum came up and said, "It quite disgusting!"

"What is," asked Mrs. Jorum, "you most unsentimental of men?"

"Those two old donkeys making love in that way."

"Bless my soul," said Mrs. Jorum, "what creatures men are! As if it was not necessary to sweeten the black draught of life with a little coating of sugar or of gold. Jorum, I had expected better things of you, after all the instruction I have given you! Do you remember, Mr. Tomlinson, how loving a certain person was once upon a time?" I bowed impressively, and she went on: "And



here he is, positively grudging poor old Jamieson a few short sweet moments of sunshine and quiet and happiness."

At this moment Laura and her Jemmy came up, looking supremely happy. Jemmy came to my chair and whispered in my ear: "All right, old boy—father and mother agreeable—and I am going to write to my friends."

"Oh! incautious maiden," said I to the blushing Laura, whom Mrs. Jorum was warmly congratulating. "You are really determined to land on the dangerous island of matrimony. Be warned and wise in time, ere it be too late."

The impudent young woman only laughed, and said, "Grapes are sour, you old and woe-begone bachelor."

And in due time we all separated to adorn the outer man, for the cheery and pleasant dinner. This evening also went off and went on, as they say, "most swimmingly." Jamieson was so engrossed by Mrs. de Salis that he took no heed of his left-hand neighbour; and Jemmy was so absorbed in Laura's sprightly conversation, that he even had scarcely an ear for Mrs. Jorum's merry sallies. But as she said confidentially to me afterwards, "a man in love is really all but 'off his nut.'"

It was quite clear to all now that old Jamieson was booked, and I confess, like a person suffering from a twinge of gout, I began to feel a qualm of compunction. And as we separated for the night, and the ladies had finished nibbling their biscuits and sipping iced seltzer water, with just a soupçon of cognac—only a soupçon I said to Mrs. Jorum; "I am really sorry for poor old Jamieson."

"I am not," that strong-minded young woman replied; "he wants money, and he will get it; he wants some one to manage him, and he will find what he wants. As he has made his bed, so let him lie; I don't pity him in the least." And I don't believe she did.

I fancied I heard the ladies tittering as they all tramped along, Mrs. De Salis lingering behind to say a soft farewell to Jamieson.

"You and the widow are going it," I said to old Jamieson when he returned to the table. When we all closed round the fire, before separating for the night, "Charming woman, Tomlinson," the old impostor said, "full of warmth of heart, and what a fond and sympathetic creature she is."

"Yes, old fellow," I thought to myself, you and she will do very well; you will get her money, and she will bully you. Such are the compensations of life." Sooner than this we all went our way, wishing each other "buona notte."

At breakfast the next morning poor old Jamieson was more silent than ever, and was evidently ill at ease, and even impervious to the attentions of the ready widow. Soon after breakfast was over, he went up to our kind hostess and told her that most important business called him away to town, much to the apparent astonishment of that amiable personage, to the consternation of the widow, and the evident suppressed amusement of Mrs. Jorum, Jemmy Miller, Laura, and Co. He gave no explanation, and avoided us all, and left by the London express.

Curiously enough, the widow, in the afternoon, also found that she must return to town; and the next morning she also left us, resolute and reticent.

I said to Mrs. Jorum when this second denouement took place, "Can you solve the mystery?" and that heartless woman laughed outright. "You had better, I think," she replied, knowingly, "ask Jemmy Miller and that young scapegrace his brother officer, Mr. Vesey."

But they would tell me nothing, and it was not until some time afterwards that I learnt the solution of the enigma. Mr. Vesey was the "woman in white," and had frightened old Jamieson out of the house and into the loving care of the bold widow.

Laura and her Jemmy were married after Lent was over in the following year, and are as happy as two geese of lovers can be. Mrs. Jorum is my authority for the expression. Jamieson married Mrs. De Salis, and is, they say kept in thorough good order. He has never seen a ghost since, though he probably sees far too much to his taste of a stout woman in white.

Mrs. Jorum and I have often talked over the matter since. She still contends that all is for the best, and that each of the two "spoons" is properly mated, and has got just what he or she wanted. She will not allow that Jamieson is to be pitied at all. "A man who makes up his mind," she says, to get money, must take things as he finds them. If he sets his heart on 'ochre' he must not be surprised if he finds it to be, after all, dross; and that, as he has outraged all true sentiment, he can't get his sweets without his bitters."

I agree with Mrs. Jorum. Though old and gouty, and full of soft memories of what happened to me, "Consule Pianco," I yet feel certain of this one thing: that marriages of affection afford the best prospect of earthly happiness; and that if society is disorganised, if its creed is sceptical, and its morals somewhat "gone astray," it is only because we choose to forget that, though hasty and improvident and incongruous marriages are very bad things for all concerned, a mercenary marriage is detestable, and a marriage without mutual affection is but a certain prelude to severed sympathies, and a mournful fiasco.

"Yes," says Mrs. Jorum, "my view is, that love and affection combined with a quantum suff. of the good things of life are far better than all the money in the world; and that if the heart does not go with the gold, and the dress which perishes with the using, and is not purified and elevated by tender sentiment and true sympathy, there is very little chance of mutual happiness for any two people in this world."

As I think that my readers will agree with the "dictum" of that charming person, who has made the best of wives, and is the most sincere of friends, and the cheer-

est of good company—an honest, true-hearted, fascinating woman—I conclude my little tale with her eloquent peroration.

#### VATICANISM IN A NEW ROLE.

One of the least amiable characteristics of our times, is the growing intolerance of the advanced thinkers. They profess to be the most liberal men in the world and they are often the most dogmatic and denunciatory. They seemed called upon to celebrate their own change of opinion and emancipation from bigotry, by anathematizing those they have left behind, as fools or bigots. In their real zeal against theology, they have stolen the very thunders of the theological schools, and giving a living illustration of what used to be known as the "Odium theologicum." If we may judge by the deliverances of those who are loudest in their praises of science, the science of our day is rapidly changing places in this respect, with the polemic theology of former ages. The science of Sir Isaac Newton's day, if we may take that great expounder as a true type of it, was both modest and devout—modest, as having not yet comprehended all knowledge, and devout as being a willing worshipper in God's great temple. It had not then learned the vocabulary of the blasphemer, nor the boastful ipse dixits of wholesale intolerance. But now the tables were turned. The war is carried into Africa. Many of the popular leaders of modern thought, speak as men who have authority—the authority of science to back them. We should be sorry to think that true science is responsible for all their utterances. The theologians of olden times, especially in papal countries, felt that they had an infallible divine power behind them—that of the Church. They spoke ex cathedra, and they became intolerant. In like manner the advanced free-thinkers of our day, discarding the old church authority and installing in its place another authority, in their judgment of even higher infallibility—the absolute authority of science—have assumed the same arrogant tone, and adopted a similar language of intolerance towards those who will not accept their opinions. Standing, as they think on the vantage ground of superior knowledge, and emancipated alike from the traditions of men, and the alleged revelation of God, they speak with an air of magisterial and oracular authority, not surpassed by the inspired prophets of the Old Testaments. In reading some of their deliverances, especially on the favourite topic of ecclesiastical creeds and dogmas, one is forcibly reminded of the anathematizing clauses of the famous Council of Trent, or of the vatican decrees of Rome, when Roman supremacy was at its height.

This new vaticanism, which may be fittingly called the vaticanism of the latest school of scientific philosophy, is gradually creeping into our current literature, finding expression in lecture and magazine, and even making itself felt in our institutions of public education, both collegiate and rudimental. It may be met with in the quarterly review, and the daily newspaper, in the discussions of municipal Boards of Education, and even on commencement occasions in college and university. It is intolerant of all old systems and ideas. It is at war with all creeds, all churches, and all religious principles. Its aim is radical and destructive as it regards Christianity, and all institutions founded on Christianity. It holds Christianity, as it holds all other religions, to be simply a superstition and a delusion. Having as it imagines, excluded God from the universe, it seeks to exclude all traces of God from the minds of the people, and from the schools, were the children of the people are educated. It aspires to nothing less than to control the educational institutions of the country. Having, as it thinks, excluded God from the universe, it aims to exclude the Bible from the schools of education, and then to expurgate from all school-books every mention of God and the Book of God; and when that is done, to banish all Christian teachers, and along with them all Christian influences of every sort from the education of the people. It is a spirit which boasts liberalism, and wears the garb of free thought. But under its well-disguised liberalism and free thought it is the sworn foe of all evangelical and spiritual religion. It couples the burning zeal of a propagandist with the intense tolerance of a dogmatist of the middle ages.

A single example will be sufficient to illustrate the intolerant dogmatic spirit of this new style of vaticanism. It shall be taken from Chicago. One of the leaders of scientific materialism, who is a high official, exerting a controlling influence in our public schools, is reported in the papers as saying: "That man is a fool who does not know that the discoveries of modern science have utterly exploded all the teachings of the Bible."

One is amazed at the immense intelligence, not to say egotism, of a mind which could thus array its own individual judgment against the united judgments of millions of intelligent men all over the world (not to speak of the millions on millions through eighteen centuries) who have believed in this Book. Are they all fools? On what intellectual meat hath Cæsar fed that he should dogmatize? Who has given him the right, as with the irreversible decree of a Rhamdanthus, to pronounce sentence of death on the most cherished beliefs of mankind, and to tell millions of the most cultivated people in the world that they are fools if they do not know that the latest modern science has exploded all such beliefs? The wonder turns, as Chalmers would have expressed it, on the mighty process by which a single mind grew to know so much, and felt that it had the right to fulminate a sentence so dogmatic and so overwhelming against so many other minds.—*Eclectic.*

#### GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 5th inst., was one of the largest meetings of this Grand Body ever held. This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the annual election of officers, the brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction were fully represented, by District Deputy Grand Masters, and the officers and Past Master of lodges. We were especially pleased to meet so large a number of eminent Masons from the interior and western portions of the State, among whom the Keystone numbers some of its firmest friends. The entire business before the Grand Lodge was conducted with the usual fraternal harmony.

The following brethren were elected Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the ensuing Masonic year beginning on St. John's Day next:

Bro. James Madison Porter, of Easton, R.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Michael Nisbet, of Philadelphia, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Samuel B. Dick, of Meadville, R.W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Conrad B. Day, of Philadelphia, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Thomas R. Patton, of Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. John Thomson, of Philadelphia, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest, Bros. Sam. C. Perkins, George Thomson, Charles M. Prevost, Henry C. Howell and Jacob Roberts, M.D.

The remarkable unanimity with which all of these brethren were elected, upon the first ballot, to their respective stations and committees, was a matter of special congratulation from the Grand Master to the members of the Grand Lodge, and evinces the thorough fraternal harmony that pervades the Craft in this jurisdiction.

Reports were rendered by the committees on finance, on bye-laws, on appeals, temple and library committees, trustees of the Girard Bequest, commissioners of the sinking fund, and special committee on Ahiman Rezon. All of these reports were listened to with the closest attention, especially that of the committee on finance, which exhibited the healthy and prosperous condition of the monetary affairs of this Grand Lodge.

During the past year 15,000 dols. have been added to the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Charity Fund now amounts to 68,225 dols., of which 67,200 dols. is securely and profitably invested. The income of this fund for the past year was 4023 dols. The charge for the use of the Banquet Hall in the Masonic Temple, after St. John's Day, December 17th next, will be five dols. a night, instead of eighteen dols., as heretofore. It is expected and hoped that this reduction will tend to keep the lodges, when at refreshment, within the walls of the Masonic Temple, in our magnificent Banqueting Hall. No member of a subordinate lodge in Pennsylvania can hereafter be made an honorary member of another Lodge in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge Library Committee reported an increased use of the Library, and an addition of one hundred volumes during the past year, in which time its receipts in cash were 850 dols.; but the Committee deplored the little interest as yet manifested by Pennsylvania Masons in the Reprint of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, the first volume of which has been handsomely issued at 1.00 dols., to be followed by four or five others at the same price, completing the work. The present investments of the Girard Bequest amount to 61,000 dols., and during the past year 3500 dols. were applied to the use of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund. The Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge now amounts to nearly 40,000 dols. The reported draft of the proposed new Ahiman Rezon was adopted, with but three amendments, viz.: (1) making the fiscal year end November 15th, instead of September 30th. (2) on page 52, striking out from, line 18 to line 4 which results in making three applications for initiation, and rejections, final in the lodge; (3) and on page 15, making the minimum fees for initiation and membership, in Philadelphia, 75 dollars, and outside of Philadelphia 40 dollars, instead of 50 dollars, and 25 dollars, respectively. Our readers may gather from the above, some of the more important results accomplished at this Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. The session was quite a prolonged one, being from ten o'clock till two, and from four till eight, but all of the business was disposed of fully and satisfactorily.

We congratulate the members, and the entire Craft in the great Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, upon the able brethren who will govern them during the ensuing Masonic year, all of whom have the full confidence and fraternal regard of the entire brotherhood. Grand Master-elect, Bro. James Madison Porter, will preside over a united and prosperous Craft, and Grand Master Clark will retire from the Grand East, with the assurance that he has performed his difficult duties in all respects acceptably and well. That prosperity may ever attend and distinguish the Craft in this ancient and honourable Masonic Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, is our earnest and sincere prayer, to which all of the brethren will respond. "So mote it be."—*Keystone*

ROYAL SOCIETY.—At the meeting of the Royal Society, on the 13th inst, Sir Joseph Hooker in the chair, the following were elected foreign members:—Marcellin Berthelot, of Paris; Joseph Decaisne, of Paris; Emil Dubois Raymond, of Berlin; Adolph Wilhelm Hermann Kolbe, of Leipzig; Rudolph Leuckart, of Leipsic; Simon Newcomb, of Washington; and Pafnutij Tscheybyschew, of St. Petersburg. By this election the foreign list of the society is made up to its full complement of 50 members.



## GOOD THOUGHTS.

We visited, a few weeks since, a lodge in a neighbouring jurisdiction, located in a pleasant village of two thousand inhabitants, that has kept up an unflagging interest in its meetings for nearly thirty years by adopting the method suggested. Try it. We frequently notice these complaints of inactivity and indifference. Our experience has taught us that they have their origin, primarily, in three causes: First, a surplus of lodges; secondly (and as a result of the first) too many members never adapted to Masonry; and, thirdly, an almost universal tendency by cultivated brethren to decorate our Temple with the drapery of antiquities, jurisprudence and refinement of controversy, rather than to exhibit their ability and skill in the use of "working tools;" or, more correctly speaking, in elucidating and enforcing "cardinal virtues," and the best methods in securing permanent prosperity to the Craft. For these reasons Masonry is having numerical success at the expense of its fraternal vitality. Is this desirable? This tendency to decorate the body of the Craft with old clothes, jurisprudence and polemics, regardless of the more important and unobtrusive equipment that furnish the elements of influence and strength, is bearing fruit of its kind.

Of what consequence is the age of Masonry to a man borne down with infirmities and reverses; struggling for a pittance that is to "keep the wolf from the door?" It is for these that Masons' labour, and but for them its existence would be a burden and not a pleasure. Will it "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or bind up the wounds of the afflicted," to give the stricken a tract filled with the refinements of legal controversy, or that takes them back to enochian periods, Egyptian mysteries, the "essenes" of our Grecian Mythology? The first great care of Masonry is charity, brotherly love, fraternity; the second, these collateral questions, to which distinguished brethren are so prone to devote their entire ability. If we are to be an active force in human weal, the question of "hoary age," &c., should be of minor importance, and never permitted to become the tares that usurp the place of the wheat. The grand and significant question of the day is this: What is Masonry now? A man thoughtful of his kind, and who wishes to be identified with the Craft, will not trouble his brain with antiquities or abstractions. His estimate of our value to the world will be taken from the present of our relations to humanity! If it were possible or practical to expend all our energies in an effort to fathom the past, and place it beyond question that the lodge said to exist in Jerusalem was instituted by King Solomon, who, with his own hands placed his Masonic mantle upon distinguished craftsmen of our day, it could not be assumed that its parentage alone justifies the continuance of an organization that, for three thousand years, has not accomplished anything in the fraternal possibilities of the race. This is not the Masonry that men of sense seek.

Thought was never more active. Men will not be content with mere cumbersome, antiquated, theoretic institutions. They eagerly stretch forth their hands to grasp every development in art, science, political and moral economies; the consequence is that Masonry, with every other institution, must advance in the line of their own professions, if they expect to bring to their support the forces adapted to their growth and usefulness. If we all devote a life-time to the unearthing of antiquities and refining jurisprudence and ritual, its results will be, as we too frequently see to-day, a frigid, pompous excrement, that has but the semblance of a claim to Masonic parentage.

Brethren, it is much more to our credit to be careful with ourselves than to make any attempt to cover up faults. To shrink from their casutigation and exposure is but to reproduce vagries that have brought shame, confusion and disgrace to organizations that now, but by reasons of the great purposes of their formation would be a bar to the necessity of Masonry or other associations for the perpetuation and practice of principles that are at the foundation of human happiness. Is it not true that the more our attention is absorbed by externals the less we are inclined to cling to the central point of the mystic circle? Much light upon this subject leads us to the firm delusion that a large portion of the lethargy of which so much complaint is made is chargeable to a disposition to flaunt decorations, rather than to be engaged in the unostentatious application of that "cement that unites us into one family of friends," &c.—T. T. GURNEY.

**FREEMASONRY.**—Its beneficent power is exerted in a thousand ways, diffusing its blessing on all who come within its sphere. Though venerable with age and enriched by the history and traditions of a remote past, it exhibits to-day all the freshness of a renewed youth. Though the most conservative of human institutions, it adapts itself to every changing condition of life, and is in full accord with the newest developments of modern society. Based on the broadest foundation underlying the nature of man, no change of country or lapse of time can destroy its symmetry, impair its beauty, or weaken its influence. It comes to every man with a restraining, ennobling, and sustaining power. It tends to him its powerful aid in his endeavours for self-improvement. It encourages and assists him in his efforts for success, and in his hour of affliction and adversity comes with gentle sympathy to comfort his sorrows, and with ever ready help to relieve his needs. When illness invades his frame, the assiduous ministrations of Masonic brethren solace his sufferings, and when it pleases the Supreme Ruler to call him hence Masonry stands ready to soothe his final moments and tenderly commit his mortal remains to the bosom of mother earth, while his departure is comforted by the assurance that the orphan shall find a sure protection in her ever present care. Thus in life and in death our institution stands the bounteous source of blessing to mankind.

## PARIS EXHIBITION OF 1878.

We call the attention of our readers to the following important letters in the *Times* of the 17th:—

The following are translations of letters received by the English Committee of the Paris Exhibition from the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce:—

"Foreign Sections, Paris, Dec. 14, 1877.

"Monsieur le Secrétaire,—It is with deep regret that I noticed signs of a real hesitation among the future British exhibitors in consequence of the political disturbances in France. Beyond the Ministries which have lately succeeded one another in power, beyond our Government itself, there has always been France, in whose name the foreign nations have been invited, and she would never have failed to keep engagements of honour entered into by her. The Marshal President of the Republic has just done a patriotic deed in his recognition of the Parliamentary rights of the country. This act, which has led to the formation of a new Cabinet, taken from the majority of Deputies, will allay all misgivings. The Exhibition will open on the 1st of May, 1878, in undiminished beauty, thanks to the noble efforts made and about to be made by the foreign as well as by the French exhibitors. I am authorised to beg of you to make as public as possible the official assurance which I am happy to give you to-day.

"Receive, M. le Secrétaire, &c.,

"GEORGES BERGER,

"Le Directeur de Sections Etrangères."

"Paris, Dec. 14, 1877.

"My dear Mr. Owen,—Although Mr. Georges Berger has already answered by telegram and letter, I must also tell you personally how greatly I should have been disquieted and affected by the perusal of the letters that you forwarded to us this morning if the great political incident which has just now taken place here had not occurred most opportunely to restore matters to their normal condition. The institution of the Exhibition would in any case have prevailed over all obstacles. The sympathetic attitude of England and the character of the relations that we have the honour to hold with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales were before us to point out our duty, apart even from all the obligations assumed by the French Government. It is France who has invited the nations of the whole world to the great festival of peace on the Champ de Mars, and France would in no circumstances have resigned her mission of international hospitality, however serious might have been her internal anxieties.

"Receive, my dear Mr. Owen, &c.,

"J. B. KRANTZ,

"The Senator Commissaire-General."

## PRIVATE INQUIRIES.

We call attention to the following letter in *The Times* which deals with one of the greatest nuisances of the day, the abuse of private inquiry:—

Sir,—Will you allow me to make public through *The Times* the following occurrence? I do not add any comment; the grievance speaks for itself. One day recently a man came to this institution and addressed some question to the superintendent as to the business matters of the place. She referred him to the clerk, and an interview followed between the stranger and the two secretaries of the society. Subsequently the same man came and saw the accountants, from Messrs. Waddell's, who keep our books, and required to see the ledgers, &c. He brought no warrant from any society or individual as to this act, but represented himself as doing it "privately."

The officials here, having nothing to hide, answered all his queries. They were such in substance and manner as might be used to convict the criminals with whom we deal, but not those suited to any communication between trustworthy people.

The work of detectives in the employment of the Government is familiar to this society, but "private inquiry" we know nothing about. If the system is to be pursued in this country, we ought to learn it and treat it as it deserves.

I ask for the protection of the public against such proceedings on the part of person or persons unknown.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

SUSANNA MENEDITH.

Prison Mission, Nine Elms-house,  
Wandsworth-road, Vauxhall, S.W.

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c.** A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will sent post free, to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

Our esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., has been unanimously elected W.M. of Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, for the ensuing year.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—These corrective remedies are infallible for these pectoral complaints, which, neglected, often end in asthma, bronchitis, or consumption. The Ointment well rubbed upon the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is carried directly to the lungs, whence it expels all impurities. All the blood in the body constantly passes through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to produce disease, can be quickly, thoroughly, and permanently neutralised, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly accomplish this purification, and through the blood, thus cleansed, the influence of these wonderful medicaments reaches the remotest parts of the human body; and thus cures all all diseased action, whether internal or external.—ADVT.

## MASONRY.

Freemasonry has its history—a history full of noble deeds, well worthy to be preserved and cherished through ages to come. She has survived the vicissitudes, the wars and revolutions of nearly thirty centuries; has witnessed the rise and growth of all the civilised nations on the face of the globe.

The principles of our Order inculcate honour, probity, justice, self-abnegation: they denounce, they condemn dishonour, falsehood, injustice and presumption. They teach mankind to live together as one great family, loving, cheering, true to one another as God, who is our Father, is true to us.

A man is never too old to practice brotherly love, relief, and never too old to bring a ripened judgment, a holy and consistent life to bear upon his younger brethren.

Masonry has ever been loyal to its own principles, characteristics and aims; it has sought to do no work but its own.

Amid all the strife which has sundered communities and deluged the world in blood, Freemasonry has been in the enjoyment of tranquil repose. It has been for all who were under the tongue of good report. Had it not been so, our affections would have turned from us as dishonouring to that Creator who kindled the splendid fireside of the sun and who poured the mighty floods from the hollow of his hand.

Masonry wears upon its forehead the gathered scars and wrinkles of a thousand years, and yet it is as vigorous to-day, as resolute of mortal purpose, as if it bore upon its frontal only the glittering dew of youth. The world is wide and the demand is great enough to employ the energies of all; but Masonry leads the column of that great army which followed the Church of Christ up and down, and to and fro, in the earth, conquering peace and fraternity among men.

Proverbs xi. 14; xviii 17; xvii. 28.

Masonry is a fountain of charity, whose streams go out to invigorate and gladden the sorrowful, to bear relief to famished poverty, to meander by the widow's cottage, and lave the feet of the orphan. Its crystal waters, cool, the fever of partizan passion, and baptize men of conflicting views into a great brotherhood of mercy.—Corner Stone.

## LIVING STILL.

Confucius still enacts the law for China, Plato and the other great sages of antiquity, still rule and reign as kings of philosophy. The temple built by Solomon and our ancient brethren has sunken into decay. The Holy City is a mass of hovels under the domain of the Crescent, and the Holy Land is a devastated desert. The kings of Egypt and Assyria, contemporaries of Solomon, have past into oblivion and are forgotten, their histories are known as mere fables. The ancient Orient is a shattered wreck, bleaching upon the shores of time.

The wolf and the jackal howl amid the ruins of Thebe and Tyre. But the mysterious, quiet and peaceful Order, of which the son of a poor Phœnician widow was one of the Grand Masters, with the Kings of Israel and Tyre, has continued to increase in stature, strength and influence, defying the angry waves of time and the storms of persecution.

Age has not weakened its foundations, nor shattered its columns, nor marred the symmetry and beauty of its harmonious proportions.

This is Masonry, and she is still there. And we proceed onward through the sublime mysteries of its degree, well may it be said of her, too, "I have many things to tell you but ye cannot hear them now." And as one by one of her noble representatives pass away, assuming the robes of immortality, and receiving that last degree of investigation of the hereafter, let it be a lesson to us to deport ourselves in life as to entitle us to a peaceful death, so that finally it may be said of us, "Farewell faithful brother, here is the end of an upright life of toil devoted to the cause of justice, humanity and brotherly love, his life was free from the stain of sin, and his final rest as peaceful as that of the noblest dead."

Therefore let our watchword be, Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith, that we may prove our fidelity to our highest and holiest ties and obligations; Hope, that we may rest content in the sublime belief of the promised hereafter, and Charity, that we may be charitable to all our fellow men, that he who doeth all things well may ultimately be charitable to us.

Thus we are taught by Masonry, these sublime attributes, Faith, Hope, and Charity, but the greatest of these is Charity. So saith the genius, Masonry.—*Hebrew Leader.*

**SCOTCH FREEMASONS.**—Mr. J. Ballantine, Grand Bard of the Scottish Grand Lodge of Freemasons, died in Edinburgh on Tuesday at the age of 69. Mr. Ballantine was the author of several works of fiction including "The Gaberlunzie Wallet" and "The Miller of Deanbush," the former of which attained great popularity. He was also the author of many favourite Scottish melodies, one of these being "Ilka blade of grass keeps its ain drap o' dew." Mr. Ballantine learnt the art of decorative painting in his youth, and for many years was head of the firm of Messrs. Ballantine and Son, glass stainers, of Edinburgh. He was a great admirer of the works of Burns, and did much towards forming the Burns Collection in the monument erected to the poet on Calton-hill, Edinburgh. He was for many years secretary to the Edinburgh Burns Club.—*Times.*



## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

Titian's Quatercentenary is to be kept in January at Berlin, by an exhibition of copies, drawings, and prints of the Venetian's pictures.

Shakespearian representations are quite the fashion in Berlin this winter, and the historical plays are being given with enormous success at the Royal Theatre. The hundredth anniversary of the production of "Hamlet," in Germany, will be kept on Monday by a gala performance of the tragedy.

A quaint reproduction of the Manners of the Thirteenth Century is to be given by a play, the "Bonhomme Misère," to be brought out this week at the Paris Odéon. The play has been founded on an old legend, and the principal characters will be St. Paul, Misery, represented by an old beggar, and Death in the character of a young girl in white, crowned with myrtle, while the piece is to be got up after the paintings in mediæval missals, the scene taking place in a sort of reliquary or triptych, the wings of which will shut up after each act.

ANGLING.—Anglers generally, and Thames anglers in particular, will be glad to hear that a very influential meeting of nearly 120 gentlemen has been held in Reading for the purpose of forming an Association for protecting and improving angling between Mapledurham, and Sonning, and in the Lower Kennet and tributaries. There is hardly a finer stretch of water on the Thames for angling purposes than that just mentioned, and though much poached it still holds some very fine fish of all kinds. Every inch of the Thames should be protected by local associations, which conduce to the sport of the legitimate anglers of the working classes as well as to that of their richer brethren.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The Executive Committee of the Livery Companies of London, formed to promote the establishment of a Technical University, met on Thursday to consider the reports which had been drawn up for their guidance. At the last meeting of the committee it had been determined to procure reports from qualified persons as to the best means of utilising the funds available in the promotion of technical education. The following were accordingly requested to prepare such reports:—Professor Huxley, Sir William Armstrong, Captain Douglas Galton, C.B., Colonel Donnelly, Mr. H. T. Wood (assistant-secretary of the Society of Arts), and Mr. G. C. Bartley (of the Science and Art Department). Dr. Lyon Playfair was also asked, but his absence in America obliged him to decline. These reports were taken into consideration by the committee, and it was decided to meet again on the 17th prox. for their further discussion.

The companion obelisk to Cleopatra's Needle, promised to the Americans, is not looked on with much favour across the Atlantic. With the example of our failure in the matter of transport before their eyes, the Americans are unwilling to spend either labour or money on the monument, and an irreverent New York correspondent suggests that the New Yorkers have the makings of a pyramid at home without sending to Egypt. There is an old reservoir close to Fifth Avenue which would answer admirably if it were carried up 200 feet to a point, and adorned with a few mummies from the museum.

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.—Mr. Rawlinson, C.B., writes to the *Builder*:—"All old drains and all tainted subsoil are being removed from the basement of Marlborough House. Old drains are also removed and new drains are constructed, externally; all sink-pipes pass into external traps externally ventilated. All timber floors are being taken up, and the ground surface examined, cleansed, and covered by gin. of Portland lime concrete. These floors will be free from any refuse underneath, and will be fully ventilated. Where the old drains have been removed new clean gravel is substituted, and the surface then concreted. The entire basement is, in fact, being examined, freed from tainted material, and is also being concreted. . . . No pains nor expense are being spared by the Office of Works to free Marlborough House from a suspicion of sewage taint; and when it is again handed over to his Royal Highness, I believe it will be as complete in all sanitary works as a house can be made."

A curious and instructive case of "the infinitely little" (says the *Birmingham Post*) occurred at the meeting of the Birmingham Board of Guardians. The dietary of the workhouse is regulated by authority—the authority being the Local Government Board. The guardians desired to alter it; for they thought that currant pudding would be more agreeable to the children than suet pudding, a delicacy against which the human stomach sometimes revolts. But red tape would not permit this very harmless alteration without the sanction of the controlling authority, so the guardians had to ask leave from the board in London. On Wednesday, amidst much laughter—rather, we should think, of the kind which is called sardonic—the reply was read. Written on highly official paper, with the wide official margin, and with the regulation official number in the corner, it ran as follows:—The Local Government Board approve of the proposal of the guardians of the parish of Birmingham to give the children in the workhouse currant pudding occasionally instead of suet pudding. With regard, however, to the formula of the currant pudding, the board are advised that a little sugar should form one of the ingredients of the pudding, to make it more palatable.

The Annual Exhibition of works of art by the Students of the Queen's Institute in Molesworth-street, Dublin, was opened on Tuesday last, December 18th, by the Duchess of Marlborough.

A SHAKESPEARE SEASON.—The *Theatre* states that early in January the whole of Shakespeare's historical plays, from Richard II. to Richard III. inclusive, are to be played at the Vienna Burgtheater on consecutive evenings. The hundredth anniversary of the production of the first German version of Hamlet in Berlin will be commemorated by a special performance of the tragedy on the 17th inst. in that city.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM.—Considerable progress has been made towards the settlement of the much vexed question of the remuneration of the officers of the British Museum. The scheme will be in general accordance with the published correspondence between the Museum authorities and the Treasury. The salaries of keepers of departments are to begin at £650 per annum, and rise to £750 after five years' service. The assistant-secretary is to be paid £600; the salaries of the present assistant-keepers are to begin at £500, rising to £600 after five years' service. The assistants are to be divided into two classes; the first, or upper class, with salaries commencing at £250, to rise by annual increments of £15 to £450. The salaries of the second, or lower class, to begin at £150, and rise by annual increments of £10 to £240. The scheme is to be retrospective, from the 1st of April last inclusive. The assistants are most of them opposed to the new plan.—*Athenæum*.

ASSYRIAN ANTIQUITIES.—Permission has been at length obtained by Mr. Rassam to prosecute the search for Assyrian remains at Kouyunjik which was unfortunately suspended by the untimely death of Mr. George Smith, of the British Museum.—*Athenæum*.

The *Gloucester Chronicle* says that the accounts of the late Three Choirs Festival have been made up. The total expenses were £2634. 19s. 9d. The sale of tickets realised 4094. 17s. 0d., thus leaving a deficiency of 1694. 2s. 9d. A call of 1s. has therefore been made on each of the 171 stewards, and this, with a balance of 324. 7s. 4d. from the festival of 1874, leaves 344. 4s. 7d. to be carried forward to the account of the next Gloucester Festival. The *Chronicle* is unable to state the exact sum to be paid to the Clergy Charity, but it will amount to between 1800l. and 1850l., the largest sum by far ever derived from any festival.

NEW ROYAL ACADEMICIAN.—At a General Assembly held last evening, the following gentlemen were elected Royal Academicians: Mr. W. G. Orchardson, painter; and Mr. K. Norman Shaw, architect.

THE ROYAL BARON OF BEEF.—The Royal baron of beef will be supplied this year by Messrs. Webb and Sons, of Windsor, purveyors to Her Majesty. It will be cut from a very fine shorthorn, bred and fed by Her Majesty at Shaw Farm, Windsor, under the care of Mr. Tait, the steward. The joint will weigh about 300lb. It will be cooked at Windsor Castle, and will be forwarded to Osborne, to be placed on Her Majesty's sideboard on Christmas Day.

THE BANFF NATURALIST.—Mr. Thomas Edward, the Banff naturalist, is engaged in collecting further reminiscences of his life, which, with the addition of various natural history notes, will form a supplement to the life already published.—*Academy*.

English archaeologists in Rome have lost a scholarly representative by the death of Mr. Strother Smith, fellow of St. Catherine's Hall, Cambridge, author of a recent work on the Tiber.

The *Athenæum* states that it is proposed to restore the roof of Southwell Minster to its original pitch, to crown the western towers with the spires, and to replace Bernasconi's plaster choir screen with a grille.

In 1851 the purchase-money of the London Water Companies would not have exceeded 6,000,000l. In 1865 the valuation had increased to 12,000,000; and the present estimate is roundly stated at 25,000,000l.

PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN EXHIBITION.—Australian papers state that arrangements are in progress for the international exhibition proposed to be held at Melbourne in 1879, and the scheme has the approval of the Legislative Assembly. The Governor, speaking recently at Stawell, said that the proposal could not fairly be described in any quarter as premature, if regard were had to the wonderful progress which the Australian Colonies have already achieved. In 1879 the aggregate public revenue of the several Australian Colonies will exceed 16 millions sterling, while their trade, including exports and imports, will amount to nearly 90 millions in value. In other words, Australasia, as a whole, could already take her place among the 10 or 12 great nations of the world in point of the value of their trade and general importance, for there are only seven or eight nations with a larger public revenue than 16 millions. The three powerful colonies of Victoria, New South Wales, and New Zealand have each a revenue and trade which would place them on a higher scale than ancient European kingdoms like Sweden, Denmark, and Saxony. The single colony of Victoria, with its yearly revenue of 4½ millions, is already equal in wealth and importance to the kingdom of Portugal, while Melbourne is considerably above Lisbon in wealth and trade. The success of the Exhibition, he pointed out, would depend in a great measure upon the cordial co-operation of the mother country and the sister colonies of Australasia. His Excellency further stated that he was in correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who was anxious to give every possible assistance, and that the presence of the Prince of Wales was all that was needed to render the Exhibition a triumphant success. He expressed himself confident that His Royal Highness, if invited by both Houses of Parliament, might be induced to come out to open the Exhibition, and he was certain he would be received with enthusiasm.

## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The following is the actual text of the circular of the "Conseil de L'Ordre," announcing the result of the last untoward meeting of the Grand Orient to the lodges of the obedience:

Le Conseil de l'Ordre vient d'adresser à tous les Ateliers de l'Obéissance la circulaire suivante:

"T. C. FF.—L'Assemblée générale du Grand Orient de France, dans sa session 1877, a adopté diverses résolutions que nous avons la faveur de porter à votre attention. Vous trouverez au compte rendu des travaux de cette Assemblée la discussion qui a précédé ces résolutions et les considérations qui ont déterminé les votes du Grand Orient. Ces résolutions, promulguées par le Conseil de l'Ordre, dans sa séance du 24 de ce mois, sont les suivantes:

"Premièrement.—Modification à l'art. 1er de la Constitution dont la rédaction a été et reste arrêtée dans les termes suivants:

"Art 1er.—La Franc-maçonnerie, institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

"Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine.

"Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

"Elle a pour devise: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité."

We need hardly repeat how deeply we, in common with all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, deplore this hurtful and revolutionary proceeding.

## TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE MINING SCHOOL.

Teacher: First class in mining stand up. Now, what is syenite?

First boy: It is a rock that would be granite if it contained mica instead of hornblende.

Teacher: Correct. Now, what is granite?

Second boy: It is a rock that would be syenite if it contained hornblende instead of mica.

Teacher: Correct. What is a diorite?

Third boy: It is syenite with the quartz of syenite left out.

Teacher: Correct. What is a shaft?

First boy: A tunnel stood on end.

Teacher: Correct. What is a tunnel?

Second boy: A shaft lying flat on its back.

Teacher: Correct. What is an incline?

Third boy: Its a hole in the ground that would be a shaft if it stood straight up and a tunnel if it lay flat down.

Teacher: Correct. Report yourselves in San Francisco for the first vacancies that occur in mines that are taking in regular assessments.—*Virginian Paper*.

## "PASS-WORDS FOR THE CRAFT."

[Lines quoted by the late GEORGE DAWSON.]

"What matters it to us who are immortal,  
Which side the grave we stand on, when we know  
That what the world calls death is but the portal  
Leading to life again. 'Tis but to go  
Across a gurgling river in the dark,  
Hanging on God; and—but a moment so,  
Till we are over, when we disembark,  
And enter life afresh. 'Tis basely wrong  
We should so meanly understrike the mark  
As measure life by years, and all along  
Busy ourselves arranging little schemes,  
That death will dash to pieces, when we might  
Be building far above these earthly dreams,  
Houses that stand for ever in God's light."

TRESTLE-BOARD.—"As the Operative Mason erects his temporal building in accordance with the design laid down upon the Trestle-board by the master workman, so should we, both operative and speculative, endeavour to erect our spiritual building in accordance with the designs laid down by the Supreme Architect." What is here Masonically designated the "Trestle-board," artists, and poets, and philosophers denominate the Ideal. All things that exist, save God, are created by the ideal, or are reflections of it. The visible creation is God's ideal, wrought out in material forms; and all the works of man are copies of ideal types which he discovers on the Trestle-board of his soul. Every nation exists according to an ideal which is reflected in its life, its institutions, and manners; and the life of man as an individual is high or low, as his ideals of life are high or low; or, in other words, it is fashioned after the designs that are traced on the moral Trestle-board. Societies, also, are constructed from the ideal. If a society have no ideal it can have no influence, and can exist but for a brief period, because it has no ability to arouse enthusiasm or command the respect and allegiance of men.

There is no doubt that our ceremonies and mysteries were derived from the rites, ceremonies, and institutions of the ancients, and some of them from the remotest ages. Our morality is deduced from the maxims of the Grecian philosophers, perfected by the Christian revelation. The institutors of this society had their eyes on the progressive advancement of religion, and they symbolised it, as well in the first stage as in the succeeding Orders of Masons. The knowledge of the God of nature forms the first estate of our profession; the worship of the Deity, under the Jewish law, is described in the second stage of Masonry; and the Christian dispensation is distinguished in the last and highest Order.—*Hutchinson*.



# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

On Friday, 14th inst., one of the largest Masonic gatherings ever held in the Province of North Wales and Shropshire took place at Shrewsbury, on the occasion of the Annual Grand Lodge which this year was held in the County town, in the lodge room of No. 262, at the Lion Hotel. The great interest attaching to the meeting was the presentation to Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. M.P., of an address of congratulation on his completing the twenty-fifth year of his rule over the Province as its Grand Master; accompanied by a "Sir Watkin Presentation" to the Masonic Boys' School, which is to be purchased at a cost of £530 by the private contributions of the brethren of the various lodges.

The province, as at present constituted, was formed in 1852, and Sir Watkin was its first Grand Master. He was installed on the 9th of March that year by the Hero of Bhurtpore, Lord Combermere, in the presence of a distinguished company of Masons. That ceremony over, the new Grand Master invested his officers—sixteen in number—of whom only four are living, and three of whom—Messrs. J. P. White, S. Wood, and T. Onions—were present on Friday, the absent one being the Rev. P. G. Bentley, Sir Watkin (as we learn from the chapter on "Freemasonry" in the gossiping book about his family, called "Wynnsteyn and the Wynns") was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft at Chester in 1851, in a lodge which contained amongst its members the late Lord Chief Justice Jervis and other distinguished brethren.

With the exception of Bro. John Fawcett, who was installed Grand Master of Durham in 1847, and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Bowles, who was appointed to the same office in Herefordshire in 1848—and who would have been present on Friday had his health permitted—Sir Watkin has been in office longer than any other Provincial Grand Master in England; and he has probably done more work than any of them. During his rule the following lodges have been consecrated:—Admaston 1852 (removed to Wellington in 1857), Ludlow 1853, Carnarvon 1854, Llandudno 1858, Welshpool 1864, Llangefni 1866, Oswestry (St. Oswald's) 1866, Ironbridge 1866, Denbigh 1867, Wrexham 1871, Bala 1872, Oswestry (Fitzalan), 1872, Mold 1874, Amlwch 1874, Portmadoc 1874, Market Drayton 1876, Brignorth 1876, Llandidnoes 1876, Newtown 1876, Rhyl 1877, Towyn 1877. Sir Watkin has also performed other Masonic work; such as laying the corner-stone of Trinity Church, Llandudno, in 1864; opening the Masonic Hall in the same town, in 1867; and laying the foundation-stone of the Oswestry Cottage Hospital, in 1869.

The attendance of the Provincial Grand Lodge on Friday included, in addition to the Grand Master, Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and several visitors, including the R.W. Bro. Charles Hunter, P.P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire East, and P.G.W. of Greece. The names of the brethren of the Province (who were either present or had signified their intention of being so) are, as far as we can supply them, given below.

The brethren present were: Bros. Bunny, Blockley Deakin, Evans, P.P.A.D. of C., Harries Hanky, P.P.G. Reg., Lea Lewis, P.M., Morris, W.M., Moores Newnes P.A. Tyler, Oliver, P.P.G. Reg., Robbins, Richards Spraggon, Warren Thompson Andrew P.G. Stew., Bodenham, P.M., Barr, Bagnall, Brightwell, P.P.G.S.W., Blakeway P.P.G.J.W., Clarke, J. W. Chandler P.P.G. Reg., Clement, J. Sides, Davies, Downes, Doyaston, Forrest, P.P.G. Org., Hickman Lowcock, Newman, W.M., Onions, P.P. Reg., Patchett P.P.J.W. Cresswell Peete, P.M., Randal, P.P.G.S.W., Redman, P.M., Stuart, Smith, Wakeman, P.P.S.W. Oxon, Withers, White, P.G. Treas., S. Wood, P.P.G.J.W., Hide P.G. Tyler, R. W. O. Withers, Cameron, Elliott, Peters, P.P.G.S.W., Acton, Adams, P.M., Bates, P.M., Brookes, Felton, Hunt, Henshall, King, Millington, P.G.S.B., Trevor, Parkins, Poole, J. Smith, Webb, P.M., Van Straubenzee, Sydney-Boucher, Ringers, T. Roberts, Bretton, P.P.G.D. of C., Banks, F.G.S. of W. Hazledine, Roden, P.P.G.S.W., Brown, Calender, P.P.A.D. of C., David Pryce Owen, P.M.; Withy, P.M.; T. Lloyd Kyffin, P.G. Chaplain, Lister, Bryce Smith, Burton, P.M.; Christian Corfield, J. C. Edwards, Homfray, G. Owen, P.G.S.W.; Oswald, Askew Roberts, W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; J. Thomas, P.G. Stew.; E. Wood, P.G.D. of C.; Walker, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Davies, Jesse, Lloyd, Sisson, P.G. Reg.; Lloyd Williams, P.G. Pur.; Benson, Oswald Bury, Cooper, Howell Davies, Edisbury, Eytton, Jones, Low, P.G. Stew.; Lloyd, Lovett, Morris, J. C. Owen, E. Smith, S.W.; J. Williams, Dr. Beresford, P.M.; J. Williams, Adams, Corbett, Algernon Potts, P.M.; Salmon, P.G.J.W.; Roose, Ginders, Jones, G. G. Warren, Elliott, Foulkes Jones, Danily, Morgan, J. Owen, Chitty, Foxall, Nock, Hubert Smith, H. L. Southwell, Trevor, Coxhead, Foulkes, Gibbank, J. E. Roberts; and Parmetor, P.P.G.D.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and, we rejoice to say, we have not for some time seen our Grand Master looking so well. This was a matter of general congratulation amongst the brethren, after the long and serious indisposition which Sir Watkin has suffered. After the usual formalities had been completed, minutes read, and finances discussed, the work of presentation was performed.

Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M., stepped forward, album in hand, and said:—Right Worshipful Grand Master, I am deputed to be the organ of the province to present to you an illuminated album, descriptive of the sentiments of your province, and which will contain the names of a great number—I hope nearly of all—the brethren of North Wales and Shropshire. It contains an address, which describes the sentiments expressed, and the feelings entertained throughout the province for you, sir, personally, and in acknowledgment of your services as

Grand Master for five-and-twenty years. For myself, together with many in the room, I can say that each succeeding year has only added to the sense we entertain of your worth, and we all wish to express to you the deep feeling we entertain of the value and the privilege the province has enjoyed in being for so long a period under such a chief. No one amongst your countrymen and admirers can, more than I do, sir, feel pride in being selected to present this address, and I beg you, Sir Watkin, to accept it with the hearty good wishes of the whole province.

The P.G. Sec., Bro. Spaul, then read the address, as follows:—

"To Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., and Member of Parliament for the county of Denbigh, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire—

"We, the undersigned officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and Members of the Lodges in the province of North Wales and Shropshire, beg to offer you our hearty congratulations upon having presided over this province for a quarter of a century. To commemorate this happy event we propose to establish a presentation for this province to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, and we ask your permission to call it the "Sir Watkin Presentation." During the above period your rule has been such as to give the greatest satisfaction to all Masons, and has been so highly appreciated that Masonry has largely increased and flourished. The fact also that you have personally attended the consecration of twenty-one lodges in the province is sufficient proof of the great interest you have taken in the Craft, and the prayer of every brother is that the G.A.O.T.U. will long spare you to continue that happy rule which has endeared the name of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn to each and all who have been connected with the province since it was formed in 1852, and of which you were the first Grand Master."

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. M.P., P.G.M., in reply, said—Bro. Bulkeley Hughes and brethren, I am exceedingly honoured by this last tribute of your kindness. Twenty-five years ago I was installed in this room. It seems a long time since, but it has included many happy days spent amongst you, and I hope I may be permitted to spend a few more. With the exception of our esteemed old friend, Dr. Bowles (who would have been with us to-day but for his age), and Bro. Fawcett, I am now the oldest Grand Master in the kingdom. During my career I have had difficulties in my path in giving away the Purple, but my object has always been to do justice to brethren who were entitled, and you must bear with me if I have omitted some who have merited it. I can assure you my object has always been to confer it on such as would benefit the Craft. I beg again to thank you for your kindness. The Deputy Grand Master especially do I wish to thank for his kind words. It is to him and to me a matter of deep feeling how many familiar faces we have seen in the twenty-five years, at our lodges, who are now gone from among us, and their faces will be seen no more here, but we trust they have gone to that place where those who here have acted out the principles they professed as Masons will obtain their reward.

The album (which had been entrusted to Messrs. Woodall and Venables, of Oswestry, to execute), is bound in Morocco, Masonic colour; with Sir Watkin's Arms emblazoned on the side, lined with silk, the leaves being vellum. So far only the address and the Grand Master's heraldic shield have been emblazoned, but the book is to contain water colour drawings of Sir Watkin's seats, and the lists of names of all the brethren who subscribed to the School Presentation; consequently it is desirable that any brethren who have not yet intimated their wish to subscribe will do so at once to their respective Masters, or to the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.

At the conclusion of this interesting episode the ordinary routine business was resumed.

On the motion of Bro. Rodin, seconded by Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, a sum of £50 from the Grand Lodge funds was voted to the widow of the late Bro. Dr. Goldsbro'

On the motion of Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Blakeway, £100 of the funded money of the Grand Lodge was voted to the purchase of a vice-patronship in the Masonic Boys' School; and £50 as part of the larger sum for the same in connection with the Girls School.

The Prov. Grand Master, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, presented Charity jewels to Bros. Algernon Potts, W.M. 1477; and R. J. Sisson, P.P.G. Reg., who had qualified to wear them by serving two Stewardships to the Masonic Charities; and to Bro. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec., who had served five Stewardships.

The Prov. Grand Master invested the following brethren as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

W. B. Hughes, M.P., 755	D. Prov. G.M.
E. M. Wakeman, 262	Prov. G.S.W.
Lloyd Williams, 1143	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. A. J. Van Straubenzee, 601	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. J. S. Boucher, 606	Prov. G. Chap.
J. P. White, 262	Prov. G. Treas.
G. G. Warren, 1575	Prov. G. Reg.
W. H. Spaul, 1124	Prov. G. Sec.
E. Andrew, M.D., 262	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Thomas, 1124	Prov. G.J.D.
W. Low, 1336	Prov. G.S. of W.
E. Wood, 1124	Prov. G.D. of C.
R. T. Phillips, 1488	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
J. L. Griffiths	Prov. G.S.B.
J. H. Redman, 262	Prov. G. Purs.
J. C. W. Lister, 1120; J. O. Bury, 1336; A. McMillan, 384, John Corbett, 1477; W. Spraggon, 117; W. Burton, 1336	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. B. Hide, 262	Prov. G. Tyler.
B. Newnes, 117	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

Bros. W. Blakeway and J. Bodenham were appointed Auditors

At the close of the Grand Lodge the brethren sat down to a dinner at the Lion Hotel. The usual toasts were given and responded to; on this occasion with unusual additions; as for instance, in the health of the Treasurer, which included congratulations on his "completing the twenty-fifth year of office." Bro. White is the only officer in the province who has for the quarter of a century of Sir Watkin's rule been annually invested by the Grand Master. To Bro. Forrest, P.P.G. Organist, the music of the evening was intrusted, and he very successfully accomplished his task by obtaining the services of Mr. Rawlings, who engaged Messrs. Lea, Probert, and Millward to sing, accompanying them on the piano.—*Oswestry Advertiser.*

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).**—On the 10th inst., the installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Amongst those present were Bros. Reed, W.M.; King, P.M., acting S.W.; H. Leah, J.W., W.M. elect; Warne, P.M., Treas.; Shackell, P.M., Secretary; Biddle, S.D.; Footitt, P.M., J.D.; and Past Masters Webb, Kershaw, and Bonney. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Holt, passed Bros. Silvester and Pye, and initiated Mr. R. W. Roxby most ably. The ceremony of installing Bro. Leah into the chair of K.S. was then proceeded with by Bro. Reed, who appointed Bros. King, P.M., as S.W.; Bonney, P.M., as J.W.; and S. Webb, P.M., as D.C., to assist him in the working, which was carried out most impressively; the rendering of the addresses being marked by more than ordinary elocutionary ability. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Biddle, S.W.; Footitt, P.M., J.W.; Warne, P.M., Treas.; Shackell, P.M., Secretary; James, S.D.; Lemare, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M., D.C.; and H. Webb, P.M., W.S. Previously to the closing of the lodge a vote of thanks was unanimously passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of the able manner in which Bro. Reed, I.P.M., had installed his successor. The lodge was then duly closed, and the members and visitors, to the number of nearly 90, adjourned to the Pillar-room, where a most elegant banquet was served by Bro. Clemow. Amongst the visitors were the following, Bros. Edmonds, G.S. Lodge; Maidwell, 27; Criswell, 30; Newbon, 46; Salter, 72; T. C. Walls, 141, &c., P.G.O. Midx. (Freemason); Beauchamp, 167; Rawley and Batram, 174; Cohen, P.M. 185; Walters, 188; Godfrey, late 193; Laxton, 511; Anderson, 554; Hesketh, 711; Morris, 901; Gosheron, 902; Johnson, 933; Lever, 1178; Jupe, W.M. 1287; Fortescue, 1306; Hill, P.M. 1366; Morgan, 1385; Goggs, 1527; Clarke, 1567; H. W. Clemow, 1589; Broniley, 1658; Western, 1693; and A. Macpherson, 141, Scotland. At the termination of the banquet the customary Royal and Craft toasts were given from the chair with the most commendable brevity. "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in a very complimentary speech. He particularly referred to the efficient manner in which Bro. Leah had discharged the minor offices in the lodge, and he believed that the higher duties of the chair would be performed by him equally as well. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. briefly responded by stating that he hoped to carry out the great responsibilities of his position to the satisfaction of the brethren. In conclusion he said that during his year of office he would endeavour to advance the interests of the Confidence Lodge and the comfort of its members in every possible way. In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," the W.M. trusted that Bro. Roxby would take such an interest in Freemasonry that in the course of a few years he would be seen occupying the position of Master in the lodge. He then went on to explain to the newly-made brother some of the principles of Freemasonry, and in concluding his remarks stated that when he first saw the Masonic light he was deeply impressed with the initiatory ceremony, and hoped that Bro. Roxby had experienced the same feeling. The initiate having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. in very complimentary terms proposed "The Health of the Visitors." This toast having been warmly received, Bro. Edmonds, of the G. S. L., made an able response. "The I.P.M. (Installing Master) and Past Masters" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. considered it "par excellence" the toast of the evening. The Confidence Lodge was noted for the Masonic abilities of its Masters, but he ventured to think that the I.P.M. was more than ordinarily good, and he believed that every member present would agree with him that Bro. Reed by the excellence of his working had richly deserved the handsome jewel he was about to place upon his breast. In speaking of the old Past Masters of the lodge, the W.M. said that he could only state what others had said before him, that they were ever ready and willing to come forward at all times to assist in the work of the lodge, and to devote their best energies for the benefit of its members. The I.P.M., in reply, deeply thanked the brethren for the kind recognition of his services to the lodge, manifested by their having unanimously voted him the jewel which the W.M. had just presented him with. He then proceeded to acknowledge the compliment paid to the other Past Masters, and in conclusion he humorously remarked, that from that evening he should consider as one of their august number that he had been promoted to the Masonic House of Lords. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and "The Caterer" followed, and were duly acknowledged by Bros. Shackell, Biddle, Footitt, and Clemow. During the evening Bro. Sinclair and others



entertained the brethren, who separated at an advanced hour. The next meeting takes place on the second Monday in January next.

**UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).**—The most interesting meeting night in the whole lodge year next to the installation night is the one upon which the W.M. for the coming year is elected, and it was upon the last meeting of the United Strength, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the shadows of Gog and Magog, on the 11th inst., that this weighty business was dispatched, as well as other interesting business. Bro. Jas. Hill, W.M., was in the chair, the Senior Warden's chair being filled by Bro. Snare, who had stolen from the sickness at home to be present on this occasion. Bro. Halford, the J.W., whose merits in assisting most ably in the lodge work have placed him in the high position of holding the Second Warden's chair after a very short Masonic career; Bro. Percy being S.D.; Flaws, J.D.; Patmore, I.G.; and Hickman, D.C. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Joseph Crump, Sec.; Jas. Terry, E. Davies, Colston, J. Hillhouse, J. While (*Freemason*), and H. Griggs (I.P.M.). Bro. Smith was passed, and Bros. Henrich and Swain were raised, the work being wholly done by the W.M. The election for W.M. then proceeded, and Bro. Snare, to the regret of all, for every brother in the lodge knows him to be a thoroughly efficient Mason, stated that home matters would prevent him taking upon himself the office of W.M. The election then fell upon the J. Warden, Bro. Halford, who was elected with absolute unanimity. The usual congratulatory and responsive speeches were delivered. The grateful task to the lodge of re-electing the Treasurer, Bro. J. Winsland then followed. The announcement was made, and was received with great sorrow, that Bro. Doherty, a most promising young member, had been carried off by typhoid fever. A letter of condolence it was agreed should be written to his friends. Bro. Steedman was re-elected Tyler. An interesting ceremony then followed, and one which took the brethren by surprise. Bro. Moseley stepped to the front, and stated that he had been commissioned by Bro. Henrich, who had been raised that evening, to offer for the acceptance of the lodge three solid ivory gavels. The gavels were greatly admired for their beauty, and the gift was thoroughly appreciated, for the lodge, on the motion of Bro. James Terry, P.M., entered a vote of thanks upon the minutes, and ordered that the name of the donor should be engraved upon the gavels. The lodge, too, voted a Christmas gift to the poor brothers and sisters in the almshouses, and to the Tyler. The lodge closed, and adjourned to banquet, the visiting brethren being Bros. Denison, 308; Fenney, Goode, S.W. 1288; Porter, P.M. 1269; Turner, 902; and McNiven, 1426. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Griggs, drew attention to the fact that he would stand as Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Porter, in responding for the visitors, testified to the good work he had seen in the lodge, and expressed himself as delighted with the truly brotherly feeling he had seen on all sides in lodge as well as at the banquet table. The example the lodge set in all respects could not but effect the greatest good followed. The other visiting brothers also spoke, and the W.M. elect was warmly toasted, and the deepest sympathy with Bro. Snare in his inability to take upon himself the highest office which the members of the lodge have in their power to bestow upon any of its members. The W.M. elect, in his reply, warmly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and indicated that he would select his officers according to the laws laid down in the Book of Constitutions—by their merits. The P.M.'s were also heartily toasted, and they each replied in speeches of greater or lesser length. Bro. Terry, however, striking the keynote of the whole by speaking of the pride with which the Past Masters watched the working of the young members, and saying that the Past Masters were as united as a band of brothers could be, thereby setting an example to all. The proceedings were over before the eleventh hour.

**ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).**—The concluding meeting of the year of this advancing and prosperous lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. An exceedingly large and representative company graced the work in the Zealand Room. The W.M., Bro. Edward James Hart, was supported in the chair by Bro. James Stevens of "The Great City" lodge, in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Watts, and Bro. Manders, P.M., and Treasurer, was also an assistant in the arduous work. The S.W. was Bro. A. Taylor, the J.W., Bro. G. W. Saul, Bro. Lee the S.D., Bro. Dobbing the J.D., Bro. Moss the I.G., Bro. Pochin the D.C., and Bro. W. H. Barber the Secretary. The first work of the evening after the minutes had been confirmed was the initiation of two gentlemen, Mr. W. E. Wright and Mr. A. Rayner, who had been regularly elected in open lodge, and the work was executed in the perfect manner to be expected of so experienced a Craftsman as the W.M. of this lodge; the ritual was heightened in its solemnity by the musical accompaniments of Bro. Higgs, the Organist and P.M. of St. Mary's Lodge. Bro. Absolon was missing when called upon to show his proficiency in the First Degree and to stand a candidate for the Second, so the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, for the due examination of five candidates for the promotion promised them in due time: these were Bros. Everett, Stewart, J. Amesden, A. Amesden, and G. E. Travers. They were all present, and having passed in a most satisfactory manner the lodge was in due form raised, and the five brethren were made participants in the privileges of Master Masons. The ceremony was long in consequence of the lodge as a whole having a great pride in good work, and the greatest care was taken to give the degree with becoming, we might say with artistic effect, and Bro. Higgs'

organ accompaniment was most effective and striking. The lodge work was opened when the lodge was resumed to the First, and the important task of electing a W.M. for the ensuing year came before the members. The brethren discharged this duty by unanimously electing the Senior Warden, Bro. A. Taylor, to whom the W.M. gave hearty congratulations in the name of the lodge, and the W.M. elect, in a modest speech, fully appreciative of the honour done to him, thanked the lodge, and took the weighty office upon his shoulders. An election was then held for Treasurer, and Bro. Manders was unanimously re-elected to this position, and was congratulated upon being the senior P.M. of the lodge. Bro. Grant was elected Tyler, and a Christmas present was made to him. An audit committee was elected in Bros. Dr. Pearce, Rush and Moss. Upon the proposal that the lodge should present the usual jewel to the W.M., it was voted by various brethren that the value should be doubled in token of the gratitude of the brethren to Bro. Hart for rescuing the lodge from its cold and inhospitable character, and for raising it to a higher degree of prosperity than it could ever have hoped to "enjoy" under its old system of meeting for work and parting without refreshment. It was thought, however, that the lodge should keep to the value set down in the by-laws, the brethren to be at liberty to show their feeling by supplementing the well earned jewel of the lodge in any way they thought proper. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet was served. In the course of the evening, the five newly raised brethren received a further insight into Masonic mysteries, for having with all heartiness toasted the W.M., they were jokingly told that they had exposed themselves to the fine of a bottle for challenging the W.M., and they all at once accepted the situation by ordering up the "extra best." Bro. Knight Smith sang and played, Bro. Watts' favourite ditties were missed, and in the responding to the visitors Bro. J. Stevens, in a lengthened and very complimentary speech, replied to the toast of the visitors, who were Bros. Major Williams, Dr. Alworth, Capt. Brickett, Dr. E. Payne, and G. W. Tolmie, who also replied. The great amount of work in the lodge had made the banquet late, and as a matter of course it was late before it had finished.

**PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, December 6th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. Frederick Garbett, W.M., presided. Present: Bros. J. Stock, S.W.; T. Simpson, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; J. Bell, S.D.; S. Quincey, J.D.; G. H. Forder, I.G.; J. H. Harmsworth, P.M., D.C.; C. Deakin, P.M.; W. T. Lover, P.M.; J. A. Smith, P.M., and about forty members. Visitors: Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160; T. Aldridge, 507; D. Smith, 1326; R. Pooley, 1326; R. W. Williams, 1622, and others. The work done well by the W.M. was raising, passing, and initiation. The initiation fee was raised to ten guineas. Some joining members and candidates for initiation were proposed. The lodge closed and adjourned to February 7th.

**THE ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).**—The regular meeting of this prosperous and well-established lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. Bro. Louis Beck, W.M., opened the lodge. There were present Bros. Frank Kirk, S.W.; Hancock, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Docker, S.D.; J. Crossland, J.D.; J. Outwaite, I.G.; Forscatt, D.C.; Duret, W.S.; Jones, A.W.S.; Levermore, Ellen, Lintott, Lucas, Palmer, Michaels, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 73, &c.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M. 145, W.M. 1423, &c.; H. A. Stacey, P.M. 180; G. Bubb, P.M. 180; Farwig, S.D. 180; Collins, P.M. 1328; Denton, 25; Partridge, 1445; Crowther, I.G. 1248; J. W. Thompson, 1695; E. Crickmay, 1426; J. Berrow, 190; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; E. Swanborough, J.W. 1319; H. H. Bennett, 370; and some whose names we were unable to ascertain. The W.M., Bro. Louis Beck, in an able manner, which gave great satisfaction to all who had the good fortune to be present, raised Bros. Taylor, Levermore, and Ellen, passed Bros. Lintott and Ellen, initiated Mr. Epaminondas Leonidas Valeriani and Mr. Lionel Nathan into Freemasonry. He was then unanimously elected to the proud position of Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' School, to be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 1878, the worthy Treasurer, Bro. B. H. Swallow, P.G.J.D. Middlesex, giving timely help by giving notice of motion to swell his list by voting a goodly sum from the lodge funds to head it with. The Secretary proved himself the right man in the right place by an admirable notice of motion which he gave concerning an important and wise alteration in the by-laws. It is seldom that we visit any lodge where there is to be found such good work from a W.M., careful and discriminating exercise of the duties of Treasurer, wise and judicious rendering of the Secretarial administration, as what is to be found in this lodge. The names of gentlemen who are anxious to be initiated were given in to the Secretary. Other formalities were gone through, and the lodge was closed and adjourned to meet next year. A splendid banquet and dessert was served under the courteous management of Mr. Gosden, who attended personally to supervise it. The usual toasts were given and responded to. The event of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Louis Beck of a handsome marble bust of himself. The bust when unveiled was such a striking good likeness that it was received with a genuine burst of enthusiasm of the appreciation of the merits displayed by the artist in its execution. The presentation was entrusted to Bro. Frank Kirk, S.W., who in the best manner it was possible for it to be done, on behalf of himself and the other subscribers

asked the W.M. to accept the bust. The W.M., Bro. L. Beck, who seemed deeply affected by this splendid gift, acknowledged the high compliment paid him by presenting him with the bust, and accepted it with gratitude and thanks. Songs, recitations, and music brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. The brethren separated at a reasonable hour, wishing one and all the compliments of the approaching season.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterlon Lodge (No. 13).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at F.H. William-street, Bro. G. W. Reed, W.M., presiding. The other officers present were F. G. Pownall, I.P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; J. P. Moore, S.W.; T. Hutton, J.W.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treas.; H. Syer, Sec.; N. Brown, S.D.; G. H. Masters, J.D.; T. Hosgood, I.G.; T. Hassell, D.C., and B. Norman, Tyler. The visitors were G. Andrews, P.M. 871; G. Spinks, W.M. 1536; D. Wilson, 54; G. T. Edds, 40; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The work before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bro. Akers, and the raising of Bro. Westlake; the former ceremony being worked by the W.M., and the latter (in the W.M.'s temporary absence) by Bro. P.M. Pownall. The lodge was then closed in due form. Having honoured the usual preliminary toasts and the W.M. had responded to a flattering recognition of his name, he proposed the toast of "The Visitors," coupling it with the name of P.M. Andrews, who he mentioned as the Preceptor of the "Star Lodge of Instruction." Bro. Andrews, in the course of his reply, said they had a good Lodge of Instruction at Woolwich, and strongly advised the brethren to attend it, for there they would see the whole of the ceremonies worked, under the eye of careful Preceptors, with accuracy and in perfect order. The W.M. had been to his house, and there he had gone through the three degrees without a hitch, but of course it was a very different thing to do so before a full lodge. He had advised the W.M. to go into it like a boy would take his first header—with a dash (laughter and cheers). He felt sure that their W.M. would sustain the credit of the lodge and leave that chair with their entire satisfaction. (Cheers.) Bro. Spinks then spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the W.M. do his work, and the excellent feeling which pervaded the whole of the lodge towards him. He and their W.M. had been closely associated in Masonry together for some time; they had been S.W.'s together in this district, and now were W.M.'s together. He wished him a prosperous year of office, and the lodge success, and concluded by inviting as many as could come to his lodge, the "United Military," on the following Friday. (Applause.) In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. warmly eulogised Bro. Pownall, who he said, was one of the best P.M.'s in the district, and regretted the necessity of his (Bro. Pownall's) leaving them. Bro. Pownall, in reply, took no especial credit to himself but gave all honour to those who had preceded him. He should continue to be a subscribing member of the lodge. It was a regret of his to leave Woolwich, because of the happy associations formed here, but especially, felt the losing of his pleasure in being with them on lodge nights. They were looking forward to their centenary, and he hoped to see the day when they would obtain a jewel for it. He trusted that they would long continue in their bond of unanimity and brotherly love which now held them, and trusted he might long be spared to place his humble services at their disposal for the welfare and interest of the lodge and its members. (Cheers.) "The Officers' Health" was next proposed, and Bro. Moore suitably replied. The Tyler's toast concluded the duties of the evening.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—The last meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, at the Asheton Arms. Bro. G. Bradbury, W.M. presided, being assisted by Bros. W. Percival, S.W.; F. Fothergill, J.W.; D. Reid, I.P.M.; J. Garlick, P.M.; S. H. Cheetham, P.M.; J. Hutton, Sec.; F. Hooper, Org.; J. Kent, Tyler. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and received confirmation. Bro. Tetlow having to the satisfaction of the brethren answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted with the test of merit and passed out. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Tetlow elevated to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., in a manner at once impressive and solemn. Bro. Hooper presided at the harmonium, and contributed in no slight degree to the solemnity of the ceremony. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and their choice fell upon Bro. Percival, S.W. Bro. Harvey Heywood, P.M., whose unavoidable absence was regretted by all, was again appointed Treasurer. Bro. Kent was elected Tyler and Bros. Barley, Hewitt, and Valentine, Auditors. "Hearty Good Wishes" were accorded from Lodges 148, 152, 1213, 1588, and 1633; after which Bro. Reid, I.P.M., rose to address the brethren upon the death of Bro. Mills. He said that few who saw the cheerful face of Bro. Mills at their last meeting would have expected that he would so soon be taken from them. He felt very deeply the loss of Bro. Mills; he had been the last initiate in his (Bro. Reid's) year of office. By his exemplary conduct, his regular attendance at their meetings, and his studious endeavour to walk the path of life by Masonic rule, he had won the esteem and respect of the brethren. The death of Bro. Mills was a great loss, not only to the lodge but to that wide circle of friends who would long feel his removal. In conclusion, he moved "That the Imperial George Lodge, No. 78, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons desires to express its profound sorrow at the death of their Bro. Moses Mills. The brethren, therefore, place on the minutes of the lodge this expression of their respect and sorrow, and direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of their late Bro. Moses Mills in token of their sincere and earnest sympathy in the loss they have sustained." Bro. Garlick, who exhibited much



emotion, seconded the resolution. He expressed his sympathy with the family of the deceased in their affliction, and spoke in high terms of the character of the deceased. Bro. Mills and himself had been schoolfellows together, and the friendship then commenced had grown stronger with advancing years. Through life he had invariably found Bro. Mills to be straightforward, honest, and respected by all who knew him. The W.M., Bro. Bradbury, in supporting the resolution, also referred in feeling terms to the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Mills, who had taken such a lively interest in their proceedings last month. To all of us, he said, it afforded a salutary lesson, showing the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of so walking in the Masonic path of rectitude as to be prepared when the last summons came. It taught us to reflect on our inevitable destiny, to perform our allotted task while it was yet day, that when death called us from this sublunary sphere we might, like Bro. Mills, ascend to the Grand Lodge above. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Charity having been attended to, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Reid alluded to the sad event which had thrown such a gloom over their proceedings that evening, and said it was the wish of the W.M. as well as of himself, that one and all should recall in silence the memory of the departed, which request was carried out with a marked and deserving solemnity. Bro. Tetlow responded to the toast of "Our Newly-raised Brother." Bro. Percival, in responding to the toast of "The W.M. elect," thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him. He would do his best to carry on the work of the lodge in the same complete and perfect manner for which No. 78 was noted, and he felt sure he might rely upon the cordial support of the brethren. Bro. D. Reid proposed "The Visitors" and expressed his gratification at seeing the representatives of so many Manchester lodges seated at their festive board. They were always proud to receive their visiting brethren; he bade them a hearty welcome, he trusted they had enjoyed their visit, and he hoped they would speedily repeat it. Bro. Young responded, and expressed the pleasure they felt at bringing present that evening. They had been especially struck with the perfect working of the ceremony and with the hearty welcome they had received. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Hooper," the Organist of the lodge, who was on the point of leaving this country for India. Bro. Hooper said he was placed in an embarrassing position as he had not expected the honour they had done him. He knew it was the custom to welcome the coming guests, but he had not expected they would speed the parting one. For their kind wishes for his welfare he sincerely thanked them; he should never forget his mother lodge, and he hoped that when he did return in the course of a few years he should find all the brethren present. The Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening, and the brethren separated shortly before 10 o'clock.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—At the invitation of the W.M., Bro. R. Sharpe, the Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.), the Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. W. Hickman), and the Grand Lodge visited this old and influential lodge at its meeting last week. Two Indian brethren studying as surgeons at the Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley having been passed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the ballot resulting in the virtually unanimous election of Bro. C. John Phillips, the Senior Warden. Before the election of Treasurer, Bro. E. Booth, one of the oldest and most experienced Past Masters of the lodge, took advantage of the presence of the Prov. G.M. to protest against an alteration made in the Royal Gloucester bye-laws, on the advice of the Prov. Grand Secretary, one of the P.M.'s of the lodge, repealing the nomination of Treasurer, and directing that he and the W.M. be elected by ballot. There was no rule of Grand Lodge, he said, to this effect, and its inconvenience would be illustrated that night, for Bro. LeFeuvre, the Prov. G. Sec., having resigned the office of Treasurer to the lodge, the brethren were entirely in the dark as to whom they should vote for, whereas under the old, open system of nomination probably one name would have been put before the lodge and agreed to. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the absence of Prov. Grand Sec., said it was only fair to say that that brother had acted under the advice of Grand Secretary. The ballot then took place, and the retiring W.M. (Bro. Sharpe) was on the first round, elected as Treasurer by a substantial majority. Forty-nine brethren afterwards sat down to the banquet. In the course of the proceedings the Prov. Grand Master, replying to the toast of his health, made reference to the recent proceedings in France, and expressed his opinion that the English Grand Lodge would have no alternative—painful as it must be—but to decline to recognise those who repudiated that which formed one of the fundamental bases of all true Masonry. He subsequently proposed the health of the retiring W.M., which was received with much cordiality, Bro. Sharpe, being very much esteemed throughout the town as an able and energetic Mason and a worthy and useful citizen.

**MANCHESTER.**—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Cocker-street, when a goodly number of members and friends assembled to assist in the interesting ceremony, and to do honour to the new W.M. The lodge was constituted in due form, after which Bro. George East, P.M., P.G.S.D., duly installed Bro. Robert A. Eldershaw as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, the general opinion being that the way in which it was conducted reflected the highest credit upon the Installing Master. Bro. East was assisted by Bro. Schofield, P.M., who delivered the charge to the Master and Wardens in a very creditable

manner. The following were invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Roberts, S.W.; G. T. Mullock, J.W.; William Bagnall, S.D. and D.C.; Thomas Guest, J.D.; John Sutcliffe, I.G.; and the Rev. P. Hains, Chaplain; John C. Hind, P.M., Treasurer; A. F. Beeton, Secretary. After the installation Past Master Hains on behalf of the brethren presented to the I.P.M., A. Humphreys, a magnificent time-piece for his services as W.M. and acting Master for the last nine months, owing to the death of the late Master, Bro. Jepson. This lodge is anxious to be in the front rank as a supporter of the various charities, and it was decided that an old member of the lodge should be taken in as a joining member, in order that he may become qualified for the Benevolent Institution. After business, a magnificent banquet was laid in the dining hall, when between 70 and 80 sat down. The chair was, of course, occupied by the new W.M. (Bro. Robert A. Eldershaw), who filled his position with a dignity which did honour to the choice of the lodge. During the evening he made some very good speeches in proposing some of the toasts: but want of space prevents us giving a report of them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. It is a matter of regret that we cannot give a report of the speeches, especially that of Bro. East on being "Unaccustomed to public speaking;" that of Bro. the Rev. Philip Haines on "Charity;" and that of Bro. Prescott (one of the visitors) on "The Principles of Masonry." These speeches made an excellent impression, and we have no doubt they will be productive of good results. We must not close this notice without referring to the great pleasure that was given to the brethren by the very excellent singing of the glee party—Bros. Robberds, Lever, Thomas, Sharrock, and Stanley. The singing of the song "Here's to his health," by Bro. Robberds, was magnificent, and deservedly received enthusiastic applause. The Caledonian Lodge is to be congratulated on the great success that attended all the arrangements.

**WINDSOR.**—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. Hume, W.M., P.G.S.; Roberts, S.W., P.G.S.; E. Schiemann, J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.P.D.G.M., Chaplain; Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; Nicholes, S.D.; Pears, J.D.; Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; Cousins, I.G.; Evans, Steward; Past Masters, Bros. Stacey, P.P.G.R.; Reid, Dixon, P.P.G.D.C.; Denne, Bryett, P.G.S. of Wks.; McIlwham, Hopwood, Long, and Stedwell. Visitors: Bros. Spicer, W.M., 569; Masters, 145; Green, P.M. 27; Harris, 1351 and 1567; Thompson, 55; Date, 34; Turling, 780; Arnold, 382; Cole, 742; Benson, S.W. 1613; Lay, 569; Powell, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771. Messrs. Fairclough and Harris were initiated; Bros. Riley and Stollery were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Perks raised to the rank of M.M. Bro. Schiemann, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year (the S.W., Bro. Roberts, not being eligible, as he is at the present time W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742). Bro. Wilson, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Dick Radcliffe and Apted were nominated to audit the accounts. The usual Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., to be presented at the conclusion of his year of office.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—The premier lodge in West Lancashire—the "Old Merchants," which will very soon reach its century of existence, had an unusually interesting meeting on Tuesday evening, the 11th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was an attendance of about seventy members and visitors, presided over by Bro. Councillor George Peet, W.M. The principal officers and members present were Bros. J. I. Knight, P.M.; J. W. Baker, P.M.; G. Hutchin, P.M.; Richard Brown, P.M., Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; Ralph Robinson, P.M.; James Winsor, S.W.; T. H. Sheen, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, Treas., P.G. Registrar of W.L.; Thomas Salter, Secretary; W. Williams, S.D.; John Latta, J.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., D.C.; T. Whitehead, I.G.; and A. B. Ewart, Organist. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec.; J. Jones, P.M. 216; Dr. D. D. Costine, S.D. 216; Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; Councillor George Fowler, W.M. 155; J. Keet, S.D. 1356; J. Beesley, P.M. 216, and others. The special interest of the meeting consisted in the recognition by the brethren of the seven years' services as Treasurer of Bro. Dr. McGeorge, and to commemorate his recent appointment by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M., to the honourable office of Provincial Grand Registrar—an office which he worthily deserved after eighteen years' enthusiastic support of Masonry. The recognition and commemoration took the form of a dining-room timepiece, in front of which was a gold plate, in the form of a P.G. Registrar's jewel, bearing an inscription testifying to the esteem in which he was held by all the brethren of the lodge who had subscribed for the testimonial, and congratulating him on his appointment in the Prov. Grand Lodge. The regular lodge business consisted in the work of initiation, which was most admirably performed by Bro. Councillor Peet, the popular W.M. The brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous supper, under the presidency of the W.M., who was supported by a large number of P.M.'s, officers, brethren, and visitors. The presentation to Dr. McGeorge, P.G.R., was made during the evening by Bro. Richard Brown, who said:—Brethren, I am permitted by the Worshipful Master to propose the next toast. It is a toast which is never omitted at these very pleasant meetings, but it does sometimes appear to me, that the very frequency with which the subject is brought under our notice is apt to cause us to look upon it with less importance than its merits demand. "The

Health and Prosperity of our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate," is a subject entitled to our warmest sympathies. My brethren have only to refer to any of the returns of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, to find our rulers, in that quarter, earnestly and briskly engaged in the many matters that came regularly before them, and whether it be the disposition of the funds, arising from the fees, either for charity to distressed brethren, the establishment of a life boat, the support of our schools and institutions, or the settlement of some matters of Masonic jurisprudence; we always find the best intellect carefully brought to bear to secure the wise and satisfactory results of which we are reasonably proud. And if ever there was a time when our rulers in Grand Lodge were entitled to our regard it is surely now; when questions of such universal importance are before them, which unless settled in the wisest way will assuredly shake the very foundation of Freemasonry throughout the length and breadth of the land. Coming nearer home, to our Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, we have equal reason to feel proud; of this, the largest Province in the kingdom, where we have more lodges and I believe, a larger number of Masons than elsewhere; and where we are so ably governed by Lord Skelmersdale, whom I venture to say is one of the most earnest of Freemasons and one of the brightest ornaments at present connected with our Craft. (Cheers.) The wisdom of his ruling is best proved by the fact of our wonderful prosperity and undoubted harmony, and therefore I say for these reasons also I claim for this toast your fullest approbation. But there are other good reasons for claiming your attention, and this brings us to the more immediate cause of my saying more than is usual on the subject of this toast. It has pleased our Prov. Grand Master to appoint, at the recent meeting, as his Prov. Grand Registrar, one of the most respected and oldest brethren of this Merchants' Lodge, Bro. S. J. McGeorge, an appointment in which the brethren of this lodge so greatly rejoice that they have desired to mark their appreciation of the honour conferred on our worthy Treasurer by asking his acceptance of a tribute of their esteem, more especially to mark the event I have alluded to. In a large province like this, the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers must necessarily be one of much anxiety to Lord Skelmersdale and his advisers. In many cases it becomes necessary to honour a lodge for its general good work, and here the dignity has to be conferred on some brother who, without having the opportunity of individually and personally earning the distinction, has possibly assisted in the general good working of the lodge; but in the Merchants' Lodge, I venture proudly to assert and I do so in the presence of our Prov. Grand Secretary, that we may truthfully boast that where Prov. Grand honours have been conferred on members of 241, they have been undoubtedly earned, and these degrees and offices have not been derived as a mere matter of form, but have been won by the merit of the wearer. I may briefly glance at the four last appointments. No one will for a moment say, nor shall I attempt to prove, that our late lamented Bro. Captain Mott did not well earn his position. Then we have our hard-working and indefatigable Bro. George Broadbridge, whose work in connection with the London Charities is increasing, and who, as the Secretary of the most successful Masonic ball ever held in this town, has left his mark in the records of our own Educational Institution in the shape of £500 in aid of its funds, and we can best estimate the importance of such an addition to the funds by remembering that the interest alone will educate at least two of our fatherless or orphan children each and every year, "as long as the world goes round." I think you will agree with me that Bro. George Broadbridge deserved his laurels. Then we have our Bro. Robert Wilson, and without desiring to depreciate the efforts of others, I venture to say that it is mainly owing to his constant exertion, extending over a number of years, that we are indebted for the building of this hall (unfinished as it unfortunately is), for although Bro. Wilson's work in this matter was not confined to his own lodge, yet I may remind the brethren and the visitors present, that the Merchants' Lodge alone provided one-third the amount that has been paid for this building. I think, therefore, you will agree with me that Bro. Wilson's honours were well deserved. And now we have our Bro. Dr. McGeorge. It is impossible in his presence, as indeed it is unnecessary, for me to say how popular, both in and out of the lodge, is this most recent appointment of Prov. Grand Registrar. I may just refer to the services of Bro. McGeorge as a Past Master and Treasurer of this lodge, ever present at our meetings, always genial, courteous, and good natured. I may also inform the brethren, that Dr. McGeorge has twice filled the chair as M.E.Z. of the chapter connected with this lodge, and not only has he filled the chair, but he has done the work; but above and beyond all these acts, which have endeared him to his brethren, he has for many years past given the benefit of his excellent professional skill on behalf of almost every one of the orphan and fatherless children who have been placed on the foundation of our Educational Institution, and these may be counted by hundreds, and are, as we know, largely increasing, and I take this opportunity, as the Secretary of this great charity, of bearing testimony to the invariable attention of Dr. McGeorge in this important matter. To say more would be superfluous. It may be gratifying to you, Bro. Dr. McGeorge, to know that this testimonial, which bears an inscription that it is "presented by the brethren of the Merchants' Lodge, 241, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of their appreciation of your appointment as Prov. Grand Registrar of West Lancashire in this year 1877," was subscribed for by every brother present at the last meeting and during the short time you were out of the room, about ten minutes. In their name and with their good wishes, I present to you this testimony of their goodwill. Brethren—We are accustomed to draw from some



of the matters that come before us, some inferences that may point a moral, and to me an act like this, on the part of the brethren of a large and influential lodge, teaches us that a man may live a long time in this somewhat critical, caustic, and censorious world, and may fulfil the many and varied offices to which he may be appointed, so as not to give offence to one single, solitary soul; but on the contrary, so as to secure the lasting and undoubted esteem of his fellows, and those who know him best and most. In conclusion, Bro. McGeorge, I couple your name with this toast, and in the words of old Rip Van Winkle, I say, "Here's your good health, and your family's good health, and may you live long and prosper." The testimonial was briefly acknowledged by Bro. McGeorge, P.G.R., who referred to his long connection with the Merchants' Lodge, and the interest he had taken in its affairs. He greatly esteemed the honour which had been conferred on him by Lord Skelmersdale, and that honour was enhanced tenfold by the presentation which had just been made to him—a gift which he hoped would descend to his children, as evidence of the esteem in which their father had been held. A pleasant evening was spent with toast, song, and sentiment.

**CHEETHAM.**—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The annual soiree of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham. Bro. Brenmehl, the host, had done all in his power to make every preparation for the reception of the guests, even going to the trouble of taking down the two billiard tables in order that there might be no lack of room. The company were admitted at the private door of the hotel and ushered into the reception-room, where they were welcomed by Bro. Alfred Turner, W.M., and Mrs. Turner. They then passed through the ball-room, and promenaded to some excellent music performed by Bro. Charles Fielding. When the guests had all arrived tea was served in the billiard room. The catering did great credit to the worthy host; and when the company were all seated the room had a very pretty appearance—what with the beauty of the fair ones, the magnificence of their toilets, the flowers, plants, and candelabra adorning the tables, and the happiness that beamed from every countenance, there was presented a "toit ensemble" not often witnessed. After the cloth was withdrawn the W.M. (Bro. Alfred Turner), rose and said:—Brethren, perhaps I ought to have said ladies, but unaccustomed as we are to have the interior of our Derby Lodge graced by the presence of ladies, I may well be forgiven the omission. It is said "All's well that ends well." So I will now address you as ladies and brethren, and feel assured every brother present will be willing, for once, to assign the place of honour to the ladies who have favoured us by their presence to-night. Few Masters of lodges have been called upon to fill such a responsible, and yet, I must add, such a pleasing position as that which now devolves upon me, and I only regret the task has not fallen into abler and better hands than mine. One thing, however, has always cheered the heart of every Master of his lodge, and that is, that when he feels his own weakness and inability, he knows he need not look in vain for help and assistance to the P.M.'s of the lodge. The I.P.M. (Bro. E. G. Hughes) I have ever found ready in every good work, and willing at all times to lend a helping hand to a poor and distressed Mason. To each of the other P.M.'s of this lodge—without mentioning or singling out any names—I must say I am very much indebted, and feel grateful for the help and assistance they have afforded me. But, ladies and brethren, I am wandering from the special business now in hand. It is known to some that we desire and are accustomed to have the portraits of the P.M.'s of this lodge gracing the walls of the same after they (the P.M.'s) have ceased to act, and I know of no reason why an exception should be made in the case of my I.P.M., Bro. Hughes. My esteemed friend and brother, P.M. Smith, the senior P.M. of the lodge, has kindly consented to perform this duty, and I doubt not it will be a source of great pleasure to him, because, in addition to the portrait which will be retained by the lodge, he is to present one as a tribute of respect and esteem to Mrs. Hughes, of her beloved husband. I need only say—which I am sure every lady and every brother will endorse—long may our brother and Mrs. Hughes be spared to each other, sharing each other's joys, bearing each other's sorrows, and helping one another amid the battle of life, until that time when, the battle being over, they shall each enjoy the reward prepared by the Great Architect of the Universe for all who wait His coming to summon them to the United Lodge, which is above. Bro. James Smith, senior P.M. of the lodge, said that as they were all well aware he was a very bashful man amongst the ladies, and if he did not acquit himself to their satisfaction they must attribute it to his nervousness. He had been called upon in his capacity of senior P.M. to present to Mrs. Hughes, on behalf of the lodge, the portrait of her husband. It was well known to all Masons, especially to Past Masters, that the duties appertaining to the office of W.M. of a lodge were not light, but on the contrary, took up an enormous amount of time, entailed a great deal of self-denial, and required great devotion and attention to the duties of the office if they were to be efficiently and satisfactorily performed. It was a source of satisfaction to him that the Derby Lodge had at all times been blessed with Masters who were alive to their duties, and had done all in their power to promote the well-being and prosperity of the lodge. It was owing to their efforts that they were in such a state of prosperity to-day, and it was because the brethren felt this, and believed that the Immediate P.M., Bro. Hughes, was second\* to none of his predecessors in his labours and in his love for the lodge that they desired to show their esteem. The Derby Lodge, during Bro. Hughes's term of office, had enjoyed a most prosperous career, and this was mainly owing to the hard work and never-failing courtesy of its W.M. He

had very great pleasure in being the mouthpiece of the brethren on this occasion, and in presenting to Mrs. Hughes, on their behalf, this oil portrait of her dear husband. He trusted that the Great Architect would long spare them to each other, that they would continue to find their chief happiness in each other's love, and that they would be blessed with every blessing this world could afford; and that finally, after this life, they would be removed to the Grand Lodge above, where joy exists for evermore. Bro. Glendenning, P.M., remarked that it gave him great pleasure to endorse the sentiments that Bro. Smith had so well expressed, as he was sure that Bro. Hughes had earned the esteem and love of every member of the lodge. Bro. Joseph Snape said that as they had been listening to the Masters of the lodge with such attention, perhaps they would not object to hearing a word or two from one who was only a working or journeyman Mason. He had risen for the purpose of drawing attention to one trait in Bro. Hughes's character that had not been alluded to by the previous speakers, and that was the great devotion he had always shown to the first, greatest, and noblest principle of Freemasonry—viz., charity. Bro. Hughes had been ever first and foremost in promoting in that lodge the cause of the different Masonic charities, and only last week he declared that he would not rest satisfied till the Derby Lodge was second to none in Manchester in the amount subscribed to their support. Bro. Hughes, in returning thanks, said that he was somewhat at a loss to find words in which to express, as he would like, the gratitude he felt. But, on behalf of Mrs. Hughes and himself, he would simply say that they thanked them from their hearts for this manifestation of their good will. It was a great pleasure to him to hear the kindly expressions of the different speakers in reference to himself, although he was afraid they were somewhat exaggerated; but, however, to know that he had to some extent gained their approbation, was quite a sufficient reward for all his labours on their behalf. He was quite sure that Mrs. Hughes would treasure up the portrait that had been presented to her, and it was a source of satisfaction to him to know that his children, and those friends who survived him, would have in the portrait something to remind them that the friends and brethren of the Derby Lodge respected him, and were not unmindful of his services on their behalf. The company then adjourned to the ball-room, where dancing was kept up with great spirit until an early hour in the morning. In the intervals between the dancing some beautiful songs and concerted pieces were rendered by Mrs. Buckley, Miss Dumville, Messrs. F. H. Hollins, N. Dumville, J. Senior, Phenix, and Pollitt. Bro. Charles Fielding presided at the pianoforte with his accustomed skill. In the ante-room there were photographs, objects of art, some very ingenious mechanical figures, and a telephone, exhibited by Bro. Morrison. Bro. Cox exhibited a splendid collection of coins of the Georgian era. Bro. G. Kenyon, P.M., made an efficient D.C., and he had an able deputy in the person of Bro. Cooper. The whole of the proceedings passed off with the greatest eclat, and reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Alfred Turner, the W.M., and his officers.

**THIRSK.**—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, December the 13th, at the Masonic Hall, when there was an unusually large attendance of brethren. Besides the members, amongst the visitors were W. Bro. G. Marwood, J.P., G.D., P.G.M., 543; Installing Master; Bros. J. S. Walton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., 1337; J. S. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Lion, 312; Paley, P.M. Earl de Grey and Ripon, 837; Lukis, S.W. 837; Waistell, P.M. Anchor, 1337; Southern, Anchor, 1337; J. Fairbourne, P.M. 1337; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337; G. Oxendall, 1337; Hutchence, 1337; Hollings, 236; J. W. Fleming, P.M. 1211; J. Richardson, Claro and Ripon, P.M., P.P.S.P. West Yorkshire; Jno. Rhodes, P.M.; C. E. Camidge, P.P.G. Organist; Jno. Harker, A. G. Duncombe, Diwoodie, Broderic, J. H. Gilling. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. Anderson, W.M., and after the usual formalities, the position of Installing Master was taken by Worshipful Bro. Geo. Marwood, P.D.P.G.M. Bro. Geo. Ayre, S.W., and W.M. elect, was then duly presented by Bro. Geo. Anderson, W.M. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. Marwood in his usual most impressive manner, and Bro. George Ayre having been placed in the Master's chair and saluted with full honours, according to ancient custom, he appointed his officers, invested them with the respective insignia, Bros. T. J. Wilkinson, S.W.; W. Colman, J.W.; H. Smith, Treas.; C. E. Camidge, Chaplain; Jas. Johnson, Sec.; A. G. Duncombe, S.D.; R. Atkinson, J.D.; W. Hall, D.C.; J. Lee, I.G.; Zachaeus Wright, Organist; E. Richardson and J. H. Gilling, Stewards; J. Farmery, Tyler. Bro. Marwood having addressed the officers, they proceeded with the work of the lodge, the ceremonies being admirably performed, the Worshipful Master giving proof of great ability. Bro. Z. Wright very efficiently conducted the musical arrangements. After the installation the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, admirably served by Bro. T. Foreman, at the Three Tuns Hotel, the menu carte embracing all the delicacies of the season. The Worshipful Master mentioned that he had received a number of letters of apology and congratulation, amongst others from Bro. Sir James Meek, 236; Bro. W. S. Orde-Powlett, k.P.S.G.W.; Bro. Cowling, 236; Bro. Baskitt, 236; Bro. Hollans, P.P.G. Treas., 236; M. C. Peek, P.P.G.S.; Bro. Jos. Todd, P.P.S.G.; and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and drunk most enthusiastically. The toast of "The Earl of Zetland, and Past Provincial Grand Officers" was cordially received, and Bro. C. E. Camidge responded. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and expressed his gratification in being honoured with the presence of Bro. Marwood, who

had installed all previous Masters, and who had now placed in the chair the first W.M. who had been made in the lodge. Bro. Marwood replied that it was always a great pleasure to him to be of any service to the Falcon Lodge, and he hoped for many years to be spared to come to the installation of the W.M.'s of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. George Ayre, W.M.," whom he felt assured would prove an efficient and excellent Master, wishing him a prosperous and successful year of office, and expressing himself much pleased at placing the first W.M. made in the lodge in the chair, the highest office the brethren could confer. Bro. George Ayre, in replying, feelingly expressed his sense of the honour and proud position to which the brethren had elected him, and said it would be his utmost endeavour, to the best of his ability, to do credit to their choice, to maintain the harmony and good feeling so cordially existing, and instil into every candidate the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. Bro. Jno. Rhodes, P.M., then gave the toast of "Bro. George Anderson, I.P.M.," remarking that the duties of W.M. had been most creditably performed during the past year, and he had earned the good opinion of all the brethren. Bro. Anderson responded, and gave "The Officers of the Falcon Lodge, 1416." Bro. Wilkinson, S.W., replied, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors," referring to the past obligation of the lodge to visiting brethren, coupling with it the names of Bros. Paley, P.M.; Lukis, S.W. of Earl de Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 837, and Bro. Richardson, P.M. of Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—One of the most memorable and enthusiastic gatherings of the brethren of the Woolwich and Plumstead districts that have ever come under our notice took place on Friday the 14th inst., at the above lodge, the occasion being its usual monthly meeting, but it was taken advantage of to show the high esteem in which two of its most prominent members were held in by the district at large: we refer to Bros. F. G. Pownall, the first Master of the lodge, and J. Mc Caffery, the popular and genial favourite of all who have the pleasure of calling him friend and brother. Both of them we are pleased to record have just received Her Majesty's commissions as Lieut. in the Coast Brigade, and both leave Woolwich at once to take their respective commands, Bro. Pownall at Dover, and Bro. Mc Caffery at Devonport. The fine hall of Bro. Plaisted's on Anglesea Hill, was crowded with some 150, brethren of the lodge and visitors; among the latter were Bros. Dr. Spurrell, W.M. 615; Prov. G.J.W. for Kent; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.D. Kent, who is as well an honorary member of the lodge; H. Butter, W.M. 913; E. J. De Salis, A. Penfold, P.M. 913; S. Goddard, P.M. 700; J. D. Hayes, S.W. 913; T. Hutton, J.W. 13; T. Donolly, S. D. 106; J. Porter, 563; A. Thore, 563; A. Jarvis, 913; A. Mabbitt, 913; J. Christie, 836; A. Mc Dougall, 836; A. Hatcham, 153; D. C. Capou, 913; G. H. Baker, 13; A. Upperton, 913; W. J. Light, 299; A. Cleal, 13; G. Mc Coy, G. Mc Lambs, 115; E. Tappenden, 791; F.C. Lyons, 790 and 913; I.G. 700; E. B. Hobson, J.D. 700, T. Hassel, D.C. 13; G. Fraser, 700; A. Hiscock, 13; W. Cobb, 700; and C. Jolly, 913; (Freemason). Bro. G. Spinks, W.M. presided and was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Weston I.P.M., R. Croisdale, P.M., and P.M., 706; H. Pickern, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W., W. Murphy, Treasurer. F. G. Pownall, Sec., and P.G. Supt. of Works Kent, and P.M. 13; J. Mc Caffery, S.D.; H. Harding, Org.; A. Brooks, and T. Hollyman, Stewards; and D. Deeves, I.G. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes and account passed, Quarter-master Serj. Saunderson, R.H.A., was alter ballot and approval initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Beach, Nollage, and Orchard were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Steadman received the benefit of the Third Degree, the ceremony being worked by the W.M., and his officers in splendid style. Bros. Pownall, McCaffery, and Wright, the latter being D.C., then separately resigned their offices, and placed their collars in the W.M.'s hand, who said he deeply regretted the great loss the lodge sustained by the loss of their services; and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and presented to Bros. Pownall and McCaffery, for the valuable services rendered by them to the lodge since its foundation. The lodge was closed, and the brethren reassembled for refreshment. "The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," were most enthusiastically received, a party of musical brethren, headed by Bro. C. Buckland, playing a verse of the "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales," after each toast. The other Masonic toasts followed, and in giving that of the D.G.M. of Kent, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, coupled it with the name of Bro. Dr. Spurrell, who the W.M. assured the brethren took great interest in Freemasonry, and said go where they might east, west, north, or south, where there was charitable work to be done, there they would find Dr. Spurrell. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Spurrell in reply said he came there that night in a double capacity—one was in that of a Provincial Grand Officer, and the other as a personal friend of the W.M. He always felt it a pleasure to visit the United Military Lodge, because it was a treat to see the excellent manner of their working. What was done was done well. During the time he had been in office as a P. officer he had visited a great many lodges, and although most of them did their duties well, yet the precision and perfectness of the working in that lodge was, he felt bound to say, rarely equalled, and never surpassed. (Cheers.) As to Lord Holmesdale, they, who had the honour to know him even in his high office, must admit how jealously he worked, and how unemitting were his exertions for the welfare of Masonry. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Easton, their esteemed D.G.M., and the rest of the G. officers, had but one desire,



and that was to promote the interest of every lodge in the province, and especially to care for their grand and munificent charities. (Applause.) He wished them all "A Merry Christmas" and resumed his seat amid rounds of cheers. Bro. Weston then briefly but eloquently proposed the toast of "the W.M." saying that six months ago when they placed their W.M. in that chair, he told them that they must take him for "better or worse," and he (Bro. Weston) believed that the lodge would agree with him when he said that from their W.M. they had had all of the "better" and none of the "worse." (Applause.) The W.M. had by his assiduity set them such an example that he trusted would not be lost upon those who were aspiring to follow in his footsteps. (Cheers.) Bro. Spinkes thanked them for their kind reception of the toast. It was to him highly satisfactory to know that he had their hearty good wishes. At his installation he promised them three things, first that he would strictly maintain discipline in the lodge; secondly efficiency in the working; and thirdly, a strict economy in the use of the funds, consistent with a due regard for their personal comforts, and those promises he intended to fulfil to the letter. (Loud cheers.) He had the best interests of the lodge at heart, and should do everything in his power to promote its prosperity. He wished them the compliments of the season, and concluded with the toast of "Tiney Tim," "God bless us, one and all" (applause). In proposing the next toast, that of "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. said he hoped to be excused for travelling upon this occasion rather out of the regular road, but it was one for which he felt sure both the visitors and brethren felt with him a bond of sympathy. Two of their most distinguished officers, Bros. Lieutenants Pownall and McCaffery, were about taking their departure from that garrison. Both had been hard-working officers of that lodge. The name of Bro. Pownall would be carried down to posterity as one of the founders of it, and every candidate for admission into its ranks would be shown the name of Bro. Pownall as the first and most honoured upon its unsullied charter. (Applause.) He asked them to think of what Bro. Pownall had done for its prosperity, and assured them that it was his solemn conviction that if Bro. Pownall had not been its first Master, it never would have been so successful and honoured among the lodges of the province and district as it was that day. (Cheers.) Bro. Pownall had passed the chair in another lodge in Woolwich, the Union Waterloo, and there his name was honoured and known as one of the landmarks of its success (applause), thereby connecting ancient and modern Freemasonry through his association with the two lodges. But it was not alone in the lodges, and in the work therein, that Bro. Pownall's hand and heart had been busy. In every movement, whether of filial respect and love, or in the grand and noble attributes of charity, there first and foremost in all good work stood their esteemed brother and never left his work till it was well finished. (Great cheering.) Let them remember the Grayden memorial, which in Wickham Cemetery stood as one of the noblest examples of what all good Masons felt for departed worth and unblemished honour. (Cheers.) Who had been the moving spirit of that work? Bro. Pownall! Who had worked harder for charitable purposes than Bro. Pownall? There were in those noble institutions, our Masonic Charities, old heads and young hearts, who daily and hourly thanked him for their comfort and education. (Loud cheers.) These were living witnesses of his worth, energy, and determination, and they might well say of him—

"Nor frost, nor rain, nor wind, nor cold,  
E'er chilled his glowing breast;  
For charity, fair maid of old,  
There found a welcome guest.  
'Twas there the widowed, orphaned pair,  
Soon found a balmy rest;  
For soothing all their real grief  
Gave to his labour zest.

This Free and Accepted Mason,  
One of the present time."

(Great cheering.) Turning to Bro. McCaffery, the W.M. said his career as a Mason was different from Bro. Pownall's, but for him, as a brother, they had but one feeling of affection and esteem. He had begun in that lodge on the very lowest rung of the ladder. At the consecration of it he was D.C. Since then he had been I.G., J.D., and S.D., and in every position he had performed his duties in such an admirable manner that it had been remarked by many visitors and the brethren generally as something worthy of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) His amiability, geniality, and kindness of heart, his ready smile, and invariable courtesy, had made him beloved in the lodge, where he was as well, and that not the least of his qualifications, "The Prince of Harmony," (cheers and laughter)—the veritable "King Cole" of the United Military Lodge. (Renewed applause.) If they took all these talents and qualifications, and blended and united them together, what a combination they had, and all directed for the furtherance of one aim and one object, namely, the prosperity, happiness, and welfare of the lodge. (Cheers.) With such desires what could they not accomplish? What had they not accomplished in the past? And what will they not accomplish in the future? (Cheers.) The W.M. then concluded a brilliant address by saying: "Bros. Pownall and McCaffery, in the name of your lodge, and of the visitors, and myself, I beg most heartily to congratulate you upon the honour your Sovereign has conferred upon you, and to express our wish that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant you health, strength, and prosperity to enjoy every happiness that this world can afford; and that you may in your new sphere of life, and in your new place of residence, discover fresh fields of labour, and find new paths of usefulness, duty, and honour, and finally lay up for

yourself a crown of joy and rejoicing that shall never fade away, but shall continue till time shall be no more. (Loud and continued cheering.) Bro. Pownall, who was deeply affected, rose with Bro. McCaffery, and were greeted with the most enthusiastic cheers, and in reply, said it was impossible for him to express his thanks for the magnificent eulogy paid him by the W.M., and the kind reception the toast had received at the hands of the brethren. He felt that both himself and Bro. McCaffery had done all they could, both in the work of the lodge to promote efficiency, and a thorough carrying out of its duties, and at the social board afterwards to aid in the comfort and happiness of the brethren. (Cheers.) He trusted he had been the means of placing the lodge upon a secure basis, and believed it would make one of the first in the Province of Kent (cheers). He congratulated the junior officers of the lodge upon their prospects, and asked them to imitate Bro. McCaffery, who he declared without fear of contradiction, to be one of the best Deacons he had ever seen work (cheers). When he took the office of their first W.M. he took it with the unanimous wish of the whole of the brethren. He had been exceptionally successful in his Masonic career. He felt it a pride to have the opportunity of helping any one who wanted aid from the Masonic charities. His first attempt in that direction was a most successful one; upon that occasion he had been fortunate enough to get the aged widow of one of their master gunners into the Widows' Asylum, and if ever he felt a pleasurable sentiment of having done some one good in his life it was only the other day, when the old lady called upon him, and with tears in her eyes thanked him for what he had done. (Loud cheers.) His next attempt was for the child of one of their deceased brethren, and there again he had succeeded. He did not attribute that success to himself, but to the kindness of many good friends in sending him their votes. He did not wish to be invidious, but to the brethren of the Pattison Lodge, and more especially Bro. Coupland, he gave most of the credit. (Cheers.) They could not all be successful, but,

"Tis sweet to cheer the aching heart,  
The mourner's tear to dry;  
We cannot compass all we wish,  
But, brethren, let us try."

(Loud and continued Cheers.) Bro. McCaffery said he was truly sorry to leave Woolwich, and the lodge. He had looked forward to one day occupying the chair now filled by their W.M., "but now it was a failure." (Cheers and laughter, and cries of no, no.) When he got to Devonport he should join the best lodge there, and try his best to get into office, and if he did he would show them there how they worked in the United Military Lodge. (Cheers and laughter.) Bro. McCaffery concluded by assuring the brethren that he should always remain a member of the lodge "as long as he lived." Several other toasts followed, and at a late hour the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable evening. We have much pleasure in recording an interesting episode that occurred during the evening. On passing round the charity box the W.M. said the proceeds would be devoted to Bro. Lackland, their Tyler, whose wife had died suddenly the day before, and the handsome sum of £5 17s. was collected.

#### INSTRUCTION.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 31).—The members and friends of the above lodge, to the number of fifty, celebrated its fourth anniversary at Bro. Tucker's house, "The Lord Raglan," Burrage-road, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 13th inst., P.M. Govan Macdonald, one of the Preceptors, in the chair, and Bro. P.M. G. Davies, the other Preceptor, in the vice-chair. Bro. Macdonald was supported by Bros. T. E. Hassell, Hon. Secretary; P.M. S. Goddard, Treasurer; G. H. Masters, Assistant Secretary; Randall, Canty, Syer, Farr, Brown, Moore, Hutton, Coltar, Cleal, King, C. Jolly, (Freemason), and others. The excellent and well served dinner prepared by the worthy host having been fully attended to, the Chairman gave in well expressed language "The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England;" Bro. Farr singing a verse of "God save the Queen," and Bro. Hassell one of "God bless the Prince of Wales," after either. The other Masonic toasts followed and were duly honoured. In proposing that which he called the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction," the Chairman said he was pleased to say that for the last four years the title of it had been one of continued prosperity, but it was not so much so as it should have been, considering the Woolwich district to be one of the "hotbeds" of Masonry. There were, he could not help feeling a little sorry to say, a great many Masons who never thought of working up until they were promoted to positions in their various lodges; nothing could, in his opinion, be a greater mistake, for proficiency in the lodge of instruction was one of the best and surest roads to recognition in their own lodges, and was one of the greatest adjuncts to Masonic success. (Applause.) He considered lodges of instruction to be the life blood of their Institution, and the foundation of all discipline and regularity in their Order. (Cheers.) He would ask them what could lift a man's heart and mind to the highest attribute of faith, truth, and honour, more than a thorough knowledge and practice of their sublime ritual? It was founded upon that book upon which their faith was founded, and he felt that no man who ever practised the tenets taught in their ritual, their lectures, and their sections, could ever be else but a good man and a good Mason. (Loud cheers.) He hoped, therefore, that they would place their hand upon that lever of Freemasonry, so that it might "flourish as a vine." He then spoke of the benefit done to their charities by lodges of instruction, and said that lodge had its name upon one of them, but he should like to see it like the lodges at New Cross and Deptford, in which there were

charitable clubs or institutions, into which by paying one shilling per week they would all in time become life governors of all the charities. (Cheers.) The Star Lodge of Instruction at New Cross, of which he had the honour of being one of the Preceptors, had paid £1000 into the Charities by means of such institutions. (Loud cheers.) He then gave the toast, which was drank most heartily, Bro. G. Davies briefly replied to the toast, and then Bro. Goddard proposed in glowing terms "The Health of Bro. Macdonald," commending his zeal and assiduity, and attributing all the success of the lodge to his patient and increasing efforts. (Cheers.) Bro. Macdonald in reply told them how much he had the prosperity of the lodge at heart, and as they knew his sickness had caused him to be away last year more than he desired to be, but trusted next year with renewed health to be with them again. (Applause.) To the toast of "The Officers of the lodge," Bro. Hassell said they had had forty-seven meetings that year, the number of attendances were 656, or an average of twelve. The income had been £7 19s. 9d., and the expenditure £2 6s. 7d., leaving a balance of £5 13s. 2d. in hand. Bro. Masters as well replied. Bro. Jolly replied for "The Freemason." Several other toasts followed, and the harmony was well sustained by Bros. Farr, Hassell, Moore, Wells, How, and others.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The last consecration of this very old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. Loewenstark, P.Z., acting M.E.Z., in the absence of Comp. Elsam, through indisposition; Wagner, H.; Robinson, J.; Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Mander, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.S.; Hurst and Davis, acting Assistants; Holbrook, P.Z. Elborn, and Beckett, Janitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. exalted Bros. Manners, J.G. 1589, and Gispert to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch. There being no other business before the convocation it was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, and at its termination the introductory toasts were done full justice to. The Health of the First Principal was proposed by Comp. Harfield in very kind terms, in which he expressed sympathy with the absent Comp. Elsam in his illness. He was pleased, however, that their old Past Principal Loewenstark had been able at so short a notice to undertake the duties of M.E.Z., and which he had discharged so creditably, and in giving the toast he should couple his name with it. The acting M.E.Z. having replied proposed "the Exalted," in the course of his remarks he complimented the chapter upon having enrolled in their ranks that evening two such worthy companions, who would, he was sure, reflect great credit upon the old "Jerusalem." This toast having been most warmly received, Comp. Gispert, in the absence of his co-exalte, briefly replied. "The Health of the Second and Third Principals" gave the M.E.Z. an opportunity of enlarging upon the Masonic ability of Comps. Wagner and Robinson. He said that he personally looked forward to two very prosperous years under their auspices, as he believed that they would spare neither time nor energy to render their respective offices a great success. The companions thus honoured having responded in suitable terms, "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and S.E.," and "The Officers" came next in order, and those toasts were respectively acknowledged by Comps. Holbrook, P.Z.; Harfield, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; and Mander, S.N. During the proceedings Comps. Mander, Walls, Hurst, and others vocally entertained the members, who separated, after the Janitor's toast, until the second Friday in February next.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—On Tuesday, December 11th, this chapter met at their rooms at the Swan Hotel, Bedford, when there were present Comps. Alderman, J. R. Bull, J.P., M.E.Z.; Cookson, H.; Cuthbert, J.; Col. Stuart, I.P.Z.; Capt. Colburn, E.; Rev. W. Tebbs, P.S.; Billson, 1st. A.S.; Stafford, and A.S.; Trapp, Treasurer; Thody, Organist; Reynolds, Janitor; and companions of chapter Capt. Nash, Richardson, and Hitchman, (Kettering); Harris, Coombs, Allan, Carter, Ald. Sergeant, Linsell (Biggleswade); Lambie (Luton); Broughton Smith, with visiting Comp. Biggs, of Bedford Chapter, Tavistock, 282. A satisfactory reason was given for the absence of Comp. Fisher, N., whose duties were ably performed by Comp. Colburn. The minutes of the former chapter having been read and confirmed, Bro. Samuel Leach Kilpin, of "Stuart" Lodge, was then balloted for, and having proved unanimously acceptable was exalted together with Bro. Walter Higgins of "St. John the Baptist" Lodge (Luton), who had been balloted for at the last chapter, but prevented by ill health from proceeding to exaltation. As usual in this chapter the ceremony was admirably performed by every officer concerned; indeed the working was so good as to call for express praise from Col. Stuart, who as a P.G.J. as well as being a Mason of deep research and many years' experience is well qualified to express an opinion. The officers for the ensuing year were then unanimously elected as under:—Comps. Cookson, M.E.Z.; Cuthbert, H.; Fisher, J.; Colburn, E.; Tebbs, N.; Billson, P.S.; Carter, Treasurer; and Reynolds, Janitor. The Audit Committee, consisting of the officers of the chapter, was then appointed, when there being no further business the chapter was closed. Twenty-three companions sat down to an excellent supper, after which the usual toasts were well given and received, the proceedings being enlivened by the excellent singing of Comps. Biggs, Sergeant, Cookson, Stafford, and Carter. A well-spent and enjoyable evening thus came to a close, and the companions separated until March, which convocation is now that upon which the annual banquet is to be held.



## Red Cross of Constantine.

**ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND** (Acting by Immemorial Constitution).—A meeting of the above conclave was held on Monday, 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, presided over by V. Ill. Sir Kt. Rev. Dr. Brette, G.H. Prelate, M.P.S., assisted by Sir Kt. John Thomas Moss, P.S. Eusebius; Sir Kts. Robert Wentworth Little, P.S.; H.C. Levander, P.S.; Thomas Cubitt, P.S.; H.A. Dubois, P.S.; George Kenning, P.S.; Rev. P. M. Holden, J. Mason, T. Kingston, Joshua Nunn, Shirley, Townsend, Mather, Letchworth, Parker, Colonel Peters, Cockle, and others. Visitor: Sir Kt. Lambert, Plantagenet Conclave. The minutes of the last conclave were read and confirmed. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the future meetings of the conclave be held at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Sir Knights dined together, the usual toasts being most ably proposed by the M.P.S.

[The following reports were received too late for insertion under their proper heading.]

**DOMATIC LODGE** (No. 177).—This old-established lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 14th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. Willing, W.M., who after his usual perfect rendering of the ceremonies, proceeded with the election of W.M., Treasurer, &c., for the ensuing year, resulting in the unanimous choice of Bro. J. Buscall, J.W., to the Worshipful Masters' chair. Bro. Smith, P.M., P.G.P., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The lodge adjourned to banquet, presided over by the W.M., and honoured by numerous visitors.

**ECLECTIC LODGE** (No. 1201).—The following were present at the meeting of this lodge, as reported at page 571: Bros. J. Sear, 1224; T. K. Smith, Ivy, 1441; W. E. G. Pearce, St. Mary's, 60; Jas. Stevens, The Great City, P.M. 1426, 1216; Jno. Syer, 1017; A. Allworth, Golden Rule, 1261; A. Botibol, Joppa, 188; J. E. Beckett, Golden Rule, 1261; C. J. Read, Vaux, 393; Dr. E. Payne, Golden Rule, 1261. A. F. Tontine, Finsbury, 861; S. Botibol, Joppa, 188; A. Sedgwick Wooley, Adelphi, 1670.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE** (No. 1507).—The usual monthly meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; J. Williams, I.P.M.; W.M. Stiles, Sec. and J.D.; W. Side, S.D.; Colls, I.G.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clark, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward and Assist. Sec. The lodge having been opened, Bro. H. Clark and G. J. Barton were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bros. T. Lea, Channing, Garrett, J. Ford, and J. J. Steele were passed to the Second Degree. Bros. J. Gawith and F. H. Clemow were elected joining members. After ballot, Messrs. R. Kearns, S. Ward, C. G. Cruikshanks, and J. H. Grant were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Bros. Read, Rees, Brown, and several others were visitors, and made suitable speeches in response to the toast of "The Visitors," several highly complimenting the Master on the efficient working of the lodge.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge** (No. 97).—On Thursday, the 13th December, the installation of Bro. Taylorson Sharp, S.W., took place at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Twizell, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Sharp was then duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., in a most able and impressive manner, in the presence of about twenty Masters and Past Masters. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Thos. Twizell, I.P.M.; J. W. Horsfield, S.W.; T. M. Watson, J.W.; M. Allison, P.M., Treas.; H. Tomkinson, Sec.; J. H. Leech, S.D.; A. J. Wardroper, J.D.; W. Skelton, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Bentley, Organist; G. C. Watson, I.G.; G. O. Tawse and A. F. Amundsen, Stewards; Chas. Cobham and H. Fryer, Auditors; J. Thompson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed by the W.M., after which the brethren, numbering about fifty, sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided in the banquet hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, "The Health of the Newly installed W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Thos. Twizell, I.P.M., which was responded to in a feeling manner. The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the musical ability displayed by several of the brethren.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter**, (No. 41). On Tuesday Dec. 18th., a regular meeting was held for the installation of the new officers appointed last month, but was scantily attended from two causes, namely, the near approach of Christmas, and illness of some of the members. The chair was taken at 6.15 by Ex. Comp. George Parfitt P.Z., acting as Z. at the request of the M.E.Z.; Curey, H.; Hill, J. There were also present Ex. Comp. Moutrie, P.Z. and Treasurer; Keene, P.Z.; Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710; Comp. Hearne, E.; Brown N.; Falkner, as P. Soj.; Graham as S. Soj.; Hunt as J. Soj.; and several members; also Ex. Comp. Walker, H. 53. The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The acting Z., in feeling terms, reported the illness of Ex. Comp. Thompson, M.E.Z. Jas. Parfitt, P.Z., and Jelly, P.Z. of so serious a character as to cause directions to be given to Scribe E. to send letters of sincere condolence to each of them. Comp. Young, who had been appointed Scribe N., at the last meeting having declined to take office under medical advice, a ballot was taken for Comp. Falkner as N., and for Comp. Williamson in his place as P. Soj., which proved favourable. The Treasurer read the report of the finances as audited, which was passed and ordered to be entered on

the minutes. A clear ballot was taken for Bros. Hayward and Stuckey as candidates for exaltation at the next meeting. A resolution of which notice had been given, as to a donation of £5 to one of the charities, was directed to be held in suspense for the present, owing to the illness of the M.E.Z., who had proposed to represent the chapter as a Steward at the annual meeting in February, and to have the amount placed on his list. All offices were then declared vacant, the companions who were not Principals retired, Ex. Comp. Parfitt left the chair of Z., which was taken by Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, to whom Ex. Comp. Carey was presented, and received from him the benefit of installation as Z. Ex. Comp. Hill was then in like manner presented and duly installed as H. Lastly, the Installing Principal completed the work by placing Comp. Hearne in the chair of J., in the usual form. The Board of Installed Principals was closed, the companions re-entered, and the new Principals were duly saluted and proclaimed. The following officers were invested: Brown, E.; Falkner, N.; Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; Williamson, P. Soj.; and Bigwood, Janitor. The appointment of Assist. Sojs. was deferred. Three candidates for exaltation were proposed, and their names and qualifications recorded by Scribe E. On the proposition of the M.E.Z., votes of thanks were passed to Ex. Comp. George Parfitt, for his readiness in conducting the early proceedings of the evening, in place of the invalid chief of the chapter; to Dr. Hopkins for the care and ability with which he had worked the three ceremonies of installation of Principals; and to Ex. Comp. Walker for his attendance as a visitor. The resignation of membership by a companion who has left Bath was accepted. The chapter was closed at 8.30 p.m., and a small party adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment and social intercourse.

**SHEFFIELD.—Wentworth Lodge**, (No. 1239).—The annual festival of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the out-going W.M., Bro. S.B. Ellis, assisted by his officers and the whole of the P.M.'s. After having disposed of some routine work Bro. Ellis at once proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., which having been performed Bro. Thomas appointed and invested his officers as follows, Bros. S. B. Ellis, I.P.M.; R. Renton, S.W.; John Clark, J.W.; H. J. Garnett, P.M.; Treas. (re-elected), Chas. Hill, Sec. J. E. Darling, S.D.; H. T. E. Holmes, J. D.; J. Broadhead, I.G.; H. Nixon, Senr. Steward, and Thos. Blair, junr. Steward. Bro. Tindell, P.M.; was re-elected Charity Steward on the Provincial Committee. Amongst the visitors we noticed the D.P.G.M. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P.; Bros. Dr. Bartolomé, P.P.G.W.; (42 years a Freemason, the oldest in Sheffield) C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; T. M. Ramplen, P.P.G.D. Linc.; M. B. Whytehead, W.M.; 1611, York; W. Jervis, W.M. 139; G. E. Webster, W.M.; elect 139; W. Nicholson, W.M. elect, 296; B. Saville, W.M. 904; Rotherham, W. W. Jendwine, W.M.; 681, Chesterfield, and a very many others. A good deal of interest was taken, as this was not only the first installation in the New Hall, but Bro. Ellis was the first W.M. of the Wentworth Lodge to instal his successor. The ceremony, over the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was well served in the spacious banquetting room. The chair was most ably filled by the new W.M., Bro. Dr. Thomas, who gave the Royal and Masonic toasts with good taste. The toast of the evening, "The W.M.," was ably given by Bro. P.M. Garnett, and was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Thomas having suitably replied, the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. S. B. Ellis, I.P.M.," was given, wherein Bro. Ellis was congratulated on the perfect manner in which he had performed the onerous duties of his year of office, which ability he had kept up to the last, as was shown by the excellent style in which he had that evening installed his successor. Bro. Ellis having acknowledged these high compliments, the remainder of the toast list was gone through, that of "The Sister Lodges in Sheffield," also that of "The Visitors" being exceedingly well received and ably responded to. Bro. Buckley presided at the organ in lodge, and also presided at the piano, so, with songs and recitations between the toasts, the evening was truly enjoyable and flew but too fast. The bill of fare and toast list were very much admired, being interspersed with most appropriate and happy Shakespearian quotations; altogether the Wentworth Lodge is to be congratulated on its last success, and with such a W.M. as our Bro. Thomas and his excellent staff of officers there is a future equally as bright as its past.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION** (No. 58).—A meeting was held on Monday, 10th inst., at 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. C. E. Smith, W.M.; Langton S.W.; W. Sharrett, J.W.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; C. J. Hogg, Treas.; Turner, S.D.; Triggs, J.D.; Bauman, I.G.; W. Smallpeice, Preceptor; Strauss, White, and others. Visitors: Bros. Marner, 1673; W. Legg, P.M., &c. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were approved. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge advanced to Third Degree, and ceremony worked. Lodge closed down to First Degree. Bro. Langton was elected W.M., at next meeting. Two brethren were elected members of lodge. The next meeting was adjourned over the Christmas festivities, until Monday, January 13th, 1878, at six o'clock.

**MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER** (No. 19).—A conclave of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, 18th inst. Present: Comps. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, M.E.Z.; W. T. Worthington, acting H.; Geo. Read, J.; Joseph Smith, P.Z., Treasurer; E. B. Grabham, Scribe E.; Lewis Bryett, P.S.; W. Game, Second Assistant. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Joseph Smith, P.Z., then rose and announced the decease of a well known and worthy

companion of the chapter, Comp. Thomas Lewis Fox, one of the oldest Past Principals of the chapter, whose many excellent qualities endeared him to a large circle of friends, both in and out of Masonry; he moved a vote of condolence to his widow and family. Comp. Birch, P.Z., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. There being no candidates for exaltation, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z.

## CONCERNING FREEMASONRY AND ITS SECRETS.

The following asks questions we often asked before becoming a member of the Masonic brotherhood or fraternity. To the letter, and the replies to its questions, we invite attention, as we answer the truth and a disposition to give correct information.

Freemasonry is not a religious Order but the result of efforts to establish a great brotherhood. At the building of Solomon's Temple armies of men were employed. They were men skilled in their various crafts. To have been a workman on that Temple was considered a good certificate or recommendation on which to travel in search of work. The enterprise gave birth to a necessity for good workmen to organise, as poor workmen who could not hold situations were in the habit of going about the country claiming to have been employed in responsible positions on the Temple. They were both tradesmen, and by their pretensions received work from other parties which they did not do well, and thus wronged the one who gave them confidence, and brought discredit on the thousands who were of the best workmen and engaged on the grandest edifice ever built by human hands. Thus arose the necessity for an organisation of excellence which was suggested by the builders of the Temple. It gave then and there the result—

A brotherhood of Masons, who were free men, builders, duly empowered to make contracts for themselves. Free Masons, accepted in the brotherhood as they were good Masons, builders. Signs, grips and passwords, whereby they came to know each other, and thus able to talk of the plans of the Temple, which were by order of King Solomon kept secret.

These architects, free men, free and accepted Masons, were given the plans, designs and models of the Temple, as they came from the wise men who were the planners thereof.

The room where the plans were lodged or kept under guard, was the lodge room. To this room, those who had the signs, grips, and passwords had free access at all times, because they were men who were free, who would have no excuse for telling of the plans or the secrets as slaves might have been forced to tell.

As the wall grew, none but Free and Accepted Masons were admitted to the enclosure surrounding the Temple. As the elder members of the brotherhood needed assistants, they vouched for the character of those who became apprentices, and who were afterwards made Fellow Craft, or workers under instruction, and finally elected and made Master Masons.

Then they could come and go, free of delay at the gates. When called to their homes, they could obtain employment and wages on their return. When travelling in foreign countries they could tell who were impostors and who had been really workers on the Temple.

As the Temple was dedicated to the glory of God, no person who did not openly profess the belief in God or the Great Power of Light, Love, Power, Wonder, and Mercy, could be engaged on the edifice, lest it be profaned; the character of the builders was strictly in accord with the design of the Temple, a grand, a glorious edifice, with none but God-like influence suffered to touch its material. Hence you see the necessity for secrecy, as the builders were sworn not to reveal the plans, nor to admit as helpers persons not made Masons by the solemn ceremonies of the lodge room.

The brotherhood grew and grew. Men who died while at work were buried. Men who were sick, were cared for. The families of these Free Men were held sacred among Free Masons. They became a grand, united, harmonious brotherhood, keeping the secrets of Solomon, doing their best work on the Temple, caring for each other and the various jewels given them as presents by the king, and the jewels of children given them by God, while at work on the wondrous edifice.

The institution grew apace and took rich root in the minds of men that it has outlived the Temple built by the Free and Accepted Masons, as the spirit outlives the material it once actuated. As Solomon wished to glorify God, so did Masonry arise and grow under the same inspiration.—*Pomeroy's Democrat*.

**ARTIFICIAL GEMS.—MM. Feil and Fremy**, at last week's meeting of the Paris Academy of Sciences, read a paper describing a new process for the manufacture of rubies and other precious stones. The sensation created by these wonderful experiments has been so general that the Association of Jewellers have written to some of the papers stating that it was impossible for human art to compete against nature, that mysterious maker having at her disposal an indefinite number of centuries, which is not the case with any human worker. M. Daubree, the Director of the School of Mines, has expressed the wish to open, in the public museum of that magnificent establishment, a gallery for the exhibition of minerals produced artificially. M. Feil has already produced in his glass foundry, and by the same process as rubies, an immense number of stones, which can be compared with the most admirable crystalline productions of nature. Some of them are so inexpensive that they may be used for ordinary decorative purposes.—*Nature*.



## THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, has been pleased to appoint Bro. Emma Holmes a Knight Commander of the Temple, in recognition of his services on the Ritual Commission. Bro. Holmes some time since contributed a series of antiquarian articles to the *Freemason*, entitled "Notes on the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital," which attracted a good deal of attention at the time, and were translated into French, and republished in the pages of *La Verité*, and quoted in the American and other Masonic journals.

For the information of our readers we may state that the Queen is Patron of the Order, and amongst the Knights Grand Cross we note the names of the Prince of Wales, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Sweden, the Crown Prince of Germany, the Crown Prince of Denmark, Prince John of Glucksburg, Lord Skelmersdale (Seneschal), the Earl of Limerick, the Earl of Charlemont (Great Marshal), &c.

The late Earl of Shrewsbury was installed Great Prior of England, last December, in succession to the Earl of Limerick, and Lord Skelmersdale has just been appointed to the office vacant by the death of that popular nobleman.

The Duke of Connaught has been recently appointed Great Prior of Ireland, in succession to the Marquis Conyngham, and it was hoped that Prince Leopold would have filled the English throne, but his ill-health, we believe, prevented acceptance of a position in which most Templars would have been glad to see the genial and kindly Prince raised. Amongst the officers of the Order are Sir Patrick Colquhoun (late Chief Justice of the Ionian Islands), who is Arch Registrar; the Hon. Judge Townshend, Arch Chancellor; Lord Dunboyne, Standard Bearer; Viscount Newry, Grand Master's Banner Bearer; and General Doherty, C.B., is Aide-de-Camp. — *Civil Service Review*.

## WHAT IS CHIVALRY?

"The glory of our Troy this day doth lie  
On his fair worth and single chivalry;  
By his light did all the  
Chivalry of England move to do  
Brave acts in deeds of war."

Thus sang the poet in praise of boldness and gallantry. The qualification that endows the man of force with the spirit of nobleness in all its relations of life, and makes him respected as a gallant hero in the most trifling of things, is that of dignity, courtesy, and the practice of humane principles. Chivalry requires obedience to contracts, as well as valour in arms; it demands dexterity in all matters touching error or the destruction of truth; it calls to action the finer senses of our natures when the great law of right is trampled upon; nay, it teaches manly courage as a virtue, and gives purity to enthusiasm, and dignifies love by raising it above the passions of the brute. If chivalry were understood and made the acme of every act done by man, it would drive from the face of the earth all cruelty, injustice, and oppression. It would do more, because it would sanctify the love that is innate in all humanity, and cause rejoicing where now is lamentation and suffering. To be chivalrous is to be honest and virtuous, inasmuch as they that are honest are emblems of truth, and they that are virtuous are types of heavenly hosts. Templarism is styled chivalric because it aims to teach the neophyte the laws of gratitude and protection; because it weaves around its votaries the chain of fraternal obligation to defend the weak and succour the law of light; because it encourages art and science, and fosters literature and education; because it plants the seeds of reverence for those things that are holy above, and for the things that are good below. Chivalry takes upon itself many forms of development, yet in each form or variety of it there are clearly defined the principles upon which she moves and has her being. Look toward the explorer, the navigator, the discoverer—toward the warrior, the hero and heroine of brave deeds—toward the statesman, jurist, and director, that have achieved success and brilliancy—toward the humble donor of half of his worldly wealth, even though it be a sennep, or a million of them, to the needy—toward those who can afford a charitable thought to their enemies, or those who can forget self in a kind act to their neighbour, and observe the hand of chivalry marking well the beat of her inward glory. Was there not chivalry in the act of the poor peasant fisherman who, in the face of death, manned his frail boat and rescued a number of passengers from the ill-fated steamer that stranded upon Long Island shore a few years ago? Was there not chivalry in the act of the beggar when he dragged the man out from a quagmire who had refused him a miserable pittance but a few hours before? Is there no chivalry, in fact, in all things that partake of bravery or nobleness—in all thoughts and deeds that have for motive the benefit of humanity? Nay, it is chivalrous to be honest and true, not only to yourselves, but to all of your fellow creatures. A noble or generous act begets emulation as well as praise; it also moves the heart to forbearance, and inspires youth and age alike to go forward and manfully battle for right as against wrong, for justice against tyranny, for liberty against despotism. Such, Sir Knights, is chivalry! Let us practise it. To posts—march! — *N. Y. Dispatch*.

THE WESTMINSTER PLAY.—The following were among those present at the Play on Tuesday night:—Earl of Devon, Sir Robert Phillimore, the Bishop of St. Alban's, the Master of the Rolls, Mr. Justice Denman, Mr. Justice Lopes, Lord Justice Baggallay, Canon Farrar, Canon Jeffreys, Admiral Phillimore, the High Master of St. Paul's, Dr. Walter Phillimore, Mr. C. B. Phillimore, Mr. Spottiswoode, General Goodenough, Colonel Goodenough, &c.

## HANNAH IRWIN ISRAEL.

A MASONIC ANECDOTE OF THE REVOLUTION.

Bro Israel Israel (afterwards Grand Master Mason of Pennsylvania), the husband of this lady, was one of the Committee of Safety. On a visit to his mother's dwelling, he found it in possession of several soldiers quartered on the family. While the family was seated at supper, the house was surrounded and Israel taken prisoner as a rebel. He convinced them of their error by saying it was his brother Joseph. This was done merely to gain time.

Having bid adieu to his family, Mr. Israel set forth on his journey homeward, he having arrived only to be made a prisoner. The loyalist who had given him the countersign had betrayed the secret of his expedition. He and his wife's brother were immediately seized and carried on board the frigate *Roebuck*, lying in the Delaware, a few miles from the then borough of Wilmington, and directly opposite his farm, in order to be tried as spies.

Being one of the Committee of Safety, the position of Mr. Israel, under such an accusation, was extremely critical. On board the ship he was treated with the utmost severity. His watch, silver shoe-buckles, and various articles of clothing, were taken from him; his bed was a coil of rope on deck, without covering from the bitter cold of the night air; and, to all appearance, his fate was already decided. The testimony of his Tory neighbours was strong against him. Several were ready to swear to the fact that, while the loyal population of the country willingly furnished their share of the provisions needed by the ships of war, he had been heard to say repeatedly that he "would sooner drive his cattle as a present to General Washington than receive thousands of dollars in British gold for them."

On being informed of this speech, the commander gave orders that a detachment of soldiers should proceed to drive the rebel's cattle, then grazing in a meadow in full view, down the river, and slaughter them in the face of the prisoner.

What, meanwhile, must have been the thoughts of the young wife, herself about to become a mother, when her husband and brother were led away in her very sight? The farm was a mile or more from the river, but there was nothing to intercept the view, the ground from the meadow sloping down to the water. Mrs. Israel was at this period about nineteen years of age, and is described as of slight, but symmetrical figure; of fair complexion, with clear blue eyes and dark hair; her manner modest and retiring. She was devoted to her family and her domestic concerns. It needed the trying scenes by which she was surrounded to develop the heroism which, in times more peaceful, might have been unmarked by those who knew her most intimately.

From her position on the look-out she saw the soldiers land from the ship, shoulder arms, and advance towards the meadow. In an instant she divined their purpose, and her resolution was taken. With a boy eight years old, whom she bade follow her at his utmost speed, she started off, determined to baffle the enemy and save the cattle at the peril of her life. Down went the bars, and followed by the little boy, she ran to drive the herd to the open lot. The soldiers called out repeatedly to her to desist, and threatened, if she did not, to fire on her.

"Fire away!" cried the heroic woman.

They fired. The balls flew quickly around her. The frightened cattle ran in every direction over the field.

"This way!" she called to the boy, nothing daunted; "this way, Joe! Head them there! Stop them, Joe! Do not let one escape!"

And not one did escape! The bullets fired by the cowardly British soldiers continued to whistle around her person. The little boy, paralyzed with terror, fell to the ground. She seized him by the arms, lifted him over the fence, and herself drove the cattle into the barnyard. The assailants, baffled by the courage of a woman, and probably not daring, for fear of the neighbours, to invade the farm-house, retraced their steps, and returned disappointed to the ship.

All this scene passed in the sight of the officers of the *Roebuck* and the two prisoners. The agony of suspense and fear endured by the husband and brother, when they saw the danger to which the wife exposed herself, may be better imagined than described. It may also be conceived how much they exulted in her triumph.

The trial was heard on board the ship. The Tory witnesses were examined in due form, and it was but too evident that the lives of the prisoners were in great danger. A kind-hearted sailor sought an opportunity of speaking in private with Mr. Israel, and asked him if he was a Freemason. The answer was in the affirmative. The sailor then informed him that a lodge was held on shipboard, and the officers who belonged to it were to meet to-night.

The prisoners were called up before their judges, and permitted to answer the accusation against them. Mr. Israel, in bold but respectful language, related his story and acknowledged his secret visit to Philadelphia, not in the character of a spy, but to carry relief to his suffering parent and her family. He also acknowledged having said, as was testified, that "he would rather give his cattle to Washington, or destroy the whole herd, than to sell them for British gold." This trait of magnanimity might not have been so appreciated by the enemies of his country as to operate in his favour, but that, watching his opportunity, he made to the commanding officer the secret sign of Masonic brotherhood. The effect was instantly observable. The officer's stern countenance softened, his change of opinion and that of the other judges became evident, and after some further examination, the court was broken up. The informants, and those who had borne testimony against the prisoners, hung their heads in shame at the severe rebuke of the court for their cowardly

conduct in betraying and preferring charges against an honourable man, bound on a mission of love and duty to his aged mother. The acquitted prisoners were dismissed, loaded with presents of pins, handkerchiefs, and other articles not to be purchased at that time, for the intrepid wife, and were sent on shore in a splendid barge, as a mark of special honour from the officer in command.—*LOSSING'S FIELD BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION*.

## A "GENTLEMAN MASON."

1. It is not generally known that "Speculative Masons" were once called "Gentleman Masons." The following catechism occurs in some of the old lectures of the last century:

Q. What do you learn by being a Gentleman Mason?  
A. Secrecy, Morality, and Good-Fellowship.

Q. What do you learn by being an Operative Mason?  
A. Hew, Square, Mould Stone, Lay a Level, and Raise a Perpendicular?

Every Son of Hiram is a gentleman—he is a gentleman—in the Masonic parlance of olden times.

2. According to the Roman Law, "gensmen or gentlemen, were those only who had a family name, were born of free parents, had no slave in their ancestral line, and had never been degraded to a lower rank.

3. The following definitions of "a gentleman" might well be applied to every genuine Mason:—

"He that can enjoy the intimacy of the Great, and on no occasion disgust them by familiarity or disgrace himself by servility, proves that he is as perfect a Gentleman by nature as his companions are by rank. (Colton).

"A Christian is God Almighty's Gentleman: a Gentleman in the vulgar, superficial way of understanding the word, is the Devil's Gentleman. But to throw aside these polished and too current counterfeits for something valuable and sterling, the real Gentleman should be gentle in everything, at least in everything that depends on himself—in carriage temper, construction, aims, desires. He ought therefore, to be mild, calm, quiet, even, temperate, not hasty in judgment, not exorbitant in ambition, not overbearing, not proud, not rapacious, not oppressive; for these things are contrary to gentleness. Many such gentlemen are to be found, I trust; and many more would be were the true meaning of the name borne in mind and duly inculcated." (HARRIS.)

4. But when a man or brother in our Order of "the Level and the Square," arrogates among "the Sons of Light" to himself the name of "a gentleman," he deserves to be designated by an epithet, wherewith Thackeray called George IV., who considered himself "the greatest gentleman in Europe." Such a brother's conduct becomes very offensive, and he may stand in need of being reminded of Tennyson's words:—

"The grand old name of gentleman

Defamed by every charlatan.

And soild with all ignoble use."

For "a real gentleman" will seldom or never make pretensions to gentility which is an airy and mere borrowed thing from "dead men's dust and bones." A worthy brother, therefore, will make his gentility by his affable manners, his courteous deportment, his superior education, and his general zealous Masonic conduct.

5. And sometimes we may meet with (perhaps) a gentleman in the Roman sense, but who is what is commonly called "a gentleman of the four outs," i.e. a vulgar upstart, without manners, without University education, without money, and without credit.—*Australian Freemason*.

## MASONIC DIARY FOR 1878.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1878" has just been issued by Mr. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, London. The matter is admirably arranged, and the information as to Masonic bodies and lodges in this country and throughout the world, is the most complete which has yet been published. A full list is given of the office-bearers of the United Grand Lodges of England, of Scotland, and of Ireland, as well of the Provincial Grand Masters, District Grand Masters, and Grand Stewards. To facilitate reference the lodges are given in two lists, one according to their numbers, and the other under the names of the respective towns in which they meet. The names of the whole of the office-bearers in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the list of Royal Arch Chapters follow, with the duplicate arrangements before noted. There is equally full information as to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, with the roll of lodges; the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta of England and Wales, with the roll of preceptories; and other Masonic orders, both in this country, on the Continent, and in America.—*The Manchester Courier*.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Balfie Scholarship of the Royal Academy of Music was competed for on Tuesday. The examiners were Mr. H. C. Bonister, Mr. H. C. Lunn, Mr. A. Randegger, Dr. Steggall, and the principal, Professor Macfarren. There were six candidates, and the scholarship was awarded to Percy Stranders. The Westmoreland Scholarship and Potter Exhibition were competed for the same day. For the Westmoreland, the examiners were Mr. J. F. Cox, Mr. H. C. Lunn, Mr. Walter Macfarren, Mr. A. Randegger, Dr. Steggall, and the Principal. There were eighteen candidates, and the scholarship was awarded to Marian Williams (re-elected). The Potter Exhibition, for which there were eight candidates, was awarded to F. W. Bampfylde. The examiners were Mr. H. C. Lunn, Mr. Walter Macfarren, Dr. Steggall, and the Principal.



## Masonic and General Tidings.

The Consecration of the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, took place on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Corn Exchange, Witney.

We understand that it is the intention of our brethren in the province of Hertfordshire, to present to Bro. George Lambert, 3rd, a portrait of himself, painted in oil.

At a meeting of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, 13th inst., Bro. John Charles was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, owing to the recent sudden death of Bro. T. L. Fox, of H. M. Stationery Office, and for many years a much respected Past Master of the lodge, the brethren appeared in mourning as, a slight mark of the esteem in which he was held.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. George Attenborough is steadily recovering from the effects of the carriage accident which recently befel him.—*City Press*.

Bro. Julius Charles Frank, P.M. Euphrates Lodge, 219, has established himself as a translator of languages, at 3, Newman's-court, Cornhill.

Even Masonic secrets will "out." It is proposed to make Sir James McGarel Hogg, one of the respected representatives of the city of Truro in Parliament, a member of the "Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence;" and a worthy "brother"—forgetful alike of the virtues indicated by the name of his lodge and of the momentous oath by which, it is said, he is bound to secrecy—let the cat out of the bag in the *West Briton*. We have heard ominous murmurings anent this crime of publishing to the Gentile world a secret of the sacred fraternity, and doubtless the dear but erring "brother" will have to suffer some dread punishment. "So mote it be!"—*Royal Cornwall Gazette*.

"The Gossips' Bowl," is the title of the Christmas number of the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*, including a splendid coloured picture of most attractive character, by J. T. Lucas, entitled "Chips of the Old Block!" Numerous illustrations by distinguished artists are also given. Stories, poems, drama, &c., by well-known authors. The leading story is by Miss M. E. Braddon, author of "Lady Audley's Secret." It is certainly one of the best Christmas numbers of 1877.

The damages occasioned to the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Boho-square, through the recent gales, have, on further examination, proved more serious than was at first anticipated, and has rendered it necessary that the entire building be placed under repair. Owing to the critical state of some of the patients, the hospital is but partially closed, and an earnest appeal for funds at once to repair the damages and to re-open all the wards has been made by their Treasurer, the Earl of Glasgow. In the meantime the committee are obliged to refuse daily pressing applications.

The Annual Ball of the Norse Rowing Club will be held at Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's, on Friday, January, 11th, 1878, under the patronage of His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh and Queensbury, K.C.

There was a Cabinet Council held on Tuesday last, the result of which was an announcement that Parliament will meet on the 17th of January, or about three weeks earlier than usual.

The Masonic Hall, Kirkdale-road, Liverpool, has been purchased by the Roman Catholics, and will be opened immediately as a chapel, dedicated to St. Alphonsus Liguori. This, it ought to be stated, is a comparatively small hall at the north end of the town, and as its accommodation has been found too limited for the increasing number of lodges and brethren in this district, another larger building is now in course of erection, which will probably be opened early in the year with Masonic ceremonies.

It had been arranged that the Queen and Princess Beatrice were to leave Windsor Castle on Wednesday next for Osborne. On Saturday evening, however, upon the return of the Queen to Windsor Castle, after visiting Lord Beaconsfield at Hughenden, her Majesty altered her determination, and she will now pass Christmas at Windsor Castle.

**REGISTERED LETTERS.**—In the changed system of registration which will come into use on Jan. 1, it will be important to note that the new envelopes bearing a twopenny stamp for the payment of the registration fee only must have affixed to them the necessary stamp or stamps for postage, and must not be dropped into a letter-box, but must be given to an agent of the post-office. The envelopes are stoutly lined with linen, and fasten at one end very securely. For the convenience of persons living in country places, where no post-office is near, letters will be registered by rural post messengers, who will receive letters for registration on their outward and on their inward walks, whenever it is practicable for them to do so. In the event of a registered letter containing an enclosure of intrinsic value or its contents being lost while passing through the post, the department will, under certain regulations, make good the value of the contents up to £2. Inland letters containing coin, jewellery, or watches, cannot be sent unregistered. If dropped into a letter box, they will, as heretofore, be registered by the post-office, and charged on delivery with a registration fee of 8d; a similar fee of 8d, will be charged on letters (without regard to their contents) marked "Registered," but posted unregistered instead of being given to a post-office servant. No letter containing coin, jewellery, or watches, can be sent, even if registered, to any foreign country. The Postmaster-General hopes that when registration is made so cheap and so easy the public will altogether abstain from sending letters containing enclosures of value through the post unregistered.

At a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire on Friday, the 14th inst. a sum of £50 was voted from the Grand Lodge funds to the widow of the late Bro. Dr. Goldsbro'. A sum of £100 was also voted to the purchase of a vice patronship in the Masonic Boys School, and £50 as part of the larger sum for the same in connection with the Girls School.

Rejoicings were held on Thursday week on the extensive Forfarshire estates of the Earl of Dalhousie, the occasion being the marriage of his lordship's eldest son, Lord Ramsay, to Lady Ida Bennett, youngest daughter of the Earl of Tankerville, which marriage took place on Thursday week, at St. James's, Piccadilly.

The National Lifeboat Institution held its annual meeting in London on Thursday, at which it was stated that lifeboats had this year saved 743 lives; 208 lives were saved during the gales of last month.

**THE MARQUIS OF BUTE AND THE HIGHLANDERS.**—The Marquis of Bute presided over a great gathering of Highlanders in Greenock a few evenings ago. Three thousand persons were present. His lordship was supported by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Mr. Grieve, M.P., and a number of distinguished gentlemen. The Marquis delivered a long address, tracing the history of the Celtic race and languages. He remarked on the great tenacity of Cymra, saying there were twenty-four newspapers in the Welsh language in Wales. Irish and Scotch literature could not compare with this. He advised his hearers to cultivate their literature, to preserve their language. His lordship received loud demonstrations of sympathy when he said that a recent event, "the disastrous fire at Mount Stuart House," had deprived him of the literary means of being better prepared for the subject.

**KNIGHTHOOD.**—The licensed victuallers of Liverpool appreciate keenly the honour reflected upon the whole of their body by the knighthood which her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon the ex-Mayor, Sir A. B. Walker. At their monthly meeting, the Chairman (Bro. W. Vines, W.M. 1299; Bro. W. Coates, 1609, being the Vice-Chairman), referring to the matter, said he was sure every member of the association would rejoice in this mark of the Queen's favour, and he moved that a complimentary letter should be sent to him from the members of that association. The recommendation was agreed to by acclamation.

A new poem entitled "Angels and Men," by Bro. Wellin Smith, P.M. 1261, has been published. It is dedicated by permission to the poet laureate.

The meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be held on Monday, instead of Tuesday next.

The announcement is made that Mr. Chief Inspector Clarke, of the Detective Department, Scotland-yard, has been reinstated on full pay. The action of the Commissioners will entitle Mr. Clarke to the arrears of his pay since the date of his arrest, and to his full pension.

We are asked to state that the "Scottish Masonic Calendar" for 1878 will not be published until the middle of January, to permit of those lodges who do not elect their office-bearers until the 27th inst. The Secretaries of lodges, chapters, &c., under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, will therefore oblige by sending in their returns not later than the 1st of January next.

Her Majesty on Saturday afternoon paid a visit to Lord Beaconsfield at Hughenden, and though the occasion was private, advantage was taken of it by the Mayor and Corporation of High Wycombe to present the Queen with a loyal address. The stay of her Majesty lasted a little over two hours, during which time, and after luncheon, she visited the church in the park where the late Lady Beaconsfield is interred.

**PARIS EXHIBITION.**—Tuesday night's *Gazette* contains a list of the intending British exhibitors at Paris. The catalogue is a very comprehensive one, and fully representative of all the leading industries of the United Kingdom.

The Mayor, Alderman Albert Wood, entertained the members of the Conway Town Council, and a large number of guests at a grand banquet at the Castle Hotel. Bro. Bulkeley Hughes was present during the evening.

**STAFFORD HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—A meeting of this committee was held on Saturday last, at which Mr. Barrington Kennett was present, and gave a full and most satisfactory account of the work of the committee in Central and Asiatic Turkey. Upwards of 30,000 sick and wounded soldiers have been attended by the surgeons of the committee, and have received food on their way to the front, and at the present moment upwards of 1000 men are under treatment in the permanent hospitals, independently of the field ambulance.

The Earl of Chichester, Lord-Lieutenant of Sussex, while riding in his park at Stanmer, near Lewes, recently, was thrown from his horse, and sustained severe injuries. It is hoped, however, that no bones were broken.

Mr. S. A. Hagon, Hon. Sec. of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution was presented on Thursday week with a handsome silver-leap in recognition of his services so cheerfully rendered in connection with the Jubilee Festival held at Goldsmith's Hall. Bro. George Lambert made the presentation.

Don Carlos, who is travelling incognito in Italy, has been robbed of his Collar of the Golden Fleece, which is not only of great pecuniary value, but is believed to be the ornament made for Philip, Duke of Burgundy, in 1430, on his founding the Order in celebration of his third marriage. Don Carlos, who always carried it about with him, and had recently placed it in his trunk, found the case empty.

Bro. Sir R. Michael, Shaw Stewart, Bart., M.W.G.M. of Scotland, has intimated that he will not contest the representation of Greenock.

The Crystal Palace Grand Comic Pantomime entitled *The Sleeping Beauty*, by Messrs. Augustus Harris, and W. R. Osman, will be performed for the first time on Wednesday next (Boxing-day) under the personal direction of Mr. Charles Wyndham. The Ballet and Chorus will consist of an army of two hundred children.

The Peninsula and Oriental Company's steamer Bokhara sailed from Southampton with £20,000 in gold for Alexandria, and 300,000 in specie for Bombay.

The traffic receipts of the London and South-Western Railway for last week show an increase of £417; and the Grand Trunk of Canada an increase of £8,700.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.**—In order to afford the public an opportunity of taking their railway tickets, and obtaining information previous to the holidays, the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company give notice that their West-end office, 28, Regent-circus, Piccadilly, will remain open until 11 p.m. on Friday, 21st, Saturday, 22nd, and Monday, 24th inst., for the issue of tickets to the various attractive places on the South Coast and Isle of Wight, Paris, and the Continent. Passengers may be booked at that office at the same fares as charged from the Victoria and London Bridge stations.

Messrs. Dowling, of Half-moon-passage, Leadenhall Market, were the purchasers of two pens of pigs (exhibited at the Cattle Show), one the property of Her Majesty, the other the property of R. Drew, Esq., of Dorset. The latter took the first prize of its class.

The "Freemason" of this week (Dec. 22nd) consists of 32 pages exclusive of wrapper. The wrapper is unambitiously illustrated with portraits of the following eminent brethren:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, J.G.W.

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Sir Albert Woods, G. Dir. of Cer.

T. Fenn, Esq., A.G. Dir. of Cer.

Bros. Terry, Little, and Binckes, Secretaries of the Royal Masonic Institutions; and

Bro. Henry G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.

The price of this number is 4d., and may be had of all news-agents, or direct from the office (198, Fleet-street), on receipt by the Publisher of 5 penny stamps.

As we are in Christmas times I'll conjure up a conundrum. Why is a policeman like the ghost of Hamlet's father?—Because he is "doomed for a certain time to walk the night!"

"Hold on!" cried a candidate to his rival, with whom he was stumping the State. "Do you mean to say that I spoke falsely?" "Well, no, not falsely, but I'll leave it to this intelligent and patriotic assemblage if they ever saw any other man take such a circumlocutory course around the truth as you did!"

Two whiskered dandies, with hair enough upon their upper lips to make a grenadier's cap, went, the other day, to the academy of fine arts. On reading the inscription over the door, "No dogs admitted," the foremost turned to his friend and wittily observed: "You must go back, Fred, you see they don't admit you." "Oh, don't be frightened, gentlemen," said the door-keeper, "you may both come in;" adding while pocketing the cash, "the regulation does not extend to puppies."

**A MISNOMER.**—Lord Donoughmore has presided over a Masonic festival at the Freemasons' Hall. Lord Do-no-more is scarcely a fit title for a man who is inclined to do so much.—*Funny Folks*, Dec. 15th.

**Highly Considerate.** Little Smithkin (debonairly): Object to smoking?—North Briton: Nae in the least, if it does na mak' ye sae? As Little S. said, he "cut the old cad for the rest of the journey."

"Who can hold a fire in his hand?" exclaimed a public speaker. "Any one that smokes," responded a voice; "he'll strike a match and light his cigar with it the windiest day that ever you saw!"

A lawyer having worn out the patience of a judge by his quibbling, the judge testily exclaimed: "Mr. —, what do you think I'm sitting here for?" "That's too hard a conundrum for me. I give it up," said the lawyer, as he sat down.

The clerk of a criminal court having read the indictment of a prisoner for horse stealing, said to him: "Guilty or not guilty?" "Wal," he responded, "I'm guilty fast enough, but then I want to be tried just the same, 'specially as I see several of our boys on the jury."

The Kroomen of West Africa say of the American: "Him catchee horse, make he work; catchee water, make he work; catchee fire, make he work; catchee wind, make he work."

"I didn't at all expect company to-day," said a lady to her visitors, with a not very pleasant look; "but I hope you will make yourself at home." "Yes, indeed," replied one of them, starting off, "I will make myself at home as quick as possible."

"Madam, don't you know that your baby will catch its death of cold?" "No, sir," she promptly responded. "Well, it's such carelessness as that which fills our cemeteries with little graves," he continued. "While all the meddlesome old fools continue to live," she replied.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary and Pocket Book" (G. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street) is especially adapted to Masonic people; to others it will be a curiosity. It contains very full statistics of the body for which it is intended.—*The Queen*, Dec. 8th, 1877.



**CHRISTMAS AND THE POST.**—The general post, or morning delivery, will be the only delivery in London and its suburbs on Christmas Day. In London generally and the nearer suburbs letters for the night mails to the country must be posted in the street letter boxes, as there will be no collection from receiving offices on that day. The General Post-office and the post-offices at Lombard-street, Gracechurch-street, and Charing-cross, will be open from 5 to 7 p.m., for the registration of letters and the sale of postage stamps, but not for money order or savings bank business. With these exceptions all the post-offices in London and the nearer suburbs will be closed. Letters, newspapers, and book packets can be posted for the night mails at the General Post-office, District offices, and the offices at Lombard-street, Gracechurch-street, and Charing-cross, at the usual hours. There will be no collection at 8 or 9 p.m. on Christmas Day either from the town receiving offices or letter boxes, but letters to be forwarded by the early morning mails will be collected from the district and branch offices, and from the letter boxes in London and the nearer suburbs, at the usual hours on Wednesday morning, the 26th of December. In the more distant suburbs, letters, &c., for the night mails of Christmas Day will be collected from the receiving offices and letter boxes at the usual hours. No morning, mid-day, or mid-night mails will be despatched from London to any town in the United Kingdom on Christmas Day. Telegraph Arrangements:—The following offices will be open in London and its suburbs:—Blackheath and Blackwall Railway Station, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Bow Railway Station, North London Railway, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Broad-street Railway Station, North London Railway, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Camberwell, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Camden-road, North London Railway, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Central Telegraph Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, always open; Chalk Farm Railway Station, North London Railway, 7.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Clapham, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Cornhill, No. 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Crystal Palace, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dalston Junction, North London Railway, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Eastern District Office and Euston-square Station, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fenchurch-street, corner of Mincing-lane, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Greenwich, Nelson-street; Highbury Station (North London Railway), and Kensington Station (West London Railway), 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Lower Thames-street, 7 a.m. to 12 noon; Northern District Office, Notting hill (near Archer-street), Paddington (London street), Putney, South-Eastern District Office, South Kensington, South-Western District Office, and Swiss Cottage, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; West Strand, always open; Western Central District Office and Western District Office, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Woolwich Arsenal, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. In England, Wales, and Ireland, the hours of attendance at the various provincial offices will be the same as on Sundays, except at the Brighton Office, which will be open all day; and at Dover, Eastbourne, Hastings, Margate, Ramsgate, and Portsmouth, the offices at which towns will be open from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and also during the Sunday hours of attendance. In Scotland all the telegraph offices will be kept open as on ordinary week days.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Friday, December 28, 1877.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24. LODGE 1632, Stuart, F.M.H.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25. CHRISTMAS-DAY.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.**  
Lodge 212, Euphrates, Mason's Hall, Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.  
Chap 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
Red Cross Con., 15, St. Andrews, 68, Regent-st., W.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Chap. 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
Mark 148, Northumberland, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
"bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 29, 1877.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25. (No meetings in consequence of being Christmas Day.)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.**  
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.  
" 1356, D. Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, St. Lawrence's School, Kirkdale.  
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE. For the Week ending December 29, 1877.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Lodge 999, Robert Burns, F.M.H., Manchester.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

Christmas Day.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Lodge 163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.  
" 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.  
" 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Manchester.  
" 344, Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe.  
" 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
" 1083, Townley Parker, Stag Inn, Bradford.  
" 1219, Strangeways, Empire Hot., Manchester.  
" 1392, Egeyton, Stanley Arms, Bury.  
" 1633, Avon, Blackstock Hot., Chorlton-on-Medlock.  
Chap. 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleborough.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton.  
" 215, Commerce, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.  
" 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.  
" 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.  
" 935, Harmony, F.M.H., Salford.  
" 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., West Gorton.  
Chap. 54, Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale.  
" 286, Strength, Green Man Hot., Bacup.  
Mark Lodge 32, Union, F.M.H., Manchester.

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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**RYE.**—Wellington Lodge (No. 341).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Cinque Ports Arms Hotel, on Thursday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. F. J. Rubie, W.M., in the chair; Wm. Dawes, I.P.M. and Hon. Sec., P.P.G.R., Sussex; J. N. Masters, P.M., S.W.; M. Hatch, J.W.; F. Fuller, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Hatcher, as S.D.; F. Milson, as J.D.; R. C. N. Davies, I.G.; C. Hatcher, Tyler, &c. The lodge having been duly opened, and a ballot having been taken with unanimous approval as the result, Mr. Wm. Cowtan was regularly and duly initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony was very ably performed by the W.M.; the I.P.M. delivering the charge. The Hon. Sec. then by command of the W.M., read from the *Freemason* of 8th Dec. the report of the speech of the M.W. Pro. G.M. at the last Quarterly Court of Grand Lodge, on the recent action by Grand Orient of France. The brethren expressed their admiration at the clear explanation therein given of that action and the valuable advice as to their present conduct in the matter accompanying it, and hearty thanks were tendered to the W.M. for having caused it to be read. Some other business having been enacted, the lodge was duly closed.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—The Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359) has elected Bro. W. H. Martin W.M., for the coming year and re-elected P.M. J.R. Weston, Treasurer. The new Worshipful Master, Bro. G. J. Telling, of the Clausentum lodge, No. 1461, at Woolston, a suburb of Southampton, has been installed by the D.P.G.M. of Hants, and the Isle of Wight, (Bro. W. Hickman, P.M.), the charges at the respective chairs being impressively given by Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M. Bro. Tilling invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. A. Rosoman, I.P.M.; Richard Rosoman, S.W.; Andrews, J.W.; Capt. Evans, Treas. Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; Chapman, S.D.; James Methuen, J.D.; Walters P.M., D.C.; Robert Ekless, I.G.; and Vare, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, a cordial vote of thanks for his attendance and valuable services was tendered to the D.P.G.M., who, in response, expressed the interest he felt in the work, and congratulated the lodge on the position it had already attained. The annual dinner, supplied by Bro. Dartnall, was subsequently held at Woolston College, the hall of which was very pleasingly decorated for the occasion, and was well attended. Many congratulations were exchanged on the progress of Masonry in the province and the excellent prospect of the lodge possessing a hall of its own at a not distant period.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 570).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with this lodge, took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 18th inst., at the Masons' Rooms, North Hill-street, Liverpool, where there was one of the largest and most influential gatherings seen for a long time to assist at the installation of Bro. Archibald Morrison, S.W., the W.M. elect, chosen to that position by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The meeting was called for 2.30, and punctual to the time, Bro. Thomas Goans, W.M., took the chair, and began business. There were no fewer than twenty-four installed Masters present, and these embraced about a dozen P.G. Lodge officers, past and present. The Tyler's book showed the following brethren were present, who are attached to the "Prince Arthur": Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.M., P.G. Sec.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Morrison, S.W.; S. Hickins, J.W.; Robt Roberts, Secretary; H. Worthington, S.D.; R. Webster, J.D. Walter W. Thomas, I.G.; J. H. Davies, S.; J. Seeley, J. Wainwright, J. C. Jones, J. Webster, J. Lawson, W. P. Vines, T. Senar, J. Pye, J. Morgan, J. H. Carter, J. Parker, C. Cockcroft, J. Meddicott, and T. Smittom. Amongst the numerous visitors present were: Bros. Duncan Ross, 823; (Everton Lodge); Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M.; 1380; John E. Jackson, P.M. 667, P.G. Steward of West Lancashire; W. Pugh, S.W., W.M. elect P.M. 1182; J. W. Thurley, P.P.G.J.D.; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; L. Courtney, S.W. 1609; J. B. Mc. Kenzie, J. W. 1609; H. Leslie, 1609; A. Woolrich, J.W. 1356; Treasurer 1609 Henry Eves, 667; R. P. France, I.P.M. 594; H. Firth, J.W. 667; E. Paull, Treasurer, 1356; J. Edgington, P.M. 1182; J. H. Gregory, Sec. 667; J. P. Rea, I.G. 1182; J. S. Houghton, S.W. 1182; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Woods, W.M. 1620; A. Winkup, P.M. 667; J. Hartley, 594; W. Avis, Org. 1299, I.P.M.; Arthur, P.M. 1086; W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D.; Capt. J. F. Ainscow, 1393 and 370; J. Williams, W.M. 1182; J. W. Williams, S.W. 1356; F. Nickson, W.M. 1356; W. Peacock, 594; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; H. Jones, I.G. 1289; T. Holden, 1182; D.

Morris, 1182; John Lecomber, W.M. 594; J. D. Thomas 594; F. Boswell, J.W. 594; B. B. Marson, P.G.J.D.; W. M. Asher, 477; A. B. Fraser, 1473; P. Asken, 1356; F. Sutton, 1380; J. Hughes, 1675; E. Benedict, 820; J. G. Griffiths, 1393; and W. S. Times, P.G.D.C. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Evans, W.M., proceeded, in an excellent manner, to instal Bro. A. Morrison, as his successor in the chair of W.M., and the "hearty good wishes" of about a score of representatives from other lodges proved how popular the new occupant of the chair was. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Evans, P.M. Treasurer; H. S. Alpass, P.M., P.G. Sec.; W. Lee, Dir. of Ceremonies; Samuel Hikins, S.W.; Robert Roberts, J.W.; Henry Worthington, Secretary; Ralph Webster, S.D.; Walter W. Thomas, J.D.; Edward Jarvis, I.G.; John H. Davis, S.S.; and William P. Vine, J.S. Between fifty and sixty brethren, after business, banquetted in the lodge room under the presidency of Bro. A. Morrison, W.M., the catering being in the capable keeping of Bro. W. S. Vines, W.M. 1299, P.G.D.C. The ordinary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to during the pleasant evening's proceedings. Not the least interesting of the items on the programme was the presentation of a chaste and valuable electro plated tea and coffee service to Bro. T. Evans, I.P.M., for the valuable services which he had rendered to the Prince Arthur Lodge in particular and Masonry in general. The presentation was made by Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Evans. Songs and recitations were given during the evening by the various brethren.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The last meeting of this provincial lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when there were present amongst others Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; Court, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treasurer; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works, Middlesex, Secretary; W. H. Saunders, P.G.S. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Vaughan, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; Palmer, I.G.; Walls, P.G.O., Middlesex, D.C., (Freemason); Briggs, Steward; Ricknall, W.S.; Court, jun., Assistant Organist; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, and others. The minutes of the installation meeting in November last, having been read and confirmed, the W.M., assisted by his officers, passed Bro. Newton and initiated Mr. Rollard, both ceremonies being most ably and impressively performed. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the time-honoured preliminary Royal and Craft toasts, tersely but to the point. "The D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G.O.'s Present and Past," was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. C. Horsley, W. Wigginton, and T. C. Walls. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who congratulated Bro. Knaggs upon the excellent manner in which he had conducted the proceedings that day. In the course of his speech he also touched upon the great interest that the W.M. had always evinced in the welfare of the "Francis Burdett," and stated that he believed that his year of office would be as pleasurable to himself as it would be to every member of the lodge. This toast having been most warmly received, the W.M. made a modest reply, and immediately afterwards proposed "The Health of the Initiate," who briefly acknowledged the compliment paid him. "The Past Masters" was proposed in complimentary terms by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Saunders and Wigginton. In introducing "The Officers" the W.M. spoke very highly of the important services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Wigginton as founder, Master and Secretary, and also of the great interest taken in the fortunes of No. 1503, by Bro. Tomlinson, in the dual capacity of founder and Treasurer. The other working officials were also entitled to every praise for the manner in which they had hitherto discharged their duties, and he trusted that their zeal would in due time be rewarded, by their being successively elected to occupy the proud position which he then held. This toast having been duly acknowledged, the brethren shortly afterwards separated, until the second Wednesday in February next.

## INSTRUCTION.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE** (No. 1623).—The annual dinner of this flourishing lodge of instruction was held on the 17th inst., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, E.C. Bro. W. T. Adams, W.M. 1623, presided, supported by the following brethren: Bros. G. H. Stephens, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; E. Mallett, W.M. 1411, acting Secretary, in the absence of Bro. F. Walters. The lodge was opened with prayer, and the minutes of last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Stephens being elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge closed with prayer, and adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid dinner was served by Bro. T. Butt, the host, in his best style. The usual loyal and Craft toasts followed the banquet, and were suitably honoured. The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Preceptor," and "The Acting Secretary," were received with great enthusiasm, and were responded to in a most happy manner by the W.M., T. W. Adams; W. Pennefather, Preceptor; and E. Mallett, acting Secretary. "The Visitors" was also greeted with hearty expressions of goodwill, and responded to by Bro. Larking and others. In answer to an appeal from the chair, the sum of over £4 was collected in aid of the lodge charitable fund. Having passed the evening in a manner which augurs well for the future of the lodge, the brethren separated, having enjoyed some excellent songs during the evening, which was thoroughly successful throughout. There were present besides those already named Bros. Pearson, Faija, Combie, Stevens, Butt, Howes, Davis,

Snow, Morrison, Stuart, Smythe, Fairbank, Adams, Cellier, Urelfobs, Chapman, Barth, and Larking.

## Royal Arch.

**BARNSTAPLE.**—Chapter of Loyalty and Virtue (No. 251).—The fifty-seventh annual meeting of this old and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Queen Ann's-walk, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., for the purpose of electing officers for the year ensuing. The Principals' chairs were filled by Comp. Wm. Britton, Z.; J. T. Shapland, H.; and J. C. Oliver, J. The meeting was well attended, and after the usual preliminary business was transacted, the following were elected officers for the year ensuing:—Comps. J. T. Shapland, Z.; W. C. Oliver, H.; Jno. Brewer, J.; Wm. Britton, P.Z.; W. H. Toller, S.E.; E. Holmes, S.N.; T. Hancock, P.S.; Wm. Boyle, 1st A.S.; Wm. Young, 2nd A.S.; W. J. List, Treas.; Wm. Curtis, Reg.; O. J. Nicklin, S.W.B.; C. Whickham, St.B.; T. S. Herbert, M.C.; J. Edwards, Org.; R. P. Morrison, Steward; J. Hancock, Jan. Comp. Thomas Galway, of Chapter 46, Comber, C. Down, Ireland, was unanimously elected a joining member. Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, and partook of a splendid banquet got up by Mrs. Marsh, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

## Mark Masonry.

**MARYPORT.**—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maryport. On account of business and other engagements, there was only a limited attendance, the W.M., Bro. T. Mandle, P.G.S.W., being absent at Liverpool. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.M.O.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treasurer P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Banks, J.W., P.G.I.G.; Jas. Quay, Sec.; J. W. Robinson, R.M.; E. G. Mitchell, S.D.; J. W. Thompson, J.D.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. T. Lamonby, P.G.A.D.C., as Chaplain (Freemason); J. Stoddart, and J. Harris, Tyler. There being a candidate to ballot for and advance, (Bro. John Melmore, Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371), most of the officer's posts had to be doubled. After the lodge had been opened in form by Bro. Gardiner, P.M., the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after which the candidate was balloted for and approved, whereupon, Bro. J. H. Banks, J.W., ascended the dais, and performed the whole ceremony of advancement in first-class style. The lodge was then closed in form.

## Red Cross of Constantine.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—This conclave, met on Monday, Dec. 17th. The conclave was opened by the P.M.S., John Harrison, at 6 p.m. The minutes of former conclave of Sept. 25th and emergency of Nov. 18th were adopted. The ballot was taken separately for Bros. Slatier and Captain J. Andrews, Hants Volunteer Artillery, and proved unanimously in their favour. Bros. Slatier being in attendance was entrusted, installed and proclaimed. The annual balance sheet was passed. Sir Kts. Dixon, Brick, Richardson, and Reed signed and received their G. Con. certificates. Sir Kt. Harrison the retiring M.P.S. expressed his acknowledgements to the officers and members for their attention to duties and punctual attendance during the past year. The Recorder presented Em. Sir Kt. G. A. Green Past K. to the presiding officer, to receive the honour of enthronement as M.P.S.; for the coming year; and, he, having assented to the several questions contained in G. Statutes; Sir Kt. Adams was presented as Vy. elect for the purpose of consecration as Eusebius. All the Sir Kts. below the grade of Viceroy having retired, a college of Viceroy's was opened in ancient form, Sir Kt. Adams was entrusted, admitted and consecrated. The college was closed. All the Sir Kts. below the grade of M.P.S. having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was opened in ample form, Sir Kt. Green was entrusted, introduced and enthroned. The senate was closed, and the members re-admitted, when the M.P.S. invested his officers: Sir Kt. C. G. Adams, Viceroy; A. Nance, Jr. Sen. Gen.; W. Tuck, Jun. Gen.; J. Lillywhite, H.P.; J. Clay, P.S., Treas.; A. R. Robinson, P.S., Rec.; R. Osborne, Prefect; W. C. Redward, Sub-Prefect; G. Watson, Org.; G. Reading, Sen. Aide; A. M. Dixon, Jun. Aide; J. W. Stroud, Herald; and G. Copus, Sentinel. The M.P.S. stated that he would present four collars in addition to those already in use, and possibly some future M.P.S. or companion would append the required jewels. Thanks were unanimously expressed for this gift. The Int. Gen. proposed that the chair should be endowed with £10 10s. in part payment of the required sum to render the M.P.S. for the time being a life governor or vice-patron of the Masonic Institution for Girls, and associate the act with the name of the respected retiring M.P.S., who at a considerable sacrifice of both time and money had frequently travelled long distances to fill his place in the conclave ever since his installation into the Order. This was also carried, when Sir Kt. Harrison acknowledged the pleasure it gave him to see this so enthusiastically approved, and most feelingly dilated upon this compliment, which he valued more highly than anything else possibly could be. The Dep. Int. Gen. then rose, and requested permission to introduce a motion which had been discussed in the Perm. Council of No. 35 with satisfaction, and which he was confident would receive the approval and support of the members, viz., "That the continuous services of their valued Recorder, Sir Kt. Robinson, P.S., was deserving of some substantial acknowledgment, he was an active founder, who was unremitting in his exertions in founding



the conclave, and had ever since worked continuously, sparing neither labour or expense in its behalf, and that it is our desire that his name should be respectfully submitted to the consideration of the G. Sov. for some mark of his favour. This was supported by Sir Kt. Harrison and the Int. Gen., and adopted. The Recorder in acknowledging the honour thus proposed for him, stated that he was confident from the first that the Order must flourish eventually in this division; that this flattering mark of their approbation was most pleasing to him, and he hoped still (if life be spared) to work in the future as much or more than in the past. Several brethren having been proposed for installation, the conclave was closed at eight, when the Sir Knights adjourned to the George Hotel, High-street, Portsmouth, where the Red Cross annual festival of Sir Knights and brethren was held, under the presidency of Em. and Pl. Sir Kt. G. A. Green, M.P.S., supported on the right by the Int. Gen. of Hants, Dr. Knott, and visiting brethren, and on his left by the Dep. Int. Gen. Sir W. J. Clark, Lillywhite, Robinson, Groom, Simister, O'borne, and others. Letters were received from the G. Sov. Col. Burdett, J.P., Rev. Canon Beckles, Int. Gen. Dorset, expressive of regret at compulsory absence. After the tables were cleared, the usual toasts were duly honoured, that of Int. Gen. Hants, being proposed by the M.P.S. in most felicitous terms, making special mention of the great accession of numbers since the division had been under his generalship. Dr. Knott in responding paid a high compliment to the labours of the Past and Present Officers, expressing his conviction that all and each Sir Knight endeavoured to keep in view the high character of our Knightly Order, but above all the grand principle of Charity, and for the information of those brethren present who were not of the Red Cross Order he would state that the conclave being free from debt, had, at his suggestion made a commencement by endowing the chair with ten guineas for the Girls' School, associating with the donation the name of Bro. Past Master Harrison, who in carrying out his duties had frequently travelled many miles and sacrificed much time and money in so doing. When he contrasted their feebleness some two years since, with their present strength and prospects, he failed properly to express his thankfulness to those brethren; who in spite of good natured criticism and sometimes something more severe than that still held on the even tenor of their way, as Christian Masons; and were now receiving their reward in the acquisition of many P.M.'s. and past and present P.G. Officers to their standard; and, as their mission became known, the elite of Hampshire Masons would join:—still exercising a wise discretion in the admission of candidates; and thus maintain a real bond of brotherhood. In conclusion, he said this was, without exception, one of the happiest Masonic gatherings at which he had ever been present. This sentiment was cordially assented to by every Sir Knight and visitor present. The banquet by Mr. Kemp gave much satisfaction to all.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—Vigne Chapter Sovereign Prince Rose Croix, H.R.D.M. — The regular Advent meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, 19th December, at the Masonic Hall. After the chapter had been opened by Ill. Bro. S.G. Kirchhoffer, 30°, and certain formal business had been transacted, Bro. Kirchhoffer vacated his chair of office in favour of the Installing Officer, Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, 31°, who thereupon inducted Ill. Bro. Kirchhoffer into the chair, and in doing so expressed the great pleasure it gave him to instal his friend as M.W.S. of the Vigne Chapter. Bro. Kirchhoffer having been re-elected for a second term of office, in consequence of the efficient manner in which he had governed the chapter during the past year it was not necessary for him (Bro. Holmes) to perform the full ceremony of installation. He was glad, however, to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his re-appointment as it was an evidence of the good will of the brethren, and he hoped the chapter would prosper during his year of office. He would venture to remind the brethren of the great duty of obedience to the commands of the M.W.S., a duty especially inculcated in Freemasonry. He also would ask them to be careful in the selection of candidates for this office so that none but Masons of high social character should be admitted to this sublime degree. This he believed was the wish of the Supreme Council 33°. As they were doubtless aware the Rose Croix degree was the most widely diffused and probably the most ancient of any degree outside the Craft. It appeared under one form or another, in almost every known rite throughout the civilised world. It was formerly an appendant degree to the Order of the Temple and was given in Knight Templar Encampments, and he the speaker knew of one chapter where they would not admit candidates who were not already Templars. They would understand by all this how interesting the degree was, and for his own part he thought that every man should be a Mason, every Christian should be Rose Croix, and every gentleman a Templar. Bro. Holmes concluded his remarks by wishing the M.W.S. every prosperity both during his year of office and through the years to come. The M.W.S., returned thanks and proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Holmes for the instructive remarks he had made upon the degree. This was seconded by Bro. E. W. Rebbeck and carried unanimously. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year; alms were collected, and the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

Special Christmas Services will be held in St. Anne's Church, Soho, Westminster, on Fridays, December 28, 1877, January 4, 11, and 18, 1878, at eight o'clock, at which a selection from Bach's Christmas Oratorio will be sung, with orchestral accompaniment.

### WHO SHALL BE GREATEST?

This is a question of the highest importance, especially in a Masonic lodge, and just now it is propounded to us all. Another year has rolled away; we are approaching the festival of St. John's Day; and in all of our lodges each Freemason must answer the question we have placed at the head of this column. Let us see to it that it is answered aright, for an erroneous answer may bring the saddest consequences upon the Craft.

At the annual election of your lodge, you are called upon to determine not only who shall be greatest during the approaching Masonic year, but also, practically, who shall be greatest during the two succeeding years, for the Senior and Junior Wardens almost invariably are regularly advanced to the supreme station in the lodge. Certainly there are two questions of prime importance, namely, who shall be Master and who Junior Warden; and there are two other questions, of only less importance, as to who shall occupy the Treasurer's and the Secretary's stations, for absolute fidelity is required in the one, and unusual accuracy and business tact in the other. First as to the Master:

Character is the primary and absolute pre-requisite of a Worshipful Master; without it he is but a shadow, or worse. See to it, then, that your candidate stands well with the world, is unblemished morally, and is such a one as will enforce the precepts he utters by his example. One of the duties of the Master (if not delegated to a Chaplain) is to address the Great Architect of the Universe in prayer, and it ill becomes him who is not distinguished by sobriety in word and deed to stand between man and his Maker.

Intelligence is the secondary qualification—secondary only in order, however, not in importance, for how can a ruler govern without it? This word intelligence covers many requisites, such as knowledge of the work of the lodge, acquaintance with men and measures, information as to the origin and history of the fraternity, and aptness in instructing his subordinates and the brethren subject to his authority. We do not say that the Master must necessarily be a scholar and person of literary ability, although such qualifications will adorn the dignity of his station, and render the performance of its duties polished as well as instructive. Novices are to be taught the mysteries of Freemasonry, and all of the members are to be led by a way that they know not up to the stature, morally and intellectually, of Masonic manhood. Intelligence of no mean order is needed for the accomplishment of this work.

Ambition may be named as the third qualification—ambition to excel. There are twelve months in the year, and the duties of each succeeding month shall be increasingly well performed. The best of us are learners, including teachers themselves. He who cannot learn should not teach. When the first year rolls around, if a laudable ambition has been exhibited, and it is justified by results, a second term may and should reward the Master, and distinguish the lodge. We believe in second terms—when they are deserved. When character and intelligence are matched with ambition in the Master, the lodge cannot do better, or so well, as to retain him.

Bro. Oliver hit the nail upon the head when he said, in one aphorism: "An incompetent person in the chair of a lodge is like a hawk on the wing, from which all the inferior birds hasten to escape, and leave him the sole tenant of the sky. In the same manner, such a master will cause the lodge to be deserted by its best members, and to be left alone in his glory." Here we have a key to a mystery which we will unfold.

The ability or ignorance of the Master, as the case may be, will gauge the attendance at the lodge. Brethren will not go there for nothing; they will not dance attendance, and every time be sent empty away; and if the Master is incompetent, the number of non-affiliates will also be rapidly increased. It is indisputable that lodge meetings should be made interesting; and to do this the work must be well performed, or if there be no work, something that is legitimately Masonic must be improvised to take its place.

If a brother be ambitious, and intelligent, or seeking to be intelligent, he will be a "reading Mason." Every candidate for Masonic office should be of this class, now a growing, if not a large one. Freemasonry possesses vast literary treasures. Nearly four thousand volumes have been written upon it and its related branches. There is no dearth of intelligence, then, in books, if there be in men; and this intelligence is readily available to make a Craftsman wise. We have known of a young Mason, only six months after his initiation, elected to the Master's station. This was the fruit of character, industry and study. An easy and handy way of increasing one's knowledge is to take and read a Masonic newspaper. It will keep one not only abreast with the current news of the day, but also acquainted with the latest decisions in Masonic law, and with discussions relating to the leading principles of Freemasonry. In every jurisdiction the judicious voter might advantageously ask of each candidate, "Do you take and read a Masonic journal?" Lord Chancellor Bacon said, "Reading makes a full man," and we need full men, intellectually, in all of the chairs of the lodge. Brethren, everywhere, select the ablest and best members for office, and the Craft during the approaching year will largely prosper, the meetings will be fully attended, and "more light" will be dispensed in Freemasonry."—*Keystone.*

Students of chymistry will be interested by the following telegram from Professor Pietet, of Geneva, which was received yesterday by Professor Tyndall:—"Oxygene liquifié samedi par acides sulfuroux et carboniques combinés. Pression 320 atmosphères. Température 100deg. Centigrade de froid." Hitherto all attempts to liquify oxygen have failed."

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY.**—This week has been completed the window erected by the Dean to the memory of Lady Augusta Stanley above her grave in Henry VII.'s Chapel. It is executed by Messrs. Clayton and Bell in the style of the stained glass of the period of the building of the chapel. In the upper compartment the subjects are taken from the history of the Bruce family:—1. King Robert Bruce watching the spider—"Patience worketh experience, and experience hope;" 2. King Robert Bruce halting the army for the sake of a poor washerwoman—"Be pitiful, be courteous;" 3. King Robert Bruce bequeathing his heir to Douglas—"Keep that good thing committed to thee;" 4. Lord Elgin dying in India—"Faithful unto death: I give thee a crown of life;" 5. Robert Bruce guiding the Prince of Wales to Jerusalem—"I will be surety for him: of my hand require him;" 6. Frederick Bruce's remains brought from America—"The path of the just is a shining light." In the lower compartment the subjects represent Lady Augusta Stanley in the six acts of mercy (Matt. xxv., 35, 36, 37) 1, feeding the hungry; 2, giving drink to the thirsty; 3, receiving the stranger; 4, clothing the poor; 5, visiting the sick; 6, delivering the prisoner. The heraldic emblems consist of the armorial bearings of the houses of Stanley and Bruce, with those of the Lyncaster and Oswald families. At the two sides are the armorial bearings of the House of Orleans (as represented in the tomb of the Duke of Montpensier) on the east side, and of the Worsley family (as represented on the grave of General Worsley) on the west. The vacant spaces are filled with the Royal insignia of Henry VII.'s Chapel from the Tudor dynasty—namely, the porcupine of the house of Beaufort (John of Gwent), the daisies of Margaret Richmond (mother of Henry VII.), the greyhound of the house of York, the fetterlock of the house York (Elizabeth of York), the dragon of Wales (Owen Tudor), the crown on the bush (the battle of Bosworth), the white and red rose (union of the houses of York and Lancaster). A window (also by Messrs. Clayton and Bell) has been completed in memory of the Ashantee war in St. Michael's Chapel, in the north transept, representing St. Michael in Heaven, and St. George and St. Maurice on earth.

**CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.**—A popular authority, speaking of the Christmas waits, instances London as waiting for Cleopatra's Needle. *Punch* and his friend the public will doubtless be glad to hear that in all likelihood London will not have to wait very long. The law's delays are proverbial, and maritime law is no exception to the rule. Hence, when Mr. John Dixon's cylinder ship *Cleopatra*, with the obelisk on board, besides being wrecked in the Bay of Biscay, was caught in the meshes of a salvage suit, there were but too good grounds for fearing that the new and thorny questions sure to be raised by counsel in so peculiar a case might almost indefinitely detain her at Ferrol, so that none could tell when she might be looked for in the Thames. Happily, there are ways and means of smoothing over such difficulties, and, thanks to the good sense and right feeling of the litigating parties, these have been resorted to. Mr. Dixon has given bail in the Admiralty Court to the owners of the *Fitzmaurice*, the ship which picked up the *Cleopatra* after she had been cut adrift by the *Olga*, to meet such salvage as shall be ultimately awarded. Accordingly a week or two ago Captain Carter, the master of the floating needle-case, was sent out to Ferrol, with a picked English crew, to resume possession of his ship, and a telegram announcing his arrival has now reached Mr. Dixon's office. He reports himself and crew all well; he has inspected the *Cleopatra*, and found her in much better trim than might have been looked for considering what she has gone through. The necessary repairs can be completed, he says, in ten days. Mr. Dixon has already arranged with Mr. William Watkins for the hire of one of his powerful Channel tugs to fetch the *Cleopatra* from Ferrol. The contract is for £500, payment to be contingent on the obelisk ship's safely reaching her moorings in the Thames. Mr. Dixon has consulted some of the most experienced captains in the service of the Peninsular and Oriental Company, and they are agreed in the opinion that the season of the year presents no sufficient reason for the ship being kept at Ferrol. It has been decided to send a tug for her instead of simply engaging some merchant steamer to call for her, as the tug would be wholly at her service, could have no interest clashing with the speedy and safe arrival of the *Cleopatra* at her destination, and can wait, if need be, for what in nautical phrase is termed "a streak of fair weather" for the voyage. Across the Bay of Biscay the distance is 350 miles, and as much more may be reckoned to the Thames, and it is computed that, in favourable circumstances, the whole 700 miles could be traversed by one of Mr. Watkins' fine Channel tugs, with the *Cleopatra* in her wake, in five days.

**THE ST. PANCRAS GARDENS.**—The Special Committee appointed for the laying out of the old St. Pancras and St. Giles-in-the-Fields burying-grounds as gardens have reported to the Vestry that Lady Burdett-Coutts had evinced great interest in the affair by erecting a marble monument to the memory of John Walker, author of "Walker's Pronouncing Dictionary." They approved also of a very handsome design for a memorial sundial to be erected by her Ladyship to the memory of the illustrious dead lying in the grounds. This memorial will cost probably £3,000, and will be of a unique character and of lasting usefulness in recording the names of the many distinguished and other persons buried there. The committee reported further that the sum of £1000, presented by the Baroness, had been expended in the erection of a greenhouse, in accordance with the suggestion of her Ladyship. The report was approved on the motion of Mr. Westcott, the chairman of the committee.

Two Royal Academicians were elected the week before last—Mr. W. O. Orchardson and Mr. R. Norman Shaw, the architect.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee and subscribers to this Institution met on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall. Colonel Creation, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, Thos. W. White, H. A. Dubois, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, Herbert Dickets, John Boyd, H. Venn, R. B. Webster, H. Massy (*Freemason*), Peter De L. Long, H. Potter, R. W. Little (Secretary), and F. W. Hedges.

The brethren accepted five candidates for election in April and deferred one case for better reading, and one for further information.

The Committee declared vacancies for eighteen children at April election, for which there are 23 candidates.

Bro. Joshua Nunn's motion was adopted for increasing the salaries at the School as follows:—Miss Jarwood, (matron), from £100 to £125; Miss Davis, (head governess), from £140 to £160; Miss Carr, (teacher), from £65 to £75; Miss Redgrave, (teacher), from £45 to £50; Miss Triggs, (teacher), from £30 to £40; Miss Buck, (teacher), from £30 to £40; Miss Shepherd, (assistant matron), from £30 to £40; Miss Hutchinson, (teacher), from £20 to £25; Miss Flintoff, (teacher), from £6 to £10; Miss Groves, (pupil teacher), from £2 to £4; and Miss Barrow, £2 and clothing; making a total increase in the salaries of £112 from January 1st, 1878.

Notice of motion for next Quarterly Court was given for the purchase of a slip of land adjoining the school, and for building a wall from the new laundry down to the piece of ground just purchased.

Notice of motion from the Quarterly Court was also given by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart "That a committee be appointed to consider the system of education which is pursued in the school, with a view to ascertaining whether any improvement can be effected."

The Committee then adjourned.

**POST OFFICE FACILITIES.**—Mr. J. Mc'Intosh, M.S.A., F.R.H.S., writes to the Times from 38, Langham-street:—"Having lately been over the General Post Offices of London, New York, and several large cities, it struck me, it would very greatly facilitate the sorting of letters in all post offices if each large town had a different coloured envelope, which could be picked out by the sorters immediately without examining the addresses; for instance—London, red; Edinburgh, yellow; Dublin, green; Paris, blue, and so on until the prism was exhausted. Envelopes might also be striped with one, two, or three broad or narrow lines. Envelopes of foreign countries with the national flag on the left-hand corner, or any bold device which would at once catch the sorter's eye, would be of great use."

**GEOGRAPHY MADE EASY.**—Some time ago the Lyons Geographical Society suggested an original means of vulgarising geographical knowledge. It proposed that the French railway companies should add to the names of their stations certain information of a geographical or statistical nature. A traveller passing along a line would thus learn something about the geographical position, the elevation above the sea level, the population, leading industries, and so on of the towns he passed. This suggestion has already been acted upon by the Southern and Eastern Railway Companies. The same society has proposed that a geographical pillar—*pierre géographique*—should be erected in every commune throughout France. The idea has met with the approbation of the French Academy, and a model pillar is to be erected at Lyons. We remember having seen a similar structure at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, close to the Schiller statue. The information it supplied was of the most miscellaneous character. There were barometers, aneroids, thermometers, and other meteorological instruments; maps of the town and environs; the bearings and distances of the capitals of Europe and the places of interest in the neighbourhood were given, as likewise information of special interest to visitors. This pillar we understand, was set up by a local improvement society.—*Athenæum*.

Electrical apparatus for lighting churches and other public buildings are becoming general in the United States. Recently this method has been adopted for the street lamps. In Rhode Island 220 lamps, stretching over nine miles of streets, are now lighted in about 15 seconds.

**BRAZILIAN BUTTER.**—The *Medical Examiner* observes that there are four native modes of making butter in the Empire of Brazil. The first is by putting the milk in a common bowl and beating it with a spoon, as you would an egg. The second by pouring the milk into a bottle and shaking it till the butter appears, when it is removed by breaking off the top of the bottle, as bottles are valueless in that part of South America on account of the vast number imported with foreign fruits and liquids. The third, when the dairy is more extensive, is performed by filling a hide with the milk, which is lustily shaken by an athletic native at each end until butter is produced. The fourth, which is considered to indicate vast progress over any of the preceding methods, consists in dragging the hide or leathern vessel, filled with milk, on the ground after a galloping horse, until it is supposed the butter is formed. The milk is never strained and the butter never washed.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—A Cure for Abscesses, Piles, Fistulas, and Sores.—The many satisfactory cures resulting from the use of this invaluable Ointment in cases where patients have been suffering from these complaints, have induced many medical practitioners to introduce them into the hospitals and their private practices; and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable, Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, has healed the most desperate wounds. These medicaments are unequalled for the cure of scrofula and diseases of the skin. In all cutaneous affections incidental to children, from the simple red gum to the complicated scrofulous disease, Holloway's Ointment exercises a remarkably beneficial influence, cooling inflammation, relieving irritation, and giving ease to the impatient little sufferer. —ADVT.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

We are happy to announce that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Senior Grand Warden, has graciously consented to pre-ide at the 80th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The installation of Bro. T. E. S. Jelley as W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, Bruton, took place on Thursday week. The ceremony was performed by W. Bro. R. C. Else, V.W.D.P.G.M., of Somerset. There was a large attendance of Brethren.

Mr. Shaw, the manager of the South-Eastern Railway Company, has written to several of the local governing bodies, stating that the new line from Woolwich to London, via Greenwich, will be opened on Jan. 1.

In Scotland it seems that Christmas Day was observed with more than usual geniality. It is noted that year by year the tendency to keep the religious festival rather than New Year's Day shows an increase.

We learn with sincere sorrow of the death of Bro Richard Wolf, of Worcester. We hope to furnish our readers with an obituary of this distinguished Mason in our next.

The London *Freemason* has been enlarged from sixteen pages to twenty. This is a sign of prosperity which its publisher well deserves, for he makes an admirable Masonic paper.—*Masonic Review* (U.S.A.), Dec. 1877.

Her Majesty's Christmas bounty to the poor of the metropolis and its environs was distributed on Friday and Saturday week and on Monday, at the Almonry Office, Scotland-yard, Whitehall.

On Monday afternoon the Prince of Wales and his sons were present at the annual distribution of beef to the poor people on the Sandringham Estate. The recipients were nearly 200 in number.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her Majesty's intention of conferring on Lord Lytton, her Majesty's Viceroy and Governor-General of India, the honour of the Grand Cross of the Civil Division of the Order of the Bath.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales attended the Special Advent Services at St. Anne's Church, Soho, Westminster, on Friday evening, the 22nd inst.

A Wolverhampton correspondent says that Lord Dudley and party, counting in all five guns, bagged three thousand head of game in three days ending last week. The battue took place in his lordship's well-stocked preserves at Baggesbury Woods, and Black Hills.

A branch of the Volunteer Sick-Bearers' Association has been started by the officers of the garrison and others at Woolwich. Many of the arsenal employes have promised to attend the classes and receive instruction in attending to injured persons, and the association are endeavouring to procure the attendance of as many railway servants as can be spared to attend.

**SEA SERPENTS.**—The gigantic whale captured in February last in the Gulf of Taranto, Italy, has been subjected to a critical examination by Professor Capellini, who, in a report lately published, states it as his opinion that the whale is of a species hitherto unknown to science, and he has named it *Balaena tarentina*, in allusion to the locality of its capture. This unlooked-for discovery of a new species of huge marine animal, taken in connection with the alleged appearance of another "monster" a short time later, and in the same neighbourhood, as vouched for by the officers of the Royal yacht Osborne, is regarded as a strong argument in favour of the existence of unknown huge marine living objects, such as are popularly indicated by the name of "sea serpents." The opinion is gaining ground in Italy that the sea serpent of the Royal yacht was some creature usually living at the bottom of the sea, but disturbed by submarine volcanic phenomena.

The other day a curious application was made by the owner of a picture, "The Raising of Lazarus," which had been sent to a dealer to be restored. When the upper paint or dirt had been removed a valuable portrait of a lady, by Lely, was discovered beneath, and the dealer threatened, unless a sum, in addition to the amount he had originally agreed to take, were given to him, to paint over the picture again with some indelible substance. The Master of the Rolls granted an interim injunction restraining the defendant from mutilating or destroying the picture, and also made an order for the inspection of the picture by the person serving the injunction.

**A FASTING GIRL.**—Martha White has died at Market Harborough, Leicestershire, under very peculiar circumstances. She had been ill five years and is popularly supposed to have taken no food for four years. She was at first attended by Mr. Francis, surgeon, and latterly by Dr. Grant, his successor, and has been kept alive by the injection of morphia into her system. The case has excited considerable interest among the medical profession. It is stated that a post-mortem examination fully satisfied the doctors who made it that no food had passed the stomach for a long time.

I have received a Post-office order for eight shillings from Nemo, Wakefield, for the poor children's dinners, to which reference was lately made in Barrel Organ. The amount seems to have been subscribed "by a few of the members of the Wakefield Lodge of Freemasons." Nemo remarks, that he sends the money direct to me, in order that I may know that the "Barrel Organ" made no uncertain sound in Wakefield. I am indeed pleased to hear this, and hope that many other people will, during the next few days forward their mite to Messrs Ransomes, Boverie, and Co., 1, Pall Mall East, to whom I have sent this eight shillings, in order that many poor children may have a substantial proof that it is Christmas.—*Truth*.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart has given notice of motion for the next Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, "That a committee be appointed to consider the system of education which is pursued in the school, with a view of ascertaining whether any improvement can be effected."

We are asked to state that on and after Friday next the Royal standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, will meet at the Alwyne Castle, (Bro. T. Meckham's), St. Paul's-road, Canonbury.

We understand that Mr. Henry Dymond, the *Morning Advertiser's* correspondent, lately returned from the seat of war is a candidate for initiation into Freemasonry.

The American lady pedestrian, Miss Bertha von Hillern, of Philadelphia, is going to attempt a walk of 150 miles in 50 hours.

"Belated Sisters" is the latest title for old maids across the Atlantic.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' on Thursday increased the salaries of the staff at the school by £112 a year.

**THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA.**—Her Majesty the Empress of Austria, accompanied by His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince Rodolphe of Austria, will arrive in London from the Continent on the 31st inst., and will stay for the night at Claridge's Hotel. Her Majesty intends to proceed immediately to Cottesbrook-park, in Northamptonshire, while the Crown Prince proposes to remain in London for the purpose of visiting the scientific institutions and studying industrial and commercial life here. His Imperial Highness will afterwards undertake a tour through the principal manufacturing districts. The Ministerial Councillor and Deputy Consul-General, Chevalier de Scherzer, the well-known author of the great work on the Novara Expedition, has been ordered by the Government to assist and attend the Prince during his stay in this country.

**TEMPLE BAR.**—A correspondent sends us the following verses, as likely to be of interest to the curious reader just at the present moment, when Temple Bar is in the course of demolition. They are said to have been published as far back as the year 1788; and it is to be hoped that the bad consequences which they predict as likely to follow on the removal of the Bar will not be realised:—

"If the Gate is pulled down, 'twixt the Court and the City,

"You'll blend in one mass prudent, worthless, and witty;

"If you league cit and lordling as brother and brother,

"You'll break order's chain, and they'll war with each other.

"Like the Great Wall of China, it keeps out the Tartars

"From making irruptions where industry barters.

"Like Samson's wild foxes, they'll fire your houses,

"And madden your spinsters, and cozen your spouses.

"They'll destroy in one sweep both the mart and the forum,

"Which your fathers held dear, and their fathers before them."—*Times*.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary" for 1878. (George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street, and all booksellers.) This welcome companion of the Free and Elected Mason is too well known to require comment. It contains information connected with every lodge throughout the world. In pocket-book form, price 2s.—*Hornet*.

**SCHOOLS OF ART.**—At the distribution of the prizes to the students of the Manchester School of Art recently, Sir Henry Cole, C.B., remarked that genius was the gift of Heaven and could not be created by any school. One of the chief functions of Schools of Art was, in his opinion, to train workmen to reproduce works of art for the benefit of the public. The problem was to unite the artist and the workman—to gratify, not one person only, but millions; and this, he maintained, was being successfully done. He ridiculed the idea entertained by some artists that the reproduction by copyists of works of art was only mechanical and not artistic work, and said that for all the purposes for which fine art existed, a copy, if it was a thoroughly good one, and especially if, as often happened, it could not be distinguished from the original, was as valuable as the original for all practical purposes. Fine art as applied to industry had made great, and would make still greater, strides in this country, conducing enormously to the pleasure, the material prosperity, and the elevation of the people. He also strongly urged that the ratepayers of Manchester should get the corporation to undertake the work of forming and maintaining an art gallery for the city. It may be mentioned that at the next meeting of the City Council a motion will be brought forward for the appointment of a committee to consider what assistance the corporation can give to the scheme which the Committee of the School of Art have in hand.

**A SPURIOUS PICTURE.**—A curious action was dealt with by the Common Pleas Division lately. The plaintiff, a picture-dealer, having bought a picture bearing what was supposed to be the signature of Mr. J. E. Herbert, R.A., took it to that gentleman to ascertain whether it was genuine. Mr. Herbert not only pronounced it to be a forgery, "a mere daub," but refused to give it up unless the owner would undertake not to sell it again. Hence the action, which resulted in the order of the Court for the picture to be given up, or the payment of £10, the amount at which the jury had assessed its value. It is rather humiliating to reflect that with all our boast of culture, taste, and art-education, there are people who will gladly give £250 for a picture which bears some celebrated name, but that if that name turn out to be a forgery, the work itself, hitherto so highly prized, becomes in their estimation a "mere daub."



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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

GALE.—On the 21st inst., at Cheltenham, the wife of C. F. Gale, Esq., of a daughter.

STANLEY-SMITH.—On the 20th inst., at Remington House, Powls-square, Brighton, Mrs. J. Stanley-Smith, of a son (still born).

## MARRIAGE.

CLUTTERBUCK—MORGAN.—On the 7th ult., at St. James's Anarkulle, Punjab, Capt. Thomas St. Quintin Clutterbuck, 29th Punjab Regt. Native Infantry, to Nellie, daughter of Col. W. D. Morgan, Commandant 32nd Punjab Pioneers.

## DEATHS.

FELLOWS.—On the 23rd inst., at Shotesham Park, Norfolk, Evelyn Marcella, daughter of R. Fellows, Esq.

FILDES.—On the 25th inst., Philip Luke, son of Luke and Fanny Fildes, of Melbury-road, Holland Park, Kensington, W., aged one year.

GALLOWAY.—On the 22nd inst., at Hyde Park-square, Richard Hodgson Galloway, Esq., aged 68.

PAYTON.—On the 24th ult., at Mogadore, Morocco, Joseph Payton, aged 38.

SMITH.—On the 16th inst., at Mentone, Edmund Denman, Smith, Capt. 3rd Goorkha Regt., Bengal Army, aged 36.

STAPLES.—On the 23rd inst., at High-street, Fulham, Ellen Brice, wife of C. A. Staples, aged 61.

SUTCLIFFE.—On the 24th inst., at his residence, Stallingsboro' House, John Sutcliffe, R.W.P.G.M.M. of Lincolnshire, aged 65 years.

WOODFORD.—On the 23rd inst., at Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset, George Augustus Woodforde, aged 76.

WOOF.—On the 15th inst., Richard Woof, Esq., F.S.A., aged 56.

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With this, our concluding *Freemason* for 1877, we think it well to call the attention of our readers to the Masonic events of the past twelve months, trusting that they may find some pleasant reminiscences, and some seasonable thoughts in this remarkable record of another twelve months of Masonic life, of Masonic labour. And though we leave 1877, as far as Anglo-Saxon Masonry is concerned, with every feeling of satisfaction and confidence, we feel bound to admit that in respect of many sections of Foreign Freemasonry, our voice is and must be a voice of reprobation, of warning, and of mistrust.

JANUARY witnessed, as most befitting the commencement of a new Masonic year of light and beneficence, the vote of £4000 by the Grand Lodge—an especial Grand Lodge—to establish two lifeboats in perpetuation of the safe return of our Royal Grand Master from India, and to assuage in some fitting measure the often stormy waves of human destruction and human sorrow. In this month we also gladly note that New Year entertainments were given at the three great Metropolitan charitable Institutions, to the inmates, a goodly custom always to be carefully observed. We remember also that in January, the Starkie Lodge, No. 1634, was consecrated, and that the New Temple of St. John's Lodge, Antigua, 492, was dedicated. A grand Masonic ball in Liverpool was also given, which was marked by equal success, in aid of the Provincial Charity and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and by a numerous and pleasant meeting.

FEBRUARY. We had the usual meeting of the Grand Chapter of England, though no important business was transacted. In this month the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place, over which Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was to have presided, but was prevented by indisposition. His absence, though most deeply regretted on every account, was admirably filled up by our lamented Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury. The noble sum of £12,900 in round numbers, was collected, much to the gratification of all supporters of that excellent Institution, and to the great credit of all concerned in the arrangement and management of that most admirable charity of our Order. We believe that since that time other lists have come in, making the amount £16,300 in round numbers. Bro. Sir George Elliot was appointed Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, and our respected Bro. R. W. Little, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex; and Bro. David Murray Lyon announced himself as candidate for the vacant office of Grand Secretary for Scotland. We have to record in this month the happy consecration of the Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, under some striking circumstances, as well as the Wolsey Lodge, 1656. Bro. Walters, P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, was presented in February, with a purse of £180, and a silver inkstand, value £20. February also witnessed the laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall at Bournemouth. We had also to announce that in February the first annual meeting of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held.

MARCH, always a busy month for English Freemasons, beheld the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, when the previous grant of £4000 was confirmed, and a picture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., by Bro. Louis Desanges, was presented to Grand Lodge by the Lodge of Friendship, and heartily accepted. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was unanimously confirmed and proclaimed Grand Master of English Freemasonry. Our worthy Bro. Samuel Tomkins was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer. At the Provincial Grand Chapter for Cornwall held this month, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was installed as Provincial Grand Superintendent. We had to note during this month the conse-

cration of the Stuart Lodge, 1632; of the Beaconsfield Lodge, 1662; of the Skelmersdale Lodge, 1658; of the Mizpah Lodge, 1671; as well as of the Croydon Mark Lodge, 198. In this month Bro. D. Murray Lyon was elected by a large majority, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He is emphatically the right man in the right place, and will, we feel sure, gradually restore confidence and raise the prestige of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In March also, the annual meeting of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, and Masonic Widows' Fund took place, as well as the first anniversary meeting of the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association.

APRIL witnessed the Annual Festival of the English Grand Lodge, when their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were appointed the two Grand Wardens. Such an unusual coincidence of three Royal brethren high in office, reminded old Masons of olden days of Royal patronage and presence. In April the following consecrations of lodges took place, namely, of the Southern Cross Lodge, 1590, Africa; the Amatole Lodge, 1640; the Ancient Britons' Lodge, 1675; the Samson Lodge, 1661; the Adelphi Lodge, 1670; the Scarlet Mark Lodge, 184; and the Phoenix Chapter, 173. April which welcomed the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodges of West Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Queensland, and the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire, also beheld the consecration of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire. In this month Bro. Lord Leigh, amid a numerous assemblage, laid the foundation stone of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-upon-Avon, and a concert was given successfully in aid of the Upper Norwood Masonic Benevolent Fund. In May the Supreme Grand Chapter met, and we note also the assembly of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire and Leicestershire. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Cumberland and Westmoreland also assembled, and Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., was appointed P.G.M. of Sussex, Bro. M. J. Guest was installed Provincial G.M. of Dorsetshire, and Bro. W. J. Hammond, District G.M. of Jamaica. The Annual Festival of the Girls' School under the presidency of Lord Suffield took place, when the large amount of £9800, in round numbers, which sum has been since slightly increased, was collected. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided in May at two meetings of the Masonic Orphan School, Dublin, with great kindness, and made a truly Masonic speech. During May the anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction was held, and our esteemed Bro. Henry Muggeridge greatly lauded for his faithful Masonic labours. In this month the Exeter Masonic Hall was dedicated, and the following lodges were consecrated:—Mornington Lodge, 1672; Henry Muggeridge Lodge, 1679; while the two chapters, Felicity, 438, and Stratford, 464, were properly dedicated. The Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was duly and Masonically celebrated.

IN JUNE, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Lord Donoughmore made an able report as to the two life boats which the Life Boat Institution had agreed to establish for the £4000 voted by Grand Lodge. During June H.R.H. Prince Leopold presided at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire, and Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., was installed Prov. Grand Master of Sussex. Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. for Norfolk, presided at the distribution of the prizes to the students in our Girls' School. June witnessed the consecration of the Newton Lodge, 1661; Tonbridge Lodge, 1678; Crusaders Lodge, 1677; Guelph Lodge, 1685; and the Hervey Lodge, 1692. The Annual Festival of the Boys' School was celebrated at the Alexandra Palace, our fair sisters gracing the festive board, when the goodly return of £13,200, in round numbers, was announced; this amount has reached since then, we understand, £13,500. Thus the year of grace and light 1877 beheld the unexampled sum of nearly £40,000 collected for our great Metropolitan Charities—all honour to our Craft. The whole returns for the charities for the close of 1877 are very promising. The Centenary Festival of



the Lodge of Peace, 149, was also kept in June.

JULY, a somewhat slack month in English Masonry, saw the foundation stone laid of the Masonic Hall, Launceston, Cornwall, by Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. There was also in this month the opening of the New Masonic Hall, Sheffield, before a numerous assembly of the brethren, and with great eclat.

IN AUGUST we had to record the consecration of the Rothesay Lodge, 1687; the Caradoc Lodge, 1674; the Kingsland Lodge, 1693; and the United Strength Chapter, and the St. John's Chapter, at Timaru, New Zealand.

SEPTEMBER, which hailed the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, also beheld the consecration of the Evening Star Lodge, 1719, under most auspicious circumstances, as well as that of the Corbet Lodge, 1583; and the All Saint's Lodge, 1716. In this month Bro. Col. McLeod Moore delivered his annual address to the Grand Priory of Canada. But September is, and will be, a memorable one in the annals of Freemasonry, on account of the ill-omened proceedings and unmasonic resolution of the Grand Orient of France. A factitious and political agitation had caused the Grand Orient most needlessly and unseasonably to submit a certain "vœu" or wish, to the lodges of France. This was, that "belief in God and the immortality of the soul" should be struck out of the enactments of the Book of Constitutions. Had these hasty reformers proposed as with us, to separate the Charges from the Laws, we should not have found fault. But such was not the object of those who created and carried through this Masonic revolution. Indeed, it was openly admitted, that the object was to facilitate the admission of certain persons into French Freemasonry whom the present "formulæ" hindered or kept out. Hence it was clear that the great idea was to pave the way for the entrance either of the pure materialistic unbeliever, or some zealous disciple of Massol's "Morale Independante." The French Grand Orient, by unwisely yielding to this idle clamour and this political movement, has inflicted one of the greatest blows on Freemasonry which it has ever received.

IN OCTOBER, the *Freemason* started an Indian Famine Fund, which was kindly supported by some lodges and brethren. October was a great month for the consecration of lodges, for it witnessed the following: New Buxton Lodge, 1688; New Finsbury Park Lodge, 1695; Wilbraham Lodge, 1713; The Albert Edward Lodge, 1714; Arthur John Brogden Lodge, 1715; Hartismere Lodge, 1663; and the Sub-Urban Lodge 1702; We had also to record the consecration of three Chapters: New Concord Chapter, 813; Skelmersdale Chapter, 1874; Islington Chapter, 1871. In October, we have also to note, the Masonic presentation to that worthy and distinguished Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart and M.P.

IN NOVEMBER, the consecration of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge took place, with every promise of a peaceful future, and the centenary of the York Lodge, No. 236, was held at York, before a distinguished company, and with every association of success. The York Lodge is, for various reasons, well known to Masonic Students, as one of the most historic lodges in England.

DECEMBER welcomed the meeting of Grand Lodge, when Lord Carnarvon, after a most able speech, referred to the mournful question of the Grand Orient of France, which was submitted to a select committee of eleven, and the subject will be fully discussed in March. French brethren, whose certificates date before September 13th, can still be admitted into our lodges. The words he spoke so well, and the cheers of the brethren, must have convinced our French brethren that they had no hope of sympathy in the smallest measure from the Grand Lodge of England, or any English brethren, and that, to use a familiar expression, they had not "a leg to stand upon." At the same Grand Lodge Bro. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., brought forward the question of the German Hebrews, as well as 300 petitions of English lodges, relating to the same subject. But Grand Lodge had clearly no right to interfere with the matter, though there was but one

opinion as to the unrighteous and unmasonic exclusion of the Hebrews. We shall hope that the German Grand Lodges may see their way to make their Masonry, as with us, Universal. During the last twelve months English Masonry has progressed in the most wondrous manner. Indeed, we must all of us somewhat fear, that in the creation of new lodges, and the admission of too many candidates we are somewhat overdoing it, and shall one day have to pay the penalty. We have raised in 1877 the largest sum ever given for our charities, but it is clear that if we progress in numbers at the rate we do, either we must increase our Metropolitan Charities, or set up provincial "Succursales," to use a French word, in fact, subsidiary institutions. We leave English Freemasonry on the whole in a very satisfactory state, and we bid farewell to 1877, and we look forward to 1878 with legitimate pride in our Order, and with every confidence in the onward and peaceful career of our good old Craft. We wish that we could say the same for foreign Freemasonry. We fear that a cloud is drawing over it, which may one day burst and do severe damage to our Order. The unwise proceedings in France, foolishly copied in Belgium, have greatly agitated continental Freemasonry, and have lighted a torch and thrown down a stumbling block, which seem to point to burning questions and serious obstacles. If any other Grand Lodges seriously support the revolutionary aims and acts of the Grand Orient of France, we fear that we shall witness much confusion and disorder in Foreign Freemasonry. Under the specious cry of toleration, some are hastily clamouring and lauding a great unwholesome "coup de change." If the example of the French Grand Orient is followed, we think that the future of continental Freemasonry is likely to be very gloomy. Indeed, such Godless teaching and unwise proceedings can only end in the downfall of Freemasonry. "Mole ruit sua." There are, it would seem, ninety-five governing bodies in the world, and five independent lodges in Germany. This is an immense organization representing a large membership, though not so large as some writers unwisely put it. We should say according to the best calculations, that the number of Masons in the world may be approximately stated at 300,000. Is it too much to hope or to expect that this great body of Masons in the world will carefully adhere to our ancient landmarks, and avoid, with one consent, revolutionary changes and irreligious theories? The progress of the Craft in Canada and the United States is most wonderful. There is in that enormous continent a brotherhood of 700,000 Masons zealously upholding the tenets and working out the principles of true Freemasonry. We have not thought it needful to go here into detail on these matters, as the repetition of an "oft told tale" is apt to be very tedious to our readers. We might protract these columns and weary our kind friends by a reproduction of many events in continental and transatlantic Masonry but we confess that we cannot see the use of such a pre-Raphaelite sketch of a history well known to many. There are some little minds which never can be satisfied unless they have a meaningless repetition of dates, which are valueless, and facts which are without importance. We, therefore, always lean to a *via media*, and abhorring "pompous preludes," and avoiding monotonous imbecility, seek to lay before our good friends all, a short and sufficient resumé of our Masonic work in 1877.

1877 has seen many attacks, and not a few maledictions on our venerable brotherhood; but they all have fallen happily, harmlessly on our devoted heads. We heed them not, nor are we alarmed by menace or discomfort by anathema. On the contrary, we gain strength by all such puerile attempts at intimidation or censure, and we march on, our good old banner over our heads, borne aloft by stalwart arms and faithful hearts, the banner, let us remember always, of a religious, a loyal, a beneficent and a united Order, which bids defiance to every foe who seeks to bar its way or stop its progress. May all of good in the wise providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. attend our Universal Order in 1878. So mote it be!

Before we announce our general obituary for

1877, we wish once more to express our sense of the loss entailed by the Craft, in the premature removal from amongst us of our lamented Bro. the late Earl of Shrewsbury. His zeal and worth as a Mason will be acknowledged by all, while his geniality and kindly heart endeared him, not only to his province and the Craft, but to a large circle of attached friends, by whom he has been sincerely mourned, and by whom he will long remain a much "missed man."

We have had to record during the last twelve months the lamented decease of Bros. Williams, W. H. Francis, J. Gundry, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Dorsetshire, W. Lane, W. R. Baker, Henry Matthews, Sir Donald Maclean, Rev. R. J. M. Vaughan, Quarter-Master Moon, Montague Scott, the Right Hon. Earl of Shrewsbury, Major Hamilton Ramsay, F. Pattison, Frank G. Gouley, F. Ellen, G. A. Bond, Lieut-Col. Pilsworth, C. J. Vigne, H. Newman, John Emmens, the Rt. Hon. G. Ward Hunt, Rev. H. V. Palmer, Moore, Beatty, W. Kibble, Rev. W. Lake Onslow, G.C., J. Thornton, R. J. Spiers, Dr. Whittle, Edward Harris, Superintendent James Mott, G. W. Wheeler, James Goodall, W. Purnshon, Rev. W. Beeby, R. Dodson, J. S. Pullen, J. Redfern, M. Thomas, J. Thornton, W. Myatt, and W. P. Leiohoku

### THE CLOSING YEAR.

Before we meet our readers again, 1877 will have passed away, and 1878 will be with us? And though we keep back our special remarks on this subject until we are in 1878, we think it right to point out that this season of the year, while a happy period of rejoicing and domestic reunion, is not merely to be kept as a purely earthly rejoicing time, or degenerate into untoward Saturnalia. We want a little more at this time of the year than the mere love of the good things of this world. We live in an age of much brass and more hypocrisy. We have the "high moral line" and "extempore falutin" crammed down our throats "usque ad nauseam" by the Pecksniffs and Joseph Surfaces of the hour. Humbug and cant and "bottled moonshine" seem to be in high public favour just at this moment, and we make speeches and offer sentiments which do not represent our real principles, and are as unreal and deceptive as anything well can be. Hence we must not be surprised when we meet with day by day, abounding proofs of the hollowness of profession, of the insincerity of life. There are a great many would-be teachers of this or that, who like to hold forth, to hear themselves talk, and, as they think, to improve the occasion. They never, poor souls, can travel out of their own narrow, very narrow grooves, and so they lay down for us laws of morality, which are a ridiculous parody on all things true and sacred, and they indulge in flights of personality which are as undesirable as they are ludicrous. In the very midst of a mission of peace, of a Christmas sermonette, comes the barbed arrow and the unseemly taunt, and the reader, wearied with much petty meaningless malice, and ashamed of much unmasonic feeling, turns away disgustedly from words which are a discredit to the head and heart of the senile or juvenile writer. We want, we venture to say and to think, a little more charity—a little more brotherly feeling amongst us. Didactic essays are very fine and magnificent, profession is very beautiful, but we should like, we confess, practice rather than profession, acts rather than words. What is the use of talking of brotherly love, when we only seek how to wound another person's feelings? Where is the good of boasting of Christmas rejoicing, when we make a fellow creature uncomfortable by unkind words or pitiable personalities? So let us look matters clearly in the face, and let us get rid of fustian and frivolity, of peevishness and personality. The world is a very good world on the whole, despite man's "bassesse," if only we will use it and not abuse it. Let us therefore clear our brains of the "shoddy" which seems to fill them, and emancipate our minds from those hateful prejudices and those petty animosities which disgrace us as men, and discredit us as Masons. With the closing year let us rise above the conventional meanness and littleness of hu-



manity, and seek to show ourselves before our brethren and the world, Freemasons, indeed, as well in all humble sincerity, as in pretension and pompous assertion.

### CHRISTMAS AMONG THE POOR

We rejoice to note how wisely and how liberally Christmas is now observed in our metropolitan workhouses, and how very much is done so seasonably and so well to lighten the burden of penury and to cheer the spirits of the friendless. Each year, as it passes, serves to manifest how much philanthropy can do, when rightly directed and judiciously employed, to mitigate the trials and tedium of suffering humanity, and we, as Freemasons, are especially pleased when we read of such kindly sympathy manifested towards that large class, our English poor. We need not worry ourselves to-day with any of the recondite views which exist as regards the poor laws and their administration, their dark and their sunny side, but we can all feel great gratification at the thought that so much has been done at the festive and holy season of Christmas to afford a day's gratification to a very large and helpless portion of Her Majesty's subjects. We congratulate all concerned in the undoubted success of these benevolent and pleasant labours, altogether in accord with the memories and sympathies of the Christmas season.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

#### THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Each Freemason, I think, is obliged to work for the true benefit of the Craft, even if he must be aware, that his intentions will be misunderstood. This seems to be the case with my letter, published in the *Freemason*, page 542, which had no other purpose than to be a brotherly warning for my dear English brethren not to vote in Grand Lodge against the Grand Orient of France, without having studied the whole question thoroughly, free from passion and prejudice, and not to take any hasty action in dissolving the fraternal bonds which have till now united both Grand Lodges.

My highly esteemed friend and Bro. the Editor of the *Freemason* has, I may suppose, misunderstood the intention of my letter, which, because written in a foreign language, necessarily must be imperfect in form and thought, for he has in his critique of my letter (p. 548) only reviewed some weak parts, without taking into consideration the very substance, the only principal point of it, i.e., what I have said of the true meaning of the vote of the Grand Orient of France.

I am not so weak as to hold up my interpretation of sec. 31 of the Old Charges. It may be "unreasonable and childish," and that of the Editor be right. Well, I accept it, and I say with him—"No one ought to be so stupid as to be an Atheist, and if he is so stupid, he ought not to be a Freemason."

But may I ask, whether the Grand Orient of France has done anything contrary to this interpretation? I cannot find it so. The Craft says "no one ought to be so stupid as to be an Atheist, and if he is, he ought not to be a Freemason," but the Craft has, if a candidate knocks on the door for initiation, only to enquire after his moral mind and character, not after his faith and convictions, whatever they may be—after his doings, not after his meanings (opinions), after his conscious heart, not after his erroneous head. It is the duty of the Craft to enquire, whether the candidate is a free and honest, a virtuous and truth-loving man of good report, but the Craft never can and will be an inquisitorial jury on his convictions. The Masonic love bears all, tolerates all, but it does not approve all.

Freemasonry rejects Atheism as a false theory, but it cannot reject the Atheist, the bearer of an error. You yourself have said, that Freemasonry has "the purpose of humanitarian sympathy, relief and good will," that it is a cosmopolitan and uniting institution, which forbids every debate on religious topics. Has the Craft at any time promulgated, what is an Atheist? I know well, that there are men of high intellectual force and of cultivated mind, who profess to be Atheists. But are they indeed? I think, in quite the same manner, as there are many who profess to be Christians, without being so. Allow me, to say once more, the lodge is no inquisitorial jury, and Freemasons are no Popes.

I am sorry if I have said more than is necessary on Atheists and Atheism, the more so as the vote of the Grand Orient de France has nothing at all to do with the Atheistical question. Perhaps all brothers would much easier come to a common understanding if the bad word "Atheist,"—for many people as bad as the word "Freemason" for the Roman Catholic clergy—would not have been used in the discussion on the French vote, which is only a profession for liberty of conscience, not a vote against any religious faith. In this French vote I can see nothing which

leads to the destruction of true Freemasonry. But if the Grand Lodge of England should take a passionate vote against the Grand Orient de France, like the blinded Grand Lodge of Ireland, then this would result in most deplorable consequences in the destruction of the Craft. To prevent such a destruction I have written against "cruel agitation," which only can sow the seeds of discord, hatred, and contempt towards well-meaning, good and true brethren. Let us love one another, avoid all discussions on religious topics and uphold the Cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, which is in no way altered by the vote of the Grand Orient de France.

Believe me, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

J. G. FINDER.

Leipzig, 17th December, 1877.

[We publish Bro. Finder's letter, as we like him to speak for himself, but we cannot agree with his arguments or accept his facts. He forgets much that has taken place which has opened our eyes, and startled us not a little. The exclusion of the Bible, followed by the erasure of belief in God, is to us a proof that it is, as indeed it is admitted to be, for the relief of tender consciences, those whom our Constitutions term "stupid Atheists," those who "live without God in the world," and are "Atheists." There is and can be no intolerance in acknowledging T.G.A.O.T.U., and we in England will never consort with those who reject this needful and cosmopolitan "formula" of Ma-onic belief. Whether this profession is in its right place or not in the French Constitutions is another question, but that is not now raised by the "destructive party" in the Grand Orient of France. In England, Bro. Finder may rest assured, there is but one opinion of the folly and the wickedness of the act, as well as the injury accruing to Freemasonry, and of the handle given to our bitter foes.—Ed.]

#### FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA—A NEW THEORY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the transactions of the Craft in any part of the world cannot be otherwise than interesting to the entire Masonic body, permit me to report, for the benefit of your readers, a new theory that has recently been broached in this country by a learned brother; and, as it has found favour with a great many, I doubt not that it will attract the attention of all the Masonic scholars of the Continent.

On the evening of the 15th of October last, I attended a Lodge of Instruction attached to the Glenlyon Lodge, of Kingston, Jamaica (to which I was specially invited) to hear a lecture on the "Inner Mysteries of Freemasonry," to be delivered by Bro. Herman John Burger, a Masonic student of more than thirty years. From the brother's well-known literary ability, a great Masonic treat was generally expected, and the brethren mustered in great force, there being present on the occasion no less than fifteen Past Masters of the several lodges in the city, and altogether between 140 and 150 Master Masons—for the lecture was delivered in the lodge opened on the centre. The lecture was what is called "extempore," that is to say, Bro. Burger referred to no book nor MS., but for over two hours and a quarter spoke fluently and kept us spell-bound with his pleasing oratory. But now to the subject.

Bro. Burger took for his text "Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality," and proceeded to show that morality is a branch of philosophy which is divided into natural philosophy or physics, moral philosophy or ethics, and spiritual philosophy or metaphysics. Then he explained what natural philosophy comprehends, what moral, and what spiritual; and thereupon proceeded to show that the Entered Apprentice's Degree is a lesson in natural philosophy; the Fellow Craft's a lesson in moral philosophy; and the Master Mason's a lesson in spiritual philosophy.

To meet certain objections that might be urged against this theory, Brother Burger explained that the First Degree taught morality only in the charge, which is not always delivered, therefore not an essential part of the degree; and argued that although we have hitherto accepted the Second Degree as having for its peculiar objects of search the hidden mysteries of nature and science, nevertheless he contended that as late as 1750, the liberal arts and sciences formed part of an earlier teaching. But I should be doing Bro. Burger an injustice were I not to state that although he declares that the First Degree is a lesson in Philosophy, he went on to state that the three branches of philosophy are interwoven with each degree, only that one branch is always more prominent in the degree that belongs especially to it. After this Bro. Burger proceeded to discuss the Egyptian theory of Le Noir, the Sun worship theory of Cardile, the Sabæism theory of Fellows, the religious theory of Preston, and the Christian theory of Dr. Oliver, and showed how each, in the search after the key of the plan of Freemasonry, missed it. He next alluded to the loss which the Craft sustained in 1720 by the valuable MSS., particularly of one by Bro. Nicholas Stone, and he entered on the consideration of the subject, his opinion being that the MS. referred to did not contain a ritual, because it is not to be supposed that the scrupulous brethren who burnt it could have for one moment entertained the belief that the Grand Lodge would have published such in the Book of Constitutions; next that the MS. could not have been a code of rules, regulations or charges, because no harm could have befallen the Craft by its publication; but if the MS. was a treatise or lecture like his, that established the fact that Freemasonry is based on philosophy, it could well be understood how the brethren—those scrupulous brethren—dreaded lest the Grand Lodge might have in their zeal published it and laid the Craft open thereby to the odium theologium of the age; for philosophy was synonymous with infidel; as Bro. Burger stated even so late as the days of Voltaire, the word philosophy was used

to signify religion, as witness "the Philosophical Dictionary"—and he called attention to the fact that Dr. Oliver had to qualify the term philosophy for one of his works by naming it "The Theocratic Philosophy of Ma-onry." From all I have gathered Bro. Burger sets up the claim of having discovered the true key of the plan of ancient Freemasonry. Of course I have not attempted to give more than a rough outline of the Lecture, and I really believe that unless stenography had been employed it would have been difficult to take down the words as they fell from our learned Brother's lips, for I must not omit to mention that Bro. Burger has not only a fair command of language but keeps the attention quickened by the recital of most interesting tales and quotations from Greek and Rabbinical works, of which he seems to have a large stock. At the conclusion of the lecture Bro. Dr. Thomas Allen, the General Superintendent of the Lunatic asylum of Jamaica, rose and proposed in most complimentary terms a vote of thanks to Bro. Burger for the great literary treat he had given the brethren present, stating at the same time, that although the lecture had exceeded two hours and a quarter in delivery, nevertheless it comprehended so wide a field of observation and so great a depth of learning (indeed the Doctor confessed that it went far beyond his depth), that on behalf of the brethren he felt great pleasure in thanking Bro. Burger. He proposed the thanks of the lodge for the lecture, and the vote of thanks having been duly seconded, the usual applause followed as carried, when Bro. Burger rose and thanked the brethren for their kind attention and good wishes, informing them that this was only the first of a series of the "Fundamental Philosophy of Freemasonry" that he had promised the Right Worshipful Bro. Dias to deliver for the benefit of the Glenlyon Lodge.

The Worshipful Bro. Dias then proposed Bro. Burger as an honorary member of the Glenlyon Lodge, which, having been immediately seconded, was carried unanimously, and this most instructive and interesting Lodge of Instruction was thereupon closed.

I understand that Bro. Burger intends to submit his theory to the Lodge of Emulation in London, with the view of obtaining an expression of opinion, to perhaps eventuate in a revision of our ritual in several particulars.

Being a young Mason, of course I am not qualified to say, if this be Bro. Burger's object, whether it is possible or not; nevertheless I think the matter is worthy of consideration.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASTER MASON.

[We have published our worthy correspondent's letter, as he will see, with some needful erasures, owing to our rules on the subject. Able and eloquent, as no doubt Bro. Burger's lecture is, it is not, it is right to remark, altogether a new or original theory, and we feel pretty sure that the Emulation Lodge will say that they prefer "quieta non movere." We think that there is great danger in philosophising too much in respect of the simple system of Freemasonry, and we prefer the older system of exposition, &c. We thank our correspondent for his communication.—Ed.]

#### APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the question of membership of the University of Oxford being a "sine qua non" for admission to this lodge is called attention to by "357" in your paper of 22nd inst., allow me to inform you that during the five years when the Grand Registrar of England recently presided over the Province of Oxfordshire, the Bye-laws of this lodge were revised, and that, as they now stand, no one can become a member of the lodge (except as an honorary member), who is not at the time, or who has not been, a member of the University of Oxford. Further I may inform you, that with the exception of some of the founders of the lodge, and of one other brother, no non-University man has ever been a subscribing member of the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

HUGH H. BLACH, F.M.,

Past Secretary of 357, and of Oxfordshire.

#### BRO. DESMONS OF PARIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your readers give me an account of this French brother? I have read his report, and despite its undoubted ability, there comes over one a sort of uncomfortable feeling that one has seen before similar specimens of special pleading and casuistry destructive to morality, to truth, and to religion. Had Pascal lived to read that too famous report, we might perhaps have had another edition of the "Provincial Letters."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ANTI-JEWITISM.

#### THE GERMAN QUESTION AND KNIGHT TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with pleasure Bro. Bent's letter in your paper of the 15th, and with reference to his query as to whether if he presented himself, being a Swedish Templar, at our encampments or preceptories he would be received, I can only say that I, for one, should be glad to welcome him as a member of the Order, and I feel sure he would have no difficulty in becoming affiliated to an English preceptory if he desires to join us. It is quite true that the Prince of Wales was made a Knight Templar in Sweden; but, if I mistake not, he was also installed in the Faith and Fidelity Immemorial Encampment in London, and became Eminent Commander prior to his installation as Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Ireland. He wore the



Grand Cross of the Temple at the Albert Hall, for I saw it myself, but as to the ring I was not near enough to see it. Bro. Bent does not seem to know that the Ring of Profession is now supposed to be worn by all Knights Templar. Our Brother Kenning no doubt supplies it. The design appears in the Convent General Statutes. This ring should be worn on the index finger of the right hand as a perpetual symbol of union with the Order. It is always worn, I believe, by the Scotch Templars. I hope to see the day when all the Templar bodies in the world may be under one Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

AN ENGLISH KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE.

### CONSECRATION OF THE WINDRUSH LODGE, No. 1703, WITNEY, OXON.

For some three months past, the consecration of this lodge has been held in abeyance owing to the indisposition of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, who had expressed a great desire to be present at the inauguration of this, the first lodge which has been established since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master.

H.R.H., feeling unable to fix a day on account of his continued illness, conferred the honour of Consecrating Officer upon Bro. T. B. Brown, P.M. Marlborough Lodge, Woodstock, and expressed a wish to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Bird, M.A., Magdalen College, Oxford, that the lodge should be consecrated forthwith.

Accordingly, Friday week, December 21st, was the day appointed for this interesting ceremony.

A large gathering of the fraternity took place in the Corn Exchange, every lodge in the province with one exception (Banbury) being represented. There were also brethren from the Silesian Lodge, No. 471; the Prince of Wales', 941; and the Cutswold, 592.

The brethren having entered the lodge-room in procession, Bro. Bird, D.P.G.M., after being saluted, took the chair, and having addressed the brethren on the object of the meeting, resigned it to Bro. Brown, who appointed Bro. H. Williams, P.M., as Senior Warden, and Bro. Bud, P.M. Apollo University Lodge, as Junior Warden.

The musical portion of the ceremony was effectively conducted by Bro. Owens, assisted by Bros. Hallowell, Crane, Rowley and Wentworth.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain being unavoidably absent the prayers were most impressively rendered by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The ceremony of consecration was performed in Bro. Brown's usual masterly style. His delivery of the oration was admirable, and was listened to with profound interest and pleasure.

The consecration being ended, Bro. Jas. Long, Prov. G.S.D. was presented for Installation, and was approved of by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

He was then installed with the ancient formalities observed by the Craft.

The following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. William Cluich, S.W.; Harry Robbins, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Macdonald, M.A., S.D.; W. Whadvar, J.D.; Q. Owens, I.G.; Jno. Coles, Secretary; J. Bayliss, Tyler.

After the investment of the officers the usual charges were delivered.

The W.M. proposed that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, (Bro. Bird), and the Consecrating Officer (Bro. Brown), be elected honorary members of the lodge. This proposition was duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

Propositions for initiation were made, and the lodge was then closed in the accustomed manner, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Between thirty and forty brethren sat down to an excellent and well served banquet, provided by Bro. Elms, the enterprising host of the Marlborough Arms Hotel.

After the banquet the W.M. gave the usual toasts, all of which were right loyally and Masonically honoured, the musical brethren contributing not a little to this part of the evening's programme.

The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren, "happy to meet, sorry to part," gradually dispersed. Those who attended from Oxford were, through the kindness of Bro. Sir D. Gooch, provided with a special train to convey them to Oxford.

### TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. GEORGE ABBOTT, P.M. 192.

On Tuesday the 18th inst., a very pleasant gathering took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the occasion of the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. George Abbott, station-master at Cannon-street Station of the South Eastern Railway. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Hine Haycock, P.G.O., Devon, who, in proposing the toast of the evening, said he had with great pleasure travelled some 200 miles in order to be present, and to say that which was strictly true with regard to the guest of the evening. Bro. Abbott despatched something like 700 trains and 30,000 passengers a-day from Cannon-street, and many of those present had been indebted to a considerable extent for their safety in travelling to and from the City during the last ten or twelve years, to the excellent arrangements of their friend. Bro. Abbott's course had been signally straight and undeviating throughout the thirty-two years of his service with the company, following up his successive steps by well-deserved yet patient advancement and progress, and he had always shown a kindly feeling towards those with whom he came in contact, and when the proposal for a testimonial was made, a great number of the passengers contributed to it, and not one who had been asked had declined. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Abbott with a cheque for £350, an album, and an illuminated address. Bro. Abbott, who, on rising to respond, was very heartily applauded, after thanking his friends for their kindness, contrasted the present work of the railway with that of some years since, some curious details being furnished in passing. Amongst the facts thus mentioned, reference was made to the Spa-road Station, where a few years ago trains only stopped when signalled to do so, and frequently two hours went by without the signal being given; whereas now, upwards of 9000 persons used that station daily. At one time it was thought a great deal of if a train was started every five minutes, but matters had so progressed that sometimes over sixty trains in an hour had been sent out from that one station. He thanked his friends very heartily for the testimonial so kindly given, and hoped still to merit their esteem and respect. "The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Mr. Daly, after which Mr. J. T. Howie McEwan gave "The Executive Committee," Bro. Brackston Baker, P.G.D., gave "The Honorary Secretary," Mr. Clapton, C.C., and a hearty welcome was accorded to the visitors, coupled with the names of the Rev. J. Jackson, M.A., and Mr. Cobby, the station master at Sidmouth, who travelled up that day to do honour to a brother official. Mr. Jackson, in his reply, alluded to the fact that the former starting place for the north, "The Saracen's Head," was in his parish. During the evening some excellent singing was contributed by Mr. Colson Phillips, Mr. J. J. Burgess, and Bro. E. W. Mackney, all of whom gave their services in honour of the occasion. There were also present Bros. J. G. Rollins, Jardin, Sara, Abbott, Mr. H. Hughes, Mr. Alfred Lee, Bros. H. Dyne, Bates, and several others.

### FREEMASONRY AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

The Buffalo Roman Catholic Union of November 22nd ult. contains the last of three communications from Bro. A. D. Hauverman, of Youngstown, N.Y., on Freemasonry, — a four-columned article, to which the Union gives a two columned reply. Bro. Hauverman's articles were excellent ones, but his logic and rhetoric were thrown away on the Roman Catholic Union. Still, some of its readers may have had their understandings enlightened by its clear and accurate statements, of which the following is one:

"A Roman Catholic in becoming a Freemason does not substitute Masonry for the Church in matters of belief or disbelief, for belief in God and a resurrection to a future life are the sole creed a Mason is forced to have. Masonry, as we have before said, never teaches a system of faith, but leaves each one free to worship God as he may elect,—It says, like Pope, that,

'For modes of faith let zealotous bigots fight,  
He can't be wrong whose life is in the right.'

The writer has passed through the ceremonials of the Order in conferring ten of its degrees, and knows that in none of them has he found anything which could in any way interfere with any man's politics or religion, and that all the precepts, charges, and symbols have been such as to deeply impress upon him the fact that,

'We have an immortal part within us,  
Which shall survive the grave, and which  
Shall never, never die.'

Herr Rholf is organizing an expedition for the exploration of the Sahara. He will be accompanied by a staff of scientific men, among others by Professor Zittel, of Munich. Tripoli will be the head-quarters of the expedition, and its first efforts will be directed to the exploration of the mysterious oases of Wajanga and Kufara to the south of Ajulia, which has not hitherto been visited by any European traveller.—*Athenæum*.

A statistical abstract relating to British India presented to parliament was recently issued. The area under British administration is 909,834 miles, with a population of 191,065,445. The Native States comprise 573,952 miles and a population of 48,233,978. Including the French and Portuguese possessions, the total area of all India is 1,484,150 square miles, with a population of 239,978,595. Of the 191,000,000 inhabitants of British India, the religious denominations are given as follows:—Hindoo, 139,343,820; Sikhs, 1,174,436; Mahomedans, 40,867,125; Buddhists and Jains, 2,832,851; Christians, 897,682; others 5,417,304; and "religion not known," 532,227.

### Reviews.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1878." We are glad to note how greatly this carefully compiled calendar has been appreciated by foreign as well as by Angl.-Saxon Masons. We congratulate Bro. Kenning on his well-earned success.

"Almanack." Moses and Son. Very well got up, and very useful, neat and available.

"North of England Illustrated Annual." This excellent little annual is edited by our well-known Bro. G.M. Tweddell, and his equally able wife, Florence Cleveland. It is indeed a real cheap threepenny worth. We recommend all of our readers to help a deserving literary brother by ordering it of him, Rose Cottage Stokesley, Northallerton, Yorkshire. It is admirably illustrated and skilfully edited. Its tales are most amusing and we have laughed heartily, over its true Yorkshire Fun, over the poetry and prose. But the proper thing to do is to send at once an order for a copy to Bro. Tweddell with four postage stamps to the address above given, and we believe that all, especially Yorkshire brethren, will be thoroughly satisfied and highly amused. The annual is most useful, also, for memoranda and business engagements and deserves our Masonic support.

"The Christmas Number of the Freemason." We beg to commend this remarkable issue of a very prosperous paper to the notice of all who, not subscribers, happen by chance to read the paper at the clubs, or in the lodge, or in the library, or even at a bookstall. The Publisher will be very glad to receive the names of continuous subscribers.

"The Christmas Number of the Masonic Magazine." This has had a large sale, and seems highly appreciated by a friendly circle of old and new subscribers.

"The Scottish Freemason." Has a claim on all our good brethren across the border, for its well arranged matter, its good printing, and the ability with which it is conducted. It is a most valuable record of Scottish Freemasonry.

"The Masonic Advocate." Is a capitally conducted paper, and full of sensible remarks and sympathetic touches.

"Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal." Is as far as we are aware, an unique miscellany, and is always welcomed by those who like two good things, "Music and Masonry."

### Obituary.

#### BRO. JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

It is with sincere regret we announce the death of Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Grimsby, R.W. Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Lincolnshire, which melancholy event took place on Monday last (Christmas eve.) This sad and very unexpected news reached us late on Thursday night at the time of going to press, which prevents us from giving in the present number more than this very brief record of the irreparable loss that Freemasonry has sustained in the death of this most highly esteemed and popular brother.

#### BRO. ROBERT HERNIMAN, P.M., 261.

We find the following in the *Taunton Courier*.—"We have the melancholy duty of announcing the death of Bro. Robert Herniman, who for a long period carried on business in the town as timber merchant and builder. Lately, however, failing health obliged him to dispose of his business, but he was able up to the last to devote his interest to several concerns with which he was officially connected among others directorate of the College Green Hotel, Bristol. It is however, as a true and faithful Masonic brother that the writer of these lines has chiefly to regret his loss. Bro. Herniman was 'made' a Mason in the Taunton Lodge about forty years ago, and in 1840 he was honoured by being elected as Worshipful Master of 'Unanimity and Sincerity, 261.' As a Past Master he has been constant in his endeavours to promote the prosperity of his Lodge and of the Masonic body generally; and by his genial disposition and generous sympathies he won the universal respect and esteem of his brother Masons." Bro. Herniman was also a much esteemed member of the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, Highbridge, and a P.Z. of the Taunton Chapter. He received many years since, at the hands of the late Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, Colonel Tynte, the collar of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, and more recently from Lord Carnarvon the appointment of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Although far from well he attended the Provincial Grand Lodge at Taunton on the 26th ult.

The address in answer to the speech from the Throne will, we are informed, be moved in the House of Commons by Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. for Mid-Cheshire, and seconded by Mr. Robert Tennant, M.P. for Leeds.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.—To pretend that you only go to a pantomime for the amusement of the children. To assert that Brighton is improved by the presence of the Boxing-day excursionists brought down to spend a happy day at the seaside for three-and-sixpence. That you have been in the habit of saying grace all these years in a really thankful spirit over Christmas turkey and plum pudding.—*Punch*.

The *Adelphi* of Terence was performed the week before last, for the second and third time by the Westminster Boys on the well-appointed stage of the old Dormitory of St. Peter's College. Additional interest was imported to the performance on these occasions, from the fact that owing to the lamented decease of Lady Augusta Stanley, followed by the sad occurrence which resulted in the death of the youthful Captain of the School, Mr. Roger, no performance of any kind took place last year. The play has been carefully studied, and the performers evince something more than the average of talent, the Demea of Mr. Williams, the Micio of Mr. Bulkeley, the Syrus of Mr. Robinson, and the Sostrata of Mr. Tepper, being especially noteworthy for their spirit and humour, and for the elocutionary qualities which they displayed. The prologue, spoken for the first time at the second performance on Tuesday last, referred as usual chiefly to the position of the school, and to other local and domestic matters. The theme of the prologue, in which all the personages of the comedy reappear in modern costume, is this year the vexed question of "The Endowment of Research," which is made to yield as much amusement as the subject seems to admit of. Crowded and distinguished audiences have assembled on each occasion to witness the performance.

"Our Boys" reached its 950th night on Friday, Bros. James and Thorne being as fresh as ever.



## CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS' SOCIETY.

## VISIT TO THE SOUTH METROPOLITAN GAS WORKS.

The interest attached to this visit was enhanced by the fact that this is the first Gas Company that has paid 11 per cent. on its capital, which dividend was declared at the half-yearly meeting held on the 2nd October. The members assembled at the Gas Works Old Kent-road, and were courteously met by Mr. G. Livesey, the engineer to the company, and his brother, Mr. Frank Livesey, both gentlemen kindly showing them through the works, and explaining the apparatus and processes carried out on the establishment. The works, like many others of the kind, were started in a small way, on a narrow strip of land adjoining the canal, whereas the company have now an area of about thirty-five acres. Some idea of its importance may be gathered from the fact, that the district supplied with gas covers thirteen square miles, and requires 180 miles of street mains. Much interest was manifested in the gasholders and tanks—the largest holder, 180 feet diameter, with a capacity of 2,200,000 cubic feet—being constructed without any internal bracing or trussing, the cover or crown when empty being supported on a timber staging erected in the tank; but the most remarkable feature, and one showing the boldness and sound judgment of the engineer, was the tank 184 feet diameter and 47 feet deep, constructed entirely of concrete, without either brick lining or puddle-backing. This tank is, in all probability, destined to be the pioneer of many similar constructions; and has given the directors so much satisfaction, on account of the great saving due to this novel mode of constructing gas-holder tanks, that they unanimously voted the engineer, Mr. G. Livesey, a very handsome bonus, in addition to his salary. One of the chimney shafts at these works, constructed on a somewhat novel plan, was much admired by the visiting party. It is built with a five feet square and parallel flue from bottom to top, the shaft itself being of 14in. brickwork with No. 8 buttresses 1ft. 10in. thick, projecting at ground line 2ft. 4in., and tapering up the shaft until they disappear into the 14in. work within a few feet from the summit. The quantity of bricks used in the construction is about 80,000—the total height from ground line 108ft., and its cost £530. It is gratifying to note that these visits are so much appreciated by the members and their friends. They form one of the most useful and instructive portions of the society's programme, and this association was the first to introduce these social and practical visits, which might with profit be followed by many provincial technical societies. The party, consisting of the president, Bro. R. M. Bancroft; hon. treasurer, W. C. Street; members of the council, Messrs. Burrell, Ellis, Hill, and Payne; also Messrs. Finlayson, Feeney, and upwards of two dozen members and friends, who unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the engineer and his brother, Mr. Frank Livesey, for the great trouble they were put to in explaining all the "modus operandi" of gas manufacture. The session of the institute for the reading and discussion of engineering and scientific papers commenced on the 20th of December; and, at the conclusion of each meeting, new members are proposed and balloted for admission.

The authorities of the Bethnal-green Museum have announced that the museum will be open free during the Christmas holidays, from Wednesday, December 26, to January 1 inclusive, Sunday excepted, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The unique collection of curiosities brought from India by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales which proved very attractive while on view at the East-end Museum, is, we are informed, shortly to be removed to make way for an exhibition of an interesting industrial character, intended to include as specialties specimens of horological work from Clerkenwell and workmanship in furniture from Shoreditch. Colonel Lane-Fox's extensive collection of anthropological curiosities is still on view at the museum.

The Inventor of Ink has been deified by the Chinese, and is believed by the Celestials to keep a record of all the evil ends to which that useful fluid is adapted. Whenever a bad sentence, word, or joke is written, a black mark is scored against the author in the deity's books.

The competition for the Novello Scholarship was held at the National Training School for Music on Wednesday week last. The examiners were Mr. Joseph Barnby, Dr. Arthur Sullivan, principal of the school, Dr. Stainer, and Mr. Alberto Visetti. There were seven candidates. The Scholarship was awarded to James Farquharson Waken. At the same time Miss Charlotte E. Cobb was elected out of seven candidates to the vacant Scholarship of the Clothworkers' Company.

Mr. G. W. Martin is about to organize a Choral Society for the City of London. The members will consist mainly of those employed in the Great City houses. No way of indulging in the practice of really good music exists in the city. Excellent as the existing societies are—notably the City Glee Club—they are necessarily exclusive. The new society will, it is expected, begin with about 500 members. There will be an elementary class for the study of sight singing, and for those who have already acquired that art the usual opportunity will be given for practice of choral music of the highest class, and in due time a series of concerts will be given in aid of City charities.

The sketches and drawings of the late M. Gustave Brion, the French artist, were to be sold in Paris this week. The only finished picture of any importance among the collection in his Alsatian painting, "Le Reveil," which was exhibited at this year's Salon.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,  
For the Week ending Friday, January, 4, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,  
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1.

Colonial Board at 3.  
Lodge 9, Albion, F.M.H.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1298, R. Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.  
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.  
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, M.R., 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds. at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 1585, Royal Commemoration, Putney.  
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.  
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Club, L.H. Wimbledon.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.  
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Queen-rd., E.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.  
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.

Lodge 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap. 3, Fidelity, (place of meeting not known.)  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.  
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.  
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND  
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 5, 1878.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1.  
Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st. Bootle.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.  
Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpl.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon, do., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
Chap. 758, Bridgwater, M.H., Runcorn.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh, do., M.H., Liverpool.  
Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hct., Liverpool.  
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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